



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

SESSION TIMES

Monday 1.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am & 7.00pm
& Supervised Play 1pm
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 1.30pm

Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the above times.

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What's On

- **Presentation Morning-** Will be held this Friday 10 December 2020 at 9.20 am for the Club Pairs and Teams Championship

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Presentation Morning

As reported in the November newsletter the committee decided at that time to forego a Christmas Party for 2020 and instead hold a presentation event for the Club Pairs and Teams Champions this Friday 10 December. This should take no longer than 15 minutes and we will try to have this at 9.20 am so that play can conclude as close to 12.30 as possible

Changes to COVID Rules

With the changes announced from Monday by the NSW Government the clubhouse is now set up with 19 tables still observing the 1.5 m social distancing rules.

We are now in a position to relax some of the current arrangements

- The temperature check at the door will no longer need to be conducted
- We will no longer need to wipe the board containers between rounds
- The roster will remain for money collection but not temperature checks

All other rules remain the same particularly not coming to bridge when you are unwell with

respiratory problems and cleaning your hands on entry to the club

Vouchers

There are a number of members who do not like the idea of putting small amounts of money on their credit card. For these members we will be introducing a voucher system as from the beginning of 2021. You will be able to purchase 10 vouchers on your credit card which can be handed in at the desk at the commencement of a session.

This replaces the need for cash **which will not be accepted from the beginning of 2021** and will make the job of the treasurer much easier

Membership Fees

Are due as of 31 December and payment now would be appreciated. This can be done in one of three ways:

1. Electronic transfer to our bank account
BSB **082-774**
Account number **831 850 831**
Reference **YOUR NAME**
2. Use the EFTPOS Machine at the club door where your name will be marked off
3. Cheque or cash in a named envelope in the box outside the office door

Membership fees are \$40 for members and \$20 for associates

Club Pairs Championship

Congratulations to Robyn Pearce and Enid Dawes who cleared away from the rest of the field to convincingly win the Club Pairs Championship on 14/15 November. Also successful were Marg Barker and Margaret Corby the winners of the Novice section

Wednesday evening play

The lack of numbers on Wednesday evening means that we have introduced a booking system if you wish to play then. You will need to record your name on a sheet at the club by the Wednesday morning if you desire to play or the evening session will be cancelled. There needs to be at least 2 and a half tables to constitute a game.

Tops and Bottoms

Will recommence again in February 2021.

Rookie Rivalry and Clarke Trophy

Both these competitions will recommence in February 2021 on the Third Monday of the month.

With the lack of numbers on Wednesday evening the committee has decided to move the Clarke Trophy where you need to play with a different partner each month to collect points to Monday to ensure a viable competition

Honour Board

There will be five new names on the honour board for those who have achieved the level of Life Master or above.

The names to be added this year are:

Robyn Pearce	Gold Life Master
Don Butler	Life Master
Darius Drozd	Life Master
Wendy Gillard	Life Master
Murray Paterson	Life Master
Wendy Strachan	Life Master

Club History

Many thanks to Helen Britton and Marg Barker who are exploring the club archives to develop a concise history of the Orange Bridge Club

Director's Corner

Two significant issues emerged at the committee meeting

1. Arguing at the table during and at the conclusion of playing a hand. We all come to bridge to enjoy our time and this is not appreciated
2. No bidding is to be started after the 3 minute time sign. Anyone who does will incur a penalty

2021 AGM

Will be held on Saturday 27 February 2021.

Best wishes from Mary and myself for a Happy Christmas and may 2021 bring no drought, bushfires and see the end of COVID-19

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



MASTER...ful 
Masterpoint Promotions for
November 2020

Congratulations to:

Jim Driscoll

Regional Master