



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

March 2021

SESSION TIMES

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

Supervised Play Monday 7 pm and
Wednesday 1 pm

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

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What's On

- **Rookie Rivalry/ Clark Trophy** Monday 10 May
- **Teams Morning** Friday 16 April
- **Tops and Bottoms** Wednesday 28 April
- **Bathurst Slams Day** 28 May

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Membership

At last Monday's committee meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming 15 new members into our club. Wally Atallah from NSW Bridge and Isabelle Britt from Wagga are transfers and we are delighted they have chosen to join us.

Chriss Lennon, Aileen Gronowicz, David Agst, Maurice Aplin, Michelle Hill, Ann McMillan, Jian Williams, Sandra Chrystal, Paul Dowler, Cate Cunial, Lesley Williams, Janice White and Deborah Smith are all new members. Welcome to you all. I would particularly like to thank Dorothy Woodside for her work in recruiting these people to our club.

Wednesday evening play

This continues to be an issue and you need to record your name if you wish to play on Wednesday evenings. Any of our new members are more than welcome to join this group.

COVID Protocols

With the easing of the threat of COVID across the State the committee has decided to reduce rules which were associated with the pandemic.

- Tablecloths will return as from next Monday
- Pencils can remain on the tables
- Cleaning of tables and boards is no longer required

We would still like players to clean their hands when they enter the club as this is good general hygiene practice which should apply on all occasions. Hand sanitiser will remain at the tables, in the kitchen and toilets.

Alerting Bids

Many of our new players are finding it difficult to understanding bidding systems. All irregular bids such as 2 Clubs must be alerted but with new players, could you please encourage them to ask what a bid means and provide whatever support is needed so they are aware of what your bid means.

Name Badges

Orders are currently being taken for new name badges and we would like to send this away asap. If you would like a name badge, please write your name on the sheet on the table.

Parking on the Grass

The police have informed us that it is illegal to park under the trees at the northern end of the clubhouse. This could attract a \$275 fine. If the parking area is full there is space available at the church away from the construction site or in Glenroi Avenue

Be a Good Sport at the Bridge Table

An exert from the NSW Bridge Association

We all play bridge because we love it. Help make the game fun for everyone by observing the few simple proprieties that make bridge fair and enjoyable.

Make beginners welcome

New players are the future of the game we love.

- Make a special effort to explain your bidding fully to less experienced players, and remember they may not know the methods and conventions you are using.
- When claiming, state your line clearly and explain it if required. Less experienced players may not see it as quickly as you.
- If opponents don't yet know the bridge code of behaviour, explain (politely!) – even better, refer them to this code.

Tell the opponents what they need to know about your system

Your opponents are entitled to know as much about your system and style as your partner does ... the only secret in bridge is what cards you hold.

- Provide two fully completed system cards
- Make every effort through alerts and explanations to tell your opponents what they need to know about your system.

Next committee meeting is **Monday 10 May 2021.**

Thank you to Anne Tonna for deputising for me while I was enjoying life in Tasmania.

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



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*Masterpoint Promotions for
February/ March 2021*

Congratulations to:

Margaret Munson	State Master
Cliff Hall	Bronze Local Master
Janine Bessen	Local Master
William Burnheim	Club Master
Sharyn Pussell	Graduate Master