

ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

July 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	

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What's On

- Tops and Bottoms Wednesday 28 July
- Statewide Pairs Monday 2 August
- Swiss Pairs Sunday 8 August
- Rookie Rivalry and Clark Trophy Monday 9 August
- Teams Morning Friday 20 August
- Tops and Bottoms Wednesday 25th August
- **OBC Teams Championship** 27th and 28th August

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OBC Congress

As you know by now, the Committee took the decision to cancel the 2021 Orange Congress. This decision was taken because of the current COVID conditions in NSW, especially as these impact travel for many people registered for the Congress from outside our region.

Swiss Pairs

On Sunday 8th August we will host a Swiss Pairs event, with invitations to be sent to local Clubs (Bathurst, Wellington, Dubbo, Cowra, Parkes and Forbes). The number of playing tables will be capped at 20, and you can register for this event at the Club. The event will be conducted according to NSW Government COVIDSafe requirements applying at the time of the event.

COVIDSafe

Further information regarding our responsibilities in maintaining COVIDSafe practice at the Club. In response, the Committee have decided that:

- Signage will be in place, to remind members not to enter if they are unwell or have visited a "Hot Spot".
- The room will be arranged so members will distance (1.5m) while waiting to pay.
- Several QR signs will be available to minimise congestion.
- The tablecloths will be removed.

• We have available hand sanitizers & wipes at each table. Please sanitise your hands frequently after touching any equipment (cards, boards, Birdgemates). At the end of the session, players will be reminded to wipe down the Bridgemates and other surfaces.

These measures are in addition to those previously advised:

- Masks are to be worn by all players and others in the club and stay on for the duration of the session.
- Players are to remain seated except when moving between tables.
- The kitchen is now closed for tea and coffee until these regulations are lifted as this is inconsistent with the wearing of masks.
- The 4 square metre rule is reintroduced, limiting the number of tables in play.
- People who bring food to the club should not share this with others.
- Payment for sessions will be by card or voucher only. Cash will no longer be accepted.

In the words of Glenda Parmenter, Chair of the NSWBA State Committee: "I encourage you to be patient, considerate and understanding and share the responsibility of acting in a COVIDSafe manner."

Committee

Doreen Kjeldsen has resigned from the Committee to take care of some ongoing health issues. We sincerely thank her for her contribution, and we will miss her. The Committee is in the process of appointing another member to join the Committee.

New Member

Welcome Mary Anderson as a new member to our club and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Speed Bridge

The Club held a highly successful Speed Bridge afternoon on Saturday 26th June. Thank you to all who joined in the spirit of the competition, which was won by NS pair: Don Butler and Dave Reddel and EW pair: Jenny Day and Conrad Silvester. Thank you to Pam and her merry band of helpers for hosting a very enjoyable event.

Bridge Education

Claim the date: please mark in your diaries 22nd (afternoon) & 23rd October 2021. More information will be available in coming Newsletters as arrangements are firmed up.

Happy Bridging Anne Tonna

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Masterpoint Promotions for June 2021 Congratulations to:

Julia Shillington Sharon Pussell Christine Derrig Jamie Gordon Silver Local Master Club Master Club Master Graduate Master