



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

SESSION TIMES

Monday	1.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am & 7.00pm
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	1.30pm

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

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What's On

- 18 March Teams morning
- 26 March Red Points
- 30 March Tops & Bottoms
- 11 April Clark Trophy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Committee

Thank you to the members of the new committee who can have taken on these roles for the 2022-23 year.

President Murray Paterson
Vice President: Jens Skovgaard
Secretary: Anne Tonna
Treasurer: Helen Nicol
Committee Members
Margaret Barker
Janene Bessen
Pam Bradford
Elaine McRae
Des Mulchay
David Reddel

Thank you again to Elaine McRae for the excellent job she did as secretary and to Anne Tonna for taking on that role this year. Also, to Jens Skovgaard for stepping up as Vice President and he will be acting as president from tomorrow until 25 April when I return from my visit to WA. Many thanks also to Jamie Gordon for the work he did on the committee last year.

We are fortunate to have people who are willing to step up into these roles. Next year we will need to elect a new president and treasurer as Helen and I will have completed 3 years in these executive roles.

Discover NSW Vouchers

71 people have taken advantage of the use of these vouchers to obtain 5 vouchers or they can be used to support beginner lessons. They must be accessed by 30 June.

Wellington Congress

Many thanks to the 18 members who played in the pairs at the Wellington Congress and the three teams and two half teams who competed on the Sunday.

The standard of play was very high,, particularly with 4 grand masters from Sydney. Congratulations to Margaret Barker and Margaret Corby who won the restricted section of the pairs and Pam Bradford and I were fortunate to come 3 rd.

In the teams Michelle Tredinnick and Robyn Pearce were in the team which came second and Jens Skovgaard, Manda Labuschagne, Pam Bradford and I came fourth.

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Solar Electricity

The committee has decided to spend \$12,000 installing solar electricity at the club. This has the potential to reduce our annual power bills by \$3000 and should pay for itself in under 5 years- a good long-term investment.

Lessons and Supervised Play

Are continuing on Wednesdays with Chris Kershaw, William Burnheim and Dorothy Woodside for new players and those who began in 2020 together with all those who are interested.

Lessons also commenced on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm with Dorothy Woodside which hopefully might eventually boost the number of members who wish to play on Wednesday evenings

21 Glenroi Avenue.

There have been rumours circulating that the club was interested in purchasing the property next door at 21 Glenroi Avenue and turning it into additional car parking space. Let me assure you that this IS NOT the case and the club has no interest in purchasing this property.

We are intending to designate all the spaces immediately in front of the club house as being available for those with restricted mobility.

Changes to Bidding Procedure

The Rules of Bridge state that the bidding process in the auction should not be shown after the first card is played in the hand. This has not been the practice in Orange but does occur in most other clubs.

The committee is proposing that the bidding slip will be covered at the same time as the first card is played after the auction.

Roles and Responsibilities

Thank you to all those members who have volunteered to undertake all the jobs which make

our club function so well. The full list of jobs will be posted on the notice board this week.

Stepbridge Congress

The President of Stepbridge Sarah Anwar is travelling overseas and the executive has moved to Queensland. This means that the Congress planned for 15/16 October in Orange has been transferred to an online event.

Australian National Championships (ANC)

This major event originally planned for Orange in 2021 will now be held in 2024. This year it is Adelaide and next year in Perth.

Apart from the Easter Period I will now be away until 25 April visiting SA, WA Victoria and back to Orange on 15 April but away the following week.

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



MASTER...ful 
Masterpoint Promotions for
February 2022
Congratulations to:

Margaret Patton

Local Master