



# ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

## NEWSLETTER

March 2023

### 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*

- 16 March Workshop with Emma Barnes
- 18 March Wellington Congress Pairs
- 19 March Parkes Teams Day
- 29 March Tops and Bottoms

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

I have pleasure in presenting my first Newsletter as President and feel very privileged to be in this role.

A warm welcome to the new Committee and to our new Treasurer, Margot Sharpe who will be ably assisted in the role by Julia Shillington.

A big "thank you" to Helen Nicol as the outgoing Treasurer who has implemented a number of efficiencies which have contributed to improvements in our financial operations.

Also, "thank you" to Murray who has done a sterling job as President during his tenure. I feel very supported with Murray as Vice President and the Committee as a whole.

As part of our commitment to ongoing education for our members, I will include interesting articles from our Directors in the Newsletters. If you need to seek further clarification, our Directors are most willing to assist.

### **Wednesday Evening and Saturday Afternoon sessions**

Currently the number of tables playing in these sessions are low, particularly in the Wednesday evening session. It is important to support these sessions as it gives our members who are still in the workforce an opportunity to play competitively. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and the competition is excellent. We'd love to see you at these sessions if you have the time.

### **New Members**

We extend a warm welcome to our new members Julie Kerrigan and Mardi Bucknell. We look forward to meeting you at the bridge table.

### **Most Improved Player as at 28 February 2023**

Congratulations to Mark Madeley with his promotion to Bronze Local.

## *Message from the Treasurer*

A reminder that players are to be seated 10 minutes prior to play commencing. You are requested that your table fees are paid prior to taking a seat. Our volunteers who are on the roster for table fees also play and they get delayed trying to reconcile prior to the session starting if players forget to pay. Consideration for their role is appreciated.

## *TEACHER'S TALK*

The first set of lessons for 2023 has just been completed. Supervised play is on Monday evening from 7pm to 9pm and Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm for all players who wish to build up their skill base at the Novice level.

## *DIRECTOR'S CORNER*

### **Insufficient bids:**

Players are often tempted to not bother a director and when an insufficient bid is made, make their own ruling at the table with a comment like "you can't do that" and then cross out the bid or bid at the correct level.

Acting at the table before calling the director may lead to the non-offending side forfeiting some of their rights to have an irregularity rectified (Law 11).

Calling the Director provides a broader range of options (Law 27):

- The next player after the insufficient bid has the option to accept the bid and the auction can proceed in the usual way;

- If the insufficient bid is not accepted, that player now has three options –
  - Correct the bid to the lowest sufficient level which specifies the same denomination (suit or NTs) and the bidding continues as if no wrong had occurred
  - Correct with a comparable call (see following) and the bidding continues as if no wrong had occurred
  - Make any other sufficient bid or pass but partner must pass whenever it is their turn to call.

### **What is a comparable call?**

Law 23 (A) Definition

A call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call if it:

1. Has the same or similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or
2. Defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or
3. Has the same purpose (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.

### **How does a player figure out what a comparable call might be?**

It is useful for a director to take the player who made the insufficient bid away from the table when this situation arises to avoid unauthorised information as the player clarifies their options.

The director does not need to find a comparable call. The player does that and may, if they wish, ask the director how he would rule if his choice of replacement call was made.

Often there will be no comparable call available in the offender's system. Comparability is measured against systemic agreements.

For more information on comparable calls:

<https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/L23A-ComparableCallsJDLK.pdf>

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Happy Bridging

Margaret Barker



*MASTER...ful*   
*Masterpoint Promotions for  
February 2023*

Nil