



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

March 2018

SESSION TIMES

Monday 1.30pm & Social Bridge 7pm
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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CONTACT US

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What's On

- **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the last Wednesday of the month – 28th March
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 28th March
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evening 4th April
- **Bathurst Congress:** 5th and 6th May

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month the Annual General Meeting was held and a new committee was elected. We thanked outgoing committee members Liz Carpenter and Robyn Stevens for their contribution to the management of the club and welcomed incoming committee members Elaine McRae and Helen Nicol. The full committee list is on the back page.

In response to a suggestion from 12 members the committee has started the year by agreeing to set up a Tournament Sub-Committee and has produced a Terms of Reference document to guide the sub-committee. The purpose of the sub-committee is to organise the bridge playing in the club all the way from Club Championships to the regular sessions but not including the Congress. It will also prepare the following year's calendar in conjunction with the ABF, NSWBA and regional clubs. Full details of its tasks are in the Terms of Reference which is on the

notice board. The sub-committee will probably meet four times each year.

The proposed size of the subcommittee is seven members and so far Elaine McRae, David Reddel and Jens Skovgaard have nominated. Your committee is still in the process of recruiting further members. If you would like to nominate please contact Anne or myself. The better organised the bridge playing the more enjoyable it is to play in our club.

Apart from managing the club and organising the bridge playing there are other routine tasks which need to be carried out to make members' experience more pleasant and I refer here to kitchen duties and to gardening. We feel that it would be good if members other than just the committee became involved with the functions of the club.

The purchase of tea, coffee, milk, biscuits, etc. will be done by Diana Waddell and Dorothy Woodside and the washing of tea towels, etc. will be done by various members of committee. The main job

remaining is to set up the kitchen before each session and clean up afterwards just like you would at home. Full details of what is required are on the sheet on the front table where you can put your name down. It is not an onerous task and we are looking for three or four people to be willing to be on a roster for each session so that if anyone is away they can let the others know to make sure that there will always be someone available at that session.

For seven years Diana Whiteley developed and looked after the garden so that it looks as nice as it does today. It now only needs routine maintenance including watering, trimming, weeding and replacement of dead plants. This is not major work and we are looking to four or five people to share the job cooperatively and be willing to let each other know when anyone is not available. Garth Hogg and I will install some more drip irrigation so that watering is not so time consuming. There is a sheet on the front table where you can put your name down. Come on all you 'green thumbs'.

Best wishes and enjoy your bridge.

Piers Bannatyne



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*Masterpoint Promotions for
February*

Congratulations to:

Margaret Corby	Local Master
Dick Niven	Graduate Master
Christine Derrig	Graduate Master

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying Event

Dubbo Bridge Club will be holding a qualifying event for the State Mixed Pairs on Thursday 3rd May at 7.00pm. Please let Jane North know if you wish to attend (robert.north@sydney.edu.au).

Finals will be held in Sydney over the weekend of 26th and 27th May 2018. The top 14 pairs on Saturday will qualify for the State Mixed Pairs Final. In addition, the top 14 pairs from the non-metropolitan clubs will qualify to a separate Country Mixed Pairs Final. (The size of the Country Final will be reduced if fewer than 14 eligible pairs are available.) Country pairs who qualify for the State Final may choose which Final they contend.

For more information on the State Mixed Pairs Competition, go to <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2018&E=smp>



OBC 2018 Committee

President:	Piers Bannatyne
Vice President:	Sally Spence
Treasurer:	Dorothy Woodside
Secretary:	Anne Tonna
Committee Members:	Wendy Gillard
	Jenny King
	Elaine McCrae
	Helen Nicol
	David Reddel
	Jens Skovgaard