



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

July 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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What's On

- **Orange Congress:** Saturday 4th August (Pairs) and Sunday 5th August (Teams)
- **State Wide Pairs:** Monday 30th July
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evening 1st August
- **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the last Wednesday of the month – 29th August
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 29th August
- **Parkes Muriel Waddell Memorial Teams Day:** Sunday 19th August
- **Australia Wide Pairs:** Monday 27th August

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As always your committee works towards making the Club a pleasant place to play bridge and one aspect of this is to make the management of the bridge sessions smoother, more efficient and therefore more enjoyable. To this end a Tournament Sub-Committee was set up earlier this year and they have already made some useful decisions, in particular the format of the Club Pairs Championship and the formation of a Directors' Sub-group to allow all the directors to work out better ways to run our bridge sessions.

At the recommendation of the latter group we invited John McIlrath to come and give our Directors and other members information on better running of sessions. John is the Chief Director Development Officer for the ABF as well as being one of the two top directors in Australia. Last Friday he came to Orange and that afternoon and the following Saturday morning most of our directors and three other members participated with him in a highly

instructive seminar on how better to conduct the bridge to make it more enjoyable for the players.

Points which were addressed included movements which we don't currently use but which would enable all players to play all boards in a session, more extensive use of the capabilities of Compscore2 to, for instance, prepare movement cards for a current session, automate the submission of Masterpoints to the ABF, etc. and adoption of the Pianola database program to, among other things, assist members who are looking for partners.

Another suggestion, following on from what happens in other clubs where John directs, is for Orange to have a live screen display run by Compscore2 to show, during play, the time remaining for a round and, at the end, the results of the session. It can also be used for many other things such as notices of future events, etc. Your committee has already been thinking about the use of such a screen as we feel it would be of benefit to members and John's visit has given us further ideas for its use.

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Also discussed in depth was directing and one of John's main points was that for the directors to improve they need practice which means that players must call the directors more often and not gloss over minor infractions at the table. John played three rounds on Friday morning and was horrified to note three infractions at his very first table with no director called. The laws of Duplicate Bridge require that a director be called for any infraction. The director's rulings are there to help players by making the game fairer so it would be nice for us to help the directors do this well.

John freely gave us the benefit of his vast experience of running bridge games with many useful ideas and your committees will work toward implementing some or all of them progressively over time so as to give all of you a better bridge experience. Expect some small changes; they won't be too painful.

Piers Bannatyne



Congress Update

Arrangements are well underway for our Congress being held in early August. The Teams program has reached the maximum number of entries and has a very healthy waiting list, and the pairs program is almost fully subscribed.

We would be very grateful if you are able to lend a hand by bringing something for morning tea or helping out with the kitchen roster (please choose your time slot by putting your name on the list at the front table).

Winter Madness - Sunday 22nd July

Our first foray into an individual competition provided an enjoyable day of bridge where each player played with many different partners, using a standard system card. The Tournament Sub-Committee have recommended we use this form of play for our Birthday Party next year.

Nationwide Pairs -well done Orange Bridge Club!

Congratulations to Bernie Huxtable and Des Mulcahy who placed 1st overall in the Nationwide Pairs (NWP) competition played on Monday 21st May, and 10th overall in the NWP played on Monday 18th June, and to Manda Labuschagne and Natasha Jacobs who placed 7th overall on Friday 6th July.

Remember:

Please don't gloss over minor infractions at the table - call the director.

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Masterpoint Promotions for June

Congratulations to:

Margaret Barker	*Local Master
Janine Bessen	Graduate Master
Sheila Crump	**Local Master
Paul Englart	Club Master
Carol Stewart	*Local Master
Essie Sullivan	Local Master
Dorothy Woodside	State Master