



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

April 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

- **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the last Wednesday of the month – 25th April
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 25th April
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evening 2nd May
- **Bathurst Congress:** 5th and 6th May
- **Bridge for Brains:** Monday 7th May
- **Dubbo Teams Day:** Sunday 20th May
- **Australia-Wide Novice Pairs:** Monday 28th May (for players with 50 MP or less at 31 March)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This newsletter I would like to tell you about incremental progress on a number fronts.

The tournament sub-committee has been formed and the members are Pam Bradford, Helen Britton, Manda Labuschagne, Elaine McRae, David Reddel, Jens Skovgaard and Diana Waddell. Their first meeting is scheduled for Monday 23rd April and among other items they will consider the format of the Club Pairs Championship; if you have any suggestions on this matter please contact one of the members.

We received a suggestion from Jo Orr that there should be a lesson on how bridge games are scored and the implications of this on how one bids and plays the hands. With the advent of electronic scoring we

realised that some members, particularly new members coming straight from lessons, do not know the structure of each score so we have scheduled a lesson on scoring to be given by David Reddel on 10th May from 10.00 am to midday. There will be a flyer and a name list for this soon.

Other than David we have no one who is fully competent in using the Bridgemates and computer to score Teams games. We must have other skilled people in case David is not available at any time so he is going to run a training session for this. The first contingent of members who will undertake this training are Wendy Gillard, Jenny King, Elaine McRae, Helen Nicol and Anne Tonna. Thank you to them for volunteering to help the smooth running of the club.

Pam Bradford and Virginia Calov have kindly volunteered to lead the work of looking after the gardens and they will be organising working bees from time to time so I hope that some of you will be willing

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to help. Hugh Wright has already put his hand up. We have had a plumber install a new garden tap and Garth and I will start to put in some more drip irrigation so that the garden can easily be watered.

Financially the club is in a sound position so we decided to put surplus funds into a term deposit as a form of sinking fund to meet any future large expenses such as painting the building, replacing the carpet or any major equipment when they reach the ends of their lives. A Term Deposit of \$10,000 has now been established and the intention is to add to it, funds permitting, at the rate of \$2,500 per quarter.

Best wishes and enjoy your bridge.

Piers Bannatyne



MASTER...ful 
*Masterpoint Promotions for
February*

Congratulations to:

Piers Bannatyne	*National Master
Jo Orr	*Local Master
Julie Machin	*Local Master
Duncan Stuart	Local Master
Nettie Locke	Club Master

State Mixed Pairs

The Club will sponsor (pay registration fees for) one pair. Please see the following details and contact David Reddel if you are interested in participating in this event.

Finals for the State Mixed Pairs are being 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>



Bridge for Brains

Once again, OBC will participate in the annual Bridge for Brains Research Challenge. The session will be held on Monday 7th May and all proceeds from the day (table fees and raffle proceeds) will be donated to Alzheimer's research at NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia).

We hope to see you there to participate in this worthwhile event.

Australia-Wide Novice Pairs

OBC will be participating in this event for players with less than 50 MPs as at 31st March. The event will be held on Monday 28th May.

Each player receives a souvenir booklet on the day, describing recommendations as to how the bidding and play should have gone.