



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

May 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 – 30th May
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 30th May
- **Australia-Wide Novice Pairs:** Monday 28th May (for players with 50 MP or less at 31 March)
- **31st Birthday Lunch**
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evening 6th June
- **Club Teams' Championship:** Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th June

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I mentioned the formation of the Tournament Sub-Committee who will specialise in how the bridge is organised in our club thus freeing the main committee to look after the general management of the club. They will make recommendations to the main committee who will still be ultimately responsible for how our bridge is conducted. If you have any questions or ideas on how our bridge is run please refer these to the main committee.

The Tournament Sub-Committee (TS-C) met for the first time last month and made two recommendations which have been adopted. The first is that the Club Pairs Championship will be run over the weekend 10th and 11th November. It is intended that it will comprise two Mitchell movement sessions after which the seven

best NS and EW pairs will compete in a seven table Howell movement to determine a single winning champion pair. The remaining players will compete for the Plate. At the same time there will be a Novice Pairs Championship event run on the same lines for players with up to 50 MP. The exact format of all these events may need to be changed slightly depending on the number of entries. These arrangements supersede what is currently shown as the Pairs Championship in the 2018 Calendar.

The TS-C also made recommendations that there should be two directors at each session and that the club look at how many willing directors we have and their rostering. Pam Bradford agreed to do this work and her first move is to call a meeting of directors at midday on Monday 4th June. Lunch will be provided. All existing directors should attend and I invite and very much encourage the attendance of other members who would consider

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becoming directors. As you would all be aware the work of directing falls on relatively few shoulders and it would be of great benefit to spread the load. Learning to be a director is not difficult and qualifying to be a Club level director only requires sitting an open book exam. If one qualifies the club will reimburse the small fee involved. There is to be a director course given by Tony Howes of the NSWBA at Dubbo Bridge Club on Friday 29th June from 10.00am to 4.00pm and I commend this to you. More details from Anne Tonna, David Reddel or myself.

A suggestion has been made by Virginia Calov that the club use biodegradable garbage bags in lieu of plastic. The committee agreed and we will be trialling them soon. Wendy Gillard suggested that we should try to separate the club's waste better and she is looking into how best to go about it.


On 20-22 April Joan Butts held a Country Bridge Festival in Orange and had over 70 attendees. The bridge component of her festival was held in our clubroom with catering being provided by Orange Quota Club. Orange Bridge Club benefitted to the tune of \$838. We must thank Dorothy Woodside who liaised with Joan and made sure that everything in the clubroom was satisfactory and, with Diana Whiteley, prepared the clubroom and cleaned up afterwards.

On Monday 7th May we held Bridge for Brains and total proceeds, including the raffle, of \$591 were donated to NeuRA for neural research. I thank all the generous donors among you and Helen Britton for arranging for us to participate and Donald Morgan for selling the raffle tickets. Helen Britton won the first prize and Derek Cassidy won second.

That's it for this month and Happy Bridging to you all.

Piers Bannatyne



MASTER...ful 
Masterpoint Promotions for April

Congratulations to:

Dorothy Woodside
Valerie Hambrook
Julia Shillington

Regional Master
**Local Master
Club Master



*Congratulations
Bernie Huxtable and
Des Mulcahy*



This champion pair topped the rankings for all players participating in Nationwide Pairs last week. Well done!