



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

August 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

- **Nationwide Pairs:** Friday 31st August
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evening 5th September
- **Cowra Congress:** Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September
- **Condobolin Teams Day:** Sunday 23rd September
- **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the last Wednesday of the month – 26th September
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 26th September

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I mentioned the Tournament Sub-Committee and the recommendations which they make. This month your Committee endorsed three of these namely that (a) the next Club Teams Championship will be held over the weekend of 16/17th June 2019 and will incorporate a Novice section for players with less than 50MPs, (b) the club birthday party will be held on 26th May 2019 and the associated bridge session will be a singles session, similar to this year's Winter Madness and (c) the monthly teams sessions will be held at 7.00 pm on the third Wednesdays of January to November inclusive in lieu of the fourth Wednesdays where it is now.

Our largest annual event, The Congress, went very well apart from some minor hiccups, with which your committee is dealing, and we received many complimentary comments from members and visitors. Attendance was 27 tables in the pairs and 30 tables (maximum capacity) in the teams and we made a financial surplus of just over \$900. Orange Club dominated the pairs with Enid Dawes and

Robyn Pearce coming first and Robyn Stevens and Jenny King second. The best Orange team was Manda, Dariusz, Natasha and Jens. Congratulations to all of them and I need to thank all members for whatever contributions you made to the success of the event.

Each year your Committee organises a visiting bridge teacher to give lessons to help you to improve your bridge hopefully thereby making your bridge more enjoyable. This year as a result of a suggestion from Pam Bradford we have invited Michael Johnson and he will give lessons morning and afternoon on Thursday 30th August. The lessons will be: 'How big is that hand?' and 'The mysterious two club opening' and the cost will be \$15 per session for members and \$20 per sessions for visitors.

This year will be the last time that the State Novice and Restricted Pairs will be hosted by a club in the Southern Highlands so the NSW Bridge Association started looking around for another club to host the event. They have invited Orange Bridge Club to do the job and your Committee has accepted the invitation. The event will be held on 22/23 March 2019 with qualifying rounds on the first day and, on the second day, the top 12 pairs going into the Final and the balance of the field going into

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The Plate. Novices are less than 100MP and Restricted less than 300MP. Pairs from all round the state will be free to enter. It will be a great opportunity for you to enter a State level event.

As ever we respond to members' suggestions and a recent one from Judy Jackson was that we form a social club within OBC. Your Committee spoke to Dept. Fair Trading and looked carefully at our constitution and decided that it could not be done but there was nothing stopping Judy from organising social activities, such as the winery tour which she did recently, for members who wish to partake. Judy will advertise on our community notice board from time to time and I hope that members will avail themselves of the activities which Judy takes the trouble to organise.

There have been various complaints about the Club building becoming stuffy, particularly when there are a large number of people in the room. As the club's maintenance officer I am seeking priced proposals from air-conditioning companies to add a fresh air intake to the existing aircon system, which currently only recirculates the air, and exhaust ventilation to the toilets. I will let you know if it can be done at a reasonable cost. Meanwhile don't hold your breath.

Piers Bannatyne



MASTER...ful 
Masterpoint Promotions for July
Congratulations to:

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| Jenny King | Bronze Life Master |
| Cliff Hall | Graduate Master |
| Peter Locke | Graduate Master |
| Joan Gillespie | Graduate Master |



Enid Dawes, who together with Robyn Pearce won the Congress Pairs, pictured with Congress Director Manda Labuschagne.



The Foster Team, winners of the Congress Teams pictured with Congress Director Manda Labuschagne.

Directors' Corner:

ALERTING STAYMAN BIDS

A response of 2C after a 1NT opening bid is not alertable in an uncontested auction, no matter what the meaning.

However, normal alerting do rules apply if
(a) if the opponents have entered the auction, or
(b) Stayman or similar is used in any other sequence e.g. following a 2NT opening or a 1NT response.

Normal alerting rules also apply to **all responses** to Stayman and other asking bids.