



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

June 2019

SESSION TIMES

Monday 1.30pm & Supervised Play 7pm
Wednesday 9.30am & 7.00pm
& Supervised Play 1pm
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 third Wednesday of the month – 19th June
- **Nationwide Pairs:** Monday 24th June
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 26th June
- **Clark Trophy** – Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month – 3rd July

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After my trip to Iran and Greece it is great to be back among you all and to see the Club functioning well and everyone enjoying their bridge.

There are some items of good news on the bridge front. The recent Joan Butts Weekend in Orange ran very smoothly from Joan's point of view. The sessions and catering held at the Club ran very smoothly too thanks to all the hard work and organising done by Dorothy. Three of our members, including Dorothy, participated in the teaching and playing and the weekend resulted in a profit of \$700 to the club.

The New South Wales Bridge Association was so pleased with the way we ran the NSW Novice and Restricted Pairs Championship that they have granted us the licence to hold it for another two years. Your Committee has decided to accept the grant and the date for 2020 is 21st and 22nd March.

At bridge on Friday 7th June Peter Reed announced that in 2021 the Australian National Championships will be played in

Orange. These are the Australian Bridge Federation's events to select the teams and pairs to represent Australia internationally and each state and territory will send a team of around 25 of their best players to compete. They are therefore the pinnacle of bridge in Australia. These events will be held at the Orange ex-Services Club. Peter, from Wellington Club, will be the organiser assisted by people from the ABF, the NSWBA and Anne Tonna from our club. Peter estimates that there will be about 250 participants including players and officials.

On a more mundane note, insulation has now been installed in the roof of the club. This will reduce the cost of running the air conditioning and I hope that you are all noticing the better temperature control in the building. Soon there will be winter heating in the ladies toilet and exhaust fans in all the toilets. We are also about to have gutter guards installed right around the building so as to stop leaves clogging the gutters and blowing into the roof and to eliminate the cost of periodical gutter cleaning.

The Club held its Birthday Party (the 32nd) on Sunday 26th May; 44 members and spouses attended the lunch and 40 stayed to play bridge. Financially the party resulted in a loss of \$421 to the club. Everyone enjoyed the

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occasion. There was a lucky door prize which was a printed bridge cloth. In addition during bridge, after every round, Doreen gave prizes of a chocolate to people who had made certain bids or contracts. Your Committee is now debating whether to hold the event every five years and whether to amend the charge to \$5 for bridge and \$10 for lunch and you will be asked what you would think should be done.

Happy bridging,

Piers Bannatyne



MASTER...ful



Masterpoint Promotions for May 2019

Congratulations to:

David Reddel	Silver Life Master
Ken Brown	Graduate Master
Margaret Longstaff	Graduate Master

Eclectic Competition:

New in 2019, a monthly eclectic competition enables members to earn bonus green Masterpoints. These are earned by playing with the same partner in the allotted sessions (a different session each month) at least three times in the month.

Congratulations to those players in Wednesday nights' sessions who earned additional MPs:
Bernard Huxtable and Des Mulcahy 0.37 MP
Brad Edwards and Don Butler 0.26 MP
Elaine McRae and Gwenda Garde 0.19 MP
Piers Bannatyne and Conrad Silvester 0.12 MP

BE A GOOD SPORT

The following extract is from:

https://www.abf.com.au/about/docs/BE_A_GOOD_SPORT.pdf

We all play bridge because we love it. Help make the game fun for everyone by observing the few simple proprieties that make bridge fair and enjoyable.

PLAY TOUGH BUT FAIR

Play tough, be competitive, but be a good sport.

- Be pleasant to the opponents (and your partner). Welcome new opponents to your table. Don't conduct lengthy post-mortems.
- Don't stare at opponents, their cards or where in their hand they play a card from.
- If you think an experienced opponent may have done something inappropriate, speak privately to the official recorder.¹
- Slow players – make the effort to catch up; it's not fair to use more than your share of the clock and finishing late disrupts the schedule. Claim if it is clear.

MAKE BEGINNERS WELCOME

New players are the future of the game we love.

- Make a special effort to explain your bidding fully to less experienced players and remember they may not know the methods and conventions you are using.
- When claiming, state your line clearly and explain it if required. Less experienced players may not see it as quickly as you.
- If opponents don't yet know the bridge code of behaviour, explain (politely) – even better, refer them to this code.

¹ At OBC, we don't have an official recorder. Please speak privately with the Director.