



# ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

## NEWSLETTER

November 2017

### 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

- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 29<sup>th</sup> November
- **OBC Swiss Teams:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- **OBC Christmas Party:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are just four things which I would like to mention in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Helen Britton who has attained Grand Master status!

Following a suggestion from Bernie Huxtable your committee has decided that the appropriate way to honour Bill Robinson, the architect of our new building, is to erect a plaque on the wall outside the main entrance. Bill did all the necessary work on a voluntary basis.

We currently run 5 Masterpointed sessions each week and while we have nine directors including David, there are times when additional people with directing skills would make life easier for all of us. Therefore I exhort all of you to think about becoming a director and I look forward to recruiting several more to help out. It is not difficult to study the rules and take the “open book” exam which can be done in your own time. The club will pay the fees

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for anyone who submits their paper. If you are at all interested, please talk with David Reddel or Anne Tonna.

Following a suggestion from ‘Hooky’ Street your committee has sourced name tags at \$7.50 each. Wearing name tags at table will help us to get to know each other better and we will more readily be able to greet each other by name.

*Happy Bridging  
Piers Bannatyne*



## System Cards

*From the NSWBA's Bidding Systems Regulations:*  
System cards should be provided to the opponents as a reference for them to use. It is therefore recommended that all players be encouraged to complete an ABF System card... Note that the provision of two identical ABF system cards is mandatory at all ABF and NSWBA licensed events. Systems cards are available from the OBC trolley.

# MASTER...ful



## Masterpoint Promotions for September and October

Congratulations to:

Helen Britton	Grand Master
Marianna Xerri	*National Master
Barrie Woodley	*State Master
Natasha Jacobs	*State Master
Hugh Wright	*Local Master
Virginia Calov	Local Master
Sally Keenan	Local Master
Jeff Bradley	Club Master
Helen Nicol	Club Master
Julia Churcher	Club Master
Julia Shillington	Graduate Master

## *Nationwide Pairs Top 10*

Hearty congratulations to those who recently scored in the top 10 overall!

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Murray Paterson and Chris Kershaw  
5<sup>th</sup>: Dianne Payton and Robyn Pearce

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Kershaw and Murray Paterson  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jens Skovgaard and Manda Labushagne

## *CW Novice Tournament:*

Congratulations to Jeff Bradley and Val Hambrook who finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the Swiss Pairs competition and to Diana Whiteley, Margaret Munson, Margaret Barker and Judy Frances who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Teams.

## *Mudgee Congress:*

After an absence of 12 years Mudgee Congress was held this year on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations to Sally Keenan and Diana Waddell who placed first in the Novice Pairs (<100MP).

## **More information about the new rules:**

The following is an extract from Matthew McManus "The New Laws for Players":

### **Calling the Director**

It has always been a requirement in the Laws that the director be called whenever there is an irregularity. This has been reinforced in the new laws. It may become particularly relevant if, at the end of the auction, the declaring side reveals that there has been incorrect information given about their bidding. If the players fail to call the director at the time and it turns out that the director could have done something to rectify it had he been called, then both sides are liable to get their worst possible score on the board.

The new law specifically states that ignorance of the law is no excuse.

### **Calls out of turn**

Under the old laws, the penalties arising due to calls out of rotation could be very harsh. Often times, a player's partner was barred from bidding for the whole auction. Under the new laws, the partner can make his normal call.

Depending on the action now taken by the player who originally called out of turn, the auction will either continue without penalty or the player's partner will have to pass for one round. The director will make a determination on a case by case basis using the guidelines in the laws regarding "comparable calls".

