



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

April 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 – 26th April
- **Orange Teams Championship:** Session 3: Saturday 29th April
- **Narromine Teams Day:** Sunday 30th April
- **Bridge for Brains:** Monday 1st May
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month – 3rd May
- **Bathurst Congress:** Saturday 6th May (Pairs) and Sunday 7th May (Teams)
- **Dubbo Teams Day:** Sunday 21st May
- **OBC 30th Birthday Celebrations:** Sunday 28th May
- **Australia Wide Novice Pairs:** Monday 29th May

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month the big news is that as the club has paid off its mortgage the committee decided to reduce the table fees to \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Three cheers! We will all be able to drink to this at the club's thirtieth birthday party on Sunday 28th May. Don't forget to come.

The suggestion box is in action. The first suggestion from Nancy Callinan was: "When reviewing the window coverings please consider the acoustic and aesthetic benefits of fabric curtains". The committee's decision was that the curtains do not need replacing at present but Jens Skovgaard would look into the matter of window glass coatings to reduce glare and reflections off cards. The second suggestion from Di Waddell and Garth

Hogg was to reduce table fees to \$5. This has now been done. All suggestions will be welcome; please keep them coming.

Mainly for the benefit of newer members, and also to remind some of the longer standing members, the club will be instigating an information programme regarding the correct procedures during the playing of bridge in a club situation. This programme will be led by one of your new committee members, Jenny King, and there are two initiatives which will begin shortly.

During the year Jenny will produce a series of short newsletters explaining correct procedures at the table such as 'who can call the Director,' 'the correct way to ask the meaning of a bid,' 'the correct way to make an opening lead' and so on. The idea is to encourage all members to understand and adopt these procedures so as to reduce

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the scope for argument at table and thereby enhance the enjoyment of your game.

The second initiative is to introduce the availability of bidding boxes for those of our members who may find them useful because their vision impairment makes it difficult to read the bidding pads. Such members will need to sit NS so that the bidding boxes will be present throughout their session. Players sitting EW will only strike a bidding box for one or two rounds in a session. As many of you will be aware bidding boxes are used at some other clubs and at high level competitions so a bit of practice with bidding boxes at our own club will stand all members in good stead if they play bridge elsewhere and don't have to learn the ropes in the heat of a competition.

In the interests of transparency to the membership as a whole I am mentioning here that at the Club Teams Championship on 1st April there was a loud and somewhat emotional altercation at one table which resulted in a formal written complaint being lodged by one of the players. The Club's constitution requires that a formal complaint be dealt with and a ruling made. The procedure which we adopt is to form an ethics sub-committee and in this instance this comprises myself, Sally Spence and Dorothy Woodside. We interviewed all the people involved and have submitted a report to the Committee which will hold a special meeting shortly to make a ruling. This will be communicated to the complainant and the other people involved. I hope that this also lets you understand some of the things which have to be done in the background to create a harmonious well managed club.

On a more mundane matter we recently had the carpet cleaned and shortly afterwards a passing person's handbag

knocked a cup of coffee off one of the side tables. Please be aware when walking between the tables, particularly when you are carrying a large bag, of food and drink on the side tables and take care.

Don't forget the Bathurst Congress on 6th and 7th May. We usually support this event with a good attendance and I hope that we will continue to do so. Get your pairs and teams together.

On 27th and 28th May the State Mixed Pairs Championship will be held in Sydney by the NSW Bridge Association. If anyone wishes to compete in this prestigious event the club will pay the entry fees for up to three pairs but unfortunately we cannot pay travel and accommodation. Please let the committee know if you wish to attend.

*Happy Bridging,
Piers Bannatyne.*



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March*



Congratulations to:

Norma Sloane,	State Master
Mary Jo Orr,	Local Master
Helen Nicol,	Graduate Master

