



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

August 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 – 30th August
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month – 6th September
- **Australia Wide Pairs:** Monday 28th August
- **Parkes Teams Day:** Sunday 20th August
- **Blue Mountains Congress:** Pairs Saturday 2nd September and Teams Sunday 3rd September
- **Cowra Congress:** Pairs Saturday 16th September and Teams Sunday 17th September
- **Condobolin Teams Day:** Sunday 24th September

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our President, Piers, is enjoying a holiday in Queensland so I am providing an update in his absence.

Congress

Our Congress on 5th and 6th August was a great success once again with many visitors commenting on how much they enjoyed the friendliness of the club and the good food.

David Reddel did a very professional job as Director and our convenor, Manda Labuschagne, did a great job getting everything in place for the day – including getting the air-conditioning fixed late on Friday afternoon!

A very special thank you goes to Liz Carpenter who worked tirelessly keeping the kitchen running smoothly over the whole Congress. Thank you to all the members who contributed the wonderful

food for morning and afternoon tea. Thank you too to those members who helped in the kitchen and in other ways to keep the Congress running smoothly.



Some of our willing kitchen helpers.

Visitors took all the main prizes with John Brockwell and Brian Thorpe winning the Pairs completion and the Kahler team winning the Team event.

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The Kahler Team



Best Local Pair

Congratulations to Helen Britton and Kathy Hart who were the top placed Orange pair and to Dorothy Woodside and Diana Whiteley who won the Restricted Pairs section. Congratulations also to Christine Kershaw, Judy Jackson, Murray Paterson and David Watkins who were the top placed Orange Team

Beginner Lessons

A new round of beginner lessons will commence on Monday evening 14th August and Wednesday afternoon 16th August. If you know of anyone interested in having bridge lessons ask them to contact Chris Kershaw on 63623029 or Dorothy Woodside on 63628218.

Prize for Novices less than 10 MP

Bathurst Bridge Club has provided 2 prizes of a single complimentary entry to the 2017 Central West Novice Tournament for our

players who have less than 10 Masterpoints. The Tournament is held in Bathurst on 28th (Pairs) and 29th (Teams) October.

The prize winners will be the highest scorer among those people with less than 10 Masterpoints playing in the Tops and Bottoms competition on Wednesday 30th August and Wednesday 27th September.

Bathurst Bridge Club is able to offer these prizes because of the sponsorship they have received including from Orange companies:

- Anton Hartley Colour City Painters
- R & K Feltham Builders
- Terry Board Plumbing

Committee Decisions

A suggestion was submitted to the Committee that we change the window coverings to address the issue of glare. You may have noticed that we had samples of window tinting placed on the eastern window so we could assess their impact. The Committee decided that we wouldn't pursue the window tinting idea and that we will leave the curtains as they are.

Following a suggestion from Bernie Huxtable the Committee decided that we will not use paper cups for routine club sessions. There are plenty of mugs available. If you want to use your own mug you may bring it along and store it in the drawer marked "Personal mugs". However you will need to wash and dry it yourself as any mug placed in the dishwasher will be put away in the general use drawers. Please do not take any mugs other than your own out of the "personal use" drawer.

You will have noticed the new northern steps which hopefully will be a lot easier to use than the old ones. The handrails will be

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installed soon. Thank you to Piers for organising their construction.

Directors and Compscore2 operators

Wendy Strachan has retired as a Director and the Committee thanks her for the wonderful job she has done in this role over many years.


Thank you to David Reddel who recently trained some new people in using the Compscore2 program. We also have some people currently studying to become Directors so you will start to see different people running sessions as they become competent.

If you are interested in becoming a Director or in learning how to operate the scoring system, please contact David Reddel.

Happy bridging.

Sally Spence, Vice-President.



MASTER...ful 

Masterpoint Promotions for July

Congratulations to:

Margaret Barker	Local Master
David Gray	Local Master
Essie Sullivan	Club Master

Nationwide Pairs Top 10

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

Monday 17th July:

10th: Des Mulcahy/ Bernie Huxtable

Friday 4th August

4th: Natasha Jacobs / Manda Labuschagne

9th: Sally Spence / Jens Skovgaard

2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

On 1st August, Australia started to use the new laws. There are several important changes and we will be bringing you examples of the changes in coming weeks.

Here is one of the changes to the Law on Claim and Concession of Tricks (Law 68):

As before, a claim should be accompanied at once by a clear statement of the line of play or defence through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed, including the order in which the cards will be played. The new rules now require the player making the claim or concession to **face his hand**.

When a player claims/concedes, both sides (all four players) **may now agree to continue play**, rather than summon the Director. If they do however agree to play on, then the table result will stand.

The claimer/conceder picks up his faced hand should everyone agree to play on. Silence in response to a request to play on is deemed to be concurrence.

Once the Director is called there is no second chance to play on. The Director arrives and adjudicates the board in accordance with Law 70 (Contested Claim or Concession) as before.