



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

December 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

-  **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the last Wednesday of the month – 31 January
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 31 January
- **Clark Trophy** resumes Wednesday evening 7 February

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see so many club members who haven't played for some time, at our Christmas party on 15th December.

It was particularly good that Bill Robinson was able to attend and unveil the plaque acknowledging his contribution in designing our magnificent club house. The plaque will be fixed to the outside wall near the entrance.



Thank you to all who helped the day run so smoothly. Those Wise Men, angels, Mary's and stars who dressed up in the "Nativity" theme certainly added to the enjoyment of the day.

Congratulations to Julia Churcher who, as a heavily pregnant Mary, was judged the best costume – she assured us that she wouldn't be giving birth for another 10 days!



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The annual awards were also presented at the Christmas Party. Congratulations to all the following prize recipients:



- Club Teams Champions: Manda Labuschagne, Darius Drozd, Natasha Jacobs, Jens Skovgaard



- Club Pairs Champions: Elaine McRae, Elizabeth Carpenter



- Suzanne Kay Trophy and Clark Trophy – Open: Jens Skovgaard



- Clark Trophy – Restricted and Most Improved - overall: Natasha Jacobs



- Dot Whitney Trophy: Margo Sharp



- Doctors Plate and Most improved - Nil Master: Helen Nicol
- Most improved - Graduate Master: Margaret Corby

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- Most improved - Club Master: Jo Orr
- Most improved - Local Master: Hugh Wright
- Most improved - *Local Master: Dorothy Woodside



- Most improved - **Local Master: Anne Tonna

I trust everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period and are looking forward to another year of enjoyable bridge.

New Teams events last Wednesday evening of each month

A new regular event for the club in 2018 will be a teams' event on the last Wednesday evening of each month starting on January 28th. If you and your partner are interested in participating but don't have another pair to form a team put your name on the sheet and we will match pairs to create teams. Also, if you would like to participate but don't have a partner we will

make every effort to find you a partner and put you in a team if you put your name on the list. If you and your partner turn up on a last Wednesday evening of the month without having organised a team (or had one organised for you) you will not get a game.

Tops and Bottoms

The first Tops and Bottoms competition for the year will be held on Wednesday morning 31st January.

Clark Trophy

I encourage you to take part in the Clark Trophy competition during 2018. The Clark Trophy is an event held on the first Wednesday evening of each month. The Clark Trophy is an individual competition and to participate in the event you play with a different partner on each first Wednesday evening of the month commencing in February. However, you and your partner can come along and play on Clark Trophy nights even if you don't get a different partner each time.

Valentine's Day Teams

Our annual Valentine Teams Day will be held on Sunday 11th February. This event usually attracts a lot of visitors from other clubs so organise a team and put your name on the list.


AGM

The clubs Annual General Meeting will be held at 12:30 on Saturday 17th February. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Committee please let our secretary, Anne Tonna, know and she can give you a nomination form. We are always interested in having fresh faces on the Committee.

If you are not interested in being a Committee member please consider nominating yourself to take on one of the

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many roles needed to keep the club
running smoothly during 2018.

Happy bridging
Sally Spence
(Vice-President Orange Bridge Club)

MASTER...ful 
*Masterpoint Promotions for
November*
Congratulations to:

Kim Pattinson	Regional Master
Rhonda Jefferson	*Local Master
Jim Moore	Graduate Master



The Orange Bridge Club wishes you a
safe and relaxing festive season.

Be a Good Sport

From the NSW Bridge Association:
<http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/ethics.asp>

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 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 Director.
- 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's 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.