



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

June 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 – 28th June
- **Joan Butts Workshops:** Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd July – see following page for details
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month – 5th July
- **Forbes Teams Day:** Sunday 9th July
- **State Wide Pairs:** Monday 31st July
- **Orange Congress:** Pairs - Saturday 5th August; Teams – Sunday 6th August

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings one and all!

We have had our 30th birthday and the celebration on 28th May was much enjoyed by the 60 or so who were able to attend. The club room was decorated by Garth Hogg and myself and looked suitably festive. The event was ably organised by Wendy Gillard who also provided the Lucky Door Prize, which was drawn by John Holland; it was won by 'Hooky' Street. The main meal from Pickle and Fig was excellent and various members provided fruit and slices. Dorothy Woodside made and decorated a birthday cake. John Holland, one of the founding members of the club, cut the cake. Wendy, Liz Carpenter, Donalda Morgan and others did a wonderful job serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. Bernie Huxtable

gave us a very interesting talk on the history of the club and the future of the club was toasted by Paul Derrig. After the party 52 people played bridge; The pair with the highest score, Chris Kershaw and Peter Locke, won a prize for some free bridge sessions at our club. For photos on the club's website here is a link http://www.orange.bridgeaustralia.org/pic_sshow.asp

Committee Doings

We are trying to strike a balance between the social and competitive aspects of the club. Clearly most of us come to bridge to socialise with other members as well as to keep our minds active by competing at the game. To make the game pleasant for all we believe that everyone should abide by certain rules; some are required by the Laws of Bridge and others are matters of common courtesy. To this end we will be issuing, slowly over time, a series of educational newsletters which are being prepared by Jenny King and we would like you to adopt the suggestions therein. They

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are not designed to prevent socialising but we hope that they will engender a friendly, but competitive, atmosphere at the sessions.

We are aware that many members do not like bidding boxes. However, even if this club never comes to use them regularly, we believe that members should at least become familiar with how they are used so that when playing at a congress or a club where bidding boxes are used they will not be unduly distracted by an unfamiliar procedure. Therefore we have decided that there will, as often as possible, be one table with bidding boxes and a committee member sitting North or South.

East/Wests will therefore only have to use the boxes for two, three or four boards in a session and where necessary will be guided by the committee member.

We are short of Compscore operators to set up the Bridgemates. The problem arises when existing operators cannot attend for some reason so it is necessary to have backups and also to spread the load somewhat. It is pleasing to note that some new people have put their names down for the next Compscore training session on Sunday 24th June at 2.00pm for two hours. We hope that new operators, once trained, will sit alongside and alternate with existing operators so as to maintain their newly acquired skills.

Wishing you all 'Good Bridge'.

Piers Bannatyne.



Australia-wide Novice Pairs

Orange Bridge Club participated in this national event for players with fewer than 50 Masterpoints. Two pairs (both sitting East/West) placed in the Top 100: Margaret Patton and Margaret Edwards and David Grey and Hugh Wright.
WELL DONE!

MASTER...ful



Masterpoint Promotions for April and May

Congratulations to:

Wendy Strachan	**National Master
Robyn Stevens	State Master
Anne Tonna	State Master
Dorothy Woodside	**Local Master
Dianna Whitely	**Local Master
Margaret Corby	Club Master
Judy Francis	Club Master
Ro Sheardown	Graduate Master

Joan Butts workshops

- Sunday 2nd July, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Teaching Two Over One Game Force (sponsored by ABF)
- Monday 3rd July, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Sharpen Up Your Declarer Skills: Card Play Technique. (\$15 for OBC members, \$20 for visitors).

Nationwide Pairs Top 10

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

Friday 5th May:

5th: Enid Dawes / Val Halcroft

6th: Natasha Jacobs / Jens Skovgaard

7th: Chris Kershaw / Murray Patterson

Friday 2nd June:

8th Manda Labuschagne / Natrasha Jacobs