



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

March 2017

SESSION TIMES

Monday 1.30pm
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 – 29th March
- **Clark Trophy:** Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month – 5th April
- **Orange Teams Championship:** Sessions 1&2: Saturday 1st April, Session 3: Saturday 29th April
- **Hawkesbury Congress:** Saturday 8th April (Pairs) and Sunday 9th April (Teams)
- **Narromine Teams Day:** Sunday 30th April
- **Bridge for Brains:** Monday 1st May
- **Bathurst Congress:** Saturday 6th May (Pairs) and Sunday 7th May (Teams)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month the Annual General Meeting was held and a new committee was elected. We thanked outgoing committee members Margaret Barker, Margaret Munson and Murray Paterson for their contribution to the management of the club and welcomed incoming committee members Wendy Gillard, Jenny King and Jens Skovgaard. The full committee list is on the back page.

After two meetings your new committee is up to speed busy thinking of new ideas to improve the way you, the members, experience the way the club runs. Wendy Gillard will look after the club's website and keep it up to date so you all can log in at any time for the latest information.

Jenny King is looking into various ways to improve your bridge playing experience. Already decided is that teams can have up

to six members which will help when a Teams competition is held over several weeks or months so a team can be covered if one or two members cannot attend. This will apply particularly for the GNOT. Another idea is to demonstrate the use of bidding boxes particularly for those who have vision impairment. And there are further ideas still in development.

We are in the process of clarifying the duties and responsibilities of volunteers and committee members. On completion these will be displayed on the notice board outside the office. It has been decided that this notice board will be solely for club business and all other notices will be accommodated on another board to be installed nearby.

Taking up an idea raised at the AGM the use of the suggestion box will be reactivated. To encourage this, the box will be placed on the table outside the office. It is intended that all suggestions be looked at

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within a week, be publicised as soon as possible, dealt with at the next meeting and the committee's decision be publicised thereafter. Your suggestion will not languish so if you have any ideas please let us know. At any time if you see something which needs fixing immediately please speak to a committee member.

At the end of sessions the playing room is often left rather untidy which is a pity because it takes so little to make the place look very neat. On Friday 24th we started a new procedure whereby NS players emptied the bins and pushed the chairs in to the tables and EW players took the boards and Bridgemates up to the front table. It was wonderful! The room looked so good. Please keep up the good work. On Fridays we must also put up the side tables to help the cleaner with the vacuuming.

Not only has the committee been thinking but some have been doing things. For those of you have ever looked into the store and garbage room take a look now and note the new shelving and general air of tidiness which makes access to items far easier and access to the electrical switchboard far safer. As part of the clean-up we think that the jigsaw puzzles should be substantially reduced in number. If anyone donated some puzzles would they please see Dorothy Woodside if they would like them back or given to a nominated person or charity. After a time we intend to select a few to keep and to put the remaining puzzles up for sale on the book table.

I'm sorry to have to tell you that the roof leak in the foyer is proving to be very difficult but hopefully on the next genuinely fine day the roof will be partly lifted to allow a clear diagnosis of the

problem. Progress is being made on the rebuilding of the north steps and I will keep you informed as things happen.

*Happy Bridging for the rest of 2017 from your new president,
Piers Bannatyne.*



Players may now play socially on a Monday night from 7:00 pm. At this stage the session will not be Masterpointed. An ideal time to practice new systems or improve current ones!

*MASTER...ful
Masterpoint Promotions for
February*



Congratulations to:
Norma Hart - *Local Master
Sally Larrance – Local Master
Julia Churcher – Graduate Master



Your New Committee

President:	Piers Bannatyne
Vice President:	Sally Spence
Treasurer:	Dorothy Woodside
Secretary:	Anne Tonna

Committee Members

Liz Carpenter	Wendy Gillard
Jenny King	David Reddel
Jens Skovgaard	Robyn Stevens