

What's News at the TBA - November 2019

The TBA Committee met on Tuesday November 12th from 7.30pm.

PRESENT : J Rhodes (Chair), M Sherlock (Minutes Secretary), M Gibbs, E Gee, J Grosvenor, G Poulton, A Paton

The following matters were discussed :

New ABF Technology Platform

The ABF is about to spend a lot of money on developing a new web based technology application for better management of bridge in Australia. They have circulated information about the project to affiliated associations via a series of short You Tube videos, as well as a simulation of what the new application will look like.

You can have a look at the proposals by using the following links :

- [System simulation](#) - will show you what the new web site will look like.
- [System overview video](#) - will give an overview of the proposed system.
- [Project approaches video](#) - will give you details about the project as a whole.
- [Technology choices video](#) - explains in detail, the proposed hardware and software platforms to be deployed.

It is important that you feel comfortable about the direction of the new technological developments, as this new direction by the ABF will involve much closer interactions between our Club and its members and the ABF via emails and membership database information.

Ultimately, we see the next step in cashless payment options being via the new ABF technology platform.

State Team Selection Process

The Meeting endorsed the recommendations from the Ross meeting with regard to the selection of 2020 state teams as a continuation of the 2019 process whereby pairs can self nominate and their selection will be based on performances in open events throughout the previous year.

State Events in 2020

It was also resolved at the Ross meeting that various associations do what they can to restore state events to running over 2 days. It was recommended that consideration be given to starting these events later on a Saturday, finishing earlier on a Sunday and facilitating participation by organising billeting and car sharing.

Buddy System

We are continuing our program of transitioning of beginners into our Club by offering them a “buddy” to show them how things work both at the bridge table, and at the club in general. Sue Falkingham is co-ordinating this, and a big thank you to all those members who have offered their services in this regard.

Christmas Activities

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 14th from 12 Noon, followed by regular Bridge afterwards. If you are attending please bring a plate of food to share.

In the meantime, please give consideration to helping us to assist one of our designated charities, Colony 47 which provides a variety of services to our local community. You can help by putting a gift under our tree which will be delivered to Colony 47 in time for Christmas. Colony 47 have specifically asked for gifts for adults as they usually receive plenty for children. This year they have asked for gifts of toiletries for men and women and/or basics such as socks and undies for men and women. They do not prefer cash or gift cards.

Over Christmas the club will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Eve.

We will be running one session on Boxing Day (Thursday Dec 26th) commencing at 10.30 am with a short lunch break – a great opportunity for turkey sandwiches! On New Years Day (Wednesday Jan 1st) only daytime bridge will be held.

Otherwise sessions be held as usual.

Faster Bridge

Some members have asked to play faster bridge. As a result we will be trialling 6 minute boards on Saturday afternoons for the foreseeable future.

Working Bees

A big thankyou to all those who came to help with the filling and labelling of the new boards. This job is now complete and means that the TBA Dealing Room will no longer need to be “raided” to conduct major events such as the TFob and the ANC. This will greatly lessen the impact of these events on normal TBA operations.

Youth Bridge

For the first time in a long time, there will be a team of young Tasmanians at Youth Week in Canberra in January. The TBA is financially assisting Cedric Parker to accompany our young team and we thank him for his endeavours in developing a youth bridge culture in North West Tasmania. We wish our young team all the best!

Grandparent Day

The TBA will conduct its first “Bring Your Grandchild to Bridge Day” on Friday April 24th. This is in the school holidays and the idea is for any grandparents who are on child care duty be able to bring their (school aged) grandchildren for a fun day of bridge related activities. Bianca Gold (ABF Youth Co-ordinator) will be running the day and cost is \$10 per child. Grandparents are asked to bring a plate of lunch to share.



Affiliated Clubs are encouraged to send a representative to “watch and learn” so that they can in turn run one of these events at their own club.

Regular Friday players are on notice that this will be a particularly “vibrant” day!

Happy Bridging

Julie Rhodes

TBA President