

What's Happening at the TBA - April 2020

The short answer is– Not much!!

The TBA Committee met via ZOOM on Monday April 6th from 1.00pm.

PARTICIPATING : J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs, J Grosvenor, G Poulton, J Bills, A Paton, L Cooke, M Sherlock, S Edler, E Gee, K Marsden

The following matters were discussed :

CPR Training

Has had to be deferred due to the limit of 2 at social gatherings. We will reschedule this once circumstances permit.

ANC Nominations

The 2020 ANC has now been officially cancelled, so state team selection has been suspended. So that SA doesn't miss out on hosting the ANC, and in recognition of arrangements already made by the Orange organisers, the ANCs have now been rescheduled as follows :

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| 2021 | Orange, NSW |
| 2022 | Adelaide, SA |
| 2023 | WA |
| 2024 | Queensland |
| 2025 | ACT |
| 2026 | Hobart, Tasmania |

TFoB and Teams of Three

Sadly, these events have been cancelled and refunds are being processed. If you have paid entry fees for these events and have not yet received a refund, you need to contact Graeme Poulton to provide your bank account details so he can refund your money. His email address is : grpoulton@bigpond.com

COVID-19 Arrangements

Obviously it is not possible for the club to reopen in the near future. As soon as it is lawful for us to do so, we will reopen our club and begin bridge sessions again. We are very lucky to be in a strong financial position, so that we will not be badly affected by the compulsory shut down.

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In the meantime, we are working on some arrangements for participation in on-line activities.

Social Forum

If the club has your email, you will already have been sent an invitation to join the [TBA forum](#). This is an area which is private to our club for you to share stories, bridge questions and tips, or just catch up with friends. If you deleted this invitation, not realising what it was for but would like to join the TBA forum, send an email request to the [TBA email](#) and John will send you another invitation.

Bridge Base Online

Many of you already play on [BBO](#). In conjunction with the ABF, we are working on establishing some TBA tournaments for our members. Chris Carolan and Simon Edler have been tasked with organising this. If you are interested, to facilitate setting this up please register your BBO username on the forum (at the [Sharing BBO Usernames](#) topic).

If you are not familiar with BBO, it is a fantastic resource in the current circumstances. You can play with your partner, or strangers or just practice your declarer play with Bridge Master. It is free to register, practise, and to play casually. Just Google [Bridge Base Online](#) and have a look.

Directors' Forum

Simon has also set up a [Directors' forum](#) for our Directors to liaise during the shut down.

Annual General Meeting

Obviously the AGM has had to be postponed until it is lawful for gatherings of over 50 people to be able to be held again. In the interim, the current committee is continuing to preside over the TBA with the appointment of Ian Bailey (who had nominated for the new committee) as a replacement for Jana Vernon who has resigned.

On a positive side, the postponement of the AGM has given us the time to tidy up a few areas of the constitution, particularly around membership renewals. Once the proposed new wording is available, it will be widely circulated so that we can adopt the changes in time for the beginning of 2021.

Stay safe!

Julie Rhodes

President, TBA

