

What's Happening at the TBA - July 2020

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday July 7th from 7.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES : J Bills, S Falkingham

The following matters were discussed :

Getting back to Face to Face bridge at the TBA!

The TBA recommenced sessions at the Club on Friday June 26th with a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place. It has been great to see our members back catching up with their friends and enjoying playing at the club again.

Whilst it was very strange to sit across a "socially distanced" table at first with partner so far away, by the second week we have largely acclimatised and are now taking the new arrangements in our stride.

As we could not predict how many people would return to bridge immediately, and we currently have limited numbers due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we developed a [booking system](#) which guarantees you a seat at the table.

However, if you are not able to book a table on line, there is a very good chance of just being able to turn up with your partner and get a seat at present, with empty tables at most sessions.

After reviewing the operation of our [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#), the Committee has decided that it is not practicable to temperature test all comers. Thermometers will be available to test interstate visitors, and anyone who has a concern about their temperature. All other measures will still be implemented.

Coming Events

Restricted Pairs

On Monday nights July 27th and August 3rd the TBA is holding a Restricted pairs event at the Club. Only people with fewer than 150 Masterpoints can enter, so register your interest quickly on the TBA Booking System as numbers will be limited to 24 pairs.

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On those nights, people with over 150 masterpoints will be invited to participate in the on-line sessions.

Roger's Teams

Roger's teams will recommence Friday July 17th from 7.15 pm. Booking are essential, via the [booking system](#) and closing 8:00pm Thursday 16th.

Wednesday Night Bridge

Wednesday Night bridge will recommence from July 22nd at 7.15 pm.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (which was deferred after the closure of the TBA) is now scheduled for Saturday September 5th from 1.00pm. Sadly we won't be able to enjoy our usual feast this year, but we are offering free bridge for all those who attend the AGM. All Committee positions will be declared vacant, so if you would like to join the committee in any capacity, look for a nomination form, fill it in, and hand it to our Secretary. We are always looking for enthusiastic people to join the committee and help us run the TBA.

TBA/BBO Online Bridge

We are currently running ~~five~~two TBA sponsored BBO sessions each week on ~~Wednesdays at 1.15pm (Rookie Session with Sue Falkingham)~~ Thursdays at 10.00am, ~~Fridays at 1.15pm~~ and ~~Monday and Wednesday~~ nights at 7.15pm.

It is great to see players from the North and North West of Tasmania joining in these sessions along with TBA members.

The ABF has started running an Australia Wide pairs competition on BBO every Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity to improve your bridge by playing against different people with a wide level of experience.

See you back at the Club soon!

Julie Rhodes

President, TBA

