

What's Happening at the TBA - June 2020

The TBA Committee met via ZOOM on Monday June 1st from 1.00pm.

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

The following matters were discussed :

COVID-19 Safety Plan – Getting back to the TBA!

We plan to resume running bridge at the TBA as soon as it is lawful to do so. This will be when Tasmania moves to Level 3 restrictions (indoor gatherings of 100). This is currently scheduled for mid July, but if the lifting of those restrictions is brought forward , we will reopen the club accordingly. The earliest potential date is Friday July 3rd.

In order to reopen the TBA we have had to devise and implement a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) informed by the guidelines issued by the Tasmanian Dept of Justice and Work Safe Tasmania. This has now been finalised and is available for perusal on the TBA web site ([here](#)).

I encourage you to read and familiarise yourself with the changes we have had to make due to COVID-19 restrictions. They involve all the usual considerations such as not attending if you are unwell, enhanced hygiene practices, safe physical distancing etc.

It will not be bridge as we used to know it for a while, but it will be bridge as we are required to play it whilst COVID-19 restrictions apply.

TBA/BBO Online Bridge

We are now running six TBA sponsored BBO sessions each week on Mondays (Rookies), Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10.00am, Fridays and Saturdays at 1.15pm and Mondays at 7.15pm.

Even though 190 people have registered for these sessions, some still have disappointing levels of participation. The TBA earns revenue from the money you pay to BBO to play in these sessions. We receive absolutely no revenue from StepBridge. Consequently I encourage you to support the TBA sessions when they are available – it is fun to play against familiar “faces” and the more players in each session, the better that session becomes.

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The ABF has started running an Australia Wide pairs competition on BBO every Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm. This is a great opportunity to play in a large field – last week it was 330 pairs. IF you want to play in this event you will need to update your ABF record to include your BBO user name (instructions on how to do this are [here](#). Don't assume this has already been done if you are playing in the TBA events.

Proposed TBA Club Extensions

The Tasmanian Community Fund has announced that it has received additional funding this year (due to the COVID-19 situation) for projects that are COVID-19 related, including the creation of new social spaces. The TBA is going to explore the possibility of obtaining some funding from the TCF in the July funding round to contribute towards our proposed extensions.

Bridge and Dinner?

We are considering running a new teams competition (to be held at the TBA on a Friday or Saturday night) next year whereby the "home" team makes dinner for the "away" team.

Main course might be served at 6.30pm. After playing the first 12 boards, dessert will be served, then the match will be completed. Teams will take turns in being designated "home" and "away". If you like the sound of this, talk to your friends about it and come up with a team of four people. We will be calling for entries later in the year.

Stay Safe and see you soon in a BBO session!

Julie Rhodes

President, TBA

