

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TBA – October 2021

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday October 12th from 3.30pm.

PARTICIPATING : J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs, S Edler, S Falkingham, I Bailey  
R Giles, J Grosvenor, K Marsden, E Gee, L Cooke

The following matters were discussed (updated to reflect recent changes due to the lockdown and government announcements):

### **Vaccination Requirements are coming!**

The ABF has issued a Policy Directive that from 2022, all participants in ABF Gold Masterpoint events will have to be fully vaccinated, unless they have a medical exemption. At the annual State meeting of affiliated TBA Clubs it was resolved to follow suit with the vaccination requirements for participation in State events also coming into force from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

The TBA Management Committee followed suit at its October meeting so from December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, when Tasmania's borders are planned to open, you will need to be fully vaccinated to attend the TBA unless you have a medical exemption. You should register your vaccination status via myABF and you may be asked to show your certificate by a Director or Committee member.

### **David Robinson Lessons – October and November**

David Robinson is continuing his series of lessons which will be suitable for improvers and above. You will need a reasonably sound grasp of bridge concepts to benefit from these. If you are an absolute beginner, better to wait another year before tackling these. You can attend one or all of them, just turn up:

Wednesday October 27 <sup>th</sup> 2.00pm	:	Intelligent Discards, Lead Directing Doubles
Wednesday November 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm	:	Matching Defence to Dummy, Defending with Tram Tickets

### **TBA Novice Pairs – Rescheduled to Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>**

The TBA Novice Pairs was impacted by the recent lockdown, and has now been rescheduled for Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event for all players with less than 25 Masterpoints (as at June 30<sup>th</sup>) and there is still time to enter. Entry is via the TBA booking system.

## **Individual Bridge – Starting Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

The TBA has been looking to utilise our Sunday Sessions in more interesting ways than just normal duplicate sessions. We have established the “Sunday Swiss” on the last Sunday of the month, “Social Sundays” on the second Sunday of the month, and now we have pleasure in announcing an “Individual” movement on the first Sunday of the month. Due to knock-on impacts of the lockdown, the inaugural session will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>. An individual movement is where you switch partners after each board or round. It is a good event for people without a regular partner to be able to just turn up for a fun session of bridge.

## **Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The annual Melbourne Cup extravaganza is on as usual on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 10.30am. Sweep tickets will be available from 10.05 What’s am for \$2 and \$5. Please bring correct change where possible as our change reserves are more limited now due to our now largely “cashless” bridge operations.

Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch which is around 12.30 – sandwiches and cake are preferred with the TBA providing some hot finger food and fruit to supplement member offerings. Cost is \$10 for the day which includes a glass of champagne, beer, wine or soft drink. Prizes will be awarded for best outfit, head gear and lucky door, as well as prizes for the bridge winners in a variety of categories.

Make sure you book via the TBA booking site as this event usually sells out. We will establish a waiting list in case of last minute cancellations.

## **Tasmanian Swiss pairs – November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

This important event will be held in Hobart over the weekend of November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It may be the first opportunity for many of our newer members to participate in a two day event, so try to enter if you can, even if you are a beginner. The Swiss movement will ensure that you “swiss” to your appropriate level and will be playing pairs who you can win against. It is a great opportunity to win some RED Master Points.

You should bring your own lunch, as well as a plate of food to share for Morning or Afternoon Tea. Entry is via MyABF.

## **A Tribute to Valerie Palk**

This has been postponed due to Valerie’s hospitalisation after a fall breaking her hip. Our thoughts are with Valerie and we wish her a speedy recovery.

## **Tasmania and the ANC**

For many years, Tasmania has sent teams to the mainland to participate in the Australian National Championships (ANC). This is at considerable expense to State Bridge, although this year the event is being held online which has saved a considerable sum. Concerns have been expressed by some, that this is a waste of money, and that perhaps we could send teams to other National mainland events instead. The State meeting in Launceston on Saturday decided that we would review Tasmania's future participation at the ANC and reconvene in Launceston at the 2022 Tasmanian Festival of Bridge to make a decision about this. Representatives at the State meeting have been asked to consult with their respective clubs over the next three months to prepare their own response to the review.

***Any TBA members who would like to make a submission on this issue are asked to do so before the December TBA Committee meeting. Please write or email your thoughts to the TBA or to any committee member.***

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