

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TBA – March 2022

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday March 8th from 3.30pm.

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

The following matters were discussed :

Tasmanian Festival of Bridge

There is still time to enter our annual premier bridge event which kicks off in Launceston on March 24th and runs for four days – 2 x two day events. As per ABF regulations, you will be required to show proof of vaccination on Thursday and Saturday mornings, prior to participating in the two events. We will need help to pack up tables, bidding boards and other equipment at the TBA on Wednesday March 23rd after the morning session, and also on Monday morning March 28th to unpack everything and restore the club to operating capability.

TBA sessions cancelled during TFoB

The TBA clubrooms will be closed during the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge, from the evening of Wednesday 23rd March to Sunday 27th March. The regular TBA sessions during this time will be cancelled. This includes Wednesday Evening Supervised, Thursday Morning, Thursday Afternoon, Friday Morning and Saturday Afternoon. This also impacts the Hobart City Bridge Club on the evening of Thursday 24th March. Regular sessions will resume on Monday 28th March.

COVID-19 Safety Plan – Increased distance between tables

With mandatory public health restrictions easing, the Committee will recommend to Directors that whenever possible, windows are open and that playing tables for each session be as widely spaced as possible. This will not only have the benefit of increased ventilation and increased social distancing, but will also prevent the transmission of information about hands during any post mortems at the table.

Surcharge for Red Masterpoints Removed

Since many members now pay their table money by voucher rather than cash it is inconvenient when required to pay that extra dollar for red master point events. After a cost benefit analysis by Malcolm Sherlock (our Masterpoints Secretary) we have decided to scrap the masterpoint surcharge, effective immediately.

Nominate for a Team!

Nominations are now open for participation in the Tasmanian Open, Women's and Senior's Teams at the ANC in Adelaide in July. Selection is based on your performances over the last twelve months, but you must nominate before the closing date in **mid March** to be considered. There are details on the notice board at the TBA.

Bring Your Grandchild to Bridge – Friday April 29th

From 2.00pm – 5.00pm on Friday April 29th, we are running a bridge afternoon for children of primary and secondary school age at the TBA. This will be a taster for them for trick taking card games and/or bridge if they are ready for it. There will be different activities for different experience levels. If there is sufficient interest, we will go on to run another series of Youth Bridge sessions. If you would like to help with the event, please let me know.

Bridge Weekends Away are Back!

Put this one in your diary! Over the weekend of August 6th and 7th the TBA will be conducting a new event called the Eastcoaster Pairs. It will be held at the beautiful Eastcoaster Resort in Orford. There will be two sessions on the Saturday and one on the Sunday with lunch and dinner on the Saturday included in the entry fee. Full details will be available soon.

AGM – 2022

The AGM is coming up on March 19th 2022. The meeting will commence at 12 noon followed by lunch (Please bring a plate of food to share). There will be FREE bridge after that for anyone who attended the AGM. Persons not attending the AGM but wishing to play will be charged normal table money.

Nominations have now closed and I am pleased to welcome those whom have nominated for the incoming committee :

President	Graeme Poulton
Vice President	Lynne Cooke
Secretary	Katherine Marsden
Treasurer	Ian Bailey
Committee	Julie Rhodes (ex officio as former President) Doug Bridge Sue Falkingham Hugh Grosvenor Pam Murphy Ian Ritchard

These positions are subject to ratification at the AGM.

I would formally like to thank all those committee members and volunteers who have assisted me during my three years as President of the TBA.

Julie Rhodes
President, TBA
March 2022