

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TBA – July 2021

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday July 13th from 3.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES : R Giles

The following matters were discussed :

Calendar Co-ordinator

It was resolved to formally thank Andrew Richman for his offer to take over from Jane Tyson as the Calendar Co-ordinator. The TBA will send a letter of thanks to him, and ask that affiliated club representatives liaise with him directly with regard to dates for any special events such as Club Congresses.

Teams of Three

The inaugural whole day Teams of Three event is to take place at the TBA on Sunday August 15th. The event will start at 9.30 am and everyone is asked to bring a plate of food to share for lunch and morning/afternoon tea. To enter, you must have fewer than 20 Masterpoints.

This event is a great opportunity for beginners to learn about playing Teams bridge, and to play with an experienced person. The format is that each of the inexperienced "Team of 3" members will take turns playing with their Captain.

I encourage anyone with fewer than 20 Masterpoints to enter. You can enter as a pair, individually, or as a Team of 3 via the TBA booking app.

Board a Match Teams

Another new State Event, this event is to be run in Launceston at the Tamar Bridge Club on the weekend of August 7th and 8th. The event starts at 10.30 am on the Saturday, so that Hobart players can drive up in the morning and stay just the one night in Launceston.

The unusual format of this event, is that each team either scores 2,1 or 0 for each board, depending on the result at their team mates' table. This format, means that all participants have a near equal opportunity of winning over the event as a whole.

If you'd like a weekend in Launceston with bridge as well, enter via MyABF. If you need help to do this, ask someone at the Club. Once your MyABF account is set up, you will be able to use it to enter all future state and national events.

Bert Forage Centenary Day of Bridge – September 12th

Bert Forage, our oldest member turns 100 shortly after this date. To celebrate Bert's passion for bridge, the TBA is conducting a special bridge event on Sunday September 12th from 1.00pm, so put the date in your diary.

Bridge will commence at around 1.15pm and will be an Individual Championship, with the Bert Forage Individual Trophy to be awarded for the first time at the conclusion of the event.

Name Badges

The TBA will provide a name badge, free of charge to any member who would like one. Wearing a name badge is helpful for new members, and a good thing to wear if you are visiting another club. If you would like one, email your name as you would like it to appear on the badge, and specify whether you would like a pin or magnet attachment.

Sessions under Review

It is the view of the Committee that at present, the Wednesday Improvers, Sunday Social and Roger's Teams sessions are not performing as well as they could be. Any feedback about these sessions or suggestions as to how to improve them would be appreciated by the Committee. Email us your thoughts!

Welcome Back Hugh!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Hugh Grosvenor back to the TBA. Hugh is a life member of the TBA and will be directing and playing at the club in the foreseeable future. Hugh is a bridge professional and is available for private coaching.

Julie Rhodes
President, TBA
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