

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TBA – February 2021

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday Feb 2nd from 3.30pm.

PARTICIPATING: J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs, M Sherlock, S Edler, K Marsden, I Bailey, G Poulton, P Timmins, S Falkingham, L Cooke

APOLOGIES: John Grosvenor, Edward Gee

The following matters were discussed:

Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs – April 9th–11th

All Members are encouraged to take advantage of the Early Bird rate for this event, and lodge their entries soon. It will be our Premier event for 2021 and due to our large influx of beginners, separate sections will be available for you, depending on your experience level. Entry forms are available at the TBA and you can also enter online

Defibrillator Training

This will be conducted by St John's at the TBA on a date to be announced. Any member will be able to attend the session if they wish to.

Improver's Training

Sue Falkingham is running Improver's lessons in February (Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings) and David Robinson will be running more in March. These will be held at the TBA on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm. More details on the web site.

Youth Bridge

The 2021 Youth program kicks off on Wednesday March 3rd from 4.00 pm – 6.00pm. This is a sixteen week program running across Terms 1 and 2 of the school year. It is designed for children of secondary school age, or upper primary and will incur a voluntary charge of \$ 40 for the sixteen weeks which includes specially prepared work books.

We have been liaising with local schools about this, but if you know any young people of the appropriate age, please register their details with me, or at the TBA and they will be welcome to join the program.

As a result of establishing this more comprehensive program, we have decided not to run the "Bring Your Grandchild to Bridge Day" in 2021.

Monday Night Bridge

Following ongoing requests regarding earlier commencement times, and a survey of Monday night participants, the Monday night session will commence at 7.15pm from Monday March 1st.

Online Bridge

The Tasmania Wide Pairs, continues to run successfully on Wednesday nights via BBO from 7.15 pm This is a red master point event and conditions have been varied by the ABF to allow interstate players who register for the event to also compete. This has made for some interesting events where players from WA, SA and Newcastle have competed. It is a good introduction to online bridge where you can play with friendly opponents from the TBA.

Bridge Etiquette - System Cards

Just a reminder that System Cards are a courtesy at normal TBA sessions but are mandatory for all Tournament events. The TBA has a supply of paper system cards available for Members' use (in the cupboards at the south-east corner of the club rooms) and you can also prepare one for your partnership using the member computer in the Vera Houdek Room.

Social Bridge

Social bridge has successfully commenced and will continue to be held on the second Sunday of the month at 1.15pm. Sue Falkingham will be directing and players are encouraged to bring a plate of food to share. Members are able to bring a visitor to participate, but all visitors must sign the COVID-19 Safety Plan undertaking, and comply with COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements. Normal table money is payable.

Sunday Swiss – Last Sunday of the Month (Other events permitting)

The first "Sunday Swiss" pairs event will be held on Sunday Feb 21st starting at 10:00am. The event will run all day, with people bringing their own lunch. Entry will be \$10 per player. This is a great opportunity for newer players to get some Swiss Pairs experience before the Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs in April.

Esteemed Members of our Club

As Bert Forage will be turning 100 this year, the TBA has decided to hold the Bert Forage Centenary Day of Bridge on Sunday September 12th. This will commence at 1.15pm and will feature an Individual movement so that as many people as possible can play with Bert!

The TBA will also conduct a formal recognition of the service of Valerie Palk on a day of her choosing. More details will be made available about this event as they become known.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Saturday March 20th from 12 Noon. At this meeting, all Committee positions will be declared vacant. If you would like to serve on the committee in any capacity, or volunteer for a job other than committee member, please complete a nomination form and place it in the box which will be out from march 1st. Nominations for Committee positions should be submitted by March 10th. The AGM will be followed by a session of bridge (free for AGM attendees). Members are also encouraged to bring a plate of food to share.

Julie Rhodes
President, TBA
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