

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TBA – March 2021

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday March 9th from 3.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Phil Timmins

The following matters were discussed:

Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs – April 9th – 11th – Special Prizes!

All Members are encouraged to enter this event, which is our Premier event for 2021 and for the first time ever, there will be THREE categories for less experienced players - Rookie, Novice and Restricted. Ron Klinger has entered along with many more top Australian players so it is an excellent opportunity to see top class bridge in action.

Travel subsidies of \$2,000 per pair are available for two Tasmanian restricted pairs to compete in the Australian National Championship (ANC) in Perth in July. These subsidies will be offered to the top two placed Tasmanian pairs in the TGSP Restricted Swiss Pairs. Competing in the ANC is always a great experience, and you can holiday in Perth at the same time!

Entry forms are available at the TBA and you can also enter online.

De-Fibrillator Training

This will be conducted by St John's at the TBA on Friday March 19th at 2.00pm. Any member will be able to attend the session but numbers are limited to 20. Please register via the TBA booking system if you wish to attend.

Improver's Training

David Robinson's lessons are currently running throughout March at the TBA on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm. More details on the web site.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Saturday March 20th from 12 Noon. Please bring a plate of food to share and your own TONGS! There will be free bridge afterwards for any one who attends the AGM. Please enter via the TBA booking system.

Teams of Three

The inaugural Day Time Teams of Three will be held on Sunday August 15th. This will be a two session event and replaces the previous Wednesday night event. Teams of three beginners will be captained an experienced player, and each member of the team will have a turn at playing with their Captain. There will be a shared lunch, so book this into your diary and organise your Team of Three!

Youth Bridge

Youth Bridge has started on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm. If there are any members' relatives who would like to join the class as an enthusiastic latecomer, I am prepared to tutor them privately to help them catch up.

Building Extensions

The progress of our Planning Application has been delayed due to a new requirement by HCC that a "Contaminated Land Report" be prepared by an accredited organisation and lodged with Council. The committee thoroughly investigated all avenues to avoid having to provide this report but it is a mandatory requirement which was not required when we built Stage 1 of the clubrooms. As our Planning Application cannot proceed without this report we have decided to accept the quote from Pitt & Sherry and asked them to prepare the report for us. The Management Committee is adopting a financially prudent approach to these extensions and they will not proceed without additional funding from another source such as a government grant or a bequest.

TBA Centenary – 2028

It was noted at the meeting that 2028 is the Centenary of the formation of the TBA. The committee resolved to host a special event that year, either the ANC or an expanded festival of Bridge as well as other special occasions.

A menu from the Jubilee Dinner held at the Swan Motor Inn at Swansea on 18th June 1978, brough much mirth, featuring items such as No Trump Soup, Redouble Chicken with Revoke, Matchpoint Steak with Finesse, Grand Slam Turkey with Blackwood Sauce and Texas Fruit Salad with Pre-emptive.

Anyone who has any historical records or memorabilia are asked to lend them to the TBA so we can copy them for reasons of posterity.

Anyone who would like to join a Centenary Sub-Committee to help plan and implement our Centenary is also welcome to make themselves known to the Committee.

Hoping to see you at the AGM!

Julie Rhodes
President, TBA
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