

# TBA Updates - June 2022

## **No Partner Required**

All regular TBA sessions now cater for members to come without a partner. Such players will be matched with other available players or will play with the Director. This will not be available for any regular session in which there is one or more pre-entered section (eg a Monday evening session where a pre-entered event is taking place in one section).

## **More RealBridge Taster Sessions**

Sue Falkingham will be running another series of RealBridge taster sessions. RealBridge is an online bridge platform that is being used by the TBA and the ABF for some events. It uses video and audio to provide an online experience as close to face-to-face bridge as possible. These sessions give an opportunity for people who have not tried RealBridge yet to give it a go and play a few boards.

Taster sessions will be held on Sunday 26 June and Thursday 30 June. We aim to start playing at about 7:30pm, but players can log in from 7:00pm onwards to give some time to sort out any access issues. To take part in a session click on the link that will be posted on the TBA website home page shortly before the start of the session.

The taster sessions are free and a partner is not required.

## **East Coaster Pairs**

The East Coaster Pairs event is coming up on the weekend of 6-7 August.

Use the MyABF application to enter yourself and your partner in the event. You can also enrol yourself for the dinner and pay for your own dinner in this way. In order to get a dinner ticket for your partner, you need to add a comment in the comments field of the dinner entry event, then pay \$42 to the TBA directly. Use the reference EC, then the person's name who is attending the dinner. For example, write the words 'EC Dinner Smith' in the bank reference field when you pay the \$42.

If entering using the paper entry form, please make your payment to a Director when submitting your entry form (cash, cheque or credit card), or via EFT. Please note that payment via credit card can only be done by using the card with the 'Albert' terminal at the club, not by providing credit card details on the entry form.

There is still plenty of accommodation available for that weekend. The easiest way of accessing this and getting the 5% discount is to phone the venue on 03 6257 1172 and tell them that you are coming for the bridge event.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements**

Consistent with changes in ABF policy for national events, it is no longer a requirement for players at the TBA to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All players are now welcome at the TBA regardless of vaccination status. We continue to ask players to not attend the club if unwell.

### **Social Bridge at the TBA**

Since returning from the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown the TBA has been running monthly social bridge sessions on a Sunday afternoon. These sessions have now been discontinued due to decreased demand.