

# "The Bridge News"



## Dear Club Members,

Hoorah, it's that time of year again...or is it? Wouldn't it be nice to be allowed out to share a drink or two with our friends! Maybe soon...fingers crossed.

Thanks to those who participated in the three free RealBridge trials during September...it was an interesting experience. The bridge playing part went fine for the most part, but some of us experienced varying issues with the consistency and reliability of the 'live' video and audio communications. Nevertheless it was certainly the closest to 'real bridge' that we have been able to get online.

Congratulations to the winners of the GNOT club qualifying event run recently on RealBridge:

1st—Alan Bustany, Chris Williams, Di Coats, Jan Clarke

2nd—Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster, Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hasemore

3rd—Sue Morris, Christine Hadaway, Noel & Shirley Crockett

Bridge at the BWBC clubroom is proposed to re-commence on, or soon after Monday 11th October. *Central Coast Council has advised we must wait for them to be satisfied that the Centre is in a satisfactory state to re-open.* A brief additional newsletter will be sent out once we have the Council's confirmation that the Centre is open.

It is not yet clear what restrictions will be imposed after the lockdown is lifted, but we are presuming the 4sq m rule, and masks to be worn.

We have both rooms (2 x 96 sqm) on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; and just the one room on Wednesday morning and Tuesday & Saturday afternoons.

As you were advised in the previous bulletin, club policy is that entry to the clubroom will be permitted only after proof of full vaccination has been provided. Be sure to arrive 15-30min before start time to avoid delays due to processing.

All our regular sessions will run as before: 12:30 pm Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat afternoons; 1:00 pm Wed afternoon (soft duplicate); and 9:20 am Wednesday.

We plan to run Monday afternoons as two sections - Open and "Novice under 70 MPt". Introduction of this novice section will be conditional on 3 tables of eligible players attending. If not it will be run as a single open session. Novice players get yourselves organised !!

\*\*\* All newer players...the Supervised Session with Christine will commence at 10am on Friday 15th October.

We plan to launch resumption of *face to face* with a flurry of special events in the first few weeks (R = red point event)

- ◇ Mon 18th Oct Labour Day Pairs (R)
- ◇ Wed 20th Oct Spring Pairs (open AM & novice PM session) (R)
- ◇ Tue 26th Oct Oktoberfest Pairs (R)
- ◇ Thu 28th Oct Eric Gibson Teams (R) ..12:00 start
- ◇ Sat 30th Oct Halloween Pairs (R)
- ◇ Thu 11th Nov Remembrance Day Pairs (R)
- ◇ Mon 22nd Nov AGM Pairs (R)
- ◇ Wed 27th Oct & 3rd Nov (PM) Novice Pairs Club Championship
- ◇ Mon 1st & 8th Nov Open Pairs Club Championship (R)
- ◇ Mon 15th Nov Upside Down Pairs

Under the 4sq m rule there is an upper limit for entries .. pre-entry is required to avoid over-subscription.

**Online pre-entry is encouraged and recommended for these special events** - the link is on the club website homepage (just below the *Coming Events* calendar).

The 2021 BWBC AGM will be held on Monday 22nd November at 11:00am in the clubrooms. All Committee positions will be vacated and a new committee will be elected from the nominations received. A nomination form has been attached to this email in which Committee positions have been listed. Nominations, which close on Monday 8 November should be returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary (Graham Woof). A formal notice of AGM will be forwarded to members under separate cover in the coming days.

To keep us challenged and engaged your next 'bridge puzzle' has been attached, courtesy of George Boettiger.

Stay safe, get the jab and enjoy your bridge.

Graham

