

## **Reopening Information**

We're pleased to tell you that our Club will reopen on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. For the first few weeks we will have some restrictions in place to protect the health of our members, since most of us are in the age group that is most vulnerable to COVID. We hope that it won't be long before we can relax these restrictions, but until then we expect everyone to help us maintain a COVID-safe environment.

A fundamental rule is that if you are feeling unwell or have any of the COVID symptoms such as sniffles, sneezes or coughs, or if you have had contact with someone displaying such symptoms, **YOU MUST STAY AWAY.**

Initially the Club will be open only on Monday to Friday afternoons for games starting at 12.30pm and on Saturday morning for a 9.00am start. All games will be for green points. Members only – no visitors allowed. All sessions will be unrestricted sessions – there will be no Masterpoint restrictions. In order to minimise handling of cash, please bring the exact table money so that the director does not have to issue change.

You must arrive at the Club at least 15 minutes before starting time so that you have enough time to sanitise and get ready for the game. When you arrive you will find that the main door is closed and you have to enter through the al fresco area into the tea room. Follow the signs to ensure that you maintain sufficient distance from others. Before you enter the tea room your temperature will be checked and if you have a reading of 38° or higher you will not be allowed to enter. Once you have approval to enter you must sanitise your hands and then move immediately to a table and take a seat. Where guidelines are provided on the floor, you must ensure that your chair does not encroach beyond those lines. You must also sit back in the chair and not lean on the table.

At the beginning of every round and before touching the cards everyone must use the hand sanitiser that is available on each table. Remember that effective use of sanitiser requires you to use plenty of it and rub your hands until they are dry – not to wipe it off with a tissue. If you wear gloves you must still follow the sanitising procedures to ensure that your gloves remain clean.

North is the only person allowed to touch the Bridgmate. Without touching the Bridgmate, East or West should check that the score has been entered correctly and then North will press the confirmation button or call the Director.

Everyone will use the same bidding box for all rounds. When the director announces the change you should take your bidding box and move promptly to the next table, avoiding contact with other players. Before touching the cards at the next table you must sanitise your hands again.

At the end of the day's play North must sanitise the Bridgmate with the wipes provided.

In order to minimise close contact between members there will not be a formal tea break and the bar will not be opened. Only a limited number of seats will be available in the tea room and al fresco area, spaced to conform to distancing rules. Please do not move chairs closer together.

Water and disposable cups will always be available but there will not be any tea or coffee or biscuits. If you want them, bring your own – not forgetting that any cups taken into the playing area must have a screw lid and an effective spill proof closure.

Time will be made available for toilet breaks.

**Directors are authorised to require persons who do not follow these rules to leave the premises.**

We understand that some members may feel uncomfortable about returning to the Club at this stage and some may choose to wear masks when they attend. Our intention is that if all goes well

over the next few weeks we will be able to return to something like normal playing conditions – although we expect that the emphasis on hygiene will remain for the foreseeable future. We hope to be able to resume Lyndall Steed's Tuesday evening supervised sessions and Bill Symons Wednesday workshops very soon.

We will be doing other things that you won't notice between events to maintain a COVID-safe environment, including extra cleaning and sanitising of surfaces and rotation of cards and boards to ensure their cleanliness.

For further information contact any member of the Management Committee.

**Summary Points**

- Stay away if unwell
- Members only
- Bring correct money
- BYO tea, coffee, biscuits & cups
- Keep your distance from others
- Avoid physical contact with others
- Sanitise, sanitise, sanitise