

Dear Members

Thank you to those who responded to the survey we carried out about returning to face to face play. It was very informative and has helped form the way we now wish to progress.

All that follows assumes that the government restrictions come off as planned on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Our intention is to return to face to face play on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the afternoon and evening. The survey suggested that there are enough members wanting to do this to make it viable.

We have carried out a risk assessment based on a pro forma from the EBU and the following modus operandi takes this into account.

One of the elements of most concern to members was the ventilation in the room. It would be our intention to play with both ceiling vents open, the fire door at the end of the room open and the main door. This may be uncomfortably cool for some members but it is the least worse option. (Many of us have after all been eating out in chilly pub gardens recently!)

The cards will be prepared in a hygienic manner. I will sanitize my hands and wear gloves when handling the cards and cases. Cards will be prepared at least 72 hours before play to allow any virus which somehow got onto the cards to die.

Members are not to come to the club if they show any symptoms of the virus with which I'm sure we are now all familiar, or have been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive or is awaiting the results of a test. Many members suggested we insist that returning members should be vaccinated. We would hope that each one of you take a responsible attitude to this and think very carefully about the health of yourself and others before coming to play.

Members will be asked to sanitize their hands on entering the room and those setting up the room beforehand will be particularly careful about this. Inevitably we will be sitting closer to each other than the recent social distancing recommendations. However we should avoid gathering in close groups at the beginning or end of the session.

Members will not be required to wear facemasks, but of course may do so if they wish.

We will play Mitchell movements whenever possible to minimise movement and ask that only North touches the card carriers to minimise the handling of cards and carriers. We will have two separate groups of bidding card carriers, one for the afternoon and one for the evening. Members moving tables will be asked to take their bidding cards with them as they move tables.

Initially we will not be having any refreshments so members should bring whatever they need for the afternoon/evening with them.

Table money ( £2 ); members are asked to bring the exact table money and place this in a receptacle that will be provided for each table.

It would be very helpful to us if by replying to this email you could let us know if you are intending to return to play on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and whether you can be a scorer, duty manager or director. Please reply to : [chairman@briterbridge2.org.uk](mailto:chairman@briterbridge2.org.uk).

Best wishes

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