

KINGSTON SEYMOUR BRIDGE CLUB RETURN TO F-to-F BRIDGE

We plan to return to face to face sessions on Tuesday evening 7th September. The committee have undertaken a risk assessment based on current government and EBU guidelines. Please can you read through our plan and guidance.

The Plan

Management of bridge sessions

We will for the first month, expect people to email us to let us know if they will be attending. This is to ensure we control numbers and avoid overcrowding. Please email Liz Hale at emhale@globalnet.co.uk prior to attending.

Access/flow of people

There will be controlled entry via the front doors, which will be clearly labelled. The skittle players attending the hall will be expected to use the side entrance. To avoid congestion, members are requested not to congregate in the entrance prior to playing.

To minimise crowding, please park away from the hall car park, such as in the church car park. Obviously this is only for those who are fit and able to do so. Again, if possible, please leave outside clothing in your car.

There will be a separate exit on leaving through the patio doors; again this will be clearly labelled.

To minimise risk of infection members are requested to take reasonable care when interacting with other members throughout their visit. Members should minimise the number, proximity and duration of social contacts. Face masks to be worn when entering and moving around the hall.

Table Layout/Session Management

We will space the tables out as far as possible to make the most of the available room. There will be no table coverings and the tables will be sprayed/wiped before use. Boards will be transferred between tables during the session. Each person will be given a bidding box at the start of the session and will be expected to continue using just that one for the remainder of the session. If people own **their own** bidding box they are invited to bring that along to use instead.

Bridgemates will be cleaned prior to each session and only North at each table will be allowed to touch them. East will be expected to give verbal permission for each board result to be approved.

We will be using a Mitchell movement so that North and South remain seated throughout the play.

The cards will be handled but we ask that people use gel after playing the hands.

Kitchen/Refreshments

The kitchen will be closed and out of bounds to members. No refreshments will be provided, no cups or glasses. Members are invited to provide their own. On some club nights the bar may be open and then drinks will be available and may be purchased.

Payment of Table Money

No cash will be accepted. Our treasurer, Patricia Ewing, will continue to collect the money via bank transfer/cheque as per the process being used for RealBridge payments. This is where the money is paid in advance and the table money is automatically drawn down when you play sessions on line or face to face at the club.

Cleanliness /Health and Safety

We expect only those members who are double vaccinated or have a medical exemption should attend the club. Please do not come to the club if you feel unwell or have a temperature.

The management of the hall are responsible for the cleaning of toilets and surfaces, but where ever possible we will provide additional antibacterial gel /spray at the entrance doors, at the tables. We ask that you bring your own gel as well to use too. Please ensure you use gel on entering the hall and repeat regularly during the evening.

We recommend that the disabled toilet in the Foyer is used, as the other toilets will be used by the skittle players.

Windows will be opened to improve air flow. We are not insisting on face masks being worn whilst sitting at the tables but if players are worried they can do and we hope those that aren't will do if requested by others at their table.

Your committee have undertaken a health and safety risk assessment and will continue to update our guidance depending on any further government advice. Whilst we do our utmost to ensure covid safety, people must use their own judgement regarding their covid risks and decide if they are able to attend . The hall itself has been redecorated and new doors and windows installed and all is looking lovely. We are all really looking forward to returning to face to face bridge and seeing everyone again.

Kingston Seymour BC Committee August 2021