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Dear Sheila

We wrote to you on 1st September about the active work the Greystones Bridge Centre Board was doing to enable our safe return to bridge in our Centre.

We are delighted to announce that, with the enormous help of your committees, we will be returning to live bridge, in our clubs, in our Bridge Centre from Monday 28th September 2020.

In the HSE guidelines 'the game of bridge in the COVID - 19 era' they state that '**risk can only be minimised but not eliminated**'. However using our risk assessment tool and all our Bridge Centre protocols which we will deliver to our committees in 3 training sessions next week we will all seek to minimise as much risk as possible.

Each of the 3 training sessions for club committees will give them:

1. The overall Risk Assessment for the Bridge Centre
2. A breakdown of all the duties - before bridge, during bridge and after bridge which the committee must follow to ensure the centre is safe for playing bridge.
3. An introduction to the **online pre-booking facility on each club website**. Committees will facilitate the taking of pre-entries by phone also.

Each member returning to the centre will firstly be given a wholehearted and sincere welcome back.

You will be given various advice from your committees regarding:

- 1) Each member returning to in person bridge will be required to complete and sign a **self-declaration form** before you play in a club. This declaration will be maintained for possible contact tracing purposes. Under specific regulations these forms may be retained without breaching GDPR regulations.
- 2) Maintain hand hygiene through hand washing with hot water and soap, and the use of hand sanitisers. Sanitiser dispensers are placed on the walls around the bridge rooms and corridors or use your own personal sanitiser.

3) Each member will be required to buy a bidding box on your 1st visit to the Centre, cost €8, and bring it with you every night. No spare bidding boxes will be available.

4) Wear a mask when entering, leaving or moving around the Centre away from your playing table.

5) bring a small personal bottle of sanitiser with you, for use after you play EVERY board.

6) Follow all respiratory hygiene regulations regarding coughing and sneezing.

7) To prevent congregation of members together and to reduce the risk of cross infection - there will be no tea/coffee/water available in the Centre for the moment. In the interim members may wish to bring a water bottle with them and remember to take it home again!

Despite all these warnings and new rules, bridge will be the same - you know..... great night, nightmare night but all played with friends you can actually see and chat to without challenging your typing skills!!! And bridge will again become our plan for the evening to escape yet another rerun of some ancient series on TV.

So your committee will be in touch shortly to explain their procedures to welcome back their members as we say Hello to in person bridge, and farewell to BBO and its wandering robots.

Kind regards

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Chairperson