

Re-opening of Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club for “Face to Face” sessions from 17 May in accordance with Step 3 of the Government Guidance

1. Commencing with Friday 21 May, Friday afternoon sessions will be held similar to those in September/October last year with two rounds of 20 boards.
2. Registration on the TWBC website will be required in advance of the session.
3. Scores will be entered onto a scoresheet for each table and will be manually input into the scoring system after the session and uploaded to the website but not sent to the EBU.
4. Opinions will be sought from the players with regard to a second afternoon session on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

ARRANGEMENTS PUT IN PLACE BEFORE THE SESSION

1. The premises will be Covid-Safe and will be fully sanitised as appropriate. This will include light switches/doorknobs and all chairs.
2. All of the toilets will have been thoroughly sanitised.
3. The ventilation system covering the CT and DH rooms will be set to maximum. The system forces an equivalent volume of fresh air into the rooms every 10 minutes.
4. The air-conditioning equipment will be permanently switched off.
5. All interior doors for facilities in use will be in an open position.
6. There will be several alcohol-based hand gel stations for volunteers and members.
7. The NHS Covid-19 QR Code will be displayed in a prominent position for scanning by those players with the NHS Covid-19 App to check in. As a back-up, a list of players with telephone numbers will be kept for Test and Trace purposes.

INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS

1. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SUPERVISING VOLUNTEERS AND THE DIRECTOR AT ALL TIMES. THE DIRECTOR IS IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF ANY BRIDGE MOVEMENT DURING THE SESSION AND, WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING IN MIND, WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING IS VACATED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION TO KEEP YOU SAFE.
2. Do not attend if you have any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms which could possibly be related to Covid-19. If you have already booked and are not attending, please let Rosemary know as soon as possible (07849 455756). Attendance is at your own risk.
3. Avoid close contact with others except members of your household.
4. Please arrive at the Club no later than 1pm. Players arriving by car should leave their coats and other non-essential personal items in their car, if possible. If this is not possible, there will be space provided in the two upstairs rooms and chairs placed at 2m distance to be used for coats and personal items to be stored on an individual basis. For those players who are unable to go upstairs, the downstairs cloakroom can be used but social distancing should be kept in mind and the first available hook used whilst making no contact with adjacent coats. Under no circumstances are coats or other spare items of clothing allowed in the two bridge rooms.
5. Your temperature will be taken as you enter the building - anyone showing a temperature above 38.0c will be asked to leave.
6. Hand sanitiser will be provided in the lobby which must be used before entering the main hall.
7. There may be some queuing involved in checking-in at the reception desk. Follow the arrows and distance markers at all times and move forward when the next space is available.
8. The bar/bar lounge will not be available.
9. Refreshments will not be provided but players may bring their own food and drink along to the session – to be taken and consumed at their allocated table. Please take any used packaging etc. home with you after the session.
10. The cold-water drinks dispenser will not be in use but a free bottle of still water will be provided for each player and placed at the table.
11. On entry to the CT room, at the manned reception desk, please make payment for the session by yellow ticket (put your name on the back, please) or contactless card. Only Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

12. Tables and positions at the table will have been pre-arranged and, after checking-in, you will be directed to your allocated place. The list of players with telephone numbers will be used for Test and Trace purposes and the lists must be kept for at least 21 days. Make sure that you have your membership number for scoring (the list of players will also include membership numbers in case they are needed). Collect your personal sanitised bidding box and scorecard from the reception desk and follow the directional arrows to your allocated table always observing the social distancing guidelines. All bidding boxes should remain with the player throughout the session and should be taken by the East/West players if they move to another table. The individual bidding cards should only be handled by the player “owning” the box and must not be handed to any other player. Please return your bidding box to the box on the table in the DH room at the end of the session.
13. Instead of a single bridge table, a block of four tables is being used in order to cover the 2m distancing requirement. Each table will have:
 - 1 Alcohol based hand sanitiser
 - 1 Surface cleansing spray for the PVC cloth
 - Paper towels for drying
 - 1 Fabric cleansing spray for the chairs
 - 1 small swing-top bin for disposal of used paper towels and used scorecards etc.
14. PVC table covers are being used which, if required, can be easily sanitised using the surface cleansing spray and chairs can be sanitised with the fabric cleansing spray. If moving to the next table, East/West should sanitise their individual tables and chairs again.
15. When arriving at the bridge table, North players will find a case of duplimated boards on their side table and also a pair of disposable gloves to be used when handling the boards. North will be responsible for placing each board on the table and players should only touch their side of the board when removing and replacing the cards in the appropriate slot. After each session, the boards and cards will go into isolation for a minimum of 5 days.
16. Once at the bridge table, face masks can be removed but must be worn again whenever you are away from the table. It is recommended that you stay at the bridge table as much as possible to avoid any conflicts on social distancing.
17. Toilets - using the men’s/ladies and disabled toilet gives 3 unisex cubicles for use downstairs and there is a further unisex toilet available upstairs if required. Only one person allowed in each toilet area at any one time. If necessary, please form an orderly queue with social distancing and wait for a cubicle to become vacant. A sanitising spray and paper cloth will be in the cubicles to wipe down after use. Please leave the door open when you leave the cubicle and wash your hands both before and after use.