

## York Bridge Club

### Plan for Reopening our Bridge Club at Holgate Road

The below plan will be implemented now the Trustees agree the Bridge Club can be reopened. It will be subject to review on an ongoing and periodic basis taking account of government and EBU guidance.

The plan is presented under 7 headings as follows: -

#### Availability/ Management of Bridge Sessions

When the Club reopens:

- For the first 2 weeks we will be giving priority to those members who have not played online, with the Club or elsewhere.
- In those 2 weeks we will offer 2 bridge sessions.
- They will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoon starting at 1pm..
- To minimise the risk of infection each session will be limited to 24 members (6 tables).
- To control numbers a booking system will operate. You will not just be able to turn up on the day without pre-booking in advance.
- To minimise movements in sessions the TD will only use a Mitchell movement. This means members sitting north (N) or south (S) will remain at the same table throughout the session with only East West moving.
- When booking, members may opt to sit either NS or EW if they have a preference.
- A list of players will be compiled for each session, so we know which members we expect to attend, together with any preferences they have.
- To assist with partner finding there will be a nominated host for each session. This means you can book to attend a session in the full knowledge you will be guaranteed a game. If an even number attend without a partner they will be partnered with each other. An odd number means the host will get a game.
- You can of course attend with your normal partner if both names are on the booking list.
- The Club will continue to offer online bridge without any changes to the current programme, even when the Club has reopened. You will therefore have a choice between face to face or online bridge, or you can opt to play both.

Unfortunately bridge lessons and assisted play sessions will not be available.

#### Access/ Managing the Flow of People

When the Club reopens:

- There will be controlled entry at the front door in the event of any congestion. Members are requested not to congregate in close proximity to the playing room entrance.
- The building cannot be accessed using the fire exit.
- To minimise the risk of infection members are requested to take reasonable care when interacting with other members throughout their visit to the Club.
- Members should minimise the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.

### Table Layout/ Session Management

When the Club reopens:

- We have configured a table layout which allows for 6 tables and makes the most of available space.
- Each person will have an allocated small table.
- There will be no table coverings.
- Boards will be transferred between tables during each session.
- The normal protocol for bidding boxes will be observed. There will be no need to move bidding boxes between tables.
- Bridgemates will continue to be used but will be thoroughly cleaned after each session. They must only be handled by the person in the north seat.
- East will be expected to give verbal permission for each board result to be approved.

### Kitchen/ Refreshments

When the Club reopens:

- The kitchen will be closed and out of bounds to members.
- No refreshments will be provided, and no cups or glasses.
- Members are invited to provide their own refreshments.
- You will be expected to place them on the side table allocated to you.

### Payment of Table Money

The Club recommends that all members use the cashless interface which has already gone live at the Club since 17<sup>th</sup> May. This uses a member's bank account where you pay money into the account in advance. By using this process table money is automatically drawn down when you play an online or face to face session at the Club.

As an alternative the Club has also successfully trialled the use of a card reader so when the Club reopens:

- Table money can also be collected by debit/ credit card.
- The table money amount is pre-set on the card reader and can be collected using contactless technology.
- You will be expected to swipe your own card on the card reader. There will be no cash collected on the premises.

### Cleanliness/ Health & Safety

We expect only those members who are double vaccinated or have a medical exemption should attend the Club.

We politely ask you not to attend the Bridge Club if you are running a temperature or are feeling unwell.

When the Club reopens:

- The Bridge Club will have been thoroughly deep cleaned.
- The playing room and Bridgemates will be cleaned after each session.
- We expect and recommend that face coverings are worn throughout your attendance at the Club. All players should respect the wishes of others who may feel uncomfortable if you do not wear a face covering. We hope you will be willing to wear a face covering because the playing room is a confined space.
- A supply of face masks will be held at the Club although you are encouraged to bring your own.
- Hand sanitisers will be available at every table and by the doors.
- You will be expected to sanitise your hands when entering the premises and to repeat this as necessary whilst on Club premises.
- You need to be especially careful when using the toilets and will be expected to leave the toilets as you find them.
- Antibacterial wipes will be available in the toilets.
- The air conditioning will not be in use at any time.
- We will be reliant on open doors and windows to improve the flow of air. We will do our best to ensure members can enjoy a comfortable playing environment with a reasonable flow of air.

### Promoting Confidence

When the Club reopens you have to feel confident about attending: We hope the procedures and protocols we have put in place will give you confidence that safeguarding your health and safety in these difficult times it being taken seriously. Some of the measures we are taking may not be popular with everybody, but they are being implemented with one aim in mind - the protection of all members from the risk of transferring and catching coronavirus.

We have also drafted and issued a summary of best practice coronavirus procedures to all members which will supplement and should be read in conjunction with the above Club coronavirus policies and procedures. It will be consistent with government guidance and will include common sense advice which you should already be familiar with.

The Club already has a Health and Safety Register. This is being updated and will be regularly reviewed to ensure it adequately takes account of coronavirus and its associated risks. The Club will carry out a full Health and Safety risk assessment before it reopens.

Finally, members will become more confident in the procedures put in place if other members attending sessions are seen to be complying with and behaving in the

spirit of the procedures we have put in place. We all have a responsibility to manage the risks and ensure all of us stay safe.

The Trustees are very aware that we have a duty of care to members and need to ensure that the return to play is as safe as possible. The aim is to ensure members enjoy playing bridge whilst also feeling confident their best interests are being fully considered.