



MY ABF FOR CLUBS

To all ABF affiliated clubs

The ABF's new technology platform "My ABF" has just been launched. This gives players a personal ABF account they can login to. Over time this will grow to be their main online interaction for all bridge activities and allow them to:

- Manage personal details
- View masterpoints
- View, enter, and pay for bridge events
- See announcements from the ABF, States and Clubs.
- Participate in bridge discussion forums
- View results

Over the next couple of years the platform is also going to expand to include:

- Wider payments capabilities (e.g. for club duplicate sessions as well as congresses)
- Masterpoint module (most of the functions currently operated in the separate masterpoint centre website)
- Scoring module (for club duplicates and congress events)
- Separate areas for Teachers and Directors

The existing online entry/payment system originally developed by Peter Busch is no longer being maintained and this system will replace it. When major national events start up again, they will be listed here and players will need to enter & pay for them just like they have done with eWay.

What is the benefit for clubs?

The main one is the ability to take online payments from players for bridge events you are running (whether face to face or online). The ABF now has a common merchant facility that any club can make use of – there is no need to set up your own facility to accept online payments.

For a bridge event the system allows you to:

- Generate a webpage listing for your event
- Accept and manage online entries from players
- Accept and manage payments (online and offline) from players. Online payments are made via the ABF "Bridge credits" system which removes the need to set up your own facility to accept online payments. Entry fees are credited to the club's own "Bridge Credits" account which are then reimbursed to the club from the ABF (less a 2% charge for transaction fees/admin costs).

In future clubs will also be able to manage your membership lists and accept online payment from players for club sessions – allowing you to run bridge without any cash if you want.

There is no charge to players or clubs for the system (it is managed and maintained by the ABF) – the only charge is for credit card transaction costs when used for bridge events.

What can I do now?

We are looking for clubs to run some initial events through the system.

We can help you with all aspects initially - setting up and listing the event, managing the entries and the payments.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Julian Foster at julian.foster@abf.com.au.

More information

There are several videos available on YouTube at the link below. These will be expanded but they currently include:

- For players - an overview of the system
- For players - an overview of entering & paying for a congress
- For congress conveners – setting up and managing the congress website
- For congress conveners – managing event entries and payments

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDCXnNFEGEmIBeL-IX9x8Hn1OTc83Hgj>