

## Table Fee Increase

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

The Committee has deemed it necessary to increase table fees from 1 February 2021 by \$2.00 to \$7.00 due to the financial situation it finds itself in due to the COVID19 crisis.

This FAQ sheet seeks to answer some questions that members may have regarding the increase. This list will grow as more questions are posed by members.

Q Why can't we just use the building fund of some \$200,000?

Ans These funds are earmarked to provide for the future upgrade or replacement of the CCBC Clubhouse. It would be unwise to use these funds for the day to day running of the Club.

**Q** I can't afford it.

Ans Social pursuits by people in this demographic such as golf, bowls and croquet are substantially more expensive on average than bridge. At \$7.00 per 3 hours of entertainment (approx) bridge is still a relatively inexpensive option.

**Q** Will fees increase again in the near future?

Ans As future income is uncertain in the present environment, we will be monitoring the need for further increases in table fees as the 2021/22 financial year progresses.

Q Will visitor table fees also increase on 1 February 2021?Ans Yes. Visitors will pay \$10 per session to play at CCBC.

**Q** What will red point events cost players?

Ans Members will pay \$7 per session for red point events and visitors will pay \$10 per session.

**Q** I purchase game vouchers so what will that cost me now?

Ans Vouchers for 10 games will cost \$63.00 for members which means a saving of \$.70 per session or one session for free.

**Q** What justification is there to increase table fees?

Ans Please refer to emails forwarded to members and our website at <a href="https://www.centralcoast.bridge-club.org/">https://www.centralcoast.bridge-club.org/</a> on the top right hand side. In summary, COVID19 has impacted the Club and operational costs have risen considerably.

**Q** Is our new table fee comparable to other bridge clubs?

Ans Please refer to our research on a snapshot of other bridge clubs in the city and regional, eg:

Newcastle Bridge Club: \$8 for members and \$10 for visitors Gold Coast Bridge Club: \$8 for members and \$10 for visitors Toronto Bridge Club: \$7 for members and \$9 for visitors

Hunters Hill Bridge Club: \$10 for members and \$12 for visitors North Shore Bridge Club: \$12 for members and \$15 for visitors Peninsula Bridge Club: \$7 for members and \$12 for visitors