

QCBC is transitioning to a new system of paying for club sessions. Currently, games are paid for using either cash or vouchers. We are moving to the system developed by the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF), and it will require members to establish a MyABF account.

The MyABF account operates similarly to a Go Card, or to a toll account - you put money into the account, preferably with Auto Top up enabled. Whenever you play bridge, \$8 (\$4 for youth) will be automatically deducted from your MyABF account. If you have Auto Top up enabled, when the balance of your account falls below \$20, it will automatically replenish from your credit/debit card. If Auto Top up is not enabled, you can manually add funds to your account.

The advantages of the new system are as follows:

- No need to purchase vouchers or worry about remembering to bring vouchers or cash to bridge
- No need to worry about losing vouchers
- Significant reduction in volunteer effort/hours for the club - reconciliation is automatic, no managing vouchers, less cash/banking
- No cost to you in bank fees and charges.

Any vouchers you have once we switch to the new system are not wasted. You can hand them in to the office and we will transfer equivalent bridge credits (One bridge credit is equal to \$1) to your MyABF account. Please also note that while it is not the preferred method, the club will continue to accept cash as payment for sessions.

Currently (24 June), the Thursday morning session has transitioned to the new system. This has been successful with members enjoying being able to sit down and play without having to pay with vouchers or cash.

We are planning to transition our other sessions starting in mid July.

If you don't already have a MyABF account, then you can set this up yourself by following the instructions below.

1. Go to <https://www.myabf.com.au/view>, and select "Sign Up" (top right hand side of the screen)
2. Enter your ABF number, email address and a password - must be at least 8 characters, select "Sign Up"
3. You should receive an Activation email from MyABF - select "Activate Account"

Once you have created your account, you will need to add some money to it. This can be done as either a "Top Up" or you can set up Auto Top Up. Instructions for Auto Top Up are given below.

1. Login to your MyABF account.
2. Select "Bridge Credits" from the menu on the left hand side of the screen. (If you are doing this on a phone, you'll need to select the three bars at the top of the screen first.)
3. Select "Auto Top up" and change to ON.
4. Select your top up amount - defaults to \$100, but you can just set it to \$50 if you wish
5. Enter your credit / debit card details, and select "Save Card"

If you prefer to manually top up your account instead of using Auto Top Up,

1. Login to your MyABF account.
2. Select "Bridge Credits" from the menu on the left hand side of the screen. (If you are doing this on a phone, you'll need to select the three bars at the top of the screen first.)
3. Click on Top Up Balance.
4. Enter the amount and your credit / debit card details and select Top Up.

If you need help with setting up your MyABF account or with topping up, please see Toni at the club. Alternatively, please phone Chris Newbery 0412 427 748 who will be happy to help you set up over the phone.

Regards,
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