

Dear Members,

I write to you with the unfortunate reminder that we must keep ourselves in accord with the current set of COVID restrictions. Under these circumstances we must take further steps to protect our staff and Members alike by reducing mixing and mingling. As the next set of restrictions will not come before 23rd December we have decided to amend the organization according to today's rules. Should they change again we may have to take further actions.

All our club organized events at the main clubhouse, will be limited to a maximum of 120 bookings, distributed around all our outlets, each with a maximum of 20 members per outlet 2 per table and mandatory mask wearing. The first 120 bookings and the newly allocated venue will be confirmed soon. We shall of course call you to inform you of our much regretted inability to host you if we reach our capacity limit.

It is with most sadness that I have to take these limiting steps, but they are necessary to allow us to serve as many members as possible in accordance with the latest restrictions imposed on us.

On a much more positive side:

At the General Committee meeting held on 15 December 2020, it was decided to re-instate the guest policy as usual during the festive family season of Christmas. Therefore there is no guest restriction on weekdays and 4 guests per account at the main clubhouse and 6 guest on Middle Island during weekend and public holidays.

It will be a mandatory requirement for all guests to register their arrival and departure using the LeaveHomeSafe QR code"

A second good news from the same committee meeting, in order to ease a little your burden, Monthly Subscriptions will not be increased this year contrary to what has been previously announced.

Additional detail for specific events:

Cookies class and Ginger bread decoration are still going on with a maximum of 20 children attending each function. They will be all separated in tables of two, to work on their pieces of art. The booking will be confirmed on the first come first served basis.

Christmas Eve Champagne dinner will be cancelled, as I do not believe we will be back to a 6pm or 10pm closure by that time. Please do take advantage of our take away and consider staying home.

Christmas Day set lunch at the clubhouse and **Boxing Day** can still be run, with tables of two, 1.5 meters apart or for a family of 4 living under the same roof a larger table with separation.

Boxing Day buffet will be changed to a set lunch for a safer delivery of food and the menu will be published soon. The seating arrangement will be as above.

Middle Island Christmas lunch buffet will still be run, as it is an outdoor venue with clear ventilation. Mask wearing will be compulsory approaching the buffet, gloves will be recommended and disinfected at each serving round.

Christmas this year looks like a nice homely family take away and less like our huge fun day at the Club.

Fortunately, with our delicious take away options, you can also bring the Club home with you and we can be together in spirit!

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season! Together we look forward with hope to a better year in 2021, and to future celebrations of the holidays held together at the Club!

Be safe and once again take away from the Club is open and waiting for your orders. Call the coffee shop 2554 9494 or the general club line 2552 8182.

The website menus are available at:

<http://abclubhk.com/Christmas2020takeawayspecials.aspx>

Merry Christmas

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