



February 2020

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

RESIDENCY

In the Health and Welfare section below, you will find the levels of cover for the State Health Insurance. This information is from a document supplied by the Ministry of Health and is accurate as of 1st February 2020.

For information there is a Koop bank at in the campus of the Girne American University. They are issuing the state insurance here and it is easy to park. Please remember to take along your passport. The cost is 340 lira per year.

BREXIT

Well, despite it being a New Year our team has been 'full on' dealing with the next issue for our members – Brexit and travel to and from the Republic of Cyprus

As you will have seen in the Press Release on Monday, myself and two other members of the Committee (Julian Mawdesley – Health and Welfare and Barry Nicholls – Government Liaison) together with members of the Royal British Legion and a representative from the Foreign Residents Society met with the British High Commissioner and members of his team, to discuss issues which had been reported to us.

Hopefully the Press Release will have clarified the issue regarding the T.O.Ms certificate, issued by the Greek Cypriot Ministry of Transport to enable the purchase of insurance required to enable UK ex-pats – and others – to drive in the RoC.

We also asked whether the UK Government had begun any action regarding the RoC administrations action to arbitrarily introduce changes to the Green Line regulations, which seem to inconvenience UK citizens living, or holidaying in the TRNC. We were informed that representations had been made to the EU regarding this unauthorised change.

We were also informed that the UK Government will be continuing to talk to the RoC administration regarding UK citizens ability to travel freely following the 31st December 2020. They are hopeful that a compromise can be reached.

Finally, the Commissioner was asked whether he would consider attending a meeting in the TRNC in the coming months to discuss ongoing discussions with the Republic. He stated that he would be willing to do so.

CLINICS

Due to the number of members that we now have we have been in discussions with the Creditwest Bank, Alsancak with regards to holding a midweek clinic at the branch. This has been agreed and from March we will hold a clinic at the Bank on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 11.30am. We will release more details nearer the time.

Whilst on the subject of clinics, could we please ask that when attending to pay for renewals, new memberships or events it would be most helpful if you have the correct money, to speed up the process.

Finally, we would welcome enquiries from members who may have a few hours each month to support our small team, by helping at Clinics. You will obviously receive full training and generally be on duty with someone experienced. We will also look to use you in the areas nearest to where you live so as not to inconvenience you.

Currently we have clinics in Lapta, Girne, Catalkoy, Esentepe and Bogaz, with the Alsancak clinic coming online in March.

If you can assist, please contact us through the webpage 'contact us' tab.

COMMITTEE-RESTRUCTURE

Whilst on the subject of 'help' we recently met to discuss the shape of the committee as we move forward.

Currently we have a position for Membership Secretary, which is being looked after by Pat Waddington who also has responsibility for Events. We also have our 'Webmaster' David Veasey in the UK looking after, amongst other things, the circulation of these Newsletters and the maintenance of our Website. David has, however, advised us that at the AGM he intends to stand down from this role. We are currently in the process of re-designing the website so this role will be key moving forward.

As this role also involves membership data, it seems sensible to combine these roles. So, if you are IT 'savvy' with an interest in website maintenance and looking to be part of the ongoing development of the BRS then please contact us to discuss the role further.

That then 'frees up' a position on the Committee and having discussed this position at length we have decided to look for someone to take on a completely new role of 'Local Government Liaison'.

This role would involve liaising with local Belediyesi, to initially put together a 'directory' of the local government teams, then building a relationship with those individuals who can speak reasonable English who we can direct our members to if they have problems.

This is an opportunity for someone to contribute greatly to the members. If you are interested in this role, please contact us via the website for more information.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This years AGM will be held at the MC Palace Hotel, Catalkoy on Saturday 25th April. Full details of the event will be circulated separately together with the relevant information.

GOVERNMENT LIASON

Clarification from MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

We are pleased to show below the following clarification in relation to the recently launched online payment system for the payment of Road Tax and MOT payments. We are advised that the Ministry anticipates that their website will be updated to include English language around the end of January.

SAYFA1

Inquiry

In order to make a payment you must first make an inquiry by entering your details to the boxes below.

You can pay your debt through contracting banks between 12 midnight and 10pm seven days a week.

You can pay all your inquired tax debts, including the outstanding ones from previous years

The "Title Issuing/Transfer Date (Koçan Düzenleme/Devir Tarihi)" is the "Date of Vehicle Title Transfer (Araç Mülkiyet Devir Tarihi)" for registrations issued before 06.01.2020 and "Belge Düzenleme Tarihi (Registration Document Issue Date) for those issued after 06.01.2020.

Licence Plate No:

ID Card Number/Company Registration Number/Passport Number:

Issue Date of Registration:

Please Enter the Confirmation Code

Renew

Submit Query

SAYFA2

Road tax/Inspection Payments

Vehicle Info.

Vehicle Owner

Taxpayer Number

Name Surname

(Title)

Vehicle Info.

Make

Model

Date of Registry

Model Year

Weight

Road Tax Debt Payment

Type of Tax

Road Tax Registration Fee

Accrual/Deferral Document Number

Term

Instalment

Due Date

Debt

Default Interest

Discount

Total Payable Amount

Make Payment

Inspection Debt Payment

Type of Tax

9701-Car Inspection Fee

Amount

Amount Payable

Fee Annotation

Make Payment

Tax Payment for Overseas Travel

Type of Tax

9708 – Overseas Travel Fee

Amount

Amount Payable

Fee Annotation

Make Payment

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Below is the actual cover provided by the State Health Insurance. We were provided with the document in Turkish and this is a certified copy of that document

Compulsory Health Insurance Coverage

For Foreign Nationals with an Immigration Permit

Foreign nationals, who have paid the premium determined in accordance with Article 11 of the National Health Insurance Scheme, can benefit from health examination and treatment services carried out in the emergency services free of charge.

However, all other public health services, excluding the emergency health

treatment services carried out after the necessary examination and diagnosis in the emergency services, including consumables, polyclinic services, laboratory and examination services, public pharmacies, drug supply services, all kinds of inpatient treatment services, any paramedical services and any other public health services offered can be used at full cost.

The scope of emergency treatment services as per Article 11 of the National Health Insurance Scheme is as follows:

- 1-Drowning
- 2-Traffic Accident
- 3-Suicide Attempt
- 4-Rape
- 5-Fall
- 6-Injury/ limb rupture
- 7-Electric shock
- 8-Freeze
- 9- Cold Shock
- 10-Heat Shock
- 11-severe burns
- 12-Serious Eye injuries
13. Poisoning
- 14- Serious allergy anaphylactic situations: Severe allergy or low blood pressure that may lead to impaired heart rhythm, respiratory tract obstruction.
- 15- All kinds of spinal fractures of the spine and lower extremity fractures, which cause large external or internal bleeding.
- 16- Decompression (diver's disease) situation commonly known as 'crippled by the bends'
- 17- MI, Arrhythmia hypertension crises: Heart attack, types of heart rhythm disorders that require urgent treatment, brain pressure, hemorrhage etc. rising to a degree that can lead to serious outcomes
- 18- Asthma crisis, acute breathing problems
- 19- Any situation that causes loss of consciousness
- 20- Sudden strokes
- 21-Serious general condition disorder
- 22-High fever: poisoning, infectious diseases, heat stroke, etc. If the average body temperature is 39.5 C or above.
- 23-Diabetic and uremic bleeding: conditions that may start from confusion caused by diabetes and kidney failure to complete loss of consciousness (coma).
- 24-Dialysis disease accompanied by general condition disorder
- 25-Acute abdomen: Perforation, hollow or knotted inflammation of hollow organs such as stomach intestine, etc. situations requiring urgent intervention.
- 26-Acute massive hemorrhages: Life-threatening internal or external bleeding, usually caused by trauma.
- 27-Meningitis, encephalitis, brain abscess

28-Renalcolic: A condition that causes severe pain that may lead to urinary tract or kidney damage caused by renal calculus.

29-Acute psychotic pictures: Neurological or psychological discomfort.

30-Migraine and/or vomiting, loss of consciousness, headaches.

31-Discomfort due to delirium tremens

SPECIAL ADULT DAY CENTER

4125TL was raised at a charity race night held at the Crow's nest Karmi in December and talks are on-going as to how the money is best used. We are aware that the Girne Rotary club has also contacted the center with offers of a donation. We have been in contact with their representative to coordinate and pool any money raised.

BLOOD DONOR DAY

The last blood donor day of 2019 was held on 7th December with 21 donors attending and being rewarded with mince pies and non-alcoholic drinks. Thank you to all who attended.

BELLAPAIS TAXIS

I would like to bring to the attention of our members that Bellapais Taxis now has a wheelchair friendly vehicle in their fleet. The first and only one in the TRNC. I understand that it is licenced for airport runs and I will be in contact with them regarding discount for BRS members.

CHARITABLE DONATION.

A local lady in Alsancak arranged to provide presents for children who were to be in the cancer ward at the state hospital over the festive period. At the last meeting the committee agreed to purchase a secret Santa present for a child under this scheme. A present was purchased for 300 TL with the shop owner also donating a present when he became aware of the reason of purchase. Although we do not have an update on who received the present the organisers were extremely grateful for the donation and wished to thank the BRS for the gift.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

FACEBOOK

As we have mentioned in the past, we have been constructing our own Facebook page. This will be a 'closed' group available for members and will be used to provide

information of interest.

We will be 'opening' the Group for applications this month and will circulate a message once in place.

DISCOUNT PARTNERS

This month we welcome new Discount Partners.

MC PALACE HOTEL, BADEMLI SOKAK NO2, ÇATOLKOY, GIRNE

The MC Palace Hotel are offering members of BRS %15 discount per person on Valentine's day Event. Take advantage of this special evening's entertainment by making a reservation on the number below.

The Hotel has also reduced the price of accommodation and Gala dinner to 700tl, down from 950tl. Without accommodation, the Gala dinner is 160tl and 15% discount.

Please remember to take your Membership Cards to any of our Discount Partners to receive your discounts. Reservation number: 0533 843 52 52

MC PALACE
Hotel + Spa + Convention

14 ŞUBAT CUMA
FEB. 14th. FRIDAY
Konaklama & Gala Yemeđi
Accommodation & Gala Dinner
(2 Kişi / 2 Person) 700 TL

Gala Yemeđi / Gala Dinner
(Kişi Başı / Per Person) 160 TL

Live Music With
Brian Delaney

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📍 Beşparmaklar caddesi Bademli Sokak No.2 Çatalköy / Girne

AMORE TANNING, BEAUTY AND HAIR SALON, ÇAKMAK CADDESİ 1 / 4 LAPTA

We are also pleased to welcome our latest Discount Partner based in Lapta. This 4 storey salon is on the right hand side (from Girne direction) 1 mile before the Lapta Strip. This Salon provides an extensive range of treatments including Massage Therapies, Waxing, Laser Treatments for both Men and Women, Skin Rejuvenation, Eyebrow tinting, lash extensions, manicures and pedicures. The Salon also offers Sun-bed sessions and hairdressing.

There are also several pamper packages available.

The Proprietor is offering a 5% discount across the full range of services. To take advantage phone the numbers below for reservations.

Further details can be found on a Facebook: Amore Tanning & Beauty
Instagram: [AmoreTanningBeauty](#)

For reservations ring 0533 855 9988 or 0533 888 7188

TURKISH LESSONS

We are also pleased to welcome Discount Partner, Ilnur Harden who is offering Turkish Lessons to Members. Ilnur will be offering lessons in Acmenya in Alsancak and at the Food Lodge in Çatalköy.

TURKISH LESSONS

**CLASSES HELD IN
ALSANCAK &
ÇATALKÖY**

English speaking
teacher with over
15 years
experience

Great atmosphere

Private lessons
available

Make new friends

A new beginners class starting soon

for details please contact
0533 869 6699
ilnurcyprus@hotmail.com
[facebook.com/Turkish lessons](https://www.facebook.com/Turkish%20lessons)

MEMBERSHIP

Below are the latest membership renewals

Total members renewed to date	1184
Total new members this year	62
Members who have paid in advance for 2021	314
Life Members	137

Some of last year's members are still to renew and this can be done at any of our regular clinics throughout the year. Don't forget to visit the website to keep up to date with the list of healthy discounts available to members in local shops, hotels etc. Our list continues to grow weekly.

EVENTS

Emails have gone out with Poster details for the two cultural Aegean tour trips in May and June. Please register your interest as soon as possible, either on line to events.brstrnc@gmail.com or at any of the clinics.

The first two Azra Claire cookery courses are fully booked but we still have vacancies for a February 25th. Please contact Events Secretary on address above to book for this popular Asian Cooking Course.

CLINICS

- Lapta (Lambousa Market every Saturday morning 10.00-12.00)
- Girne (The Hut every Saturday morning 10.00 to 12.00)
- Catalkoy (Creditwest Bank – Monday mornings 09.30 to 11.30 am)
- Esentepe (Stone Castle – 3rd Tuesday of every month 1.00-3.00pm)
- Küçük Erenköy (Charlie's Bar – 1st Tuesday of every month 1.00-3.00pm)
- Bogaz (Eddie's Restaurant – Next clinics 1st and 15th February 11.00 am – 1.00 pm).

MEMBERS – HAVE YOUR SAY

Whilst the pages of our newsletter are limited, feedback is very important to us. If you have something to tell us, happy or sad, that concerns you or another member please forward your news with permission to print to info.brstrnc@gmail.com.