

## **Crockfords Notices for the week starting 16th December**

*Office hours this week: Mon 9-12 pm, Tues 10-12pm, Thurs 10-12pm*

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### **Thanks to all who participated in the club prize giving dinners.**

There were many aspects to the events including the Christmas decorations, flowers, setting up, cleaning afterwards, organisers, raffle sales, bar and participants, and there was a great atmosphere with everyone enjoying each other's company. We are especially lucky to have Kate MacRae and her team supplying the food - fantastic.

**A Big Thank You** to all the members who helped the club in some way during the year. We had a count and there were more than 100 who supplied food or help with tournaments and many others involved in dealing, directing, floral decor, bar assistance, tuition and beginner support, general maintenance and help with the running of the weekly grade nights.

### **Coming Events:**

Normal bridge sessions this week except for Thursday evening

2020 bridge sessions start the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

2020 learner lessons commencing Monday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

Club barbeque – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

AGM – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm

### **Pat Mckee Memorial Trophy**

This special event to celebrate the life contribution of an outstanding club member will be held on four Thursday afternoons in January, commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January. To qualify you only need to play on two of the four Thursdays with any partner. We hope as many of you as possible will join us at 1.00pm on any of these Thursdays. It is also a great opportunity to refine your bridge bidding and play – especially if you have some new partnerships lined up for the year.

**Help:**

- We found at the club dinners last week that we were short of large table knives. If you are downsizing, please send them our way.
- Please encourage friends and family to join the learners' classes, 10/2/2020. There will be a small thank you for any member who introduces a learner who then becomes a member of the Club.
- The building at our entrance on Riccarton Rd is for lease.

**Programme Books:**

There are still some 2020 programme books waiting for you to collect at bridge this week. It comes with the 2020 subscription invoice. Please collect them this week or arrange for a friend to collect yours.

**Bridge Partnerships:**

During the year some members have lost their regular bridge partners, usually due to ill-health. If you are looking for a partner for a particular competition, or your regular partner is unavailable on some week, please take the time to look through the members' names in your Programme booklet to identify someone who may appreciate an invitation to partner you. This is a very small way in which we can help our fellow members stay connected with Crockfords and the game we all enjoy. You could also ring your Grade Partner Finder, which is in the Programme Book on Page 2.

**Crockfords Office:**

A big thank you to Carol Singh who is the Club's frontperson. I know you all find her friendly and helpful and the committee appreciates all her hard work behind the scenes. The office will be closed from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 10am – 2pm

**The Crockfords Committee would like to wish you all an enjoyable Christmas season with friends and family and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.**

***Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year***

***Peter van Leeuwen***

***President***