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Weekly News Sheet Monday 27 July

Dear Members

This month I have been keeping a tally of the table numbers at each session – not to hover with an axe for those with low numbers, but to be aware of attendance and the variation from week to week. The Club's main source of income is from table fees so if your partner is unable to front any week, please try to find another partner, or come along to another session.

Soon I will be asking for your comments re updating our strategic plan, but already I can see that our biggest threat is competition from the non-affiliated clubs, and bowling clubs etc who provide bridge during the winter. Some of our members consistently play twice a week at Crockfords, but many others play infrequently. It is this latter group that I would like to see more engaged with our Club. I welcome your ideas on how to achieve this. I know the grade chairs and partner finders do a great job in keeping players involved, but as individual members we can also step up.

#### 8B Tournament

I'm delighted that the results were able to be retrieved and winners notified. Congratulations to our top-performing pair, Elena and Peter Udy who were placed 7<sup>th</sup> over all, and a truly meritorious effort from Judith Penney and David Hawes (Int) who were top of the Junior pairs.

#### Quiz Night – Saturday 1 August

A fun family night for all. Please add your names to the sheet on the noticeboard.

#### Rangiora Exchange – Sunday 9 August

An opportunity to pit your bridge skills against the opposition from Rangiora. The entry list is on the noticeboard.

#### Learners

The new class started last Monday night with 14, which could rise to 19 if all turn up this week. The number of people wanting to learn the game is very encouraging. The learners, who then go on to become members, are the Club's future, but they do require support as they develop confidence with the basics. If you have a free Monday night to assist, please phone Jean Lindo, (SR) to add your name to her roster.

#### Table Numbers

It is wonderful to see the Thursday night competition gaining in popularity. Thursday afternoons and evenings provide further opportunities to add another game of bridge to your week. Both of these sessions have an enthusiastic core of regulars and they will make you very welcome.

#### Heating and Cooling

I have come to the realisation that we can not accommodate everyone's personal body temperature setting. Some of us run hot, and others the opposite. Please ensure that you dress appropriately for your needs. If you require two pairs of socks and a lap rug that is fine. It is guaranteed that others in the room will be down to one layer.

Top score this week with a huge 72.17%, congratulations to Elena and Peter Udy from the Senior grade.

Enjoy your week, and happy bridging.

Kind regards to you all,  
Jan Barrow  
President