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Dear Members

For your information the Crockfords office hours are Monday 9.00 – 12.00, Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 and Thursday 10.00 – 1.00. Please phone to ensure that the office is open and if you need access to any of our rooms please check that they are not hired during the time you intend coming to the club. We are delighted that the groups who had regular use of our rooms pre-lockdown have returned and we respect their right to be undisturbed during the hours they are in residence.

Congratulations to Megan Bruynel & Bev Parlane who won the Intermediate Pairs at the Rangiora All Grades Pairs 8B Tournament on Sunday and also attained 7th overall, which is a wonderful result.

We have had an urgent email from NZ Bridge informing us that National Congress that was to be held in Hamilton in November is now homeless, due to the hotel cancelling the booking in favour of providing accommodation for quarantining, returning Kiwis. Needless to say, “head office” is scrambling not only to find another location but perhaps even a new date and will keep us informed. If you were thinking of attending please let us know so we can forward you relevant emails. Do not make any bookings or pay online until there is more clarity.

This week’s top percentage of 66.53% was achieved by Paul and Tony in the Senior grade. I have had one or two players ask me if I thought my description of last week’s top percentage as a “very good” score was perhaps not glowing enough, but being a former school teacher, there is always that phrase “could try harder” at the back of my mind! So, keep up the good scores everyone.

Each year we have a friendly exchange with the Rangiora Bridge Club. Last year we travelled out there and had a very enjoyable afternoon, with Crockfords coming second - I’d like to say on a countback and losing by a fine margin, but I’m not sure that is accurate. However, our time is coming and we will be hosting this year’s match on Sunday 9th August. Each club provides 13 pairs so please put your names on the sheet on the noticeboard – players of all standards and experience welcome.

Quiz Night - Saturday, 1 August. The entry sheet for this is also on the club noticeboard. Crockfords is hosting an 8B tournament on July 19th. Some time ago many of you indicated that you would be happy to provide a plate or help with such events. The time is nigh, and in the next fortnight Sue and her team will be making the calls to confirm help and helpers. Some of you will be thinking that perhaps we should be using the entry fees to buy the food and while this is possible it doesn’t get around the fact that the majority of tournament players are in the age group that recognises and appreciates home baking when it is provided! The profit we make from hosting these tournaments is used for the benefit of all members.

Kind regards to you all,

Jan Barrow
President