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Dear Members

With some beautiful weather these last few days we can believe that spring is just around the corner. With that thought in mind I hope it is a nudge to put your name down for the Crockfords Spring Luncheon. The entry form is on the club noticeboard. \$25 pp for lunch and bridge. If you can possibly wangle a "free" afternoon in August you will want to make it Thursday 27th. With Kate McCrae masterminding the hot lunch, and prizes sponsored by Margaret Stoddart Retirement Village, it should be a great afternoon.

Rangiora Exchange

The Crusaders vs the Highlanders was not the only big match in town yesterday afternoon, although some of us did feel that we had spent our time in the bridge equivalent of a maul. Oh, if only I could have been subbed off! The omens were good, but unfortunately if there was any advantage in a home game your team failed to capitalise and once again we had to watch the trophy return to Rangiora. On the plus side, for as long as I can remember I have been hearing about the beautiful food provided by the country clubs. Yesterday, we may not have won the bridge but the home team put on a fabulous afternoon tea and I am sure Rangiora enjoyed our hospitality. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up following the session. Next year pre-season training will start in February!

Table Numbers

These continue to grow and it is great to see people returning to the game. Both the Juniors and Seniors had record attendance last week and the two Thursday sessions have a loyal core of players. The Club policy is that a member may play in any higher grade as long as they can keep up with the pace of play. With this in mind, if you are unable to attend your own evening don't hesitate to visit another session.

Technology Gremlins

I am grateful to the Monday night players who have shown remarkable tolerance despite a series of evenings where some aspect of the technology has let them down. Thank you, and fingers crossed for everything working as it should this week.

Grade Committees

The people who make up these committees are doing a great service for their fellow players, and for the club. If you have an issue with any of their decisions or actions, please raise it with the grade chair in a polite and reasoned manner which reflects your stance, but also your respect for their role. Oddly enough, you may get a better outcome as well!

Top score this week was a huge 72.03%. I can see that the time spent playing online bridge during lockdown is paying dividends for Piotr and Richard. A great score, well done.

Enjoy your week, and happy bridging.
Kind regards to you all,
Jan Barrow
President