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Dear Members

Strange times again, and even harder to advise that our Club is closed until further notice when there are no Covid cases locally and it seems like it should be business as usual. However, in line with the other clubs, it is prudent to keep the doors shut until we hear further from the PM. We will be re-opening the minute the social distancing rule is relaxed. At this stage, you can still phone or email the club your booking for the Spring Luncheon on Thursday August 27. We always have a few players who come at 1.00pm and don't bother with the lunch, but obviously Kate's reputation is gaining momentum as this year I have had a member ask if they could come to lunch, but not play bridge! I have my fingers crossed that the event will be able to go ahead as planned.

Your committee met on Friday night and the following items of business may be of interest:

Rental Building: The CCC has approved our application for the change of use, which is great news. Following the reports from the fire and structural engineers we have some work to do upgrading the building to meet current fire standards and we will be obtaining quotes for this work as a matter of urgency.

Replacement of main drain to Riccarton Rd: The loss adjustor requires a further quote for this work which will be sought immediately. I am hoping that this upgrade may be able to take place during the break at the end of the year.

Fire safety: Evacuation drills will take place as soon as the weather warms up. The smoke detectors and motion sensors have all had their annual check.

Programme Booklet 2021: We will be starting work on this in September and would ask you to ensure that you have notified the office of any change to phone numbers, email and physical address etc.

Working Bee: This will be scheduled later in spring, but if you notice something that could be added to our list of tasks please let the office know.

New members: A very big welcome to Julie Farrant and Debbie Mallon, both of whom are playing in the Junior Grade. We hope your association with Crockfords will afford you many hours of happy bridging and new friendships.

I am sorry to advise you of the death last week of a former member, Ian Minson. Ian resigned earlier this year but whilst he was still a regular player he was known for his wide smile and unfailing good humour. It was rare to leave his table without having had a laugh about something or other. He and Alister Fiecken were bridge partners for many years and their debut as the plum pudding and Christmas tree at the SR Christmas party has yet to be topped. Those of us who played in Ian's era will miss him. We extend our sympathies to his wife Jenni (SR) and their family.

The Committee has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Jean Lindo. Jean has been an extremely hardworking and effective committee member, having assumed responsibility in the areas of tuition, grade promotions and tournament catering. She will leave a large gap to fill.

With just three grades contending for top honours, congratulations to Bronwyn and Robert Bijl (Intermediate) with 66.4%. A meritorious effort mention goes to Deb Mallon and Janice Tedder (Junior) who have just recently completed the Beginner Lessons and came first with 64.41% on Monday night.

Enjoy your week, and happy bridging.

Kind regards

Jan Barrow

President