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Dear Members

I am sure you are all eagerly awaiting the mid-afternoon broadcast, hopefully to hear that Covid 19 is ring-fenced in Auckland and we can return to life as normal here in the mid-south, or the new normal anyway. To save bombarding you with messages, below are two scenarios.

If we return to level 1 at any time this week, bridge will take place at the earliest opportunity e.g. if it is from midnight tonight, the first bridge session will be Tuesday evening. If we return to level 1 on Wednesday at midnight as first indicated, the Spring Luncheon will take place as planned on Thursday.

Spring Luncheon

It is not too late to take part in this enjoyable afternoon. Lunch will be served at 12.00 noon followed by one session of bridge which includes afternoon tea. The trophy will be presented at the conclusion of play and the generous sponsorship from Margaret Stoddart Retirement Village will ensure that not only the top players can look forward to having their efforts recognised. The cost for the Spring Luncheon event is \$25. If you are not having lunch, please be at the club as usual at 12.45 pm. The usual \$8 table fee will apply. If you wish to enter, email or phone the club.

Tuition

The learners' class has continued to meet (with social distancing of sorts), and a last-minute decision was made to embark on an improvers' lesson on Thursday evening. A keen group of twelve players showed up to learn more about leads and discards. Finding a regular time that suits the majority of people wanting to attend these sessions will be the next thing to sort out and advise.

Committee member, Karen Stevenson will be taking over responsibility for the learner lessons.

Grade Competitions

This latest shut-down will almost certainly necessitate another re-jig of the programme for each grade. This may also mean that the criteria for some competitions will have to be tweaked yet again. Please be patient and give your grade chair and committee your support as they work through this process.

Pencils

From the re-commencement of bridge, please bring your own pen or pencil to use throughout each session.

Library Book

Thank you Seniors. The book, the borrower, and the library have all now been reunited!

Player Promotions

Robin Jones has kindly agreed to re-assume the responsibility for identifying and confirming players eligible for promotion from one grade to another, in 2020. This process will start very soon, but because of the curtailed playing season, we have already been tossing around new and interesting ideas.

Kind regards
Jan Barrow
President