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Dear Members

There seems to be no pattern to numbers attending bridge sessions each week but I am aware that many of us are planning and undertaking travels while the weather is still warm and schools and universities are "in session". We are having our first "camper van" experience this coming weekend and hope to not be a source of annoyance to our fellow motorists, (or each other). Any one who has any tips, I'd love to hear from you.

Recently, I have been asked about beginner's use of notes during play. My opinion is that recourse to notes slows down play which can be frustrating for the opposition, and your partner. At some point you have to "give away" the notes, and I think this should definitely have happened by the time you are playing at the intermediate level. I suspect a faster way to learn is to take the bidding slips for the boards which proved problematic, and study the hands, bidding and possible lines of play, later. I imagine the same would apply for more experienced players learning a new system.

## Table Fees

For those of you who do not use the pre-purchased Convenience cards, it would be a great relief to our Directors if you could try to bring the correct change to your session. They really don't have time to add up the 'shrapnel' that appears from time to time, and when the total doesn't balance it is almost impossible to discover where the shortfall occurred. Many Souths already take responsibility for checking the total for their table and for being aware of the change needed. Thank you for doing this.

## March Meeting

Members are always welcome to attend the monthly committee meeting. This month it will be held on Friday 19 March, rather than the usual second Friday of the month, start time to be advised.

## Membership

I am very sorry to have to inform you of the death of Rosa-Jane Whitcombe who passed away last week. Rosa-Jane was a Senior Reserve player at Christchurch Club and described by many as a future "grand master". She accompanied her father Aubrey to lessons at Crockfords in 2019 and subsequently joined our club and played on Wednesday and Thursday evenings as time allowed. We extend our sympathies to her family and friends.

## AGM

Committee nominations received to date are posted on the Club noticeboard. We welcome further interest.

Congratulations to Senior players Mary Kuipers and Heather Barnes who scored 67.07%. We also saw some other names in lights that don't feature that often, so congratulations to these pairs also.

Next week we are aiming to email you the Agenda, last year's AGM Minutes, the 2020 audited Accounts and report, and the President's Report for this year's AGM. No shortage of reading material!

Enjoy your week, and happy bridging.

Kind regards  
Jan Barrow  
President