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Dear Members

Russley Village Maples Trophy Match

Thank you for your support of this Anzac Day tournament. We have a healthy number of entries but plenty of spaces left. The entry sheet is on the noticeboard in the Club foyer, with entries closing on Wednesday evening. I know it will be an enjoyable afternoon with everyone having an equal shot at winning a prize – not the trophy itself, but after that, prizes awarded randomly.

The table fee is \$10, with each pair providing one plate for afternoon tea. Please be seated by 12.50pm.

Table Etiquette

I have been asked to emphasise some important points of table “manners”. The first of these is to welcome the new players to your table. As well as being the friendly and courteous thing to do, it requires all four people to break off any discussion/post-mortem of the last hand and what might have been, consigning a bad result to the past and allowing you to focus on the new hand. Hard as it may be at times, please also remember to say “Well-played” when this is merited, and “Bad luck” when you and your partner have managed to take the opposition light.

Clubs have different routines, but at Crockfords the expectation is that the tablet will be offered to dummy to enter the contract. This ensures that all players remain familiar with how to use the tablet, and should allow the game to progress with no hold-up. At the conclusion of the hand and once the result is entered, the tablet must be offered to one of the opposition to check the entry is correct, and to okay it. **When you are Dummy, please put your hand on the table as soon as the lead has been made.** This allows the other three to start planning their play and you can then begin/continue to enter the bid/lead etc.

Conclusion of Play

Tidying the room at the end of a session is too big a job for one person, or even all your Grade Committee. Each table is responsible for emptying the rubbish bin, returning the pencils, leaving the chairs and table tidy, and checking whether or not the tablets need recharging. These jobs are listed in several places around the room. Please do your bit, so that everyone can leave for home at a reasonable hour.

Well Done

This is the first time that I have only had to change the percentage when offering congratulations to the top scoring pair. Peter Gordon and Allan Schroeder are on fire, backing up last week’s result with 66.67% this week. We also had some other good results from Gordon and Deidre Leighs (SR) and Margaret and Eric Scott (Int).

A further reminder re our office hours: Monday 9.00 – 12.00, Tuesday 10.00 – 1.00, and Thursday 10.00 – 1.00. It is worth phoning and checking the Club is open during the above times, to make sure you do not have a wasted trip.

Happy bridging.

Kind regards
Jan Barrow
President