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Dear Members

Russley Village Maples Trophy Match

A big thank you to the 43 members and one guest, who participated on Sunday. We had an enjoyable afternoon and I am grateful to the Russley Village for its sponsorship. The sales manager, Jeanette McEachen was delighted to present Bryan Morgan and Nick Mein with the winner's trophy. Well done, you two. After giving us a brief overview of the facilities at the Russley, the bad news was that there is often a waiting list for accommodation. If you are interested in visiting, you would be made very welcome. Further good news is that Jeanette is keen to sponsor our next in-house tournament, the Haigh, scheduled for the 23 May. I am looking forward to raising the bar even further, with more than 44 entries the new goal!

Table Etiquette

This week I would like to remind you of the role of Director. If you need assistance, the call is "Director, please". Rather than trying to sort out any issue among yourselves, call the director who will be delighted to utilise the skills learnt over a long period. It is up to the director to decide whether or not a rectification is needed, a penalty is warranted etc. Calling the director promptly should curtail any heated discussion between players. A reminder that this sort of exchange is inappropriate, and both upsetting and a distraction to those nearby.

Directors in training

I am delighted that Debbie Mallon and Nigel England have committed to studying to become qualified directors. It is some years since we have had members undertaking this process, and it is exciting to have our "home-grown" talent in training. In due course they will be stepping up to put the book-learning into practice, and I know you will be very supportive of them. I am also pleased to tell you that Luisa McNabb, our Thursday afternoon director and occasional Tuesday night substitute, is keen to become a qualified tournament director, no mean feat.

New tablets

Peter van Leeuwen who has kept his role as the person with the oversight of IT within the Club, has given us notice that before very long, many of our tablets will need to be replaced. Initial inquiries have led to the discovery that the slots in the drawer where the tablets are charged, will be too small for the new model. A huge thank you to the group of Senior players who took up the challenge to get this sorted, with Piotr Ratka getting the materials cut and fitted within the week.

Maintenance etc

If you notice anything that requires some immediate attention, or if you break or damage something in the Club please let me know so that we can deal with it. (Or, I can get the team of four mentioned above, to deal with it!!)

Well Done

Congratulations to Tony and Patricia who scored 66.03% on Thursday afternoon. Last Thursday we had visitors from Christchurch, Darfield and Akaroa which was pleasing. It is a great afternoon with players from all grades, so as the cold months approach it would be good to see more of our members supporting both this and the Thursday evening session.

Happy bridging.

Kind regards
Jan Barrow
President