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Dear Members

Bridge lessons for Improvers and beginners are both underway with good support for both of these classes. I was reminded of some of those basic "rules" when a Thursday afternoon player appeared with her arm in a sling. On inquiring what misfortune had befallen her, she replied, "I didn't return my partner's lead!!"

### **August Committee Meeting – Items of Interest**

Our income continues to be a major focus, and after some rudimentary maths but confirmed by the Treasurer, we could eliminate our projected loss for 2021 if we could attract 25 more players to the bridge table each week. A number of us take the opportunity to play at two sessions, but far more do not attend even one session regularly. Again, applying basic maths each of our four grade sessions only needs to have three to four pairs make a greater commitment to attend and our projected deficit would be wiped.

The new flooring and toilets for both the men's and women's bathrooms have been approved, and we will be applying for a grant to help cover the cost of this work.

Sandra Sidaway (Jnr) and Karen Stevenson (SR) have put a lot of time into preparing a survey for Club members. After having a test run on their fellow committee members, the survey will be distributed to you all next week and the following one.

We pay an eye-watering amount for Insurance, and we are in the process of confirming that we are getting the best possible price for our cover.

### **Hire of Club Premises**

After many years of hiring our rooms, the Riccarton Friendship Group has amalgamated with another group and as a result are discontinuing their association with us. We are always on the lookout for other suitable groups, so please send anyone our way that you think may be interested.

### **Nola Mather Trophy**

This annual in-house tournament is to be held on Sunday 5 September. Please enter via the entry form on the main Club noticeboard in the foyer. It is an enjoyable afternoon of one session of bridge.

### **Spring Luncheon**

This tournament will be held on Thursday 30 September and is sponsored by the Margaret Stoddart Retirement Village. It is a highlight of our Club calendar, and the prospect of being the overall winner is almost overshadowed by the attraction of the delicious luncheon catered by Kate MacRae. It is a single session of bridge and all members and their guests are welcome to play. Please see the main club noticeboard for entry and payment details - \$25 per player.

### **Improver Lessons**

This Friday's topic is No Trump Play, and will be taken by Richard Williams (Snr). You don't need to book in, just arrive by 7.30pm. The cost is \$5 with notes provided and practice hands to play.

**Name Badges**

If you wish to order a name badge please put an envelope in the wooden box outside the office. On the outside of the envelope write your name (in capitals), your bridge number, the colour you would like for your badge.....they seem to do any colour..... and put \$20.00 in the envelope, OR you can pay online.....Westpac 03 1705 0426022 00.... using your surname as the reference. Please write "online payment" on the outside of the envelope. Final orders are due on Tuesday 24th August.

**2022 Programme**

Please check your details on the membership lists circulating at the grade sessions.

**Congratulations**

A great score achieved by Grant Bright and Niven Avia (Int) this week who achieved a percentage of 66.95%, just pipping a few other pairs across the grades. Well done.

Happy bridging.

Kind regards  
Jan Barrow