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Dear Members

August already, and no doubt we are all a little sleep deprived and exhausted after assisting our Olympians to row, cycle, run, throw, ride, jump. and sail their way to glory.

We are now getting to the really busy stage of the year and we are already thinking about the 2022 Programme Booklet with the goal of getting it printed and in members' hands in November. Following lockdown last year it was substantially harder to attract businesses to sponsor the programme booklet and bidding pads. We are sympathetic to the difficulties being faced by our travel agent sponsor and others, and if you know of a business worth contacting, please let me know so that we can follow up.

## **Monday Night**

Last week the carpark resembled the days when our membership was double that of now, and latecomers had to park on Riccarton Road. With a good turn out by the Intermediates and Juniors, and 20 learners plus helpers, there were no parks to be found. **SO ...** please park carefully and with consideration for others. i.e. it is not okay to straddle two parks! It is expected that players requiring the disability car parks, will be at bridge 15 minutes before the start of the session. After this time, these carparks can be taken by any player. Finally, perhaps it is a good time to start thinking about car sharing.

## **Improver Lessons**

Our second class was held on Friday night and a big thank you to Jill Crossland for unraveling the mysteries of defensive strategy for us. Jill will also be taking next Friday's session on suit play. Please note that these lessons are \$5.00 not the previously advertised \$10.00.

## **Rangiora Exchange**

After an initial flurry of interest, we still need three more pairs for the tournament at Rangiora this Sunday, August 8 commencing at 12.30pm. It is a very enjoyable afternoon of bridge, with refreshments being served at 12.00 noon. The entry form is on the main noticeboard.

## **Congratulations**

Well done to Elena and Peter Udy, and Nigel England and Brian Papps, Senior Grade players, who competed in the Ashburton All Grades Pairs at the weekend. In a very strong field of 44 pairs, Brian and Nigel placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall (2B pts) and Peter and Elena, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Mark Francis and Graham Moore who scored a massive 71.53% in the Intermediate Grade on Monday night. If they were in Tokyo, I'm sure their fellow competitors would be looking for signs of performance enhancing drugs!!

Happy bridging.

Kind regards

Jan Barrow