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Dear Members

I hope you have all had a pleasant Labour Weekend. I have spent the last week in Wellington and even before the announcement of the Blenheim case (via Wellington airport) had decided that I would exercise caution, and not return to bridge this week. On the upside, how exciting to be in an airport. It's been a long time. When the day comes that I need to get my passport out, I will probably be in a frenzy of anticipation.

I received some great news whilst away – Debbie Mallon (Int) passed both papers in her Club Director examinations – a fantastic result, especially as Debbie has only been playing bridge for a little over a year. Congratulations to Debbie, and to Luisa her director-mentor, who ensured Debbie received the training, experience and support required. We are very proud of them both.

Covid Vaccinations

It seems that the majority of our members are vaccinated – I do hope so. However, many of us are going home to immune-compromised partners, and even with a double vaccination, the outcome for these people should they contract Covid is serious. Please stay away from bridge if you feel unwell or have a head cold, or have been travelling in “places of interest”. At bridge, maintain high standards of hygiene – use the hand sanitiser frequently, use tissues or your sleeve when coughing etc; and keep your hands away from your nose and mouth.

Increasingly I am being asked if the Club has a policy regarding vaccinated/unvaccinated members. At this stage we don't, except to say that we would strongly advise all our members to get their double-jab! If Covid is here to stay, then it is only a matter of time until we have to grapple with the issue. My feeling is, that when this happens, the unvaccinated will not be able to attend activities such as bridge until they are fully immunised.

Canterbury Interclub Match – Sunday, October 31st

Thank you to those members who have offered their help with dealing, food, bar, clean-up etc. Later today I will be finalising the catering arrangements so you may get a call from me. At this stage, six teams are entered so we will have a minimum of 72 players in attendance. We wish our team of twelve the very best of luck .. with equal measures of inspired bidding and play!

Improvers' Lesson Friday - 7.00pm Supper Room

This week, the topic is: “The Blackwood Convention” - How to ask for Aces and Kings when you have the points and you think a Slam is possible/probable. Jill Crossland will be taking this lesson. As I scan the grade results each week, I see some Junior and Intermediate pairs who have been attending these Friday night tutorials regularly, and whose results reflect this extra commitment. Congratulations to you people, and to your tutors. I am sure they are similarly delighted by how well you are doing.

Sponsors' Function Friday 5 November, 5.30 -7.00pm

A reminder to drop a quick text to me - 027 334 9994, or email the office if you would like to attend. It would be nice to have a reasonable “quorum” of members present to acknowledge the support of our sponsors.

2022 Programme

A final reminder to check that your name and details are correct on the master lists, or you can email the Club office with any changes.

Best result this week was achieved by Paul Ainsworth and Tony Crow who scored a huge 71.15% last Tuesday night. Paul and Tony are part of our Interclub team, and I am hoping they have not peaked too early!! It has been good to have Philippa Borlase and Peter van Lleuwen playing on Thursday afternoon, also fine tuning their partnership in readiness for Sunday's Interclub.

Regards,
Jan Barrow