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Dear Members

Firstly, a huge thank you to Ann Dickson and her team - Debbie Mallon, Margaret Scott, Seonaid Church, Kaye Curgenvan, and Judy van Leeuwen and to those of you who brought in flowers for the wonderful floral arrangements that graced our tables and other spaces this week.

The four end-of-year celebrations were a great success with each grade putting their own "flavour" on the party. The grade chairs and committees did a wonderful job throughout the year culminating in the dinners last week. We are fortunate to have Kate MacRae in our midst and as always, she and her team produced fabulous food and service.

Congratulations to our many competition winners. If you were one of these and took the silverware home to marvel at for just a little longer, please ensure you return your trophy to the office the week of 10 January. The silverware will be going to the engravers at the end of that week.

2022 Bridge Sessions

I know many of you are already looking forward to next year and are busy lining up partners for the various competitions. The rules relating to each of the grade matches are explained in your 2022 programme. Many require at least one change of partner to qualify and it is good to see that all grades are doing this more often than in the past. Next year the Club will re-open on Wednesday 5 January with this session, and the two on Thursday being open to all-comers. A great opportunity to try out those new pairings, or just to get your bridge brain back into gear. Please note the start time for each of the sessions – printed in the Programme. Competitions for all grades start the following week.

2022 Programme and Invoice

If you didn't collect your envelope you should find it in your mailbox this week.

Christmas Raffle Results

Thank you members for your great support of the Christmas Raffle. It was drawn by June Dorward on Thursday afternoon at the last session of bridge for 2021. The winners were Kay Cannell (Jnr), Warren Kepple (Int), Jill Crossland (Snr), Lionel Ford (Jnr) and Anne Mars, (SR).

It has been another "interesting" year, interrupted by Covid, but we have come through and I appreciate all of you who have played at every opportunity, taken the closures and new "rules" without murmur and supported Crockfords by helping in many other ways during 2021. I am grateful to the Committee. Everyone has worked hard to ensure that Crockfords can continue to provide you with the facilities and opportunities to play bridge.

Finally, I must thank our staff - Carol Singh, who is unfailingly helpful to all our members and a great "front face" for visitors to our Club; our directors Janet de Lu, Craig Shannahan, Peter van Leeuwen, Luisa McNabb and Debbie Mallon who have stamped their own style on the respective sessions - cajoling us along when time is short, and making myriads of decisions about the game, on the run! Marian is a quiet presence in the kitchen at each session, but when she is unavailable we all realize just what a great job she does as our tea attendant.

I wish all these people and you, a very happy festive season and a great summer to follow.

Regards

Jan Barrow
President