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Dear Members

Yesterday, I wrote a reasonably cheery greeting exhorting you all to return to bridge, especially our Senior and Senior Reserve players for whom the major pairs competitions start this week. The PM's broadcast has altered our social landscape yet again.

Traffic Light Red

My understanding of this is that the 100 person limit on gatherings that is back in place will not present an issue for us as it is some years since we have had 25 tables at any session. The social distancing requirement of one metre means that the space our 100 people occupy must allow for a square metre per person, not that we are required to be one metre apart at all times. The size of our clubrooms also meets this requirement and I would encourage each grade to make use of the space the annex provides.

As per last week's newsletter, adequately ventilating the space is a priority and with this in mind, we will not be using the air-conditioning. Instead, windows and doors will be open (within reason) and the extractor fan will be utilised.

As always, you are welcome to wear a face mask being aware that we have now been advised that the cloth masks do not provide adequate protection.

Finally, I am confident that you will choose to attend bridge or stay away, taking into account your own concerns, health issues and those of your family.

Club Barbeque

We will have to see what the next three weeks bring, but we are hoping that the "Bridge and Barbeque" will proceed on Sunday, 13 February as planned. The flier is now on the notice boards and I would be grateful if you could complete this before the 5th February.

Club Constitution

Former Crockfords president, Anne Holwell (Snr), is heading a small committee reviewing our constitution. Most organisations find that over time practice sometimes deviates from what was once regarded as a club rule. Or there can be small changes required. For example, I see our constitution still refers to the receipt of "cheques". As we now know, an archaic term!! The review should not be onerous, and if you would like to assist Anne, please phone her on 021 187 5381.

Survey Feedback

Unsurprisingly, the reasons for playing bridge are consistent across almost all respondents – the competition, the mental stimulation, and the social connection. Grade chairs and partner finders play a vital role in making players welcome and matching people with a temporary or long-term playing partner. However, we all must share the responsibility for engaging with our fellow grade members in a polite and friendly manner. which adds to ours and their enjoyment of the session. It looks like it may be a perfect day for getting out our 2022 Programme and reacquainting ourselves with the section on Conduct and Etiquette on pages 10 and 11.

Club Trophies

These will be sent to the engraver on Friday so, if you took a trophy home over the break please make sure it is returned by Thursday.

Notice Board

A reminder that all local and national tournament flyers are displayed on the notice board on the right of the main entry. Opposite you will find the Club information including the latest Weekly Notice and signed Minutes.

Congratulations to Brian Papps and Stuart Gowers who scored 70.45% on Tuesday night.

Regards

Jan Barrow
President