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Dear Members

Thank you for your feedback regarding our members being able to play bridge, maskless, during these times. Several of you have interpreted the rules as I have - at this point masks are not compulsory when a group has exclusive use of a venue. To complicate matters, some of you who attended bridge last week have strongly advocated for mask-wearing, but then added you will not attend if they are compulsory, as you don't want to have to wear a mask for three hours! So.. after much thought, and just a little wine, I have reached the decision, supported by the Committee, **that the wearing of masks is compulsory as from today**, until further notice. This means that we will not be serving supper, and if you bring a drink bottle, please go to a spot on your own to drink from it.

I still favour the stance that we are all sensible enough to make decisions about our own well-being, and that of those with whom we interact, but omicron is now in the community and as the most 'at-risk' group we need to be prudent. Any of us could transmit the variant to others before we even know we are infected.

Club Barbeque

There is no option but to postpone this yet again, and hopefully we may be able host the event in conjunction with the Haigh or Maples trophy matches later in the year. Thank you to Norman Sidaway (Jnr), Sue Moates (Int), Rob Freeman (SR) and Philippa Borlase (Snr) who all assisted with getting the barbecue cleaned and operational. It will be in tip top order when we do need it.

Club Constitution

Anne Holwell has received a few offers of help with the review. Thank you.

My apologies, but there will be no newsletter from me next week. Hopefully, I will be walking the Milford Track. Making myself uncontactable for a few days is purely coincidental, and not a matter of your president heading for the hills when the going gets tough! In my absence, the Club will be in the capable hands of acting vice-president Rob Freeman. If there are any major announcements from the government impacting on the bridge club, there will be a notice from the committee.

Congratulations this week to the Intermediate pairs who are taking the opportunity to play in a higher grade. I know the Senior Reserve players welcome the new competition and I see that your results have justified your decision. Keep up the great play.

Thank you to those of you who will continue to attend bridge for as long as we are able, and we are all looking forward to seeing our other members as soon as they feel it is safe to return. In the meantime, take care and look after yourselves.

Regards

Jan Barrow
President