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Dear Members

Thank goodness for the Winter Olympics and cricket successes. It is great to have something to cheer about.

Things are continuing as "normal" at bridge, the new "normal" that is. However, this week Marion, our tea attendant, will be back at work. Hot drinks will be provided at supper time and you are welcome to drink these wherever you like as long as you check that those closeby have no issues with you removing your mask. Why the change of heart? It is apparent from the number of dirty glasses and cups each morning that people are in need of a break and rehydration during the evening. If the Senior Grade players are anything to go by, it would appear that most of us enjoy this short break from the bridge table.

I never thought I would get used to wearing a mask, and although I don't like having to do it, I am now accustomed to it. Perhaps it's like hearing aids, glasses etc, and just a matter of becoming familiar with something new. Thank you to everyone who is wearing their mask properly, with both nostrils covered and no gaps at the sides. We all know what to do and how to do it, so please ensure you comply when on the bridge premises.

Thursday Evening Sessions

David Price the convenor, sends out a weekly email and the regulars indicate whether or not they are playing that week. Occasionally, when playing numbers are low, the session is cancelled, as happened last Thursday. In order to not have other members turn up to find the clubrooms locked, please phone the office around lunchtime on Thursday to find out whether or not there is bridge that night. Or, you are welcome to call or text me. Thursday evening is a good opportunity to cement a partnership's understandings in a more relaxed atmosphere which allows a little time for a de-brief following the play of a hand.

Office Position

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have appointed Petra Shepard to this role. Petra will start on March 8, spending some time with Carol to ensure that there is a smooth transition. Although Petra is not a bridge player, her mother-in-law, Diane, was a former president of Crockfords. I know you will find Petra a pleasant, efficient and helpful person to deal with.

Congratulations this week to newcomers to the game of bridge, Ivo Huissman and Roger Palmer who scored 66.43% on Monday night.

We have a large class of learners in the teaching room on Monday night and I commend their commitment to learning bridge under such difficult covid conditions.

Finally, well done to Philippa Borlase and Peter Van Leeuwen who competed in the Geraldine All Grades Tournament at the weekend. They were placed second in a very strong field. I am sure they were delighted to see all their hard work developing this partnership, come to fruition on Sunday.

Rgards to you all

Jan Barrow
President