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Dear Members,

Last time I talked about the nice weather we were having and it seems that we have a summer that doesn't want to go away – I guess it will happen soon so I hope we are all making the best of the nice days.

Roles and Responsibilities.

Now these are published I encourage you to make contact with the appropriate people should you have any suggestions that will help improve how the club can serve our members and make bridge more enjoyable.

COVID Update

The committee is meeting on Friday morning for our monthly meeting and will discuss and make a decision on our policy going forward. Again, we do appreciate your patience and understanding.

Haigh Tournament Postponement

We have decided to postpone the Haigh tournament due to the Maples being held later, because of the Club Afternoon on Sunday 15th May and upcoming improver lessons.

We have yet to set a new date and it may be after the winter months and our other tournament commitments have come and gone.

The Russley Village Maples Tournament - Sunday 1 May 2022

A pleasant afternoon of bridge with 28 members attending. Congratulations to our winners – Paul Ainsworth and Jan Barrow with a winning percentage of 66.67%. Also thanks to Debbie Mallon our director, who contributed to the success of the afternoon.

Sunday afternoon Sessions.

Reminder - The first session will be Sunday 15 May: 1.00 – 4.00pm

This is a trial for Sunday afternoon sessions and if successful will be held on the third Sunday of each month with a happy hour to follow.

Learner Lessons

Our next series of Learner Lessons are commencing on Monday, 13 June 2022 at 7pm with Nick Mein as Tutor. Please encourage family, friends and workmates to attend. The lessons are free, but participants are encouraged to buy the "Beginners Lessons Booklet" - \$10 each. Further information is available from Petra in the office.

Improver Lessons

We have had a good response to these and are planning to get underway shortly. There will be more information provided in the near future.

Bridge Etiquette

The Match Committee, convened by Anne Holwell, has been considering ways to foster and manage good Bridge etiquette at Crockfords. Our Directors play a key role here, but every Club member has personal responsibility too. There are many do's and don'ts with regards to behaviour and conduct whilst playing Bridge, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to play the game in a fair and pleasant environment. Pages 10-11 of your 2022 Match Programme lists some key points... but there are others!

Please do not be offended if the Director or a fellow player points out an etiquette breach to you – you may not be aware of a particular requirement, or it may have been an unintentional slip up.

The Committee is working on some key Etiquette tips for new Bridge players as they progress through the lessons and into the Junior Grade, so that good habits are formed from the outset.

Should you get into a dispute with another Club member over an Etiquette matter which is outside the responsibility of the Director, Crockfords has three Senior players designated as Club Recorders.

Philippa Borlase, Jill Crossland or Keith Mabin can be approached to mediate in such situations.

Player Grading

The Match Committee is also responsible for managing the grading of players. Setting policies for movement between Grades is on our "to do" list. In the interim, any requests for regrading can be sent to Anne at anneholwell@xtra.co.nz

Weekly Results

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Judith Johnston and Akiko Goto who scored 69.08% last week and Paul Ainsworth and Mark Todd who scored 69.17% the previous week.

Tablet issues

We are experiencing some issues with our communications between our tablets and our 'computer system' at times. This is being looked into, but may not be an easy fix.

Thanks to the players last night for your understanding.

FROM THE OFFICE

I see that we have a Facebook page with the last entry made in 2018. I would like to make Crockfords community presence more visible, therefore can I please encourage you to provide me with any information you might think relevant to Crockfords.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

David Hawes
President