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Dear Members,

As we settle into winter, I trust the committee is providing you with some options to help improve your bridge through our improver lessons and Sunday sessions. I'm using the wintertime to have a hip replacement, so you may not see me around much over the next three to four weeks. Hopefully after that I'll be firing on two legs.

## Next Committee Meeting.

We have changed our next committee meeting to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June to allow me some time to recover from my surgery (our normal meeting date is the second Friday of each month 9.00 – 11.00am). Any club member may ask for an item to be put on the agenda for discussion by the Committee. However, for these to be included, we do require at least one week's notice prior to the meeting to give the Committee time to familiarise themselves with the topic and be able to make a timely and informed decision/response.

## COVID Update

We are still continuing as normal with our current requirement for wearing masks. We do understand that this may not suit everyone. It has served us well to protect our members and with the current situation of daily infections and influenza in the community, we are continuing with our cautious approach. We will be reviewing this at the upcoming committee meeting.

## Player Grading Changes

The Match Committee is responsible for managing the grading of players. Requests for regrading can be sent to Anne at [anneholwell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:anneholwell@xtra.co.nz). Setting policies for movement between Grades is currently being reviewed and will be communicated in the future. In the meantime, playing rights are outlined on page six of the 2022 Match Programme.

## Improver Lesson Reminder

On Sunday 29 May, 13 members from our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Reserve grades benefitted from the first Improver Lesson taken by Jill Crossland.

This is a reminder that the **second lesson is this coming Sunday, June 12, at 2.00pm**. This week, Jill, who is an excellent teacher, is taking a lesson on playing "No Trumps". So, if you are a person who avoids playing No Trumps whenever you can or who would like to learn to play them better, we look forward to seeing you this week. The cost is \$5.00 and you can come with or without a partner.

## Sunday Club Bridge

A reminder, that Sunday Club Bridge is the third Sunday in the month, which is **Sunday 19 June, starting at 1.00pm**.

Last month, the afternoon with friendly, relaxed, mixed-grade bridge and a lovely, shared afternoon tea, was enjoyed by all.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th. The table fee is \$5.00 while we are trialling these Sundays, and something to share for afternoon tea is welcomed but not compulsory.

Remember, if you need a partner, please text Jan Barrow (0273349994) by 11.00am on the day.

Visitors are welcome if they are playing as the partner of a member.

## **Etiquette**

You will be seeing a new laminated card on your Bridge table from this week. One side lists five key etiquette points, and the other side shows the correct table layout during the playing phase of a game. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this information, and apply it while you are at Crockfords. This is by no means a comprehensive list of Etiquette points, but does cover the main areas where issues have been arising.

The same information is going to be made available to people coming through the Learners Classes, so that we foster good habits from the outset. When these Learners become Crockfords members, we do not want them seeing more experienced players deviating on Etiquette matters.

Our focus for the month of June is **Be pleasant, friendly and respectful to all players (including your partner!) and the Director:**

- We are all at Bridge to play cards and enjoy ourselves, and we have a collective responsibility to ensure this happens.
- Speak to others as you would like to be spoken to.
- Acknowledge your opposition at the start of each round; they should not be hearing you talk about the board you have just finished as they may not have yet played it themselves.
- Congratulate your opponents for good play or defence.
- Be humble when you get a good score, and gracious when defeated.
- The correct way to call the Director is "Director please".
- If you are unhappy with something your partner has done, wait until you are away from the Bridge table to discuss it with them.

## **Weekly Results**

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Heather Robertson and Helen Wood who scored 81.67% last week and Peter Van Leeuwen and Philippa Borlase who scored 77.15% the previous week. These high scores came from mixed grade sessions and it shows the benefit of being able to practise in an environment that is good for all level of players, especially those who want to improve.

## **Player numbers**

It is encouraging to see a steady increase in player numbers over the last couple of weeks. Our table numbers are some of the best we have had all year – thanks to you, our members, for your continued support.

It is also great to see the players who have just completed the lessons playing in the junior grade on Monday nights. We now have sufficient numbers for both the juniors and intermediate grades to play separately. Thanks to all the juniors and intermediate players for making concessions and allowing everyone to play together when our junior numbers were low.

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Recently, we have been trying to contact some members on their listed landlines. However, some numbers have been disconnected. If you have done so, can you please let the office know in order to update our records.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

**David Hawes**  
**President.**