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Dear Members,

Its always good to get past the shortest day. I know it doesn't feel like it but we are now heading towards summer. I trust you are all keeping warm and healthy through the coldest part of the winter. We try our very best to keep the club rooms warm for you, however it is very difficult to keep a constant temperature throughout the entire room. The committee is investigating ways to improve this. We have applied for grants to upgrade the heating and to date have not been successful. In the meantime, if you are feeling cold, please let the director know, as they may be able to improve the temperature for you. We have had instances in the past where members have tried to change the settings and this has caused issues.

## COVID Update

The committee will review this again at our meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## Improver Lessons

We all know that what we lead can make a difference to whether or not the opposition makes the contract.

Next Sunday, July 10 at 2.00pm, Jill Crossland will take Improver Lesson 4 on what you should LEAD.

## Sunday Club Bridge

A reminder that the third Sunday in July will not be the usual Sunday Club Bridge, Instead it will be the Crockfords All Grade Pairs' competition.

## Sunday Heating

An apology to all those who persevered through a chilly afternoon at our last Sunday Bridge Club because of a malfunction with the fan in one of our heating units.

Fortunately, Rob Freeman was able to get Hartnells Coolheat in the next day and the problem was soon solved. Thanks Rob. We look forward to warmer Sunday bridge in future.

## July's Etiquette Theme

While all aspects of etiquette are important, the focus this month will be on the last point on the laminated card. There are three key things to note regarding who can touch the playing cards:

1. Declarer and both Defenders should play their own cards. Declarer can also play the cards from the Dummy hand, or they may prefer to nominate the card Dummy is to play.
2. Dummy must not indicate in any way what card they think Declarer should play. Even if there is only one card in Dummy that can legally be played to the trick, Dummy must not touch it unless requested to do so by Declarer.
3. Aside from the above, you should not touch another player's cards. If you are entering the details into the tablet and didn't notice the lead, wait until the end of the hand (so you don't disrupt players' concentration) and then ask the player who led what the card was.

## Annual Rangiora Versus Crockfords Match

This is being held on the afternoon of Sunday 7 August. Rangiora's name has appeared on the trophy rather a lot in recent years, so it would be nice to see it back at Crockfords in 2022! We will be approaching people shortly to make up our team of 13 pairs.

### **Crockfords All Grades Pairs**

This 8B tournament is being held on **Sunday, 17 July** at our clubrooms. It consists of two sessions, and starts at 10.00am. Luisa McNabb is directing. We already have five pairs from Crockfords entered but we are hoping for further entries from our own members. Please go to the NZ Bridge website for further information and to enter. <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events/6813/Crockfords-All-Grades-Pairs>  
An explanation of the "B" status of this tournament is provided on page 7 in our 2022 Programme booklet.

We will be asking for assistance with the provision of morning and afternoon tea for players, and we are grateful to all our members who readily provide this help when it is required.

### **Wednesday Night 7:00pm Start Time Trial**

Following a suggestion from a member and discussion with players on a Wednesday night, it was agreed to trial an earlier start time of 7:00pm for the month of July. The director will provide feedback to the committee following the trial and a decision on future time starts will be made.

### **Weekly Results**

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Allan Schroeder/Kate MacRae along with Gordon Mounsey/David Price both pairs scoring 69.67% last week and Joanne Webb and Graeme Black who scored 70.19% the previous week.

### **New Zealand Bridge Online Bridge Strategy Consultation**

Attached is the latest information regarding the online strategy and request for feedback from members and clubs. Your committee will prepare a response and we are happy to include your feedback or alternatively you can respond directly.

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

A reminder, that if you have changed address, phone numbers, or update any of your personal information, please let the office know, to ensure that you get all the relevant Club information. Thanks for those whom already contacted the Office.

With regards to tournaments, in- and outside our area, there are usually hard copies displayed on the notice board in the foyer, under "Tournament Information". Otherwise, you are most welcome to go to the NZBridge website <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html>, for all tournaments in New Zealand.

A bit of housekeeping: if you are the last person leaving the Club Rooms, please ensure that all the lights are switched off, all heating switched off and cupboards are locked.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

**David Hawes**  
**President**