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Dear Members,

I trust you are all keeping warm over this winter. It does seem a bit wetter and colder than normal, especially Sunday morning with a -5C temperature!!!

Why etiquette is important - I was reading through some Bridge history and came across an interesting story relating to tension around the table. In 1929 in Kansas City a player got his opening bid wrong and ended up in a dicey contract. He played it badly and his wife, Myrtle, told him off – in front of their opposition! He slapped her and in response she shot him!!! She got off (Yes, the jurors were so fascinated by the game that they learnt to play it in their breaks and managed to bring a verdict of accidental death, in spite of the fact that 4 bullets were fired). But it didn't make Myrtle popular at the bridge club – I expect she might have had a problem getting a new partner!!!

Committee Meeting Update

The following are a number of aspects that were discussed/agreed at our recent committee meeting:

- COVID requirement for mask wearing to remain – due to current surge in numbers.
- We are investigating how we can improve the heating quickly and easily as we have once again had our application for funding turned down.
- Regrading criteria to be completed before the end of the year so it can go into the 2023 booklet – any regrading needed before then will be considered on an individual basis.
- A survey will go out to all Senior Reserve players regarding starting time on Wednesdays.
- A third lot of Beginner Lessons will begin at 7.00pm on Monday 12 September – please let interested people know.
- The Committee set criteria for minor changes to be looked at for our constitution, to reflect the current practices. There will be a fuller review at a later date to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act when more information is available.

Welcome to new Members

We welcome the following new members to the club who were approved at our last committee meeting: Martin and Non Peel (Jnr and SR), Jan Stupples (Snr) and Megan Eddy (Snr).

Improver Lessons

This Sunday, July 24 at 2.00pm, Jan Barrow will take Improver Lesson 5 on “What to discard to signal to your partner what you want them to play”.

Etiquette

Dummy hand placement

Thanks to Peter van Leeuwen for the following information regarding how the dummy hand should be placed:

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D. Dummy's Hand

After the opening lead is faced, dummy spreads his hand in front of him on the table, face up, sorted into suits, the cards in order of rank with lowest ranking cards towards declarer, and in separate columns pointing lengthwise towards declarer. Trumps are placed to Dummy's right. Declarer plays both his hand and that of Dummy.

Summary

- Dummy's cards are spread as a column for each suit with cards pointing lengthwise towards Declarer.
- The Trump suit is placed on Dummy's right.
- The cards in a suit are arranged in rank order, with the lowest ranking card closer to Declarer.

Notes

- Other than the placement of the Trump suit, suits are placed across the table at the discretion of the Declaring side.
- In a No Trump or in a Trump contract there is no requirement to place the suit columns in alternating colour order or rank order across the table.

Spare a thought for your Director and fellow players

To allow the Director to get a Bridge session organised and started promptly, they need players to be seated 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. We know life does not always go according to plan, so if you are running a few minutes late please contact someone at the Club to advise that you are on your way. The Director can then factor you into the room set-up.

Annual Rangiora Versus Crockfords Match

This is being held on the afternoon of Sunday 7 August. We now have 13 pairs from Crockfords and will be able to provide a high quality opposition and endeavour to get the trophy at Crockfords this year.

Crockfords 8B Tournament

After confirmed entries of 60 players we had a flurry of last minute cancellations and re-jigged partnerships as Covid and influenza hit the bridge community. We were lucky that our Director, Luisa McNabb, took these in her stride as she had to redo the seatings, seedings and player movement at least six times, the last being not long before play commenced.

It seems that regardless of the final placings, everyone enjoyed the day. As always, we need to thank the people behind the scenes – those who worked in the kitchen, and others who helped with the set-up on Saturday and the clean-up at the end of the day on Sunday. We had a well-stocked bar and we're grateful to our members who provided food.

We had seven pairs from Crockfords competing, as well as two playing with a partner from another club and two pairs who withdrew due to illness. This is the largest number of players from Crockfords participating in a tournament in recent years, and bodes well for the future. We had a mix of experienced players and newcomers to the game. Everyone acquitted themselves well. We were proud of them all, none more so than the overall winners Julia England and Brian Papps, who played good bridge in the first session and maintained this standard in the afternoon, something that is hard to do. Their average for the day was 63.16%, clearly out-stripping the second-place getters.

Other Crockfords' prize winners were: Elena and Peter Udy (1st) and Graeme Black and Philippa Borlase (2nd) in the Intermediate Section. Congratulations to you all.

Weekly Results

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Tony Crow and Kate MacRae scoring 63.57% last week and Elena Udy and Paul Ainsworth who scored 69.70% the previous week.

FROM THE OFFICE

Our office is not manned this week due to COVID – please text David Hawes 021 669 134 or Jan Barrow 027 334 9994 should you need something urgently.

We will endeavour to respond to emails

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

David Hawes
President.