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Dear Members,

It has been a very busy last few weeks at the bridge club with the tournament, Rangiora exchange, and Improver lessons all taking place. As well as this three of our directors, Petra and number of members succumbed to Covid. Getting everything completed and bridge running 'as normal' has taken a huge amount of effort and I want to pass on my sincere thanks to each and every person who has contributed so members have been able to play bridge uninterrupted.

Committee Meeting Update

From our committee meeting on Friday 12th August.

- Mask wearing is now optional, not compulsory
- We are planning a quiz night during September (date to be confirmed)
- Our average player numbers, per session, has dropped by 8 players over the last 3 months. We are seeking input from members for ways to increase player numbers for each session.
- You will also receive a brief survey over the next couple of weeks regarding payment of table fees. Before we look at making any changes we need to see if there is need to change. If the current methods are satisfactory we wont fix what is not broken. This survey will be at each playing table. We do value your feedback, but please, just one per member.

Nola Mather Trophy - Sunday 4 September – *Save this date*

The date for this trophy match seems to be coming at a busy time, but it is always a popular event on our annual calendar. Nola was a grand master of our club and her two daughters Sue Moates (Int) and Philippa Borlase (Snr) are active members of Crockfords. The match is advertised in your programme as a handicap match but a format that has proved popular, is for the pair with the highest percentage to win the trophy and a prize, and thereafter the prizes are awarded randomly, according to drawn numbers. This gives everyone a chance to be a winner, even if the bridge has been less than spectacular!

We hope you will support this event, and bring another pair with you.

Entry fee is \$10 with a 1.00 pm start. Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of play. The entry form is on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Rangiora Exchange

Our club hosted our annual exchange with Rangiora on Sunday 7th August. There were 13 pairs from each club contesting the trophy. Sadly, the trophy went back to Rangiora again, however we put up a valiant challenge. The appointments committee is looking at our coaching team and have made approaches to Razor Robertson for next year. The latest information is that he is currently considering another coaching role on offer.

There were many, many comments about the food that the club provided, both by the Rangiora players and our own. Special thanks go out to Sandra Sidaway (soup queen) and Kate MacRea who provided a wonderful lunch and afternoon tea.

Weekly Results

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Barbara Geddes/Keith Mabin scoring 67.71% last week and Kevin Cowan/John Eathorne who scored 65.25% the previous week.

Sunday Bridge in August:

Sunday 21 August - Sunday Club Bridge - mixed grade beginning at 1.00pm, afternoon tea around 2.30 and finishing at 4.30pm. A plate per couple to share is appreciated. Cost is \$5.00. You are welcome to bring a partner from another club or, if you need a partner, please contact Jan Barrow by 11.30am on Sunday Morning.

For those who have attended in the past and enjoyed the opportunity, my challenge is that you try and coax another pair to attend to increase the numbers to these friendly sessions.

Sunday 28 August - Improver Lesson Seven 2.00pm - 4.00pm - this is NZB Lesson 10 on **Doubles** - how to use Takeout Doubles and Penalty Doubles to your advantage - this lesson will also be taken by Ellie Burt and Judy Entwistle. All welcome. Cost is \$5.

Beginner Lessons

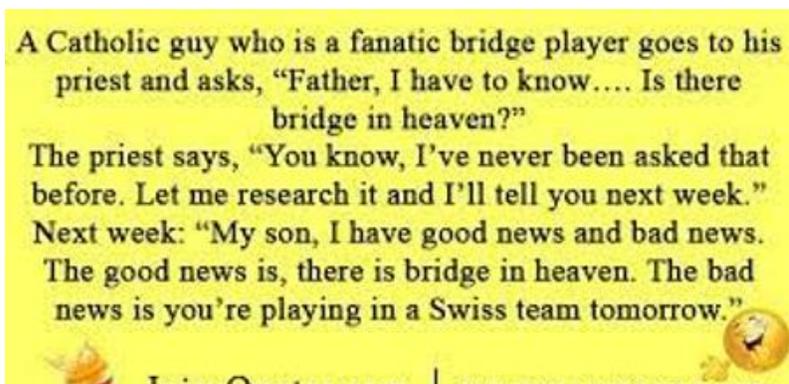
Due to requests from a number of people we are going to be running another (third) series of beginner lessons commencing Monday 12th September (provided we get sufficient numbers). There are flyers in the foyer if you have people who you think may be interested. The best recruiters are our members who have a passion for the game and know what it can offer in the way of mental stimulation and social interaction.

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Bridge Humour.

Ever wondered how bridge got its name?



FROM THE OFFICE

I happy to share that are now able to welcome another group, utilising our venue. It is English Language Partners, New Zealand, who are working with former refugees and migrants. We are happy to extend a welcoming kiwi hand to these adult students and their teachers.

Also, it was amazing and humbling to see how the team pulled together, during my time away due to Covid. A sincere thank you to everyone, (from my side as well).

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

David Hawes
President.

Rangiora players and members enjoying lunch

