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***Bridge is like a marriage.***

***All you need at the beginning is 2 Hearts and a Diamond.***

***All you want by the end is a Club and a Spade.***

***GENERAL NEWS***

Don’t forget everyone, as there are several new players in the Club, it is especially important to remember to wear your name badges, if only to enable them to avoid you in the future!

**Pulling Our Weight:** We all know there are a few people who tend to do everything. How about giving them a break by clearing up after yourself at the end of meal and tea breaks, and by leaving the tables neat and tidy at the end of play.

**Bridgemate Scoring System:** The new electronic scoring system was introduced on 17 January, and so far appears to have been accepted with more or less equanimity. Most problems encountered have been incorrect entering of computer numbers, and failures by the people checking the scores to pick up mistakes. These are minor and hopefully will disappear as the system becomes more familiar.

Another issue to be particularly careful of is that of checking the board numbers when sharing boards, or handling feed-ins.

Don’t forget that passed-in boards are entered using the “Pass”key.

CALL THE DIRECTOR / SCORER IF IN ANY DOUBT!

As an aside, when looking at the results, hand the scorer to the other three at the table to avoid loud talk which may alert those around you to possible upcoming bids.

Just a note – the results will start appearing on the internet site from the middle of February when the connection to NZ Bridge is made.

A plea from the scorers! Please give them space at the end of play to enable them to correct mistakes and check the results in peace before printing them. Too many people are crowding into the office creating much noise and disruption!

***EVENTS NEWS***

A successful Inhouse Tournament sponsored by Project Resources was held on 7 February in the Clubhouse. With 17 full tables it was a great turn-out, and judging from the noise levels between hands, everyone enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Dale Wills who directed, Helen Edwards, the scorer for the event, and to the organizers Marion Silick and Francie Vagg, Betty Hollands who managed the kitchen, Lou McDonald for the raffles and Trevor Smith for managing the bar.

The successful players were:

Section 1: 1st Place Irene Galloway and Bev Ferrier.

 2nd Place Eddie Bloemgarten and Rene Henke

Section 2: 1st Place Pauline Reid and Dorothy Franks

 2nd Place Marie Groves and Francie Vagg

Section 3: 1st Place Tony Perkins and Lou McDonald

 2nd Place Dennis Carolin and Mary Crone

Section 4: 1st Place Margo Collier and Yvonne Rowe

 2nd Place Pat Prendeville and Margaret Powell

***COMMITTEE NEWS***

The new Committee is placing emphasis on recruitment and retention of new members. In order to produce a coordinated and robust plan of action a sub-committee comprised of Pat McArthur and Robyn Michelson has been formed. With the power to co-opt another member to assist, they are to present an action plan the Committee at the meeting to be held on 21 February.

***PLAY & ETIQUETTE TIPS***

*BIDS OUT OF TURN:* If there is a bid out of turn, do not attempt to correct it yourselves as an incorrect decision can make a vital difference to the outcome. Always immediately call the director

*EXPOSED CARDS DURING THE PLAY OF THE HAND (after the first lead)*:

Defence Players: If a card is exposed by either of the defenders it becomes a **penalty card.** Call the director as, if declarer does not require the card to either be played or prohibits its play, it must remain face-up on the table, and must be played at the first opportunity, either by following suit, or by playing it when it is your turn to lead. The director will tell the players how it is to be treated depending on declarers decision.

Declarers: Cards inadvertently exposed by declarer may be returned to the hand with play continuing as normal. However, declarer having once indicated an intention to play a certain card may not retract that card or statement.

**Fact:** There are 52 cards in a pack. From these a total of 635,013,599,600 hands can be dealt!