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It is a great feeling to be back at the bridge table. We were a little anxious that players would be slow to return to the table. Those fears are now truly unfounded as clubs are experiencing good numbers and tournaments are being well supported.

We are very fortunate that we can attend club sessions and play tournaments. Elsewhere around the world they look at us in envy. Whilst we have a degree of normality, we need to acknowledge that things maybe different in the days, months, and years ahead. With that in mind the Board will be meeting on the 3rd of August to take stock of our current strategic plan. We will share of thoughts with you.

Last Monday the Board met as part of our normal schedule. We work to a standard agenda which includes a discussion on any major item impacting the organisation. By the time you read this update you will have seen notice that notwithstanding a hand grenade being thrown into Congress arrangements we have a new venue for 2020 and Congress will be taking place from 26th September to 3rd October at the Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karapiro. A great effort by Richard and the organising committee to put new arrangements in place within 3 weeks.

Other things that have happened over the last month include: -

1. A common-sense decision by the WBF to set aside arrangements for 2020.
2. We wrote to the Minister of Sport recommending we should be considered as a sport. Unfortunately, we have not had a response, but that is not a surprise as the Government is focused on Covid 19 recovery.



By now all clubs should have received a copy of the new manual dated 12 May 2020. Over the coming months we thought we would share extracts for your information. This month I thought I would cover the role of the recorder.

The Role of the Recorder

The purpose of the Recorder system is to establish a method of dealing with complaints that may arise from incidents that occur at tournaments or other competitive events run under the auspices of NZBridge that:

- * do not meet the expected standard of conduct and proprieties but are not serious enough to require a ruling by the Director at the table or are outside the purview of the Director; or
- * are serious but there is only an implication of wrongdoing without substantial evidence to bring a formal complaint to the Director or the Conduct Discipline and Disputes Committee; or
- * should be addressed by counselling and/or education.

It is important that such instances are reported to the relevant Recorder to ensure that appropriate action is taken, and the game of bridge is made more enjoyable for everyone. If you need to contact the recorder in your region, I refer you to the website.

Continue enjoying your bridge.

Cheers Allan