

Fortnightly News Update

15 July 2022

PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE CARE

None of us will have missed the information that COVID cases are expected to TRIPLE!! over the next few weeks, and the winter 'flu is adding to the number of unwell people out and about.

At the time of writing, there are no plans to change anything about the way we are doing things at the Club. However we will watch any possible developments closely and be ready to act on any health advice or directions.

We must all monitor ourselves closely and as may have been mentioned in previous editions of the News, please please don't come to the Club if you are at all unwell, or if anyone in your household or other close contact is currently suffering from COVID.

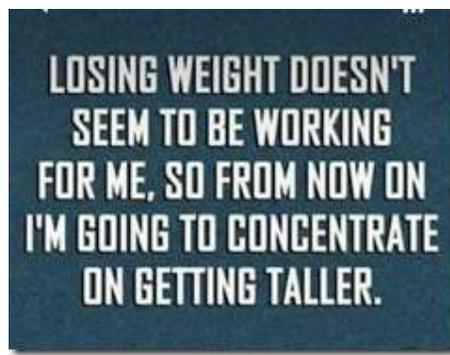
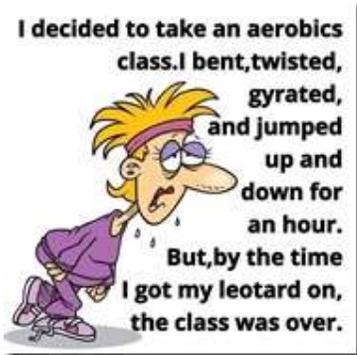
AIR PURIFIERS

The last of the air purifiers we purchased has now been delivered and Hall 1 now joins the other areas of the Club in having above the recommended level of air circulation through the filters.

MORE USEFUL INFORMATION FROM COTA – see below

As well as the virus, the scammers are ramping up their activities, and the message below from COTA regarding a Scamwatch warning is passed on for your information.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES AND INFORMATION

A new scam to look out for...

Australian Scam watchdog, Scamwatch has advised consumers to be informed about a new scam doing the rounds. This scam involves being sent a text message from Medicare, advising that the person has been a close contact with an Omicron case and that Medicare will provide a free PCR test, to be ordered and delivered to their house for a small fee (\$1.47 in some cases). The person is directed to a fake medicare site which processes the order. The person will then receive a phone call from a bank saying that they have been the target of a scam and that the bank has intervened to stop the scam from progressing. THIS IS STILL PART OF THE SCAM THOUGH, and the person will be asked to enter a verification code on their device to help with the bank's investigation. It is important that people do not enter this code or relay what this code is to the person on the phone if it appears on their device. In newer more sophisticated methods, these scammers are now using phone numbers that when looked up, appear to be from a reputable organisation. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE RING BACK ON AN INDEPENDENT WELL-ADVERTISED LISTED NUMBER FOR THE ORGANISATION, NOT THE ONE THEY ARE GIVEN.

A few steps you can take to protect yourself from these scams:

1. NEVER give your passwords or security information to anyone you don't know over the phone or online.
2. ALWAYS independently check that the person you are speaking with is exactly who they say they are.
3. DON'T respond to pressure, threats or scare tactics - these are all methods used to make scam victims act quickly, without thinking.
4. NEVER click on a link in an email if you don't know exactly who it's from.
5. BE ALERT to fake websites - check for spelling errors, clunky language, fuzzy images and logos, missing contact information and correct domain name. If you Google search the organisation you're looking for, the main website for the organisation should match the one you've been sent to. Always check!

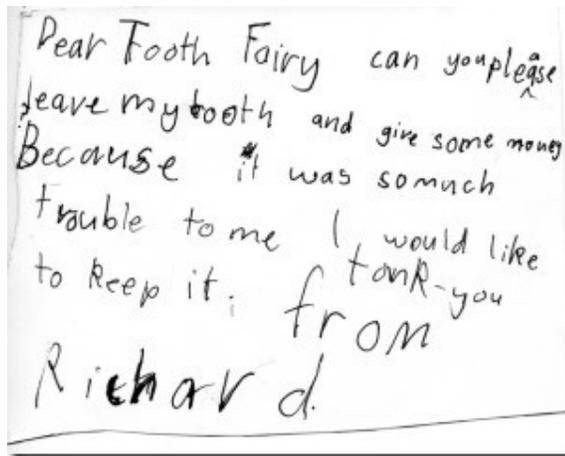
6. ALWAYS double check with a friend or relative if you're unsure about a conversation you've had involving the transfer of money or giving out your personal details. IT NEVER HURTS TO BE EXTRA SAFE AND SURE.

Scamwatch estimates that between 1 January and 1 May of this year, more than \$205 million has been lost to scammers.

You can find out more about current scams as well as report one here:

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

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and finally, a little gem from the Tooth Fairy's correspondence file:



Dear Footh Fairy can you please
leave my tooth and give some money
Because it was so much
trouble to me I would like
to keep it; thank-you
from
Richard.