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2004/2005

53rd AGM

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC

**Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held in the Bridge Clubrooms
Sunday, 27th November 2005**

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the Previous AGM – held on Sunday 28th November 2004
- 4 Matters Arising from the minutes
- 5 President's Report
- 6 Finance Report
- 7 Setting of Fees and Subscriptions
- 8 Appointment of Auditor
- 9 Election of Officers
- 10 General Business

REMIT 1: DATED: 05/11/05

That section 3 clause E of the Constitution be amended from:

“Country Members: Country members who live more than 20 miles from Hamilton shall be eligible to play not more than ten (10) nights a year, excluding Club Open Nights. Country members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club, nor shall any entrance fee be payable by such a member”.

To:

“Country Members: Country members who live more than thirty five (35) kilometres from Hamilton Contract Bridge Club shall be eligible to play not more than ten (10) nights a year. Country members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club, nor shall any joining fee be payable”.

Proposed by: Rua Freeborn

Seconded by: Shirley Waymouth

REMIT 2: DATED: 05/11/05

That section 3 clause F of the Constitution be amended from:

“Honorary Members: Members who have been ordinary members may become Honorary Members and may play 5 times during the year, at any session except members’ graded club nights”

To:

“Honorary Members: Members who have been ordinary members may become Honorary members and may play five (5) times during the year at any session which is not a club competition”.

Proposed by: Rua Freeborn

Seconded by: Shirley Waymouth

Presidents Report

53rd Annual Report
Year Ended 31st October 2005

Welcome Ladies & Gentlemen to the 53rd AGM

The Overall Picture

As I mentioned in the 2004 report, our National Game of Bridge is showing a decline in player numbers. In 2005 this falling trend continues with the NZCBA membership figures as at the 31st March 2005 showing a total membership of 15288, a loss of 401 members or 2.6%. Player numbers attending tournaments remained static, however table numbers were slightly down as increased numbers of tournaments spread out those player numbers.

The NZCBA has continued their efforts to introduce people to the game through their Bridge Development Committee with mixed success. They have created new regulations for tournaments to boost the quality of Directing, improved their scoring package, which our club uses, by adding extra features to add variety and run and score different types of Bridge games, and they have streamlined their website to make it easier for the bridge playing members to access various bits of information from their data bases. Plans are underway to help junior players improve their bridge, through improver lessons and access to support players, director seminars to improve the decision making of existing Directors and to provide the way to educate players to become Directors. There is hope that with all these efforts plus promotion, more people will be introduced to the game of Bridge and help increase player numbers.

Our Club in the Overall Picture

The Hamilton Contract Bridge Club has continued its decline in membership as in step with the National figures and as at 31 March 2005 showed a membership of 335, a decrease of 24 or 6.7% on 2003/2004 figures. This decline has seen us slip from being the 9th largest club in NZ to 10th from 112 affiliated clubs in NZ. Although our decline was higher than the National average, the figures are base on the 2004 year and this years 2005 membership figures of 326 members shows a much lesser drop of 9 members.

In 2004 our Club Committee restructured various financial areas to make the Club less exposed to the effects of a declining membership and as a result 2005 has seen the Clubs finances in a good healthy state. More will be said on this in Kevin Gaskins financial report.

It has been written before in other reports that it is up to our members to help keep this lovely club of ours prosperous. By spreading the word to all your friends, family and work mates how great this game of bridge is, we will be able to boost up both the public perception to the game as well as boosting membership numbers. It must be pointed out that players can't leave it up to a small number of people in various committees within New Zealand, it takes masses of people to promote this game, so lets do it and make the 2006 year the beginning of the up trend in Bridge.

Our Club's Management Structure

Attached to this report is a page showing the Committee, Stewards and Sub Committee Structures for 2005 and the various club members coordinating within these structural areas. Our club's top down structure involves 4 main committees within the Club overall Committee. Some Committee Members operate as Convenors of these Committees (underlined in bold type). This structure is very similar to that of 2004 and shows a delegation of power, decision making and responsibly shift from the President to Convenors of the 4 main committees with the lines of communication stretching through the sub committees within these 4 main committees back to the President. Although this sounds complicated, it has worked well.

The Club thanks all the Volunteers who have been contacted to help this year. Although the Volunteers are not mentioned within this structure, the club appreciates that without their help these areas would not be able to succeed. The 2 main areas that rely heavily on Volunteer work are the Car park, which created \$3454 of income, and the kitchen during Club events.

I will not go into detail about the various Committees and sub Committees as you all can refer back to the 2004 AGM Report for that information, however there are some areas, which are worthy of mention. Firstly the Raffle area controlled by Anna Farrell, who even surprised herself by increasing the profit 70% from \$1000 to \$1728. A large influence to this increase was due to donations, one person in particular; Anna will elaborate more on this if asked. Secondly a new area has been created with the purchase of a dealing machine last month. Dealers are needed so see Don Wilson if you are interested.

Bridge Tournament Activities 2004-2005

Melbourne Cup Day 2004

Thanks to Annette Scanlan who sponsored this Tournament for the last time as she has since moved south out of Hamilton. The event attracted 20 tables, which was slightly down from the previous year. The popular Sweepstake was again run by Sheila Smith and for the first time Margaret Boyd.

AGM Bridge and Dinner 2004

18 Tables, up from 14.5 table the year before.

Opening Day 2005

Bridge started at 4.00pm with a light meal at the end of play.

Open 5A Pairs (Waikato Championship Pairs)

A slight increase in numbers, up one table from 12 to 13. This is still regarded as a poor turnout.

Bridge Sampler Night

Our club and members bought along a friend who doesn't play bridge, so they could sample what bridge playing is all about. This was held on Tuesday 8th of March, a week before lessons began. Some people did come back to start the lessons. Committee is yet to decide if this event will continue in 2006

North Island 15A Teams

Hamilton Club was proud to be host again for this prestige National event. There were 26 teams most of which contained Grandmasters and top representative players throughout NZ. As in 2003 the Club received favourable feed back on the running of this event.

Waikato Area Pairs Round 1 and 6

We again hosted two rounds. Entry numbers were poor. 13 tables (13) in round one and 9 tables (10) in round 6 with previous years numbers in brackets.

Ladies Day

This event was held one day after Anzac Day. The Ladies Open Grade attracted 16 tables and the Ladies Intermediate/ Junior Grade 9 tables. This year the traditional huge afternoon tea at the end of play was changed to that of a lunch between sessions. With the change of the date back to where it use to be at the beginning of May next year we may attract slightly more numbers.

Restricted 8B Open

The popular tournament held on Sunday the 12th June, again received 18 tables (18) from players around the Waikato/Bays region.

Babich Wines NZ Wide Pairs

Our Club is one of many clubs within News Zealand to simultaneously run this event. This year it was held 3 months earlier due the NZ Congress being held in October, which was usually at the time when NZ Wide Pairs is held. This year we had 10 tables (12), which is a disappointing turn out considering the value of this fun tournament.

Intermediate/Junior Waikato/Bays Interclub Qualifying Round

Hamilton again hosted the Waikato area of this event on the 4th September. Out of the 3 Intermediate teams and 3 Junior teams that our club entered we only had one team from each grade qualify for the final which was held at Rotorua. Unfortunately we had no success at the finals. We hope for better results next year.

Free Friday Fun Night Practice Pairs

We again held this event the night before Congress. Although we only had 6 tables (9) we all enjoyed ourselves. I personally fail to understand why our members don't come along to these free fun events. Maybe next year.

Labour Weekend Congress

The numbers were similar to those of last year. We were once again affected by NZ top players being away overseas, and strong competition from the Queenstown Congress held at the same time. There were 12 tables for the 10A Waikato/Bays Open Pairs, 8 tables for the Intermediate/Junior event, 14 Teams for the Waikato/Bays 10A teams, and 12 tables for the Monday 3A Open Pairs. The Club wishes to thank Seddon Park Funeral Home for their sponsorship. Thanks also to Malcolm Smith, our Tournament Convener and to Marg Marshall who again sacrificed her long weekend to help in the kitchen.

Other Bridge Club Activities in 2005

In Brief

- 1 Purchase of the trophy Cabinet in the foyer
- 2 The Peter Kunac trophy presented to Friday morning players
- 3 Learner Lessons were held in March/April by Jenny Millington
- 4 Increased hireage of our clubrooms outside of our playing times
- 5 Increased times this year in using our car park to gain extra revenue
- 6 Major water main leak discovered in our carpark 2 days before Christmas. This resulted in the President and Vice president (Don Wilson) swapping pens and paper for picks and shovels. Between the two of us we created quite a mess, however we saved a lot of expense by doing it ourselves. Thanks to the Hamilton City Council Water Dept for wavering our \$1100 water bill, and to Tony Mannington (plumber) for his advice.
- 7 Revamped Programme Book entirely to a digital format for the first time (it now can be a computer file) resulting in some good and not so good alterations. The 2006 Programme will see an improvement.

- 8 After two failed attempts by Committee in the previous year, Charles Holland Goodwin managed to persuade the Hamilton City Council to paint yellow no parking lines outside the entrance to our Club. Unfortunately Charles passed away a week before we received the Council's decision.
- 9 The purchasing of a new and more efficient dishwasher.
- 10 Both Timers were repaired
- 11 New Sign at the Entrance to the Bridge Club
- 12 In May our website homepage malfunctioned, this gave Don Wilson an opportunity to replace it with improvements.
- 13 June the 29th 2005 saw the introduction of Swiss Pairs at our Club for the first time. It was well received. The club has NZCBA approval to make it an Open event in 2006.
- 14 The realignment of the back fence and the extension of the back car park.
- 15 Purchase in September of a more modern second hand computer to replace our existing scoring computer.
- 16 Committee decision to change the starting time on Tuesdays from 1.15pm back to 1.00pm in accordance to player's requests.
- 17 Purchase in October of a Dealing Machine, boards and cards.

Summary

It has been another very eventful year and I would like to thank all those involved. In my two years as President I have had a fantastic Committee, and wish all those standing next year, the very best. Special thanks must go to Kevin Gaskin who spent a huge amount of time and effort to help this club; he went beyond his call to duty and will be sadly missed as he is stepping down from Committee. To Don Wilson your next President I wish him the best, and he will have my support. To all the club members who have helped out in various ways, there were too many to thank individually in my report, so I now will say a big "thank you" to you all for sacrificing some of your spare time to help make your club prosper.

Finally ...to those club members who have passed away and could not be with us this year.....could we please stand to honour them.

Charles Holland Goodwin
Peggy Perry
Kath Coup

Thank You



Richard Hooper

List of the Committee and Sub Committee Structure

Nov 2004 / Oct 2005

To all those who have volunteered, you may not be on this list but your work was much appreciated.

President	Richard Hooper
Vice President	Don Wilson
Club Committee	Anne Archbold Colleen DeLuen Joan Egger Anna Farrell Kevin Gaskin Robin Joblin Ewen Ritchie Jan Spaans Jocelyn Taylor Val West
Secretary	Liz Robertson
Finance Committee	<u>Kevin Gaskin</u> Jocelyn Taylor
Match Committee	<u>Jan Spaans</u> Richard Hooper Colleen DeLuen Don Wilson
House Committee	<u>Anne Archbold</u> Robin Joblin Val West
Computer	Don Wilson
Prizes, Sales Table & Raffles	Anna Farrell
Repairs & Maintenance	Jan Spaans Richard Hooper Kevin Gaskin
Bar	<u>Val West</u>
Promotions	Ewen Richie Liz Robertson
Newsletters	Joan Egger
Bridge Tutors	Jenny Millington Barry Jones
Flower Roster Steward	Joan Care-Cottrell
Car park Roster Steward	Kevin Gaskin
Director Steward	Maureen O'Halloran
Partner Stewards	Anna Farrell Keitha Burton Dianna Vodane Ewen Richie
Welfare	Sheila Smith
Scorers	Joan Egger Pam McEwing Sheila Smith Robin Joblin Colleen de Luen Jan Spaans Richard Hooper
Grounds (Gardens)	Hilda Freeman Margaret Boyd
Fund Raisers	Kevin Gaskin
Kitchen	<u>Anne Archbold</u>
Directors	Shirley Waymouth Barry Jones Richard Hooper Nick Whitton Maureen O'Halloran Jenna Gibbons Malcolm Smith Jan Spaans Don Wilson Joyce Catchpole George Sherrell
Dealing Machine Dealers	Joan Egger Don Wilson Jan Spaans Robin Joblin
Sponsors	Seddon Park Funeral Home, Lion Foundation Perry Foundation, Pub Charity Inc, NZ Community Trust, Southern Trust.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2005

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HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

<u>Last Year</u>		<u>THIS YEAR</u>	
		21,570	
22,910	Total Membership Fees	26,285	
26,671	Table Money	3,652	
2,846	Tournaments & Socials	761	
1,219	Sales Table	0	
178	Event Sponsors	950	
1,050	Programme Advertising	1,728	
1,158	Raffles	3,454	
3,100	Car Parking	2,076	
1,411	Building Hire	23	
85	Bridge Books Surplus	498	
484	Bar Surplus	1,627	
1,536	Interest Received	<u>62,624</u>	
<u>62,648</u>			
	<u>Less Expenses:</u>		
	<u>Administration</u>		
	Affiliation & Centre Fees	4,523	
3,537	Learners Tuition	200	
400	Learners Advertising	490	
1,539	Printing, Stationery, Postages	2,130	
1,624	Communications	1,064	
1,166	Secretarial Salary	7,785	
10,295	General Expenses	465	
943		<u>16,657</u>	
<u>19,504</u>			
	<u>Property</u>		
	Cleaning & Stores	5,122	
2,897	Insurance	2,526	
2,416	H.C.C. Rates	38	
267	Water Rates	388	
115	Power & Heating	4,681	
3,343	Security	1,725	
1,680	Maintenance Property	5,118	
4,930	Plant & Furniture	1,465	
1,185	Depreciation	3,848	
3,582		<u>24,911</u>	
<u>20,415</u>			
	<u>Competition:</u>		
	Master Points	1,263	
1,740	Directors & Scorers	7,015	
6,658	Bidding Slips	0	
1,209	Catering Wages & ACC	0	
4,854	Catering Purchases	2,348	
1,560	Trophies & Prizes	2,491	
1,536		<u>13,117</u>	
<u>17,557</u>		<u>54,685</u>	
<u>57,476</u>	Total Expenses		
	<u>SURPLUS ON OPERATING</u>	<u>7,939</u>	
5,172	Plus Special Grants	14,545	See Note 4
2,452	Less Special Expenditure	19,524	See Note 4
0		<u>2,960</u>	
<u>7,624</u>	<u>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u>		

The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these Financial Statements.

HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2005

<u>Last Year</u>		<u>This Year</u>
552,000	Ground Development & Buildings :- at 2003 HCC Valuation	552,000
15,848	Furniture & Fittings - at Depreciated Value Cost - 25,185	12,000
<u>567,848</u>		<u>564,000</u>
100	Cash on Hand	100
0	GST Refund Due	774
399	Bar Stock	886
419	Bridge Books & Prizes	535
338	Monies Due	281
20,171	A N Z Bank	8,364
11,799	A N Z Bank Deposit - 6% - Due 28/12/05	<u>22,865</u>
<u>601,074</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSETS OWNED BY CLUB</u>	597,805
	LESS	
242	GST Owing	0
2,007	Accounts Payable	0
3,980	Grant in Advance	0
<u>6,229</u>		0
<u>594,845</u>	<u>CAPITAL OF CLUB</u>	<u>597,805</u>
	<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>	
	Accumulated Funds	
535,221	Balance Year Start	594,845
52,000	Property Valuation Increase	0
7,624	Surplus for Year	<u>2,960</u>
<u>594,845</u>		597,805
<u>594,845</u>		<u>597,805</u>

Signed on behalf of the CLUB


President :- Richard Hooper


Treasurer :- Kevin Gaskin

Nov-2005

The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these Financial Statements.

HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The General Accounting Policies recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of income and financial position on an historical cost basis have been consistently followed, except that buildings are recorded at valuation. Reliance is placed on the fact that the Club is a going concern. Financial figures are shown exclusive of GST. The Club has taken advantage of all differential reporting exemptions. Minor capital items are written off when incurred. No expenditure has been capitalised. There have been no material changes in Accounting Policies since the previous Annual Financial Statements, apart from minor capital items funded by grants have been expensed.

2. PROPERTY

- A The Clubs Leasehold Property is valued at HCC 1 September 2003 valuation :-
- | | |
|---------------|---------|
| Land | 108,000 |
| Buildings | 552,000 |
| Capital Value | 660,000 |
- B The land is leased from the Hamilton City Council under a Community Body Site lease subject to payment of service charge rates. The lease expires 31 March 2010

3. DEPRECIATION and MINOR CAPITAL WORKS

- Apart from depreciation on Furniture & Fittings, no Depreciation is charged in the Accounts as the Clubs policy is to write off each year all maintenance items, together with charges which can be regarded as minor capital works.

4. SPECIAL GRANTS

Details of monies received and expenditure are as follows:-

	Grants Received	Net Cost	Cost to Club
OHP Screen & Trophy Cabinet		1,255	1255
Car Park	1,140	3,565	2425
Bidding Slips	840	888	48
Dishwasher	3,947	3,448 after sale	-499
Dealing Machine/Cards/Boards	8,618	10,368	1750
	<u>14,545</u>	<u>19,524</u>	<u>4979</u>

AUDIT REPORT TO MEMBERS OF HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC.

I have audited the financial statements of the HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC in accordance with accepted accounting standards, having carried out such procedures as I considered necessary. In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over income prior to it being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to, in my opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC as at 31 October 2005 and the result of its activities for the year ended on that date.

Peter S Buckland

Peter S Buckland C. A.
Management Consultant

11th Nov-2005

The accompanying notes form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these Financial Statements.

FINANCIAL REPORT - YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

Statement of Financial Performance for year ended 31 October 2005 discloses an operating surplus of \$7,939, an increase of \$2,767 on the previous year. After allowing for grants, expenditure relating to these grants and other minor capital expenditure surplus was reduced to \$2,960. Income excluding grants, was similar to that of the previous year with a reduction of \$1,340 in membership fees offset by increases in tournaments, raffles, car parking, and building hire. Expenses were well contained and included cost of new entrance sign and rear fence. Increase in cleaning costs relates to employment of cleaning contractors and is offset by reduction in catering wages. Expenses included depreciation of \$3,848.

In a departure from previous years, expenditure relating to grant income has been expensed. Grants were received from Perry Foundation \$3,140, Lion Foundation \$4,000, Pub Charity \$1,500, NZ Community Trust \$2,458 and Southern Trust \$3,447 and were utilised towards improvements to rear car park, new commercial dishwasher, new dealing machine/boards/cards and printing of bidding slips. In addition a trophy cabinet and OHP screen were purchased. The Club is extremely fortunate to have the support of the abovementioned gaming trusts.

Due to age of clubrooms members can expect to face additional costs from normal wear and tear. Already this financial year the Club is committed to expenditure costing approx. \$8,5000 relating to repairs to sewerage pipes and the roof. Status quo budget has been prepared for the incoming committee incorporating these costs.

The Club remains in a relatively strong financial position and as such the outgoing committee has recommended that subscriptions and table money remain at current levels.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those who have helped with car parking duties, and acknowledge the contributions made by Joce and Ashley Taylor, Liz Robertson, Anne Archbold, Anna Farrell, Val West, Robyn Joblin and Ewan Ritchie.

K M GASKIN
FINANCE MANAGER

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS
2006 COMMITTEE

	<u>NOMINATED</u>	<u>ELECTED</u>
PRESIDENT	Don Wilson	Don Wilson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Anne Archbold Joan Egger
COMMITTEE (10)	Colleen deLuen Ewan Ritchie Val West Anna Farrel Richard Fletcher Lucie Armstrong Yvonne Smale Joan Egger Jan Spaans	Colleen deLuen Ewan Ritchie Val West Anna Farrell Richard Fletcher Lucie Armstrong Yvonne Smale Joan Egger Jan Spaans
AUDITOR	
SECRETARY	Liz Robertson	