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2005/2006

54th Annual General Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC

Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held in the Bridge Clubrooms
Sunday, 26 November 2006 at 3.30 pm

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting – held on Sunday,
27 November 2005
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 President's Report
- 6 Finance Report
- 7 Setting of Fees and Subscriptions
- 8 Election of Officers
- 9 General Business

54th Annual Presidential Report

Year-ended 31 October 2006

I am greatly encouraged by the heart and the mood in the Club. Contrary to the tone set in recent presidential reports, there do seem to be positive signs of an upswing in a number of areas that I will highlight here. We will have to wait to see if this is the start of a trend or just a happy accident in 2006.

- For the first time in recent years we have had more new members joining than we have lost. Our net increase this year was 7 resulting from a loss of 45 existing members, and a gain of 21 new members from the beginners' lessons and a further 31 returning or new members joining us from elsewhere.
- It is not an exaggeration to say that we were blown away by the numbers turning up for the beginners' classes in March. There were 45! We were so encouraged by this we ran a second series of lessons in the winter. These were not so well supported and we would not recommend this again.
- Playing numbers on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays generally are holding steady or down one table from a year ago. On the other hand Monday and Tuesday nights are averaging more than two additional tables compared with 2004. Remember that a few years ago we were starting to think that Monday and Tuesday nights were not viable and that we might have to combine the sessions.
- Great support for our social events.
- Good numbers at some of our tournaments, especially the Hamilton Congress at Labour Weekend.
- Excellent turnout to the series of lessons for improvers in August.

Acknowledgements

The Club is indebted to those who have made a positive contribution to its operation. We simply could not survive without the willing help of members. I would encourage you all to continue to assist in whatever way you can and to make your skills and knowledge available.

On behalf of the Club I sincerely thank all those who have helped. I list in the Appendix to this report many of these people but apologise in advance for any I have inadvertently omitted. There are bound to be some. It would be invidious for me to single out some for special mention. Suffice to say some of those listed, especially some of the committee, have put in an extraordinary amount of work for the success of the Club.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness I record the death of past and present members of our Club. In the past year we lost:

Len Coup
Eileen Hartstone
Eric Marr
Keith Ridley

Nola Sowman
Pat West
Molly Williams
Gordon Wilson

Issues and Activities

Dealing Machine

The dealing machine has been operating for around 12 months and has become accepted as a normal part of our operation. So much so I sometimes wonder how we ever coped without it. It is just great to have truly randomly dealt hands for all sessions, with the travellers already complete and hand records for those who want to analyse their performance. It has also been a boon for preparing hands for lessons. The only downside is that someone does have to operate the machine and I thank those who have performed this task.

Directors

The Hamilton Club, and in fact the whole region, is very short of directors, especially qualified directors. I would urge any of you with the slightest inclination to discuss with us the possibility of joining the ranks of directors. Without more directors we are very likely to see an increase in the prevalence of playing-directors. There simply may be no alternative.

Secretary-Treasurer

Yvonne Smale was appointed Secretary-Treasurer in March to fill the vacancy left when Liz Robertson resigned and is performing most effectively. Anne Archbold managed the office while Yvonne was overseas for about a month around June. Special thanks to all three for their roles in the administration of the Club.

Cleaners

The company cleaning the clubrooms was changed during the year following some dissatisfaction with the performance of the incumbent.

Drains

We have had three occasions over the past 12 months where our sewer pipe has blocked and we have had to call in services to have it cleared. This has been costly and disruptive at the time. We have recently been consulting with a drainlayer, a plumber and the City Council drainage engineers. There are issues in that the sections of the pipe have dropped out of alignment. The considered information is that the cause of the blockages is likely to be objects being flushed down the toilets that the system is not designed to cope with. The most satisfactory solution could be to provide more disposal bins in the toilets. We have not had any problems since the first bin was provided. If we do have any more problems we may have no option but to repair or replace the entire pipe. This would be a big capital cost.

Fund Raising

The Club's funds have benefited considerably from car parking for Waikato Stadium, raffles, sales table and from hiring the building. Regrettably one of our regular hirers, a group from the University of Auckland, seems to have no further need to use the premises.

We were unsuccessful with some of our applications for grants. There is a lot of competition for grants with applications far exceeding the funds available. Our reserves were cited as a reason for declining our application by one trust.

Communications

I have attempted to keep members informed on what has been happening in the Club through a regular newsletter every two months.

Teams Honours Board

An honours board for listing the winners of the Club Teams' Championship is being constructed.

Bridge Tournaments and Events

We had 18 tables at the **2005 AGM** Bridge and dinner (cf 18 in 2004).

We had 13 tables at **Opening Day 2006**, once again held on Anniversary Weekend. It has been decided to try something a little different in 2007. Rather than an opening day on Anniversary Weekend we are going to have a social event on Sunday February 11th. One reason for the change was the unavailability of some key people on the holiday weekend. If the new format is not well supported we may revert back to the more traditional format.

Yet again there was a poor turnout for the **Waikato Championship Open 5A Pairs** in February with just 10 tables (down from 13 in 2005). The tournament has been poorly supported for a number of years and in part it may be due to the timing of the event and a clash with the Gold Coast Congress. In an attempt to rectify this, in 2007 the Open will be held in April.

In early May the **Hamilton Ladies Open** attracted 11 tables and the **Hamilton Ladies Intermediate** 9 tables (16 and 9 respectively in 2005). The day was most successful and included a beautiful lunch that brought many compliments.

The **Hamilton Restricted 8B** tournament had 21 tables (18 in 2005).

The **Hamilton Swiss Pairs Open 5A** in August was a first for us. In 2005 it was run as a club event for the first time and in 2006 was held as an open tournament across three successive Wednesday nights. Despite early trepidation we had a satisfactory 32 pairs playing and the entries included pairs from as far away as Thames. We anticipate improved numbers next year based on comments from the participants from other clubs.

The final round of the **Waikato Area Pairs** was held at Hamilton in September with 9 tables. Numbers for the whole series were not good and there was talk of disbanding the series. Lucie Armstrong and Richard Fletcher have taken over the management of the event and plan to make it a success by promotion through the area's clubs. They have made an early start and have the venues confirmed already for next year.

We had 12 tables (10) for the **Babich New Zealand Wide Pairs** which was held at Hamilton simultaneously with many other clubs. Congratulations to Liz Robertson and Blair Fisher who finished first in the event nationally, Tyrel and Brett Glass (5th) and Henry and Jewell Cresswell (7th).

The **Hamilton Congress** at Labour Weekend was a great success, very well supported with 19 tables (12 in 2005) in the Open 10A Pairs, 26 teams (14) in the Provincial Teams and 19 tables (12) in the Consolation Open 3A Pairs. Even the Intermediate Pairs with 11 was an improvement on recent years (8 in 2005). However the Intermediate tournament will be moved away from Labour Weekend and in 2007 will be played in August to see if this will increase participation. The Congress was very well managed by Malcolm Smith ably assisted by Jan Spaans, while Val West and her team did a superb job providing lunches for so many people.

Melbourne Cup Day was the usual enjoyable success story with 20 tables (20 in 2005).

The Hamilton Club was well represented in the Waikato-Bays teams in the **Inter Provincial Finals**. Barry Jones and Jenny Millington were in the Open team that finished second. Jenna Gibbons was in the Women's team and Kevin Gaskin and Jan Spaans were in the Intermediate team. The Youth team, which included Blair Fisher, Gareth Wagstaff and Katherine Muller, won for the 3rd consecutive year.

The **New Zealand Women's team** which included Jenna Gibbons and Karen Cumpstone was victorious in the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Championships in Shanghai in August.

Club Championships

Congratulations to the winners of the **Club's Championships** in 2006:

Monday:	Jane Lawless and Sally Wilson
Tuesday Afternoon:	Patricia Ferguson and Dawn McKenzie
Tuesday Evening	Glen Iversen and Melva Johnstone
Wednesday:	Michael Barton and Brett Glass
Thursday:	Josie Van Weerd and Val West
Friday:	Anna Farrell and Leslie McNamara
Teams:	Barry Jones, Jenny Millington, Jenna Gibbons, Michael Curry, Liz Robertson

Lessons

There were over 40 enrolments for the beginners' lessons in March and another 12 for a second winter series of lessons. There were over 40 at the Improvers' lessons in August. There is clearly a desire by many members to improve their game and we must strive to provide opportunities for them to this each year.

Social Events

At the last AGM members gave the strong indication that you wanted more social events. In response we have held five most successful events – the Opening Day, two potluck evenings (11 and 15 tables), a mid-winter Chinese meal evening (20 tables) and the AGM. It has been pleasing that you have supported these so well.

Our thinking at this stage is that next year we may have another Chinese meal event and suggest that, if you wish, you could invite your husband, wife or partner to the meal. So much of bridge is away from your family, it would be nice to involve them if they want to.

Summary

As I have outlined above, there has been a lot happening with lots of good contributions by members. Once again I thank you all for the parts you have played. The response and results have been pleasing on the whole. I have enjoyed working with you and I look forward to another year. I hope you keep supporting the Club in its activities, encourage new members to join us and especially bring new people along for the lessons in March.

Anna Farrell and Richard Fletcher are not seeking re-election to the committee. My thanks go to them for their successful input into the well-being of the Club, especially to Anna who has ended a long stint on the committee. Anna has been directly responsible for a significant contribution to our funds by organising our raffles and sales table. She has also managed the prizes.

Appendix – Acknowledgements

I thank the following for their contribution to the successful operation of the Club. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. In compiling this list it is inevitable that I have inadvertently omitted some very worthy of mention. I apologise in advance for my negligence.

Vice President for her tremendous support and help in many areas
Joan Egger

Secretary-Treasurer for administering the Club
Yvonne Smale (from March), Liz Robertson (until after Yvonne started), Anne Archbold (while Yvonne was away in June)

Finance Committee for managing the Club's finances
Anne Archbold (Convenor), Yvonne Smale, Anne Leighton

House Committee for preparing meals for tournaments, managing the kitchen, maintaining the bar, and ensuring the building is clean
Val West (Convenor), Colleen De Luen, Pam Burns, Mary Fear
plus the many volunteers who helped at tournaments and social events. The Match Committee and some of the volunteers have made a supreme effort with great results. The Club is indebted to their efforts. It makes a great impression on our tournament visitors.

Match Committee for organising all the running of the bridge events
Jan Spaans (Convenor), Lucie Armstrong, Richard Hooper, Richard Fletcher, Don Wilson. Plus Malcolm Smith for managing the Hamilton Congress.

Raffles, Prizes and Sales Table
Anna Farrell

Maintenance and Building for managing the maintenance and the hireage of our building
Ewen Ritchie, Joan Egger

Gardening
Hilda Freeman, Margaret Boyd

Maintenance of the property including tree pruning, spraying and removing leaves
Richard Hooper, Julie Hooper

For **Grant Applications**
Kevin Gaskin

Directors
Maureen O'Halloran (also Director Steward), Barry Jones, Shirley Waymouth, Jan Spaans, Don Wilson, Richard Hooper, Nick Whitten, Pam Burns, Richard Fletcher

Dealing Boards
Shirley Waymouth, Jan Spaans, Robyn Joblin, Joan Egger, Don Wilson

Scoring
Joan Egger (Steward), Jan Spaans, Robyn Joblin, Don Wilson, Sheila Smith, Colleen De Luen

Newsletters

Don Wilson, Joan Egger

Car Parking

Ewen Ritchie and the 19 volunteers who helped Ewen, some more than once. This has made a huge contribution to our funds and we are grateful that people have given up their time, sometimes in very adverse weather conditions.

For generous donations to the Club

Elaine Hickel (Embargo restaurant) for food on Tuesday nights including catering for the Improvers' lessons

Anne Archbold for wine for Melbourne Cup Day

Pauline Yeoman (Hamilton Wine Company) for wine

Marye Leonard for ham for Melbourne Cup Day

Dudley Lorimer for honey

Thelma Bird for gift baskets

Jewell Cresswell for soft toys

Auditing

Jackie Allen

For preparing and running lessons

Barry Jones, Jenny Millington, Richard Fletcher

For providing and arranging flowers

Anne Archbold, Dianna Vodane

For members' welfare

Sheila Smith

Partner Stewards

Keitha Burton, Ewen Ritchie, Anna Farrell, Dianna Vodane

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 October 2006

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HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

<u>Last Year</u>		<u>THIS YEAR</u>	
21,570	Total Membership Fees	21,167	
26,285	Table Money	26,605	
3,652	Tournaments & Socials	5,744	
761	Sales Table	755	
0	Donation	100	
950	Programme Advertising	878	
1,728	Raffles	1,974	
3,454	Car Parking	4,750	
2,076	Building Hire	2,377	
23	Bridge Books Surplus	38	
498	Bar Surplus	142	
1,627	Interest Received	1,675	
<u>62,624</u>		<u>66,205</u>	
	<u>Less Expenses:</u>		
	<u>Administration</u>		
4,523	Affiliation & Centre Fees	4,167	
200	Learners Tuition	156	
490	Learners Advertising	1,032	
2,130	Printing, Stationery, Photocopier	3,344	
1,064	Communications	1,128	
7,785	Secretarial Salary	8,814	
465	General Expenses	395	
<u>16,657</u>		<u>19,036</u>	
	<u>Property</u>		
5,122	Cleaning &Stores	4,923	
2,526	Insurance	2,478	
38	H.C.C. Rates	77	
388	Water Rates	293	
4,681	Power & Heating	4,599	
1,725	Security	2,070	
5,118	Maintenance Property	8,476	
1,465	Plant & Furniture	903	
3,848	Depreciation	3,600	
<u>24,911</u>		<u>27,419</u>	
	<u>Competition:</u>		
1,263	Master Points	1,744	
7,015	Directors & Scorers	6,925	
0	Bidding Slips	169	
0	Catering Wages & ACC	0	
2,348	Catering Purchases	2,842	
2,491	Trophies & Prizes	3,007	
<u>13,117</u>		<u>14,687</u>	
<u>54,685</u>	Total Expenses	<u>61,142</u>	
<u>7,939</u>	<u>SURPLUS ON OPERATING</u>	<u>5,063</u>	
14,545	Plus Special Grants	1,500	See Note 4
19,524	Less Special Expenditure	2,295	See Note 4
<u>2,960</u>	<u>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u>	<u>4,268</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 2006

<u>Last Year</u>		<u>This Year</u>
552,000	Ground Development & Buildings :- at 2003 HCC Valuation	552,000
<u>12,000</u>	Furniture & Fittings - at Depreciated Value Cost - 25,185	<u>8,400</u>
564,000		560,400
100	Cash on Hand	100
774	GST Refund Due	0
886	Bar Stock	732
535	Bridge Books & Prizes	658
281	Monies Due	0
8,364	A N Z Bank	11,728
0	A N Z Bank Deposit - 5% - Due 10/12/06	5,163
<u>22,865</u>	A N Z Bank Deposit - 6% - Due 28/12/06	<u>24,263</u>
<u>597,805</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSETS OWNED BY CLUB</u>	603,044
	LESS	
0	GST Owing	971
0	Accounts Payable	0
<u>0</u>		971
<u>597,805</u>	<u>CAPITAL OF CLUB</u>	<u>602,073</u>
	<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>	
	Accumulated Funds	
594,845	Balance Year Start	597,805
0	Property Valuation Increase	0
<u>2,960</u>	Surplus for Year	<u>4,268</u>
597,805		602,073
<u>597,805</u>		<u>602,073</u>

Signed on behalf of the CLUB



President :- Don Wilson



Treasurer :- Anne Archbold

Nov-2006

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HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

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 qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and the Club is not "large" according to the Framework for Differential Reporting. The Club has taken advantage of all available 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 assessed 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
Photocopier	1,500	2,295	795
TOTAL FOR YEAR	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>795</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 2006 and the result of its activities for the year ended on that date.

Jackie Allen

Chartered Accountant

21 Nov-2006

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended 31 October 2006

Statement of Financial Performance for year ended 31 October 2006 discloses an operating surplus of \$5,063, an increase of \$2,876 on the previous year. After allowing for grants, expenditure relating to these grants and other minor capital expenditure, the surplus was reduced to \$4,268.

Income excluding grants was similar to that of the previous year with a reduction of \$400 in Membership fees. Income from carparking, building hire, raffles and the sales table totalled \$9,850. These extras are very profitable for the Club, but could easily slow down.

ANZ Bank term deposits total \$29,426.

Expenses were generally well-contained. The main expenses included the purchase of a photocopier \$2,582 off-set by a \$1,500 grant from the Lion Foundation. The increase in property maintenance was mainly due to costs incurred with drainage/sewerage, plumbing and roof repairs. Also included was depreciation of \$3,600. Prizes and trophies increased by \$516 – these prizes to the benefit of members.

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

The Clubrooms are a large facility and have to be maintained to a very high standard both inside and out. The Committee encourages members to continue supporting the Club by donating prizes and raffles.

To all those members who have contributed to the Club over the past 12 months – thank you.

Anne Archbold
Finance Manager

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS
2007 COMMITTEE**

	NOMINATED	ELECTED
PRESIDENT	Don Wilson	Don Wilson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Joan Egger	Joan Egger
COMMITTEE (10)	Anne Archbold Lucie Armstrong William Barwood Pam Burns Colleen de Luen Anne Leighton Ewen Ritchie Jan Spaans Val West Sally Wilson	Anne Archbold Lucie Armstrong William Barwood Pam Burns Colleen de Luen Anne Leighton Ewen Ritchie Jan Spaans Val West Sally Wilson
AUDITOR	Jackie Allen	
SECRETARY	Yvonne Smale	