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**2006/2007**

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

# **HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held in the Bridge Clubrooms  
Sunday, 25 November 2007 at 3.30 pm**

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting – held on Sunday,  
26 November 2006**
- 4 Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 5 President's Report**
- 6 Finance Report**
- 7 Subscriptions**
- 8 Election of Officers**
- 9 General Business**

# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Presidential Report

## Year-ended 31 October 2007

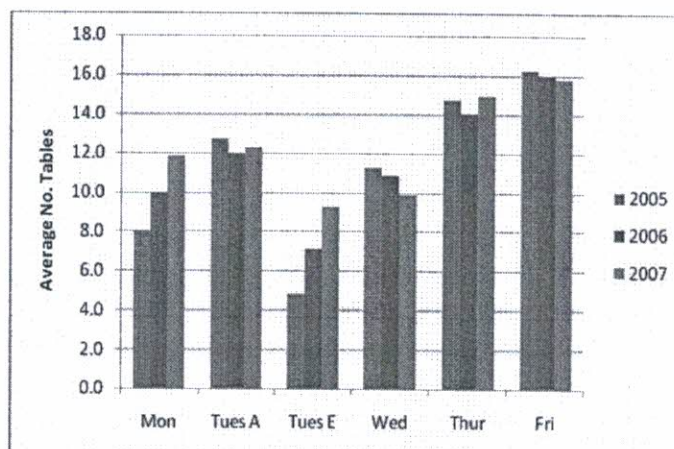
2007 has been by most measures another very successful year in the life of the Hamilton Contract Bridge Club. I am indebted to all those who have contributed to this success. In years to come we may look back on 2007 as a historic year; the year we introduced the BridgeMates.

### **Membership**

Once again we have managed to maintain our membership numbers recording a small net increase for the second successive year. Our membership is currently 339 compared with 336 last year. The movements were 42 lost and 45 gained (including 15 from the beginners' lessons). The losses represent about 12.5% of our membership and the challenge perhaps is to stem the extent of such losses each year. Obviously some loss is unavoidable through death, sickness and those moving away from the area.

### **Club Sessions**

The trend we saw last year has continued with increased numbers of tables again on Monday and Tuesday nights (up 47% and 93% respectively over 2005) and fairly steady numbers on Tuesday afternoons, Thursday nights and Friday mornings. The big disappointment is the drop-off on Wednesday nights – at times there have only been 7-8 tables playing.



### **Acknowledgements**

Once again I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution to the wellbeing of the Club from so many – committee members, the Club Secretary and many volunteers, even some who are not Club members. Some of these people have put in a huge amount of time into the Club to ensure the smooth running of our normal operations and our tournaments and to handle any issues with our services. The appendix identifies many of these people.

Whilst not wanting to diminish the tremendous contribution of others, I feel compelled to single out the convenors of the three standing committees for special mention. Jan Spaans has put a massive amount of time into the Club organising tournaments, dealing multiple boxes of boards, and making the BridgeMates a reality through an endless dialogue with the principals of BridgeMate and Compass. Val West has sacrificed a lot of weekends leading the House Committee most successfully to provide well-appreciated meals for our tournaments and social events. Anne Archbold again managed the office while the Secretary was away for about 6 weeks.

### **Obituaries**

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

Ian Calder  
Beryl Curtin  
Joan Hutchinson

Perry Mudford  
Henriette Neuman  
Gwen Vernon

## ***Issues and Activities***

### **Dealing Machine**

Machine-dealt hands are now just taken for granted as the norm after just two years of operating the dealing machine. It makes you wonder how we ever did without it.

### **BridgeMates**

The Hamilton Club has become the first club in New Zealand to embrace the BridgeMate system for the electronic capture of contracts and results at the table. This was made possible by an exceedingly generous anonymous donation and we sincerely thank the benefactor.

By now many of you will have used the BridgeMates and it is very pleasing to see how easily most have adapted to the new technology. At the table it is very simple to use.

Behind the scenes it has not been quite so straightforward. Being the first, we have had to pioneer and this has brought some trials. What made the BridgeMates a technically feasible possibility was the agreement of Bob Fearn, the developer of the Compass scoring package, to upgrade Compass to integrate with the BridgeMates. We have been fortunate to have had Bob's enthusiasm, patience and the generosity of his time to make this work. We have had to learn the Compass system and to work our way through the integration issues as they arise. We are not totally there yet but we are well on the way. I trust by this time next year, BridgeMates will be just as well-accepted as part of the furniture as the dealing machine.

### **Services**

In August Brett Glass and a group of volunteers replaced all the fluorescent lights in the clubrooms with new electronic fittings. As well as transforming the appearance of the rooms, the new lights produce a lot more light and consume much less power.

We have implemented a few measures in an effort to eliminate the problem of our sewer pipe blocking. Despite these changes, there have been two occasions during the year that the pipe has blocked again and we may be faced with replacing the pipe to overcome the alignment problems.

The Committee has agreed in principle that we should operate a programmed maintenance plan rather than being simply reactive to breakdowns and failures. We have acquired a planning tool to aid this process. It still requires the appropriate pricing data to be plugged into the template. The building is reaching an age where some components are starting to need replacement.

We were required by the Police and licensing authorities to conform to more onerous and costly compliance conditions to operate the bar. We are now required to have a qualified and registered bar manager present while the bar is operating plus must pay a fee for the privilege.

### **Fund Raising**

The Club's funds have benefited considerably from car parking for Waikato Stadium, raffles, sales table and from hiring the building. We anticipate some increased income over the next few years providing parking for the Hamilton V8s.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Lion Foundation to replace our failing timer clocks with new models.

## **NZCBA Charges**

The NZ Contract Bridge Association increased the charges they levy affiliated clubs by increasing the master point charges. With effect from 1 June 2007 we are required to pay them an additional \$0.30 for every player every time they play in our club sessions. Based on 2007 numbers at our sessions this will cost us well in excess of \$3600 for a full year. The master point charges for our tournaments have increased even more but we can recover these through our entry fees.

## **Communications**

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

## **Bridge Tournaments and Events**

We had 17 tables at the **2006 AGM** Bridge and dinner (cf 18 in 2005).

The **North Island Teams** was a big and successful weekend for us with 22 teams participating.

In previous years the **Waikato Championship Open 5A Pairs** has been held in February and has been poorly supported, perhaps from being so early in the year and because of competition from the Gold Coast Congress. The move to hold it in April this year was a partial success with 14 tables (better than the 10 tables in 2006 but only one more than in 2005).

In early May the **Hamilton Ladies Open** attracted 14 tables and the **Hamilton Ladies Intermediate** 10 tables (11 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 just 13 tables well down on the 21 the previous year.

The clubrooms were buzzing in late June when the Hamilton Club hosted the Waikato-Bays elimination round of the inaugural interclub teams competition. 8 clubs were represented, each with an open, an intermediate and a junior team.

The **Waikato Area Pairs** was revitalised under the management of Lucie Armstrong and Richard Fletcher with some active promotion of the series. We hosted rounds 4 and 6 with 13 and 11 tables respectively (9 in 2006).

We had 12 tables (12) for the **Babich New Zealand Wide Pairs** which was held at Hamilton simultaneously with many other clubs. The local winners, Lucie Armstrong and Richard Fletcher, finished 7<sup>th</sup> nationally.

From the comments following the first **Hamilton Swiss Pairs Open 5A** in 2006 we were anticipating an increased participation from other clubs. In fact the opposite was the case and we had very few external players. There were 28 pairs in the event (32 pairs in 2006).

The **Hamilton Congress** at Labour Weekend was a great success, very well supported with 18 tables (19 in 2006) in the Open 10A Pairs, 18 teams (26) in the Provincial Teams but just 10 tables (19) in the Consolation Open 3A Pairs. 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 meals for so many people.

**Melbourne Cup Day** was the usual enjoyable success story with 19 tables (20 in 2006).

Noteworthy results for Hamilton players at the **National Congress** included: Jenna Gibbons in the Waikato Bays team that was first in the women's Inter Provincial Final; Barry Jones and Jenny Millington 22<sup>nd</sup> in the New Zealand Pairs Final and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Same Sex Pairs; Rose Don 1<sup>st</sup> in the NZ Pairs Plate; Brett Glass 5<sup>th</sup> and Natalie Muller and Maureen O'Halloran 9<sup>th</sup> in the Multiple Teams; Tyrel Glass and Gareth Wagstaff 8<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Pairs; Rua Freeborn 9<sup>th</sup> in the Same Sex Pairs.

Rose Don and Jenna Gibbons represented **New Zealand** in the women's teams at the South Pacific Championships (Zone 7) in Christchurch. Jenna was also in the women's team at the PABF championship in Indonesia, and the Venice Cup in China.

## **Club Championships**

Congratulations to the winners of the **Club's Championships** in 2007:

Monday:	Ken Foster and Peter Kington
Tuesday Afternoon:	Shirley Fransham and Val West
Tuesday Evening	Glen Iversen and Melva Johnstone
Wednesday:	Mike Curry and Jenna Gibbons
Thursday:	Pam Burns and Marie Welch
Friday:	Tom Daynes and Beverley Searle
Teams:	Rose Don, Mike Barton, Blair Fisher, Liz Robertson

## **Lessons**

We had great attendance of around 40 to the Beginners' Lessons and 15 of these people ultimately joined the Club. I would like to thank Barry Jones and Jenny Millington for the excellent lessons they have run in recent years. Their approach of minimising the talk and getting people playing has really worked well. I regret they will not be running the lessons next year.

We had no Improvers' Lessons in 2007 other than a lesson on transfers.

## **Social Events**

The social events have been relatively successful and certainly enjoyable. This year we had a variety of meals – two potlucks (15 and 12 tables), a Chinese meal (11 tables) and an Indian meal (13 tables).

## **Summary**

It has been an interesting and exciting year, especially with the introduction of the BridgeMates. We can look forward to their regular use with rapid results, more accurate scores, increased information and less work for the scorers.

By and large I have enjoyed my two years as President and I thank you all for your tremendous support. Once again I hope you encourage new people to join us and to maintain the vitality of the Club.

Bill Barwood is the only member of the committee not seeking re-election for 2008. This is a good indication of the great co-operative spirit within the committee. I thank Bill for his wise input into our meetings and wish him well for the future.

## **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, Anne Archbold (while Yvonne was away in September and October)

**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, and ensuring the building is clean

Val West (Convenor), Colleen De Luen, Sally Wilson, Mary Fear plus the many volunteers who helped at tournaments and social events. Val has even engaged some helpers who are not members. At every tournament people have voiced their appreciation for the excellent meals that have been provided.

**Match Committee** for organising all the running of the bridge events

Jan Spaans (Convenor), Lucie Armstrong, Richard Hooper, George Sherrell, Don Wilson. In addition Malcolm Smith for managing the Hamilton Congress.

**Raffles, Prizes and Sales Table**

Pam Burns

**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 as well as a number of spontaneous volunteers who swept the carpark on several occasions.

**Directors**

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

**Dealing Boards**

Shirley Waymouth, Jan Spaans, Robyn Joblin, Joan Egger, Don Wilson, Bill Barwood

**Scoring**

Joan Egger (Steward), Jan Spaans, Robyn Joblin, Don Wilson, Sheila Smith, Josie Van Weerd

**Newsletters**

Don Wilson

**Bar**

Pam Burns and Joan Egger

**Car Parking**

Ewen Ritchie and the 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 and some dinner vouchers

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

Margaret Boyd for items for a raffle

Jewell Cresswell for soft toys

**Auditing**

Jackie Allen

**For preparing and running lessons**

Barry Jones, Jenny Millington

**For providing and arranging flowers**

Anne Archbold, Dianna Vodane

**For members' welfare**

Sheila Smith

**Partner Stewards**

Keitha Burton, Liz Robertson, Dianna Vodane



# **HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 October 2007**

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HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

<u>Last Year</u>		<u>THIS YEAR</u>
21,167	Total Membership Fees	21,944
26,605	Table Money	29,139
5,744	Tournaments & Socials	4,653
755	Sales Table	997
100	Donation	180
878	Programme Advertising	484
1,974	Raffles	1,970
4,750	Car Parking	4,286
2,377	Building Hire	2,407
38	Bridge Books Surplus	7
142	Bar Surplus	6
1,675	Interest Received	3,202
<u>66,205</u>		<u>69,275</u>
	<u>Less Expenses:</u>	
	<u>Administration</u>	
4,167	Affiliation & Centre Fees	4,110
156	Learners Tuition	200
1,032	Learners Advertising	557
3,344	Printing, Stationery, Photocopier	4,150
1,128	Communications	953
8,814	Secretarial Salary	8,000
395	General Expenses	385
<u>19,036</u>		<u>18,355</u>
	<u>Property</u>	
4,923	Cleaning &Stores	4,935
2,478	Insurance	3,514
77	H.C.C. Rates	535
293	Water Rates	342
4,599	Power & Heating	4,335
2,070	Security	2,076
3,028	Maintenance Property- General	4,392
5,448	- ( Drains & Roof ) Lights	5,216
903	Plant & Furniture	1,154
3,600	Depreciation	2,400
<u>27,419</u>		<u>28,899</u>
	<u>Competition:</u>	
1,744	Master Points	1,972
6,925	Directors & Scorers	7,155
169	Bidding Slips	1,383
0	Catering Wages & ACC	0
2,842	Catering Purchases	1,966
3,007	Trophies & Prizes	3,365
<u>14,687</u>		<u>15,841</u>
<u>61,142</u>	Total Expenses	<u>63,095</u>
<u>5,063</u>	<u>SURPLUS ON OPERATING</u>	<u>6,180</u>
1,500	Plus Special Grants	11,400
2,295	Less Special Expenditure	11,444
<u>4,268</u>	<u>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u>	<u>6,136</u>

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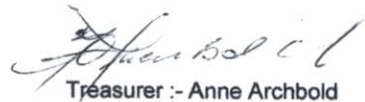
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2007

<u>Last Year</u>		<u>This Year</u>
552,000	Ground Development & Buildings :- at 2006 HCC Valuation	692,000
<u>8,400</u>	Furniture & Fittings - at Depreciated Value      Cost - 25,185	<u>6,000</u>
560,400		698,000
100	Cash on Hand	100
0	GST Refund Due	124
732	Bar Stock	177
658	Bridge Books & Prizes	356
0	Monies Due	0
11,728	A N Z Bank	7,451
5,163	A N Z Bank Deposit - 8% - Due 13/2/08	10,418
24,263	A N Z Bank Deposit - 8.3% - Due 28/3/08	<u>31,583</u>
<u>603,044</u>	<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS OWNED BY CLUB</u></b>	748,209
	<b>LESS</b>	
971	GST Owing	0
0	Accounts Payable	0
<u>971</u>		0
<u>602,073</u>	<b><u>CAPITAL OF CLUB</u></b>	<u>748,209</u>
	<b><u>REPRESENTED BY</u></b>	
	Accumulated Funds	
597,805	Balance Year Start	602,073
0	Property Valuation Increase	140,000
<u>4,268</u>	Surplus for Year	<u>6,136</u>
602,073		748,209
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Signed on behalf of the CLUB



President :- Don Wilson



Treasurer :- Anne Archbold

20 Nov-2007

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HAMILTON CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

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.

2. PROPERTY

- A The Clubs Leasehold Property is valued at HCC 1 September 2006 valuation :-
- |               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Land          | 238,000 |
| Buildings     | 692,000 |
| Capital Value | 930,000 |
- 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
Time Clocks	1,400	1,402	2
Bridge Cards & Boards	1800	1,834	34
Bridgmate Results System	8200	8,208	8
TOTAL FOR YEAR	<u>11,400</u>	<u>11,444</u>	<u>44</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 2007 and the result of its activities for the year ended on that date.

  
Jackie Allen  
Chartered Accountant

20 Nov 2007  
Nov-2007

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Year Ended 31 October 2007

Statement of Financial Performance for year ended 31 October 2007 discloses an operating surplus of \$6,180, an increase of \$1,117 on the previous year. After allowing for grants, expenditure relating to these grants and other minor capital expenditure, the surplus was reduced to \$6,136

Income excluding grants has increased by \$3,070 to that of the previous year. Income from car parking, building hire, raffles and the sales table totalled \$9,660. This extra income is a bonus for the Club.

ANZ Bank term deposits total \$42,001. Interest on the investments showed an increase of \$1,527.

Expenses were generally well-contained. The purchase of two timer clocks \$1,402 was off-set by a \$1,400 grant from the Lion Foundation. The increase in property maintenance was mainly due to costs incurred with new lighting, drainage, plumbing and the removal of four trees. Also included was depreciation of \$2,400. Prizes and trophies increased by \$358.

The Property Government valuation shows an increase of \$140,000. The Club building was re-valued for insurance purposes. The new replacement insurance value is \$1,430,000.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who have contributed to the Club in various ways over the past 12 months. This is very much appreciated.

Anne Archbold  
Finance Manager

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS  
2007 COMMITTEE**

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