

Nova Place update

Geological testing has been carried out at Nova Place and though we have had no report yet, we are cautiously optimistic about returning to the old site.

If and when we get the go-ahead, all club members will be invited to contribute their ideas on new club rooms.

We are thinking ahead to be ready to go once the green light is given.

Shangar Singh has the re-building portfolio and is working with the insurance company.



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Treasurer says “ we have to save \$20 000”

The club is in good heart and we are well insured with regards to our building at Nova Place and business disruption. However, table fees are down 26%, total revenue is down 31% and overall revenue less subs and levies down 25% from last year. We need to either save money or fundraise.

We have a number of options including; raising the annual sub (hasn't been increased for 20 years); increasing table fees; and taking a bank loan. Our preferred option is to save money and also fundraise

To save expenditure the committee is looking at reducing the number of directors at night and Sue, our manager, directing some of the day sessions.

Sandra Smith, Robin Denley and Bruce Anderson are looking at running a raffle. These combined measures should go a long way to keeping our Treasurer happy.

If you have any ideas about how we can save money or would like to assist with running the raffle please contact the office or any committee member.

Money saved and money spent

David Stephen has been co-opted to the committee to assist with IT issues. Our computer system and website has been a source of frustration for all. To resolve issues, over \$10 000 was spent on a new laptop and server, however IT can be a bottomless pit for money.

We saved \$4000 when we installed cabling at Bowls Papanui by doing it ourselves. This is thanks to a small team who gave up their Saturday morning - John Skipper, David Stephen, Susan Edwards and Stuart Edwards.

What does this mean for you?

Bridge Pads will be soon be able to be used by all sections and results will be promptly out when sessions finish.

We will have a new website and results will be posted promptly.

Tournaments 2012

Club events such as the Holiday Pairs, Julian Cup, Anniversary Pairs, Junior and Senior Teams will all go ahead.

Until we have our own club rooms the only other tournament the club will hold next year will be at Easter.

John Skipper and the
Christchurch Bridge Club
Committee



Good News.

The Mainland Foundation has recently approved a grant for \$ 4000 to purchase a defibrillator in case of emergency at our club.

The Mainland Foundation welcomes any recognition of their Trust.

Well done Sue and Peg with the application form.



Diamond Jubilee. 60 Years Old.

I don't want to say too much but our Vice President has been hard at work and come up with a raft of exciting ideas to celebrate our Club's' Diamond Jubilee from the 23rd to the 28th April next year.

It will culminate with a dinner and guest speaker.



Exciting Times.

Earthquakes, snow and malfunctioning computers all made this a trying year but we are turning the corner and exciting times lie ahead.

At the best we might expect to be in our own club rooms by the end of next year and if not, by 2013.

We appreciate all members working together, in the short term, to save costs and fundraise. When the time is right we look forward to your input so we can re-build the best clubrooms possible.



No Christmas Party?

We now have no convenor for Tuesday and Thursday nights,. Perhaps a small team of two or three can take over this role.

Convenors liaise with the Director, are sub wardens in case of emergencies, assist with tidy up at end of night, help in the bar, read the notices, help organise the session Christmas Party and extend a warm welcome to visitors.

They also communicate members concerns / ideas to Naomi Hannah - Brown, Committee convenor/ membership portfolio holder.

Please let her know if you are willing to assist.