

Nova Place update

After months of background assessment and liaison, the green light has been given to rebuild. An architect and engineer have been employed and concept plan presented. This can be viewed at Bowls Papanui. Factors taken into consideration were budget, building codes and making the best use of our site. You can give feedback by email, or talking to John or Shangar. With luck, construction will start February and be completed by the end of 2012. You will be consulted and kept up to date along the way.



Committee newsletter

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Thank you

The committee acknowledges and thanks all Christchurch Bridge Club staff and volunteers for their patience and continued support, in what has been a very difficult year.

A huge amount of work went into relocating to Bowls Papanui.

Positive future

With regards to our clubrooms, numerous options were explored and it is great news that we can return to our site. Shangar Singh leads the rebuild project, and is willing to see it through to its completion.

The committee gives him 100% support and urges all club members to do so as well. We are fortunate to have his knowledge and expertise. We also give a special 'thank you' to Don Forbes who has given his time, and speeded up the process with his extensive building and construction experience.

Support for President and building project

At the last meeting the committee gave John Skipper their unreserved support as President and Shangar Singh as Club Rebuild Project Manager for 2012. A motion was passed recommending unopposed continuation of their roles.

With 2012 being such an important year with rebuilding the clubrooms, the committee felt it vital to maintain continuity. We are fortunate to have John's knowledge, able leadership, hard work and clear vision available for a further year.

Teachers

Thanks to our teachers for the superb job they do in assisting interested players gain bridge skills – and refresh the skills of those returning to the game.

Farewell Peter, welcome Mark

Peter O'Boyle has relocated to Dunedin, and is standing down as treasurer. Mark Paget had his arm twisted and has agreed to be our new treasurer. Revenue will be down next year, and we will need to watch costs and be prudent with our finances. We plan to look at fundraising ideas received from members earlier this year.



Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2012 from John Skipper and the Christchurch Bridge Club Committee.

It is due to our excellent teachers' dedication that we have a constant stream of new members – the life blood of our club.

We also appreciate the volunteers who assist at classes – and those who continue on in the junior liaison role when beginners leave class and enter the 'big room'.

Courtesy

Players' courtesy, or lack of it, is often discussed at committee meetings. If you have any issues please raise them with your session convener, Susan Edwards or a committee member.

If you are going to be late please phone the club or another member so Directors know and can set up the room accordingly. If you and your partner are consistently late, Directors can impose penalties.

Directors

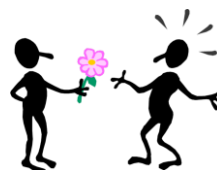
Directors have done a magnificent job this year, learning the use of bridge pads and Scorer program as well as coping with the frustrations of I T problems / failures.

A focus for all Directors next year will be to get play started on time and results published to the web in a timely manner.

We also acknowledge the conveners who play such an important role.

Don't forget to thank them as well and wish them a happy Christmas.

Special mention



Our club manager, Susan Edwards worked some amazing hours this year to see the club operated smoothly. She liaised with numerous people and groups and helped solve many problems/challenges we had. Thank you Susan for all your hard work. The committee hopes you can cut down the time you spend managing the club next year and are able to enjoy more hours to yourself.