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Hi All,

I thought, as the Bridge Club's "new" President, I should take the opportunity in this newsletter to give a little background as to why I decided to take on this role given the challenges ahead.

In a previous life I was a Land Surveyor for about 20 years then analyst/tester/administrator for the Wellington CC's Regulatory Services computer system for the next 20 years. This system tracked the progress of applications for building consents, resource consents (land use and subdivision), liquor licences, health licences, dog registrations, earthquake prone buildings and many other processes.

Last year when I read Trevor's email to members about the state of the Club's building, I realised I had authored similar emails in the past. I was Chair of the Hutt Valley IHC Association for 5-6 years and Chair of the Marion Square Body Corporate in Wellington for 3 years from 2012-2015. This last role was supported by a professional secretariat and building managers.

The Body Corporate building consisted of 40 residential units, 2 commercial parking levels and 4 retail units on the ground floor. This made for some very "interesting" discussions at times with various issues that arose. It was the time of the Seddon earthquakes and having to deal with the aftermath of damage. We also had to manage potential weather tightness maintenance issues.

Given the Bridge Club's weather tightness issues why would anyone want to take on the president's role? I could see that Trevor had set in motion key sub-committees for building and fund raising to deal with the various issues. Alan Stevens, as building manager, had identified the building's problems and what was required to ensure that we had a future proofed building. And the previous committee had sought and obtained a current building consent for the recladding!

I have therefore, been very fortunate to step into the role with a very active committee already in place, dealing with the running of the club and the processes needed to secure funding for the recladding of the building

Current State of Funding Application

After Trevor and Alan's submission of the recent application, on behalf of the club, for funding in March we were subsequently advised that the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund did not fund projects in stages and that the Club would need to have a third of the total cost of the recladding in place for an application to be a success. They did say that the application was very good in terms of content and documentation and met all community benefit requirements. More particularly, they advised it was acceptable to seek partnership funding from local funding organisations to make up the one third component on the understanding that the club is applying for Lotteries Facilities Funding.

Considering this advice, Trevor and Alan immediately approached various funding organisations likely to be able to assist with the club's application.

As a result, the committee has recently approved resolutions to seek partnership funding from 3 organisations. Some of these applications are dependent on including 2 competitive quotes. Again, Alan has been very proactive in facilitating this. Tenders for the recladding are currently let, closing at the end of April to be considered by the building subcommittee on 5th May.

The applications for partnership funding will be made in early May so that successful notifications can be made in time to be included with our re-application to meet the next Lotteries Facilities Funding before their closing date of 25th June.

There are quite a few ducks that need to be in a row for our application to be successful, but they have been carefully planned. And if we are not successful then the project just gets delayed until we have our one third funding in place. So as Roger Simmons (a member of our funding sub-committee) says "we eat the elephant one bite at a time"

Most importantly, since last year's remedial sealing of cracks in the club building there has been no further evidence of water ingress in and around the building.

Fund Raising - The Raffle

The Calendar Raffle has gone amazingly well thanks to the organisational skills of Victoria Bolton who just joined the club last year after attending the lessons. She single-handedly sought donated prizes for each day of April, designed the tickets and had them printed and then collated all the resulting ticket sales. We are very grateful to the organisations who supported the raffle and donated prizes with Nebulite being our principal sponsor.

Many thanks to the members who bought and sold tickets. We had very successful ticket selling days at Coastlands, New World and the Warehouse. On these days we

also received several unexpected donations. The best individual ticket seller was Jane McArthur, a former raffle organiser I'm told, who sold over \$900 worth of all the raffle tickets!

Consequently, all tickets were sold, netting the club \$10,000. Thanks also to Rachel Bruce, Linda Aarsen and Brett Windley for managing the many banking transactions and finances associated with the raffle.



Victoria and Bob at Coastlands during a quiet moment.



Roger Simmons with a willing ticket buyer at New World Supermarket



Victoria starting the raffle draw. To reinforce anonymity the pile of ticket stubs was stirred up and well mixed with the help of a spade after each draw.

Future Club Fund Raising

Watch out for another calendar raffle in November for December and a “Bridge the Gap” bespoke Paraparaumu Bridge Club Gin!

New Constitution

The Paraparaumu Bridge Club is an Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

A new Act came into force in 2022 (the Incorporated Societies Act 2022) and it outlines new requirements for a membership organisation to obtain the legal status and protection of incorporation under the Act.

For the Club to continue to be an Incorporated Society, it is required to re-register with a new constitution that complies with the Act before April 2026.

A draft new constitution has been prepared by Trevor Smith and Brett Windley. The Committee has now reviewed the draft constitution and will shortly be recommending it to members for their consideration and approval. Currently the draft constitution is being reviewed by past presidents for their feedback.

Approval to adopt the new constitution must be by a resolution of a Special General Meeting convened under the existing constitution. At the same meeting, a

recommendation to approve the re-registration of Paraparaumu Bridge Club as an Incorporated Society will also be put to members. A 66% majority vote will be required in each case.

This will be an important meeting to achieve re-registration of the club as an incorporated society before the deadline for re-registration (April 2026).

Tournaments

Law Connection In-house Sunday 23 February

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all with Hugh Norton's capable organising.

Peter Corrin from The Law Connection in Raumati was on hand to present the prizes to the winners Jean Crafts and Barbara Horner.

Jane Bradbury and Dale Wills were second followed by Chris Farrow and James Winskill in third place.

The tournament raffles were drawn with the immediate past president first drawing the current president's number. There were shouts of "rigged" but Trevor continued on stoically and drew the remaining prizes.

Paraparaumu-Waikanae Interclub Sunday 6th April

This year's tournament was hosted at Waikanae with thirteen pairs from each club. Unfortunately, Waikanae averaged 52% against our club's 48%. Adrienne Dale and Rae Lutman of Waikanae came first. Gillian Travers and Margaret Jamieson were our club's best players close behind in third place.

The Waikanae President announced the results and, in his haste located the shield and was about to present it to his club when I hastily rushed up and intervened to thank the Waikanae Club for a very pleasant afternoon and presented the shield for a more proper handover.

The next day the tournament director, Maureen Pratchett, who was also scorer, analysed the results and determined that by applying the Compass 'XG' handicaps there was a much closer result with Waikanae the winners by just 0.25%.

In future the contest may be handicapped but, this depends on our club making more use of the Compass X-Club feature to build up more accurate 'XG' handicaps.



Hugh Wolfensohn, Waikanae Club President & Bob
– Shield received

Kapiti Retirement Trust Paraparaumu Open Tournament Sunday 13th April

This competition attracted 26 pairs. Tom Tidey and yours truly were the top performing Paraparaumu pair (not mentioning that we were the only Paraparaumu pair) coming 22 out of 26.



Tom and Bob pre-Tournament open, hoping they'll do well!



Doug Galyer and partner, Helen Walshaw

Joan Waldvogel and Joan McCarthy of Wellington were first in play overall. John Luoni, a member of our club, playing under the Wellington banner with his partner Brian Cleaver came third.



Bob with the Kapiti Retirement Trust Open Tournament winners, Joan Waldvogel (R) and Joan McCarthy

Interestingly, the morning session began with a basic seating arrangement. Then the afternoon session used a Howell movement accommodating two players with sitting rights and a third player in a wheelchair. This made for some chaotic scenes changing to the correct tables, but order seemed to prevail. Jane McArthur was the scorer and did well to make it work along with some challenges for the Director.

A ploughman's lunch was provided by Noella Squire and Tins Connell-Pine at lunch time and there were many complements from the players on the great fare.

All in all, a successful tournament ably managed by Hugh Norton.

Thank you

Bob Jennings

President

Paraparaumu Bridge Club

P.S. In anticipation, I apologise for appearing in so many of the newsletter's photographs!

P.P.S. Raffle Prize Winners each day in April (so far).

	Prize	Value	Ticket#	Winner's Name
1	Haven Designs Art	\$219	655	Rosemary Webber
2	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$100	934	Jos Graves
3	New World Voucher	\$100	104	Peter Cogswell
4	Teeccino Coffee	\$50	799	Michelle Kendrick
5	The Surfer's Mistress	\$63	522	Fiona Gorman
6	M&M Master Butchers	\$50	670	Moana Parata
7	Backpack	\$200	444	Kathryn Huttson
8	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$100	633	Laurel Nalder
9	Two Family Games	\$90	466	Mark Stagg
10	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$100	878	John Luoni
11	Haven Designs Art	\$219	771	Clive Mendham
12	Sophora Gift Voucher	\$50	226	Noella Squire
13	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$100	498	Jo Todd
14	New World Gift Voucher	\$100	770	Deb Wakelin
15	Burger Fuel 4 Burgers	\$50	954	Catherine Carruthers
16	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$50	049	David Blair
17	Sophora Gift Voucher	\$50	188	Val Manley
18	EASTER FRIDAY Nebulite Cash Prize	\$200	172	Fi SciaScia
19	Little India Voucher	\$50	877	John Luoni
20	EASTER SUNDAY Nebulite Cash Prize	\$200	022	Elizabeth Steinbauer
21	EASTER MONDAY New World Gift Basket	\$75	966	Ineke Woodward

22	Style Hair Design	\$89
23	Haven Designs Art	\$219
24	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$50
25	ANZAC DAY 4 x Golf with Cart	\$490
26	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$50
27	Sophora Gift Voucher	\$50
28	Nebulite Cash Prize	\$50
29	M&M Master Butchers	\$50
30	Nebulite Cricket Set	\$100

Remember to refer to your ticket for the list of prize winners on Facebook or the Club's website