



President's Annual Report 2018

Wednesday, 28 November 2018 by Jennie Turbitt

Annual Report 2018

It is my pleasure to present the Annual report for 2018.

Our current membership stands at 145 and we have 5 Life members and I would like to welcome Fred here today.

We were saddened to lose Jim Bruce recently, Celia Crombie and a founder member Rosemary Zohrab. Our sympathy was extended to their families.

Sessions

We thank our convenors and dealers, without whom the sessions would not happen. They are a vital part of the efficient running of the club and we are all grateful for the work they do.

Monday-Anne Powrie; Tuesday- Judy Macdonald; Thursday-Henny French. They have been assisted throughout the year by Barb Twyford, Bridget Wilcox and of course our combined Friday group under the guide of Judy have all been tremendous working behind the scenes and keeping these sessions well fed and full of fun.

Sylvia and Karen have been marvellous in the catering area and our tournament food definitely reflects their hard work. They do so much more for the club than this but the list would be too long! Look around and see their work. Thank you Sylvia and Karen, and to Jenny Peters who keeps all our cupboards well stocked.

The dealers, led by Arthur Locke, have carried on their good work. Yvonne Whittle, Henny French, Marie Bymolt and Karen Cowley have all kept the boards up to date for each session. A Big thank you to you all.

Thankyou goes to Alister for his running of these Friday afternoons, free of charge, and with such a friendly manner. These afternoons are essential for the development of beginners, from any club, and because of this the committee has decided to start earlier in the year and finish a month later. Everyone is welcome to these afternoons. They are fun.

We thank our directors, Francey, Brian and Doris for their time, which is much appreciated. We also thank our almoners Cath Halpin and Anne Crowfootwho have been hard at work looking out for us all, plus our recorder Anne Powrie who I know has had a bit of work to do this year!

Renovations

Of course the major part of the year has been involved with the building of a new disability toilet and foyer.

Neil McDonald once again proved his professionalism by successfully applying for and achieving a grant from the Pub Charities. He is a truly hard working member for both his clubs and I know the Bridge community is very grateful for his continued expertise. The responsibility for organising the consent form went to Don Macdonald with Dave Halliday taking on the supervising of the payments. The project ended this month with a bright new area. The whole committee was involved in some way during this process and I think the finished product reflects the consideration and effort put in by such a caring team. However, with these renovations came quite a few hidden, one-off costs which the club incurred and were not included in the grant. At quite a cost we now have new plumbing replaced and a more secure electrical system. Plus glass in the women's cloakroom that is almost bullet proof! All these alterations were at the committees request and were nothing to do with the original project. We also replaced a poorly working oven with a brand new \$1400 oven all paid for from the healthy savings of the club. We all felt that an upgrade was due as we had so many tournaments on the go.

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Continues to work well for the administration of the club. We thank Jennie Turbitt for keeping our website up to date and full of the latest photos.

Lessons

These are starting earlier this year as we have one of our committee members, Jackie Morton, interested in getting involved and helping the beginners. We need to promote the game of bridge and so we urge each member for next year to try and encourage one new player to come along to learn this great game. I ask all of you to support Jackie whenever she needs help.

Committee

There are major changes to the committee from this last year. Dean Francis finds his work load to be too heavy to carry on being on the committee, and we wish him well.

Likewise our Vice President Don Macdonald has found his business commitments need more of his time. He handled an incredibly heavy workload this past year and we are all grateful for the support he has given to the club and to us all. His work in the bar area has been most appreciated as well as his management of the building project.

Alison Saville is ending her efficient secretarial and managerial role as secretary. After waiting for a little time, she now has a number of new grandchildren, more on the way, and is a very busy Grandmother. She is still staying on the committee, but she has been such a great asset to this club and to the committee and has kept us all on our toes. Her favourite project, the book, has been kindly taken over by Linda Kirby and I know they have been conferring on this and will have it ready for our Christmas party on the 4th December. Thank you so much Alison for being part of our great combo team.

But of course our big bombshell is that Fred Twyford is giving up the reins of being the Treasurer after quite a number of years. Our Freddie is a total stalwart of this club and a minder of all things right, true and proper. He also is staying on the committee but hopefully his work load will be purely advisory. The committee thank you, and the club thanks you, for all your wonderful work.

There are a number of people who work hard for this club, in many different ways and we all appreciate this fact. They, and the committee, have made my time as President such a fun time, at times a bit like a

roller coaster but fun none the less. I know we are all proud of what we have achieved which I think is worthy of listing.

Installation of the doors, New heating/cooling system/kitchen clean up and new bench/new hot water system in the refreshment area/and of course the new foyer and ablution block. Congratulations to such an efficient team.

Sponsors

A final thank you must go to our sponsors for the year, Dunstalls, Napier Port, Degrees Ahead, Conroy's Removals, Alexanders Home Team, Princess Alexandra Retirement Village, and George Masters Motors and Paknsave.

Because of these sponsors we have been able to give out such generous prizes, note the \$1000 prize at the Zelda Morris, and provide such top quality food, due of course to Sylvia's template for careful budgeting from 2017 when she was Tournament Secretary.

Any profit we have made has gone straight back into the club.

Napier Port under a new regime are no longer sponsors for next year but from today Alison has managed to secure from our auditors, Oldershaws, sponsorship for the equivalent money for our flagship Restricted Tournament in February 2019. Thanks so much Alison.

Napier Bridge Club acknowledges the importance these people play in the management of the club.

I wish you all well for the new bridge year of 2019 and look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party on Tuesday night 4th December at 6.45pm.