

Committee Newsletter – February 2016

Items from the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9th February to be read at all sessions during the week commencing Monday 22nd February.

1. Four new members were elected:

Alan Cant, Barbara Grainger, Barbara Lindsay & Pamela Jones

It was with regret that the following four resignations were received.

Colin Light, Noel Cochrane, Alison Richardson & Bette Bretherton.

Please ensure new members are made welcome.

The Club now has 211 members.

2. Barry Fitzgerald has had to resign from the role of Vice President due to work commitments. The Club is required to fill this position and therefore anyone interested in taking up this position should contact me or a Committee member.

3. We are still hopeful of getting some stunning ideas for a new notice Board advertising the name of the Club at the front entrance. Our name now is simply Taupo Bridge Club.

4. Next Tuesday 1st March at 5pm the Committee is going to screen a one hour video entitled “How to Rejuvenate a Bridge Club” This is a motivational video produced by NZ Bridge. It features Jan Stearns of the Cambridge Club who has achieved remarkable results in transforming Clubs in decline. Her enthusiasm is infectious. Some of her ideas may well have application at Taupo. Members are very welcome to attend the screening of this video. (Ask who would be interested)

5. The Taupo Club has joined with NZ Bridge by paying for the screening of a promotional bridge advertisement to be shown at our Star Lake Cinema over the month of March. Hopefully this SCREENVISTAS advertisement may encourage more to play bridge.

4. Greater use is to be made of the timer so as to avoid the situation of isolated slow play holding up the majority players, a not uncommon situation at this Club. The timer will be used at all sessions.

5. On Tuesday 2nd February, with the Air Conditioner on maximum output, the outside unit caught fire and badly damaged the electrical componentry. It cannot be repaired.

A new larger capacity air conditioning system will be installed but this may take several weeks to complete. Fortunately our insurance policy is expected to cover most of the replacement cost.