

## **Committee Newsletter – March 2016**

Items from the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March to be read at all sessions during the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**1.** Two new members were elected:

Jacques Richard and Ron Bailey.

Please ensure these new members are made welcome.

It was with regret that Christine Gillett's resignation was received.

The Club now has 208 members.

**2.** Our thanks to Pip Hull who has been appointed to fill the vacant office of Vice President.

**3.** We have received only one suggestion for a new roadside sign. We would welcome other ideas.

**4.** The NZ Bridge cinema advert promoting the game of bridge is now showing at the Starlight Cinema Centre. It will be shown at all sessions for 5 weeks. If you see the advert let us know what you think of it.

**5.** Our Insurers have accepted that the fire damaged air conditioner should be replaced rather than be repaired. We are awaiting a quotation for a replacement Temperzone system. We hope the new system will be in service late April. The cost to the Club will be the insurance excess of \$500 plus any costs attributable to upgrading the capacity of the system.

**6.** The Bayleys Intermediate 5A Tournament held last Saturday was a great success. Special thanks must go to Rosemary and Joan for the catering. Thanks also to the other members who helped make this a Tournament one that the Club is proud to host. Winners overall were Mark Thomson and Jeffrey Chang with our Garth Robinson and Ralph Robertshawe in second place. Also receiving a prize in the Session results were Pam Bury and Hazel Milliken.

**7.** On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May the Club will host the PAK 'n' SAVE Open, or now as it is named, All Grades, 5A Tournament. The name change is to emphasise that all grades are eligible to enter this tournament, not just Open grade players. The poster and entry form for this tournament is on the Notice Board.

**8.** Your Committee has recommended that Ralph Robertshawe be elected a Life member of the Taupo Bridge Club. Rather than wait until the October AGM for members to consider this recommendation it has been decided to call a Special General Meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

A personalized envelope enclosing notice of this Special General Meeting is available to collect from the side table.

