



**CHRISTCHURCH BRIDGE CLUB INC  
FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT**

To be presented at

**The Annual General Meeting**

To be held in the Club premises, Nova Place

on

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 pm**

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2007**

**President:** Les Frater

**Vice President:** Colin Marshall

**Treasurer:** Peter O'Boyle

**Members of the Committee:**

Barbara Gordon

Naomi Hannah-Brown

Michael Rice

Anne Simpson

John Skipper

Dood Tatom

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# CHRISTCHURCH BRIDGE CLUB INC

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the members of the Christchurch Bridge Club (Incorporated) will be held in the Club premises, Nova Place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 pm.

## **BUSINESS:**

1. Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee.
4. Appointment of Auditor.
5. Election of Life Member.
6. General.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2007 was another busy year for the club, especially the staff, committee and the considerable pool of volunteers, all of whom contribute to the continued success of the club. In a sport that has seen a general decline in numbers participating on a national basis our club stands out as an exception. We have managed to maintain our membership despite national trends and increase playing numbers at our regular club sessions. We have successfully introduced a significant number of people from various age groups and backgrounds to the game through lessons and promotions.

From a financial perspective these efforts have increased gross revenue by 5% as a result of increased sessions, increased facility hire, increased improver's lessons and reduced tournament costs. Unfortunately these positive activities have been offset by an increase of expenses of 12.5%. While this is not such a great result there have been a number of cost increases beyond our control which I am sure will be commented on in more detail in the treasurer's report, but in summary the NZ Bridge levies nearly doubling, electricity costs up 20%, repairs and maintenance up 60%. There were other expenses that we do have some control over also up significantly and these are under constant review to ensure strict control is maintained. In the forthcoming year our clubrooms and property will require further significant R&M expenditure as a result of aging and wear and tear. Also rates will be increased as a result of a significant increase in the rateable value of the Club's assets.

While the Club's debt/asset ratio is still very healthy the current situation has to be reversed to at least a 'break even' point to maintain equity. Given this, the committee has had to consider where savings can be made and revenue increased to offset the ever-increasing cost of operating a club the size of ours. Areas under review are table fees, bar prices, facility hire, staffing, increased membership, increased utilisation of the club facilities. Some decisions have been made and others are still under review.

One initiative under trial commencing April is to introduce daytime lessons on a Tuesday, this to target those who are interested in taking up the game but may be unable to get out in the evenings. The long term vision being to develop another afternoon session that will be restricted to club members and initially limited to only Junior and possibly Intermediate graded members who may not be comfortable playing in the two open daytime sessions currently available. The development of this will to a degree be dependant on the success of the initial lessons. If successful, a second set of lessons will follow with dates yet to be confirmed.

Unfortunately the progress with the proposed security fence around the front car park has been slow, the main reasons being that we chose to progress it

ourselves to avoid the additional costs associated with contracting out the project management. It is a large project that is difficult to deal with by way of volunteers, those involved with this task have had to put in considerable personal effort. The invitation to tender process has been completed and our applications submitted to four charitable trusts for funding assistance of stage 1 of the development."

This is my final report as president so I must thank all club members, staff and committee members who have supported and helped me be part of the Club's management team, I could not have survived without yours and even more so Denise's constant support..

**Les Frater**

President

## Committee

### Sub-Committee Convenors

Treasurer:	P O'Boyle
Bar:	P O'Boyle
Maintenance:	D Tatom
Match:	C Marshall/J Skipper
Tournament:	J Skipper
Sponsorship:	P O'Boyle
House:	N Hannah-Brown
Teaching:	L Frater
Grading and Membership:	A Simpson

### Committee Meetings

During the period 01/02/2007 to 31/12/2007 12 meetings of the General Committee were held and were attended by committee members as under:

<b>R Alexander*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>P Butterfield*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>L Frater</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>B Gordon</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>N Hannah-Brown</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>C Marshall</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>P O'Boyle</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>M Rice</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>A Simpson</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>J Skipper</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>D Tatom</b>	<b>7</b>

\* Did not continue after 2007 AGM

## GRADING AND MEMBERSHIP

This year the club offered an alternative playing night to the Intermediate and Senior Reserve grades and it was agreed that the alternative night programme would include grading competitions. The challenge was to have in place a fair and transparent system with those competing on the traditional grading night competing against a larger number of players than those competing on the alternative night. The Grading committee took these factors into consideration when making our decision and the selection was based on performance. The members who were promoted attained a very high standard. Well done to these people.

Numbers promoted in 2007 (Includes Special Grading)

Junior to Intermediate Grade	13
Intermediate to Senior Reserve	15
Senior Reserve to Senior	8

Thanks to our excellent teachers and generous volunteers the lessons this year have been very successful and at the end of each class we have had a number of new players joining our club and we welcome these people.

Membership as at 31/12/2006		1020
Re-enrolments	24	
From Classes	37	
From Other Clubs	<u>25</u>	+ 86
Resigned	70	
Non Financial	52	
Bereavements	<u>4</u>	-126
Membership as at 31/12/2007		980

Lastly, many thanks to Peg Butterfield, who manages to keep in touch with our members and provides a valuable link between the members and the committee.

**Anne Simpson**

Convenor, Grading & Membership Committee

## **SPONSORSHIP**

### **Sponsors 2007**

Cousinns Restaurant  
Ford Baker Realty (ChCh) Ltd  
Fox & Associates Ltd  
Guardian Healthcare  
Hamilton Hindin Greene  
House of Cards  
John Rhind Funeral Directors  
Kenneth F Weaver Trust Inc  
Specialty Brokers  
Style Print Ltd  
Westende Gemtime Jeweller

*Ian Grover*  
*Janice Quigley*  
*David Fox*  
*Jo Powell*  
*Grant Williamson*  
*Tina McVeigh & Graeme Tuffnell*  
*Tony Garing*  
*Kenneth F Weaver*  
*Barbara Gordon & Jim Strang*  
*Alison Wilkie*  
*Margaret & Roger Kelso*

We have been most fortunate to have retained all but one of our sponsors for another year. They enable us to provide prizes and fund other aspects of the Club's programme in action.

This year we again have had discussions with our sponsors and intend to work more closely to investigate ways in which we can help add value to their sponsorship for the mutual benefit of both parties concerned. It is important to let our sponsors know when using their services or products that you are from the club. This way they are aware of the linkage between their sponsorship dollars and their sales making them aware of the value they get. It is important also to use our sponsors as it is only by supporting those who help us materially, that we can expect to receive and maintain long term sponsorships.

### **Peter O'Boyle**

Convenor, Sponsorship Committee

## **BAR**

The bar has continued to provide a useful social service to the Club. Profitability has been restored to normal having a year without big repairs and maintenance.

Our bar prices are set to make reasonable profit, while at the same time providing low cost drinks to members. I believe that we achieve this with our present pricing policies.

**Peter O'Boyle**

Convenor, Bar Committee

## **HOUSE & MAINTENANCE**

### **Maintenance**

This year there has been general ongoing maintenance.

- Air conditioning is being worked on, as there are still cold spots near the bar.
- The fluorescent light tubes have all be taken down and cleaned, and ten replaced – the others will require replacing soon, but we are keeping up the lumens in the room (great for those of us needing reading specs!)
- The ladies loos have had three cistern flush valves replaced, as was a hot tap in the means.
- A leak in the roof of the kitchen necessitated plastering, and repainting of the ceiling and the walls. We think the leak has been fixed, but are monitoring this carefully.

Picture rails are being installed on the walls to hold artwork. This will make hanging easy, and avoid putting random holes in the walls. Artwork will be sought and displayed for sale, with a promotion of the artists. The club will receive a commission on sales. Display will be changed at least twice a year.

### **Catering**

Catering for tournaments has been scaled back to light lunches, which has reduced the cost of tournaments. And most players appreciate the lighter fare at lunch time.

### **General**

We received funding of \$5000.00 from the Trusts Charitable Foundation for purchase of more books and CD's for our library. We also had more jigsaws donated for members to borrow.

### **Outside**

A car having an up-close encounter with the wall of the building meant block work repairs.

New plantings have been put in along the new south east fence (Kilmore St side). The camellias are looking good, with their bark mulch. A tap was added outside to assist in watering the plantings.

It is planned to do some heavy pruning, to reduce the leaf fall and fill up of the gutterings which had to be cleaned out three times this year,

The table and seat on the north-west side of the building, in among the planting is a popular spot this year for lunch with the Friday bridge players. We plan to add another picnic table here among the plantings which are looking very good.

### **Upcoming**

Quotes have been obtained for repairs to the northern and eastern boundary fences, and four wooden bumper guards will be replaced.

### **Dood Tatom & Naomi Hannah-Brown**

Convenor, Maintenance & House Committee

## **MATCH**

The club has continued in 2007 with a full programme of play over four evenings, two day time sessions and monthly Saturday nights. Each session has a convenor (previously called a grade convenor, when only one grade played each night), elected by the players from that night. These people have again done a wonderful job in running their sessions on a weekly basis. They have also worked well as a contact point for the sessions. Play has run smoothly over the year with few problems of any note.

One interruption this year was the Zone 7 competitions. The club hosted this event for our zone or region of the world, to select regional teams for international events later in this year. Teams from New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific attended. The result was one playing night lost for many members. While the loss was regrettable it was a good place to showcase the club and what it could do. The club acquitted itself very well and we were able to impress those from here and overseas. Thanks go to the members for supporting this initiative.

2007 saw the introduction of playing sections for Senior Reserve on Monday nights and for Intermediates on Wednesday nights. These changes came about after consultation with members. It was clear that some wanted more sessions to play or that some nights did not suit them and they wanted an alternative. This will continue in 2008 and beyond.

The net effect of the new sections is an overall increase in playing numbers for the year of some 500 tables. This has a pronounced effect on the clubs finances and is a factor in holding off increases in price. We believe these sessions will become increasingly popular over time, as more people get promoted and don't want to change their playing night.

The club is keen to further increase the utilisation of the club and to this effect, will commence beginners' lessons on Tuesday afternoons in 2008. Once the first lessons have finished, Junior members from Wednesday will also be able to join in and play.

Beginners lessons have continued on Wednesday nights. Thanks to all the teachers handling both beginners and improvers classes. Thanks also go to Glenda Frapwell in particular and the other volunteers who give up their time to assist with the classes and the hand over to the grade at the end of each course.

Three new Directors took up training and directing duties this year. The club is appreciative of the attention paid by the new directors to their work. This is a key role in the club and affects the members' perceptions of the club and how it is run. Keep up the good work.

### **John Skipper**

Convenor, Match Committee

## Competition Results for the year are:

### SENIOR GRADE

#### Pairs Championship

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Jane Skipper    | John Skipper     |
| 2 Victor Wang     | Maurice Robinson |
| 3 John Kruininger | Mehboob Chiba    |

#### Winner's Trophy

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Tina McVeigh   | Tony Taylor     |
| 2 Shirley Newton | Jenny Wilkinson |
| 3 Jane Lennon    | Tim Schumacher  |

#### President's Ladder

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1 Kees de Vocht  | Joe Brown     |
| 2 Daniel Skipper | David Skipper |
| 3 Liz Armstrong  | Helen Good    |

#### Vice President's Ladder

- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 Joe Brown      | Theo Smits  |
| 2 Patricia Joyce | Barry Smart |
| 3 Paul Yaxley    | Judy Giles  |

#### Judy Heaps Ladder

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Kees de Vocht  | Joe Brown         |
| 2 Roberta Morton | Jacqueline Waters |
| 3 Victor Wang    | Maurice Robinson  |

#### Senior Women's Pairs

- |                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 Jane Lennon   | Jane Skipper |
| 2 Liz Armstrong | Helen Good   |
| 3 Tracey Gundry | Trish Scott  |

#### Senior Men's Pairs

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Colin Marshall | Max Morrison    |
| 2 John Skipper   | Tony Fitzgerald |
| 3 Neil Hawkins   | Joe Brown       |

#### Senior Mixed Pairs

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Pavla Fenwick   | Theo Smits     |
| 2 Frank Stewart   | Patricia Joyce |
| 3 Donald McKenzie | Joan Small     |

#### Match Point Ladder

- |                |
|----------------|
| 1 Brian Breeze |
| 2 Barry Smart  |
| 3 Joe Brown    |

#### Butler Trophy

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1 Jane Skipper   | Karen Harris   |
| 2 Colin Marshall | Tim Schumacher |
| 3 Jane Lennon    | Jan Alabaster  |

#### Director's Trophy (Teams)

- |                |             |                  |                |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 Bill Sadler  | John Hay    | Jenny Wilkinson  | Shirley Newton |
| 2 Fiona Temple | Jane Lennon | Michelle Ritchie | Tracey Lang    |

#### Secretary's Plate

- |                   |              |              |                |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 Tony Fitzgerald | John Skipper | Jane Skipper | Tim Schumacher |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|

#### Kun Cup

Karen Harris

#### Bill Barlow Trophy

Eric van der Linde

### SENIOR GRADE - THURSDAY NIGHT

#### Thursday Open Pairs

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Mary McKenzie  | Donald McKenzie |
| 2 Karen Harris   | Neil Hawkins    |
| 3 Patricia Joyce | Barry Smart     |

#### Nelly Croft Trophy

- |                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| 1 Max Morrison | Joan Small |
| 2 Michael Hume | Rose Hurst |
| 3 June Jung    | Tim Curd   |

#### Committee Cup

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 Karen Harris  | Desmond Taylor |
| 2 Lyn Mould     | Erica Tie      |
| 3 Brian Goulter | Pam Tibble     |

#### Thursday Restricted Handicap Pairs

Lex Franklin

#### Thursday Restricted Pairs

Brian Goulter

## SENIOR RESERVE GRADE

### Pairs Championship

- |   |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Sheila Hopkinson | Philip Hopkinson |
| 2 | Nicky Adams      | Julia Thomas     |
| 3 | Bridget Ryan     | Jane Doig        |

### Spring Ladder

- |   |               |                |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Allayne Gray  | John Irving    |
| 2 | Bryan Walters | Hilary Plunket |
| 3 | Carla Heslop  | Alex McGarry   |

### Autumn Ladder

- |   |              |                 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Nicky Adams  | Julia Thomas    |
| 2 | Carla Heslop | Alex McGarry    |
| 3 | Rita Browne  | Andrew Skerrett |

### Tavia Lawson Trophy

Alex McGarry Carla Heslop

### Senior Reserve Teams (April)

- |   |                 |                |            |                 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Peg Butterfield | Margaret Kelso | Janet Keen | Patricia Wilson |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|

### Senior Reserve/Open Teams (September)

- |   |                |                 |                 |            |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | Bruce Anderson | Kathryn Tennant | Patricia Wilson | Janet Keen |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|

### Senior Reserve Match Point Ladder

Gerald Staniland

## INTERMEDIATE GRADE

### Intermediate Pairs

- |   |                   |              |
|---|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Darryl Dowthwaite | Mark Paget   |
| 2 | Fiona Rudd        | Jan Stupples |
| 3 | Barry Kerr        | Diane Kerr   |

### Cambridge Ladder

- |   |               |                    |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Monica Telfer | Jocelyn McWhannell |
| 2 | Jill Kempkers | Bruce Blank        |
| 3 | Eddi Down     | Dave Down          |

### Oxford Ladder

- |   |                   |             |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Darryl Dowthwaite | Mark Paget  |
| 2 | Sarah Garland     | Kerri Mould |
| 3 | Mitsuko Wada      | Tada Wada   |

## JUNIOR GRADE

### Junior Pairs

- |   |               |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Sarah Garland | Kerri Mould  |
| 2 | Ray Jackson   | Owen Roberts |
| 3 | Geoffery Cane | Noel Langdon |

### Avon Ladder

- |   |                    |                 |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Linda White        | Gwyneth Hopkins |
| 2 | Sarah Garland      | Kerri Mould     |
| 3 | Stephanus Schoeman | Kathy Pearce    |

### Pickering Ladder

- |   |                |                 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Geoffery Cane  | Noel Langdon    |
| 2 | Sue Ryder      | Sandra Crawford |
| 3 | Frances Phipps | Roger Phipps    |

### Closing Ladder

Sue Ryder Sandra Crawford

### Tutor's Trophy

Sarah Garland Kerrie Mould

### Highest Annual Score

Sarah Garland Kerrie Mould

## MONDAY AFTERNOON

### Rose Bowl

- 1 Thelma Hall
- 2 Patricia Joyce
- 3 Anna Bullen

### Match Point Ladder

- 1 Darcy Preston
- 2 Tony Fitzgerald
- 3 Sheila Walker

### Sir Joseph Ward Memorial Salver

- 1 Natalie Crofts      Allan Schroeder
- 2 Patrick Kennedy    Julie Sadler
- 3 Ruth Dooley        Patricia Joyce

Jean Hook Trophy      Patricia Joyce

## FRIDAY BRIDGE

### John Lawson Trophy

- 1 Ruth Dooley      Patricia Joyce
- 2 Alision Claridge    Daphne Drewery
- 3 Thelma Hall        Myra Young

### Handicap Pairs

- 1 Ruth Dooley      Patricia Joyce
- 2 Janet Swanson    Lita Ireland
- 3 Joyce McMillan    Lorna Szentivanyi

### Friday Match Point Ladder

- 1= Ruth Dooley      Patricia Joyce
- 2 Kevin Petrie
- 3= Daphne Drewery    Alison Claridge

### Friday Pairs

- 1 Ruth Dooley      Patricia Joyce
- 2 Roxanna Smith    Alan Schroeder
- 3 Thelma Hall        Myra Young

## **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

This year has seen a massive number of events run at the club: 28. This level of activity places a huge strain on the clubs ability to cope, with staff, directors and volunteers pushed to cope. My thanks go to all those who have helped to make the events a success. Table numbers for tournaments are down by one table per event on average for the year.

In addition to the tournaments, the club also hosted the Zone 7 Championships. A number of club members played in the first Swiss Pairs competition run at the end of the qualifying rounds for the main competition. Members who played then and a number during club play the week after will remember the scoring keypads on the tables. Scores are entered at the table and transferred instantly to the computer. It is possible that in the near future these become the norm for all play.

Many club players have achieved success in tournament play again this year. Congratulations to those people. Of special note are the six players in the Canterbury Intermediate Interprovincial team for their win. We have again had representatives at international level, with Jan Alabaster, Shirley Newton and Jenny Wilkinson playing in the New Zealand women's team in Shanghai.

As a consequence of the workload for the club this year, the committee has taken a decision for 2008 that we will run fewer tournaments and look to run them with more flair and imagination. We have experimented this year with goods instead of prize money, with some success. We will alter the format a little again next year. We also looked at reducing the cost of entry, by reducing the cost and complexity of the catering in particular, which has been well received. We will be running all events in 2008 with prizes in grades according to rating points.

Each year more tournaments are sponsored. We are very grateful for the interest shown by the sponsors. They in turn also want a return from their investment. We encourage members to support our sponsors by buying their products and services. Just let them know you are from the bridge club at the time you buy.

**John Skipper**

Convenor, Tournament Committee

# Christchurch Bridge Club 2007

## INTERNATIONAL Representatives:

**NZ Women's Team** Jan Alabaster Jenny Wilkinson Shirley Newton

Christchurch Club members won first place in the following tournaments:

## NATIONAL Congress:

**Canterbury Intermediate Team:** Daniel Skipper David Skipper  
Marilyn Copeland Anne Deaker  
Robert Elson Katherine Tennant

## PROVINCIAL

**Canterbury Holiday Pairs** John Kruiniger Mehboob Chiba

**Canterbury Junior Pairs** Jo Powell Roz Perry-Weir

**Canterbury Open Teams** Bob Scott John Wignall

Michael Sykes Phil Dewar

**Canterbury Interclub Teams** Christchurch

**Canterbury Intermediate Teams** Jo Powell Roz Weir-Perry

James Gillanders Barbara Pedersen

**Canterbury Centre All Grades** John Kruiniger Toby Gordon

**Canterbury Open Pairs** Max Morrison Brian Ussher (Timaru)

## Canterbury Interprovincial Trials

**Open** John Kruiniger Menboob Chiba  
Cathy Young Robin Young (Marlborough)  
Micheal Johnstone Paula Gregory (Timaru)

**Women** Tracey Gundry Jane Lennon Liz Armstrong Helen Good  
Gay Bridges Barbara Fechney (Marlborough)

**Intermediate** Daniel Skipper David Skipper Anne Deaker Marilyn Copeland  
Robert Elson Kathryn Tennant

**Senior** Tina McVeigh Tony Taylor Maurice Carter Tony Oberdries  
Naida Sadd Howard Sadd (Marlborough)

**Youth** Kelly Smith Eric Van der Linde Ray Renwick

## South Canterbury Open Teams

Tony Fitzgerald Brian Ussher (Timaru) Robert Simpson Murat Genc (Otago)

South Canterbury Intermediate Pairs David Skipper Pieter Vanderpoel

## South Canterbury Intermediate Teams

Daniel Skipper Kelly Smith

David Skipper Pieter Vanderpoel

**Canterbury Womens' Pairs**  
**Canterbury Mens' Pairs**  
**Canterbury Mixed Pairs**  
**Canterbury Charity Pairs**

Tracey Lang  
Peter Oakley  
Pam Tibble  
Darcy Preston

Michelle Murphy  
Peter Story (Rangiora)  
Brian Goulter  
Hans Evenbly (Crockfords)

**CLUB**

**Christchurch Open Teams**

Jane Skipper  
Daniel Skipper

John Skipper  
David Skipper

**Christchurch Open Pairs**  
**Christchurch Intermediate Pairs**  
**Waitangi Day Pairs**  
**Anniversary Pairs-Handicap**  
**Anniversary Pairs-Scratch**  
**Julian Cup**  
**Christchurch Mid-Winter Pairs**

Jenny Wilkinson  
Anne Simpson  
Peter Oakley  
Pam Tibble  
Bob Scott  
Tracey Lang  
Peter Oakley

Shirley Newton  
Erica Tie  
R Crow (Crockfords)  
Kelvin Tibble  
Michael Sykes  
Eric Van der Linde  
Max Morrison

**Christchurch Intermediate Pairs(Aug)**  
**Christchurch Open Pairs(Aug)**

Jo Powell  
Tracey Gundry

Barbara Pedersen  
Dallas Dagg

**ChCh Senior/Junior Teams**

Les Frater  
Joyce McMillan

Jane Skipper  
Lorna Szentivanyi

**Christchurch vs Crockfords**  
**Timaru Anniversary Pairs**  
**Marlborough Open Pairs**  
**Nelson Open Pairs**  
**Richmond Open Pairs**  
**Oamaru Junior Pairs**  
**Rangiora All Grades**  
**Kaikoura Open Pairs**  
**Nelson Building Society**  
**Motueka Open Pairs**  
**Centre All Grades Northern**

Christchurch  
Tracey Gundry  
Jim Jessep  
Barbara Fechny  
Maurice Carter  
Keith Domigan  
Eamon Jackson  
Michael Sykes  
Maurice Carter  
Barbara Fechny  
Barbara Fechny

Jane Lennon  
Jim Murray (Marlborough)  
Gay Bridges (Marlborough)  
Tony Oberdries (Marlborough)  
Barbara Tappenden  
Sharon Jackson  
Maurice Carter  
Tony Oberdries (Marlborough)  
Gay Bridges (Marlborough)  
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## Finance Report

I have pleasure in presenting the finance report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007. 2007 has been a successful year for the club with a loss of \$13,547 and a reduction in debt to the ASB of \$15638.

The operating loss is due to a number of factors, masterpoints to Bridge NZ have doubled, during the year Meridian Energy informed us that we have been under-charged in the past and are now paying the correct rate increasing our power charges about 30%, the full effect of both of these will be felt this year. We have had more directors under training increasing our director costs. We have increased office staff to take some load of or Secretary Manager. We printed bidding pads and brochures this year. Bidding pads get printed about every 15 months so for the comparative year we didn't print them. Repairs and maintenance were back to normal levels. Other costs increased as well.

In the coming year we have all the present costs which will increase by at least inflation but repairs and maintenance are looking at being much higher with expenses with around \$9000 for the beginning of the year. As well we have the full impact of masterpoints and electricity increases.

We have to raise revenue significantly to cover the deficit plus the increases for this year. We last raised table fees in 2003 since then we have had a lot of cost increases. If we increase table fees by \$1.00 from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 that would raise revenue by about \$24,000 for the part year and \$32,000 for the following year if the same number of tables are played in the year and this is the sort of revenue that we need to run the club effectively

The club is in very good heart. We have our first lessons for the year full with perhaps enough enquiries to run an extra set of lessons. Beginner lessons remain an important part of maintaining our membership and a priority for the club. We have done a series of advertisements on Radio as a trial which has turned out to be effective so far.

Finally a word of thanks to Sue and Peg for their support and assistance during the year. Have a great year at bridge!

**Peter O'Boyle**  
Treasurer

For a copy of the Christchurch Bridge Club's financial statements and auditors report go to:

**[www.bridge-christchurch.org.nz/home/News](http://www.bridge-christchurch.org.nz/home/News)**

and click on **CBC Financial statements 2007** or alternatively pick up a copy from the Club's premises.

