

Carole's Communique

Welcome back to our favourite game! I hope that you have enjoyed a happy Christmas and a restful holiday away from the bridge table.

Your new Committee is off to a flying start – we have organised the running of the club and are now discussing our way forward for the year.

Please see the notice board and website for a list of all of our members who will be working for you in the various committees and roles. And also, for the general committee meeting schedule.

We will be campaigning to attract people to our beginners' lessons and **WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!** Strengthening our membership from just 165 members has to be the key to revitalising our club. It is clear that **YOU** are our best learner referrers and with your encouragement we will be able to retain these learners. This is a plea for you to start shoulder tapping your friends and family!! Mission achieved if everyone refers a beginner!

More about the 2023 beginner lessons to follow.

We are considering a members' survey in March and will then be looking for your support and suggestions.

Watch this space for the committee's vision and further areas of focus for the year.

I hope you are enjoying the lovely cooling from our new air conditioners which were fully funded by an insurance claim. All thanks to Grant Patterson's efforts.

We have purchased a television screen and new desktop computer for the office. Bill Mecchia considered these to be our top IT priorities and his budget for this year is already spent!

South Canterbury Congress 15 and 16 April

This is our big tournament and preparations by our hardworking tournament committee (under the generalship of Anne Marie Pav) are well and truly underway. Please do consider entering and note these dates in your diaries.

Promotions

The promotions committee have displayed their policy on the noticeboard for everyone's information.

Website Privacy Issue

For those who have had concerns around their phone numbers being posted on our website, please note that this matter has now been resolved as the programme book has been taken down from the site.

Membership Information

New member:

Ralph Thompson

Resignations:

Phyl Hyndman

Barbara Wilson

Miranda O'Leary

Meg and Stu Piddington

Ann and Martin Bosnan

John and Jan Gilbert

Best wishes for your bridging year...

The Bridge Player's Prayer

Lord grant me a partner who won't trump my Aces.

Deliver me from short suits and cards without faces.

Grant me finesses that work as I've planned,

And just once today, please, a nice Grand Slam hand.