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Dear Members,

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Thursday night and I'm delighted to report that we reached our quorum and as expected Jan ran a very smooth meeting.

The following committee was elected to represent our members for the coming year:

President	David Hawes (Int)	Immediate Past President	Jan Barrow (Sen)
Vice President	Sandra Sidway (int)	Treasurer	Peter Bullion (Sen)

Committee

Allison Carding (SR)	Rob Freeman(SR)	Kaye Godfrey (Int)
Anne Holwell (Sen)	Kate MacRae (Sen)	David Price (SR)

It is an honour and a privilege to be elected as chair and to be supported by such an experienced and well represented committee that covers all of our grades. As well as the experience, we also have some new people who will bring new ideas. I'm looking forward to us working together to advance the club.

New Life Member

For someone who knows everything that is going on at the club, it was quite a surprise to Peter Van Leeuwen to be awarded life membership of the club at the AGM. This was a well deserved acknowledgement of the value he has provided the club and members over many years. We also acknowledge the support that has been provided by his wife Judy, allowing Peter to spend the hours he has for the good of the club.

President Bio

Jan has insisted (last action as president) that I provide a bio as I know there will be a large number of people whom I have not yet met. I will endeavour to get to sessions over the coming weeks to introduce myself.

I began playing Bridge by attending learner lessons in late 2019. While the start was slowed by COVID I slowly began to learn the basics of the game and progressed to Intermediate during 2021. I'm now hooked. I often joke that the only reason I started was that at my age it was one of the things I could do and still be a junior. But really it was to learn something new, provide a challenge and to keep the brain active. I got involved at committee level at the beginning of last year when the club was looking for a treasurer. I do have a wide range of skills across most business and non-for-profit activities and over twenty years of business management (and part ownership). I'm also very active in the sporting arena and was on the board of Squash Canterbury for 20 years, mostly as chair. I'm currently on the board of Squash New Zealand and carried out the chair role during a period of disruption and significant change. I'm also on the board of Literacy Christchurch and until lately, I have been a keen half marathon runner and squash player. Sporting endeavours are currently restricted as my hip has worn out and needs replacing.

COVID update

As we are all aware there will be changes to the way we operate with the current COVID situation. The committee will be looking into anything that will impact on our members after the 4 April change and will keep you updated.

We request, that until this time, we continue as we are and wear masks and being considerate of others at our tables, when removing these to eat or drink.

Easter Tournament

A reminder to save the date for our upcoming Easter Tournament on Sunday 17th April (Russley Village Maples Trophy). Notices will be placed on the notice board this week.

Weekly Newsletters

While I will endeavour to keep in touch regularly, the weekly newsletter may not be able to be maintained. However if you have any comments, thoughts or feedback for the committee please get in touch with any of us and we will seek to address these for you.

Congratulations to Philippa Borlase and Graeme Black who scored 70.14% last Tuesday night – what a great result. Although looking through all the results there are others achieving very good scores too.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

David Hawes
President.