

Annual General Meeting

NZB  **Bridge**

Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

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NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED

as at

31 MARCH 2015

BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

LIFE MEMBERS

Chairperson:	Arie Geursen ONZM	
Board Members:	Allan Barclay (resigned mid-year), Allan Joseph, Alan Turner, Murray Wiggins (appointed Chief Director mid-year), Shirley Newton & Graham Wakefield Appointed mid-year:- Anthony Hopkins, Phil Rutherford	
Secretary:	Alister Stuck	
Honorary Solicitor	Fergus More	
Accountants:	BDO Manawatu	
Auditor:	David Macdonald FCA	
President of Zone 7:	John Wignall MNZM	
Life Members:	John Evitt Paul Hobbs Tony Thomson John Wignall MNZM	Arie Geursen ONZM Kay Nicholas Shirley Waymouth



NOTICE OF MEETING

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED
WILL BE HELD IN THE KINGSGATE HOTEL, HAMILTON
AT 10.00 AM ON SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2015**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes – 2014 AGM – 27th September 2014
4. Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2015
5. Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2015
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Constitutional Amendments from the Board – (See Remits attached)
8. NZ Bridge Foundation – Annual Report & Financial Statements 31st March 2015
9. General Business

**Alister C Stuck
National Secretary
14 August 2015**

Notice is given that on the Order Paper for the 2015 AGM the following Remits Nos. 1 – 5 respectively are to be proposed to be resolved on that occasion, namely:-

Remit No. 1

That Clause 3 – Interpretation – be amended (in the appropriate alphabetical location in each instance) as hereinafter set out, namely:-

1. By deleting the definition of "Tribunal" and replacing with the following definition:

"Tribunal" means any Tribunal from time to time constituted as the Bridge Appeal Tribunal in accordance with and pursuant to Rule 28 for the purpose of determining any appeal from a decision of the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee.

2. By inserting a definition "Regulations" as follows:

"Regulations" means the Tournament Regulations as adopted from time to time by resolution of the Board of NZ Bridge and published in the Manual and / or on the NZ Bridge website.

3. By inserting a definition "Form" as follows:

"Form" means the Form specified from time to time by resolution of the Board of NZ Bridge as prescribed for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal with the Registrar of the Bridge Tribunal.

4. By inserting a definition "Procedures" as follows:

"Procedures" means the formal Procedures as adopted from time to time by resolution of the Board of NZ Bridge as applicable in the event any matter is referred to the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee, and published in the Manual and/or on the NZ Bridge website.

5. By inserting a definition "Manual" as follows:

"Manual" or "NZ Bridge Manual" means the most recent edition of the Manual as published from time to time by NZ Bridge and available on the NZ Bridge website as a reference for Regional Committees, Affiliated Clubs and Players detailing the required standards relating to the conduct of bridge matters applicable to and/or governing Bridge Organisation, Administration and Operations in New Zealand.

Remit No. 2

That Clause 7 – Affiliation – be amended as herein after set out, namely:-

That Clause 7.2 be deleted and replaced by the following in lieu:

"7.2 Every Affiliated Club shall be bound by the provisions of these Rules by virtue of its affiliation and all members of the Club are, by virtue of that affiliation, also bound by the provisions of these Rules to the extent the same apply to members of an Affiliated Club participating in the game of Contract Bridge."

Remit No. 3

That Clause 22 – Treasurer – be deleted and that the following Clause be inserted in lieu, namely:-

"22 Treasurer and Honorary Solicitor

22.1 The Board shall appoint from time to time an independent professional accounting firm to assist on a fee for service basis with the keeping and maintenance of proper books of account and financial records for NZ Bridge.

22.2 Notwithstanding Clause 22.1 the Board may appoint one of its members to act as Treasurer having such duties and responsibilities as the Board shall determine including liaising with such accounting firm and reporting regularly to the Board on the state of NZ Bridge's finances and ensuring an audited set of Financial Statements is presented each year to the AGM.

22.3 The Board may from time to time appoint a person to be the Honorary Solicitor for NZ Bridge, who shall not be disqualified from such appointment by virtue of being a member of an Affiliated Club.

22.4 Nothing in Clause 22.3 shall preclude the Board from at any time or times engaging any other firm or person to provide legal services to or for the benefit of NZ Bridge and/or independently instructing the performance of such services."

Remit No. 4

That Clause 27 – Conduct, Discipline and Disputes – be amended as hereinafter set out, namely:-

That Clauses 27.3 to 27.5 inclusive be deleted and replaced by the following in lieu:

"27.3 Any determination of such allegation, complaint, matter, breach or failure may involve the imposition by the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee upon such person or persons of any one or more of the following sanctions:

- a) Suspension or prohibition (temporary or for a defined period or for life) of such person or persons from participation in any capacity in all or any Contract Bridge events, tournaments, competitions, matches or sessions conducted under the auspices of NZ Bridge or by any Affiliated Club, or by any other party with the approval of NZ Bridge, and to extend, continue or

vary the terms of, or lift, a current suspension or prohibition already in force;

- b) Imposing any condition or restrictions upon the participation by such person or persons in any capacity in any Contract Bridge events, tournaments, matches or sessions or giving any directions relating to such participation, whether temporarily or for a defined period or for life;
- c) A bar upon that person or persons being nominated as a candidate for, or being appointed to any vacancy in any office under this Constitution, or being employed by NZ Bridge, whether indefinitely or for a specified period of time;
- d) A bar upon that person or persons being selected as an official or as a playing member of any representative team or squad whether at club, regional, national or international level, whether indefinitely or for a specified period of time;
- e) A formal reprimand or censure;
- f) Imposing a monetary fine not exceeding \$20,000 payable to NZ Bridge, and fixing the date by which payment of such fine is due;
- g) Awarding a sum or sums of money payable to NZ Bridge on behalf of any person or persons affected by the conduct or behaviour the subject of the determination by way of reparations to or in recognition of costs and expenses incurred by any person or persons, and fixing the date by which payment of such sum or sums is due;
- h) A requirement that such person or persons meet the cost of, or make a payment towards the costs of, conducting any such enquiry (and carrying out any associated investigations) and/or making such determination, or the costs and expenses incurred by any Committee members, witnesses or others in relation to a hearing, such payments to be made to NZ Bridge on such basis and by such date or dates as the Committee shall order;
- i) Any order for publication by the Board of the Committees determination and / or the reasons for such determination, on such basis and in such manner as the Committee shall require; **and**
- j) Any order for notification of the Committee's determination and/or the reasons for such determination together with any related recommendation and details of any sanction or sanctions imposed, to any overseas bridge organisation, federation or association, on such basis and in such manner as the Committee thinks fit.

- 27.4 The Chairperson, or any two (2) members of the Committee in the Chairperson's absence or unavailability, shall have the power to impose upon any such person or persons as an interim measure any sanction allowed under Rule 27.3 (a) or Rule 27.3 (b), from any date following receipt of the allegation or complaint until the enquiry into and/or determination of the allegation or complaint shall have been completed by the Committee, and to extend, continue or vary the terms of, or lift, such a sanction already in force.
- 27.5 The Committee, in enquiring into and/or determining any allegation or complaint, shall undertake a process or procedure in each case at its sole discretion but in accordance with the Committee's adopted Procedures as from time to time promulgated in the NZ Bridge Manual, and otherwise consistent with principles of natural justice, but shall hold such enquiry in camera, and further shall be entitled to consider its verdict, decision or determination in respect of such allegation or complaint in private."

Remit No. 5

That Clause 28 – Right of Appeal – be deleted and replaced with the following Clause in lieu, namely: -

"28 Right of Appeal

- 28.1 A verdict, decision or determination made by the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee under these Rules may be appealed by any person affected only and exclusively to a Tribunal called the Bridge Appeal Tribunal established under Clause 28.4.
- 28.2 An appeal is commenced when such person lodges a Notice of Appeal on the Form from time to time prescribed by NZ Bridge for that purpose with the Registrar of the Sports Tribunal established by the Board of Sport and Recreation Act 2002 and continued under the provisions of the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, who shall also act as Registrar of the Tribunal.
- 28.3 Any appeal notified in accordance with Clause 28.2 shall not be treated as valid unless the Notice is:
- (a) accompanied by a filing fee of \$1,500 paid to the Registrar of the Tribunal, and a copy of the formally written record of the verdict, decision or determination of the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee the subject of the Appeal; **and**
 - (b) is filed within ten (10) days of the date such written decision has been advised to and received by such person or persons as are the subject of the decision.

- 28.4 The Tribunal shall be constituted on each occasion a valid appeal is filed with the Registrar by the Chairperson of the Sports Tribunal for the purpose of adjudicating upon the appeal after the completion of any interlocutory processes, utilising not less than two (2) current members of the Sports Tribunal (one of whom shall act as the Tribunal Chairperson) and one (1) member chosen from a standing panel of persons experienced and knowledgeable with respect to the game of bridge and the practical application of its Laws and Regulations including the conduct of bridge tournaments and events, the membership of such standing panel being appointed and/or discharged by resolution from time to time of the Board of NZ Bridge.
- 28.5 The practice and procedure of the Tribunal shall be regulated by and be consistent with the Sports Tribunal Rules as promulgated from time to time, modified on any occasion as the Tribunal may think fit, provided however that the Tribunal shall also have the powers to impose any one or more of the sanctions, orders, restrictions or prohibitions identified in Clause 27 as available to the Conduct, Discipline and / or Disputes Committee.
- 28.6 The Tribunal shall have the powers to:
- (a) if in the opinion of the Tribunal Chairperson the interest of justice so require, to order that security for costs be lodged by any party or parties with the Registrar; **and / or**
 - (b) make an order for costs incurred in respect of the appeal by any party and/or the Tribunal, against any party or parties.
- 28.7 Hearings will be on the record unless in the opinion of the Tribunal there are exceptional circumstances requiring an oral hearing. The Chairperson of the Tribunal shall be entitled to determine and give directions relating to prehearing case management, procedural and / or evidential matters, and to exercise such function without reference to the other Tribunal members.
- 28.8 Any penalties orders or sanctions imposed by the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee are deemed to be suspended after the filing of a valid appeal unless, upon the application of any party and after providing the opportunity for both sides to be heard, the Tribunal determines that any or all such penalties, orders or sanctions shall continue in force pending determination of the appeal."

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The following is a brief recitation and explanation of the Remits proposed for adoption at the 2015 AGM to be held at 10.00 am on Saturday, 26 September 2015 at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton.

Remit No. 1

This remit introduces or adjusts various self-explanatory definitions to be specified in Clause 3 – Interpretation. In particular the definition of "Regulations" relates to the intended introduction of formal Tournament Regulations governing the administration, operation and management of tournaments and events and the participation of players.

Remit No. 2

This remit identifies explicitly consequences of affiliation. Many member Clubs currently have older Constitution documents which predate their membership of NZ Bridge.

Remit No. 3

This remit reflects the status quo. The Clause replaced is no longer appropriate with respect to the role of the Treasurer, and provision is made explicitly for the role of Honorary Solicitor.

Remit No. 4

Clauses 27.3 to 27.5 are restated with minor modifications to wording.

Clause 27.3

- a) now provides expressly for the Conduct, Disputes & Discipline Committee to extend, continue or vary the terms of, or lift, a current suspension or prohibition already in force.
- f) is inserted to provide for the ability to impose a monetary fine not exceeding \$20,000.
- g) is inserted to provide for an award of a sum or sums of money to NZ Bridge by way of reparations or in recognition of costs and expenses incurred by any person or persons affected by the conduct or behaviour of the person or persons the subject of a determination by the Conduct, Disputes & Discipline Committee.
- h) identifies NZ Bridge as the entity to which the costs and expenses ordered to be paid is made.

Other sub-clauses are renumbered.

Clause 27.4

Now provides expressly for power to extend, continue or vary the terms of, or lift, such a sanction already in force.

Clause 27.5

Now provides expressly for (and signals the intention for) the Conduct, Disputes & Discipline Committee to adopt a formal set of Procedures to be promulgated in the NZ Bridge Manual.

Remit No. 5

This remit revises the provisions around appeals to the Bridge Appeal Tribunal, and restates the powers of the Tribunal and / or the role of the Tribunal Chairperson.

Membership of the Tribunal will now include one member chosen from a standing panel of persons experienced and knowledgeable with respect to the game of bridge and the practical application of its Laws and Regulations including the conduct of bridge tournaments and events, with the membership of such standing panel being appointed / discharged from time to time by the Board of NZ Bridge.

The previous "deposit" of \$1,500 is now identified as the filing fee payable to the Registrar of the Tribunal.

The hearing is on the record (rather than de novo) and will only be on an oral basis if in the opinion of the Tribunal there are exceptional circumstances.

Explicit provision is made for any penalty, order or sanction of the Conduct, Disputes & Discipline Committee to be suspended after the filing of a valid appeal unless the Tribunal otherwise determines after due process.



**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED
Held at 10 am on Saturday, 27 September 2014
In the Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton**

PRESENT NZ Bridge Board – Arie Geursen (Chair), Graham Wakefield, Alan Turner, Anthony Hopkins, Shirley Newton, Phil Rutherford & Allan Joseph

Secretary of NZ Bridge – Alister Stuck

Bridge Development Officer - Richard Solomon

Chief Director – Murray Wiggins

Auditor for NZ Bridge – David Macdonald FCA

Authorised Delegates

Lindsay Reid (Hamilton), Karen Martelletti (Tauranga), Brett Glass (Huntly), Steve Grey (Richmond), Max Morrison (Christchurch), Marilyn Jackson (Invercargill), Robin Young (Marlborough), Neil Beckett (Papatoetoe), Rona Driscoll (Taupo), Heather Jared (Hutt), Ian Brash (Rangiora), Barry Smith (Masterton), Kay Nicholas (Timaru), Trevor Robb (Franklin), Maurice Carter (Picton), Lynne Fegan (Wanaka), Margaret Perley (Otago), Lynda Rigler (Karori)

Proxies / Board Members representing Clubs

Graham Wakefield (Royle Epsom), Anthony Hopkins (Auckland) Steve Gray (Nelson, Motueka & Golden Bay)

Observers

Keith Nicholas, Anne Archibold, Sharon Simiona, Michael Johnstone, Lesley Andrew, Paula Gregory, Vivienne Cannell & Jo Clark.

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Arie Geursen, welcomed all those present at the 2014 Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Bridge Incorporated, Board members, authorised Club Delegates (or Alternates) and Observers. A roll call was taken of those present.

APOLOGIES

Angela Royle, Kris Wooles, Jan Spaans, Joan McCarthy & Victoria Bridge Club.

Moved that the apologies be accepted

CARRIED

MINUTES of the 2013 AGM

Moved that the minutes as previously circulated be taken as read

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING 2013 AGM

Spelling correction "Lynda" Rigler

Noel Woodhall asked about the review of the Masterpoints for the Club Champs final. Alister responded advising that the Board considered the matter at its meeting held 5th February 2014 and agreed to remain with the status quo.

MINUTES of the 2013 SGM

Moved that the minutes as previously circulated be taken as read

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 March 2014

The Chair indicated that as the Annual Report had been circulated he proposed it be taken as read.

Subject to the correction of spelling of Noel "Woodhall" moved that the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2014

Alan Turner led this segment of the Agenda summarising the Audited Financial Statements.

Moved, that the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 as presented be adopted.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved that David Macdonald be appointed as Auditor for the 2014 / 2015 year

CARRIED

The Chairperson moved a vote of thanks for David Macdonald for the excellent work he did in the capacity as Honorary Auditor.

NZ BRIDGE FOUNDATION - PRESENTATION

Jo Clark (Foundation Chairman) and Karen Martelletti (Trustee) led this segment and presented the Foundation's Chairpersons report and the Audited Financial Statements for the year to 31 March 2014.

GENERAL BUSINESS

▪ Life Membership – Kay Nicholas

Arie spoke briefly regarding Kay's' extended contribution to bridge administration at National, Regional and Club level over many years and then worked through a Powerpoint presentation providing some background on Kay's achievements within and away from Bridge.

Moved that Kay Nicholas be awarded Honorary Life membership by New Zealand Bridge.

CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION

Following the presentation Kay thanked those present for the award and paid particular reference to Keith for his support during her long involvement with bridge in NZ.

▪ Constitutional Amendments – Remits from the Board of NZ Bridge

Remit No. 1

That **Clause 16 – Regional Committees** - be amended by inserting the following Sub- Clauses at the end, namely:-

"16.12

Each Regional Committee shall act in each and every year to convene between the months of July and September inclusive a meeting of delegates from each Affiliated Club within the Region, by giving not less than 21 days Notice in Writing of the date time and place of such Regional Conference to the Secretary or President of those Affiliated Clubs and to the Chief Executive and/or Secretary.

16.13

Each Regional Conference shall be chaired by the Regional Chairperson or in his / her absence another member of the Regional Committee and may be attended by:

- (a) Members of the Regional Committee;
- (b) Up to three delegates from each Affiliated Club within the Region;
- (c) Any member of the Board; **and**
- (d) The Chief Executive, Secretary, Chief Director and/or Bridge Development Officer.

16.14

A Regional Conference shall undertake such business as the Regional Committee shall cause to be set out in the order paper accompanying the Notice of Meeting or as the Regional Conference shall agree to consider on any occasion.

16.15

Voting at any Regional Conference shall be by show of hands among delegates present from Affiliated Clubs but any resolutions passed are of a nonbinding nature and are by way of recommendation or are advisory only."

Amendment Proposed

Moved that **16.12 ABOVE** be amended by removing the following words, namely "**between the months of July and September inclusive**"

CARRIED

The amended Motion was then put to the meeting.

CARRIED

Remit No. 2

That Clause 17 – Conference – be amended as follows, namely:-

- (a) That the Clause heading be retitled "National Conference"
and
- (b) That line one of Clause 17.1 be deleted and replaced by the words "The Board shall convene a National *Conference between the months of March and June inclusive in*" in lieu

and further

That Clause 3 – Interpretation – be amended so that the definition of "Conference" read as follows, namely:-

"Conference" or "National Conference" means any meeting convened in accordance with Rule 17.1 and for the avoidance of doubt does not include a Regional Conference convened in accordance with Rule 16.12.

Amendment Proposed

Moved that Clause 17 (b) above be amended whereby the following words be removed, namely:-

"between the months of March and June inclusive"

CARRIED

The amended Motion was then put to the meeting.

CARRIED

Remit No. 3

That Clause 19 - Annual Return – be amended by deleting the words "but shall" from the second line of Clause 19.2 and inserting the words "which may" in lieu.

CARRIED

Remit No. 4

That Clause 11 – Termination of Position – be amended by adding at the conclusion of **Sub-Clause 11.1 (h)** the words "or holds or is appointed to fulfil the position or role of Chief Director."

CARRIED

▪ **Health & Safety Issues**

Lynda Rigler briefed the meeting as to the forthcoming changes to the Liquor Licensing act that may have an impact on Clubs in the future.

▪ **Youth Interprovincials**

Max Morrison asked if there was a plan to resurrect the Youth Interprovincials. The Board responded advising that it would as an alternative be promoting youth participation at Congress.

▪ **Huntly – Proposal**

Brett Glass briefed the meeting as to the Huntly Clubs intention to sponsor a remit to the next AGM via the Waikato bays Regional Committee to overhaul the basis Masterpoints are offered and used for grading.

▪ **Closure**

There being no further business Arie Geursen, thanked the Delegates and Observers for their contribution.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.20am



ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 31 March 2015

This report was prepared in August 2015 and covers the activities during the financial year from 1 April 2014 to 31st March, 2015 and some activities up until August 2015.

The past year has been a hectic one for the New Zealand Bridge, the Board, Officers and Regional Committees.

Board Matters

An unanticipated work assignment in the USA meant that I was going to be there from shortly after taking office until early July 2014. However very soon after commencing the assignment I had to return home following the death of my mother and so the period in the USA eventually stretched out to mid-September. To cover this extended leave the Board appointed Alan Turner as deputy Chairperson.

Alan Turner (Deputy Chairperson)

With his long and distinguished service to bridge at all levels and also the board member responsible for our finances Alan Turner was the logical choice for appointment to this role. I would like to thank Alan for his excellent stewardship in my absence. Having now been Chairperson for more than a year, I have come to realise that the expectations of the role and the time commitment to do it justice, is such that I have come to rely heavily on Alan as a deputy. In my opinion the Board has benefited greatly by having a deputy Chairperson and therefore Alan continues in that role.

Allan Barclay

Shortly after his re-election to the Board in 2014, Allan Barclay felt he could no longer continue on and resigned. In his first term Allan had taken on a huge workload including the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan to market the game nationally and the restructuring of the NZ Bridge Magazine from a print format to a free e-magazine with content which would have wider appeal than just bridge.

We all hoped this significant change would reach a much larger audience of bridge players. Allan's resignation left a huge void in the skill mix and wide experience he had brought to the Board that somehow needed to be filled.

It was with great sadness that the Bridge world learned recently that Allan had passed away.

Murray Wiggins (Chief Director)

As signalled in the 2014 Annual Report, Murray was required to relinquish his position on the Board when he accepted the position of Chief Director which left a second vacancy on the Board.

Appointment of two new Board Members

Seven excellent candidates responded to the Board's call for expressions of interest in the vacant seats on the Board which left the remaining Board members in the unusual position of being able to select two new members who best filled the skills gap of the current Board.

The two candidates selected were:-

- **Anthony Hopkins**

Anthony has the unique skills-set in marketing, business communication and strategy that was needed to take over some of the initiatives Allan Barclay had been working on. Anthony undoubtedly had big shoes to fill and while the priorities may have changed he has continued to focus on delivering the Board's overall objectives to provide our affiliated Clubs with the tools to grow our game.

- **Phil Rutherford**

Phil has a strong background in governance, marketing and promotion to assist Anthony. He brings a refreshing West Coast common sense to the Board table and it is easy to see why he was elected as a District Councillor!

So it was not until August 2014 that NZ Bridge had a full complement of Board members and we could get down to work. However I think it is fair to say considerable momentum was lost in the first six months to 30th September, 2014.

Strategic Projects

The new Board then identified and prioritised the following Strategic Projects.

1. **Review and Rework the Draft Strategic Plan**

A team led by Shirley Newton and including Phil Rutherford, Anthony Hopkins, Alan Turner, Richard Solomon and Alister Stuck undertook this project. The Board has recently signed off on the Strategy and Business Plan **(a copy of which will be made available to all Clubs & Members)** and Phil presented it to the first ever National Conference in July. The task going forward is for everyone to roll their sleeves up and make it happen.

2. Marketing and Refreshed Website

The Board accepted the recommendation from Anthony Hopkins for NZ Bridge to establish a single communication channel for the Organisation, its affiliated Clubs and their players through a revamped website with the aim of marketing the game, the National Congress and the Clubs. The ultimate aim is to generate sufficient "hits" to attract sponsorship and the ability to sell advertising.

This complex project has run into considerably more headwinds than first anticipated and is ongoing. When completed it is envisioned the revamped website will have a slick search engine which will enable our clubs and their members to easily access information & / or resources including:-

- A raft of new resources and tools for Clubs, Teachers & Directors to grow participation in the game
- Daily down loads of master-points, and results from all NZ Bridge Tournaments
- Our archives
- News alerts and regular bridge articles from within New Zealand and from around world.

Since joining the Board Karen Martelletti has put her considerable skill and energy behind this project to help Anthony, Richard Solomon and Alister Stuck get this project over the line.

3. Development of a Board Manual

This manual sets out the governance and administrative processes of NZ Bridge for members of the Board, employees and contractors of NZ Bridge and those who do voluntary work for the Organisation. The project team comprised Phil Rutherford and Alister Stuck. The project is ongoing and the Board has recently commissioned an independent report to review the way we govern and organise ourselves compared to other sports and not for profit organisations of similar size.

4. Review of the Constitution

A taskforce comprising Fergus More, Kris Wooles, Brian Burke, Alan Dormer (all experienced legal eagles) plus Murray Wiggins, Malcolm Smith and Alister Stuck and initially chaired by me, undertook an extensive review of the clauses 27 and 28 of the Constitution dealing with Conduct, Discipline and Disputes and the Right of Appeal.

The group recommended significant changes to our Tournament Regulations, the Mandate and Procedure for the Recorder, the process and procedure of the Conduct, Discipline & Disputes Committee and the process and procedures of the Bridge Appeal Tribunal (BAT).

At that point Graham Wakefield took over responsibility for the legal drafting and liaison with Sports Tribunal who act as the BAT. A number of resolutions for changes to our Constitution have been proposed for adoption at the 2015 AGM.

5. Preparation of New General Tournament Regulations

A team comprising Murray Wiggins, Graham Wakefield and led by Allan Joseph have undertaken this huge task. It brings together in one place the recommendations of the Constitution Task Force and the numerous regulations that are currently scattered throughout sections A, B, C and D of the NZ Bridge Manual. Although in the final stages, this project cannot be completed until the 2015 Manual is finalised.

6. Tournaments and Participation Review

A taskforce led by Alan Turner was scheduled to have commenced in March but due to other projects (1-5 above) this will not commence until after 2015 National Congress. The purpose of this Review is to investigate and determine whether NZ Bridge's Tournament offerings are serving the needs of today's Bridge players and if not, develop a new a unified Brand for all NZ Bridge Tournaments across the country.

The taskforce will be expected to consult widely with Regional Committees, Clubs and players across the spectrum. This item will be included on the Agenda of the Regional Conferences of Affiliated Clubs scheduled for late 2015 / early 2016. The earliest any proposed changes can be implemented is likely to be in the 2018 Playing Year.

2015 Board Elections

The Constitution requires that two members of the Board retire by rotation each year and this year it was the turn of Alan Turner and Graham Wakefield. Alan made himself available for a third and final 3 year term and was wisely re-elected by the Clubs.

▪ Graham Wakefield

Graham decided he would not make himself available for a further term. In 2007 Graham was asked by the Management Committee of the NZCBA to facilitate a meeting in Wellington of representatives from Clubs and Centre Committees to do a Strengths, Weakness's, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the organisation.

The success of this process led to Graham being asked to assist with the development of a framework for a new entity that is now NZ Bridge. He drafted the Constitution and was co-opted to the NZCBA Management Committee to lead the consultation and transition process. In 2009 he was elected to the Board and contributed his wisdom and legal skills throughout the two terms he served.

His skills will be sorely missed. I would like to thank Graham for his contribution to Bridge in New Zealand over many years.

- **Karen Martelletti**

Karen was elected from a list of very capable candidates to replace Graham. She has a wealth of experience in Bridge administration at Club and Regional level as Chairperson of a very proactive Waikato Regional Committee. Karen brings a ton of energy to the group. Welcome to the Board, Karen.

My thanks go to all my fellow Board members for the huge amount of work they do for NZ Bridge throughout the year and the tremendous support they have given me. I am very lucky to have such a skilled and able team behind me.

Officers of NZ Bridge

- **Bridge Development Officer**

The past year has been a frustrating one for our full time Bridge Development Officer, Richard Solomon. Previously the role comprised three areas of responsibility; the Bridge Magazine, the National Congress and Bridge Development.

As the Board's Strategy and Business Plan began to crystallise it became clear that significantly more resources need to be directed to Bridge Development. In addition it was identified that NZ Bridge needed a much wider reach in our communications with players than the New Zealand Bridge Magazine and its replacement, the free e-magazine were able to provide.

Therefore a decision was made to discontinue with the magazine and replace that with more frequent and current news items and shorter bridge articles delivered via a revamped website and for those who subscribe directly to the mobile devices or social media.

The Board accepts this was a huge disappointment to Richard (and his readers) but he has accepted the changes to his role graciously. Richard will continue his role as Chairman of the National Congress Organising Committee and now has a huge role to play in the implementation of the Business Plan. Regrettably it has taken much longer than anticipated to deliver the new communication tools that Richard still needs in order to commence implementing the new communication strategy.

The Board would like to thank Richard for the many years of service and dedication he has given to the New Zealand Bridge Magazine.

- **National Secretary**

As always our highly efficient full time National Secretary, Alister Stuck manages the Organisation's day to day office administration, coordinates meetings of the Board and Board Committees, the interactions with our Clubs and players, the master-point scheme and with the help of BDO Manawatu, the finances.

As Alan Turner will be playing at the World Bridge Championships in Chennai during our 2015 National Congress, I have asked Alister to present the Annual Accounts at the AGM. I am pleased however to report that our financial position is such that we are confidently able to implement our growth strategy.

The Board thanks Richard and Alister for their professionalism and commitment to the work of the Board and the success of NZ Bridge.

▪ **Honorary Auditor**

NZ Bridge is fortunate to have the services of an Auditor with experience and the professional standing of David McDonald, a retired Auditor General of New Zealand.

▪ **Honorary Solicitor**

Fergus More has had a busy year dealing with legal matters in the Bridge Appeal Tribunal and assisting with the review of the processes and procedures set out in the Constitution in that regard.

▪ **Chief Director**

Murray Wiggins has seamlessly stepped into the role of Chief Director. The Board has invested in more scoring equipment which Murray has set up as a standalone mobile scoring kit that can be sent to where ever the major National Events are held. It is envisaged that in this way results and data arising from these events will be able to found in one place, the NZ Bridge website. Since his appointment Murray has been in attendance at all these major events to train the National Directors who officiate at these events in the setting up of the equipment and use of the scoring software.

National and Regional Recorders

Our National Recorder, Malcolm Smith (Waikato Bays) and his team of Regional Recorders work discretely in the background to ensure we have a harmonious game. The Regional Recorders are:-

- Russell Watt – Auckland / Northland
- Colin Carryer – Central Districts
- Tony Thomson – Wellington
- Sheila Beggs – Top of the South
- Jenny Wilkinson – Canterbury
- Denis McCaughan – Otago Southland)

Chef-de Mission of the International Squads

Derek Evennett, our Chef-de- Mission manages all aspects of our International Program including the finances, selection processes, travel arrangements and squad preparation. The program comprises a 4 year cycle and requires careful planning, financial and personnel management. I was delighted when Derek offered to continue on until the end of 2016.

Archivist

Evelyn Hurley continues to beaver away on our archives. When the revamped website is complete there will be a special page dedicated for her to display some of her work.

Co-ordinator of the National Tournament Schedule

Rona Driscoll has the unenviable task of scheduling over 500 Tournaments across the country over approximately 46 free weekends and at the same time keeping 100 Clubs happy. It is a mind boggling task!

The Board thanks all the Officers for their hard work and commitment to bridge throughout the year.

Committees of New Zealand Bridge

The success of Bridge in New Zealand is very dependent on the efforts of the volunteers who make themselves available to serve on one or more of a raft of Committees that we rely on to make things happen – Regional, National Congress, International, Teaching and Conduct, Discipline & Disputes.

On behalf of all our affiliated Clubs and all players I would to thank everyone who has generously contributed their time and commitment to the administration of Bridge.

This year I would like to make special mention of the work by Regional Committees and the Teaching Committee.

Regional Committees

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all those who have made themselves available to serve on our regional committees. Your work is an absolutely pivotal component of the organisation's governance.

In order to ensure a vertical information / communication flow between the Board, Regional Committees and the Clubs in each region the 2014 AGM resolved that there must be a **Regional Conference** of Clubs and their Regional Committee in December / January each year.

In addition, a **National Conference** will be convened each year in July / August comprising the Board, Officers and Chairperson of each Regional Committee. Each year in the lead up to the AGM the Boards will receive a report back from this Conference on progress and matters of concern raised.

The National Conference also has the important task of reviewing and approving Remits from Clubs for consideration by the AGM.

The **Regional Secretaries** also meet annually with Alister Stuck, National Secretary, to focus solely on administrative matters.

The inaugural meetings have now been held and I am pleased to report they were all a tremendous success. I would like to especially thank Shirley Newton for making it her business to work with all the Regional Committees to ensure that virtually every Club was represented at every Regional Conference.

Lots of great ideas were exchanged and the NZ Bridge marketing and teaching materials for Clubs use were explained. The guest speaker at most of these Conferences was the ebullient Jane Stearns from Waikato who spoke about how to revitalise / energise and grow Clubs.

Thank you Jane for the work you have done for the NZ Bridge and no doubt you will be called upon many more times in the future as we embark on rolling out the our growth strategy nationally.

Going forward Richard Solomon's will take over from Shirley as the conduit between the Board and Regional Committees.

The Teaching Committee

A committee comprising Shirley Newton, Tina McVeigh, Jenny Wilkinson, Alan Turner, Richard Solomon, Alister Stuck and Tony Taylor who are all experienced Bridge Teachers have been toiling away over a number of years producing a Teachers Manual for Beginners and Improver's Lessons complete with dealing machine files, hand-outs, quizzes with quiz answers. Keith Nicholas has been responsible for the presentation formats of these resources.

All this fabulous material is freely available on our website www.nzbridge.co.nz

Sadly Tony Taylor passed away last December. As well as being a Bridge Teacher, Tony was for many years a regular member of the NZ Open Team. He served on the Management Committee of the NZCBA and was also its Chairman.

During the 2014 year a complete new course of Improvers Lessons was added. The plan for 2015 / 2016 is to produce video clips of all the Beginners Lessons, so that those who missed a lesson or want follow up can do so later.

Teacher's Team, you should be very proud of the work you have done on behalf of all Bridge Teachers and those who have been taught to play bridge using your material. I extend sincere thanks to all of you.

International Representative Teams

Our congratulation to the following players who achieved the high accolade of being selected to represent their Country at International events during the 2014 / 15 year.

Asia Cup / Jinhua City – China / 12th – 22nd June, 2014

Open – Non Playing Captain Derek Evenett

Gary Chen & Richard Solomon, Rod Dravitzki & Blair Fisher, Don Huang & Jeter Liu
/ Reserve Pair – Alan Grant & James Li

Women – Non Playing Captain – Kris Wooles

Linda Cartner & Glenis Palmer, Christine & Jenna Gibbons, Shirley Newton & Jenny
Wilkinson / Reserve Pair – Susan Humphries & Stephanie Jacobs

**Youth – 15th World Youth Teams Championships / Istanbul – Turkey / 13- 23
August 2014 / Non Playing Captain – Alan Turner**

Sam Coutts & Sam Bailey, Nick Jacobs & Glenn Coutts, Matthew Brown & Vicki
Bouton

Concluding remarks

There were 13,458 registered members as at 31st March 2015. This was 209 less than at the same time last year, which was disappointing as it was hoped that we might have turned the corner after a small increase (91) following the shedding of over 1000 members since 2010.

The main thrust of the Board's Strategy and Business Plan is to better understand what our affiliated Clubs and their members need New Zealand Bridge to provide to help them grow not only their membership but also increase participation in Club Sessions and Tournaments across the country.

That requires our affiliated Clubs, who after all own New Zealand Bridge, to engage with New Zealand Bridge, their Regional Committees, attend Regional Conferences and implement the growth initiatives at their Clubs.

As at the 1st August, 2015 there was a net gain of 400 new affiliated players, which is great news! The challenge for all Clubs now is to make these new players welcome and nurture them into club play and then to turn them into passionate tournament players.

**Arie Geursen
Executive Chairperson
NZ Bridge**

Membership Figures as at 31 March 2015

SUMMARY

Regions	Clubs		Membership								
			2015			2014			Increase / Decrease		
	2015	2014	Home	2nd	Total	Home	2nd	Total	Home	2nd	Total
Auckland/Northland	19	19	3111	297	3408	3095	234	3329	16	63	79
Waikato/Bays	23	23	2119	254	2373	2146	230	2376	-27	24	-3
Central Districts	19	19	1964	291	2255	2074	305	2379	-110	-14	-124
Wellington	12	12	2110	233	2343	2164	238	2402	-54	-5	-59
Top of the South	8	8	778	156	934	735	140	877	43	16	57
Canterbury	10	10	1757	143	1900	1778	147	1925	-21	-4	-25
Otago/Southland	16	16	1619	128	1747	1675	113	1788	-56	15	-41
Totals	107	108	13458	1502	14960	13667	1407	15076	-209	95	-116

Auckland / Northland	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2nd Club	Total	Home Club	2nd Club	Total			
Akarana	71	48	119	77	37	114	-6	11	5
Auckland	684	51	735	701	46	747	-17	5	-12
Dargaville	49	3	52	44	3	47	5	0	5
East Coast Bays	269	17	286	269	13	282	0	4	4
Royle Epsom	387	29	416	372	24	396	15	5	20
Franklin	99	4	103	111	6	117	-12	-2	-14
Hibiscus	78	7	85	97	6	103	-19	1	-18
Howick	227	9	236	216	9	225	11	0	11
Kerikeri	105	3	108	98		98	7	3	10
Mt Albert	193	15	208	185	17	202	8	-2	6
North Shore	280	22	302	283	25	308	-3	-3	-6
Orewa	172	40	212	172	24	196	0	16	16
Paihia	35	8	43	32		32	3	8	11
Papakura	73	4	77	69	3	72	4	1	5
Papatoetoe	64	6	70	63	2	65	1	4	5
Waiheke	54	5	59	53		53	1	5	6
Waitemata	72	4	76	69	4	73	3	0	3
Warkworth	76	18	94	71	13	84	5	5	10
Whangarei	123	4	127	113	2	115	10	2	12
19 CLUBS	3111	297	3408	3095	234	3329	16	63	79

Waikato / Bay of Plenty	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2nd Club	Total	Home Club	2nd Club	Total			
Cambridge	149	15	164	141	10	151	8	5	13
Hamilton	229	35	264	230	37	267	-1	-2	-3
Huntly	29	3	32	27	3	30	2	0	2
Katikati	56	12	68	53	9	62	3	3	6
Kawerau	19	1	20	21		21	-2	1	-1
Matamata	101	4	105	107	5	112	-6	-1	-7
Morrinsville	55	2	57	54	2	56	1	0	1
Mt Maunganui	159	51	210	163	34	197	-4	17	13
Omokoroa	46	5	51	42	7	49	4	-2	2
Opotiki				23	2	25	-23	-2	-25
Putaruru	27	3	30	31	4	35	-4	-1	-5
Rotorua	140	8	148	143	7	150	-3	1	-2
Taumarunui	36	0	36	35		35	1	0	1
Taupo	187	8	195	179	7	186	8	1	9
Tauranga	345	56	401	340	45	385	5	11	16
Te Aroha	28	0	28	23	1	24	5	-1	4
Te Awamutu	97	12	109	111	7	118	-14	5	-9
Te Puke	76	12	88	78	14	92	-2	-2	-4
Thames	62	2	64	56	2	58	6	0	6
Tokoroa	19	1	20	24	1	25	-5	0	-5
Waihi	31	12	43	29	15	44	2	-3	-1
Waikato	118	9	127	119	15	134	-1	-6	-7
Waitomo	32	0	32	39		39	-7	0	-7
Whakatane	78	3	81	78	3	81	0	0	0
23 CLUBS	2119	254	2373	2146	230	2376	-27	24	-3

Central Districts	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2 nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2 nd Club	Total	Home Club	2 nd Club	Total			
Hokowhitu	76	9	85	84	6	90	-8	3	-5
Dannevirke	39	0	39	39		39	0	0	0
Feilding	85	2	87	91	2	93	-6	0	-6
Gisborne	108	1	109	107		107	1	1	2
Hastings	124	47	171	194	49	243	-70	-2	-72
Havelock North	143	64	207	128	72	200	15	-8	7
Hawera	103	13	116	113	10	123	-10	3	-7
Levin	101	15	116	109	14	123	-8	1	-7
Marton	64	2	66	58	2	60	6	0	6
Napier	76	58	134	94	60	154	-18	-2	-20
New Plymouth	266	2	268	272	3	275	-6	-1	-7
Pahiatua	20	3	23	21	4	25	-1	-1	-2
Palmerston North	181	16	197	194	15	209	-13	1	-12
Stratford	29	4	33	47	3	50	-18	1	-17
Taihape	44	0	44	45	1	46	-1	-1	-2
Taradale	160	51	211	157	59	216	3	-8	-5
Waipukurau	97	3	100	83	4	87	14	-1	13
Wairoa	18	0	18	19	1	20	-1	-1	-2
Wanganui	230	1	231	219		219	11	1	12
19 CLUBS	1964	291	2255	2074	305	2379	-110	-14	-124

Wellington	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2 nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2 nd Club	Total	Home Club	2 nd Club	Total			
Hutt	229	10	239	238	14	252	-9	-4	-13
Kairangi	177	15	192	180	14	194	-3	1	-2
Kapi Mana	114	10	124	119	6	125	-5	4	-1
Karori	168	31	199	189	33	222	-21	-2	-23
Masterton	139	4	143	136	8	144	3	-4	-1
Otaki	73	16	89	75	15	90	-2	1	-1
Paraparaumu	199	10	209	200	14	214	-1	-4	-5
South Wairarapa	86	7	93	85	3	88	1	4	5
Upper Hutt	195	1	196	190	3	193	5	-2	3
Victoria	282	31	313	290	36	326	-8	-5	-13
Waikanae	133	3	136	147	7	154	-14	-4	-18
Wellington	315	95	410	315	85	400	0	10	10
12 CLUBS	2110	233	2343	2164	238	2402	-54	-5	-59

Top of the South	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2 nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2 nd Club	Total	Home Club	2 nd Club	Total			
Golden Bay	54	4	58	53	2	55	1	2	3
Kaikoura	42	0	42	49		49	-7	0	-7
Marlborough	188	32	220	162	31	193	26	1	27
Motueka	57	4	61	50	5	55	7	-1	6
Nelson	180	22	202	172	22	194	8	0	8
Picton	62	8	70	56	5	61	6	3	9
Richmond	133	86	219	143	77	220	-10	9	-1
Westport	62	0	62	50		50	12	0	12
8 CLUBS	778	156	934	735	140	877	43	14	57

Canterbury	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2nd Club	Total	Home Club	2nd Club	Total			
Akaroa	53	2	55	56		56	-3	2	-1
Ashburton	133	0	133	150		150	-17	0	-17
Christchurch	767	46	813	758	50	808	9	-4	5
Crockfords	312	33	345	314	40	354	-2	-7	-9
Geraldine	50	7	57	42		42	8	7	15
Rangiora	201	18	219	205	19	224	-4	-1	-5
Temuka	19	30	49	22	32	54	-3	-2	-5
Timaru	164	4	168	166	4	170	-2	0	-2
United	17	3	20	22	2	24	-5	1	-4
Waimate	41	0	41	43		43	-2	0	-2
10 CLUBS	1757	143	1900	1778	147	1925	-21	-4	-25

Otago / Southland	2015			2014			Inc/Dec Home	Inc/Dec 2nd	Inc/Dec Total
	Home Club	2nd Club	Total	Home Club	2nd Club	Total			
Alexandra	60	8	68	77	5	82	-17	3	-14
Balclutha	27	0	27	30		30	-3	0	-3
Cromwell	40	0	40	40		40	0	0	0
East Otago	35	3	38	37	3	40	-2	0	-2
Gore	80	0	80	88	1	89	-8	-1	-9
Invercargill	196	23	219	194	19	213	2	4	6
Maniototo	24	0	24	24		24	0	0	0
Milton	30	1	31	26	1	27	4	0	4
Oamaru	151	5	156	160	5	165	-9	0	-9
Otago	437	20	457	432	8	440	5	12	17
Queenstown	116	2	118	133	3	136	-17	-1	-18
Taieri	89	38	127	96	36	132	-7	2	-5
Te Anau	53	0	53	51		51	2	0	2
Wanaka	166	4	170	165	4	169	1	0	1
West Otago	25	4	29	28	5	33	-3	-1	-4
Winton	90	20	110	94	23	117	-4	-3	-7
16 CLUBS	1619	128	1747	1675	113	1788	-56	15	-41



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS FROM CONGRESS 2014

New Zealand Pairs	Peter Gill & Martin Bloom
New Zealand Pairs Plate	Kate Davies & John Patterson
New Zealand Teams	Michael Cornell, Ashley Bach, Martin Reid, Peter Newell, Geo Tislevoll & Michael Ware
Congress Pairs	Murray McMillan & Murray Phillips
New Zealand Swiss Pairs	Graeme Stout & Jeff Miller
Senior Pairs	Judy McLeod & Alan Turner
Intermediate Pairs	Paul Tomlinson & Kerry Cartwright
Intermediate Swiss Pairs	Turei Haronga & Christine Haronga
Mixed Pairs	Kate Terry & Mark Hangartner
Same Sex Pairs	James Coutts - Timothy Schumacher
Cormack Cup	Linda Cartner, Glenis Palmer, Shirley Newton & Jenny Wilkinson
Senior Teams	Effie Gallie, Kevin Upson, Joan Waldvogel & Max Wigbout
Intermediate Teams	Andrew Michel, Barry Whale, Jody Whale & Kinga Hajmasi

Back to the Future Teams	Julian Foster, Michael. Curry, Christine Gibbons & Jennifer Gibbons
Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge	Kate Davies & John Patterson
Baden Wilson	Female – Susan Humphries Male – Michael Ware
NZ Club Championship	Auckland Club

NZBridge

**WINNERS OF INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAMS
HOSTED BY
AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB
29th NOVEMBER – 1ST DECEMBER 2014**

Open

Otago/Southland
Captain – Arleen Schwartz

Sam Bailey, Sam Coutts, James Coutts &
Glenn Coutts

Women

Auckland / Northland
Captain – Denis Humphries

Susan Humphries, Stephanie Jacob,
Carol Richardson & Andi Boughey

Senior

Auckland / Northland
Captain – Denis Humphries

Nola Clark, Russell Watt, Andrew Janisz
& Trevor Robb

Intermediate

Waikato Bays
Captain – Alan Turner

Nick Comber, Malcolm Christie, Shirley
Bain & Graham Young

Dougal MacLean Trophy

Auckland / Northland Region

Financial Statements

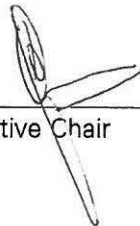
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Year ended
31 March 2015

New Zealand Bridge Incorporated

Annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2015

The Board is pleased to present the annual report, including the financial statements of New Zealand Bridge Incorporated, for the year ended 31 March 2015.



Executive Chair



Board Member Responsible
for finance

Dated:

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Directory

as at 31 March 2015

Location of business	544 Ruahine Street Hokowhitu Palmerston North 4410
IRD number	011-665-772
Board	Arie Geursen (Chairman) Allan Joseph Phil Rutherford Alan Turner Shirley Newton Anthony Hopkins Graham Wakefield
Accountants	BDO Central (NI) Limited PO Box 1242 Palmerston North
Auditor	David Macdonald, FCA
Bankers	Bank of New Zealand Cameron Road Banking Centre 607-613 Cameron Road Tauranga
Secretary	Alister Stuck
Address for communication	PO Box 5242 Terrace End Palmerston North 4441

Statement of financial performance

for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Levies (net)	2	241,765	186,572
Masterpoints (net)	2	185,871	191,510
Levies & Masterpoints		427,636	378,082
Regional committees' surplus	1	18,044	9,161
Congress surplus	1	15,930	13,708
Sundry income	3	1,193	1,084
Interest received		16,561	12,907
		51,728	36,860
Gross surplus		479,364	414,942
Expenses			
International expenses	4	43,738	103,334
Interprovincial expenses	5	31,824	34,686
Grants and bridge activities	6	40,147	37,091
Administration	7	231,800	234,795
Depreciation and amortisation	8	9,631	10,762
Total expenses		357,140	420,668
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year		122,224	(5,726)

Statement of movements in equity

for the year ended 31 March 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Accumulated funds at the beginning of year	549,302	555,028
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	122,224	(5,726)
Equity at end of year	671,526	549,302

Statement of financial position

as at 31 March 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Equity	9	671,526	549,302
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	10	289,663	178,598
Accounts receivable		59,415	57,530
Prepayments		16,913	3,447
Short term investments	11	286,029	273,650
GST refund due		8,204	8,887
		660,224	522,112
Non current assets			
Plant and equipment	12	35,084	38,140
Website development	13	3,346	9,955
		38,430	48,095
Total assets		698,654	570,207
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable		22,448	5,905
Bridge tribunal appeal costs		-	15,000
Income in advance		4,680	-
Total liabilities		27,128	20,905
Net assets		671,526	549,302

Statement of accounting policies

for the year ended 31 March 2015

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared:

- on the basis of historical cost; and
- in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Differential reporting

In terms of the framework for differential reporting an entity is exempt from certain requirements of financial reporting standards if it satisfies the criteria laid down in the framework; such an entity is called a qualifying entity.

New Zealand Bridge Incorporated is a qualifying entity because it has no public accountability and is not large (as defined in the framework).

All differential reporting exemptions have been adopted.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Where an item of plant or equipment is disposed of, the gain or loss recognised in the statement of financial performance is calculated as the difference between the sale price and the carrying amount of the asset.

Amortisation

Website development expenditure in the year ended 31 March 2013 has been capitalised and is being amortised. Ongoing website expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a 33.0% diminishing value basis for all plant and equipment. Website development expenditure is amortised over three years.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at estimated realisable value after providing against debts where collection is doubtful. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

Taxation

The entity is exempt from income tax under sections CW41 and CW42 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

Goods and services tax

All amounts are shown exclusive of Goods & Services Tax (GST), except for Accounts receivable and Accounts payable which are shown inclusive of GST.

Bequests

Money received from bequests is recognised on a cash basis.

Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

Notes to the financial statements

1	Other trading accounts	2015	2014
		\$	\$
	Regional committees		
	Income		
	Tournament income	41,817	40,068
	IP travel subsidies received	7,492	21,986
	Levies income	27,813	26,664
	Masterpoint income	38,471	35,252
	Interest received	1,980	2,075
	Sundry income	11,955	7,779
	Coaching grants received	-	2,504
		129,528	136,328
	Less expenses		
	Bank charges	7	20
	Coaching and training	10,274	13,869
	Computer and website expenditure	8,578	4,439
	Honoraria	8,008	7,249
	Interprovincial championships	25,699	44,509
	Printing and stationery	1,211	1,375
	Sundry expenditure	3,626	2,199
	Tournament expenditure	43,658	47,373
	Travel and accommodation	9,981	5,474
	Depreciation	442	660
		111,484	127,167
	Net surplus	18,044	9,161

Notes to the financial statements

Congress

Income

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Tournament income	2,930	2,409
Travel subsidies	4,226	5,040
Interest received	273	2,125
Sundry income	9,273	9,604
Congress entries	155,199	139,585
	171,901	158,763

Less expenses

Bank charges	2,340	2,029
Card dealing	3,314	4,691
Computer and website expenditure	1,901	2,268
Equipment hire	2,104	1,609
Entertainment	9,018	9,691
Housekeeping	886	1,997
Masterpoint charges	13,991	11,348
Prizes	13,043	7,357
Printing and stationery	9,316	9,146
Sundry expenditure	6,086	7,937
Staffing expenditure	60,606	55,297
Storage Expenses	2,389	-
Telecommunications	54	33
Travel and accommodation	4,077	4,075
Venue hire	15,104	15,261
Depreciation	11,742	12,316
	155,971	145,055

Net surplus

15,930	13,708
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2 Levies & Masterpoints

Income

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Levies	269,578	213,236

Less: Distribution to Regional Committees

Auckland/Northland	6,222	6,000
Waikato/Bays	4,210	4,082
Central Districts	4,695	3,998
Wellington	4,274	4,314
Canterbury	3,546	3,530
Otago/Southland	3,365	3,252
Top of the South	1,501	1,488
	27,813	26,664

Net levy income

241,765	186,572
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Notes to the financial statements

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Masterpoints		
Masterpoints	224,342	226,762
Less: Distribution to Regional Committees		
Auckland/Northland	8,743	5,323
Waikato/Bays	7,686	6,749
Central Districts	6,836	6,801
Wellington	5,610	5,285
Canterbury	4,832	5,132
Otago/Southland	2,135	3,668
Top of the South	2,629	2,294
	<u>38,471</u>	<u>35,252</u>
Gross surplus	185,871	191,510
3 Sundry income	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Regulations income	1,193	1,084
	<u>1,193</u>	<u>1,084</u>
4 International expenses	2015	2014
	\$	\$
International competition (net)	33,170	88,006
Youth test, international, training programme and expenses	4,397	5,366
World selection expenses	6,171	9,962
	<u>43,738</u>	<u>103,334</u>
5 Inter-provincial expenses	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Inter-provincial championships (net)	24,332	12,700
Inter-provincial championships - Regional Committees (net)	7,492	21,986
	<u>31,824</u>	<u>34,686</u>

Notes to the financial statements

6	Grants and bridge activities expenses	2015 \$	2014 \$
	Bridge development expenditure	28,772	13,315
	Directors training and assessment	8,978	11,236
	New Zealand Bridge Magazine	(1,901)	8,108
	Regional coaching grants	-	144
	Rubber Bridge Final (net)	4,298	4,288
		40,147	37,091
7	Administration expenses	2015 \$	2014 \$
	Accident compensation	446	496
	Accounting	11,648	9,878
	Affiliation fees	17,460	18,322
	Annual general meeting	5,457	3,072
	Audit fees	604	339
	Bank charges	561	459
	Board meeting expenditure	35,365	17,478
	Computer expenses	5,169	6,324
	Conduct, discipline and disputes committee	(9,065)	17,396
	Constitution review project	3,464	-
	Foreign currency revaluation	(36)	(185)
	Honoraria	9,500	7,000
	Insurance	1,407	1,407
	International committee expenses	2,116	4,950
	National conference expenses	3,703	-
	Postage and courier	432	1,583
	Printing and stationery	7,223	5,344
	Regional conference expenses	-	8,843
	Office expenses	4,799	117
	Repairs and maintenance	-	339
	Salaries & wages	121,536	115,910
	Sundry expenditure	1,894	6,077
	Telecommunications	8,117	9,646
		231,800	234,795

Notes to the financial statements

8 Depreciation and amortisation

		2015	2014
		\$	\$
Plant and equipment	NZ Bridge	3,023	4,154
	Congress	11,742	12,316
	Regional committees	442	660
		<u>15,207</u>	<u>17,130</u>
Deprecation from other trading accounts		(12,184)	(12,976)
Total depreciation		<u>3,023</u>	<u>4,154</u>
Amortisation of website development		6,608	6,608
		<u>9,631</u>	<u>10,762</u>

9 Equity

		2015	2014
		\$	\$
Accumulated funds			
Balance brought forward		549,302	555,028
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year		122,224	(5,726)
		<u>671,526</u>	<u>549,302</u>
Equity		<u>671,526</u>	<u>549,302</u>

Notes to the financial statements

10	Cash and bank balances	2015 \$	2014 \$
	BNZ - NZ Bridge main cheque account	2,930	3,077
	BNZ - NZ Bridge main call account	177,986	33,626
	BNZ - OS Bridge Congress	20	21
	BNZ - NZ Bridge USD bank account	121	65
	BNZ - NZ Bridge Magazine account	240	8
	BNZ - Events call account	-	55,379
	BNZ - NZB Congress	2,795	1,511
	BNZ - Auckland 00	472	895
	BNZ - Auckland 25	14,218	10,344
	BNZ - Canterbury 00	1,884	638
	BNZ - Canterbury 25	14,008	15,230
	BNZ - Central Districts 00	7,186	2,407
	BNZ - Central Districts 25	10,165	9,866
	BNZ - Otago/Southland 00	1,826	9
	BNZ - Otago/Southland 25	2,571	1,651
	BNZ - Waikato/Bays 00	3,760	1,517
	BNZ - Waikato/Bays 25	6,753	7,930
	BNZ - Wellington 00	7,009	1,126
	BNZ - Wellington 25	26,737	25,950
	BNZ - Top of the South 00	3,332	1,864
	BNZ - Top of the South 25	5,650	5,484
		289,663	178,598
	Total cash and bank balances classified as follows:		
	Current assets	289,663	178,598
		289,663	178,598
11	Short term investments	2015 \$	2014 \$
	BNZ - Waikato/Bays Term Deposit	12,041	11,556
	ANZ - NZ Bridge Term Deposit	263,988	252,094
	TSB - Wellington Term Deposit	10,000	10,000
	Total short term investments	286,029	273,650

Notes to the financial statements

12 Plant and equipment	2015 \$	2014 \$
NZ Bridge		
Cost	47,257	46,214
Accumulated depreciation	40,344	37,321
Net book value	6,913	8,893
Congress		
Cost	102,423	91,315
Accumulated depreciation	75,149	63,407
Net book value	27,274	27,908
Regional Committees		
Cost	5,000	5,000
Accumulated depreciation	4,103	3,661
Net book value	897	1,339
Total plant and equipment	35,084	38,140

Further information can be found in the supplementary schedule Statement of plant and equipment included at the back of this annual report.

13 Website development	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cost	19,825	19,825
Accumulated amortisation	(16,479)	(9,870)
Net book value	3,346	9,955

14 Capital Commitments / Contingent Liabilities

There are no capital commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2015 (2014: Nil)

Statement of plant and equipment

for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Private	Original	Opening		Profit/(loss)	Capital	Depn		Accum	Closing	
Date	Use	cost	WDV	Additions	Sales	on sale	Gain/(loss)	method	Depn	Depn	WDV
NZ Bridge											
		10,289	626					33.0D	207	9,870	419
		6,696	755					33.0D	249	6,190	506
		9,056	1,021					33.0D	337	8,372	684
		6,291	919					33.0D	303	5,675	616
		5,930	1,734					33.0D	572	4,768	1,162
		2,560	665					33.0D	219	2,114	446
		652	220					33.0D	73	505	147
		1,694	823					33.0D	272	1,143	551
		852	508					33.0D	168	512	340
		1,091	761					33.0D	251	581	510
		1,103	861					33.0D	284	526	577
	Dec 14	1,043	-	1,043				33.0D	86	88	955
		47,257	8,893	1,043					3,023	40,344	6,913
Congress											
		12,812	1,439					33.0D	475	11,848	964
		4,000	806					33.0D	266	3,460	540
		13,513	4,398					33.0D	1,451	10,566	2,947
		2,607	848					33.0D	280	2,039	568
		10,445	4,173					33.0D	1,377	7,649	2,796
		2,020	882					33.0D	291	1,429	591
		2,246	404					33.0D	133	1,975	271
		1,777	348					33.0D	115	1,545	232
		993	216					33.0D	71	848	145
		5,600	1,128					33.0D	372	4,844	756
		25,268	6,993					33.0D	2,308	20,583	4,685
		3,111	678					33.0D	224	2,657	454
		3,893	3,147					33.0D	1,039	1,785	2,108
		3,030	2,449					33.0D	808	1,389	1,641
	Jun 14	8,546	-	8,546				33.0D	2,349	2,349	6,197
	Oct 14	812	-	812				33.0D	134	134	678
	Mar 15	1,750	-	1,750				33.0D	49	49	1,701
		102,423	27,908	11,108					11,742	75,149	27,274
Regional Committees											
		5,000	1,339					33.0D	442	4,103	897
Total plant and equipment		154,680	38,140	12,151					15,207	119,596	35,084

**AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED (NZ BRIDGE)**

I have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 13. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of NZ Bridge and its financial position as at 31 March 2015. This information is stated in accordance with the statement of accounting policies set out on page 6.

Responsibilities of the Board of NZ Bridge

The Board of NZ Bridge is responsible for the preparation, in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice, of financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of NZ Bridge at 31 March 2015 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Auditor's Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express to you an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Board of NZ Bridge.

Basis of my Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgments made by the Board of NZ Bridge in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to NZ Bridge's circumstances, consistently applied, and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

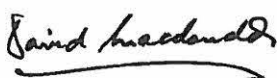
Other than in my capacity as auditor and as a bridge player, I have no relationships with or financial interests in NZ Bridge.

Unqualified Opinion

I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

In my opinion the financial statements fairly reflect the financial position of NZ Bridge at 31 March 2015 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

My audit was completed on 14 August 2015 and my unqualified opinion is expressed at that date.



David Macdonald, FCA
Wellington, New Zealand

