

## Outdoor Furniture Comes Up Trumps

**New outdoor furniture arrived on Wednesday.** Two white tables, a pair of two-seater timber benches, six stackable light weight single chairs and a sectioned bookcase are now gracing the outdoor area. Along with the recent improvements of artificial-grass and side tables, these additions enhance the “break-out area” that we use for morning and afternoon tea. Everything can be relocated.

Our thanks to John Bosci and David Douglas. They resourced the offerings, did the sums and placed the orders. Finally, they converted “flat packs” to furniture, dismantled the old gear and cleaned up. Well done!

A few complimentary and appreciative comments were overheard at the morning tea on Thursday morning.



## What did you say? Survey feedback

**Eighty-four members responded** to the survey conducted by the Education Team in recent weeks. The input provides the Team with a useful guide for the direction of future lessons.

- The level of interest in in-house lessons is 70% as opposed to 54% interest in engaging visiting experts.
- There was a mixed reaction to the form of lessons, that is, at the club or via zoom from home. For some members it is the time of the lessons that poses a problem so the team is looking at options to provide access to materials and practice hands.
- Most are keen for lessons to be pitched at the “intermediate level” although there is interest in both beginner and advanced lessons.
- Of interest to the Team, is the range of topics suggested for future lessons although “Two over One” shows as the highest priority.

Any further thoughts or comments, please email Margaret Mobbs [magmobbs@gmail.com](mailto:magmobbs@gmail.com) or Stuart Stoddart [stustod@hotmail.com](mailto:stustod@hotmail.com) Many thanks for your responses.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING – TUESDAY 11 APRIL

The meeting commenced with the President reviewing the Action List from the previous meeting of 11 March. These included promoting the club in the community, discussions with QCBC and Toowong re congresses and checking on current DGR requirements.

Committee:

- accepted the treasurer’s reports and noted that all transactions were up to date as of 9 April.
- noted that the Gambling Clubs’ Benefit Fund had confirmed our Grant and orders have been placed for new dealing equipment including a dealing machine, boxes, boards and cards. It is expected the new equipment should be in place by the beginning of May. Congratulations to all involved.
- discussed the report on the revision to the Constitution and suggested changes that should be ready in the next couple of weeks for circulation to Committee for final approval.
- noted that current membership is 325 and growing. As with all bridge clubs there has been a decrease in membership over the last two years and this is a trend the Committee is working to reverse.
- agreed to a transition of responsibilities from Diane McClintock to Margaret Giebels (Masterpoints) and Mel Gilmore (Membership) as Diane prepares to step down at the next AGM.
- agreed that who have attained 90 years continue paying annual Membership Fees but be relieved of paying Table Fees.
- noted that despite representations from Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP, the Federal Government declined to extend the time limit for consultation and planning for the spending of the \$1.5M allocated to the community site at 98 Brookfield Road. The President, Elizabeth Handley and Andrew Sharp are due to meet with Council members next week hoping to ensure that the funds are spent to provide maximum benefit for all three tenants.
- noted that Kenmore Bridge Club now has an entry in the Club Notices of *The Local Bulletin*.
- noted that the KBC G-Drive is up and running and that club documents including administration, congresses and calendars are now safely stored and easily accessible.
- inspected a demonstration polo shirt and decided to place an initial order of 20 of Ladies’ and Men’s styles of various sizes in two colours, charcoal and white with the KBC logo. These will be available for purchase at \$40 and should be available by the end of April.

## Introducing Two New Assistant Directors

### Lisa McConkey

Back in 2019, I started lessons with Graham Rusher. The next year covid hit but as soon as the club re-opened, I was back at the tables already addicted. Now, I am learning to direct with Anne. It might take some time, but I’ll get there. I’m keen to be an active and contributing member. From the day I walked into this club, I felt welcomed. I want to help as far as I can to have others feel that way.



### Chris Williams

Recently, the committee invited me to be an Assistant Director. I happily accepted as I want to help where I can. I feel, in this role, I can lend a hand to the busy Directors with their many tasks without taking on the full responsibility of administering the laws of bridge. I love the challenge of bridge and continue to develop my skills after ten years of play. My hope is to still be playing when I’m 90!

**COMMITTEE MEMBER – ANNE GARDINER**

As is often the case, I took up bridge when I retired to keep my brain active and to be socially engaged. I had initially expected it to be a bit like the social 500 games from my distant undergraduate days but I have found it far more engaging and more infuriating at times too. Alongside my other pursuits - my productive garden, my environmental activism and my pottery workshop – I wonder how ever I found the time for paid work.



From the start I saw how keeping the club running smoothly was a team effort. Over time, I realised just how many people take on responsibility for all the functions that are needed to keep the club running smoothly. So, when Kathryn tapped me on the shoulder to see if I had any skills that I could contribute by being a member on committee, I thought maybe I could help with the IT and website support. I need to be clear here, I am no IT expert! In fact, my children think it is very funny that I have taken on an IT role. My background was as a science teacher and then in state water regulation . . . but I had managed websites before and I thought I was up to the job. Now I know how naive I was . . . our website is idiosyncratic to say the least and I now have an ‘HTML for idiots’ manual on my desk.

One of the jobs that has taken a fair bit of time is setting up cloud storage for the club to collect all our critical documents and provide for a record of our club decision making. As any committee member will tell you, there was no shared documentation to support the work they were doing when they took on their jobs. Each person chased their predecessors for ‘know how’ and templates. Personally, I am constantly grateful to Anne Russell for patiently showing me the way around the web site and fixing glitches. Club documentation and process was stored on many people’s home computers and in their memories. Now, we have a shared set of resources: meeting minutes and records of decision making, templates for key documents to send to the printers, shared planning calendars, legal documents, as well as a record of how events and their organisation were previously managed. Committee members are not just coordinating events but are writing instruction manuals to make it easier when their roles are passed along.

Now I am coordinating the purchase of club polo shirts... hopefully they will arrive soon... and supporting other processes as the needs arise. No doubt the, as yet unknown, impacts of council plans for our site will be a further distraction from the bridge itself. For now, I look forward to developing my competitive play and taking advantage of the development opportunities our club is providing. The inclusive and encouraging community we have is no accident, but the result of many people’s efforts over many years. I am glad to be a part of it.

**DIRECTOR, PLEASE!**



*Things we can do to help the Directors*

- Listen carefully to the Directors’ announcements especially at the start of play.
- Once the bidding has commenced, general conversation is not encouraged.
- At the end of a hand, ensure that you do not mix up the cards until the result is agreed with the opposition and then please avoid delays in returning your cards to the board.
- The North player is responsible for the boards and for ensuring they are not “fouled” before being sent to the next table.



**Sunday 16 April - Andy Hung Classes**

Not too late to book Go to the KBC Booking Tab

Saturday 27 May

AUSTRALIA-WIDE NOVICE PAIRS < 100 mps. BOOK NOW !

**Sunday 18 June - KBC TBIB Trophy**

Novice & Rookie members with < 100 mps

This is your chance to have your name inscribed on the prized TBIB Trophy.

**Masterpoints Promotions**

- Bronze National >200 MPs Jenny Iliescu
- Bronze Regional >100 MPs Peggy Potts, Roger Tomes
- State >50 MPS Linda Neil, Peter Neil, Peter Wilce
- Bronze Local >25 MPS Jan Ford
- Club >5 MPS Jane Low

*Congratulations to All*

Roma & Dalby Bridge Clubs are heading to KBC Friday 18-Sunday 20 August. Save the dates. "Meet & Greet", Red Pts bridge, much more.

**OOPS!** What happened to the Easter Raffle? Kathryn was unwell for a while and the program slipped behind BUT we are all on track and ready for tickets to go on sale next week. We'll have multiple draws for multiple prizes. \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10. Many thanks to all those very generous members who donated. All proceeds to assist hosting our guests from Roma and Dalby and returning their wonderful hospitality last year.

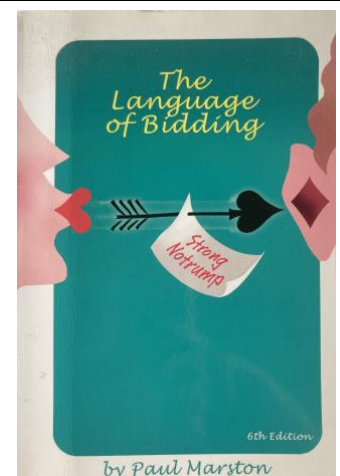
**The Language of Bidding by Paul Marston**

KBC purchased 2 copies of Paul Marston's book *The Language of Bidding* 6<sup>th</sup> edition, to add to the library.

Paul gave a presentation at the February Gold Coast Congress on this topic which was so well received that the bookshop at the Congress sold out of copies.

The book is intermediate level and expands on the basics. It is perfect for any club level player wanting tips to understand the bidding.

It is a handy supplement to the **Partnership and Game Development Sessions** conducted by Margaret Mobbs on zoom or in the clubrooms each Monday at 12:30pm. See the Lessons tab on the KBC website.



We welcome your contributions for the newsletter. Please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly [kathrynmkelly@me.com](mailto:kathrynmkelly@me.com) DEADLINE for next issue – Tuesday 9 May.