

Dear Friends,

The renovations to the toilets and kitchen have been so successful and well received that the Committee have decided to take on two more substantial projects – first, the upgrading of the exterior of the building and second, changes to the North end of the playing area to incorporate a library and book exchange in the form of new shelving and storage so that the appearance of the wall will be considerably enhanced and more user friendly.

On the bridge front we have two members who have performed admirably during 2016 and have earned sufficient masterpoints to be the best Local Masters\* in Queensland and have received the James O’Sullivan award from the QBA for their effort. They are Janice Little and John Burt and we heartily congratulate them on their achievement.

The Northern Suburbs Teams congress was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and was attended by a number of our members. Maureen Jakes and Alison Dawson were half of the winning team in a strong field. This was an excellent effort and we congratulate on their win.

The QBA Senior Teams is to be held at our Club on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February and we hope to see a strong turnout from our members. This is a two-day event and there are presently 29 teams entered so there is room for a few more.

We have re-started Tuesday afternoon bridge and the interest has been quite encouraging with seven tables for the first two-week event. Players on Tuesday morning who continue in the afternoon do not have to pay again for the afternoon session. It is pleasant format with three nine board matches played (27 boards). Seven tables is satisfactory but we would love to see more.

The Committee would like to hear from any members who would be interested in attending an ABF teacher accreditation program on the Sunshine Coast. It will be held on one day and will last for six hours.

Lessons start on March 1<sup>st</sup> and at present there is plenty of room for more beginners. If you know anyone who is interested in learning to play please encourage their participation

There is some concern that there are actions by some that could be interpreted as unauthorised information so Wendy O’Brien will be producing a list of do’s and don’ts that we hope everyone will be able to stick to.

John Stacey