



Merry Christmas
to you and
all your loved ones.

Nearly 60 gathered to celebrate the end of the year and the Christmas break on Sunday 17 December at the Jindalee Hotel. It was an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow members and meet those who play in different sessions. There were lucky door prizes a-plenty. Penny Wagstaff won a beautiful Christmas table runner hand-made by Margot Jeffrey. Bob Smith sang "White Christmas". Marion Tomes recited "the Man from Ironbark". Everyone joined in to sing "Happy Birthday" to Sue Young for her 80th. Stuart Stoddart won prizes at every turn (see page 3 for the Annual Awards). We hope everyone had a wonderful time.



Winner of the Christmas Cake raffle
Gayleen Trevaskis



**CLUB CHRISTMAS
CLOSURES**
25 & 26 December
2023 & 1 January
2024

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Tuesday 12 December 2023

Although the final meeting of the year, the agenda was busy and lengthy.

Committee:

- revisited the on-going saga of the Community Centre **site redevelopment** in view of the recent meeting between BCC, GOB and EH; universal disappointment in BCC's latest proposal showing complete lack of acknowledgement of KBC's needs; proposed to send a slightly revised letter originally penned by Andrew S to Cr Ademmann asap but only after reviewing for agreement by leaders of the Men's Shed and E-Waste; Men's Shed representative declined to be a signatory.
- noted the success of two recent **Directors' training meetings** organised by Anne Russell with Peter Evans leading the sessions; Directors encouraged to take QBA exams; DD to write on KBC's behalf to thank PE for his involvement.
- received the **Treasurer's report** and noted income from coupon sales for first 5 months of financial year; about half of all subscriptions are already paid (payment by 31 Dec.); treasurer to investigate best possible future options for current Westpac and Suncorp term deposits; debit cards now available for SC and LL.
- noted **Congresses Report** re details of entries, dealing, catering etc.; GOB to update Appeals document and appoint Appeals Committee.
- **2024 Calendar** is ready and will include dates of monthly Management Committee Meetings for the year; Teams Competition to be shifted from date planned in November to new time in October.
- reviewed **Communications & Social Events** report and noted regular publications are "on track"; flyer for membership drive is ready for printing (AG to approach the local alderman's office for assistance with this task); plans for a leaflet to advertise Beginners' Classes.
- considered **Technology** Report and appreciated the on-going improvements in both structure and security of the G-Drive; noted work dealing with website access and the reinstated links on the website; updates of club documents; upgrade to Comp-score 3.
- briefed on MF's initial plans for working with the **Education Team** and finding the best ways to utilise the considerable resources they have developed for the club.
- agreed to reimburse Anne R. and Margaret M. for the subscription costs they outlay to zoom for conducting lessons and other training throughout the year.

KBC January Congress

Sat 27 & Sun 28 January – venue Toowong Bridge Club

Please check KBC website for details – Book on myABFB

Pairs: 66/80 booked. Teams: fully booked.

**Can you offer 3hrs & join the catering team at the January Congress?**

You don't need to be a good cook. You don't need to be female. You do need to be someone who can volunteer for a few hours, work in a team, set out food and clean up (and preferably have your own sharp knife). Rosters at the club now.

Please help the club in its biggest event of the year.

2023 Kenmore Bridge Club Awards

(judged by ABF ratings from 01/01/2023 – 30/11/2023)

Most Improved Player

Overall: Stuart Stoddart (from 32.36-55.61mp **ABF 2,080**)

Novice: Linda Neil (26.43-76.59mp **ABF 1,497**)

Rookie: Sue Calthrop (20.55-60.44mp **ABF 1,281**)

70% Champion

(4 sessions throughout 2023)

Bill Szumidlo



Grand Slam Medalists

Jean McGuinness/ Sue Donavan	7NT W	Thursday morning	16 Feb 23
Sue Calthrop/ Stuart Stoddart	7H W	Thursday morning	23 Mar 23
Robert Olander/ Elizabeth Handley	7H W	Monday afternoon	8 May 23
Linda Neil/ Jan Flanigan	7NT S	Friday morning NWP	16 Jun 23
George O'Brien/ Carole Bloomer	7H N	Friday <50 Real Bridge	3 Nov 23
Linda Gough/ Kiran Dutt	7H N	Friday <50 Real Bridge	3 Nov 23

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – DUE by 31/12/2023

By being affiliated with the Australian Bridge Federation and the Queensland Bridge Association, the club and its members fully participate in the masterpoints scheme of competitive bridge throughout Australia.

Recently, in accordance with the higher fee charged by each of these organisations, Management Committee needed to increase KBC membership rates to \$65 home/ \$55 concession/ \$26 away/ \$20 away concession. The breakdown of home membership is ABF \$20, QBA \$20 and KBC \$25.

Each of these organisations provides many helpful resources available to you. Take advantage of their publications. They advertise bridge congresses, provide useful information from bridge experts, and advise on bridge play, ethics etc. You will find **links on our website**.

Masterpoint Promotions**Silver Life** Marge Eaton**Silver Local >35** Lesley Hoyling**Silver Local >35** Douglas Johnstone**Bronze Local >25** Cathy Pearson**Bronze Local >25** Marie Low**Club >5** Glen Lockington**Club >5** Sam Staines**Graduate >2** Bev Ware***Congratulations !*****Bridge-mate Survey** 157 votes returned:**"Should results be shown after play of each board?"****YES 66 (40.7%)****NO 46 (28.4%)****DON'T CARE 45 (27.8%)**

The Committee appreciates your cooperation in this exercise. No changes will be made to current practice. All players are urged to refrain from discussing results at the table or commenting on the outcome. Words of encouragement or congratulations to the opposition are always welcome. Save analysis and discussion until after the session.

The final night of the ABF Knockout event was played Tuesday 12 Nov.

While KBC did not make the ABF Knockout Finals, our placings at the end of the Consolation Competition were: **Under 50mp 9th, Open 19th and U750 22nd.**

Under 50: *In the end the Under 50s scrubbed up well and promise much for the future!!!*

Maria Miller, Douglas Johnstone, Cathie Pearson, Beth Rothery, Sue Calthrop, Stuart Stoddart, Marie Low, Kiran Dutt, Sandy Spies and Judy Werner

Under 100: Lisa McConkey, Bev D'Aquino, Robert Olander and Eliza Hemphill

Under 750: Margaret Giebels, Chris Williams, Diane McClintock, Margaret Mobbs, Leanne Nugent, Jenny Coyle and Anne Russell

Open: Graham Rusher, Stephen Stening, Tim Runting, Sue Ziegenfuss, Leanne Nugent and Jenny Coyle

Thank-you to all who represented Kenmore in a 6-month long competition.

**KBC OFFERS FREE BEGINNER BRIDGE CLASSES****8 WEEK COURSES commencing in February 2023**

WHERE: At our club rooms – 98 Brookfield Road Kenmore Hills

WHEN: Monday Mornings first lesson 5 February at 8:45am for a 9:00am start.

To enrol contact Graham Rusher grusher@optusnet.com.au 0414 452 021. OR

Thursday Evenings first lesson 8 February at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

To enrol contact Anne Russell anne@russellsynergies.com.au 0411 255 434.

Reference Material: Two reference books and other material available – **cost of \$40.** The lessons are followed with Supervised Play. **Register by yourself or with a friend or group.**

All members please promote these courses & help build KBC



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