

## Sizzling Summer of Bridge

**KBC – A Good Club and a Strong Club.** Exactly two years ago this was the headline that opened the KBC Newsletter. Events of the last month provided some key indicators of this claim. The month of January saw a range of competitions located at places such as Orange, QCBC, Toowoomba, Northern Suburbs and ended with our own KBC Congress held at Toowong Bridge Club. It was so heartening to see club members of varying ranks competing and earning Gold and Red masterpoints at all these events (see page 3).

The KBC Graded Pairs and Teams Congress was over-subscribed with 83 pairs and 42 teams from several regions competing. KBC Congress is always popular and this year it proved to be a success on many counts. Convenor, George O'Brien and Director, Chris Snook ensured the event was efficient and well-run. Facilities at Toowong club were excellent and very much appreciated. (See page 2 for Winners - Photographs posted on the website and clubhouse noticeboards.) Several KBC rookie Pairs managed to go "up the ladder" to finish well in C Grade. This is testament to the KBC's Beginner Classes and the Supervised Play programs.

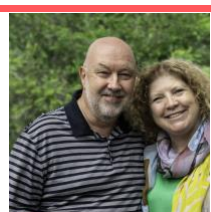
Beyond the club, Therese Tully for many years has encouraged rookie players to test their skills at the Gold Coast Congress. This is a great way to become acquainted with congress play and is an opportunity to earn gold points. Usually, KBC is well represented.

Even though the majority of our membership fits in the Rookie or Novice ranks, the percentages in all ranks are creeping up to higher levels. This is due in no small measure to the efforts of the KBC Education Team. Starting again at the end of February is another five-week series in the excellent Partnership and Development Program (see more on page 3).

There is ample evidence that we have a Good Club but signs of members wishing to improve their play, advance their skills, progress through the masterpoints rankings and compete in congresses are all signs that KBC is also a Strong Club and getting stronger.



Have you remembered  
your annual subscription?



### 2024 KBC Annual Pairs Championship

**Fourteen pairs** competed on Saturday 10 February in the clubrooms for the Pairs Trophy. This competition of 7 rounds of 8 boards was restricted to financial and loyal members of KBC. Thank you to Julie Jeffries who directed and George O'Brien, convenor. 2024 Pairs Champions are **Allan Byrnes and Unis Suliman** (4) **1.72mps**. Runners up were **Margaret Mobbs and Diane McClintock** (2) **1.23mps** and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place were **Mick Fawcett and Jill Dunning** (3) **1.30mps**. Congratulations to all participants.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Tuesday 13 February 2024**

- **President's Report** dealt with the Kenmore Community Centre site development and described continuing frustrations re inability to access preliminary site plans despite assistance from Councillor Ademmann. MP Elizabeth Watson-Brown has sought information through the mayor's office about the planning process.
- **Vice President's Report** drew attention to two grants for possible funding. Committee decided that neither was suitable and in present uncertain circumstances there is no pressing need. Some discussion led to decision to investigate options including installation of a free-standing water cooler, "plumbed in" water bubbler, handbag hooks.
- **Treasurer's Report** presented three factors to be considered in reinvesting two term deposits due to mature in February: (i) bank guarantee of funds (ii) interest rates and (iii) ease of management while requiring flexibility in case funds are required. Committee decided to combine the two investments currently held with BOQ and reinvest in one term deposit with Westpac. Disbursements document reviewed and approved.
- **Membership & Masterpoints Reports** 40 members to be contacted shortly regarding subscription renewal. Six new members since December. Noted increase in club session attendances.
- **Congress Report** (i) KBC Congress was a resounding success. Congratulations to GOB for the huge organisation involved and to all the caterers especially Trish Sheehan, Anne Munro, Marion Tones and Elizabeth Handley; (ii) the KBC Pairs Championship – review timing and specify that this event is designed for regular KBC players; (iii) GNOT – considerations for initial planning.
- **Facilities Report** mouldy smell in middle room – GOB to arrange for ceiling inspection and DD to contact Council re remedial action. Handsets – DD to check batteries and rotate handset boxes.
- **Communications, Social Events & Community Engagement Report:** A5 glossy flyer for the membership drive printed; KK to contact Ed QLD re requirements of hosting bridge as a school sport option; sub-committee for wall-hangings to reconvene in March.
- **Secretary & Technology Report** AG to organise a G-Drive workshop for a later meeting; GOB to set up meeting for web-site review after GCC.
- **Education Report** Partnership and Development program set to recommence 26 February.
- decided to offer no cost social bridge while most Directors are away during the Gold Coast International Congress 17-24 February.



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**Kenmore Graded Pairs Results****A Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Langdon/Kim Morrison (2)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Radke/B MacLeod  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Moses/ Nikolas Moore (3)

**B Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shanaal De Zoysa/Hema De Zoysa  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Winny Chan/Sameer Pandya (3)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Ziegenfuss/Kathy Males (9)

**C Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rosemary Floquet/Jan Kinross (3)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Calthrop/Stuart Stoddart (13)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Neil/Peter Neil (10)

**Kenmore Graded Teams Results – 29 January****A Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nikolas Moore/Rachel Langdon/Terry Strong/Jill Magee (5)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Morrison/Magnus Moren/Neville Francis/Tony Hutton (1)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Greer Tucker/Maha Hoenig/Terry O'Dempsey/Janeen Solomon (6)

**B Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Daria Williams/Ross Murtagh/Shayne & Sonya Palfreyman (4)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Robyn Clark/Trevour Derryhouse/Ian argent/Jan Argent (2)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Eugene Pereira/Martin Wu/Vesna Markovic/Voyko Markovic (7)

**C Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ping Xie/Paul Han/Davis Zhang/Lilly Jia (3)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Sharp/Sue Sharp/Jenny McGowan/Vanessa Brewis (2)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Davies/Linda Lee/Greg Dobson/Siobhan Davies (6)



## It's Back – Mondays Partnership and Game Development Program

Margaret Mobbs, Anne Russell and the Education Team have been busy planning, preparing for presentation and testing a new series of sessions for the Program. It will run weekly starting on 26 February. Members can access the sessions from the comfort of their homes via Zoom link or, if you prefer, at the air-conditioned clubrooms Mondays 12:30-1:30pm. Help is available to access zoom.

*There is something for everyone. Book on the KBC Booking Page*

**February 26 – Opening Leads:** Often the difference between the opposition making their contract or not.

**March 4 - 2 Club Openings and Responses:** Often stress-inducing and leading to confusing responses.

**March 11 – Cue Raises:** Useful when considering slam.

**March 18 – Splinter Bids**

**March 25 – Inverted Minors**

**April 1 – Easter Monday**

**April 8 – Easter Holiday**

*Save the Dates !*



### FREE Beginner Bridge Classes are on offer NOW

Mondays 8:45 for 9:00am start  
Graham Rusher – 0414 452 021

Thursdays 6:45 for 7:00pm start  
Anne Russell – 0411 255 434

## Congress State & National Members' Successes (month of January)

Event	Name	MPs
Summer Festival Senior Teams - <b>Gold</b>	Therese Tully	4.00
Summer Festival TBIB Open Swiss Pairs - <b>Gold</b>	Therese Tully	5.18
Summer Festival SWPT - <b>Gold</b>	Therese Tully	10.11
Northern Suburbs BC - <b>Red</b>	Tim Runting	4.08
	Therese Tully	0.32
	Sue Ziegenfuss	4.08
QLD Contract Bridge Club - <b>Red</b>	Sue Calthrop	0.97
	Linda Neil	0.97
	Tim Runting	0.96
	Graham Rusher	3.62
	Sue Ziegenfuss	0.54
Toowoomba Restricted & Novice Pairs - <b>Red</b>	Heather Douglas (1 <sup>st</sup> Novice Pairs)	1.79
	Jan Ford	0.21
	Peter Wilce (1 <sup>st</sup> Novice Pairs)	1.79

## Kenmore – Roma – Dalby Interclub Friendly Weekend

**Dalby hosts the  
2024 event**

**Friday 26 – Sunday 28  
July 2024**

A call for expressions of  
interest of those wishing  
to attend will go out in  
March.

### KBC Congress

#### Raffle Winners

Meat Tray – Lesley Henderson  
Drinks Package – Allan Byrnes  
Sweets Hamper – Jackie Tozer

*Thank you everyone for your  
support. Proceeds \$1,087.*

Welcome to  
New Members

Nita Cooper, Louise  
Hartnell, Dee Mets, Richard  
Spelman, Jenni Tucker &  
Lynn Woodall

## Masterpoint Promotions

**Bronze Local >25**

Maureen McNamara

**Graduate >2**

Judy Barbour, Merle Thomas

**Congratulations**



**A timber library cabinet** donated by Kathryn Kelly appeared in the backroom last week. Thank you to David Douglas and George O'Brien for transporting it. A big "Thank You" also to David & Heather Douglas, Dale Lehner and her husband Brian for re-shelving the books and to John Bosci for securing the outdoor metal cabinet.

**Books, magazines  
videos available  
for loan  
at any session.**

## Vale Carole Bloomer

2 Dec 1945 – 4 Feb 2024

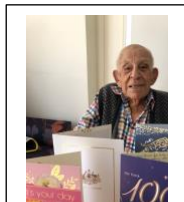


Carole's smiling face will be missed by many at KBC. She attended her beloved Tuesday bridge session as recently as 16 January but succumbed to on-going effects of a lung transplant. A commemorative morning tea is to be held at a Tuesday session at a date to be advised in March.

## Vale Keith Archos

23 Dec 1922 – Feb 2024

Dr Keith Archos Joined KBC  
In 2016 and was a regular  
player until the end of 2022.  
R.I.P.



## REFRESHER re MASTERPOINTS

(extract from ABF Starters' Kit)

Masterpoints come in three colours.

1. Wins at club sessions will gain **green** masterpoints (how many depends on the size of the field).
2. Placing in competitions and congresses run by your club and other clubs will gain **red** master-points. (Each club is allocated a certain number of red point sessions per year.
3. National events and club events such as GNOT will attract **gold** masterpoints.

Information about the number of masterpoints you will need to work your way up the rankings, together with the colour/s required, is provided on the back of your ABF Registration Card and the "ABF Rankings Certificates".

Currently, only a small proportion of regular club players compete in bridge congresses, which is where you start to accrue red and gold points. This is a shame because these events provide members with a huge opportunity to build on their ranking whilst at the same time deriving a lot of enjoyment from their sport. (more on why Congress Bridge is different in another issue)

Once you have a taste of competitive bridge playing, you will quickly gain confidence in the competition process and move quickly through your ABF rankings.

Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.  
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