



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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Welcome to 2024



Some of us start the year with plans, resolutions or goals for the coming twelve months. Bridge players might be aiming to improve their masterpoints ranking, employ new conventions or attend a special congress. The focus in this issue is to highlight the range of resources that can assist in achieving these and other goals. They are available to all members.

In any estimation, our main resource is always our members. For this reason, it is essential that regular and consistent communication amongst our membership is maintained. KBC engages five major means of communication. These are the KBC Home website, monthly newsletters, Pianola emails, Directors' announcements during session breaks and the clubhouse noticeboards. Beyond these, there is "word-of-mouth" – not always consistent or reliable in its message but sometimes useful and always very active. In the first months of this year, a new, exciting, user-friendly website format is eagerly anticipated and the expectation is that it will be a great and informative club resource.

Newsletters published by the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) and the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) provide useful resources also. KBC, by being an affiliate of these organisations, provides access to these resources via their respective websites. The Australian Bridge Magazine is another worthwhile resource although not free.

Not to be forgotten is the library. Peter Neil volunteers as club librarian to keep the collection of books and videos up-to-date and well organised for members to borrow.

Finally, KBC has a truly outstanding resource in its accredited education team of Loraine King, Margaret Mobbs, Graham Rusher, Anne Russell and Therese Tully. In recent years, they have built up a comprehensive bank of lessons and programs and helped members improve their skill levels. Many of their lessons are available to members throughout the year and on the website. *(more page 3)*

COMING EVENTS (see KBC Website – Calendar Tab for more)

JANUARY 19 – ABF Nationwide Pairs at KBC Red Points plus appropriate mps allocated by the club

JANUARY 27 – Kenmore Congress Graded Pairs held at Toowong Bridge Club Red Points

JANUARY 28 – Kenmore Congress Graded Teams held at Toowong Bridge Club Red Points

FEBRUARY 2 – ABF Nationwide Pairs at KBC Red Points plus appropriate mps allocated by the club

FEBRUARY 10 – Kenmore Annual Pairs Championship held at KBC Red Points

FEBRUARY 17-24 – ABF Gold Coast International Congress (great opportunity for Rookie & Novice players) Gold Points

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Tuesday 16 January 2024

The first meeting of the year and our first morning meeting.

Committee:

- received the **President's Report**. It included GOB, EH and AS meeting with Federal member, Elizabeth Watson-Brown who showed interest in KBC's case re the Community Centre site redevelopment. EWB's office will attempt to find out if there is a firm deadline for the use of promised Commonwealth funds.
- decided, after recommendations in the **Treasurer's Report**, that the Treasurer and President should develop a plan that takes into account rates on offer by major banks over both short and long terms for the investment of KBC maturing term deposits plus up to \$20,000 from the Community Account. They are authorised to make such investments subject to committee's endorsement.
- agreed that the Membership Secretary be provided with "view" only access to the Westpac account in order to manage incoming membership subscriptions and for reporting purposes.
- noted Congresses Report of (i) the KBC Congress – that both sessions are fully booked with players in reserve, catering assistance organised, dealing 75% complete (ii) the KBC Pairs Championship in February – arrangements are in hand.
- noted in the **Membership Report** the number of current members who have not yet paid their 2024 subscription (KK to draft reminder letter; DD to prepare notice for Directors' announcements). ABF and QBA affiliation fees will be paid for membership as it stands at the end of March.
- accepted the **Communications & Social Events Report** and agreed to A5 glossy flyer for the membership drive to be printed by Officeworks. Raffles for the January Congress organised and underway; agreed to conduct raffle draws during lunch breaks subject to Director's consent.
- noted in **Technology Report** that new web-site has been tested resulting in very positive response; all structural/connectivity issues dealt with; GOB, AG, KK & DD to manage content detail early Feb.
- discussion during **Facilities Report** resulted in plans for wi-fi booster to be installed in room 3 (GOB); investigate musty smell of damp in room 2 (DD); repair lock on door to room 3 (GOB & DD).
- ideas suggested for contents of a preparation of a **Starter Kit** for new members.
- decided to offer no cost social bridge while most Directors are away during the Gold Coast International Congress 17-24 February.

Two Ways to Help at the Congress 27-28 January

Join a catering team? Two teams one on Saturday and one on Sunday to set out food for morning and afternoon tea and the lunch break. Please bring along a smile and a sharp knife. Sign-up rosters are at the club. Speak to any one of the directors.

Provide a Plate (savoury or sweet) sandwiches, mini quiche, sausage rolls, slices, cakes, scones etc. (gluten free selections welcome).

*Two Congress Raffles*

\$5 per ticket OR 3 for \$10

*Meat Tray from Hillman's Meat at Taringa
Booze Tray – Single Malt Scotch, Champagne, Aperol*



Range of Resources for Members

KBC Website <https://kenmore.bridgeaustralia.org>

Many members access this website to check their results, book sessions or events and purchase coupons. There is so much more and when the new website format is set up, it should be much more user-friendly. In the meantime, why not check these three tabs:

Lessons In this tab you will find not only information about “Beginners Lessons” offered in February and July and “Partnership and Development” mentoring sessions offered intermittently throughout the year at the club and on zoom but also lesson material from sessions offered during 2023.

Calendar Here you can find all the events and congresses offered each month. This is especially useful for those wishing to plan attendance at Congresses in Queensland and throughout Australia.

Contacts: This tab lists the club’s contact details and those of Management Committee members and Directors but if you scroll down to **Useful Links**, you will find links to ABF, ABF Masterpoints Centre, QBA, Pianola and others.

The Wider World

Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) <https://www.abf.com.au>

Many resources on this website including Masterpoints, Club News, Newsletters, an Education section geared towards Beginners, Improvers and with Resources and links to myABF.

Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) <https://www.abf.com.au>

This site shows all QBA Events, competition results, laws and ethics, all the news about other QLD clubs including their congresses, other events and a quarterly newsletter with plenty of advice on bridge play and strategies.

Recent Additions to the Library

Twelve Important Bridge Lessons on Declarer Play – David Bird (Int.)

Introduction to Bridge – Paul Marston (Beg/Improver)

All About No Trumps – Paul Marston (Intermediate)

The Language of Bidding – Paul Marston (Intermediate)

25 Ways to Make More Tricks as Declarer – B Seagram & D Bird (Intermediate)

Planning the Defence – B Seagram & D Bird (Intermediate)



Books, magazines and videos are available for loan at any session.

Education Team

Beginners Bridge Classes – Commencing February with Graham Rusher (Monday mornings) and Anne Russell (Thursday evenings).

Partnership and Game Development – conducted intermittently Mondays 12:30-1:30 at the club or on zoom. Refer to the Lessons tab for Dates and topics.

Supervised Play Every Monday morning with Graham Rusher, Wednesday morning with Therese Tully and Graham Rusher and Thursday evening with Anne Russell.

Real Bridge – Under 50mps Friday afternoons with zoom discussion of hands after the online game.

Masterpoint Promotions

National >150 Gary Charlton
Silver Local >35 Maria Miller
Bronze Local >25 Beth Rothery
Club >5 Anne Munro

Congratulations !

KBC Annual PAIRS Championship

(Red Points)

Saturday 10 February 9:30am

All day event – please be seated by 9:15am.

Please bring your own lunch

Restricted to KBC Financial Members.

6 Coupons per Pair. Bookings on-line only.

You and your partner could have your name engraved on the KBC Championship Pairs Trophy



Welcome to
New Members

Virginia Hawksford

Janet Hubner

Joan Jenkins

INTRA-CLUB PERFORMANCES

For quarter ended December 2023

	This	Quarter		Year	to Date	
	Total	Red	Green	Total	Red	Green
Margaret Mobbs	8.31	2.14	6.17	35.90	5.39	30.51
Jenny Coyle	10.18	1.18	9.00	31.89	4.05	27.84
Bill Szumidlo	8.66	2.01	6.65	31.12	5.04	26.08
Geoff Longshaw	6.72	0.55	6.17	28.88	3.21	25.67
Margaret Giebels	8.44	2.25	6.19	26.01	5.57	20.44
Leanne Nugent	7.21	0.36	6.85	25.40	3.26	22.14
Diane McClintock	5.42	2.47	2.95	22.62	4.08	18.54
Chris Williams	6.37	1.71	4.66	22.12	4.93	17.19
Jill Hislop	6.34	0.39	5.95	22.09	1.91	20.18
Marge Eaton	7.42	0.45	6.97	21.57	2.00	19.57
Gary Charlton	10.01	0.55	9.46	20.79	1.41	19.39

14 Jan. QCBC
Graded Pairs

Tony Treloar / Graham Rusher (11) 2nd in the A Grade
Linda Neil / Sue Calthrop (6) 3rd in the Novice Grade



KBC OFFERS FREE

BEGINNER BRIDGE CLASSES

8 WEEK COURSES commencing in February 2023

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

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.

Lessons followed by Supervised Play. Register by yourself or with a friend or group.

Please promote these courses & help build KBC membership.

Leaflets are available at the club for your use.

Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.

Please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly kathrynmkelly@me.com

DEADLINE for next issue **Friday 16 February**