



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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Taking Stock – the Past Year

As we enter a new financial year and move towards the Annual General Meeting in September, it is timely to take stock of the past year. Think back over the last twelve months and try to recall some of the changes.

The most noticeable would be the out-door area, now far more inviting with new furniture, plants and flooring that is safer, levelled and covered by artificial grass. New signage announces our presence. Timers with accompanying software are in place to help us pace the play. We have new bridge tables, dealing machine, cards and boards and a security box to safely house the keys. We even have a Dyson vacuum and a leaf blower to keep the “break out” area spruce. These physical items are obvious!

Behind the scenes though tournaments and congresses are planned and conducted. Teams and Pairs are entered in competitions. A comprehensive education program is managed. Beginner lessons are offered. Partnership and Development sessions are prepared and delivered. Guest speakers are invited to address the membership. A G-Drive is in place to store the club’s documents, templates and images. Hopefully, this will help to reduce duplicity of effort over coming years. We now have a column in the Club News of *The Local Bulletin* to promote the club. Members are kept abreast of bridge play and social events. Since the beginning of 2022, the newsletter is published monthly. - continued Page 2 -

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

This national Australia-wide bridge event is administered by the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF). One of its purposes is to make a national bridge event and its associated benefits such as gold masterpoints readily accessible to every bridge club and player in Australia irrespective of location.

Since, eight KBC teams competed at club level on Sunday 16th July, two teams are eligible to progress to the Regional Final. If successful at that level, there are Zone Finals and National Finals ahead.

Winners were the Sharp Team: Stuart Stoddart, Murray Perrin and Susan and Andrew Sharp. The McClintock Team of Margaret Mobbs, Diane McClintock, Chris Williams and Margaret Giebels shown here with event organiser, George O’Brien was placed second. Third was the Rusher Team of Ken MacDougall, Stephen Stening, Elizabeth Handley and Graham Rusher with the Olander Team so very closely behind.

The Rusher and McClintock teams will represent KBC in the Zone Finals 27th-28th August.

We wish both teams well. Go Kenmore !!!



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Beyond all these activities, there are meetings and negotiations that continue the project of securing the construction of a new “shared” amenities block where the “demountable” now stands. This addition will house a modern kitchen and new toilet facilities. Its completion should allow our present premises to be converted into an open and larger space for playing bridge. After all these years, we should be able to look forward to a comfortable playing area that allows ease of movement.

Every year strategies and processes are set in place to make the club more efficient and hopefully more enjoyable for all members. These are considerable achievements! Achievements that all of us can be proud of!

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING – TUESDAY 25 JULY

Committee:

- requested that the Vice President conduct a survey to establish the level of interest of those wishing to play at competition level for suitable times and dates for dedicated sessions.
- scrutinised, debated and adopted the revision of the Constitution for review of the general membership and approval at the AGM in September.
- confirmed the date for the Annual General Meeting as 11:00 am Saturday 16 September 2023 to be followed by complimentary light lunch and afternoon bridge.
- accepted that the Masterpoint and Membership responsibilities undertaken by Diane McClintock over the past six years will be adopted by Margaret Giebels (Masterpoints) and Mel Gilmore (Membership).
- discussed arrangements for the up-coming AGM and the filling of vacancies on the Management Committee.
- as a result of increases of ABF and QBA fees, endorsed the increase of annual membership to \$65 for full membership, \$26 for alternate dues, and continue membership for pensioners at \$55. Table Fees remain at \$6.
- received Auditor’s report for the Treasurer and President to sign.
- received the report which included tasks, duties and responsibilities and costings of plans and progress towards the 2nd Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Interclub Weekend.
- agreed that KBC should take out advertising space in *The Local Bulletin* as part of a membership drive and that the President speak with the editor Barry Searle about including a news story covering the Roma-Dalby Interclub Weekend.
- approved the purchase of storage boxes for financial and membership records.
- set the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 22 August.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER: Just like the Umpire in Cricket, Tennis or any other game, at Bridge, the Director is the Umpire. Whether or not, you agree with the Director’s ruling or judgment, it is what must be accepted, always. It appears not everyone remembers.

The Inter-Hemisphere *RealBridge* Event – “Up Over vs Down Under”

816 players, including Kenmore members, played bridge simultaneously in both the northern and southern hemispheres on Tuesday 4 July.

Chris Williams reported *“It was a fun night. Amazing to have the opportunity to play other keen bridge players from the other side of the world. We had some very interesting chats with pairs from all over the UK. It was a virtual tour from our armchair. We were even invited to visit a few bridge clubs if we are ever in the area.”*



Results of the First Event held in June

KBC OPEN: 10th 1-0-4 (Win-Draw-Loss) 16 Teams competing

Stephen Stening - Sue Ziegenfuss - Graham Rusher - Tim Runting

KBC U750: 9th 2-0-3 (Win-Draw-Loss) 15 Teams competing

Chris Williams - Diane McClintock - Margaret Mobbs - Margaret Giebels

KBC U100: 4th 1-0-4 (Win-Draw-Loss) 6 Teams competing

Lisa McConkey - Bevley D'Aquino - Eliza Hemphill - Robert Olander

KBC OPEN: 3rd 1-1-1 (Win-Draw-Loss) 10 Teams competing

Beth Rothery - Cathie Pearson - Douglas Johnstone - Maria Miller

NO competition in July. Next Event Tuesday 15th August.

August-December to be held the second Tuesday of the month.

Partnership and Game Development Sessions

Lessons on Zoom

or at the club

12:30 Mondays.

Go to the Booking Page for the link and current topic. Something for everyone in all the lessons.

July 17th:

Doubles : Introduction, Support, Lead directing and Penalty

July 24th: Takeout Doubles and Responses to them

July 31st: Negative Doubles

August 7th:

Doubles: Responsive, Balancing and Reopening

August 14th & 21st:

Play Boards - Assorted Doubles on *RealBridge*

Quiet Please! . . . IS Bridge a Silent Game?

Views on this matter seem to be contested amongst our KBC players so I checked to see what the Australian Bridge Federation and other clubs had to say. The following thoughts are gleaned from these sources.

In serious games, conversation at the table is generally unwelcome but circumstances are somewhat different in a less formal, sociable club settings.



Nonetheless, once bidding starts, comments or general talk is unwarranted and most often distracting to not only the opposition but also your partner.

Unlike poker in which all sorts of mannerisms, misleading statements and bluff tactics are part and parcel of the game, bridge is played with a 'pokerface'! Players new to bridge are, of course, excused for their lapses especially during club games when nobody minds very much, but in serious competition bridge demeanour must be beyond reproach.

Post-mortems after each hand, if limited, can be useful so long as they seek to be constructive and are conducted *sotto voce*. Post-mortems immediately after the game can sometimes undermine partnership confidence. Also, these discussions can communicate information to players at other tables who have not yet played the hand. All of us are aware of the proximity of tables at our clubhouse. Generally, it is best to wait until the session is over for post-mortems. Then, it's possible to go over the score sheets with your partner at leisure.

Respect towards your partner and the opposition and consideration of other players when they are still playing seem to be the two key messages. Remember bridge is meant to be a pleasant recreation and fun, not a battleground.



Bridge Tips from THERESE TULLY

Therese is a Gold Grand Master. She competes internationally and nationally, is an Honorary ABF Teaching Fellow AND a Life Member of Kenmore Bridge Club. In a new series for the Gumleaf, she responds to a frequent question.

Dear Therese: Which conventions should my partner and I use?

Therese: That's easy! Only the ones that both you and your partner know the response to.

Welcome to our New Member

Phil Young

Congratulations to all those with Masterpoints Promotions:

Silver National >300 – Jenny Coyle
National >250 – Chris Williams
Bronze State >100 – Robert Olander
State >75 – Arvind Bhasin
Regional >50 – Jennifer Brangan
Silver Local >35 – Lisa McConkey

Save the Dates

**1. Sunday 10 September at TBC
Kenmore Graded Novice Pairs
<50 and <100**

**2. Saturday 16 September 11:00 am
Annual General Meeting and
Election of Managing Committee**
followed by a complimentary lunch and
afternoon bridge.

*Huge thanks to Anne Russell
for her ready, reliable and
regular assistance with
information and photographs
in this and many other
Newsletters.*

NAME BADGES
will be ordered
soon. **\$15**
Pay your Director
and write your
name and receipt
no. on the list.

Looking for a Partner?

JACKIE TOZER

0420 506 867 will assist.

Please include: 1 your name, 2 number of
master-points, 3 session/s you wish to play.

UPDATE – 2ND Annual Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Bridge Event

24 visitors, 14 from Roma and 10 from Dalby, will attend the event planned for Friday 18 – Sunday 20 August. Roma is sending 14 of their 29 members and Dalby 10 from their membership of 37. The visitors will play both morning and afternoon bridge sessions so that they can meet or renew acquaintances with as many Kenmore members as possibly.

The Program:

Friday 4:30 – 7:00 pm: “Meet and Greet” at Ethel Lavin’s home. Fully catered.

Saturday 9am & 1:30pm: Bridge Sessions. Morning and Afternoon tea & lunch provided.

Saturday Evening Barolos Restaurant 6:30 pm: Pre-dinner drinks (sponsored by KM Smith)

7:00 pm Dinner (possibly sponsored by Origin Energy) and Award Presentation (sponsored by TBIB).

Sunday Morning: “Talk with Therese” at the Toowong Library at 9:30am. (Restricted numbers – Priority for visitors)

Sunday Afternoon 12:15pm: BBQ Lunch and River Cruise on *Lady Brisbane*. All Welcome.

Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.

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*DEADLINE for next issue **Wednesday 16 August***