



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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**CHRISTMAS CLOSURES – 25 December, 26 December 2022 & 1 January 2023
and Anne's Thursday Evening Supervised Sessions 22 & 29 December**

Christmas Greetings from the President

2022 was a busy year that included successfully establishing a new connection with the Roma and Dalby Bridge clubs that we hope will grow and thrive. We look forward to welcoming them to our club in 2023. Also, we ran our first congress after a two-year hiatus. Our club Pairs and Teams events were well attended and hotly contested.

The club has continued to thrive with the enthusiastic participation and support of the members. The Christmas Party provided the perfect opportunity to focus on three of them: Sue Cheney for her essential work as our providore; Margaret Mobbs for her dedication to training, mentorship and the expert recording our club activities; and Kathryn Kelly for her initiative in setting up the annual Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Bridge Event, organising our social activities and editing the newsletter.

The committee and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and all our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Elizabeth Handley



2022 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sixty-two members gathered on Sunday afternoon to socialise with their bridge friends and celebrate the Season's festivities in the cool at The Kenmore Tavern.

They tapped their toes and danced to the music of the 4-piece jazz band, chanced their luck for a door prize, reviewed the busy year courtesy of Anne Russell's comprehensive photographic presentation, watched Chris Williams win the coveted Sue Young Christmas cake and had a jolly good time.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 14 December

The Committee:

- received the Treasurer's report and noted that all transactions are up to date and the club's finances are in a healthy state
- perused floor plans and discussed traffic movements for delegates during the January Congress and clarified roles and operations over the course of the two days
- noted that membership stands at 382 and that renewal notices were sent out on 29 November
- inspected proposals for refurbishing the outdoor area and authorised DD & JB to purchase
- received an update on the development of process charts for the management of 1. Treasury and 2. Training responsibilities within the club
- noted the success of 2022 Christmas party and that with the additional funds from the raffle yielded a profit sufficient to fund prizes for the Congress raffles
- determined that the 2023 Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Interchange be held on the weekend of 26 August 2023
- commissioned AG to order sample polo shirts so that decisions can be made as to the possibility of making club shirts available for purchase
- considered ways in which security of club protocols and communication could be strengthened
- responded to a letter from Andrew Sharp re the "competitive DNA within the club".

Special Mention

to the many who throughout the year, every year, tirelessly give their efforts for the benefit of the club and its membership. You know who you are – our Directors, dealers, providers, committee members and others but especially the teachers and trainers who do such important work introducing prospective members to the game through beginner classes and then helping all those who wish to advance their game through excellent mentoring sessions.

Thank you

KBC CODE OF CONDUCT & THE ROLE OF RECORDER

Some of our newer members and maybe some of our longer-term members, may not be aware that like most clubs, KBC has a Code of Conduct (see Documents on the website). As we approach the end of the year, it may be timely to enclose an extract from the code.

*At KBC we are a "No Fear Club" and there is no pressure to perform well. You are encouraged to enjoy your Bridge. Remember, **we have zero tolerance for unacceptable behaviour!***

DIRECTOR, PLEASE!



Bridge should be an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an exceptionally important part of that enjoyment. KBC is keen to ensure all games are played in a spirit of sportsmanship and that all involved have an enjoyable experience.

*Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or **object to a call for the director** or to **dispute or argue about a director's ruling**.*

Therese Tully is our Club recorder** and may receive communication from any player regarding incidents related to ethics or inappropriate behaviour. **Phone 0409 870 524



KENMORE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

GRADED PAIRS Saturday 28 January

GRADED TEAMS Sunday 29 January 2023

Entries limited to 88 Pairs & 44 Teams

MEET COMMITTEE MEMBER – GEORGE O'BRIEN

When I retired, I knew the importance of keeping fit and healthy. I do this by cycling (when I can stay on the bike) and drinking red wine: I'm told it's good for you. I also knew that it was just as important to keep the cognitive side of things ticking over and that's how I found myself at bridge.

I joined Graham Rusher's classes in early 2021. Despite covid inflicted delays, the class of 21 finished the program and was released into the greater world of bridge in September.



What impresses me most about KBC is the people. It's their dedication and efforts to ensure that bridge days are enjoyable and run without much ado. Little did I know how much time and effort goes into ensuring my mornings at bridge go without a hitch, until Anne Russell introduced me to dealing. What a magical and mysterious world it is. A computer, a machine and 8 boxes of boards blended with the human touch and 'hey presto' we all get to play bridge Monday to Saturday. I am now part of three enthusiastic dealing teams. Though it wasn't until I went to my first congress, KBC's own Novice event in September, that I truly realised the huge team effort that goes into making our club great. Later, when asked to nominate for the committee, I didn't hesitate.

Many members will know Mick Fawcett. He retired from the committee at the last AGM after 7 years tirelessly organising and running KBC congresses and events. Now, that task has fallen into my lap. My first dip into the waters was with our Team Championship event in November, deservedly won by Mick's team. This was a great event to open with since it was held at the club and with only 10 tables was just large enough for my first effort in this role.

The next event isn't so small. It is our KBC Graded Pairs and Teams Congress which will be held on January the 28th and 29th at the Botanical Gardens Auditorium Mt Coot-tha. We are well on our way with all the technical side of organising a congress completed. This again was a team effort which I couldn't have accomplished without the guidance of Mick Fawcett and Elizabeth Handley.

With over 100 participants expected each day, organising an event of this size can't be put down to one person. It's a team effort. Other committee members take on key roles. Nevertheless, we will need help to assist with catering and logistics on both these days so the call is out for volunteers. Knowing the club as I do now, I am sure there will be many who'll put their hands up.

I have a simple vision for the club, to make it one that everyone wants to be part of. Not because we are successful or champion bridge pairs and teams but because we are known as the friendly, encouraging, inclusive, and fun club that welcomes everybody and makes them feel part of a family. It won't be hard. All I need to do is to build on the foundations set by all who have come before me.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Volunteers for the Catering Teams (2 hours only) please contact:
for Saturday 28, Marion Tomes marionetomes@gmail.com 3378 0956
for Sunday 29, Elizabeth Handley handleye3@gmail.com 0404 833 057

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 6 February at 8:45am for a 9:00am start.

To enrol contact Graham Rusher grusher@optusnet.com.au 0414 452021. OR

Thursday Evenings first lesson 9 February at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

To enrol contact Anne Russell anne@russellsynergies.com.au 0411 255434.

Reference Material: Two reference books and other reference material is provided for the **cost of \$40**. The lessons are followed with Supervised Play.

Register by yourself or with a friend or a group of friends.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY?

Welcome New & Returning Members

Lynne Gout, Suzanne Parker, Margie Know, Liz Marshall

Annual Subscription

A Big Thank You

for helping to cheer up our outdoor area to
Sue Clare with those huge pots and to
Jan Flanagan for the beautiful plants.

2022-2023

Members Book
available by Christmas

And finally . . . a word from the Editor

This year we issued thirteen Newsletters to the KBC Membership, one each month except for January and two special issues one covering the Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Interclub Event at the end of September and this one for Christmas.

In preparing the Newsletter my goal is threefold. The Newsletter serves as a form of communication, *albeit* only one form, between our Management Committee and Membership. As such, it informs the entire membership of Committee deliberations and decisions that cause changes to the workings of the club, matters like fees, resources, facilities, sessions times etc. Second, the Newsletter reports on updates about the membership such as introducing new members, masterpoint level promotions, successes in championships and tournaments. Finally, the Newsletter attempts to assist players in further developing an understanding of the game itself particularly its benefits, play and code of conduct.

Hopefully, the Newsletter is fulfilling these purposes for you. In each issue the invitation is extended to you, the membership, to make comments and/or offer advice. In closing, I'd like to wish you and your dear ones a very joyful Christmas and best wishes for happiness and continuing good health in 2023.

We welcome your comments or contributions for the newsletter.

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

Deadline for next issue – Wed. 1 Feb.