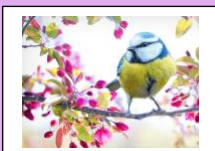




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Going Forward



The Jacarandas are in bloom, a reminder that we are mid-Spring and in a time of renewal. After some busy events over the last few months, there is time now for our Management Committee to stop and examine some current management practices and consider ways to up-date and improve. In this issue, we look at the club in the wider context of the bridge world by sharing some statistics courtesy of the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) but we are looking at our communication efforts as well.

Timely and effective communication with our membership of about 300 is an on-going challenge. We operate a “multi-pronged” approach. This includes the club’s website, monthly newsletters, electronic mail messages via Pianola and announcements from the Directors during bridge breaks. Direct face-to-face communication is highly effective but not all members attend the club often enough to benefit. Plans are underway to review and refresh the website so that it is more immediate, informative, reader-friendly, and appealing. It offers so many possibilities if members are willing to use it. There may be a case for having the club linked to social media platforms such as Facebook or Instagram.

If, as a member, you experience any difficulties accessing club communication, please contact a member of the committee. Your ideas about all club matters are welcome at any time. We invite suggestions about ways of making our means of communication more effective.

Clubs & Membership

World-wide players > 200m.

Clubs registered (Australia-wide) **352**
Members **31,410**

Clubs registered (Queensland) **54**
Members **6,529**

Kenmore is the **8th** largest club in Qld.
with **299** active home members.
It is the **23rd** largest club in Australia.

Home-Club Membership in QLD (>200)

Toowong	590
Northern Suburbs	486
QCBC	401
Surfers Paradise	366
Gold Coast	332
Sunshine Coast	310
Noosa	300
Kenmore	299
Toowoomba	265
Caloundra	236
Redland	216
Arana	213
Cairns	202

6 clubs 100 – 200
12 clubs 50 – 100
23 clubs 0 - 50

Kenmore Membership by Masterpoints

< 25mps – 180
25-50mps – 37
50-100mps – 38
100-300mps – 29
300-750mps – 11
> 750mps – 4

*Which KBC members have
more than 750 Masterpoints?*

**Therese Tully, Graham Rusher
Tim Runting & Marge Eaton**

**New 2023
Members (to date)**

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Tuesday 17 October 2023

This was a very busy meeting lasting about three and a half hours and there was no idle chatter. Much of the meeting dealt with committee transition matters such as debit cards, pass codes etc. and up-dating the associated registers.

Committee:

- Decided to raise the issue of the recently notified 2024 reduction of the KBC allocation of red masterpoints at the QBA's November Meeting. The formula appears to be disproportionate and to favour other clubs particularly those in regional centres.
- Decided that GOB and Margaret G would re-work the club's reduced allocation of red points for 2024.
- Planned to ensure red point events be highlighted in the official KBC 2024 calendar.
- Set the date of 9 November 2023 for a General Meeting of Members to approve the new KBC Constitution. David D to compose the notification. Anne G to send out notification and draft Constitution on Pianola. Hard-copy notices to be posted in the clubhouse.
- Discussed expanding the numbers and capability of Club Directors and enlisting a cohort of Directors' Assistants who could learn directing skills, manage data entry and participate in play at sessions.
- Appointed Anne G to present the photography awards sponsored by KBC for Moggill Creek Catchment on Saturday 21 October.
- Reviewed the bylaws detailing the benefits bestowed on Life Members and Honorary Members to include waiving of table fees as well as annual subscriptions. KK to inform those eligible with club cards.
- Agreed to form the 3 teams for the 12 November Interclub Event at QCBC after calling for expressions of interest through a Pianola invitation to all members.
- Discussed the benefits and costs involved in transferring the KBC website to WIX. GOB displayed a prototype including images, links and other functionality. Expenses approve. Option to approach TBIB to sponsor some of the expenses in lieu of previous costs associated with the Members' booklet.
- Discussed and formulated a process for setting up annual club awards for (i) Most Improved player, (ii) Grand Slam Champion and (iii) over 70% winner.

**GENERAL MEETING of
MEMBERS**

**to approve the new
KBC CONSTITUTION**

**Thursday 9 Nov.
12:15pm**

Do You Get the Most out of our KBC Website and Pianola?

Typically, members access the **KBC website** to check their results, purchase coupons or access the booking page. The lessons tab is worth a look as our club's education program is arguably one of the best on offer largely due to our fabulous team.

KBC subscribes to **Pianola** on behalf of its members. Not only can you analyse your results but also access members' phone and email details. Go to the Members tab. Also, you can "Find a Partner".



TUESDAY 7 NOV 2023 – MELBOURNE CUP DAY

9:30 – Red Points Bridge (Max 24 pairs – Please book KBC Web-site)

12:30 – LUNCH – ALL WELCOME

Please bring a share plate. Hat judging, Sweep draw.

1:45 – View the Cup on the big screen.

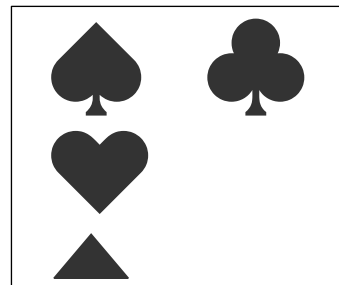
2:15 – Prize for best "Aces for Races" hat, Sweep Winners
\$10 – 1st \$120; 2nd \$80; 3rd \$40 and \$5 – 1st \$60; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$20

Did You Know KBC has a Code of Conduct? Here are some excerpts.

Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an important part of that enjoyment. At KBC we are a "No Fear Club" and there is no pressure to perform well so please enjoy your Bridge, but remember, there is zero tolerance for unacceptable behaviour.

Some general guidelines –

1. Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table. Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round. Try to make bridge enjoyable for yourself, your partner and your opponents. Avoid critical remarks. Enjoy the company as well as the game.
2. When opponents make a good bid or play, give credit but refrain from gloating over your own good results.
3. Make your convention card readily available to your opponents.
4. Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off or silenced.
5. Don't object to a call for the tournament director and never dispute the director's ruling (even if you believe you are right).

**2023**

**Australia
Wide
Restricted
Pairs (<300)**

Saturday 28 October KBC Clubrooms**9:30 start (Please be seated by 9:15)**

A one-session morning event. Here is an opportunity to win both Green and Red Masterpoints.

ENTRY FEE 2 coupons per person

DIRECTOR Graham Rusher

CONVENOR George O'Brien 0412 377 393

Please see KBC website for information and bookings.

**2023**

**Australia
Wide
TEAMS
Knockout
Competition**

RESULTS of the Fourth Round held 10 October

Well done Teams. Congratulations to our U50 team who continue to hold their place in the Knockout Event.

Thank you to all teams for representing Kenmore Bridge Club.

U50 2nd – Semi-Finals WON AGAINST CANBERRA

Sue Calthrop & Stuart Stoddart, Marie Low & Kiran Dutt (Beth Rothery & Cathie Pearson, Douglas Johnstone & Marie Miller)

U100 – Semi-Finals Lost to South Canberra

Lisa McConkey, Bev D'Aquino, Robert Olander, Eliza Hemphill

U750 (Swiss Teams Consolation) 4th – 2 Wins and 1 Loss

Margaret Mobbs, Anne Russell, Leanne Nugent, Jenny Coyle

Open (Swiss Teams Consolation) 5th – 2 Wins and 1 Loss

Graham Rusher, Steve Stening, Tim Runting, Sue Ziegenfuss .

New Member

Melita Lynden-Bell

Welcome to
KBC

*Don't Forget the
Date*

Sun. 17 December 2:30pm
KBC Christmas Party
Jindalee Hotel

September 70% Club

Kiran Dutt & Marie Low
Cia Adermann & Linda Neil
Bill Szumidlo & Geoff
Longshaw
Congratulations !

Masterpoints Promotions

State >50 (green points + Sue Cheney
>25 (red & gold combined) Stuart Stoddart

Silver Local >35 – Mary Fletcher
Local >15 – Therese Knauer
Club >5 – Helen Leahy

Congratulations !

Most Improved KBC Players

2023 Improvement to date

Stuart Stoddart
Margaret Giebels
John Kelly
Andrew Sharp
Sue Sharp
Linda Neil



**Q & A
with
THERESE
TULLY**

Now Available on the KBC website

BIDDING SHEET for SUPERVISED

See "documents"/other or the "lessons" page.

*Thank you to George O'Brian,
Graham Risher and the Teaching Team*

Q. I have heard you say that when the opposition have opened, our bidding should be destructive. Could you clarify what you mean by that?

A. When your partner opens the bidding, you want to have a very constructive conversation exchanging information with partner. Investigate your major fits then bid to the level of the fit. When your opposition has opened the bidding ahead of you, it is much less likely you will get to game as you know many of the available points have been taken. Your main aim is to take away your opponents' bidding space so they cannot have their constructive conversation.

This means you can overcall with less than an opening hand and your partner should always strive to raise your suit with a fit. Your partner does not have to respond without a fit unless they have a good hand with a good suit of their own or tolerance for partner's suit. Imagine the auction (1C) - 1S - (X) - 3S. Now the opener must decide what to bid not having any idea how many points his partner has & no space to investigate other fits. This is a very destructive auction by the over-callers.

When you overcall your aim is to take up space to stop the opener having a constructive conversation with their partner. The better the fit the higher you bid.

Auctions such as (1C) - 1S - (X) - 3S make it very hard for opener to decide how to go on.

Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.

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

*DEADLINE for next issue **Friday 15 November***