



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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President's Message

The March **Local Bulletin** published an article about Paddy Taylor with a photo of him with his great aunt and mentor, Therese Tully. We are delighted to have a positive perspective of bridge represented in our local community and especially showing bridge is a game for young and old. I found Paddy's insights refreshing: "It's good for strategic thinking and good for social skills.



There is a very rigid underlying social etiquette in bridge and the same in life. Some of my friends from school spend 12 hours a day on a device. This is like old people being shut away at home. Playing bridge is very social and you talk with so many different people."

We have decided to hold the **Australia-Wide Novice Competition** on Sunday 26 May starting at 1.00pm. In the environment of our own club, you are playing against 2,000 under 100mp Novices throughout Australia. We hope this will give our working and Monday golfing members the opportunity to enter this competition. Sign-up to register with your partner in the middle room.

Thanks to Leslie Cheung and Paul Mitchell for keeping the Club running while the rest of our Directors attended the **Gold Coast Congress**. Leslie all but slept at the club, directing on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition, Paul catered for 18 players on the Thursday morning, providing organised social bridge. Julie Lang and Luigi Demunari assisted Paul by looking after the catering logistics. Julie also provided brownies for the players. I appreciated the opportunity to enable regular players to attend the Club.

Many KBC members played at the **Gold Coast Congress** and other members were involved in the administration of this premier Queensland event. Particularly Tim Runting as Convenor and Sue Ziegenfuss as Social Convenor well supported QBA's Kim Ellaway. Congratulations to Susan and Andrew Sharp who won prizes with their Novice team. Andy Hung was a member of the winning Open Team.

Eight weeks of lessons for 16 new bridge players have just finished. Graham Rusher teaches the Tuesday morning and I teach the Wednesday evening class. The next beginner courses commence in July.

Margaret Mobbs, Loraine King and I attended Joan Butts' **ABF Continuing Professional Development** teacher accreditation lesson on Competitive Bidding held at Arana Hills. Margaret and Loraine continue to provide a strong



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Partnership Development Program for members. The strength of this program is to provide two hours of focussed teaching bidding/play for partners. The coaches are our experienced bridge players and the feedback has been extremely positive.

With the looming Federal Election, the **Facilities Committee** is talking with Candidates to ensure our plight is recognised and adds to their understanding of community needs.

Your Facilities Committee is busy spending the **Federal Government's Stronger Communities Grant**. The new TV will provide the opportunity for Loraine and Margaret to offer special programs. Loraine will introduce wine and nibbles evenings with Bernard Magee's DVDs – so we can be inspired to enrich our bridge strategies.

Your Committee is offering members the opportunity to purchase **coupons** to use as payment for regular \$6 table fees. No longer will you have to find the correct change. For special events, where the table fee is more than \$6, you can use one coupon and add the additional amount in cash. Thanks to TBIB insurance for funding this initiative.

Suz Cheney is again running the **500 Club** where there is a monthly draw to win \$500 or \$100 – you have six opportunities to win. Please see Suz or Sue Young if you would like to be part of this KBC fundraising initiative.

I appreciate people putting greenery and flowers around the club to add to the ambience. Little things make such a difference to living in our difficult environment.

Enjoy your bridge and recognise your partner's strengths.

Anne Russell

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Eugene Spatny has provided us with wonderful memories. Passionately he played keyboard for us at the Trivia Night, High Tea, and Christmas Parties. He cooked at the sausage sizzle and frequently brought delicious crepes and other sweet goodies for everyone to enjoy. His 90th birthday



gathering brought the club together socially for a memorable luncheon. His sense of humour, joie de vivre, and absolute delight when playing with 'his' girls will remain as part of KBC folklore. We miss you Eugene.



Kenmore members seen at the Gold Coast Congress





Training Corner

Partnership Development Sessions

Thank you to all involved for your enthusiastic involvement in the sessions. The coaches have done an amazing job, not only in delivering the sessions, but in assisting with preparation of materials and ironing out some technical issues. Participants also contributed to the success of the sessions by their engagement, energy and sense of fun.

We are launching four new sets of boards in May: Preempts and responses, Weak 2's and responses, Assorted Doubles, and Jacoby 2NT.

You may have noticed that timetabling is not one of my strong points. Thank you for your patience. Shortly I will put up the sign up sheets for May. I will then be likely to add in some extra sessions depending on demand and coach availability. I would really appreciate people being on standby in case of cancellations.

On some dates we will have our very expert coaches doing a short talk on a topic. Although designed for more experienced players all will be welcome. I look forward to learning some new conventions.

Graham's Mini Talks

Graham Rusher will continue with the short lessons from 8.30 to 8.50 am prior to the Tuesday Super Novice Session during the two months between Beginner Lessons.



*Celebrate Partners
Margaret Mobbs*

Library Corner

The library has recently acquired twelve DVDs by Bernard Magee. Each DVD may be borrowed for a period of 1 week for a gold coin donation. Be aware that there is some reference to ACOL bidding which opens with a weak NT and 4 card majors. Nevertheless, the content is very good and easy to follow.

Watch, Chat, Learn Come on **Tuesday evening 30 April at 7pm** for an **educational social evening** to watch and discuss a Bernard Magee DVD. Bring either a bottle of wine or some nibbles to share. Sign up so we will know how many to organise seating for and how many wine glasses to put out.

Finally, the library has moved into the end room. Come, visit, browse and borrow and be inspired!!!!



	♠ 8642 ♥ A43 ♦ KQJ ♣ 432	Dealer S Both Vul 6NT by S
♥ 10		
	♠ AK3 ♥ KQJ ♦ A1098 ♣ AKJ	

This month's problem is from Dorothy Truscott's **Winning Declarer Play** (Available from the KBC Library)

Two Bites At The Cherry

Opening lead 10 ♥ Plan the play

There are 11 tricks and a further trick may be possible by either finessing the Jack of Clubs or a 3-3 break in Spades. The order of play is important.

If the finesse loses, it will be too late to test the Spades.

Hence, the correct play is to test the Spades and if they do not break take the Club finesse.

*Happy Bridging
Loraine King*



Coupons coming soon

Always searching for change for bridge? You will soon be able to pre-purchase coupons to pay your table fees. Available for members only, coupons will be ten for \$60. The preferred payment option is to purchase on line by direct deposit into KBC bank account, BSB 638070 Account 12394610 using reference "coupons + your name". Bring your receipt in to exchange for coupons at the club. Payment can also be made at the club if you prefer.

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The QBA Constitution has been changed so there are only 2 Council meetings a year. One of which will be the AGM. **The QBA Bulletin** will only be produced as a hard copy to be distributed to Clubs at these two meetings. The other two issues will be available electronically. Please let Anne (anne@russellsynergies.com.au) know if you would like your email address to be added to the QBA mailing list for the electronic issues of the QBA Bulletin.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE



TAKES A LIFETIME TO MASTER

The process of learning to use a new convention can be a difficult one. We will often take one step back (make mistakes or have bidding mixups) in an effort to move forward. It is important for us to recognise this and realise that adopting a new convention and learning to use it effectively is a long term investment in improving our game."

— Robert S. Todd

The joy of bridge is that it **does** take a lifetime to master Continuous learning keeps the mind active, focused and involved.

"It is important to understand why we learn conventions. They are tools to help us better communicate with partner. But we must become a craftsman and learn to use our tools effectively. Until we do, we will not be able to get the most out of them."

Upcoming Events

April

Sat 20 NWP @ KBC

Sun 21 BBC Easter Pairs
Mon 22 BBC Easter Teams
Thu 25 QCBC Teams
Sat 27 Caloundra Pairs
Sun 28 Caloundra Teams

May

Thurs 2 (1pm) Bridge for Brains @ KBC (\$50)

3-6 Barrier Reef Congress
Sun 5 Sunnybank Novice Pairs
Sat 11 NWP @ KBC
Sat 11 Surfers Paradise Teams
Sat/Sun 18/19 Toowong Mixed Pairs
Sun 19 Toowong Novice Pairs

Sat 25 NWP @ KBC

Sun 26 Aust-Wide Novice Pairs @ KBC

Sun 26 BBC Pairs

June

Sat 1 Arana Pairs
Sun 2 Arana Teams
Mon 3 KBC Winter Pairs 6.45pm
Wed 5 KBC Winter Pairs 1pm
Fri 7 KBC Winter Pairs 9.15am
Sun 9 QCBC Pairs (QBA event)
Tue 11 KBC Winter Pairs 9am & 1pm
Thu 13 KBC Winter Pairs 9am & 1pm
Thu 13 Noosa Pairs
Sat 15 Gold Coast Pairs
Sat 15 Sunshine Coast Pairs
Sun 16 Sunshine Coast Teams
Sun 16 Gold Coast Teams
Sat 22 NWP @ KBC
Sun 23 Cleveland Bay Pairs

Welcome to New Members

We wish you enjoyable bridge

Bruce Baker
Joan Benham
Bertilia Colling
Eileen Jones
Ian McGhie
Lyndy McGhie
Ying Morgan
Pam Nearhos
Don Weerheim
David Wright



Susan and Andrew Sharp earned several prizes at the GCC.

Sue Ziegenfuss and Jill Dunning won the Gold Coast BC Congress Novice Pairs.

Warren Males and Sameer Pandya have been spotted in recent winning teams.



Vale Marlene Vallis

Marlene was loved by all as teacher, golfer, tennis player, and loving mother and grandmother. She loved her bridge. If she couldn't get to bridge at the club, as a result of her frequent visits to the hospital, her friends made sure bridge went to her. Marlene will always be remembered as a gracious lady.

Have you joined the 500 Club?



Get in quickly for your number to be drawn after Easter – the prizes are \$500 or \$100 every month for six months. Pay your \$120 at the Club or, better still, pay it online to KBC: BSB: 638260 A/c No: 12394610 Reference "500 + your name".

ABF Australia-Wide Novice competition at KBC

Have you under 100 master points? Register with your partner to play in this ABF Novice event on **Sunday afternoon 26 May**. Special prizes to be won. More information and sign up in middle room.



Easter - KBC will be open for all sessions over Easter including 19 April Good Friday (9.15am), Saturday (1.00pm) and 22 April Easter Monday (6.45pm)



Anzac Day - Thursday 25 April. Join us at KBC as usual morning, noon and night

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