

President's Message

Anne Russell

The most joyful occasion in July was Eugene Spatny's 90th birthday when he invited everyone to join him for lunch at the Kenmore Tavern. 70 KBC members took up the invitation to buy their lunch and linger well into the afternoon to congratulate Eugene and enjoy camaraderie beyond the bridge table. It was an amazing recognition of the community atmosphere which our Club exhibits.



A book of Kenmore Bridge Club Community Memories has been produced and shows members who "Live to Play and Play to Live". Who said bridge players are boring people sitting about all day at tables playing cards? 203 members are represented in the book ... those who

happened to be in photos when they attended various events during the last 7 years. So half our membership is not represented, only because their photo was not in the portfolio – apologies.

As a community, we are supporting the Meinzer group at the University of Queensland's Centre for Clinical Research, by providing you with information to volunteer as subjects in research looking at boosting memory. The trial involves non-invasive brain stimulation to improve language learning in older adults. A flyer, with details, is on the notice board.

QBA Bridge Clubs have been invited to donate to the Queensland Drought Appeal. All your table fees for Friday 7 September will be directed to this Appeal along with any additional donations players wish to contribute via a donation box during that week.

Our new Super Novice duplicate session regularly has seven to eight tables on a Tuesday morning and is capably directed by Sue Noble. It is a requirement for allocation of green points for a minimum of 24 boards to be in play for a session. Finishing after noon makes it difficult for the change-over as the arriving afternoon players find it a challenge to park. Players have requested mini-lessons on conventions they are ready to add to their playing strategies. From the beginning of September, Graham will do a mini-lesson each Tuesday starting at 8.30. Also, later in the year Andy Hung will offer lessons specifically designed for Super Novice players.

Andy Hung again ran an enormously informative series of classes for Rookie and Intermediate players. His lessons are extremely valuable for all players to learn and revisit to better understand playing the challenging game of bridge.

Ron Klinger presented an informative and entertaining workshop. It was held in the BCC Kenmore Library as our facility is not conducive to large group teaching. Many thanks to Andrew Sharp, Peter Allingham, Jill Dunning, Sue Noble, Mick Fawcett and Susan Sharp for fetching, carrying, set-up and pull down and re-set in club rooms – tedious tasks, yet well worth the effort for those members who attended.

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Sunday September 9 is our next foray to the Kenmore Library for the Rookie & Novice Pairs Competition. If you are available to volunteer for set-up, pull down and help during the day in the kitchen, please sign-up in the middle room at the club.

Thirty-two KBC (home and away) members formed eight teams to play in the Kenmore heat of the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) competition. Congratulations to the Rusher and King teams who will represent KBC at the Brisbane Zone Finals in October. The wonderful day of bridge was capably and cheerfully directed by Trevor Strickland who donated his fee to Medecins Sans Frontieres. Thank you Trevor and all the players.

In the past couple of months your Facilities Committee has actively contacted clubs in the local area with interests ranging from Breast Feeding to Quilting and we have found substantial support for the development of a Community Hub within Kenmore. We met with Kelly Taylor, the BCC Community Development Coordinator and Cr Peter Matic, BCC Member for Paddington and Chair of the Lifestyle and Community Services Committee (in this role he works closely with Cr Kate Richards). Both Kelly Taylor and Peter Matic have visited our current site and are aware of the critical issues surrounding space requirements for KBC, the Men's Shed and E-Waste. They promise to move our issues forward, however, there is no obvious quick and easy solution in the immediate future. They were impressed with the fundraising our club has managed to achieve.

Two well-known bridge players died this month. Our John Lee played at KBC since we opened in 2011. Tony Jackman, participated in our inaugural KBC Congress and gave us a glowing report in his 4th February 2012 Courier Mail column with analysis of a hand he played. He preceded Therese Tully as Convenor of the Gold Coast Congress and was well known for his regular Bridge Column in the Courier Mail.

I look forward to seeing members at our 7th AGM on Tuesday 28 August and afterwards for an evening of fun as we enjoy each other's company with a relaxed game of bridge.

Kenmore Gum Leaf

ANC Restricted Butler Pairs in Hobart by Mick Fawcett

In order to promote participation in the restricted pairs event at the Australian National Championships (ANC), the Australian Bridge Federation sponsored two pairs from each state, offering free entry and airfares as well as a small purse to help towards expenses. In Queensland, this prize goes to the top two Queensland pairs in the restricted competition at the Gold Coast Congress. This year, Lyn Tracey and I were the lucky winners, as well as Winny Chan and Aijun Yang from Toowong Bridge Club.

The pairs competition was over the weekend of 4th and 5th August where Lyn and I had a great start to be at table one for most of the day but the next day we had too many draws which dropped us to 8th place. Following the pairs event, we joined Winny and Aijun in a teams competition, and after a big win on the last match we won the competition and enjoyed a celebration dinner at a Hobart restaurant on the harbour.



After discovering the beauty of Hobart at the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge in March 2017, I was glad of the opportunity to spend more time in and around the city, and in the days following the ANC, managed to visit the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), the stunning Russell Falls (picture) at Mt Field National Park, Bruny Island, the Hobart Museum and Art Gallery as well as a drive up Mount Wellington to enjoy the wonderful view of Hobart.

I recommend a visit to Tasmania at any opportunity, to enjoy playing bridge, enjoy the wonderful scenery, enjoy the fantastic eatery choices and meet the friendly people.



Moggill Creek Catchment Group Photography Competition

Grab your camera and take a photo to show the beauty of the local Moggill Creek area and enter this popular competition by 20 October. We are sponsoring the competition with a prize. Your photos will be on display in the Village Shopping Centre. Check out their website: <http://www.moggillcreek.org.au/activities-events/photography-competition-general>

Situations Vacant

We are looking for non-committee members to take on the following roles:



Training Co-ordinator to organise lessons and workshops by local and national teachers for our members and friends.



Librarian to organise the library rosters, resources and to promote the collection.

Newsletter Editor

A creative writer to help publish the bi-monthly Gum Leaf Newsletter.

Interested?????
Contact Anne Russell



In response to a QBA initiative, we will donate to the Queensland Drought Appeal during the week of 3rd to 8th September. Our table fees for Friday 7th will be donated and we will have a special donation box available during the week for additional personal contributions. QBA will give \$2,000 in addition to monies collected by Clubs.

Elizabeth Slatter supplied delicious homemade varieties of marmalade jam for our members to purchase. Jars sold quickly enriching our bank account with \$82. Thank you Elizabeth.





Geoff Longshaw, Keith McDonald, Graham Rusher, Bill Szumidlo



Kenmore Grand National Open Teams directed by Trevor Strickland

Congratulations to Graham and Loraine's teams for winning the opportunity to represent KBC in the Brisbane Zone Finals in October.



Kathy Males, Helen Clayton, Helen Standfast, Loraine King



Gill Phillippo, Jill Hutson, Jill Hislop, Anne Alexander



Paul Mitchell, Barbara Kent, Irene Allpass, Neil Strutton



Anne Russell, Diane McClintock, Margaret Mobbs, Jenny Iliescu



Merrill Lance, Sandra Conoplia, Mick Fawcett, Jill Dunning



Jackie Tozer, Lyn Lodge, Eliza Hemphill, Ruth Hoffensetz



Susan Sharp, Andrew Sharp, Mel Gilmour, Warren Males



**KBC Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 28 August 7pm**

Come Join us at the AGM in time for a 7pm start. AGM information is on our website. After the short formal meeting, we will have fun playing bridge with a twist. Prizes to be won along the way and, of course, we will finish by 10pm.

Send apologies to info@kenmore.bridgeaustralia.org



Family Jigsaw Morning with sausage sizzle

at the Club on Saturday 26 October organised by Susan Sharp

Come with your family, neighbours and friends to piece together works of art All ages welcomefurther information in October. If you are coming to bridge in the afternoon, come early for a sausage sizzle before play. Meanwhile please donate your pre-loved quality puzzles for this exciting event... give them to Anne Russell while Susan is on holidays.



Sausage Sizzle at Pullenvale Marketplace IGA (8 McCaskill Road).

This is a fundraiser as well as a bridge awareness event. So we need volunteer chefs and bridge players to promote our mind challenging game to the local shoppers. Volunteers will be required between 8.00 and 2.30 on Saturday October 20. See fundraising notice board....

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Upcoming Events

August
 Sat-Sun 25-26 QBA Open Teams @ Toowong
 Mon 27 Aust-Wide Open Pairs @ KBC
 Tues 28 AGM & Fun Bridge
September
 Sat 1 NWP @ KBC
 Sat-Sun 8-9 Surfers Paradise Prs & Tms
 Sun 9 Rookie/Novice <50mps @ KBC
 Sat 15 NWP @ KBC
 Sun 16 Sanctuary Cove Novice & Restricted Pairs
 Sun 16 Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs
 Sun 23 Redland Graded Pairs
 Sat-Mon 29-1 Toowoomba Prs & Tms
October
 Sat 6 NWP @ KBC
 Sat-Sun 13-14 QBA Open Pairs @ Northern Suburbs
 Sun 14 Gympie Teams
 Wed 17 Noosa Novice Pairs
 Sat 20 NWP @ KBC
 Sun 21 BBC Novice Pairs
 Sat 27 Surfers Paradise Graded Teams
 Sun 28 QCBC Teams & Novice Teams
 Sun 28 Aust-Wide Restricted Pairs @ KBC

Sept Spring Red Point Pairs @ KBC
 Mon 3 evening
 Wed 5 afternoon
 Frid 7 morning
 Tues 11 afternoon
 Thurs 13 morning & afternoon

New Members

Jill Hutson Gill Phillippo
 Cathie Pearson



Does your phone ring or ding during play?

Please be mindful and ensure your sound is turned off before play commences.

This request comes from other players.

Your Partner

To be successful at the bridge table, you have to work with your partner. There is no way to reach the best contracts by yourself, or to defend a hand without help from partner. Bridge is a combination of luck, skill, and your relationship with your partner. No matter how much you have of the first two, you won't get far without the third ingredient. Audrey Grant suggests you "Look at the person sitting opposite you, and think of something you love about the way they play". (ABF education)



Vale John Lee

We are sorry to lose John who was a committed bridge player at the Club twice a week since it opened in 2011. He will be remembered as a gentleman at the bridge table and sadly missed.

John had an illustrious career as a surgeon with an assignment in Vietnam. As a champion hurdler, he was chosen to carry the torch at the Melbourne Olympic Games.

QBA Novice Pairs hosted by KBC. *Players and volunteers required.*

Sunday 9 September Novice >50 masterpoints Pairs - A full day of bridge to be held at the Kenmore Village Shopping Centre, BCC Library.

Register to play or volunteer your time to set-up, help with the kitchen during the day or return the tables etc. to the Club after the event.

Registration information in *Documents* on our website:

<http://www.kenmore.bridgeaustralia.org/documents/NovicePairsKenm09Sep2018.pdf>

If you are playing please bring a plate of sweet or savoury nibbles in addition to your own lunch. During the week prior to the event we will supply a plate for you to use.

Volunteer: Please sign up in the middle room on the orange sheets

Australia-Wide Open Pairs Competition @ KBC

Be part of Australia's largest event in the comfort of our three small rooms!!!! On Monday afternoon 27 August 1pm start.



Essential to sign up with your partner on blue sheet in middle room.

In addition to playing in Australia's largest ever scored across-the-field competition, each player receives:

- A souvenir booklet of the hands, with the recommended bidding and items of interest from the play.
- A personalised second booklet, available online after the event, with results analysis from all around Australia.
- The top-ranked players win prizes, with additional spot prizes for lower-ranked players.

Watch for Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs Competition

Coming to KBC on Sunday 28 October 1pm.

