



# Kenmore Gum Leaf

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## President's Message

**Sue Young** provided a delicious lunch as a fundraiser for the club. Sue donated her time, her home, family assistance, all ingredients and also some wine. Members really enjoyed the opportunity to gather socially without a bridge card in sight. **Elizabeth Slatter** frequently brings jars of her home made jam produced from ingredients supplied by **Alan Pickering**, **Frank Dyer** limes/lemons, and **Debbie Nevin** honey, to boost our fundraising activities. **Suz Cheney's** 500 Club, the occasional Raffle, Trash and Treasure table, and the profitable second-hand book sales, also reflect the collaborative and supportive community we foster at KBC.

You will find some beneficial technological changes appearing in the next few weeks. **Diane McClintock** has explored the potential to use **Pianola** software to make behind the scenes membership and emailing functions much more efficient. In addition, members with an email address will have a personal logon and benefit with results and analysis of their game.

What a great opportunity to improve our personal game. Already the **Bridge Solver** app is on our results webpage for every board played.

KBC is focussed on members enjoying their bridge through becoming more strategic players as they better recognise the nuances of the game.

To this end **Margaret Mobbs** has initiated the **Partnership Development Program**. Players can sign up with their partner, or even as a single, to join a coaching session with our wonderful Club mentors. Soon, through the skills of **Anne Gardiner**, you will be able go online to book a time and coaching session to suit your cravings for learning new techniques.

**John Bosci** has spent a great amount of time revising the **KBC Constitution**. The next task is to initiate **By-Laws** which currently do not exist. The By-Laws designate how the Club operates and also identify roles for members of the Club. Probably now is the time for further designation of specific roles in the Club as we have expanded from the original 30 to 430 members. If you would volunteer to take responsibility for an aspect of your Club please come and talk with me. Most jobs do not require you to join the Management Committee. By-Laws can be endorsed and revised by the Management Committee and do not involve a general meeting of members.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on Tuesday evening 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Please come as we review the year, elect committee members, and vote to adopt a new Constitution for the Club. I hope you have taken the opportunity to borrow a copy from the brown folder and understand the rules you will abide by as a Club member. After the business is over we play some bingo bridge where everyone has the opportunity for a little fun and to win a prize.



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Our Club is organising two Novice competitions. The first is an in-house teams competition for the honour of becoming the **Champion TBIB Kenmore Novice Team**. Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers have donated this trophy for the Club.

On behalf of QBA, we are hosting an **under-50 masterpoint Rookie Pairs Congress** at the Kenmore Library. Please register for this competition if you are eligible – and bring a plate of sweet or savoury food. If you are not eligible to play, we need you to assist with setting up the venue, looking after the food and, at the end of the day, wine and nibbles, and returning all the tables, etc. to the Club to set up ready for our normal sessions. **Jackie Tozer** is organising the catering for the event – please sign up to assist in the middle room.

This year we are trialling the use of Thursday evenings to hold the **Australia Wide Open and Restricted Competitions**. These competitions are run in a hundred bridge clubs throughout Australia. Our working members will have the opportunity to play in these events alongside regular daytime players and literally against 4,000 bridge players across the country.

The Federally funded **Stronger Communities Program Grant** with matching dollars and in-kind contribution has enabled **Andrew Sharp** and **John Bosci** to build cupboards and so move the photocopier from the middle room. Now we are not quite sitting cheek by jowl at those tables. This grant also enabled us to purchase a defibrillator and provide a sense of well-being should we have need to use it. Your directors, committee members and other interested Club members are participating in a training session with St John's Ambulance paramedic staff.

I appreciate and thank you all for your support during my three years as president. It has been an invigorating time and certainly kept me off the streets.

*Anne Russell*

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## Library Corner

We have a new set of DVDs kindly transported from the UK by Susan and Andrew Sharp. Some of the topics include splinters, cuebids and pre-empts. When borrowing a DVD, a gold coin donation is appreciated and goes towards a new set.

I am happy to give advice on borrowing or to take requests for books.



Now for another of Dorothy Truscott's problems to ponder.

	♠ Q842 ♥ 9643 ♦ AQ6 ♣ 82	<b>Contract</b> <b>4H by S</b>
♠ A106 ♥ 52 ♦ 743 ♣ J1096	♣ J	♠ K97 ♥ 87 ♦ K1098 ♣ 7543
	♠ J53 ♥ AKQJ10 ♦ 52 ♣ AKQ	

### An Acute Case of Finessitis

Without looking at E/W hands, how would you (S) play 4H on the lead of Club Jack?

You win the club lead and draw trumps in 2 rounds. Now what do you do? Play the KC, QC and discard the 6D. Play the AD then the QD. Whoever wins will have to play the spades (a frozen suit) or give a ruff in dummy and discard a spade in your hand. Either way you lose one diamond and only two spades. If you finesse the QD, East will win and lead back a D. If you tackle a frozen suit yourself you will lose three spades as well as the KD.

*Happy Bridging ..... Loraine*

## GNOT Sunday 28 July

The KBC qualifying round for the GNOT was held at the Club when eight teams competed for the opportunity for two teams to compete in the GNOT Brisbane Zone selection playoff to be held on 14/15 September.

The winning teams were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Standfast, Lorraine King, Kathy Males, Helen Clayton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Mobbs, Jenny Iliescu, Dianne McClintock, Anne Russell



Thanks to Richard Wallis for his directing.

Despite the intimidating title (Grand National Open Teams) it was a relaxed and fun day (hilarious at times!) and everyone went home with some gold masterpoints!



**Congratulations** to KBC members who were selected to play for Queensland teams in the 2019 Australian National Championships held in Melbourne. Peter Evans was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open; Therese Tully 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Seniors; and Ellen Visscher 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Youth.



## Moggill Creek Catchment Group Photographic Competition

Grab your camera and take a photo to show the local Moggill Creek **native plants, fungi, birds and animals**. Enter this popular competition on 19 October and the photos will be displayed in the Village Shopping Centre. With support for the local area and its environment, KBC sponsors this competition. Would love to see your photos here.



## Partnership Development Program

A big thanks to Margaret Mobbs and Loraine King and their (large) team for the time and effort they put in to providing the Partnership Development Program. The program is the ultimate in individualised training. Members nominate the topics in which they would like to upgrade their skills and a time they would find convenient and Margaret and her team do the rest!

This involves a lot of work in preparing expert subject notes, making up and dealing out boards, and coming along to provide personal guidance and advice to the members taking part. The program has received very positive feedback and is making an important contribution to the Club's aim of having members enjoy their bridge. A commitment to the development of the bridge skills of its members is a feature of the club and the generosity of the volunteers who donate their time to making the program such a success is greatly appreciated. Special kudos to Marge Eaton who has not missed a week of coaching since the program's inception in February.



David Douglas

## Andy Hung Lesson on Killer Opening Leads

KBC hosted Andy's lesson on Killer Leads at the Kenmore Uniting Church on Saturday 3 August.

The event was well attended with 70 members and visitors turning up.



The topics covered were:

- ◆ Trump leads: When to, and when not to, lead a trump.
- ◆ How to lead against a slam
- ◆ Using the auction to find killing leads.

**You can now replay all those hands from the KBC Results site - 3 Aug Andy Killer Leads**

It was great to see Andy again and hear how he has been playing for Australia in various overseas events. His workshops are always well planned and targeted. It is now up to the attendees to put the lesson into practice and start taking those contracts down!



## Italian Lunch - Un pasto eccellente

Thank you Sue Young for an amazing lunch with such an enormous variety of delicious tastes of Italy. Everyone enjoyed the food and each others company - without a bridge card in sight!!!!



Sue raised \$1,600 for our Facilities Fund. An extremely generous donation of time, effort, ingredients and attention to detail. Members are now asking for more opportunities to socialise beyond the bridge table.



## Pianola is coming to KBC

Exciting News!!! Your committee has decided to trial Pianola for three months. As a player you will receive an email with your personal result and analysis of your game. Included will be a breakdown of how you did on each board - your best score, your worst score and most interesting board result. Your games will be analysed by partner and also as Declarer or Defender - and as Dummy!!!

Behind this information for players, the club will benefit from efficiencies for managing our membership records. Instead of a cumbersome excel spreadsheet our records will be in a very secure online system and we will have a much more efficient way to contact members via email and for managing renewals. It generates letters for members without email.

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### Director's Corner



The contract is agreed and you are on lead ... Please confirm it is your lead and place your card on the table -- do this **before** you write the contract in your personal record sheet or enter information in the Bridgemate. Then the Dummy hand goes down and the Declarer can plan a strategy for making the contract. Not only is it inconsiderate to keep the other three players waiting, it also enables the game to move along in a timely manner.

Tim says "Be kind to your partner". The best way to put your partner off their game is to tell them what they did wrong. You both will enhance the play of your current hand if the previous hand and error is erased from the mind. Make a note on your personal record sheet to discuss it during your end of session debrief.

### Upcoming Events

#### August

**Wed 14 1pm Ekka pairs @ KBC**

**Sat 17 Nationwide pairs @ KBC**

**Sun 18 TBIB Trophy rookie & novice teams**

**<100mps KBC members only @ KBC club**

Sun 18 Redcliffe pairs

Sat-Sun 24-25 QBA open teams @ Toowong

Sun 25 Cleveland Bay teams

Sun 25 Noosa Novice pairs

**Tue 27 KBC Annual General Meeting 7pm**

**Thur 29 Aust Wide open pairs @ KBC 6.45pm**

Sat 31 QBA pairs @ QCBC

#### September

**Mon 2 Spring pairs @ KBC 6.45**

**Wed 4 Spring pairs @ KBC 1.00**

**Fri 6 Spring pairs @ KBC 9.15**

**Sat 7 Nationwide pairs @ KBC**

Sat-Sun 7-8 Surfers Paradise pairs and teams

Sun 8 Noosa teams

**Sun 8 Kenmore rookie & novice pairs**

**<50mps at Kenmore Library - Must Register**

**Tue 10 Spring pairs @ KBC 9.00 (SN) & 1.00**

**Thu 12 Spring pairs @ KBC 9.00 & 1.00**

Sat-Sun 14-15 GNOT finals Brisbane

Sun 15 Sanctuary Cove novice & restricted prs

Sun 15 Sunshine Coast pairs

**Sat 21 Nationwide pairs @ KBC**

Sun 22 Redland Graded pairs

#### October

**Sat 5 Nationwide pairs @ KBC**

Sat-Sun-Mon 5-7 Toowoomba prs & tms

Sat-Sun 12-13 open pairs @ Northern Suburbs

Wed 16 Noosa novice pairs

**Sat 19 Nationwide pairs @ KBC**

Sun 20 BBC Novice pairs

**Thu 31 Aust Wide rest pairs @ KBC @ 6.45pm**

### Welcome our New Members

Jen Bradbury  
Peter Munro  
Debbie Small  
Louise Staines  
Sam Staines



**Bridge Solver** Enables you to play those hands where you stuffed up!! Already the Bridge Solver app is on the KBC results webpage for every board played.

When you check your results are you frustrated you didn't win as many tricks as other players? Bridge Solver offers a great learning opportunity to play the hand again. Every hand on our results pages can be played again as many times as you like to 'get it right', or recognise how you can achieve the greatest number of tricks, or, deny your opposition the tricks they think they deserve.

### QBA Novice Pairs under 50 mps hosted by KBC.

**Players and volunteers required.**

**Sunday 9 September** - At the Library, Kenmore Village Shopping Centre.

Registration forms at the Club or in Events tab on our website.

Volunteer sign up will be in the middle room later this month.



### Australia Wide Pairs Competitions at KBC

We will hold the Australia Wide Open and Restricted Pairs Competitions on Thursday evenings. To give you the opportunity to play as many boards as feasible before 10pm, please sign up in the middle room so the director can set the movement before your arrival.

**Thursday 29 August Australia Wide Open Pairs start 6.45pm**

**Thursday 31 October Australia Wide Restricted Pairs Start 6.45pm**



### Annual General Meeting

on Tuesday 27 August at 7pm.

All relevant documents are on the website and at the Club in a brown folder - nomination and proxy forms are there.

Afterwards we will have fun playing bridge with a twist. Prizes to be won along the way!!

Thank you for turning all the bells & whistles off during play.

