



Kenmore Gum Leaf

President's Message

Kenmore Bridge Club members have been out in the Community recently. Moggill Creek Catchment Group appreciated our support for the environment and their photography competition. At the Pullenvale Marketplace Suz Cheney organised a sausage sizzle sponsored by Café 63. The Local Bulletin acknowledged our presence with a photo in their magazine. Susan Sharp raised \$480 towards new facilities with her Jigsaw and Sausage Sizzle morning. The local community is experiencing the positive vibes Kenmore Bridge Club has to offer. Please keep spreading the word as we continue to prosecute our need for an appropriate environment where we can do even more outreach activities for the community.

Melbourne Cup Day was celebrated with a delicious lunch provided by the 56 players. Afterwards as many as possible crowded into the 'media room!!!' and about 12 who were not able to fit, sat around a small iPhone in the kitchen to listen to the race. **The Christmas Lunch** was a sign-up affair limited by space to 64 of our 430+ members. Suz Cheney, with her granddaughter, organised a stall of homemade goodies for purchase. The marvellous Raffle of a Christmas Cake and Pudding made by Sue Young, and Hamper prepared by Beryl Wilson, raised an amazing \$1032. Christian Rowan MP (Local State Member for Moggill) dropped in to wish us well and put this photo on his FB.



Brisbane City Council awarded KBC \$230 as a **Seniors Celebration Donation**. While this donation was intended to be put towards the Christmas lunch, not all members were able to benefit. So the money is put towards a \$500 amount the Committee has agreed will go to purchasing new bridge books for our library and benefit all members.

Lorraine King has joined your Management Committee and volunteered to manage our **library of bridge books**.

Jackie Tozer will take over the responsibility for organising **catering at the KBC January Congress**. We thank Margaret Mobbs for the enormous amount of work she has done for the past 7 years to ensure the efficient catering for our events. Now she can enjoy playing in the Congress.

Our January **KBC Congress** on Sunday 27th and Monday 28th Australia Day long weekend is fast filling, I would like Kenmore players to enjoy playing in this event. This year we move to Jindalee Bowls Club. Register now!!!!

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Your Facilities Committee continues to push for an appropriate venue to accommodate the numbers of people wanting to play bridge in a conducive environment. Our approach has been broadened to consider the vast numbers of other clubs in the area which also require a place to call home. So the idea of a Community Hub is being promoted. We visited Cr Kate Richards who told us we, along with Men's Shed and E-Waste, have accommodation and therefore are not a priority. Meanwhile Christian Rowan MP has reiterated his support for our mission and continues to go out of his way to encourage us to realise our ambitions. We persist with our Brisbane City Council contacts to ensure they recognise the needs of this Community. Realising we will be in our current premises for some time, we have also been requesting the inside of the building be painted and the outside 'tin' cover insulated.

Parking reared it's head again. I confirm we are able to park the four cars above the pathway on the corner of Branton Street. Parking is illegal on the nature strip/verge of Brookfield Road while we can park legally on Brookfield Road itself, if we dared!!! Please don't try it!

Moving from Kenmore Bruce and Lile Williams are moving to the Sunshine Coast. Bruce has been a member of the Management Committee and counted and banked the daily takings. Lile has washed our teatowels. We will miss them both as regular players and thank them for their support and service to KBC. Debbie and Peter Gavin are also moving out of the area and will be missed. We look forward to seeing them at Congresses.

Thank you all for enjoying this Club as we hum along with delightful members who continue to turn up day after day. What other club or organisation in Kenmore has 50 to 100 people spending 4 hours plus per day at their venue?

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas

Anne Russell

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Sue Noble, Cheryl & Chris Neale with granddaughter Grace, Margaret Mobbs, Mel Gilmour, Anne Russell & Heather Whitely

Australian Bridge Directors' Forum

Four of your directors enjoyed a Canberra weekend in November and caught up with past KBC members. We managed to fit in two full days of the Bridge Directors' Forum.

Quite a lot of time was spent considering **unauthorised information and Law 16B1a**. It is rare to be called for this at Kenmore but it may be wise to understand it better.

Unauthorised information is often communicated during the bidding process

Example 1) A long hesitation says "partner I have something but don't know what to bid" and, if followed by a pass, then partner is only allowed to bid on if they have the necessary values in their own hand. i.e. hesitation is not an offence but bidding on after a pass may be.

Example 2) During bidding one of you makes an error with your bid or your explanation, and something is said or done to alert partner to the mistake. The information that a bid is wrong is unauthorised information and the player in the offending partnership who has this unauthorised information should pretend he or she did not hear it and bid as if the information did not exist.

Sometimes we are called following a revoke and the cards have been examined and muddled by players. Law 66C states that quitted tricks should not be turned over unless instructed by the director. Also with regard to revokes, it is a common misconception that at least one trick will always be forfeited. This is not necessarily the case.

We also played bridge most evenings while introducing our president to the joys of combining bridge and wine!!!!



Library Corner by Loraine King

For those who may be unaware, Gillie has moved and I have taken over her position as librarian. I would like to see more books borrowed and I am very happy to give advice any time. I would also like to acknowledge a very generous \$50 donation for books.

The library is open before the start of each session. Book returns can be put in the library box in the back room of our club. I would ask borrowers to consider a gold coin donation occasionally but especially if your book is a late return!

Book Review - Points Schmoints by Marty Bergen.

This was bridge book of the year in 1995 and for good reason. It is suitable for improvers and intermediate players. Bergen's relaxed conversational style will make you think bridge is easy and is sure to improve your game. Marty covers the Rule of 20, the Law of Total Tricks, the Rule of 11, the Rule of 15, as well as card play and defense.

For those of you who don't apply the Rule of 11, here is an example from the book.

'When a fourth best lead is made, subtract that card from 11. The difference represents the number of higher cards held by the other three players (excluding the opening leader)'

Here is how it works for defenders:

N	Your partner leads the 7. The 3 is played from dummy. Which card do you play?
♦ K53	You must subtract 11-7 = 4. There are 4 cards higher than 7 between dummy, declarer and you.
W E (you)	Dummy has one higher card and so declarer has none higher. The correct play is the 2!
♦ 7 ♦ AJ92	This rule can also be applied by declarer.

KBC Teams Championship

Eight teams competed under the excellent directorship of Trevor Strickland. The winning team, Craig Francis, Warren Males, Kathy Males and Loraine King, came up trumps!



Jigsaw & Sausage Sizzle Success by Susan Sharp



We all enjoyed a social and relaxed morning, welcoming members, friends, grandparents, children and our neighbours from the Mens' Shed. Thank you to everyone who donated jigsaws and to my smiling helpers; Simone Bosci, Pat Fennell, Wendy Eckett, Rick Webster, Suz & Anne and my family, Andrew, Jess & Dave. It was fun having jigsaws "on the go" in both the main room and the kids area while others, outside, just enjoyed a good chat or kept the workers on the BBQ company.

The children certainly added to the ambience of the morning and Anne made the most of it, having them enthusiastically learning bridge by the end!

The event far exceeded our expectations, socially and financially, raising \$480.00. Many thanks to everyone who supported this venture by joining in, purchasing jigsaws and/or buying sausages; it wouldn't have been possible without you!

I encourage other members to use our club's BBQ in combination with a hobby or idea, it is good fun and it isn't that hard!

Sausage Sizzle at Pullenvale Marketplace

Suz Cheney organised a team of KBC members to cook sausages and onions for the Pullenvale Marketplace Community event. Café 63 sponsored the event providing the sausages which David Douglas, Les Johnson and Frank Dyer cooked for the hungry members of the community. Other KBC volunteers were Ruth Hoffensetz, Lyn Lodge, Anne Gardiner, Sue Noble, Jenny Iliescu, Peter Allingham and Jackie Tozer who ensured the customers were served and encouraged the community to see what enjoyment could be had playing bridge. Suz's 9 year old granddaughter was soon playing like a pro, showing everyone bridge is a game for all ages.



Winning Hats



Melbourne Cup and Christmas Festivities



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Partnership Development Sessions

In response to your requests for training the club is planning to run two pilot sessions on Monday afternoons January 14th and January 21st. There will be space for 6 pairs at each session. Please book your place early with Margaret Mobbs. She will listen to your needs and design your session to suit. e.g. if a pair want to improve their knowledge of transfers then that will be done for you, if you want to incorporate Bergen raises then that will be done for you, if you just want to do better on the basics then that is what the boards will be designed around and each table will have an experienced player to assist with understanding the strategy. There will be no monetary cost, we would just appreciate feedback to help shape future training opportunities.

Upcoming Events

January

Sat 5 NWP @ KBC

Sun 6 Gold Coast Teams

Sun 13 QCBC Open & Novice Pairs

Sun 20 Northern Suburbs Teams

Sat 19 NWP @ KBC

Sat 27 KBC Graded Pairs

Sun 28 KBC Graded Teams

February

Sat 2 NWP @ KBC

Sun 3 Senior Teams Sun Coast

Sun 3 Toowong Pairs

Sun 3 Toowoomba Novice Pairs

Sat 10 KBC members Pairs

Sun 10 Arana Teams

Frid 15 - Sat 23 Gold Coast Congress

Kenmore Congress in January New Venue Jindalee Bowls Club

Pairs: Sunday 27th

Teams: Monday 28th

As usual our Congress will be challenging, mentally stimulating and, of course, good fun. It is graded to provide opportunities to play with same-standard players.

Registrations are filling fast --

Do enter our own event online or collect an entry form at the Club.

Jackie Tozer is organising the catering. Providing food and help on either day will be appreciated.

Sign up in January.

Christmas opening sessions for duplicate play

Bring your friends to meet your friends

Wednesday 26th December 1:00pm

Thursday 27th December 1:00pm

Friday 28th December 9:15am

Saturday 29th December 1:00pm

Tuesday 1st January 1:00pm

All bridge players welcome with or without a partner.

Welcome New Members

Col Clayton
Paddy Taylor

Membership renewal notices available at the Club until Thursday 20 December

2018 KBC Pairs Championship

Have your name on the perpetual trophy as the Champion Pair for 2018

Sunday 10 February all day event.

Every player must be a member of KBC (home or away member).

Maximum 20 pairs - red point event.

\$15pp table fee. BYO lunch.

Sign up at the Club in January



Calling all youth At the jigsaw day Anne was excited when the grandchildren of our members asked to play bridge. They were all keen, enthusiastic and capable as they played quite a few hands of mini-bridge. Please take your young to inspire them further during these holidays ... there are youth day opportunities at the Sunshine Coast, QCBC and Toowong. Check out the details at www.qldbridge.com.au and don't forget every Friday evening is Youth night at QCBC throughout the year. Your young can be our next Aussie champions.

**** If you would like a copy of the rules for Mini-Bridge send an email to Anne@RussellSynergies.com.au**

Bridge Lessons at KBC

for new players commence Tuesday morning 5th February and Wednesday evening 6th February. Lessons are free and the cost of the resources is \$40. A great Christmas present for your friends and family. See the KBC Website for additional information or take a flyer from the Club.

Contributions Welcome Please email or deliver your contributions to Anne Russell anne@RussellSynergies.com.au by Monday 4 February for the next **Kenmore Gum Leaf**

Gold Coast Congress Friday 15th - Saturday 23rd February 2019



This Congress caters for every level of bridge player. So grab a partner for a pairs event or three for a teams event and go to the GCC website to find the Entry Form: www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc

Tim Runting, who provides so much encouragement to our Kenmore players, is the Convenor of this Congress. Should you need a partner or further information contact Tim gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au. Or talk with your KBC directors about the joys of playing in this event. *Early Bird rates end 4 February.*