



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

President's Christmas message

2021 has been an eventful year for Kenmore Bridge Club. We successfully celebrated our tenth anniversary and had a well-attended and enjoyable Christmas event. (Photos of both events are on the KBC web site.)

The KBC goal is to maintain personal social connections through the common focus of playing and enjoying bridge. I want to thank the committee and the members for their on-going commitment to the club and the creative ways they have all found to ensure its continuing success. May you and your families have a safe and Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Elizabeth Handley

Christmas Closures

**KBC will be closed
25 December
and
1 January**

Covid Update

Under guidelines issued by the Queensland Government, from 17 December 2021 the cap on numbers attending venues such as KBC will be removed. For KBC this means that the limit of 32 players at a session will no longer apply. Under the guidelines, however, **people who are not double dose vaccinated are not permitted to enter** a wide range of venues, including clubs such as KBC.

Members who choose not to be vaccinated will be assisted to play on-line.

Members wishing to play at the club will be required to provide evidence of their vaccination status. Proof of vaccination may be provided by smart phone app or Government issued certificate. Evidence of vaccination status is to be shown to the Director (or nominated Committee member) on arrival. Evidence will only be required to be shown once, and can be provided at any time. Information on vaccination status will be treated as confidential and held on a site with restricted access.

Report from the Committee

The Committee continues to meet with BCC on the redevelopment of our current site. The meetings are positive and we feel that progress is being made, but the overall project is complex and final decisions are still some way off.

The Committee expressed its appreciation for the cooperation of members in observing Covid rules. The removal of most Covid-related restrictions from 17 December is welcomed. Updated Covid-safe advice has been posted on the web-site.

The Club has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase new chairs. We look forward to them arriving very shortly. Huzzah! Good work, Andrew and John.

Our appreciation goes also to KM Smith, Funeral Directors, who provided the funds for the purchase of the hands-free tea urn.



MEETING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kathryn Kelly - *Extension Programs*

At the Annual General Meeting held in September this year, I felt privileged to be elected to the committee and I'm keen to play a part in performing this important work. I'd been warned to expect a busy time but like most members, I had no idea of the extent of work that takes place. So much planning, organisation, personal time, and effort goes in to keeping the club operating smoothly and efficiently.

Beyond our collective mission, to build on the wonderful work carried out by previous committees, each one of us has a set of special responsibilities. Roles such as "President", "Secretary" and "Treasurer" may seem obvious to most. My role has a "catch-all", nebulous title of "Extension Programs".

What's my conception of it? I believe it is defined by "reaching out" and communicating with both the membership and the community. As such, its responsibilities embrace club publicity and promotions, fund-raising, communications, member recruitment and retention and social activities.

These endeavours, while tenuously connected, are wide-ranging. There is always the temptation to focus on one or two areas to the detriment of others that may be just as important to the enrichment and growth of the club. For that reason, I invite any members with background and expertise in any of these areas to contact me and volunteer either their suggestions or services. We have a diverse membership with wide-ranging experience and talent. We could harness this. An axiom I learned very early in life is that "many hands make light work". The tasks need not be onerous or time-consuming and in some cases may be confined to a "one-off" event. I have been heartened to notice on several occasions the willingness of individual members to perform tasks, big or small, for the benefit of all.

We are members of a club that has as its focus the game of bridge. Beyond this, I believe, it has a social element. While individuals can pursue their interest in a pastime that challenges the brain, Bridge also pits us against the knowledge and skills of others and gives us some satisfaction of achievement (not always, but from time to time). Importantly, it provides a sense of community and offers an opportunity for friendships to be formed. Increasingly our world is becoming more automated and impersonal. All of us can do well by enhancing and safeguarding a community such as the Kenmore Bridge Club and at the same time benefit from all that it offers.

Kathryn Kelly



2021 TRI-NATIONS: AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, NEW ZEALAND

Congratulations to **Therese Tully** and Richard Ward representing Australia in the Mixed Teams category of the 2021 Tri-Nations Teams. Also representing Australia in the Open category was an old friend of KBC, Andy Hung. Andy's team won its category, and Therese's team was third.

KBC TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday 7th November, eight teams played for the Club Teams Championship trophy. Our Director was Jo Neary who is a new director and very keen to learn. The winners were the SZUMIDLO team of **Bill Szumidlo, Graham Rusher, Andrew** and **Susan Sharp**. They were ranked second at the start of the competition and everyone knew they would be a very strong team, and difficult to beat. Therefore, with six wins, one draw and 102.46 VPs the top spot was firmly theirs, Congratulations. In second place came the MOBBS team of **Margaret Mobbs, Diane McClintock, Helen Standfast** and **Jean Tregea**. They came away with five wins, one loss and 94.16 VPs. Well done.



GNOT and GNNP

Congratulations to **Therese Tully** and Richard Ward. Therese and Richard reached the semi-finals of the GNOT before going down to the eventual winners.

Special congratulations to two well-known KBC members, **Arvind Bhasin** and **Prasad Nettur** who were runners-up in the inaugural Grand National Novice Pairs. Introduced only this year, and based on the more familiar GNOT, the Grand National Novice Pairs is an ABF gold point event for players with fewer than 100mps as at 30 June. The format of the event is similar to that for GNOT with qualifying rounds at the club level followed by semi-finals and the finals. Just like GNOT, players come from all around Australia. Well done Arvind and Prasad!

OTHER NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

Therese Tully and Richard Ward 1st in the Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs event and 4th in the Qld Senior Pairs held at the Sunshine Coast.

Unis Suliman and **Steve Parkes** 1st in the Restricted Pairs event held at BBC.

Sue Ziegenfuss and **Tim Runting** 7th in the A Grade Matchpoint Pairs at Toowong, and in the B Grade - **Jenny Coyle** and **Janice Little** (3rd) **Margaret Mobbs** and **Diane McClintock** (10th), **Kathy Males** and **Helen Clayton** (12th), **Warren Males** and **Gill Phillippo** (13th) and **Lyn Tracey** and **Mick Fawcett** (14th).



Card Play Problem

Courtesy of Dorothy Truscott’s Winning Declarer Play.

This one is titled “Maximum Security”

North	South
S 3	S A5
H 864	H AQ
D AJ75	D K32
C KQ1032	C AJ9876

The contract is 6C by South and the opening lead is KS.

There are three losers - a spade, a heart and a diamond. There are 10 top tricks.

How do you propose to make the rest of the tricks? Try to work out a plan.

You win the AS and ruff the 5S. Eleven tricks. There are two suits which can provide the 12th trick.

- A - Hearts : finesse the QH.
- B - Diamonds : finesse JD.

Since you can afford to lose one trick you can play safely in diamonds.

Cash the AD and KD and lead up to the JD. There will be three diamond tricks if:

- 1) West has the QD. The finesse would have worked.
- 2) The diamonds break 3/3. The fourth diamond becomes the 12th trick even if the finesse loses.
- 3) East has the singleton or doubleton QD. The QD falls under the AD or KD.

Finally, if none of these work you can still try the heart finesse and keep your fingers crossed.

Happy bridging - Loraine

Welcome New Members

- Susan Paterson
- Greg Petrie
- Peggy Potts
- Jean Tregoe

Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new bridge rankings.

- Linda Gough – Graduate
- Marie Low –Club
- Kathryn Kelly – Bronze Local
- Carol McCafferty – Regional
- Prasad Nettur – Regional
- Sameer Pandya - National

Up-coming Events at KBC

January:

- 22 Kenmore Graded Matchpoint Pairs
- 23 Kenmore Graded Teams

February

- 5 Nationwide Pairs
- Qld Open Selection Trials – Stage 1
- 19-26
- QBA Gold Coast Congress

Stay Tuned for our KBC “Young Friends Day” to be held in early April. Introduce a grandchild, niece or nephew to KBC and partner them in a “no fear” game of bridge.

Help Wanted

KBC is looking for someone to take on the role of Web Master. If you (or someone you know) might be interested in volunteering for the job, please contact a member of the Committee.