



## Kenmore Bridge Club AGM 2021

The AGM is scheduled for Sat 21 August 2021 at 11:30 am. Nominations for election to the Committee must be lodged with the Secretary (Sharon Vassallo) by Monday 2 August.

## Welcome New Members

Roz Bruderlin  
Jenny Coyle  
Polly Fong  
Jane Foreman  
Emmy Manlapig  
Jason Mate  
Gill Phillippo  
Don Weerheim

## President's Message July 2021

What do we need from our new clubhouse?

Our vision is a facility that can accommodate our membership from ages 8 to 98. That embraces the role the Kenmore Bridge Club plays in the community. That enhances that role by welcoming the broader community to a community centre that includes some shared spaces.

We need to accommodate our 400 members in a space that allows us to:

- Play bridge
- Deal cards
- Provide refreshments
- Provide a breakout space
- Grow our membership
- Provide safe parking and access for all users
- Hold congresses
- Conduct lessons
- Provide a community meeting space

Many of you will have seen the statement issued by Cr Adermann announcing the proposed redevelopment of our current site on Brookfield Road. The proposal follows the provision by the Commonwealth Government of \$1.5M to be used for this purpose. This is an exciting milestone in ongoing discussions with the BCC about the need for a community centre and a new home for the club in the western suburbs. At last, we have a specific proposal – for a multi-use facility to be shared by KBC, the Men's Shed and e-Waste - on the table.

The club provided a written brief to the consulting architect setting out in detail our requirements. We met for an hour with representatives of the architect to go through these issues with them.

Despite all the promises to the contrary, the design we were initially shown barely addressed these requirements. The artist's impression drawings that accompanied Cr Adermann's announcement suggested generous spaces would be available. The space allocated to KBC in the new building would accommodate few more tables than our current facility. This is not the fault of the architects who were instructed by BCC to work to a limited budget (\$1.5M). This represented a severe constraint.

The reality is that this limited budget is insufficient to deliver a design that meets the functional needs of the users. It also fails to provide any space for other local community groups despite this being a prerequisite in correspondence issued by our local Federal MP.

The western suburbs have long needed more community facilities. To build a new facility is an opportunity not to be wasted. Equally important is that value for money is achieved from public funds. To limit spending to \$1.5M on a redevelopment that provides little benefit to the largest user of the site can hardly be justified.

We have since provided further input to the development of the proposal. We are encouraged by these discussions that a better outcome can be achieved for the club. Inspiring the BCC to provide a valuable community asset rather than simply getting the Commonwealth's money spent.

We will continue to negotiate with the Council for the best outcome for our members and the community.

*Elizabeth Handley*

## From The Treasurer

I am pleased to report that despite Covid, KBC is in a strong financial position.

As the club is still under Covid restrictions our playing numbers are down on past years but we still achieve a positive return each week that covers all expenses and a small ongoing growth to our bank balance.

The coupon system of paying is working well and greatly simplifies the collection and depositing of cash.

Can I please ask that you pay all membership fees and coupon purchases via the **Westpac Account: BSB 034 055 Acct No 393 425**. The old Heritage account is NOT used any more for these payments. Also, **please make sure that you include your name with your payment** otherwise we do not know who has made the payment.

Finally, when making payments on-line please indicate clearly whether the payment is for **COUPONS** or **EVENT** (eg a congress). This will make it much easier to keep track of things.

Good Bidding!

John

## Congratulations to

The team of **Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Tim Runting and Sue Ziegenfuss** 1st in the B Grade Teams at the Caloundra Congress. Plus **Mick and Lyn** were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B Grade Pairs. Also at Caloundra, **Wendy Cuthbert** and her partner Murray Perrin, 3<sup>rd</sup> in A Grade Teams.

**Mary-Louise Churchill** and **Kris Sullivan** 2<sup>nd</sup> in the QBA Novice Pairs held at Toowong.

**Rick Webster** and **Robert Olander**, and **Kathryn Kelly** and **Pam Schiller**, ranked among the top 101 in the Australia-wide Novice Pairs.

**Sameer Pandya**, with his team of Eugene Pereira, Sumant Handa and Geoff Saxby, was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the B Grade Teams at Caloundra and 1<sup>st</sup> in the C Grade Teams at the Gold Coast.

## GNOT

On 20 June the GNOT heat was contested all day for gold points and for two teams to qualify towards the Brisbane Zone Finals held at the end of August. The winners of the heat were the King Team – **Loraine King, Helen Standfast, Margaret Mobbs, Diane McClintock**, 2<sup>nd</sup> the Males team - **Kathy and Warren Males, Gill Phillippo, Wendy Cuthbert**. The teams going forward to the Zone Finals are the Males team and the 4<sup>th</sup> placed Rusher team - **Graham Rusher, Bill Szumidlo**, and **Claire and Clem Vanderloos**. They will play free bridge all weekend on 28th and 29th August at QCBC.



## Dealers

Have you ever wondered where the cards we play each week come from?

The cards are produced by a small team of volunteers comprising Anne Russell, Chris Williams and Claire and Clem Vanderloos. Each week this dedicated team produces 288 boards for use in standard club sessions.

Until recently the dealing equipment had to be set up in the home of one of the dealers. This involved transporting all the boxes of boards to and from the club each week. After a lengthy process BCC has granted the club use of a room in the building formerly occupied by the Church of Christ. This is a major improvement. The dealers are now able to work on-site in a secure, air-conditioned, dedicated dealing room.



## Member Survey – Here is what you said

80 members returned their completed survey forms and 6 others sent comments separately. 75% of respondents had been members for three years or longer. The respondents who answered the question about where they live came from 16 different postcodes. Half lived in postcode 4069. The remainder were mainly from the nearby postcodes covering Indooroopilly, Bellbowrie and the Centenary suburbs.

The major issues of concern were the unsuitability of our current accommodation, parking (including parking and access for people with a disability), the toilets, and the lack of a separate space for enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

No surprises there, but it underlines the importance of the work being done by the committee to find a new home for the club.

In terms of preferred session times, from Monday to Thursday there is support for morning, midday and afternoon sessions. The strongest interest aligns with the current schedule of open sessions. Several members indicated that they would like a midday session (10:00 am – 1:00 pm or similar) in order to avoid the traffic and this has been noted by the committee. On Friday members like to play in the morning but prefer to keep the afternoons free. There is little demand for weekend sessions beyond the existing Saturday afternoon session. Similarly, there is little interest in evening sessions, apart from the existing Monday evening session.

Members appear to be generally satisfied with the way the club is going, with several commenting favourably on the organisation of the sessions and the work of the Management Committee. Very positive feedback was received regarding the friendliness and helpfulness of club members and how much this was valued.

Almost every response included a comment to this effect. Several members commented that they liked the way the club managed to maintain a satisfactory level of competition without compromising the friendly atmosphere. The club's commitment to helping members develop their bridge skills was also strongly supported.

One of the more controversial issues raised by members was the need for sessions to be more rigorously timed. Making decisions and playing hands within a limited time is a basic part of competitive bridge. Slow play can be seen as uncompetitive, conferring advantages on the slow players by taking additional time and disadvantaging the other players by taking time away from them. Slow play can even be part of a deliberate strategy, though it runs the risk of attracting a procedural penalty.

Electronic timers are a common feature of bridge clubs and a number of respondents felt they should be introduced in our club. This is a topic that has been debated a number of times over the years but so far the club has chosen not to go down this path. Perhaps it is time to look at this question again.

### Partnership and Game Development

- **Andy Hung's workshop** – Andy is giving a Zoom session exclusively for KBC members on Sunday 1 August. See web site for details.
- **Beginner lessons** start in July. Details on the KBC web site.
- **Ongoing lessons** are available on Zoom. Details on the KBC web site – lessons.

### Vale Robyn Underwood

Robyn Underwood has passed away after a long illness. Robyn and her long-time bridge partner Helen Hudson were early members of KBC. Robyn was a keen player who particularly enjoyed the social aspect of playing at the club. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

## Card Play Problem



Courtesy of Dorothy Truscott's Winning Declarer Play.

This one is titled "With the Down Side Up"

| North    | South    |
|----------|----------|
| S Q642   | S 5      |
| H QJ10 H | H AK953  |
| D KQ5    | D AJ1032 |
| C AQ2    | C J4     |

The contract is 6H by South and the opening lead is the JS.

West continues with the 10S and you ruff this trick.

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

There is one more loser, the King of clubs. There are 11 winners.

Plan A: Draw trumps, cash the diamond winners and finesse the QC - a 50% chance of success.

Plan B: Reverse the dummy.

At trick three play the QH and JH. If both opponents follow the trumps are breaking 3/2.

Now you can safely ruff the third spade with the AH. Return to the North hand with the KD and ruff the last spade with the KH.

Play to the Ace of clubs to get back to the North hand and draw the remaining trump with the 10H discarding a club. Cash the diamond winners discarding the losing clubs.

You will note that North as dummy was flat with no chance of ruffing for extra tricks. There are only five trump tricks. By reversing the dummy to South we made three trump tricks in the North hand and three ruffs in the South hand. Six trump tricks plus five diamond tricks and the ace of clubs -12tricks.

A word of caution - after drawing two rounds of trumps, if they break 4/1 - abandon Plan B and continue with Plan A

Happy bridging - Loraine

## Up-coming Events

Bridge tragics will find plenty to occupy themselves if they take a moment to consult the Calendar on the KBC web site. It provides an extensive list of tournaments locally and elsewhere in Queensland as well as inter-state.

## Up-coming events at KBC

### AUGUST

Sat 7 – Nationwide Pairs

Wed 11 – Ekka Pairs

Sat 21 – Nationwide Pairs

Fri 27 – Australia-wide Open Pairs

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 4 – Nationwide Pairs

**Spring Pairs – Red Points**

Mon 6 evening

Wed 8 afternoon

Fri 10 morning

Tues 14 morning (Super Novice)

Tues 14 afternoon

Thurs 16 morning and afternoon

Sat 18 - Nationwide Pairs

### OCTOBER

Sat 2 - Nationwide Pairs

Sat 16 - Nationwide Pairs

Sat 30 – Australia-wide Restricted Pairs

## Jenny Coyle Joins the Directing Team

Recently arrived in the club, Jenny is an experienced Director and bridge teacher. She will be a valuable addition to the club's directing group. Please make her welcome.

