

President's Message

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Already Easter is behind us, Anzac Day upon us and Mother's Day coming up!!! Playing bridge keeps us sane and the Club provides a place to enjoy companionship and to let the worries of the world dissipate.

I am excited to report your Management Committee has decided to offer a weekly **Super Novice duplicate session** specifically for players with less than 20 master points - commencing on 24th April. This session will run alongside the Supervised session on Tuesday mornings. In order to have enough time to play 24 boards and finish at noon, both the supervised and duplicate sessions will need to start at 9.00am ... So please be sure to arrive before 8.45 so the directors can set up the computer and start play at 9.00am.

Research has demonstrated activities such as playing bridge, socialising and being a member of a club, will keep the brain active and body healthy. Our Club supports *Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA)* through donating all the table fees and donations collected at the session on Thursday afternoon 3rd May. We hope you can join us at this session.

The **Brisbane City Council** has plans to put ducted air-conditioning through the three rooms, replace the carpet in the middle room and paint the walls. We look forward to revitalisation of our surroundings as a temporary measure until we are able to move into a dedicated facility.

Obviously being part of a new Community facility is not about to happen immediately. Your Management Committee under the guidance of the Facilities Committee continues to seek support and funds from the three levels of government and the local community to build a suitable venue. We believe a suitable venue will be a Community Hub where bridge is played and other clubs will find a home for their activities. Many synergies will occur as diverse activities are exposed to a variety of individuals. If you know of a club which would like to share some space with us, please ask them to contact us. Your facilities committee members are: Andrew Sharp (chair), Pam Usher, Suz Cheney, John Bosci and myself.

Cr Kate Richards brought Elizabeth Sissons and Glen Smith from Brisbane City Council's Connected Communities Facilities team to visit our premises. She took the opportunity to talk with players during their afternoon tea break and to share her concerns with there not being a suitable venue available at this time. The visitors then spent some time with members of your Facilities Committee and left with the recommendation we establish a meeting with Elizabeth and Glen at BCC to follow up on requirements for



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moving forward with either the Pullenvale Road plan or an alternate option. We have set up an appointment to meet with them in a couple of weeks.

Our dealers. To honour and respect the amount of dealing and lugging boxes of boards to and from the Club, the Management Committee has decreed our dealers, Chris Williams and Prue Dick, will have free games of bridge whenever they play at Kenmore Bridge Club.

Please continue to enjoy friendship at the bridge table.

Anne Russell

Deals—are they rigged?



Starting to play as an 8 year old, Yasmine will see many more different hands than we ever will.

I am often asked if the hands we play are contrived. The answer is definitely NO ... we use a dealing machine which

randomly allocates the cards into four hands. Each deal is recorded on the computer and a hand record is created.

The number of possible deals is:

$$52!/((13!)^4) = 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000$$

If we wanted to specify particular contracts for a lesson, or to have exactly the same hands played simultaneously as for a congress, or an Australia-wide competition, the dealing machine can be programed to do this. For the regular duplicate sessions you play, Chris or Prue sets the machine to deal randomly. You will never see about 63.98 billion hands ... save those hands for another life!

Kenmore Gum Leaf

Margot Jeffery designed and lovingly created a magnificent quilt which was the much desired first prize in the Easter Raffle won by Bob Fennell. Florenza Jones won the hamper and Cathy Magi the bottle of wine. \$632 was raised for our Facilities Fund—thank you all.

Total raised since May last year is a magnificent \$41,918
Please talk with Suz Cheney if you would like to do a fundraising activity.



500 Club winners

March

\$500 Judy Wallace (#28)
\$100 Beryl Wilson (#2)
\$50 John Bosci (#10)

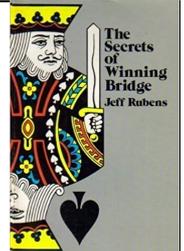
April

\$500 Heather Andrews (#5)
\$100 Cherie Orchard (#27)
\$50 Janette Alcorn (#63)

KBC library has recently purchased seven new books. The titles and call numbers are currently listed on the library board. Please see the library assistant on duty if you wish to place a request.

KBC is always looking for more library assistants; members who can spare half an hour of their time prior to their bridge session(s). They are required to open the library and help members to choose a book from the catalogue or shelf. KBC needs more assistants to be on hand as quite often the delegated volunteer has other commitments and can't make the session.

If you are able to assist please contact Gillie Kinsella on 0423528595.



Calling all players with 0 - 20 masterpoints ... this is for you!



Super Novice Duplicate session every Tuesday morning 8.45 for a 9.00 am start. Commencing 24 April. For those who would like to expand their horizons come and play with your Super Novice mates. You are welcome to **come with or without a partner**. Simultaneously we will have a supervised session (intended for those coming out of lessons) commencing at 9am. All players need to arrive prior to 8.45 to enable the director to set up the computer program with the knowledge of how many players/tables are required for both the Super Novice Duplicate and the supervised session.

Supervised sessions will continue to be offered on Wednesday mornings and evenings should you wish to continue to discuss hands as you play them with supportive mentors. You can attend any session of bridge with or without a partner at KBC—supervised, Super Novice, and regular duplicate. The only session with limitations is the Super Novice Duplicate on Tuesday mornings where you must have under 20 master points.

Kenmore Novices outperform the Restricted in Redlands Teams Events

Dealer East
Nil vulnerable

♠ KQT42
♥ 97
♦ 75
♣ 7642

♠ J
♥ KJT8
♦ AKT843
♣ A9

♠ 9763
♥ 63
♦ QJ962
♣ 53

♠ A85
♥ AQ542
♦ -
♣ KQJT8

Fielding two novice and one restricted teams at Redlands, Kenmore was well represented at the Redlands Team event on Sunday April 8.

The E-W players in our two novice teams both bid and made 7H for a 1510 score on the hand. Only one restricted team (of 12) bid and made this contract.

In one team, Lyn Lodge and Ruth Hoffensetz pulled off the feat and with team mates Rick Webster and Robert Olander made a net 1000 pts.

Susan and Andrew Sharp in the other Kenmore novice team also bid and made 7H. Needless to say, this delighted their team mates, Peter Allingham and Warren Males, who celebrated a flat result having suffered the same score against them.

At the end of the day these teams, separated by 0.03 VPs, came 8th and 9th respectively out of 12 and picked up a smidgen of a red point each.

The restricted team: Kathy Males, Lyn Tracey, Mick Fawcett and Winny Chan came a commendable 3rd after leading going into the final round.

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Cr Kate Richards, Brisbane City Council's local representative, visited our premises at Brookfield Road last month. She brought Elizabeth Sissons and Glen Smith from BCC's Connected Communities Facilities Team to discuss our present and future facilities. Our special guests spoke with members of the club during the tea break and responded to questions regarding a new community facility for the Western Suburbs.

BCC will install ducted airconditioning throughout the three rooms, laying carpet in the middle room and painting the walls before the end of June.



The evening beginner class at KBC concentrates on learning the basics of contract bridge.

Snippets from the Gold Coast Congress

KBC foundation members, Theresa Tully and Tim Runting, co-convoked the 2018 Gold Coast Congress, one of the largest and lauded bridge congresses in the world. Held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre, 2,689 players played 8,710 tables over 9 days and bid partscores, games and slams competing against players of their own calibre. Daytime bridge was followed with night-time socialising, making new friends and catching up with friends made at previous conventions.

One exciting winning partnership was Lyn Tracey and Mick Fawcett who won an all expenses paid entry to the Tasmanian ABF Congress. They were the highest placed Queensland Restricted pair. Andrew Sharp and Susan Sharp, as the highest placed Queensland Novice pair, won \$200 worth of bridge books from Paul Lavings Bookstore.



Wendy Crombie & Julie Stockley won the under 100 masterpoints Novice competition and John Kelly & Keith Cohen were the EW winners in the under 50 masterpoints competition.



Seen here with Tim and Theresa are John-Paul Langbroek, Charles Page, and Gianarrigo Rona who is the World Bridge Federation President.



The 2018/19 Entertainment Book

Order your NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership now and you'll have 14 months of use and the Club will receive 20% of the purchase price. Browse the sample book and see where you can save. Vouchers are included for so much more than restaurants.

Please encourage your friends to purchase the digital version via the link on the KBC web page or contact Susan Sharp email: ssharp.bridge@gmail.com She strongly recommends the digital membership accessed through your phone as it can also be linked to other family member's phones. More users – more savings! You only have to use it a couple of times for it to pay for itself. A hard copy for Brisbane/Sunshine Coast costs \$70 and can be paid for at the Club. Or you might like to purchase a book to cover other Australian cities and districts A great gift!

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**Welcome to our
 New Members**

Trish Bylett
 Carole Bloomer
 Brad Hume
 Judy Johnson
 Marie Low
 Laura Neil
 Peter Neil
 Beth Rothery
 Elizabeth Tanton
 Pat Taplin
 Toni Vincent

Club Recorder

As a community-based club, providing a socially inclusive environment, KBC is keen to ensure all games are played in a spirit of sportsmanship and enjoyment.
Just a reminder – Therese Tully is our Club Recorder. This is a position the QBA expects every club to provide. Bridge Clubs do not tolerate intimidation, bullying or other unacceptable behaviour. Any such actions can be reported to our Club Recorder. Therese may receive personal communication from any player regarding incidents related to ethics or inappropriate behaviour and she will handle the issue with respect and discretion.
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Upcoming Events

April

Fri 20-25 Cleveland Bay Congress
 Sat-Sun 21-22 QBA Womens & Senior Selection Trials
 Sat—Sun 21-22 Gympie Pairs & Teams
 Sat 21 NWP @ KBC
 Wed 25 QCBC Anzac Day Teams
 Sat-Sun 28-29 QBA Womens & Senior Selection Trials

May

Thu 3 Bridge for Brains @ KBC 1pm
 Sat 5 NWP @ KBC
 Sat-Sun 5-6 Hervey Bay Pairs/Teams
 Sun 6 QBA Novice Pairs Sunnybank
 Sat 12 Surfers Teams
 Sat 12 Townsville Novice Pairs
 Mon 14– Fri 18 QBA Barrier Reef Congress
 Sat 19 NWP @ KBC
 Sat-Sun 19-20 QBA Mixed Pairs Toowong
 Sat 19 Stanthorpe Pairs
 Sun 20 Novice Pairs Toowong
 Sun 27 BBC Pairs
 Mon 28 Aust-Wide Novice Pairs @ KBC

June

Sat 2 NWP @ KBC
 Sat - Sun 2-3 Arana Pairs/Teams
 Mon 4 KBC Winter Pairs
 Wed 6 KBC Winter Pairs 1pm
 Fri 8 KBC KBC Winter Pairs
 Sat-Sun 9-10 QBA Pairs QCBC
 Tue 12 KBC Winter Pairs 1pm
 Thurs 14 KBC Winter Pairs 9am & 1pm
 Sat 16 NWP @ KBC
 Sat 16 Gold Coast Pairs
 Sat-Sun 16-17 Sunshine Coast Pairs/Teams
 Sat-Sun 16-17 Gold Coast Pairs/Teams
 Sun 24 Cleveland Bay Pairs

Australia-Wide Novice competition at KBC

Register with your partner to play at our club against players across Australia in this ABF Novice event on **Monday afternoon 28 May**. Open to all players with **under 50 master points** at 31st March. See more details and sign up on the Yellow sheet in the middle room. You can only play in this event at one Bridge Club.

Bridge for Brain Research at KBC

Play in our regular **Thursday 3 May 1pm session** to become part of an Open field where you test your mettle against players across Australia. Arrive early to ensure you are seated in time and there is an extra \$5.00 donation which, along with the regular table fees, KBC gives to Neuroscience Research Australia. There is no need to register your intention to play, and you can only play this event at one Bridge Club.

Stayman Alerts

Using 2♣ Stayman in response to partner's 1NT opening bid is considered by the World Bridge Federation to be in common use and is NOT required to be alerted. This bid says, 'I have at least a 4 card major, do we have a fit?'

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♣	

Stayman 2♣ is not alerted

Partners need to agree if their system is on or off should there be an intervening bid. If there is an intervening bid of a suit usually it is system off. However, when 1NT is doubled by the opponent the partnership may decide a 2♣ bid still represents Stayman, in which case it must be alerted.

West	North	East	South
1NT	X	2♣	

* Stayman 2♣ must be alerted by West

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦			

Stayman 2♣ is not alerted

* 2♦ must be alerted by East (an artificial bid indicating both majors or neither major depending on partnership agreement).



ANZAC DAY
 Join us at KBC as usual
 morning, noon and night

Contributions Welcome Please email or deliver your contributions to the Newsletter Editor Leanne Nugent gitanalea@yahoo.com by Monday 11 June for the next **Kenmore Gum Leaf**