



Kenmore Gum Leaf

President's Message

Anne Russell

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2018 enjoying your friends and bridge games at Kenmore Bridge Club. By the end of this year, I want to see a more enticing environment for members to play bridge; initially with an upgrade to the current three rooms and a definite strategy to create a new facility with a large playing area and appropriate facilities.

This has been both a successful and a very frustrating couple of months at KBC. Thanks to your Directors Margaret Mobbs, Mel Gilmour, Sue Noble and Richard Wallis you were able to play bridge over the Christmas period when we are normally closed. 152 players took advantage of this opportunity.

At the other end of the spectrum our **parking options** were decreased with a missive from Brisbane City Council to deny parking in the triangle at the corner of Branton and Brookfield roads. This was followed on 11 January with the failure of the **airconditioning unit** in the main room. While Council have offered to replace the faulty unit with another, this seems to be an inefficient use of Council finances. Our Club member, John Bosci, is a professional mechanical engineer with expertise in airconditioning. Last April John spent time identifying the most efficient options for both air conditioning the room and also insulating the building and the steel roof where we have our social gathering for coffee/tea. He obtained a quote of \$10,000 and provided information to the Council. Unfortunately we are not allowed to apply for a grant to do this work, so continue to talk with Council to get this work done. Various Club members have offered to bring in fans, however, there is a health and safety issue with their placement in the room. On 29th January Council said they will remove the yellow line so we can again park on the triangle at Branton Street. As previously, we must ensure cars are well clear of the footpath to enable wheelchair access along the pathway.

On a 'positive' note, the cleaners reported water **leaking from the water heater** in the middle room on Sunday 21 January. By Tuesday it was replaced and industrial fans were drying the carpet. We were delighted to see our cleaners take the opportunity to clean the floors and windows when our tables were off site for our congresses.

My concern for our Pairs Championship players on Sunday 11 February with the temperature in the high 30s was alleviated when Toowong made their Club house available. 40 players with Trevor Strickland directing appreciated the spacious, airconditioned environment.

Last month Pam Usher, Andrew Sharp and I met with **Jane Prentice**, our NLP Federal member. **Christian Rowan**, our

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NLP State member and Shadow Minister for Communities, Seniors and Disabilities, visited the Club and spoke with members. He then talked with Andrew, Pam and me about issues related to obtaining a new facility for the Club. **Kate Richards**, our local BCC Councillor, will visit the Club on Thursday afternoon 1st March and have the opportunity to talk with Club members. The continuing political message is lack of money to support building a new Community Facility in this area. I personally am embarrassed when new players arrive at our club. This month 40 people started bridge classes - not bad for only word of mouth promotion. This only demonstrates the need for a more appropriate facility.

The annual KBC Open and Novice Pairs and Teams Congress was held at the Kenmore BCC Library meeting rooms on Saturday and Sunday 27/28 January. Congratulations to Mick Fawcett for an extremely well run Congress. Leanne Nugent with support from members organised hampers and raffles for each day and raised \$719. As usual Club members provided wonderful home-made food, and people to assist for each day. Sue Noble ran the kitchen on Saturday and Prue Dick on Sunday. Thank you to the members who helped each day. We always need additional assistance to set up and reset the tables back in the Club rooms.

Thank you to the Committee members who work tirelessly to enable the club to run seamlessly. They do so much work behind the scenes. Other members of the Club, such as Chris Williams and Prue Dick who are dealing more and more cards, along with Margaret Mobbs, Mel Gilmour, Sue Noble, Leslie Cheung, Richard Wallis, Tim Runting, Theresa Tully, Marge Eaton and Leanne Nugent volunteer extra time and energy for the benefit of Club members.

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500 Club



Feeling lucky? Grab your number now by paying for 6 monthly draws @ \$20 per month. Payment required in advance \$120. Pay the director and get your receipt or pay on line. Contact Suz for the bank details. Suzanne Cheney: suzannecheney21@gmail.com

You might consider buying one number with a friend—share the cost and share the winnings.

Thank you Sue Young for taking over while Suz was overseas.

Total Fundraising since May 2017 is now \$35,005.72 Well done ... all fundraising ideas are welcome.



A reminder that the **KBC bridge library** is offering bridge books for sale at only 50c. Any money thus raised, along with donations from loans (generally 50c or a gold coin) but borrowing is also free, will go towards the purchase of brand new books. Please notify any of the library assistants if there is any particular book that you as a member would like added to the current library list, and we will endeavour to carry out your request. The latest addition, and available for borrowing now is: *Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand* by Barbara Seagram and David Bird. 2009. CALL NO: 1.5 SEA.

So you and your partner can strategise together we now have two copies of *Two Over One Game Force* by Joan Butts. 2016. Call no: 1.3 BUT



Andy Hung will be conducting his first set of lessons for 2018 on 5, 19 and 26 March. As in previous years the morning lesson is suited to rookies and improvers while the afternoon lesson is tailored to intermediate players. Andy's lessons are some of the best in Australia.

It's worth mentioning that during 2017 attendance numbers for the afternoon lesson dropped off to a level where the viability of holding them became questionable. As a result the plan is to retain the same format as in 2017 for the March lesson session and to review this for the mid and late year sessions. Current thoughts are that the three lesson format may be replaced with a single lesson workshop to be held on a Saturday morning. We would encourage as many members as possible to attend if they can, and importantly to commit to lessons they have signed up for. Andy teaches Australia wide at all levels, so take advantage of these excellent lessons. Come with or without a partner. Registration essential.

Cost \$20 per lesson or \$35 for 2 or \$50 for 3 when paid at first lesson.

Sign up at the Club or contact Andrew Sharp sharp.as@gmail.com

Bidding Problem with Andy

You are South (you are vulnerable, opponents are not):

W	Partner	E	You	
			1♥	South ♠ 83 ♥AQ10763 ♦A5 ♣AJ9
2♠	3♥	4♠	?	

What do you bid?

Solution

High level decisions are never easy – this is why preempts work! Given that we're vulnerable, should we take the push to 5♥, or should we defend 4♠X?

There is no 100% right answer, but a good way of helping you make these decisions is to look at the *number of cards you have in the opponent's suit*. Having a singleton is definitely good, but having a doubleton is the **worst** number of cards you can have in the opponent's suit as there's no guarantee that partner has a singleton. If you push to 5♥, you might see the opponents cash two spades, and await their slow third winner elsewhere. Although it's tempting to bid 5♥ here, I would prefer to double. It may be annoying to defend 4♠X when it turns out that 5♥ is makeable, but it is also equally annoying to go down in 5♥ when we could've got a free plus score against 4♠X!

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Kenmore Bridge Club Pairs and Teams Congresses Convenor's Report by Mick Fawcett

Congratulations go to many Kenmore Bridge Club players attending our Congresses over the Australia Day long weekend. This year must have been one of the best years for results with our players coming away finishing in the top places. Mary Fletcher and Kerry Raymond winning the Novice Pairs, Robert Olander and Rick Webster second, Sue Ziegenfuss and Jill Dunning winning B category, and Wendy Gay and Gillie Kinsella winning C category. However, a special mention must be to Margaret Mobbs and Diane McClintock who finished in the Open Pairs in a magnificent 9th place after winning against some top players, coming second in B category and also being the top Kenmore Open pair!



In the teams on Sunday, the Sharp team took the top spot in the Novices with the Noble team a distant but well deserved second. The Open teams had Therese Tully in the second placed team, Kathy Males in the B category winning team and Liz Marshall, Bill Szumidlo, Geoff Longshaw in the B category second place.

As always, our Congresses run smoothly with a fantastic team volunteering to help in the kitchen, bringing food and donating to the raffle prizes, dealing, caddying, cleaning up after the event and moving all the equipment to and from the library meeting rooms. Thank you to all volunteers for your help, which makes our Congresses so popular every year. Well done to everyone involved.



Mary Fletcher & Kerry Raymond



Margaret Mobbs & Diane McClintock



Bev Ware & Pat Fennell



Chris Snook seamlessly directed the day



Jill Dunning, Sue Ziegenfuss, Susan & Andrew Sharp



Lucas Bouwman—an excellent caddy.

KBC Pairs Championship

On a very hot February Sunday, our KBC premises were untenable. We were grateful to Toowong Bridge Club who enabled us to use their premises for our Club Pairs Championship. The amazing Trevor Strickland directed for us, providing a comfortable playing atmosphere with good humour. At the end of the day Trevor



donated his fee to Medecins Sans Frontieres.

This competition, limited to 20 pairs, is designed so every pair plays every other pair.

Congratulations to **Mick Fawcett and Lyn Tracy** on becoming our **2018 Champion KBC Pair**.

Well deserved runners up, **Andrew Sharp and Susan Sharp**, were first at the end of the morning session.



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As soon as the yellow line is removed we will again be able to park here.

Bring your friends to the Gold Coast On Monday 19th February the Oasis Shopping Centre

10.30—11.15 Free Fashion Parade and morning tea ... first floor - take escalators next to Woolies... see our star model Sue Z walking the catwalk with Evelyn Mander.

6pm for 6.30 start - 9.15 is the **Trivia Night** (\$10pp) at the Beachside Pavilion. Must make reservation by 2.30pm - send Tim an email: gccconvenor@qldbridge.com
Also available - special bridge dinner for \$20.

Upcoming Events

Fri 16-Sat 24 Feb

Gold Coast Congress

Sat 17 Feb Regular duplicate @KBC no NWP
Sat 10-Sun 11 Mar QBA Mixed Teams (Noosa)

Sat 3 Mar NWP @ KBC

Mon 5 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Wed pm 7 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Fri 9 Mar @KBC Birthday Pairs

Sun 11 Mar Toowong Novice Pairs

Tue 13 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Thu am 15 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Thu pm 15 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Sat 17 Mar NWP @ KBC

Sat 17 -Sun 18 Mar QBA Open Selection Trials

Sun 18 Mar Gold Coast Novice Pairs

Sun 25 Mar Sunshine Coast Graded Teams

Sat 7 Apr Novice Pairs Surfers Paradise

Sun 1 Apr Toowoomba Pairs

Sun 1 Apr BBC Graded Pairs

Mon 2 Apr BBC Graded Teams

Sat 7 Apr NWP @ KBC

Sat -Sun 7-8 Apr QBA Open Selection Trials

Sat -Sun 7-8 Apr Caloundra Graded Teams

Sun 8 Apr Toowoomba Pairs

Sun 8 Apr Redland Novice & Restricted Teams

Sun 15 Apr Warwick Pairs

Fri 20 -25 Apr Cleveland Bay Congress

Sat -Sun 21-22 Apr QBA Womens/Senior
Selection Trials

Sat -Sun 21-22 Apr Gympie Pairs & Teams

Sat 21 Apr NWP @ KBC

Wed 25 Apr QCBC Anzac Day Teams

Easter - KBC will be open for all sessions over Easter including 30 March Good Friday (9.15am), Saturday (1.00pm) and 2 April Easter Monday (6.45pm)

Bridgemate Configuration

In January, following a request for the lead card to be included in the visible results, we decided to disable the setting which shows the results from previous tables. It has always been a concern when people read out the results which have been overheard by the next players. Also this has slowed play. Now the facility has been replaced and we have enlarged the text, we appreciate previous results not being read aloud.



Welcome to our New Members

Marguerite Bettington
Gillian Harridge
Na Hawgood
Jenny Hearle
Fay Jefferson
Janet McKeough
Rhonda Penny
Marie Phillips
Neil Strutton
Adrian Westwood
Ron Willis

Volunteers

Without volunteers the Club would not have the community spirit which KBC has in abundance.

Special mention goes to Chris Williams and Prue Dick who deal all the cards for you. Every month they use the dealing machine to deal more than 1800 boards. They print 50 hand records, label 50 boxes and upload the files to the Club computer. They lug those boxes from home to car to Club house and back again. Then there are our special events where additional dealing is required. How wonderful are Chris & Prue!

Lile Williams has been washing the teatowels. **Heather Kempf** and **Stephanie Chantler** have taken over organisation of the second hand books from **Margaret Mobbs**. **Cherie Orchard** has offered to wash the card table covers which Prue Dick has done previously. **Sue Noble** buys litres of milk during each week.

The **Library volunteers** open our bridge collection library half an hour prior to each session. What rich information they have available for you to peruse and borrow.

Marge Eaton fields requests for partners and mixes and matches players. You will also see her closing windows, turning off lights and air conditioners at the end of the day.

We appreciate people who notice things which need to be done and just do it. Please ask if you would like a job to do on a regular basis.

Contributions Welcome Please email or deliver your contributions to the Newsletter Editor [Leanne Nugent gitanalea@yahoo.com](mailto:Leanne.Nugent@gitanalea@yahoo.com) by Monday 9th April for the next **Kenmore Gum Leaf**