



KENMORE
BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Kenmore Gum Leaf

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APRIL NEWS

APRIL SHOWERS

APRIL CHANGES

There may be changes afoot for our club at this change of season. A meeting of the Kenmore Bridge Club redevelopment sub-committee met with four representatives from Brisbane City Council on Monday 8 April. The purpose of this meeting was to respond to a new set of plans provided by Council just the previous Friday for the redevelopment of the Kenmore Community Centre. This meeting marks a significant step forward in the long-awaited redevelopment. The positive tone of the meeting and the constructive efforts to navigate bureaucratic obstacles indicate progress towards achieving the best outcomes for the club and its members.

In speaking with members of the club, clearly there are common expectations of future development. These involve three key features.

1. Open-Concept Bridge Playing Area

Members of the club eagerly anticipate the removal of existing interior walls, doorways, and other obstacles especially toilet facilities within the current clubhouse to create a spacious, open-area dedicated to bridge playing. This transformation is crucial in enhancing the playing experience of a mind sport that requires a quiet area with the space for the necessary movement of E/W pairs. It is essential also in fostering a sense of community within the club.

2. Functional Kitchen Area

Another primary concern is the availability of an efficient and functioning kitchen area that is located for easy access to members during short tea-breaks. A well-equipped kitchen space is essential also for catering during special events and social gatherings. (see more Page 3)

KBC TEAMS HEAT – GOLD POINTS

Grand National Open Team – Zone Qualifier – Saturday 4 May – 9:30am start

Play at KBC – Compete Nationally. Currently, 8 Teams are booked to play at KBC in this event. Let's enter at least 10 Teams.

[Click here for QBA and Brisbane Zone Regulations](#)

[Click here for KBC entry information](#)

Director: Jo Neary **Convenor:** George O'Brien 0412 377 393

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Tuesday 9 April 2024

- **President’s Report** focussed on the meeting of the Redevelopment Sub-Committee (George O’Brien, Elizabeth Handley, John Bosci and Andrew Sharp) with four representatives of the council headed by Julie Byth on the Monday the 8 April.
- **Vice President’s Report:** Identified the requirements of new computers and a new more powerful modem to ensure Bridgemate functionality and will compile a comprehensive situation summary; a technology company will review the needs and resources across the club and advise on appropriate up-grades; advised that the Men’s Shed is informed of expected higher numbers during Toowong’s temporary closure; reported purchase of new outdoor chairs and cleansing of existing ones; discussed concern about access to the club’s key-code and the meeting decided nothing should be changed at this time but will review.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Presented a disbursements spreadsheet for April. Advised the process required for formally registering KBC as a not-for-profit organisation; meeting agreed to proceed.
- **Congress Convenor Report:** Discussed action to be taken to achieve 10 teams for GNOT Zone Qualifiers event; noted the clash of two ABF events (Australia-wide Novice Pairs and River City Gold to be held at Toowong) scheduled for the same weekend 25-26 May; advised that the “Most Improved Players” List is growing and includes several new names.
- **Membership / Masterpoints Report:** Comparison of membership numbers since March 2023 with other Brisbane Clubs shows attrition of 9% KBC, Northern Suburbs 12%, QCBC 5% and Toowong 7%; there is an increase in members utilising “StepBridge” to accrue QBA approved masterpoints – this is in keeping with the growing social trend of conducting activities from the home rather than through community channels; plan for all committee members to continue to strengthen links with new and supervised players; approved new members (see page 4).
- **Communications, Social Events & Community Engagement Report:** Monthly newsletters and *Local Bulletin* submissions on schedule; a paid article to be prepared for the *Local Bulletin*, probably the June issue in the lead-up to the next set of Beginner Lessons; Alex Daw agreed to set up a system for club archives and will be provided with access to existing files.
- **Secretary & Technology Report:** Reported that club info@ emails need to be reset so that they go to the secretary, president and vice-president for action; George O’Brien continues to make successive changes to new draft website in response to extensive comments from the website subcommittee (David Douglas, Anne Gardiner, Kathryn Kelly and Anne Russell).
- **Education Report:** Deferred until May meeting.

Other Business

Extensive discussion of the Site Redevelopment Meeting exploring options and suggestions for achieving the best possible outcomes for future use of the facilities by KBC members.

ANZAC DAY

25 April
Thursday pm
RED POINTS

**GRAND SLAMS - March-April**

Glen Lockington-Marie Low 7H (E) Thursday am 4 April
Christine Williams- Bertilla Collings 7Sxx (S) Tues pm 2 April

Congratulations to all.

Christine Williams is in the lead for 2024.

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3. Outdoor Open Space

While the focus is primarily on the interior renovations, the continuation of the outdoor open space and break-out area is also crucial for providing members with opportunities for socialisation and a communal space. This area, if appropriately refurbished can be utilised, on occasion, for additional playing space.

Unaddressed Needs

1. Re-location of Toilet Facilities

The new plan needs to accommodate an appropriate number of accessible toilets within the Centre for use of all members of the Centre.

2. Storage and Dealing Space

Little attention is given to storage facilities and dedicated dealing space within the redevelopment plans. These areas are essential. Adequate storage areas are required for organising equipment and supplies. Dealing space is crucial for conducting bridge games efficiently.

3. Administrative Areas

Areas for Directors and other administration is essential for ensuring the effective operation of play and other club operations.

Future Considerations

Balancing the priorities of creating a welcoming and functional space for bridge playing with the necessary facilities for administration and storage as well as sharing facilities with other stakeholders will be key to ensuring the success of the redevelopment project. Feedback from members will assist in creating a revitalised space that meets the evolving needs of the bridge club community along with other stakeholders of the Centre. At least something is happening.

News of Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Interclub Friendly Weekend

Dates: Friday 26 – Sunday 28 July 2024

Hosted by: Dalby Bridge Club Bunya Street, Dalby,

Director: Graham Rusher

Dinner: Saturday night 27 July at a private function room at the Russell Hotel

Participation: Currently, KBC have the maximum 20 pairs allocated to our club signed up.

Transport: Hopefully, we can optimise car-pooling to travel to Dalby. We'll negotiate with Dalby Bridge Club to arrange a bus to the dinner venue.

Toowong Bridge Club Temporary Closure

Toowong Bridge Club is having extensive roof repairs carried out when fine weather can be guaranteed. It is expected that this will occur from 27 May until 10 June. Directors will be making announcements with up-dated information as it becomes available.

During this time, KBC can expect increased numbers to attend regular sessions. The Club will operate the website **booking system** during this time so that members can be assured a position at play for all sessions. Preparations are being made to cater for more than 12 tables.

Many thanks to the dealers particularly, **Clem Vanderloos** who already has dealt extra boards in preparation for the extra players.

New Members

Kirsten Buckett (reactivated) Anne Harding
Peter Haron Kerry Johnson Julie L'Estrange
Renata Rams-harvey Peter Leaman
Robert Lyndon Bell Marie Lincoln (away)

Welcome to KBC

Masterpoint Promotions

Regional >50 Barbara Bedwell
Regional >50 Lisa McConkey
Graduate >5 Gaye Johnson

Congratulations



Partnership & Game Development Program

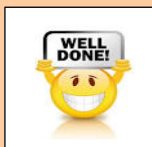
Something for everyone – 12:30-1:30 Mondays
At the club OR go to the Booking Page for the zoom link.

Date
Savers

April 22 – Counting Winners and Losers & the Toolbox
April 29 – Planning the Play in No Trumps
May 6 – Planning the Play in a Suit Contract

PARTNERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - Can you help?

The Teaching Team are seeking those with skills in video-editing to assist with the production of the next series. Please contact Margaret Mobbs or Anne Russell.



2nd CHRIS WILLIAMS and MARGARET GIEBELS (56.3%)

in the BRISBANE BRIDGE CLUB EASTER PAIRS (C Grade)

Sunday 31 March

Pipped by just 0.2% by Martin Wu and Alex Wu with 56.5%, from a field of 20 Pairs.
Great work on your Partnership and Game Development!

70% CLUB

March-April 2024

Meta Goodman - Therese Tully 72.92%
Tuesday Afternoon (A) 5 March
Jenny Coyle - Gary Charlton 70.83%
Tuesday Afternoon (A) 5 March
Claire Vanderloos - Clem Vanderloos
74.71% Wednesday Afternoon 6 March
Stephen Prowse – Cathy Magi 71.88%
Friday Afternoon RealBridge 5 April <50



Parking is always limited at our club venue.

Thank you to those members who are making a special effort by parking considerately on the Branton St side.

Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.

Please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly
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DEADLINE for next issue **Monday 13 May**