

## Congress Triumphs & 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sixty-three KBC members**, the sixth highest of any club representation, travelled to Broadbeach for the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Gold Coast International Congress in February. Tim Runting, KBC's inaugural President, convened yet another memorable event.

KBC members played in most grades – Teams, Pairs and as “Walk-Ins”. Leanne Nugent & Jenny Iliescu gained 1<sup>st</sup> in the Bobby Richmond Pairs Restricted (F Grade).

The best QLD Team in the Restricted Teams category was Eliza Hemphill, Rick Webster, Robert Olander and Jan Flanigan (awarded to the team that did not win any major prizes but needed to pre-nominate into this category).

Kiran Dutt & Marie Low came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the <50mp Pairs on Wednesday. Sue Ledlie & George O'Brien and Sandy Spies & Jenni Hansen, in Thursday Rookies took out EW 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively – a triumph for KBC rookies!

See more of the 2024 Gold Coast Congress Video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMlws0oV7uM>



### Saturday 9 March marked the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

of the inaugural General Meeting that formed the Kenmore Bridge Club, a plan instigated by Tim Runting, Therese Tully and Neil Sadler. Since then, the club's membership has grown from a handful to over 300. It is fitting to celebrate all the achievements, celebrations and triumphs since that first meeting.

On Wednesday 13 March, the club stopped to do just that.

Tim Runting provided a “potted” history of those early days. It was an honour to have Pat Fennell, one of the club's secretaries, Therese Tully and Neil Sadler in attendance. They, along with many founding members and current players, gathered for the celebration. *(see page 3 for more)*

It was a rare occasion to capture all five presidents of the club, pictured above – current president George O'Brien, Anne Russell #3, Graham Rusher #2, Tim Runting 1<sup>st</sup> president and Elizabeth Handley #4.



**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Tuesday 19 March 2024**

- **President’s Report** thanked the myriad of people who managed the exceptionally busy club time over the past eight weeks. Advised that a Redevelopment Meeting with Council would take place 8 April. The new Council representative, Julie Byth, described by GOB as professional, to meet with KBC members, GOB, JB, and AS. Council promised that copies of the site plans will be available for presentation and discussion.
  - **Vice President’s Report:** Advised that the directors’ computer is unreliable. It was agreed to purchase two computers of better quality with increased capacity to drive the software. DD proposes that the club find a suitable IT adviser to decide on required system up-grades including appropriate wiring, boosters and modem to timers.
  - **Treasurer’s Report:** Presented a disbursements spreadsheet for February and March. Advised the meeting that SC would arrange a “hand-over” with JB for the time during April-May when she will be unavailable while taking a break.
  - **Congress Convenor Report:** Currently 7 tables booked in GNOT Zone Qualifiers and aiming for at least 10; waiting for info for the Nation-Wide Novice Pairs 25 May from ABF; TBIB Rookie Novice Teams to take place 16 June. Possibility of delaying the Pairs and Teams Championships to a later date in 2025; need for general encouragement for members to enter club comps.
  - **Facilities Report:** Mouldy smell in middle room rectified; DD to purchase 8 outdoor stackable chairs to match existing (if possible) and clean existing white chairs.
  - **Communications, Social Events & Community Engagement Report:** Monthly newsletters and *Local Bulletin* submissions on schedule; plan to appoint Alex Daw to set up a system for club archives including documents provided by Tim Runting.
  - **Secretary & Technology Report:** AG proposed a handover document to cover the notification requirements following each annual AGM; GOB made successive changes to new draft website in response to extensive comments from the subcommittee.
  - **Education Report:** Teams are looking for members who can assist in production and video editing; KK to provide suggestions on lesson topics that are not directly play-related such as entering competitions; ways to track use of on-line lessons on the new website are available.
- Other Business**
- **First Aid Kit:** KK to appoint someone to restock.
  - **Directors’ Training:** agreed to fund the \$10 fee for Directors to attend the two training sessions to be held at QCBC 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Did you know . . .**

Approximately **70%** of ABF members are Novices having between 0 – 100mps and **25%** are 0–5 mps.

How does KBC membership compare?

**75%** are Novices with **35%** in the Club or Graduate levels.

Novice players are representative of the vast majority of not only KBC players but ABF registered bridge players Australia-wide.

**FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF KBC****9 March 2011**

**Attendance:** Tim Runting (Chair) Janine Budgeon, Neil Sadler, Therese Tully, Graham Rusher, Peter Allingham, Lynette Val Cole, Asbury Coss, Nola Croucher, Moya Dew, Jim Dodgson, Patty Fennell, Robert Fennell, Deb Ford, Mike Ford, Colin Foxon, Anni Haig-Smith, Paul Haig-Smith, Jenny Iliescu, M.Jacklyn, Helen Kerr, Gill Kendall, Robin Kingwell, Carol McCafferty, Patrick McMaster, Ann McMaster, Helen Matthews, Lyn Newton, Leanne Nugent, Sue Ogilive, Alan Pickering, Anne Russell, Judy Somes, Barbara Storm, Sue Young.

**Apologies:** Bev Jack, Paul Hookyas, Lily Manlapig, Melba Nicholas, Carol Pickering, Pele Rankin, Ann Rusher, Marilyn Sykes, Peter Wells.

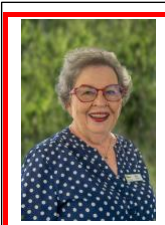


## KBC – 13 YEARS

In December 2010, a small group of interested bridge players met at Tim Runting's home. Once the decision was made to form an incorporated club rather than a social club, steps were taken to apply for affiliation with the Qld Bridge Association, draw up a constitution based on that of Caloundra Bridge Club, open a bank account and elect office bearers for the Management Committee.

Tim assured Kim Ellaway, Secretary of QBA, that he could increase membership from the initial 40. Amongst many tasks, Kim's mother carried out the dealing at Arana and Tim delivered and returned the cards to KBC. Sue Young provided cards and boards on loan for a time. With small steps and big hearts, they built a club that grew to be over 400 members in under seven years (pre-Covid).

Tim Runting, the first Management Committee and the founding members, many of whom continue as active members today, laid the foundations for the strong and vibrant club that we have now. We owe them our on-going gratitude for the many benefits we enjoy – the legacy they leave.



### Pat Fennell, one of these special members

As Anne Russell so aptly says, *"Pat Fennell, while not the first secretary, held that role for many years. Through her professional and efficient work in this role, she set the Club in the right direction. She was enormously important in supporting and guiding the first three Presidents in the nitty gritty of the mechanics of running a Club, so enabling the Club to move forward smoothly and efficiently."*

**See the KBC Website homepage for the video of the day recorded by Margaret Mobbs.**



## CONGRESS BRIDGE

(extract from ABF Starters' Kit)

Congress bridge is different (and many would say better) than normal club bridge. Attendees are drawn from all over and the field tends to be made up of stronger players. This is good for advanced players but it's also excellent for beginner and improving players.

If you are avoiding congresses for fear of being "beaten up" by stronger players, don't worry. Almost all congresses are run on the "Swiss draw" principle. This means that, except for the first round, you only meet opponents who are doing as well as you are. Less experienced players will, in the main, meet players of a similar standard. If you do particularly well, though, you will be tested with your next draw. Of course, if you're doing badly, you should end up with an easier draw!

Masterpoints awarded at congresses are red, or sometimes gold, and are awarded at a higher rate than normal green point club sessions. The way points are commonly awarded at congresses means that it is unusual for any player to walk away empty-handed.

These events can provide you with an opportunity to travel to new places and make new friends. Congresses provide lots of social interaction with members from other clubs – lots of fun!


**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.

*“Happy Birthday Graham”*  
 On 28 February, Wednesday session players joined with Graham Rusher (another previous KBC President) to help celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a cake and hearty singing.


- Mar 25 – Inverted Minors
- April 1 – Easter Monday
- April 8 – No session
- 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

**Date Savers**





**New Members**  
 Helen Standfast  
 Marg Davies  
 Di Freshney  
**Welcome to KBC**

**Masterpoint Promotions**  
**Bronze State >100** Eliza Hemphill  
**State >70** Elizabeth Handley  
**Regional >50** Cia Ademann, Kathryn Kelly  
**Silver Local >35** Pam Schiller  
**Local >15** Rosemary Clark, Kiran Dutt, Judy Werner  
**Club >5** Andrew Churchill, Janette White  
**Congratulations all**

 **Parking is always limited** at our venue. Please be considerate when parking especially at the Branton Street side of the venue. Try to park as close as possible to the fence .

**Another Novice Triumph**  
 This time, **Gloria Newton** and her partner Lyn Edeson were victorious at the Toowong Cross-imp Novice Pairs held on Sunday 3 March. Ranked 7 at the start of the day, they triumphed over a field of 24 Pairs to come 1<sup>st</sup> with 6 wins and only 1 loss.



**Covid continues to lurk in our community.**  
 All members please comply with [QLDHEALTH](#) regulation, QBA and KBC COVID-Safe protocols and help other members stay safe.

**News of Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Interclub Friendly Weekend**  
**Dates:** Friday 26 – Sunday 28 July 2024  
**Hosted by:** Dalby Bridge Club. **Director:** Graham Rusher  
**Dinner:** Saturday night 27/7 private function room at the Russell Hotel  
**Participation:** KBC have 18 pairs signed up. Maximum 20 pairs.  
**More news as it comes to hand.**

*Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.  
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