



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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Education & Development

Clubs offer many things to many people just as people join clubs for different reasons. Kenmore Bridge Club is no different. There are those who wish to keep the “grey-matter” firing, those who enjoy the company of fellow players and those who seek to power-up their skills and achieve the accomplishment and satisfaction of winning in tournaments and competitive events. For some, it’s a mixture of all these. Importantly, KBC strives to cater for ALL its members.

Even so, there are those who feel that KBC is lacking sufficient “competitive DNA”. Their fear is that our best players are gravitating to other, more competitive clubs. Of course, there is nothing to stop such movement and, indeed, the practice of players attending other clubs for bridge competition or sessions is a good thing and should be encouraged. Equally, Kenmore players should take the opportunity whenever they can to invite, encourage and welcome players from other clubs. Playing with and against new faces can add an edge to the game.

As the new year rolls on, it may be worth setting some new goals or looking for ways to sharpen your game. In this issue, we focus on one important element of our club – **Education and Development** and include some of the talented people and education opportunities that are available. You may be surprised by what is on offer and generally, it is FREE.

CONGRATULATIONS 100 years

Keith Archos
23 December 22



Dr Keith Archos joined KBC in 2016 after being with several clubs including Gold Coast Bridge Club where he became a life member. Amongst his messages of heartfelt best wishes and words of congratulations were those from King Charles and the Queen Consort, the Premier & his friends from KBC.

LESSONS & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, KBC offers a range of opportunities for players to improve their bridge playing. The Education Team welcomes suggestions from members regarding lesson topics and training opportunities as well as offers for assistance with the education program.

Currently, this program includes Lessons for Beginners, Supervised Play, Partnership and Game Development Sessions, the use of “Real Bridge” for training and self-directed improvement of play and Invitations to expert speakers to conduct sessions. *See Page 2 for details.*

Beginner Lessons *See flyer in Lessons Tab on KBC website*

Each year, eight-week courses are offered commencing in February and then again in July. Prospective players have the option of joining either the Monday morning classes with Graham Rusher or the Thursday evening classes with Anne Russell. Classes are FREE. Textbooks to accompany the courses cost \$40. For those who are unable to attend Monday mornings or Thursday evenings, the beginner lessons are available on-line.

Supervised Play

Three times each week on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings the sessions are offered for ALL members. They benefit those looking for guidance in their bridge play and are ideal for those graduating from the beginner classes and also for those who wish to refresh their bridge bidding and play. Players have time to discuss hands. The club is privileged to have tutelage from members such as Gold Grand Master Therese Tully and Grand Master Graham Rusher.

“Real Bridge” Education Opportunities

Partners and team members may not be aware that they can access the “Real Bridge” resource to play, analyse and review boards at any time in the comfort of their own homes by using their computers. Just organise four players and contact Margaret Mobbs, Anne Russell or Loraine King to set it up. “Real Bridge” is especially useful for practice before congresses and tournaments.

Friday afternoons at 2:00pm, Anne Russell conducts a Real Bridge duplicate session for players with fewer than 25 masterpoints. This is followed by a discussion of the hands and is a great opportunity for partners to improve bidding and play.

Partnership & Game Development *See flyer in Lessons Tab on KBC website*

Dedicated members of the education and training team have developed an extensive resource of teaching materials over recent years. From time to time, FREE block sessions on predetermined or member-requested topics are conducted. These are offered on Mondays at 12:30pm to members who can participate either in the club rooms, with the aid of the big screen, or in their homes via zoom link.

Visiting Experts / External Resources

The club strives to invite visiting expert players and bridge educators when possible. A FREE event arranged by **Andrew Robson** in conjunction with *Real Bridge* is scheduled for February. *More details to come.*

MEET COMMITTEE MEMBER – STUART STODDART

In October 2022, the KBC Committee asked me to act as a facilitator across the Training and Development functions. My task is to work with the “Trainers” to create important documentation (process flows) on these functions and act as an interface between the training functions and the committee.

While a dedicated team led by Margaret Mobbs, Loraine King, Anne Russell and Graham Rusher have organised training for the club for many years, the purpose of my work is to



provide a means to more easily understand the scope, tools and processes within the Training Function. As such, it shows the myriad tasks involved, those responsible for them and ways in which these can be evaluated, upgraded and extended.

Members may not know that (1) There are over thirty different topics/courses the team draws from, all developed by the training team; (2) There have been thousands of person hours invested in these training materials (Loraine, Margaret, Anne) over the past two years; (3) Over the this same time, over eighty different players have attended at least one lesson and in the last block of six topics, there were between 10 and 27 attendees (zoom plus club); (4) Therese Tully is an ABF Honorary Teaching Fellow and the other four trainers are ABF accredited teachers.

We are currently looking at ways to validate training needs and the effectiveness of the current program so we will be coming back to our membership with a survey early this year. Please participate. Training is a critical function of a healthy club.

EDUCATORS

When KBC was founded in 2011, the first President, Tim Runting and Therese Tully (both KBC Life Members) ensured that opportunities for teaching and learning were woven into the fabric of the club. We now have programs designed to cater for players from beginner to advanced levels. Also, we are fortunate to have people of excellence leading our programs. Therese Tully is an Honourary ABF Teaching Fellow and our other Educators have ABF Teaching Accreditation. Currently, the Education Team includes Anne Russell, Margaret Mobbs, Loraine King, Graham Rusher and Therese Tully.



New players learning new skills come with a few hiccups but when players master them they go to another plateau of play and enjoyment. G.R.

Teaching was a good hobby over lockdown. I get pleasure from people letting me know they get something out of it. M.M.

I am proud of being the trainer of hundreds of players into this wonderful game called bridge. G.R.

For me, I find I learn so much through teaching and it's the excitement of seeing others taking up the learning and applying it to their bridge and seeing it reflected in their results. A.R.

Therese Tully has represented Australia and Queensland many times, over many years, at the International and National level <https://qldbridge.com.au/players/therese-tully>. We are privileged that she continues to give her time to supervise sessions on Wednesday mornings and provide board analysis for members at selected times.

The other four members of the Training and Development Team in many ways sacrifice the development of their own bridge playing to enable club members to improve and develop their game and partnerships.

The onset of Covid prompted Anne and Margaret to find ways to keep the membership involved. This led to using the available technology not only to play but also for education opportunities. They with Loraine spent immeasurable hours behind the scenes deciding on topics, researching information, setting up boards, preparing notes and checking out the play while all the time trying to ensure that every step was error free. This work results in the Partnership and Game Development Sessions. The programs continue to evolve.

Who could forget Margaret and Anne's Wednesday night team tournaments?

We owe all our education team a great debt.

Bridge has been wonderful for me so I wanted to give something back & promote No Fear bridge. T.T.

One of the frustrations is striking the appropriate level and pace for each participant. M.M

Bridge is a game of mistakes. Examine your game and take the opportunity to improve and play to the best of your ability. L.K.

Teaching is trying to help players learn more and realise what they don't know. The advantage with the lessons is the "follow through". A.R.

I love seeing people doing well and enjoying the game more. They get more out of it as a result of their learning. Seeing "the penny drop". L.K.

To me supervised play is where you reinforce the lessons learnt but more importantly learn to cope with interference, bad breaks and tricky situations that there is no "book" answer for and finish the day with both you & your partner smiling regardless of where you finish! T.T.

KENMORE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

GRADED PAIRS Saturday 28 January
 GRADED TEAMS Sunday 29 January 2023

Don't miss out - Entries limited to 80 Pairs & 40 Teams

Register at MYabf website

<p>WE NEED YOUR HELP</p>	<p>Volunteers for the Catering Teams please contact:</p> <p>Marion Tomes marionetomes@gmail.com 3378 0956 Saturday 28 8:30-10:30 or 10:30-12:30 or 12:30-3:00 or 3:00-6:00</p> <p>Elizabeth Handley handleye3@gmail.com 0404 833 057 Sunday 29: 8:30-10:30 or 10:30-12:30 or 12:30-3:00 or 3:00-6:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rosters on the Noticeboard at the Club</i></p>
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KBC OFFERS FREE BEGINNER BRIDGE CLASSES
8 WEEK COURSES commencing in February 2023

Register by yourself or with a friend or a group of friends. Tell a friend.

WHERE: At our club rooms – 98 Brookfield Road Kenmore Hills

WHEN: Monday Mornings first lesson 6 February at 8:45am for a 9:00am start.
 To enrol contact Graham Rusher grusher@optusnet.com.au 0414 452021. OR

Thursday Evenings first lesson 9 February at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.
 To enrol contact Anne Russell anne@russellsynergies.com.au 0411 255434.

Reference Material: Two reference books and other reference material is provided for the cost of \$40. The lessons are followed with Supervised Play.

<p><i>For your diaries !</i></p> <p><i>Kenmore-Roma-Dalby</i> <i>Interclub Bridge 2023</i></p> <p>18-20 August</p>	<p>Big welcome on Wednesday to a group of 4 boys who attended the school holiday “learn to play” sessions at QCBC and have arranged to play at KBC.</p>	<p>Coming up</p> <p>2023 Gold Coast International Congress February 17-24 Register at MYabf website</p>
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<p><i>We welcome your contributions for the newsletter.</i> Please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly kathrynmkelly@me.com Deadline for next issue – Wed. 1 Feb.</p>	<p>KBC Pairs Championship Saturday 11 Feb 2023</p>
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