



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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**NEWS
FLASH**

At the Qld Novice Pairs held Saturday 7 May at Sunnybank, KBC members struck. Ranked 9th, **Paddy Taylor** and his partner Alex Wu, finished **1st** as match winners. Top Qld Novice Pairs! Yea! In very close second place were **Stuart Stoddart and Sue Calthrope** who started the day ranked 16th. Great effort. Congratulations.



So . . . what do we know?

What is happening with the new clubhouse? Rumours abound. We asked our President, Elizabeth Handley for the authoritative account. This is what she could tell us.

The Brisbane City Council (BCC) has signed and executed a formal Deed of Agreement with the Federal Government. The money for the project has been approved. At a meeting with the BCC in April, the Council proposed that it will:

1. extend the current building to the western side, that is, in the direction of the current external covered area to maximise the overall floor-space
2. remove all internal walls in our current building to create one open, large area
3. demolish the demountable and construct a new building that will include toilets, kitchen facilities, and a meeting room to be shared by the existing three tenants (EWaste, the Men's Shed and Kenmore Bridge Club)
4. create a new covered area linking the two buildings to provide a breakout area for tea breaks.

KBC will maintain the use of the small office in the lower building that is serving as the dealing room.

This proposal has not been costed or formally approved and is still in the planning stage. We have a long way to go, and there will be changes along the way, but this is the present situation. The management committee is committed to achieving the best outcome for the club and its members. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ABF

Australia-wide Novice Pairs 2023

Saturday 27 May 9:30am

Prizes available in < 100 but also < 50

KBC has more than 240 members eligible but only 32 entries so far.

Have a go!

BOOK NOW on KBC Home Page

Video with Wine & Cheese Nights

They're Back! Covid closures caused our video night with Wine and Cheese to be cancelled. People asked us to resurrect it.

Gather at **6:30 for 6:45 movie on 20th June.**

Bring a plate of nibbles - sweet or savoury.

The club will supply the wine.

Limited to 20 people to fit in the middle room.

Book on the booking page.

First Video is "Disrupting Declarer" – great for defensive play.

Grant for \$17,490

Recently, the Committee secured a grant of \$17,490 from the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The grant enabled the purchase of a new dealing machine, two carry cases, new boards, new playing cards and boxes.

Then comes the hard work. The KBC dealing team of **Clem Vanderloos, Claire Vanderloos, George O'Brien, John Mayze, Susie Thomson and Lesley Henderson** spent many hours last week labelling and boxing 1,512 packs of cards, 1,512 boards and 80 boxes.

Each week, one pair of dealers spends about three hours dealing the cards for the coming week before transporting the boxes of boards from the Dealing Room located down below EWaste up to the Club. Clem deserves special thanks for his work in leading this team of dedicated volunteers.



4th Suit Forcing and More with Andy Hung

There was a good turnout of Kenmore, Toowoomba, Toowong and Arana members to attend Andy Hung's training sessions on Sunday 16 April at Arana Bridge Club. 32 KBC players attended one or both sessions.

Our President, Elizabeth Handley and Stuart Stoddart who arranged the event, returned to Arana on 28 April to join in a game. Elizabeth presented Arana's President, Robert van Beest with a beautiful pot of orchids in appreciation for Arana's collaboration in making their premises available for the event.

Another fine example of clubs working together. Thank you to all those who assisted in making the day a success.

Vale

Dr Steve Parkes (1962-2023)

Steve was a great father and bridge player. An anaesthetist, he was highly intelligent and stoic. At bridge, several players particularly remember his generosity in trying to help them improve their game.

He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.



You are a
Change Maker

VOLUNTEER

National Volunteer Week (15-21 May) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering. It is being celebrated this year with the theme, **The Change Makers**. It is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers in bridge clubs, state bridge organisations and the many bridge congresses. Bridge clubs and congresses are suffering from reduced attendances in many areas and so too is the work of volunteers. In Australia, we have about 330 playing clubs and the vast majority survive by being volunteer run. It is estimated that this could total over 3300 volunteers. (ABF Notices)

In this context, it is essential that firstly we make our Kenmore Bridge Club a premium product. We must also continue being welcoming and friendly for returning and future players.

Our President once said, "The club is like a calm pond and gliding on the surface are a few ducks paddling furiously beneath the water to ensure everything continues to float." Let's take this opportunity to recognise and thank those ducks on our pond.

Committee: Elizabeth Handley, David Douglas, John Bosci, Andrew Churchill, Anne Gardiner, Eliza Hemphill, Kathryn Kelly, Diane McClintock, George O'Brien, Stuart Stoddardt, Marion Tomes

Directors: Jenny Coyle, David Douglas, Jan Flanagan, Mel Gilmore, Elizabeth Handley, Margaret Mobbs, Sue Noble, Graham Rusher, Anne Russell and Lisa McConkey and Chris Williams

Teachers: Lorraine King, Margaret Mobbs, Graham Rusher, Anne Russell and Therese Tully

Board Dealers: Anne Russell, Claire Vanderloos, Clem Vanderloos, George O'Brien, John Mayze, Susie Thomson, Lesley Henderson

Membership & Masterpoints: Diane McClintock

Communication & Newsletters: Kathryn Kelly

Photography & Records: Anne Russell

Congresses: George O'Brien

Facilities Committee Chair: Andrew Sharp

Technology & Website: Anne Gardiner

Providers: Suz Cheney, Lyn Lodge

Librarian: Peter Neil

Tablecloths: Gayleen Trevaskis

Recycling: Douglas Johnston, Maria Miller

Clearly, many of our volunteers take on several roles. Just as there is no shortage of offers when the call goes out for help. We are so fortunate to have a club with so many willing to raise a hand when required. *Thank you all.*



Speaking of which . . .

As everyone would be aware, the responsibilities of our Directors are numerous and wide-ranging. Players such as Anne Watson, Claire and Clem Vanderloos, Chris Williams and others often help by setting up and returning morning and afternoon tea items, opening or closing venetians and doors, emptying the bins.

We need a couple of people at each session to ensure that these tasks are done AND to make sure (1) the dishwasher is stacked and turned on; (2) the food is stored after the last session of the day.

New Members

Jim Barclay.	Faye Hogg
Gary Charlton.	Elizabeth King
Julie Cranley.	Leigh Park
Julie Crittenden.	Merle Thomas
Alan Donaldson.	Helen Woodhouse
Gary Fitt	

Welcome to KBC

KBC NOVICE & ROOKIES

TBIB TROPHY

Sunday 18 June

Click on the KBC Website EVENTS Tab
for all the details

Masterpoints Promotions

Bronze State >100 mps Rick Webster
State >50 mps John Kelly
Club >5 mps Shane Hubner, George O'Brien
Graduate >2 mps Glen Lockington

Congratulations to All

JUNE WINTER PAIRS (Red Points)

Monday 5 - evening
Wed 7 – afternoon
Friday 9 – morning
Tues 13 -- Super Novice
Thurs 15 – morning & afternoon

Raffle Winners

“Treats for You” – Leanne Nugent
Wine & Cheese Hamper – Ilva Copley
Gardener’s Hamper – Ros Smith
Bridge-Player’s Hamper – Elizabeth Handley
Scotch – Maureen McNamara

*Thanks to all who participated.
We very much appreciate those very generous members
who donated.*

*All proceeds to assist hosting our guests from
Roma (and Dalby) and returning their
wonderful 2022 hospitality.*



*We welcome your contributions for the newsletter. Please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly
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