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OPENING THE DOORS



WELCOME BACK

Like CBD workplaces across Australia, businesses, airline operators and cruise ships, we at Kenmore Bridge Club are keen to restore the functioning of our club to the former strength of earlier times

In recent weeks, the numbers at our sessions have increased but still we are concerned about the many members who have not returned.

A questionnaire is being prepared to canvass members' thoughts on where changes could be introduced to encourage their own and others' participation and improve their experience. Of course, while so much work occurs behind the scenes, some things, in the short term, such as the confined playing rooms and parking spaces cannot be changed. But . . . many changes can be effected.

Now, there is no need to book for sessions. Later start time on Fridays, a series of beginner lessons and visiting experts are part of the program.

Any ideas? Please contact one of the committee members.

BEGINNER BRIDGE – 8 WEEK COURSES

Register by yourself or invite a friend or two.
Come along for a **FREE** course in the social and brain-stimulating game of bridge.

Monday Mornings at 8:45 for a 9:00 start with Graham Rusher (0414 452021) begin 4 July 2022.

Thursday Evening at 6:45 for a 7:00 start with Anne Russell (0411 255434) begin 7 July 2022.

Two reference books and other reference material is provided for the cost of \$40.

VISITING EXPERT

DAVID BEAUCHAMP

When to overcall and when to double

**Thursday 23 June 7-9pm
Kenmore Tavern \$20 cash or EFT**

BSB: 034 055 Account: 393425
Ref: DBL + Name

Registration is essential by email:

jennycogle164@gmail.com



REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 MAY

An extraordinary meeting was convened in May. At an earlier meeting in April, it was agreed to establish a sub-committee to consider ways in which more members could be encouraged to return to play at the club. The meeting dealt with two items.

Membership

While the current membership is over three hundred, since the occurrence of the pandemic over the past two years, the numbers attending the club to play each week are restricted to about 100 of these members.

Committee:

- agreed to contact non-attending members
- engaged someone to make the website more appealing
- removed the requirement to book for standard duplicate sessions
- appointed a member of committee as Training Coordinator and for that person to look at developing a mentoring model and arrange for additional face-to-face director training
- decided not to change the number of sessions at the club in the immediate future;
- moved the Friday morning start time to 9:30am
- resolved to investigate the pros and cons of on-line bridge in terms of the effect on attendance.

Capital Expenditure

Committee:

- approved the purchase and installation of a system of synchronised Bridge Timers in all three rooms
- approved the purchase of Dealing Equipment pending the success of a grant application
- approved funds for the upgrade of the external area
- decided following a successful trial to purchase smaller playing tables and cloths
- deferred ordering honour boards while the club is occupying temporary accommodation.

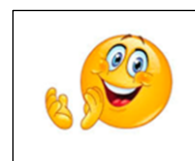
2022 AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS – *Fortune Favours the Brave*



Eleven Kenmore pairs participated at the home club in this event on Sunday 29 May. Locally, the winning pair in the <100 mps were Jill Rankine and Judy Wallace (L-R 1). Douglas Johnstone and Maria Miller (L-R centre) were the top pair in the <50 mps.

Nationally, more than 2000 players from about 90 clubs took part playing the same boards in the tournament. In the final scores, Douglas and Maria achieved 83rd position overall and 31st in the <50 mps section with a score of 59.7. Jill and Judy came 110th with a score of 58.5. In all, five of the eleven Kenmore pairs were placed in the top 250.

Special commendation goes to Glen Lockington and Gillian Long (L-R 3) who, with less than 1 mp between them, were positioned second at Kenmore, for most of the afternoon until right towards the end of the day. They demonstrated to all that *fortune can favour the brave*.



MEET COMMITTEE MEMBER – JENNY COYLE

I first started playing bridge in 2013 when I retired from teaching and joined Maitland Bridge Club in the Hunter Valley NSW. I became a committee member in 2015, vice-president in 2016 and president in 2018.

Being a teacher by trade I undertook the teaching courses conducted by Joan Butts and taught bridge at Maitland Bridge Club for four years to help increase the number of members. I used a combination of lessons by Joan Butts together with lessons provided by ACBL (Australian Contract Bridge Lessons) which I found to be excellent.



My role on the KBC committee is to represent the directors. In most bridge clubs there is usually a director and another person in charge of Bridgemates – perhaps we could consider this for our club now that booking online is no longer required. As already forecast, synchronised clocks and timers are to be installed in all three rooms to help Directors run sessions smoothly and in a timely fashion.

Another luncheon is planned so that Directors have an opportunity to exchange ideas and put forward suggestions to improve the sessions. We always need more directors so please let me know if you are interested.

Remember, on all occasions, the call “Director *Please*” will bring a smiling face to your table.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND CONGRESS EVENTS

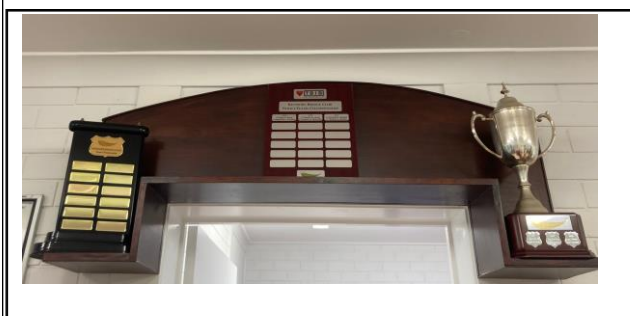
Sunday 19 June – TBIB Trophy (Rookie & Novice Teams <100mps)

3rd-7th July – Australian National Championships in Adelaide

KBC players representing QLD are Therese Tully in Open Team, Kathy Males in Women’s Team and Paddy Taylor will be playing in the Youth Team. Go Queensland!

Sunday 17 July – (GOLD point event) Kenmore GNOT heat, 2 sessions

DATE SAVER: SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER Kenmore Rookie (<50mps) and Novice (<100mps) Graded Pairs Congress at Indooroopilly State High School.



Our trophies now have a home so that we can see them and the trophy winners.

“500 CLUB”

Many numbers are still available. Select a number and text or email Kathryn Kelly.

Here’s your chance



<p style="text-align: center;">MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS</p> <p>Bronze State (>150 mps) Andrew Sharp</p> <p>Bronze Regional (>100 mps) Jill Rankine</p> <p>Regional (>50 mps) Jan Flanigan</p> <p>Silver Local (>35 mps) Geeta Bhasin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROMA BRIDGE TRIP UPDATE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please consult the notice on the board beside the fridge.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus hire available BUT we need to know numbers by 21 June. • Fully subscribed BUT there is a stand-by list. Add your name if you are interested. • Book your accommodation. Preferred motel is Roma Explorers Inn 4620 1400. • No need to have a partner. • RED POINTS event.
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<p>NEW MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Maureen Bruce Bob Bruce Clare Petrie</i></p> <p>And re-joining: <i>Marguerite Bettington Jan Deitch Helen Hudson</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Welcome one and all.</i></p>	<p>LIBRARY NEWS</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">Downloaded from www.shutterstock.com</p>	<p>Many members may not be aware of the wonderful club resource we have for self-learning in Bridge.</p> <p>Browse the library catalogue at the KBC website at Documents/Other/Library Catalog Author. or there is a printed hardcopy pinned to the Training noticeboard in the centre room.</p> <p>Library items can be checked out at the end of any session by speaking with the Director and signing the library forms. Usually, items are on loan for four weeks. Those with outstanding loans, please return at your earliest convenience.</p>
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A GENTLE REMINDER

One of the notable features of Contract Bridge Clubs is the high standard of etiquette practised by players.

At Kenmore, we encourage “no fear” bridge where every player is made to feel comfortable both in their play and in their interactions with other members.

We achieve this ambience by maintaining courtesy and respect towards our partners, opponents and, importantly, the directors at ALL TIMES.

In almost all instances, a high level of courtesy occurs but very occasionally, a single breach by an individual player can spoil the environment of comfort, respect, pleasure and “no fear” for others.

Please . . . let not the breach be committed by you.

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