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Celebrating

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Years



Wednesday 9 March marked eleven years since a handful of bridge devotees held the first General Meeting at which the Kenmore Bridge Club was officially formed. Tim Runting, Neil Sadler and Therese Tully initiated the idea. Thirty people attended and became foundation members.

Since then, the club has been fortunate to have four very able and dedicated presidents – Tim Runting (2011-2014), Graham Rusher (2014-2016), Anne Russell (2016-2019) and Elizabeth Handley (2019-present). Each one has steered the organisation into becoming “A Strong Club and A Good Club”.

Current membership is 345 and spans ages from ten to nearly one hundred. The club is the 6th largest in Queensland and the 19th largest in Australia. It conducts eleven in-club sessions per week three of which are Supervised as well as three on-line “Real Bridge” sessions. In addition, there are Game Development sessions on-line, and regular free courses for beginners. Sessions conducted by visiting, sometimes international, experts are held. The Club organises participation in the annual Grand National Open Teams (GNOT), QBA Interclub Teams, Australia Wide Novice, Restricted and Open annual events and the twice monthly Nationwide Pairs competition.

From the outset, KBC followed a principle of “no fear” bridge. It continues to connect its members socially and provides a healthy and supportive community for players in the western suburbs.

It is no secret that the greatest challenge facing the club is in providing a venue that is fit-to-purpose, functioning and comfortable. On-going negotiations with the Brisbane City Council continue (see more page 2). Along with the many other achievements of the past eleven years, this too shall come to pass and thereby usher in a new era for the club.

To celebrate the anniversary on 11 March, Graham Rusher cut the cake and led the players in tuneful singing.

*(with grateful acknowledgement to Anne Russell,
“History of Kenmore Bridge Club: Recognising 10 Years”).*



REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING 12 APRIL

The Committee

- Noted that the 2022 Gold Coast Congress had been a success despite running at a financial loss. The President observed that it was pleasing to see so many KBC members taking part, especially in the Novice and Rookie events.
- Established a sub-committee to consider ways to encourage more members to return to playing at the Club now that Covid restrictions have been eased.
- Resolved, following feedback from members, to aim to provide 30 boards at each session. The actual number of boards will be dependent on the number of players at each session. The Committee noted that sessions will finish slightly later as a result.
- Decided to install digital timers in each room.
- Endorsed an application for a grant to fund the purchase of new dealing machines and associated equipment.
- Agreed to obtain a quote for the cost of replacing the current ageing outdoor furniture.
- Agreed to explore the possibility of organising exchange visits with rural bridge clubs. Roma and Dalby clubs have expressed interest.
- Adopted a set of by-laws to complement the Club's Constitution.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Many members will have heard the recent ABC News report or seen this article on the ABC web site (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-04-13/mens-shed-seeks-answers-on-grant-brisbane-city-council/100967232?>) regarding the unhappiness of the Shed West men's shed over the reallocation of a Commonwealth Government grant to the Brisbane City Council. As most members would be aware, the grant that is the subject of this story is the same grant that has provided the impetus for the project to redevelop the site on Brookfield Road occupied by Kenmore Bridge Club, E-waste, and Shed West. It is hard to know how this story will unfold, and what effect it might have on the Council's approach to the redevelopment proposal. We will provide an update as soon as the situation becomes a bit clearer.

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL

Paul Mitchell was delighted to catch up with thirty KBC friends to celebrate his 90th birthday. Many more, who were unable to attend, sent their good wishes. While many of us have played bridge online with Paul during the past couple of years, this gathering just may have convinced him to return to the Club to play. We have noticed Paul back at the table in recent weeks. Welcome back Paul.



Paul with friends Chris Williams and Marge Eaton



CLUB TREASURER – JOHN BOSCI

Who would have thought that a casual conversation would lead to jointly rewriting KBC’s Constitution, making a random comment about fund raising would lead to having a committee position and to cap it off being elected as Treasurer.

An interesting process when all I started out to do was learn bridge. (Thank you Tim)

Anyway, we now have full electronic banking with Westpac. We have consolidated our Building fund investments and have become almost cashless in our operation. The Coupon system works extremely well and simplifies our weekly collections, now a relatively smooth process. As all would be aware, our grant application for new chairs was successful and finally we have taken delivery. Further grants will be sought as the need arises.

From my perspective, the more payments that can be made electronically the better, cash by notes is OK, and grudgingly, cheques if there is no alternative. It would be nice to not have coins to count and deposit but I recognise occasionally this may be unavoidable. Towards this end, I am investigating a cashless touch system for any member purchases such as coupons, membership fees, books, table fees etc. The pluses and minuses will be presented to the committee shortly for discussion.

My thanks to all club members for helping to simplify the treasurer’s job as much as possible.

CALL THE DIRECTORS *by Jenny Coyle*

SHHHH Discussing boards and results

Now this would be perfectly fine if we were in a room all by ourselves but . . . unfortunately at KBC this is not the case. There are several tables close-by in a room and all too often other players can hear pertinent bits of information without even trying to do so. Some of us have voices that seem to carry which doesn’t help the situation at all. So, please hold that analysis until the tea break or later. (Shhhh . . . let’s hope that later we’ll be able to remember the hand!).



Overdue but heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our board dealers
Chris Williams, Claire and Clem
Vanderloos

KNOW ANYONE UNDER 25 INTERESTED IN BRIDGE?

Invite them to the weekly Queensland youth bridge sessions. All players welcome from first timers to interstate representative.

Sundays 2:30pm – 5:00pm at Queensland Contract Bridge Club, 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba.

Contact Michael Gearing for more details.

0419 733 930 or michael.l.gearing@gmail.com

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Steve Childs
Regina Kiminster
Sue Kopelke
Mairwen Somers
Andrew Woodward
Marisa Woodward

Please be mindful of members with allergies if wearing perfume during face-to-face sessions. Use with discretion.

CONGRATULATIONS

Therese Tully with other team members Richard Ward, Jill McGee and Terry Strong won the Queensland Mixed Teams and with Richard Ward came 1st in Queensland Open Teams Trials

Kathy Males and her partner Michelle Radke on their selection as members of the 2022 Queensland Women's Pairs team.

Sue Calthrop and Stuart Stoddart
2nd in under 750mps QBA Rescue Congress
Fantastic result for a pair with a total of less than 50mps between them.

Jan Flanigan and Judy Wallace
2nd Toowong Novice Pairs



PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to those with new rankings:

March 2022

Life	Kathy Males
Bronze National	Warren Males
	Anne Russell
Bronze State	Mel Gilmore
State	Irene Allpass
	Lily Manlapig
	Judy Wallace
Regional	Clemens Vanderloos
Silver Local	Peter Neil
Graduate	Alex Daw
	Sandy Spies

UP-COMING EVENTS

April

23 Nationwide Pairs at KBC
26 Players Choice Charity Pairs

May

1 Qld Bridge Assoc. Novice Pairs <100
State event at Sunnybank Bridge
Club at 9:00am
7 Nationwide Pairs at Kenmore
21 Nationwide Pairs at Kenmore
**29 Aust-Wide Novice Pairs <100mps KBC
at 1:00pm**

Don't Miss These Opportunities!

THE LITTLE THINGS

Always gratifying to see those members who quietly help the club out with small jobs by tidying up before and after play. Thank you. Keep up the good work!

Easter Raffle Winner

Helen Hudson

**Happy Easter
Everyone**

Thank you all for your donations and support.

Vale

**Felicity (Flick)
Rich**

24 February 2022
Member since 2013
We shall miss her.

We welcome contributions or suggestions. Contact the Editors:

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