

From the President Graham Rusher

WOW what a busy two months we have had. Melbourne Cup, Queensland Wide Pairs, Annual Interclub competition, Xmas Party and Raffle, Melba Nicholas thankyou birthday celebration, Intermediate and Supervised session lessons, Teacher training sessions, minor grant application and continuing discussions with BCC on progressing our club house.

KBC members competed in the **Queensland Wide Pairs** event on Thursday 27th November with a great turnout of 15 tables. In the past KBC has been fortunate to have some of our members in the prize money. Soon we will know how successfully we have competed against 32 other Queensland Bridge Clubs.

Kenmore Christmas Party on Saturday 29th November was a highlight of the year. A very big thank you to our large team of helpers and organisers that made this event such a success.

The raffle of the magnificent gift by Marion Tomes of the beautiful hand-made quilt she created and the runner up prize of 3 bottles of fine wine kindly donated by Bonnie and Phil Goodridge was very successful – raising

\$1,080 for the Building Fund. The quilt was won by Sue Young and wine by Moya Dew. Thank you all for your support.

The **annual interclub bridge** was held at Arana Bridge Club this year and KBC presented teams in all 3 grades of players. Arana was the overall winner. KBC players enjoyed the experience and performed well. Our A grade team of Marge Eaton, Leslie Cheung, Tim Runting and Craig Francis came second in their grade.

We are very fortunate to have Alex Smirnov back again, a world ranked player, visiting from Germany. He and Andy Hung are a formidable pair in conducting seminars and workshops. The topic **“Improve your Competitive Bidding”** is being covered at the Kenmore Library Rooms starting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 16th December. Check out our KBC webpage or notice board for details on registration. I would encourage you to attend.

A big thank you to **Andy Hung** for his regular Monday intermediate play lessons which have just been completed for 2014. We look forward to having



Andy continue with this fine work in 2015.

As an experiment at recent **supervised morning sessions**, I covered lessons on planning before trick one is played based on Joan Butts’ *“Play Bridge 2 – A workbook for Help with Play”* for newer players. As an alternative for more experienced players at these sessions Therese Tully organised Team Play. This process will be reviewed in 2015.

Discussions are progressing with Brisbane City Council and if successful we will be looking for additional funds to build the club house. Shortly we will be approaching members, businesses and organisations with the aim of gaining future pledges of amounts to grow this fund.

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KBC will close over the festive season. Our last session will be Saturday 20th December and the first session in 2015 will be Monday 5th January.

On behalf of the KBC management committee we wish you **all the best in health and happiness over the festive season.**

Graham Rusher - President



Andy on Super Landy

In 2010, I was a part of the Australian U25 team that had competed in the White House Junior International tournament in Amsterdam, Netherlands. This was the first time that an Australian Junior Team has ever competed in a European event and certainly it was only made possible through the generous, helpful and the hard working people who have kindly donated their time and efforts in bringing our team half way across the world.

Although our results had a disappointing finish (we came 5th out of 24 teams), we did indeed accomplish two of our goals. The first was that we showed our competitors for the World Junior Championships that Australia is not a team to be messed around with (following that, we came 5th and 4th in the 2010 and 2012 World Junior Team Championships, respectively). The second goal was to meet new faces amongst the international junior community and seek to establish a connection with the European youth players – which we did successfully as everyone was very kind.

The participating Australian Junior Team was a five man team, consisted of Justin Howard, Michael Whibley, Adam and Nabil Edgton and myself.

On the last round of the Round Robin, one such deal came up which propelled us to invent a new convention: The Super Landy. This was the deal:

I was sitting South and heard West open 1NT (15-17). My partner bid 2♣, Landy, showing both majors. East passed and I gave preference with 2♥. West passed and my partner now bid the obvious 4♥.

The full auction:

Dir: W Vul: All	♠ K T 9 7 3 2 ♥ A K Q 7 6 2 ♦ - ♣ 9	♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 8 ♦ T 8 6 3 2 ♣ Q J T 5
♠ Q J ♥ T 5 4 ♦ A K J 7 ♣ A 4 3 2	♠ A 4 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ Q 9 5 4 ♣ K 8 7 6	

W	N	E	Andy
1NT	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♦A as I ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps with ♥AK, and went about to ruff a spade in my hand in order to establish the suit. On the ♠AK however, West's ♠QJ doubleton dropped which meant I could then draw the last trump and claim 12 tricks.

After we scored up, I asked my partner, “with 6-6 in the majors, were you a bit afraid that I could have passed out 2♣ with long clubs?” to which he immediately replied “yes!”

For example, if I had as little as ♠4 ♥J3 ♦8753 ♣QJT864, I would have passed out 2♣ where 4♥ rates to take ten tricks!

At that point, I jokingly said, “How about we jump to 4♣ as a Super Landy to show an extreme two-suiter in the majors? It's probably better to use the 4♣ bid rather than the 3♣ bid since we would have a hand with clubs that would bid 3♣ more frequently than 4♣.”

My partner laughed, and after a bit of thought, he said, “that actually sounds like a good idea! Let's lock it in!”

From then on, my partner and I have always had 4♣ “Super Landy” written on our convention cards. Up until now, the convention has come up once or twice. Certainly not the most utilised convention but when the rare hand type does come up, it can be great – and funny!

(Note: I do not recommend playing any conventions that only come once in a blue moon unless you and your partner can both remember it! Because when that blue moon does arise and one of you remembers and the other forgets, it could work out disastrously and it certainly would be a convention that wasn't worth playing to begin with!)

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In honour of **Melba Nicholas' 80th** birthday celebrations on Friday 14th November, Sue Young prepared two large Birthday Cakes – a very light moist Orange with Poppy Seeds Cake and a delicious Carrot Cake.

The cakes were a big Thank You for the regular afternoon teas prepared by Melba – an array of fruit cakes, pikelets and scones with jam and

cream, scrumptious cakes and slicesappreciated by all since the club's opening.

It was a lovely spread for a lovely lady. And we might just have to raffle Sue and Melba's secret recipes to raise money for the new club house!

Melbourne Cup Celebrations



Christmas Festivities



Kenmore Bridge Club
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Representing KBC in the Interclub Teams event at Arana Hills:
 Craig Francis, Leslie Kwo Cheung, Tim Runting, Mick Fawcett, Diane McClintock, Bill Szumidlo, Anne Russell, Margaret Mobbs, Paul Mitchell, Jenny Iliescu, Marge Eaton, Leanne Nugent



Graham Rusher, Anne Russell and Margaret Mobbs received certification in the ABF Teacher Training course run by Joan Butts

A big Welcome to new members:

Annette Gunn, Barbara Love, Jim Love & Rosemary Newsham

2014 Green Book corrections:

Peter Allingham 0413 274 666
 Roslyn Smith 0400 910 718

Future Events

Improve your Competitive Bidding with Alex Smirnov & Andy Hung
 Tuesday 16 December 2014 6.30PM
 Investment: \$25
 Sign up at the Club ASAP to enable your committee to organise this event at the Kenmore Library.



KBC Congress

Open & Novice Pairs

Sunday 25th January 2015

Open & Novice Teams

Monday 26 January 2015

Only 30 tables each day - register online now ... numbers are limited.

Please bring a plate of finger food.

If you are not playing, and wish to sign up to help, the catering department would appreciate your assistance.

Gold Coast Congress

21 - 28 February 2015

An amazing event - all welcome. Rub shoulders with Rookies <10 mps & International players. Come to support Theresa Tully and her team.

<http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/index.php>



Sunday September 13th 2015 –

Kenmore Novice (Rookies)

Pairs <50mps



Sunday December 13th 2015 –

QBA Teams of Three at Kenmore

Directors' Corner

Thank you from the apprentice directors for all the encouragement and support you have shown. Really appreciate people arriving in good time so we don't have to make last minute changes to the movement. Of course we need more practice at making rulings so please call us.

Terminology!!!!

Q: If you have **3 small, a stiff K, void and 9 solid ...** what are you holding in your hand?

A: **3 little spades
 Singleton King of Hearts
 No Diamonds
 AKQJxxxx**