



Kenmore Gum Leaf

Newsletter 13 December 2016

President's Message Anne Russell

As 2016 draws to a hot and festive close, Kenmore Bridge Club can reflect on another congenial year of playing bridge. Though still in our crowded 3-4 room venue we continue to enjoy the mental stimulation and friendship which bridge offers. Our new clubhouse building project continues to move along the official channels which feels like being on a slow roller-coaster.

The Christmas Lunch and Bridge was a delightful gathering - even though we needed to limit numbers with our space restrictions. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who made the day work - preparing food, setting up the venue at the beginning of the day and clearing up at the end of the day, as the dark storm clouds drew overhead. All hands were on deck to carry things to cars, return furniture to normal places and ensure the club rooms and men's shed were ready for a new week.

Recently announced ABF Honorary Teaching Fellows include our own Theresa Tully along with fellow Queenslanders Andy Hung and Joan Butts. Congratulations on this acknowledgement of outstanding professional teaching skills.

Congratulations to the four teams who represented KBC to become runners-up in the Interclub competition. Also to Theresa Tully and Richard Wallis who won the QBA Queensland Wide Pairs NS competition. Theresa and Richard were also in the semi-final of the Grand National Open Teams. Event. Their team was beaten by the eventual GNOT winners Sydney 2.

The ABF Summer Festival of Bridge donated entry for two KBC Novice pairs. Leanne Nugent, Jenny Iliescu, Susan Sharp and Andrew Sharp will represent us in the Novice Teams event in Canberra in January. We wish them well.

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas



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Table Talk

In the latest ABF Newsletter (November 2016 p.21) Kim Frazer reminds us of Bridge Etiquette involving Table Talk. This is particularly relevant in Kenmore Bridge Club's particularly crowded Bridge playing rooms as we sit cheek by jowl almost in the lap of players at the next table. When overhearing a post-mortem discussion, it should be reported to the director. The result is the board will not be played at your table - an enormous disadvantage as you cannot bid, play and win that board which may cost you winning an event.

"Sometimes" says Kim, "it is not even a conversation about why the pair failed to get to the right contract, but the entry of the scores in the Bridgemate which causes the problem. Player A says loudly "so that was 6H by north making 13, or Player B says "What was the score there? 4S one off?" GRRRRRR....."

Discussion about hands at the table is:

- Against the rules of bridge;
- Slows play (not so many boards played in a session)
- It damages other players when boards are cancelled due to an overheard conversation.
- Unreported conversations may be used to advantage and this is direct cheating.

Because bridge is played in a quiet environment, conversations can be easily overheard. On your personal record sheet make a note of boards you want to discuss with your partner and take time at the end of the day to go over those hands with your partner.

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Kenmore Club Teams Championship

The inaugural Kenmore Club Teams Championship was held on 2 October with 8 participating teams. The day was expertly directed by Julie Jeffries. The Rusher team won the day with 6 wins and 1 loss. The Webster team was second with 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses. The Dolphin team was third with 4 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses and the Russell team with 5 wins and 2 losses came in fourth.



Bill Szumidlo, Geoff Longshaw, Graham Rusher, Keith McDonald



Rick Webster, Jill Dunning, Sue Ziegenfuss, Neil Sadler



Peter Wilce, Peter Allingham, Debbie Gould, Jim Pope



Margaret Mobbs, Diane McClintock, Anne Russell, Mick Fawcett



Helen Standfast, Loraine King, Liz Marshall, Paul Mitchell



Jeanette Pearson, Fay Wells, Jan Deitch, Merrill Lance



Wendy Bristow, Tricia Dolphin, Barbara O'Connor, Barbara Starr-Nolan



Lyn Lodge, May Waddell, Kathy Males, Warren

Grand National Open Teams Zone Final

At the GNOT Zone Finals in October, KBC was represented by two teams: Bill Szumidlo, Geoff Longshaw, Graham Rusher with Keith McDonald and Anne Russell, Mel Gilmour, Margaret Mobbs with Diane McClintock. Your representatives held their own and ended 23rd and 28th from a field of 44 teams. However, we were well represented in the top two teams who moved on to the Grand National Queensland finals in November. Theresa Tully playing with Richard Wallis were in the winning Queensland team and Tim Runting, in the second team, all went through to the next round.



Melbourne Cup

Our Melbourne Cup gathering drew some great talent in the Millinery stakes with Ingrid Pritchard sporting the best overall headgear followed closely by Jocelyn Mackenzie's designer label winning the novelty award and most elegantly dressed to Marge Eaton. Special mention to Margaret Mobbs for her card inspired creation. The "media room" was packed as members watched the big race that not only stops the nation, but brings bridge to a grinding halt.



CHRISTMAS Party

Despite the heat-wave conditions we had a full house to celebrate another year of mental stimulation. We all charged our glasses with Pat Fennell's personally crafted non-alcoholic punch to celebrate the season. We will be asking for feedback on your preference for hot BBQ or cold chicken to accompany the salads.

Lorna, Greg and Ivy enjoying the Christmas cards

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Kenmore Congress at the end of January

Pairs: Saturday 28th Teams: Saturday 29th

As usual our Congress will be challenging, mentally stimulating and, of course, good fun.

Registrations are filling fast -- do enter our own event either online or take an entry form from the Club.

Margaret Mobbs and Loraine King are organising the catering. Providing food or help on either day will be gratefully appreciated. Sign up in January.

Coming Events

Sat 7 Jan Nationwide Pairs at KBC

Sun 8 Jan Gold Coast Teams

Jan 10 -22 Canberra Summer Festival

Sun 15 Jan QCBC Pairs (Open/Novice)

Sat 21 Jan Nationwide Pairs at KBC

Sun 22 Jan Northern Suburbs Teams

Sat 28 Jan Kenmore Congress Pairs

Sun 29 Jan Kenmore Congress Teams

Sat 4 Feb Nationwide Pairs at KBC

Sat/Sun 4,5 Feb QBA Senior Teams -
Sunshine Coast

Sun 5 Feb Toowoomba Novice Pairs

**Sun 12 Feb Kenmore Club Pairs come
and play for the trophy**

Sun 12 Feb Arana Teams

Sun 12 Feb Warwick Pairs

Sat 18 - 25 Feb Gold Coast Congress

Join the BrExit to the Gold Coast in February and enjoy the sun, surf and stimulating company at Australia's largest Bridge Congress.

Fear not! As Rookies with under 10mp play with other Rookies.

There are also competitions for under 50mp, under 100mp, under 300mp, etc. Significant numbers of KBC players have ventured into this congress, so register again this year. Show your support for the hard working Convenor of the Gold Coast Congress - Theresa Tully. She has actively included events designed especially for Rookies and Novices.

Membership fees are now due.

Home Club Membership fees have been raised by \$1.00 to reflect the increase in the QBA Levy to \$15.00pp. The ABF levy continues to be \$15.00. We have kept our KBC membership to \$25.00 (\$18.00 for members with a Centrelink number). 'Home' members pay the ABF and QBA levy at Kenmore in addition to the club's membership rate. Any ABF / QBA members from other clubs can pay Kenmore's membership to become 'Away' members. Of course any individual is welcome to come and play bridge at KBC at any time without being a member. Renewal notices will be available at the club until Saturday 17 December.

Welcome to our New Members - Enjoy your bridge

Richard Acutt

Gloria Newton

Denise Everingham

Lesley Spragg

Pamela Hartwell

Graeme Seaton

Perce Hartwell

Judy Seaton

Shirley McLeod

Brett Waring



Closures and Openings

- Christmas closure from Sunday 18 December to Sunday 1 January.
- Yes we will be open on Australia Day - Thursday 26 January.
- No regular duplicate bridge on Saturday 28 January when we have our KBC Congress at the Library

Happy Holidays

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