



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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President's Message



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President's Message December 2019

It is always daunting to take over a role in any committee and taking over as President is especially so. It was made much easier when I discovered the extent of the wonderful work done by all the members of the management committee on your behalf. This has been a busy year for Kenmore Bridge Club and for the committee in particular.

We have seen some very good initiatives that have been appreciated by the members. We are actively pursuing our aim of a new space for the club. Look out for the announcement, of the information meeting date, in the new year so you can be updated on progress by the Facilities Committee.

A club like ours is judged by how we encourage our members to be the best players they can be. The Monday Partnership Development teaching sessions, undertaken by Margaret Mobbs and Loraine King and their helpful assistants, are going from strength to strength and many in the club have improved their play as a result. Their Watch Chat Learn evenings are a very popular way for members to enjoy a glass of wine, improve their bridge and socialise.

Graham's mini lessons on Tuesday prior to the Super Novice session, have provided encouragement for players to learn and reinforce conventions. These players are rapidly developing their game strategies as they move on to play in the regular duplicate sessions.

Our club catering team of Jenny Millman and Sue Cheney have proved to be very capable as weekly provenders and event managers. Mick Fawcett has been processing entries for what looks like a very successful Graded Pairs and Teams

Event in January and Di McClintock is busy dealing with the annual membership renewals.

We welcome our new newsletter editor Pamela Hartwell and we thank her for her efforts. To ensure enough directors for all sessions David Douglas, Jan Flanigan, Andrew Sharp and myself are shadowing and training with our experienced directors. If you get us in a session please be patient.

Special thanks are due to Anne Russell for the time and on the ground support she provides to our club. We would also like to thank Beryl Wilson for a very successful fundraising effort with her meat and vegetable trays. This raised almost \$800.

Once again Steve Weil and TBIB Insurance have sponsored the printing costs for our membership booklet. We thank him and his company for their much appreciated, ongoing support of our club.

Congratulations are due to Tim Runting on his attaining the rank of Grand Master. Unis Suliman and Steve Parkes are to be congratulated for winning the East West Queensland Wide Pairs.

Our club thrives because the committee are ably assisted by other members from the club working together to give our members the best experience we can provide. I thank all of you for the work you have recently undertaken. It is much appreciated and we would not move forward as a club without your continued efforts. Please have a Very Merry and Safe Christmas and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Elizabeth Handley



Library



I am happy to give advice on borrowing, or take suggestions for books to add to our library. New books in January are: *Newcomer and intermediate players—25 Ways to Be a Better Defender* and *Defensive Play at Bridge – A Quiz*. Book by Seagram and Bird. *For intermediate players—Planning the Play-The Next Level*, a sequel to *Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand* by Seagram and Bird. (This was named Book of the Year in 2010 by American Bridge Teachers' Association). *Expert Hand Evaluation* by Augie Boehm. Written in a clear conversational style.

S Q6	
H 6542	
D AKQ52	
C 83	
S K72	S 8543
H QJ1097	H K8
D 4	D J103
C Q1082	C J954
S AJ109	
H A3	
D 9876	
C AK7	

Now for another of Dorothy Truscott's problems to ponder.

A Suspicious Case of Indigestion

Contract is 3NT by S and the lead is QH. You win the H continuation and play AK of diamonds. Both opponents follow. So what is the problem? 9 tricks should be easy.

Look again. The diamonds have an internal block. The 4th diamond is the problem. You would like to get rid of it. There is a story of a player slipped such a card away and then ate it in his ham sandwich! We can avoid the indigestion by cashing the AK of diamonds and leading a heart from dummy and discarding a diamond. The opposition don't have enough hearts to set the contract so you can regain the lead and cash the diamonds, making 9 tricks.

Happy Bridging Loraine



Gold Coast Congress Friday 21st - Saturday 29th February 2020

This Congress caters for every level of bridge player. So grab a partner for a pairs event or three for a teams event and go to the GCC website to find the Entry Form: www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc

Tim Runting, who provides so much encouragement to our Kenmore players, is the Convenor of this Congress. Should you need a partner or further information contact Tim gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au. Or talk with your KBC directors about the joys of playing in this event. *Early Bird rates end 10 February.*



The 2019 Kenmore Teams Championship saw six teams competing under Julie Jeffries capable directorship. Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Loraine King and Helen Standfast remained champions to the end with Craig Francis, Richard Wallis, Anne Russell and Margaret Mobbs runners up.



Julie Jeffries



Mick Fawcett, Helen Standfast, Loraine King, Lyn Tracey



Craig Francis, Margaret Mobbs, Anne Russell, Richard Wallis



Rick Webster, Yvonne Bouwman, Wendy Cuthbert, Robert Olander



Lyn Lodge, Jan Flanigan, Judy Wallace, Ruth Hoffensetz,



Jill Dunning, Suz Cheney, Paddy Taylor, Mel Gilmour

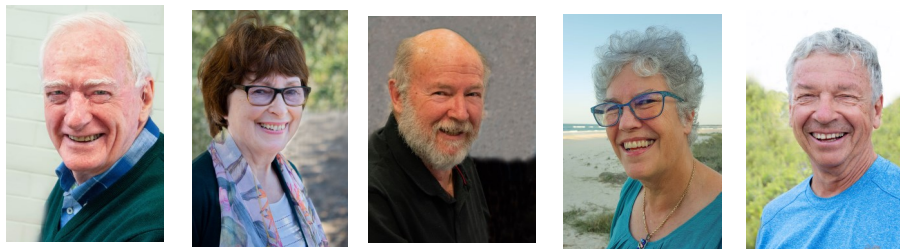


Chris Williams, May Waddell, Graham Rusher, Keith McDonald

Kenmore Bridge Club Committee



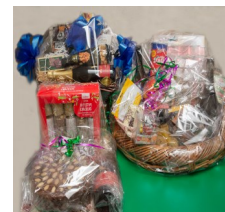
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ELIZABETH HANDLEY *President*
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LORAIN KING *Committee*
DAVID DOUGLAS *Committee*
ANNE RUSSELL *Committee*
ANDREW SHARP *Committee*

Christmas Lunch and Bridge

To celebrate the end of the year and Christmas, 60 members enjoyed a delicious chicken and salad lunch organized by Jenny Millman and Suz Cheney with their team of assistants. Sue Young created scrumptious rum balls for lunch and yummy moist Christmas cake for afternoon tea. Sue made a second Christmas cake for a raffle prize and also produced additional rum balls for sale raising \$180 for the Club. The winners of the Christmas raffle are: 1st prize: Edna Brown, 2nd prize: Sue Donovan, 3rd prize: Kerry Raymond. Thank you Janet Warby and Wendy Crombie for organising the raffle with donations from members to raise \$1080.



Kenmore Congress - At the Jindalee Bowls Club

Pairs: Sunday 26th January **Teams:** Monday 27th January **Congress Convenor:** Mick Fawcett

Enter online, or collect an entry form at the club

Be challenged, mentally stimulated, and, have fun when you play in our own Congress during the January long week-end. Registrations are filling fast and we love to see many Kenmore players. As the Congress is graded, you will be playing against players with similar masterpoints. Anne Russell is organising the catering - if you are playing, please bring sweet or savory nibbles. If you are not playing, please offer to help for a morning or afternoon or to assist with setting up and pulling down the venue and returning our Club to normal. Sign-up sheets will be at the Club in January.

Many hands will make for an efficient and productive event.

Interclub Competition



Ten local bridge clubs competed for the Interclub teams championship held at Northern Suburbs Bridge Club. Each club was invited to enter in four grades: Open, Under 400 mps, Under 100 mps and Under 10 mps. This year Northern Suburbs Bridge Club won the Marion Cooke Trophy. Representing Kenmore were:

A Grade: Craig Francis, Tim Runting, Graham Rusher, Keith McDonald

B Grade: Lyn Tracey, Diane McClintock, Anne Russell, Chris Williams

C Grade: Elizabeth Handley, Ken MacDougall, Ruth Hoffensetz, Irene Allpass

D Grade: Maria Miller, Douglas Johnstone, Howard Posner, Harriet Posner

Melbourne Cup Bridge & Lunch

A great day to celebrate with friends;
the race that stops a nation!



Bev D'Áquino & Cia Adermann selected as best of our show!



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We welcome your contribution to this Newsletter. Please send articles/tips/items to: hartwellp53@yahoo.com.au

Thank you for turning all the bells & whistles off during play.



Training Liaison



Partnership Development Sessions

The year is winding down. Many of us are running out of steam. Loraine however is powering on developing new sets of boards to launch in January. We have expanded the themes to include more on play of the hands in response to requests from members. Bid Plan Play 1 and 2 have been well received by those who have tried them out and number 3 is in the pipeline. Our last session for the year was on Dec 9th and we will recommence in February.

Testimonials

- ◆ *The partnership development sessions are very well designed and delivered. Boards are used to allow participants to progressively build knowledge. A brilliant initiative that is worth supporting.* Leon Carrall
- ◆ *We encourage you to come to a lesson or two and you will be surprised at what you can get out of it.* Roxanne and Lesley

Thanks to all who have attended (keeps you motivated), to those who have donated their spare packs of cards and to the committee for letting us do it our way! And most of all, a million thanks to the coaches throughout the year.

Mini Lessons

These continue on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:00 (when there are no beginner lessons). Thank you Graham. This morning I walked in to supervised play to find Therese is doing a mini lesson before the supervised session. Thank you Therese.

Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you enjoying and developing your bridge in 2020.

Up-coming Events

December

Sat 21 Nationwide Pairs -KBC

January

Sun 5 Gold Coast Teams

Sat 11 Nationwide Pairs -KBC

Sun 12 QBC Open & Novice Pairs

Sun 19 Northern Suburbs Teams

Sun 26 KBC Graded Pairs

Mon 27 KBC Graded Teams

Mon 27 NO SESSIONS AT KBC

February

Sat 1 Senior Teams - Sun Coast

Sun 2 QBA Senior Teams - Sun Coast
 Toowong Pairs

Toowoomba Novice Pairs

Sat 8 Nationwide Pairs -KBC

Sat 8-Sun 9 Open Selection Trials

Sun 16 KBC Pairs Championship

Sun 16 Arana Teams

Fri 21—Sat 29 Gold Coast Congress

Welcome our New Members

- Gail Abell
- Sue Calthrop
- Dale Lehner
- Sue Ledlie
- Helen Meehan
- Sandra Murray
- Roland Rivalland
- Rosie Spencer
- Stuart Stoddart
- Catherine Thorburn
- Jeff White
- Colin Wynn

Annual Membership

All members should have received their annual membership renewal notice in November. Prompt payment greatly appreciated.

New Members Book available in clubhouse.



Bridge Lessons at KBC - A great Christmas present for your friends and family. New players commence on Tuesday morning 4th February and Wednesday evening 5th February. Lessons are free and the cost of the resources is \$40. See the **KBC Website – Lessons** for additional information or take a flyer from the Club.

OPEN FORUM FOR NEW CLUBHOUSE

It has been a while since an open meeting has been held to discuss progress and the future of our new clubhouse. The Facilities Committee is therefore planning an information meeting sometime during the first quarter of next year. The date will be announced when a suitable venue is booked.

Bridge at KBC over Christmas

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28
KBC Closed	Christmas Eve 9.00 Sue Super Novice 1pm Closed	Christmas Day KBC Closed	1pm Margaret	9.15 Andrew	1pm Margaret
30	31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4
KBC Closed	New Year's Eve 9.00 Sue Super Novice 1pm David	New Year's Day KBC Closed	9am Mel 1pm Anne	9.15 Mel	1pm Anne