

From the President Graham Rusher

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2015 started with a bang with our Annual Congress held over the Australia Day Weekend. Accolades continue to pour in on the success of the event with non-KBC players reflecting on the wonderful atmosphere that KBC creates. Enthusiastic helpers with broad smiles and cakes and savouries of a very high standard were continuously available during the 2 day event. Thirty prizes were raffled each day thanks to the great support of our club members and local businesses.

I would like to thank all our members who helped make this event the great success it was... too many to be listed, but they know who they are and I thank them triple fold. Special thanks to Tim Runting, the convener, Anne Russell, Margaret Mobbs and Pat Fennell for their organisation skills and the director, Chris Snook. In a nutshell, it was a fantastic, professionally-run congress with the warmth of "country" hospitality. At the end of last year, Kenmore members participated in the QBA Teams of 3 Event run at QCBC – 11 of the 26 teams were from our club. KBC members were 3rd in the

A Grade and 1st and 3rd in the B Grade. KBC will host this event at the end of 2015 at the Kenmore Library Rooms.

The next important event is the Gold Coast Congress held at the Convention Centre at Broadbeach in the last week of February. KBC will be closed during this week (21st to 28th) as our directors, teachers, many of our players, tables and bridgemates will be at the Gold Coast. The event has sessions that cater for all levels of players from beginners to experts and over 2,000 bridge players from around Australia and Overseas are expected.

I would encourage you to enter at least one event on the Gold Coast, as it is a memorable experience. Discussions are progressing with the Brisbane City Council and, if successful, we will be looking for additional funds to build the club house to supplement grants from Federal, State and Local Government. Soon we will be approaching members, businesses and organisations with the aim of gaining future pledges of amounts to grow this fund.

Wishing you all the very best in Bridge for 2015.



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KBC Congress Winners

Pairs Open Championship

- 1 ALISON DAWSON / JOHN KELLY
- 2 CAROLYN WOOLLEY / MARGARET MILLAR
- 3 MURRAY PERRIN / TIM RUNTING

Plate

- 1 ROBYN CLARK / BRIGID MARLAND
- 2 MELBA NICHOLAS / PAUL MITCHELL
- 3 NEIL STRUTTON / HELEN CHAMBERLIN

Pairs Novice Championship

- 1 NARELLE MCIVER / ANNETTE SCOTT
- 2 KERRIE HAYES / STEPHEN PRICE
- 3 TONY BOWMAKER / KYLE GILCHRIST

Highest Placed Rookie Pair

STEVEN PARKES / PETER TAYLOR

Teams Open Championship

- 1 TONY JACKMAN, META GOODMAN, ROBYN CLAYTON, ALAN SMITH
- 2 DAVID LEHMANN, BERT LUCHJENBROERS, JOHN SCRIVENS, JOAN MILLS
- 3 CRAIG FRANCIS, TIM RUNTING, ALISON DAWSON, JOHN KELLY

Category B

- 1 HELEN CHAMBERLIN, NEIL STRUTTON, ROSS MURTAGH, BARBARA KENT
- 2 ANNE GRIFFIN, VICKI FOOTS, JIM TAYLOR, CORA TAYLOR
- 3 TREVOR DWERRYHOUSE, NORIKO NISHIGAMI, LOUISA KWOK, ANDREW CHAN

Teams Novice Championship

- 1 TONY BOWMAKER, KYLE GILCHRIST, FAY JEPPESEN, JILL HANLEY
- 2 MICK FAWCETT, BILL SZUMIDLO, LYN TRACEY, RENUKA MAHADEVAN
- 3 ALLAN BYRNES, UNIS SULIMAN, STEVEN PARKES, PETER TAYLOR - Also the highest placed Rookies

Kenmore Gum Leaf



James O'Sullivan Rankings

by Paul Mitchell

James O'Sullivan was a major force in the development of national and international bridge administration in the 1970's and 1980's .

He was born in Victoria and came to Queensland to study economics. He was a brilliant student who matriculated at fourteen which was too young to enter the Melbourne University but was admitted in Queensland. He left in his final year to join the navy and after the war he joined his uncle's well known printing and stationery business Jackson and O'Sullivan where he eventually became Managing Director.

James O'Sullivan began playing bridge in 1961 and helped form the Queensland Contract Bridge Club. He was a member of the Council of the Queensland Bridge Association from 1967 to 1971 and was the Queensland representative on the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) becoming president in 1972, a position which he held until his death in 1982 .

Some years ago, in honour of James O'Sullivan, the Queensland Bridge Association instituted the James O'Sullivan award for master point achievement during each calendar year for every ABF ranking .

In 2014 Kenmore home club members featured in the top ten Queensland rankings in eight of the nineteen ranks as listed below:

All ranks (Silver Grand and above)	Therese Tully	3rd
Silver Life	Peter Evans	8th
Bronze Life	Tim Runting	5th
National	Paul Mitchell	5th
Regional	Anne Russell	5th
Local **	Bill Szumidlo	4th
Local *	Diane Mc Clintock	5th
Local *	Jenny Iliescu	9th
Local	Lyn Tracey	2nd
Local	Leanne Nugent	6th

Andy Hung Intermediate Bridge Lessons



9/2/15	Improve your declarer play (with a focus on positional finesses)
16/2/15	Things you need to know about duplicate pairs (good preparation for Gold Coast!)
23/2/15	BREAK – Gold Coast Congress
2/3/15	Defence: Diagnosing Active/Passive defence, and recap on Signalling
9/3/15	Improve your defensive play (with a focus on trick one play)
16/3/15	Defence: Play in 3rd Position Part 1
23/3/15	Defence: Play in 3rd Position Part 2
30/3/15	Improve your declarer and defensive play (gathering information from the auction)
Mondays 1.00 - 3.30pm Cost: \$15 per session. Individuals are more than welcome	

Kenmore Open & Novice Congress by Mick Fawcett

There was an encouraging number of rookies and novice player entries in this years congress on the Australia Day weekend which provided excellent pairs and teams events. The winners of the Sunday pairs were Narelle McIver and Annette Scott who steadily moved up the placings throughout the day, just edging out Kerrie Hayes and Stephen Price who had been hovering around the top spots all afternoon. On Australia Day, the teams event saw the Bowmaker team win convincingly with the Fawcett team second, and an excellent result for rookie players of the Byrnes team who came in third.

BD: 5	♠9763	Dir: N				
	♥3	Vul: N-S				
	♦AKT7					
	♣KQ85					
♠AK8		♠Q				
♥KQJT975		♥				
♦82		♦Q96543				
♣A		♣JT9732				
	♠JT542					
	♥A8642					
	♦J					
	♣64					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	
N	-	-	-	2	-	12
S	-	-	-	2	-	17 5
E	1	2	4	-	2	6
W	1	2	4	-	2	

In the morning session of the teams, board 5 was a talking point. After an opening bid from North followed by a pass from East and 1S from South, West jumped to 4H with having solid hearts and only 4 losers. Passes then followed to South who doubled for penalties but one fearless novice player sat West, Helen Bougoure of the Wood team, bid a re-double achieving 10 tricks and a top board! Well done Helen!

The Kenmore congress has always been a popular event with its community spirit and friendly atmosphere while providing a great competition. It is also perfect for rookie and novice players preparing for the Gold Coast Congress, see you there!



Concentration reigns supreme during the Congress



Bill Szumidlo, Mick Fawcett, Renuka Mahadevan, Lyn Tracey



KBC members and the local community donated generously to the raffle - raising \$600 for the club.



Margaret Mobbs and the volunteers take timeout in the corridor!

Chris Snook was our Director extraordinaire!



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Teams of Three at QCBC in December

B Grade winning team
Elizabeth Handley,
Helen Bougoure, Val
Roland (Expert mentor)
and Barbara Bright

Gold Coast Congress

21 - 28 February 2015

[www.qldbridge.com/gcc/
index.php](http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/index.php)



Stop Press!

Early bird entries by Saturday 7
February

Choose from pairs, teams, open,
seniors, restricted, novice and es-
pecially designed Rookies (less than
10mp) - so many different sections.

Theresa Tully is the Congress
Convenor and welcomes your
queries or requests for partners -
phone: 0409 870 324

Come and be part of Australia's
largest Bridge Congress on
the beautiful Gold Coast.

Welcome to new members:

Peter Bray
Debbie Gould
Carole Mead-Duus
Jan McRobbie
Ros Smith
Stephen Stening
Jackie Tozer

2014 Green Book corrections:

Barbara and Jim Love 041 131 835



*It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you.
Try also for some that belong to the opponents.*
- Alfred Sheinwold



*Investing in a market where people believe in efficiency
is like playing bridge with someone who has been told it
doesn't do any good to look at the cards.*
- Warren Buffett

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or drop off at the bridge club by 20 March for the April **Kenmore Gum Leaf**.