

President's Message

It was with pleasure that I presented a certificate for the **QBA James O'Sullivan Award** to **Paul Mitchell**, for the most Master-points gained during 2018 in the National Masters category of ABF Masterpoints. Congratulations Paul.

Christmas holidays and New Year's Day opening provided the opportunity for 122 players to enjoy a game of bridge and social interaction. Thanks to Mel Gilmour, Margaret Mobbs, Richard Wallis and Sue Noble for enabling the club to keep open at this time. We will again be open during the Easter Holidays.

Running a Congress is a major undertaking, and made 100% more challenging when it is held at an off-site venue. With the Kenmore Library being too small, we moved our annual **KBC pairs and teams Congresses** to Jindalee Bowls Club where we were able to fit an extra 12 tables. Mick Fawcett again effectively convened the congress – an amazing amount of work and two full-on days attending to the needs of players – an awesome job thank you Mick. Only a club with dedicated members is able to pull off such an event successfully. Thank you to those members (and their family) who assisted to set up the venue, and, at the end, rearranged the Bowls Club to normal and reconstructed everything at our Club. Also everyone who volunteered their non-playing time supplying food to make this a positive experience for the 336 players. The players appreciated the effort behind the event.

Margaret Mobbs' **Partnership Development program** over two Monday afternoons has been acclaimed by participants. Each afternoon, with 6 pairs focussed on a specific aspect of bidding or playing, under the coaching of our expert members Marge Eaton, Loraine King and Helen Standfast. Members have requested this program be continued – so sign up with a regular partner to enhance your game.

As usual your **Facilities Committee** members have been active.



They visited Cr Kate Richards, Cr Peter Matic and Cr Julian Simmons (who is running for Federal Seat of Ryan). Julian offered to visit the Club, however cancelled. Instead,

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Andrew Sharp spoke with the 64 members about the current state of play in our push for appropriate accommodation to play Bridge. Margaret videoed his talk and a link is provided with your personal email accompanying this Newsletter. We continue to work closely with Monique of eWaste Connection to explore how the current site occupants can overcome our constricted spaces.

The **Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme** has awarded us a grant of \$3,000 to match \$3,000 we put towards the purchase of equipment, storage and furniture. We are obtaining quotes for Time clocks leading to wall mounted monitors... It becomes expensive to set up just for timers, so we will provide monitors to display results at the end of the session and have the potential to Skype in someone like Andy Hung to do a lesson through multiple rooms.

Maintenance of the current building has also been on our agenda. The Churches of Christ manage the site and have been quibbling over repairing the waterfall which occurs between the kitchen door and the coffee/tea under cover area. They obviously do not join us for a coffee/tea break under the shelter roof radiating 50 degree heat. Nor do they experience hours of time in rooms which need a good coat of paint. However, they promise to fix the toilet lock.

I appreciate the **initiative Club members** take to put Rosemary, herbs, tissues and hand sanitisation in the toilet area. Sandra takes the tea towels home to wash while Cherie and Ruth frequently wash

the table cloths and Les delivers milk. Directors appreciate members assisting to empty the dishwasher, put out cups, biscuits, etc. and, at the end of the game, throwing out bidding slips and leaving the table tidy for the next session. Such touches show respect for members – this is what makes our club a companionable place to spend time. *Anne Russell*

KBC Sessions during the Gold Coast Congress in February

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23
6.45pm Margaret	9.00 Super-Novice & 9.00 lesson Cancelled today only 1pm Leslie	9.15 Supervised Cancelled today only 1pm Leslie 7pm all sessions cancelled tonight only	9am Social Bridge – no bridgemates come and enjoy!!! With Paul 1pm Leslie 6.45pm cancelled tonight only	9.15 Leslie	1pm Leslie

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KBC Congresses at Jindalee Bowls Club



We moved to Jindalee Bowls Club for our Pairs and Teams Congresses. In doing so, we were able to accommodate an extra 48 players. Enormous thanks to Mick Fawcett who masterminded the Congresses and was on the floor assisting both days. Chris Snook was our splendid director and ably supported by David O’Gorman (two directors are required for this number of tables). Chris Williams, Clem and Claire Vanderloos dealt cards for days prior to the Congress.

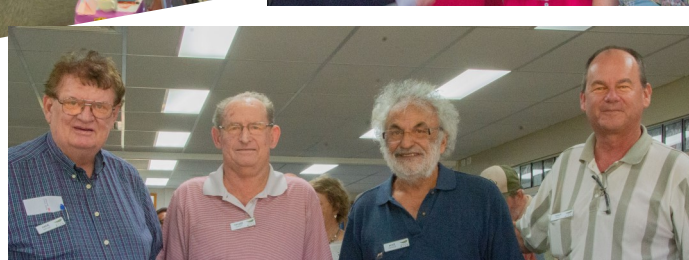
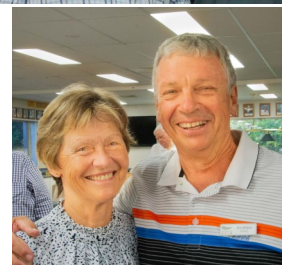
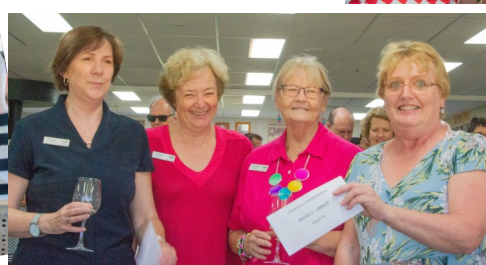


A team of people helped Mick with the set-up, pull-down and re-setting at KBC as well as collecting and returning tables from QBA. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand and particularly to John Bosci, Judy Bridgeman, Ray Bruce, Graeme Seaton,



Andrew and Susan Sharp, Clem Vanderloos, especially Margaret Mobbs and her sons Daniel and Geoff who carted a trailer load to and from the Bowls club, and alone reset our club to normal.

Jackie Tozer took on the Catering role and was assisted by valued Club members: Carole Bloomer, Jan Deitch, Pat Fennell, Eliza Hemphill, Julie Lang, Margaret Loader, Linda Neil, Jill Rankine, Shobba Rawal, Christine Smith, Ros Smith, Bev Ware, Anne Watson, Judy Werner and Sue Young. Thank you to all the members who brought food which was appreciated by all players and items for Suz Cheney to make raffles which raised \$830.



Pairs	Teams
A Grade 1 Tony Hutton & Neville Francis 2 Geoffrey Toon & Ewa Kowalczyk 3 Terry O’Dempsey & Aijun Yang	A Grade 1 Richard Wallis, Terry Strong, Neville Francis & Tony Hutton 2 Murry Perrin, Carolyn Woolley, Chris Woolley & Alison Dawson 3 John Gough, Pam Schoen, Phil Hale & Larry Moses
B Grade 1 Unis Suliman & Steven Parkes 2 Diane McClintock & Margaret Mobbs 3 Richard Spelman & Janet Price	B Grade 1 Arne Jonsberg, Graham Baker, Chris Larter & John Lahey 2 Lyn Tracey, Sameer Pandya, Janet Price & Richard Spelman 3 Ross Murtagh, Barbara Kent, Margie Knox & Carmel Wikman
C Grade 1 Arvind Bhasin & Prasad Nettur 2 Andrew Sharp & Susan Sharp 3 Jill Dunning & Sue Ziegenfuss	C Grade 1 Sumant Handa, Eugene Pereira, Voyko Markovic & Vesna Markovic 2 Unis Suliman, Peter Taylor, Allan Byrnes & Steven Parkes 3 Margaret Mobbs, Diane McClintock, Jenny Iliescu & Leanne Nugent



Partnership Development Sessions given the Green Light

Following two successful pilot sessions your committee has approved ongoing sessions. Thanks to our wonderful coaches all participants want to return for more.

The sessions will be offered on Mondays from 4th March. You will need to book in as a pair for a spot at a table for a specific date, time and topic. Current topics are Signals, Basics plus (a mixed bag of bits and pieces), focus on Bergen Raises and focus on Slam bidding. Obviously, if you have done one of these during the pilot, you will choose a different topic. We are happy to hear of topics for the future e.g. on Doubling, Jacoby 2NT, and Cue raises so if you are interested put your name on the interested list on the training notice board and make suggestions.

These sessions will not be included in the announcements so please check the training notice board regularly. We include a little ethics and etiquette corner as per member requests.

Also feel free to chat with Margaret when she has her pink book handy or email her on margaretmobbs@bigpond.com



KBC Pairs Championship



Twenty pairs vied for the kudos to have their names engraved on the KBC Champion Pairs Trophy. The morning battle was won by Margaret Mobbs and Diane McClintock and the afternoon battle by Steve Parkes and Unis Suliman. However, the overall consistency of Graham Rusher and Leslie Cheung saw this pair the winners of the Championship. Margaret and Diane second with Geoff Longshaw and Bill Szumidlo third.



Trevor Strickland brought his inimitable friendly, light-hearted and professional talents to direct the competition. At the end of the day he donated his fee to *UNICEF – Help Children in Yemen*. We, and those treasured children, thank you.

Thanks to Sue Noble for organising the celebratory nibbles to bring a fitting conclusion to the day.



Library Corner

Here is a problem from Dorothy Truscott's book, *Winning Declarer Play*

	♠ K ♥ 653 ♦ J92 ♣ 876432	
♠ QJ1095 ♥ 874 ♦ 53 ♣ Q109	You	♠ 762 ♥ QJ102 ♦ K876 ♣ K5
	♠ A843 ♥ AK9 ♦ AQ104 ♣ AJ	

The Curse of Scotland

3NT S and the opening lead is Spade Q and the K wins the first trick. Which card should be lead from dummy at trick 2 and why?

Answer: there are 9 tricks if the KD is on side. Since dummy has no more entries you have to finesse now and the card to lead is the diamond nine. If you begin with the J, it holds as does the next diamond to the 10 but there is no way back to finesse again and the contract will fail. It does no good to drop the 10 under the J in the first round. When you continue with the 9, East will cover with the K and promote the 8! Life is easy if you begin with 9.

There is a legend that the Duke of Cumberland, son of George 11, wrote the order for the massacre at the battle of Culloden (1746) on the back of the nine of diamonds. The curse of Scotland.



Happy Bridging- Loraine (King)

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I'm Alex, just a walk-in and have arrived 15 minutes before the session starts ...OK for a game?

No I have not had lessons, but it looks easy enough. I learn by watching and best of all I will learn through the mistakes I make.

I hear everyone saying: "I should have" That's how I learn.

Upcoming Events

February

Sat 16 NWP @ KBC

Fri 15 - Sat 23 Gold Coast Congress
 March

Sat 2 NWP @ KBC

Sat 2 Mar NWP @ KBC

Mon 4 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Wed 6 Mar 1pm @KBC Autumn Pairs

Fri 8 Mar @KBC Birthday Pairs

Sat/Sun 9/10 QBA Mixed teams -Noosa

Sun 10 Toowong Novice Pairs

Tue 12 Mar @KBC Autumn Pairs

Thu 14 Mar 9am & 1pm @KBC Autumn Prs

Sat 16 NWP @ KBC

Sun 24 Sunshine Coast Teams

April

Sat 6 NWP @ KBC

Sat 6 Paradise Novice Pairs

Sat/Sun 6/7 Womens/Senior Selection Trials

Sun 7 Redland Novice & Restricted Teams

Sun 7 Toowoomba Pairs

Sat/Sun 13/14 Womens/Senior Selection Trials

Sat/Sun 13/14 Gympie Pairs & Teams

Sat 20 NWP @ KBC

Sun 21 BBC Pairs

Bring your friends to the Gold Coast On Monday 18 February the Oasis Shopping Centre

10.30—11.30 Free Fashion Show and morning tea ... **Change Alley** first floor - take escalators next to Woolies... See fabulous model Jill Dunning

6pm - 9.15 is the **Trivia Night** (\$10pp & \$25 for dinner) at the Beachside Pavilion. Must make a reservation.

Do you know there is an amazing **program for spouses** - bridge widows?

Contact Sue Ziegenfuss 0424830158 or gchospitality@qldbridge.com.au



Partnership Development Session in action with Loraine



Marion, Andrew, David and Ellen enjoying their bridge game.



It really is hot under that roof

Welcome New & Returning Members

Ilva Copley
 Wendy Cuthbert
 June Flanagan
 Clary Harridge
 Trish Hart
 Richard Hemphill
 Heather Joyce
 Prasad Nettur
 Marion O'Malley
 Elsa Strasser
 Julianne Unsworth-Smith
 Margaret Willsford



Congratulations to Therese Tully (with Richard Ward) and Warren Males (with Deanne Gaskill) for first and second in the Toowong Imp Pairs Competition. Fantastic



Easter - KBC will be open for all sessions over Easter including 19 April Good Friday (9.15am), Saturday (1.00pm) and 22 April Easter Monday (6.45pm)

Contributions Welcome Please email or deliver your contributions to the Newsletter Editor Jenny Iliescu j_iliescu@hotmail.com by Monday 8th April for the next **Kenmore Gum Leaf**