



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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Incoming President's Reflections

Anne Russell

It is indeed a privilege to become president of Kenmore Bridge Club. I really enjoy the camaraderie between members and the way each person takes it upon him/herself to ensure the club is a vibrant and well run community environment where friends enjoy playing bridge in a stress-free atmosphere.

Your volunteer committee give so much time to ensure the detailed running behind the scenes is efficient and in place... for example, **Pat Fennell** keeping us on track as secretary, **Kathy Males** ensuring the books balance, **Tim Runting** guaranteeing the cards are dealt with challenging hands, **Bill Szmudilo** managing membership and masterpoints, **Tim Runting** and **Mick Fawcett** convening our community bridge events, **Suz Cheney** raising funds and submitting grants for us and **Andrew Sharp** organising education programs. **Graham Rusher & Leslie Cheung** both direct several sessions each week and with **Bruce Williams** provide essential support for Management Committee operations.

Beyond the committee the following people expend additional time on behalf of the bridge community:

Marge Eaton fields phone calls from players who would like to organise a partner and welcomes people who arrive at the club for the first time.

Rick Webster counts the weekly session takings and does the banking. When on holidays he is backed up by **Bruce Williams**.

Margaret Mobbs is a bridge director and ensures the donated books are organised with dead wood leaving the collection after a few languid months. She is also instrumental in overseeing catering for our events.

Leanne Nugent produces the Kenmore Gum Leaf newsletter every two months – usually shortly after the Committee meeting.

Mel Gilmour is a bridge director and manages our website.

Richard Wallis is a bridge director in supervised play sessions and often fills in for directors who are on holiday.

Theresa Tully provides her time to teach and support new players during Wednesday morning and evening supervised sessions.

Len Pink and **Paul Mitchell** support players during the morning supervised sessions.

The players also empty the dishwasher, fill the biscuit containers, put out payment slips, and sharpen pencils ... all little jobs which need to be done and are noticed by players and directors.



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I so appreciate not having rules about who has to return the boards and Bridgemates, close windows, and leave the tables set ready for the next session, etc. Players understand what being a member of their own club means and naturally embrace these tasks.

The **Australia-Wide Open Pairs** was held on a Monday afternoon and in the final results, our top pair came 98th out of 1,610 pairs across Australia. The same pair was 11th last year!!

The **Kenmore Novice (Rookies)** event was a wonderful success. Players from around the Brisbane area came to play for the day. Congratulations to the winners – several of whom were KBC members. Thank you to everyone who brought delicious food and to those who played. Taking car loads of bridge tables and 'stuff' from the Clubhouse to the Library, setting up and at the end reversing the process required many volunteers.

In August the **AGM** proceeded as anticipated with a good number of members attending and voicing their support for the Club and thanking Graham Rusher for his time as president.

Our **Clubhouse concept** is progressing in the background and we will keep you informed. Andrew Sharp is heading a committee of Jim Bakker, Suz Cheney and myself to focus on developing a new Clubhouse.

Enjoy your friends and playing bridge

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President's report for the AGM on 24th August 2016

Welcome to the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Kenmore Bridge Club Inc.

KBC is a not-for-profit, volunteer, community based organisation for the wider Kenmore community that we serve.



Our achievements include:

- ◇ KBC Development Application with Council is moving ahead satisfactorily with Council providing the first step in Acceptance to build a community facility to house our Bridge Club at 43 Pullenvale Road.
- ◇ Continued catering for the strong growth in demand for a bridge club in our area with membership reaching over 420. More sessions created to meet demand and relieve accommodation pressures.
- ◇ Continued with regular training lessons and workshops – beginners' lessons, supervised sessions, rookie and intermediate focused training workshops, plus renowned experts conducting workshops.
- ◇ Continued to keep our members informed of club activities through regular announcements at sessions and printed in our bimonthly newsletter "Kenmore Gum Leaf".
- ◇ Continued and implemented new major competitions. KBC's annual 'Australia Day' Weekend congress continued as our flagship congress. Ran Rookie and Novice Pairs events including the well supported Teams of 3. Introduced annual Club Pairs and Club Teams Championships, and GNOT heat event.
- ◇ Advanced the recognition of KBC in the wider bridge community, and further, winning the annual interclub competition trophy which is proudly displayed in the club.
- ◇ Setting up the Library for lending bridge books which will be opened shortly for members.
- ◇ Continued financial support to Neuroscience Research Australia that leads research into aging and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Special thanks:

I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing Committee for their enormous efforts throughout the past year, which supported another very successful year and provided future directions for the club.

Special thanks also to our members whose generosity, assistance and enthusiasm contribute to our ongoing success in making playing bridge an enjoyable experience for all.

During the year we welcomed separate visits by Federal member for Ryan, Jane Prentice MP; State member for Moggill, Dr Christian Rowan MP; and BCC Councillor for Pullenvale Ward, Cr Kate Richards. Club members warmly appreciated these visits to see our club in action and observe the real need for new premises.

Vale:

We mourn the passing of our members - Bill Bouwman, Helen Conroy, Peter Royle and Chris Turvey.

Future:

We look forward to the opportunity of turning the key to open our new clubhouse in the not too distant future.

I have enjoyed my contribution as President over the past two years and join you in supporting Anne Russell as the new President. I will continue on the Committee with a focus on moving into our new club house.

I am proud to say that KBC continues to provide an exciting environment and meeting place for players at all levels of skill to play and catch-up with friends. The camaraderie shown by our players is wonderful to behold.

Graham Rusher

President,

Kenmore Bridge Club Inc.

24 August 2016

The Kenmore Novice (Rookies) > 50 mp event on 11 September was a wonderful success.

Of the 72 players, 46 play regularly at KBC. Thanks to Tim Runting for convening the event and ensuring the entrants were kept informed. Thanks also to Margaret Mobbs for organising and managing the catering team... and to Mick Fawcett, Bruce Finlayson, Graham Rusher, Phil Goodridge, Prue Dick, Christa Steinmuller, Jan Deitch, Diane McClintock, Peter Bouwman, Frank Dyer and Wendy Gay for their tremendous support in ensuring the event ran smoothly. Playing Club members as well as non-playing members delivered a magnificent amount of grazing food. Some members gave a donation towards the food as they were unable to bring food during the day – this amounted to \$50. KBC is a vibrant club with about a quarter of the membership directly supporting this event in some way.



Jan Deitch catering assistant



Winners Keith Cohen and David Le Good



Catering crew Margaret Mobbs, Prue Dick, Christa Steinmuller take a break



Sue Ziegenfuss and Jill Dunning came in very close as third place winners

The under 10mp Rookie winners were Geeta and Arvind Bhasin



Situations Vacant Get in early to avoid the stampede

Card Dealing Manager

We are looking for a reliable person to spend approximately 3 hours per week organising the computer generated hands and using the dealing machine to prepare cards and hand records for our weekly sessions. You will need sufficient space for 36 boxes of boards, a small table or bench in a secure area. The cards, boards, boxes, dealing machine and computer are all provided by the club. An ideal space would be the back of your locked garage for ease of transportation.

For more information and expression of interest please contact Tim Runting info@kenmore.bridgeaustralia.org or a/h 3378 5125

Your Committee Members for 2017

President: Anne Russell
Vice President: Mick Fawcett
Secretary: Pat Fennell
Treasurer: Kathy Males
Membership: Bill Szumidlo
Committee: Sue Cheney Leslie Cheung
Graham Rusher, Tim Runting
Andrew Sharp, Bruce Williams

New Supervised Session

9.15–12noon Tuesday mornings will provide another opportunity to improve your bridge in a no-fear duplicate session with Graham Rusher & colleagues.

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Welcome to our New Members

Greg D'Arcy
Marlene Hickey
Roxanne Kennedy

Coming Events

Sat 1 Oct Nationwide Pairs @KBC
Sun 2 Oct Kenmore Club Teams
Sat-Sun-Mon 1-3 Oct Toowoomba Pairs & Teams
Sat-Sun 15-16 Oct QBA Open Pairs
Sat 15 Oct Nationwide Pairs @KBC
Sun 16 Oct Gympie Teams
Sat 22 Oct Surfers Paradise Teams
Sun 30 October QCBC Open/Novice Teams
Tues 1 Nov Melb Cup bridge & lunch
Sat 5 Nov Nationwide Pairs @KBC
Sat-Sun 5-6 Nov Northern Suburbs Pairs
Sun 6 Nov Cleveland Bay Teams
Sun 13 Nov QBA Senior Pairs @GCBC
Sun 13 Nov Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs
Sun 13 Nov Toowoomba Teams
Sat 19 Nov Nationwide Pairs @KBC
Sat-Sun 19-20 Nov Noosa Pairs
Sun 20 Nov Gold Coast Teams
Thurs 24 Nov Qld Wide Pairs @KBC
Sun 27 Nov Toowong Teams
Sat 3 Nov Kenmore Christmas Party
Sun 4 Dec Redlands Teams
Sun 11 Dec QBA Teams of 3 @BBC

Canberra Festival of Bridge

With your bridge partner enter the KBC draw to win free entry into a Novice event in mid January.

Territory Gold 2016 Reflections from Mick Fawcett

In my seven years of playing competitive bridge I have mainly played along the east coast of Australia from Cairns to Sydney but recently I had the opportunity to play in the Northern Territory Gold Festival in Darwin. The festival alternates between Darwin and Alice Springs and both events attracting players from all around Australia as well as some internationals.

I was there with my regular bridge partner, Lyn Tracey for two pairs competitions as well as a team event with fellow Kenmore / Toowong players Barbara Kent and Margie Knox. There were many other Queenslanders too.

In the first matchpoint pairs competition, there was a prequalifying round and Lyn and I were placed into the second group final where, after two more sessions, we finished in third place. We were very pleased with our result because we were playing against open as well as restricted players. The teams event followed for three full sessions over one and a half days and our team managed to finish in the top half of the field with six good wins from nine matches. Finally, a swiss pairs competition over two full days where again we managed to take on and win matches against some open players, and finished a rather respectable 40th out of 68 pairs. Over the five full days, we occasionally played the same opponents and got to know their different playing systems, and there was plenty of social interaction before and after each match.

Darwin itself is a very nice place to visit at this time of year with plenty of café bars for lunch and some with a "Happy Hour" just after bridge! There is plenty to do and see, for example Kakadu or Litchfield National Parks if you have time, museums, crocodile farms, and local markets. Watching a spectacular sunset with a crowd of people on the beach while savouring fresh and tasty seafood is amazing!

Join your Kenmore Bridge Club Community

Tuesday 1 November 10am *Melbourne Cup Day @ KBC*

Wear your favourite hat, play bridge, buy sweeps, eat lunch and watch the race



Saturday 3 December *KBC Christmas Celebration*

11.30 am Enjoy a BBQ lunch, talk with friends

1.00-4.30 pm play bridge

Saturday 28 January *Kenmore Bridge Club Pairs Congress*

Sunday 29 January *Kenmore Bridge Club Teams Congress*

Play bridge with your favourite partner and/or help with catering

**Details and more information about these events
will be on the website and at KBC**