



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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PLAYING HOME AND AWAY

While many members enjoy playing at the club with their regular bridge partners on the same days each week, a good number of our members seek opportunities, from time to time, to play “away” at other venues in Pairs or Teams events.

This is never more so than in February each year at the Gold Coast Bridge Congress, now not too far away. Kenmore Bridge Club is renowned for having not only a significant contingent of players participating in many of these events but also filling many of the roles of the considerable army of volunteers who ensure the smooth and efficient running of an internationally famous Congress. In September this year, thirty-two KBC members enjoyed travelling to Roma to play.

Some players arrange to attend tournaments in other parts of the state or interstate and attach a few days to enjoy the region and have a holiday. In January, KBC will host its own “at home” and invite other clubs to its January Congress. Such opportunities provide an opportunity not only for bridge players to meet new people who share a common interest in bridge playing but also visit other cities and regions.

MARION COOKE MEMORIAL TROPHY – Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams

KBC entered three teams in this invitational event held this year at Arana Hills Bridge Club. These teams played in:
Open Division (Team A);
100-400 MPs (Team B); and
Under 100 MPs (Team C).
Queensland Contract Bridge Club out-classed all comers taking out the trophy by winning both the A and B



Team divisions and by being narrowly pipped by Brisbane Bridge Club in the C Teams in the final VPs count. KBC representatives are pictured (L-R) Tim Runting, Sue Ziegenfuss, Stuart Stoddart, Graham Rusher, Peter Neil, Bill Szumidl, Sue Calthrop, Margaret Mobbs, Linda Neil, Susan Sharp, Andrew Sharp and Anne Russell, who agreed to stand in for Diane McClintock on the day. Perhaps we can work towards a better outcome next year.



KENMORE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

GRADED PAIRS & TEAMS

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 January 2023

Planning for our signature event of the year, the January Congress is well under way. Invitations were sent to other clubs in the Brisbane Zone and to the regions beyond. Checklists of all tasks involved are now prepared and ready for action. We are confident that Kenmore members will rally to both play in the tournament and assist in any way they can in the running of the event.

The capacity of the Congress is limited to hosting 88 entries in the Pairs event on Saturday and 44 teams on Sunday. This is a great way to prepare for the Gold Coast Congress in February. Book now with MYabf to avoid disappointment. All details on the MYabf website.



CONGRESS STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS - November

Name of Event	Colour	Name	Masterpoints
QLD SENIOR PAIRS	Red	Therese TULLY	2.73
GNOT FINAL	Gold	Therese TULLY	8.77R
CALOUNDRA PAIRS	Red	Murray PERRIN	0.40
GOLD COAST TEAMS	Red	Mick FAWCETT	0.45
NOOSA NOVEMBER PAIRS	Red	Murray PERRIN	2.58
NORTHERN SUBURBS BC PAIRS	Red	Sameer PANDYA	0.90
		Murray PERRIN	5.79
		Tim RUNTING	5.79
TOOWOOMBA RESTRICTED & NOVICE TEAMS	Red	Simone BOSCI	0.86
		John BOSCI	0.86
		David DOUGLAS	0.86
		Heather DOUGLAS	0.86
TOOWONG GRADED PAIRS	Red	Jenny COYLE	0.26
		Mick FAWCETT	1.95
		Margaret GIEBELS	0.32
		Eliza HEMPILL	0.51
		Kathy MALES	0.40
		Murray PERRIN	2.85
		Jim POPE	0.38
		Tim RUNTING	0.48
		Peter WILCE	0.38
		Chris Williams	0.32
		Sue ZIEGENFUSS	0.48

KBC Bridge Closures
 over Christmas break
 CHRISTMAS DAY 25/12/22
 BOXING DAY 26/12/22
 NEW YEAR'S DAY 1/1/23

**Annual
 Membership
 Subscription**
NOW DUE

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS
Regional >50 – Heather Douglas
Silver Local >35 – Kathryn Kelly
Bronze Local >25
 Wendy Gay
 Judy Seaton
Local >15 – Marie Low,
 Louise Staines,
 Janet Warby
Club >5 Bob Smith
Congratulations All

*Welcome New
 & Returning
 KBC Members*
 Linda Gout
 Margie Know
 Liz Marshall

**2022-2023
 Members Book
 Available soon**

**8 Week Bridge Classes
 commencing again in
 February 2023**

Gentle Reminders:

1. Please be seated no later than 15 minutes before the start of play.
2. Intending players who do not have a partner should aim to arrive even earlier.
3. Players who are late should call the Director to let him / her know they are delayed.



CALL THE DIRECTOR

A successful bridge session is based on collaboration between the Director and the players.

The Director is responsible for things like setting up the movement and the Bridgemates, distributing the boards, and checking that results are being recorded accurately. Players are responsible for things like the movement of the boards, making sure the cards are returned to the correct pockets, recording the results and especially playing to time.

Congresses typically allow six minutes for each board and KBC has adopted this time interval (seven minutes for the Super Novice session) as the basis for setting our timers. Most players are finding the timing of six minutes per board appropriate.

Keeping to time is the responsibility of all players at a table and avoids slowing the play at the next move. The timers are set to provide a series of alerts. KBC recently introduced the requirement for dummy to be tabled before the three-minute alert is displayed. If dummy is not down by that time the Director should be called. The hand will then be averaged. Any player, **including players not currently at the table**, may call the Director for this purpose.

No-one likes being averaged. But it is part of the game of bridge. You will encounter this process of timing rounds when you play in Congresses and in many other clubs. At no time though should it be cause for rudeness especially towards the Director. It is worth remembering that being averaged doesn't necessarily mean a bad result.

More on Nationwide Pairs . . .

This is an Australia wide event offered approximately twice each month and run for various ABF affiliated Bridge Clubs. The same boards and cards are played across Australia and results submitted by Clubs are combined in order to rank players across Australia. The national results are loaded as they are played and found at <http://nationwidepairs.com.au>

When all Clubs have posted their results, Red Masterpoints are allocated. Details of hands are not posted on our KBC website until the Monday following the Friday session as other Clubs may schedule their sessions on Saturday or Sunday.

In addition to the Red points awarded in the Nationwide Pairs, players are eligible for Green masterpoints allocated by the Club. KBC will use the Nationwide competition hands for the Friday morning 9am game (no booking required) on the following dates in 2023.

Dates for 2023	3 March	19 May	4 August	20 October
6 January	17 March	2 June	18 August	3 November
20 January	31 March	16 June	1 September	17 November
3 February	21 April	30 June	15 September	1 December
17 February	5 May	14 July	6 October	15 December



Vale Pam Usher - Andrew Sharp

When Pam Usher passed away on 23 November, we lost a valued member of the Kenmore Bridge Club. I'm happy that Pam wouldn't mind saying that bridge was her interest but not her passion. She wasn't wedded to bridge, she was married to Tom and wedded to life. Yet, despite bridge being a passing interest, Pam contributed to the Kenmore Bridge Club through her long-serving commitment to finding a new home for the Club and other community groups seeking a home in the Western Suburbs. Pam was a cornerstone of the Club's Facilities Committee – always there, always with bright, intelligent ideas and always willing to act and deliver. Pam knew the difference between talking the talk and walking the walk, in spades. You wouldn't find anyone more committed to a cause.

Pam knew the importance of community – a Community Centre – and how it should embrace a broad range of recreational activities, including bridge. She joined us in endless meetings with all levels of Government - we didn't always agree but never failed to find a common way forward for the ultimate benefit of the Club - her cut-through was amazing. How then do you share in words the level of commitment shown by someone who, only two weeks before her passing, attended our long sought-after meeting with the Lord Mayor in the city hall? A meeting we'd sought for more than four years. Pam fought for the Kenmore Bridge Club to the end.

We will miss her intellect, her strategic mind and her unbridled passion for doing what was right. And for those members who never crossed paths with Pam, be assured, the Club is a better place for having enjoyed her as a member. Pam pushed aside the barriers to progress, the lack of vision and the lack of courage she saw in those who stood in the way. Let us hope that the Kenmore Bridge Club remains true to the cause and continues to lead the way in finding a new and better home – a Community Centre for all. We owe it to Pam.

Contributions for the newsletter, please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly kathrynmkelly@me.com Deadline for next issue – Tues. 13 Dec.