



# Kenmore Gum Leaf

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## Missing Members

*Where are they? What do they think?*



**Player numbers** at most sessions have increased in recent months but, like most other clubs, numbers have not yet reached pre-Covid levels. So far this year, approximately 90 members either have not played or played only a few times. The committee decided to conduct

a telephone survey of these members to find out if issues preventing them from returning to the club could be addressed. In all, 32 people could be contacted and agreed to participate.

Most commented in very positive terms about the club. When asked about improvements that they would like to see, most respondents indicated that they were happy with everything as it is but there were two notable features that they would like to see changed or improved. These, of course, were identified as the current venue and parking space.

Overwhelmingly, the reasons members offered for not playing at the club were to do with factors in other areas of their life such as (1) medical issues of their own or of their partner; (2) they had relocated from Kenmore and the area; or (3) other personal commitments.

Several respondents choose to organise and attend social bridge sessions at other venues. Only a small number of the members surveyed were playing regularly at another bridge club. This was mainly because they had a partner who played at a club other than KBC or they had moved and were now closer to another club. Two respondents felt that, for them, the standard of play at KBC is not sufficiently competitive. They, therefore, played regularly at an alternate club seeking, what they believed to be, a higher level of competition.

Other issues included the following: Several members thought that the introduction of a process that helped players to find a partner would assist them to return to play. The booking system was not seen as an obstacle by most of those who had used it. Opinion was divided about whether it would be helpful to have a mentor and/or a session where there could be discussion about the hands after they had been played.

In summary, almost all in this small sample are generally happy with KBC. They see bridge as a pleasant pastime through which they can enjoy a level of competition without being too concerned about their accumulation of masterpoints.

For them, it is a game where the social aspects are even more rewarding than masterpoint promotions.

**DATE CLAIMER****Annual General Meeting****Saturday 17 September 11am****KBC rooms 98 Brookfield Road**

**Please make the time to attend the Annual General Meeting.** As a fully paid-up member, the AGM is a chance for you to hear the President's and Treasurer's reports. Despite the challenges presented by the onset of the Covid pandemic, the club has achieved much in the past couple of years. KBC is stronger than ever.

An important part of the AGM is the election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members. While, the out-going Management Committee is overwhelmingly cohesive, committed and harmonious, it is facing a challenge. Five of the current dedicated KBC Committee Members will be retiring. Constitutionally, their term of six years has come to an end or they have their own personal commitments. Committee members not renominating are Jenny Coyle, Jill Dunning, Michael Fawcett, Andrew Sharp and Peter Wilce. Their contributions will be missed.

Within the Club, we are fortunate to have many talented members with a variety of skills that could be directed towards tasks that befall the Committee. Apart from the usual office bearers of any committee, we have several specific roles that now need to be filled.

These include:

- 1. Congresses:** Responsibilities of this role include liaising with QBA; arranging club competitions, such as Championship Pairs and Teams Competitions; red point sessions throughout the year; and our KBC January and September Congresses.
- 2. Training and Development:** The member in this role coordinates the development of training material and the presentation of training sessions; plans and organises training and development programs for Directors; oversees the management of the Library; and engages visiting experts.
- 3. Partnership Assistance:** This is a much-needed role in which the member would assist players to find both temporary and longer-term partners and develop those partnerships.
- 4. Fundraising and Community Engagement:** In this role, the member negotiates sponsorships and bequests; organises publicity for the club; plans for recruitment of new members; and develops programs for community engagement.
- 5. IT Support and Web Site Management:** Here, the member provides IT support to all KBC programs; advises on and manages software purchases and upgrades; manages the photocopier contract, service calls and supplies; and manages the KBC web site.

The meeting will conclude with any Other Business and questions from the floor. **Following the meeting, KBC will provide a free light lunch and later the afternoon bridge session will be conducted free of charge.** Come and join us.



**Sunday 11 September 9:30 am**  
Indooroopilly State High School

## TBIB

### **KENMORE GRADED PAIRS CONGRESS**

**A unique opportunity for ROOKIES (<50mps) NOVICES (<100mps)**

Entry fee: \$60 per pair (no cash payments) Book on myABF or Direct Deposit  
To the KBC account at BSB 034-055 Account 393425  
Reference: Congress + Name (e.g. Congress Jane Smith)  
Registration closes: Friday 9 September  
BYO Lunch  
Tea / Coffee / Light Refreshments during and after play.



### **GNOT Zone Finals**

The weekend 27-28 August saw the Grand National Open Teams Finals for Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Northern Zones. The Brisbane Zone Final was held at QCBC. Forty-four teams from nine Brisbane Clubs played eight rounds of 14 boards (112 hands) over the weekend.

Kenmore was represented by the Parkes team (**Steven Parkes, Unis Suliman, Allan Byrnes, Peter Taylor**) and the Russell team (**Anne Russell, Jenny Iliescu, Bill Szumidlo, Graham Rusher, (Jill Dunning)**). KCB teams showed up well being placed 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the end of the first day. Eventually, they finished a creditable 17<sup>th</sup> (Russell team) and 24<sup>th</sup> (Parkes team) at the end of Sunday play.

Twenty-three Kenmore members played for various clubs in this final. Congratulations to **Therese Tully** and **Peter Evans** who will move to the November Final with their respective team.

### **Kenmore goes to Roma**

On Friday 23 September, thirty-two Kenmore club members will attend the inaugural Kenmore-Roma-Dalby Interclub Bridge Weekend.



A grand weekend of red point bridge competition, touring and socialising awaits. Roma members are busily organising a host of activities. They plan a "Meet and Greet" on our arrival on Friday plus a Saturday night dinner following the full day's bridge with Director Graham Rusher. Visitors are being catered for at both functions. As well as these, many other treats are in store so that we can explore Roma and its surrounds on Sunday.

For those joining us, thank you for registering and paying the \$15 for table fees and registering your interest in the social activities.

Bus details are finalised and payment is due by Friday 9 September. Don't forget to bring your KBC name badges and hats.

## Can You Help Sunday 11 September?

On Sunday 11 September, the Club is hosting one of its two Congresses of the bridge year. If you can't play on the day, you can still assist in making this an enjoyable congress by providing a plate of something delicious for players to share or volunteering to help for a couple of hours on the day. Please put your name on the list at the clubhouse. Organisers would be very appreciative if you can help.

## VOLUNTEER DEALERS WANTED

Currently, we have two dealing teams of two. We would welcome a third team. Dealing is done using a dedicated dealing machine. Time commitment would be about 3 hours every 2 or 3 weeks. Please contact:

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### MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Bronze Local >25 mps – Jill Cavanagh

Local >15mps – Sue Donovan

Club >5mps – Kiran Dutt

Graduate >2mps – Clare Drew &

Helen Leahy

*Congratulations*

### Welcome to New Members

Tony Arklay & Tracey Arkley

John Arvier & Louise Arvier

Vi-Mary Hartridge

Alan Hillton

Diane Le Clercq, Peter Le Clercq &

Dominic Le Clercq

Maggie Magafakis

Margaret Raymond

Bill Watts & Lin Watts

## PARTNERSHIP & GAME DEVELOPMENT

### Zoom Sessions with Margaret Mobbs

**1 Hour Monday Afternoons at 1:30pm**

*Notes and Copies of Boards included  
Opportunity to play boards online later*

Sept 12 – Judging when to open light

Sept 19 – Practice boards on *Real Bridge*

Oct 3 – Practice boards on *Real Bridge*

Oct 10 – Opening Leads

Oct 17 – Counting winners

Oct 24 – No lesson *Margaret Away*

Oct 31 – Counting Losers

Nov 7 – Overcalls

Nov 14 – Take out doubles

Nov 21 – Attitude Signals

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