



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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A New Committee and a New Life Member.

Last Saturday morning, members voted in, adopted and heartily endorsed these actions and more.

Elizabeth Handley, having served four years as President, reviewed the past year. She thanked the out-going Management Committee for the wide-ranging contributions to the effective workings of the club with special mention given to John Bosci (Treasurer) and Diane McClintock (Membership & Masterpoints).

The Treasurer's, Auditor's and Membership Reports were received. Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members were elected. Changes to the revised Constitution will be sent to QBA for approval. There was discussion of the progress and proposed remodelling of the club house.

A highlight of the meeting – Life Membership was conferred on Marge Eaton. Among the many to congratulate her were members of her family, her sons John and Greg and grand-daughter, Maddie (pictured).

Honorary membership was granted to Margaret Mobbs and Lorraine King for their extraordinary efforts in delivering the club education program.

Kenmore Bridge Club ROOKIE & NOVICE SWISS PAIRS

TBIB Congress – 10 September 2023

Sixty players competed this year. Julie Jeffreys, with authority and efficiency, directed a Swiss Pairs movement of two groups – eight tables for Novices and seven tables of Rookies. KBC appreciated the spacious and well-appointed venue made available by Toowong Bridge Club.

Novices <100mp: Kenmore pair Renuka Mahadeven and Mary Fletcher came 1st with 385 matchpoints followed by another Kenmore pair, Jim Pope and Peter Wilce with 363. Carol Findlay and Simon Byrne of QCBC were in third place.

Rookie <50: All three place getters in this section were Toowong Bridge Club members. Carmel Sedgman and Marc Greenbaum (pictured right) came 1st, followed by Jenny Fryer and Irene Komen in 2nd place. Chris Maher and Budi Maher were 3rd.

Anne Russell, with Margaret Giebels, stood in for George O'Brien as convenor. Elizabeth Handley led four teams of volunteers throughout the day taking care of players and keeping them well nourished. It was a splendid day.



2023-2024 Committee

with

Margaret Giebels – Masterpoints
Mel Gilmore – Membership

**PRESIDENT George O'Brien**

Firstly, let me say that it is an honour and privilege to be elected Club President for Kenmore Bridge Club. I promise I will put every effort into ensuring that the club meets its goals and objectives going forward while ensuring that we don't lose our fun and community spirit. I'll continue to support diversity and the doctrine of "no fear bridge".

Also, I wish to acknowledge the great efforts and successes of all past presidents and committee members. The club would not be the club it is today without all of those who have served this club so faithfully and energetically, A big thank you to you all.

We have many challenges going forward not least keeping the club growing. I believe it is the number one challenge currently. Without members we will cease to exist. Considering the club's aging demographic and the "technology driven" younger generation, we will have our work cut out to achieve this aim. However, I am confident that we have the right people around our club to ensure that we will be celebrating many milestones in the decades to come.

The "club facilities improvement project" is another major objective which will be a long and extracted exercise over the next few years. We will get only one shot. It is vital that we put our best efforts forward to achieve the best outcome for all our members. You can be assured my focus will be to see that this opportunity is not squandered.

There is no doubt that other areas in keeping our club vibrant will require attention. As such, I look towards members who have ideas that they are interested and passionate about. I love a good chat and look forward to hearing about and exploring your thoughts to continue building our club.

Although we have challenges ahead, Bridge should always be enjoyable. I look forward to the fun that together we will have along the way while meeting those challenges head on. Without the fun, we are left with just the challenges.

**Age:** 64**Born:** Scotland

Family: Married to Louise 43 years, two sons, three (with one on the way) grandchildren

Hobbies: cycling, AFL, hiking, bridge

Pre-Retirement: Exec. management roles

Likes: wine & cheese, family time, travel

Dislikes: Boredom & Collingwood (the team of course!)

**SECRETARY Anne Gardiner**

A statutory position under the Associations Incorporation Act 1999, Anne is responsible for providing reports to the Office of Fair Trading. Within the Club, she is responsible for maintaining official records and receiving and preparing correspondence. Anne will issue notices of Meetings and prepare Minutes of those Meetings.

During her time on Committee, Anne has demonstrated her conscientious approach to all matters but especially record keeping. Already, she has set up our G-Drive, updates the website and will continue to bring her eye for detail to this role as well.

TREASURER

Sue Calthrop



The role of Treasurer is a statutory position under the Associations Incorporation Act 1999.

Sue will manage the Club's bank accounts, maintain all financial records and conduct financial transactions on behalf of the club. She will arrange for the Club's financial accounts to be audited annually and present the audited report to the AGM.

Sue is well placed to take on the role of treasurer. She qualified as a chartered accountant with Arthur Andersen in London and spent most of her career running finance departments.

Known in her family as "the project manager", Sue will be an asset when we relocate the club to temporary accommodation and in overseeing the fit-out of the renovated premises. She aims to ensure that this is as seamless as possible.



David Douglas.



Elizabeth Handley.



Kathryn Kelly



Mary Fletcher

ABF
2023

Australia Wide TEAMS Knockout Competition

Results of the Third Round held 12 September

Well done Teams – it was wonderful to see everyone receive a "bit" of a Gold Masterpoint. Thank you for representing Kenmore Bridge Club.

Open 12th - 4 wins and 1 loss

Graham Rusher, Steve Stening, Tim Runting, Sue Ziegenfuss

U750 9th - 2 wins and 3 losses

Margaret Mobbs, Anne Russell, Margaret Giebels, Jenny Coyle

U100 3rd - 2 wins and 3 losses

Lisa McConkey, Bev D'Aquino, Robert Olander, Eliza Hemphill

U50 2nd - 2 wins and 1 loss

Sandy Spies, Judy Werner, Marie Low, Kiran Dutt

Congratulations to the U100 and U50 teams who have qualified for the Finals. The Open and U750 will continue with the Swiss Teams Consolation event.

ABF

**Australian-Wide
Open Pairs
2023**

Approximately 3200 players entered this competition during the last week of August.

Positions for the top 3 Pairs from Kenmore:

- 193** Kathryn Kelly & Jennifer Brangan 58.2%
- 304** Marion Tomes & Jackie Tozer 55.7%
- 314** Margaret Mobbs & Anne Russell 55.5%

DIRECTORS SEMINAR via Zoom 14-15 October

Limit to number of entries. For more information visit:

<https://www.myabf.com.au/event/s/congress/view/723>

New Members

Christine Dalais Jenny Dougan
Mary Field Lynne Gossage
Karl Jansons Catherine Malherbe
Jules Richmond Siobhan O'Siochru

Welcome

Promotions for August

Silver Local >50 Graeme Seaton
Gayleen Travaskis
Club >5 Denis Stark
Graduate >2 Jenni Hansen, Alan Hilton

Congratulations All !

Partnership and Game Development

MONDAYS 12:30 at the club or on zoom

September 18 & 25: Play Boards – 1NT and Responses
RealBridge or at the club.

October 2: Jacoby 2NT (Therese feels this convention is a valuable strategy for all players)



Bridge Tips from Therese

My partner opened 1 Club. The opponents have passed.

Do I have to bid even with 2 points?

CERTAINLY NOT! If you do, your partner will think you have some values and may jump to game, rebid their clubs or make a forcing jump-shift requiring you to bid again!

This is likely to result in a negative score. With 19 hcp and only 2 Clubs, if you and your partner are left to play, it is often the best spot as you may get a positive score. For advanced players you may consider responding a bit light with 4-4 in the majors praying for a fit. I always open 1C when my system says that's the correct bid.

It's Back !

WINE & CHEESE MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday 3 October 6:30pm



**DEFENDING AGAINST
PRE-EMPTS**

with Bernard McGee

Please Register on KBC Booking Page

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7 November: Melbourne Cup Pairs, Champagne Lunch, Sweeps and the "Race that stops the Nation"

Saturday 18 November: Kenmore Team Championships

Sunday 10 December: Therese Tully "Christmas at home" for Players in the Supervised Session

Sunday 17 December 2:30pm:
KBC CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Jindalee Hotel

Contributions for the Newsletter are always welcome.

Please contact the Editor, Kathryn Kelly kathrynmkelly@me.com

DEADLINE for next issue Monday 16 October