



# Kenmore Gum Leaf

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## THE CONTEST

**Much of the pleasure of bridge is the contest**, the competitiveness of the play. Most of us relish the challenge. Kenmore Bridge Club encourages its players to improve their play in several ways. These include sessions with expert speakers such as the recent evening with David Beauchamp. We plan more training and mentoring opportunities for players at all levels. Graham Rusher and Anne Russell continue to provide their excellent lessons at various times throughout the year for new or returning players.

Mick Fawcett, our Vice-President – Congresses (see Page 3) has spent seven years organising Competitions and Congresses for the Club. This is despite the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic. Last year the number of entrants in one of our key events, the September Rookie and Novice Congress, was a major disappointment. We are hopeful that members will be more supportive this time. There are fears that if participation numbers are low, we may lose the congress to another club.

Events and opportunities such as these promote not just a good club but a strong, competitive club.

### TBIB & KBC NOVICE TEAMS TROPHY 2022

On Sunday 19 June, players gathered to compete for the TBIB KBC Novice Teams Championship Trophy. It was a Green Point, 5-board, Round Robin Event.

Graham Rusher, the Director, congratulated the number of Rookies who bravely accepted the challenge to demonstrate their readiness to compete.

KBC President, Elizabeth Handley, presented the trophy to the victors, the Douglas Team of John Bosci, David Douglas, Heather Douglas and Peter Wilce (Photo 1).

In second place was Eliza Hemphill, Elizabeth Handley, Kathryn Kelly and Pam Schiller of the Kelly Team, the "Red Team" (Photo 2). Ranked best of the Rookies was the Johnston Team.

In the fading light of the day, the competing Rookies gathered for a photo. Photo 3 L-R are Maria Miller, Cathie Pearson, Jill Cavanagh, Douglas Johnstone and Ivy Monteiro, Debbie Manche, Marie Low, Beth Rothery, Sandy Spies, Rosemary Clark and Alex Daw.

It was an excellent afternoon of bridge, competition and camaraderie.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 5 JULY

The Committee . . . .

Recorded that the 2023 KBC Congress is set up.

Noted that we continue to await news of an application submitted to the QLD Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the sum of \$18,965.00 for the purchase of a new dealing machine, cards, card-holder boards and a carry case.

Received a report of the meeting of the Kenmore Community Centre Redevelopment meeting of 6 June. The drawings incorporating the three tenants' design amendments are now proceeding to Council for pre-planning approval (all part of the process). The likelihood is that we are still two plus years from moving into new premises.

Committed to purchase new bridge tables (750mm high, 750mm square with star support) along with new navy-blue table covers.

Resolved that the keys of the Grey Security Box be held by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary

Decided to postpone the "500 Club" fund-raising drive and refund all those who contributed.

Accepted Jill Dunning's offer to be responsible for DEFIB training.

Noted that Mick Fawcett, Jenny Coyle and Peter Wilce will be retiring from committee at the next AGM.

## SAVE THE DATE – THIRD WEEKEND OF OCTOBER

### KBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Amongst our membership are many with the skills and experience to take on roles especially in organising congresses, running the finances, arranging training opportunities etc.

If you feel you have skills to contribute and would like the opportunity to serve on the committee, please contact us. Step up and don't be shy.

Three Committee Members will have to step down at the AGM this year but they are willing to provide training to help you get started.

**MEET COMMITTEE MEMBER – MICK FAWCETT**

I became a member of Mount Tamborine Bridge Club in 2010 and played my first congress in September of that year. It was a team event AND we didn't come last! The following year I moved to Sunnybank Bridge Club and a few years later to Kenmore Bridge Club. I have played congresses in Darwin, Cairns, various clubs down the east coast to Sydney, Melbourne, and Tasmania. If possible, I try to have time off work when playing in a faraway congress so that I can have a look around the area I am visiting.

For seven years, I have been on the Kenmore Bridge Club Committee serving under three presidents. This year at the AGM I will be stepping down, opening the door for someone with fresh ideas to encourage our members back into face-to-face bridge at the club and in congresses.

My main role has been arranging club competitions, red point sessions and our KBC congresses in January and September. **The Championship Pairs and Teams competitions are the most prestigious for the club.** Winning one of these writes the winners into the history of the club. Something for all players to aspire to.

The **January Congresses are our club's biggest event of the year**, where we open the doors to players from other clubs around Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Toowoomba to play in our Pairs and Teams competitions. Over the years, pre Covid-19, these congresses have increased in size such that we have had to change venues from the Kenmore library to the Jindalee Bowls Club and from 2023 to the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens.

Our **September Congress is a Rookie and Novice Pairs only event** which is open for newer players to the game of bridge. Pre Covid-19 it was for under 50 masterpoint players only, however our upcoming event this September will have two "grades", one for under 50 masterpoints and one for 50 to 100 masterpoints. A grade is where players play against only other players in that grade. Under 50 masterpoint players, however, can opt to play in the higher grade if they wish. This **opportunity isn't available anywhere else in Queensland** and it is set up to provide our Rookie and Novice players the chance to gain confidence, meet new friends from other clubs and enjoy congress bridge. Watch out for the entry details – coming soon.

*Mick Fawcett*

**UP-COMING COMPETITIONS & CONGRESSES**

**Saturday 16 July** – Nationwide Pairs at KBC

**Sunday 17 July** – **GOLD POINT EVENT**

Kenmore heats, in the **Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)** 2 sessions. All QBA regulations apply to the conduct of club qualifying heats and zone finals. From these heats 1 out of every 4 teams (or part thereof) qualify for the zone finals.

**Saturday 6 August** – Nationwide Pairs at KBC

**Saturday 20 August** – Nationwide Pairs at KBC

**Sunday 11 September** – **DATE SAVER**

Kenmore Rookie (<50mps) and Novice (<100mps) Graded Pairs Congress. To Be held at Indooroopilly State High School.

**FREE 8-WEEK COURSES FOR BEGINNERS**  
Started 4 July **MONDAY MORNINGS 8:45** with Graham Rusher (0414 452 021) OR  
**THURSDAY EVENINGS** started 7 July at 6:45 with Anne Russell (0411 255 434)

**NEW MEMBERS**  
*Shane Hubner  
Judy Werner  
(reactivated)*  
**Away Members**  
*Mary Beak  
Brian Emanuel  
Welcome to KBC*

**MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS**  
**Club (<15 mps)**  
Leon Carrall

Ever thought how our table covers are kept clean and fresh?  
**THANK GAYLEEN TREVASKIS**

**HAVE YOUR SAY**  
We would all like to have a new, spacious clubhouse. Maybe this will not be achieved any time soon but we certainly can have a comfortable, welcoming one. The interior redecoration and the new chairs have made a noticeable difference.  
There is more to come. The next significant project is to upgrade the under-cover area where we break for morning and afternoon tea. Members have lots of ideas about how to improve the look and feel of this area. The Committee would like to hear them.  
From now until 23 July, we invite members to submit suggestions.  
Leave a note in the HAVE YOUR SAY box at the clubhouse or email David Douglas [daviddouglasdirect@gmail.com](mailto:daviddouglasdirect@gmail.com)  
Maybe your dream will come true.

**REAL BRIDGE**  
From time to time, members are unable to attend the club to participate in face-to-face bridge playing. Opportunities for On-Line RealBridge games are available  
**MONDAYS 9:00-11:00am** and **WEDNESDAYS 7:00-9:00pm** and **UNDER 25mps FRIDAYS 2:00-5:00PM** with discussion after.  
Contact Anne Russell 0411 255 434

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