



# Kenmore Gum Leaf

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## KBC – A Good Club and A Strong Club

Two basic propositions guide the Committee's approach to running the Club. We want it to be a Good Club, by which we mean one that is friendly, supportive, inclusive and promotes "no fear" enjoyment of the game of bridge. We want it to be a Strong Club, by which we mean one that enjoys strong attendance at its sessions, and where members are encouraged to develop their bridge skills.

The response of members to the recent KBC Congress and the KBC Pairs Championship prompted us to gauge our success. The Committee is confident that KBC meets the criteria for a Good Club but the low level of interest shown by members in participating in the two tournaments raises questions about whether we can claim to be a Strong Club.

Of course, Covid-related constraints have had a major effect on player numbers at the Club's regular sessions. As normal life returns over coming months the Committee will take steps to encourage more members to play at the Club.

The development of bridge skills is a core function of the Club. Secondly, having a cohort of players who compete successfully in tournaments is an indicator of a Strong Club. The Committee is committed to building this cohort and will be looking at ways to encourage our players to improve their skills, move up the ranks and feel sufficiently competent and confident to participate in Congresses, Championships and other competitions.

At the same time, the Committee appreciates that bridge is a game that can be enjoyed at many levels. We realise that putting in the hard work to develop bridge skills to compete successfully in tournaments is not a high priority for a number of our members. Also, and perhaps more importantly, we appreciate that playing bridge at the Club delivers a suite of outcomes for members that go far beyond whether they win the competition or not.

What do you think makes a *Strong Club* and a *Good Club*?



### Congress (Graded Matchpoint Pairs) Saturday 22 January

We have had an interesting start to the new year bringing its own particular challenges. We ran our first **on-line** congress for the Kenmore Graded Matchpoint Pairs.

A huge thank-you to **Mick Fawcett**, our hard-working Vice-President (Congresses), for organising the Congress that had to be abandoned and to Anne Russell, Elizabeth Handley and Margaret Mobbs for the wonderful work they did to convert this from a face-to-face to on-line congress all within eleven days. We had 19 tables and despite a few hiccups, reports are that the day was generally enjoyed by all participants.

Winners of A Grade – **Terry Strong & Jill Magee**. In B Grade, the winning team was **Prasad Nettur & Arvind Bhasin**. A very creditable performance from **Andrew Sharp & Susan Sharp** who started out 12<sup>th</sup> and finished 4<sup>th</sup>.



### Championship Pairs Saturday 12 February

CONGRATULATIONS!!! 1<sup>ST</sup> **Wendy Cuthbert & Murray Perrin** (photo 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> **Lyn Tracey & Mick Fawcett** (photo 2), 3<sup>rd</sup> **Peter Munro and Gill Phillippo** (photo 3).



**Welcome**  
**New and Returning Members**  
Marge Eaton  
Greg Ford  
Val Roland

**PROMOTIONS**  
Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new bridge rankings.  
**December 2021**  
National – Sue Ziegenfuss  
State – Margaret Giebels  
Regional – John Kelly  
Bronze Local – Cia Adermann  
Local – Douglas Johnstone  
Graduate – John Bosci and Bertilla Colling  
**January 2022**  
State – Eliza Hemphill  
Silver Local – Jennifer Brangan  
Graduate – Judy Bridgeman, Rosemary Clark and Debbie Manche

**UP-COMING EVENTS**  
**February**  
18-26 Gold Coast Congress  
**March**  
5 Nationwide Pairs at KBC  
9 Autumn Pairs at KBC  
19 Nationwide Pairs at KBC  
**April**  
2 Nationwide Pairs at KBC  
**Check the Calendar on our website**

 Timers and new chairs coming soon to KBC

## WINE & CHEESE NIGHTS

You're invited



Play 30 boards of bridge every Monday night commencing 28 February 2022 6:45 pm.

**RECYCLING AT KBC**  
Here at KBC we participate in the BCC recycle scheme (yellow bin) but it is important to understand that only paper bidding slips; cardboard; milk cartons and plastic milk bottles (after they have been rinsed out) should go into the yellow bin.  
We have now also started recycling our soft plastic – empty crisp packets, chocolate and chocolate biscuit wrappers as well as plain biscuit wrappers. At all tea / coffee breaks you will find a small cardboard box lined with a plastic bag near the snacks to collect these soft plastics. Each week they will be returned to Coles' supermarket to be sent to "Redcycle" (redcycle.org.au).  
However, like BCC yellow bins, if the contents are contaminated by foreign objects, then the whole load ends up in land fill.  
At KBC the potential contaminants are teabags, wooden stirrers, sugar and coffee sachets. All of these should be placed in a little white container, usually beside the cups, to be deposited in the BCC red bin for rubbish.  
Your co-operation in making our recycling efforts a success will be much appreciated.

*Douglas Johnstone*

  
*Easter Raffle Coming Soon*  
*Your donations to the Monster Hamper are welcome*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

by Jenny Coyle



Our directors are critical to our success in providing our members and visitors a great place to play bridge. We are fortunate to have a group of members who are willing to fulfil this role.

“I became a director so I could learn more about the game”, commented one Director.

“I volunteered to become a Director because I enjoyed playing at the club and thought it was a way of helping out,” commented another Director.

The only request made to me by a Director was to have clocks in all three rooms. This request is being actioned now by the KBC committee.

## IMPROVING YOUR BRIDGE

Since its inception the club has had a proud history of providing opportunities for members to improve their play. Over the years, strategies have included inviting expert speakers, even Internationally-renowned players, to conduct guest sessions; housing a lending library with regularly updated titles; and, from time-to-time, sessions led by our own members notably Lorraine King and Margaret Mobbs. Currently, Margaret has a series in place.

## Partnership and Game Development *by* Margaret Mobbs

I started the series on Monday 7 February. The sessions via zoom run for an hour at 1:00pm Mondays. Details are available on the website and booking page. The focus for the first two weeks is **Planning the Play** and aimed at players of all levels. Weeks 3 and 4 are on the conventions of **Landy** and **Multi Landy**. These are artificial bids allowing us to interfere with a No Trump opening so beginners may want to wait a bit before using them but no harm in learning what the opposition are doing. The final weeks of the season will be on the **1NT opening and responses**, that is, Stayman and Transfers to the Majors.

Therese Tully suggested some time ago the need to address these topics as she sees confusion in the supervised players and more advanced players sometimes erroneously think they have perfected it! We can put the boards up on Real Bridge or BBO for you and your partner to practice. If you need a practice mastering Zoom we are happy to work through that with you too. Some of our previous lessons have been recorded and are available on request. Let us know what topics you would like.

### Geoff Court

Geoff Court passed away on the 19th of December 2021 after a long illness. Geoff has been a treasured member of the club since 2013. Despite his illness Geoff was still actively supporting the club by being our book-keeping assistant to the Treasurer. Geoff enjoyed a chat and many members will remember lively, interesting conversations with him. He will be greatly missed.



## MEETING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Vice President – Operations: David Douglas



Early in the tenure of current Committee we sat down and had a serious talk about its key functions. One of the roles we identified was for someone to maintain a broad connection with the day-to-day operations of the Club, to deal with matters as they arose and, where necessary or appropriate, to bring matters to the attention of the Committee. It was seen as appropriate for the person with this role also to be the formal deputy to the President. Consequently, we created the role of Vice President – Operations.

What does this mean in practice? The first thing to say is that there is a high level of participation in the day-to-day operations of the Club by Committee members. I greatly appreciate the collaboration I receive from them as we work out how to deal with things as they come up.

Since taking on the role I, like the rest of my colleagues on the Committee, have been heavily engaged in managing through the shifting shoals of the rules surrounding Covid. This work continues. On the subject of rules, the Treasurer, John Bosci, and I have completed a long outstanding project to develop a set of by-laws to complement the Club's Constitution. The proposed by-laws will be put before the Committee shortly for adoption.

Elsewhere, I have assisted the President, Elizabeth Handley, in preparing a submission to a Parliamentary Inquiry into social isolation and loneliness. The submission highlighted the significant contribution the Club makes to social inclusion and relieving loneliness, especially among new arrivals to the area, those who have lost a partner or loved one, and those who live alone. A specific task I will be working on this year is to improve our documentation of key processes so that we become less reliant on the memories of some hard-working individuals.

Looking ahead, I am keen to help the Club make a strong exit from the Covid-related constraints that we have had to operate under for the past two years. As a first step, I will be looking at ways to contact members who we haven't seen for a while to encourage them back to the Club.

I am always looking for ways to make our Club better and to give our members the best bridge playing experience we can. If you have some ideas for improvement, please get in touch.

*David Douglas*

### **Mobbs Movies visits the Gold Coast Congress**

Margaret plans to make a movie about how the epidemic has affected your congress.

If you see a movie camera pointed at you, please just give it a friendly wave or turn to your partner for an animated conversation. Margaret will later make up what you are saying!!! Although, if you have something funny or sad or just an observation about differences from previous years please come and they will be recorded (voice only). Her intention is that everyone who appears in the movie will be masked and the sound will be added later. She's not sure how or if it will work. There will be masses of footage but only the best will be included.

*Contributions always welcome.*

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