



# Kenmore Gum Leaf

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## Welcome New Members

Sylvia Adcock  
Linda Baillie  
Judy Barbour  
Beverley Bills  
Andrew Churchill  
Rosemary Clark  
Marilyn Hamill  
Michael Hamill  
Robin Jennings  
John Mayze  
Sue Mulholland  
Robyn Pace  
Jan Paviour  
Chris Rackemann  
Tricia Sheahan  
Gwenda Simmons  
John Simmons  
Paula Zappulla

## President's Message May 2021

Kenmore Bridge Club has its tenth Anniversary this year. We will be celebrating this momentous event later in the year. Since our last newsletter, we have closed and reopened the club once again. The Covid restrictions have been eased and we have returned to the normal sized table and players are once again able to write their own bids. Unfortunately, we still have some Covid restrictions in place that are unavoidable due to current legislative requirements. Look out for the new Covid plan on the website in the near future.

Congratulations are due to the facilities committee who successfully negotiated a dealing room in the old Church of Christ Building. Our appreciation goes to Anne Russell and the members who ably assist her with the vital job of dealing the cards.

Congratulations also go to Therese Tully and Peter Evans on their inclusion in the 2021 Queensland Open Team and Oliver McCarthy, Ben Leung, Ellen Visscher and Paddy Taylor on their inclusion in the Queensland Youth Team. We are lucky to have players of such calibre playing at our club and, in Therese's case, giving so generously of her time to help less experienced players.

We once again thank TBIB Insurance Broker for their ongoing support of the club and their generous offer to fund the printing of this year's membership booklets.

May you live in interesting times is an old Chinese curse and I think we would all agree, that the times are indeed interesting. It is only with the hard work and support of our committee and the members that our club continues to thrive. Thank you to you all. Our club is much better for your combined efforts.

*Elizabeth Handley*

## Kenmore Bridge Club Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Kenmore Bridge Club was the brainchild of a group comprising Tim Runting, Craig Francis, Neil Sadler and Therese Tully. They envisaged KBC as a place where members at all levels could play bridge in a friendly, inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. This remains a guiding principle of the club. The first General Meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and was attended by 30 members. Tim Runting was the inaugural President. KBC grew rapidly to over 400 members and has become the 6<sup>th</sup> largest Bridge Club in Queensland and 18<sup>th</sup> largest in Australia.

We are keen to receive memorabilia of the early days of the club to add to our archive.



### KBC Trophy Winners

The KBC Pairs Championship was held on 14 February at the Clubhouse. Congratulations to all who took part. The KBC Pairs Champions for 2021 are **Unis Suliman and Steve Parkes**. Second were Andrew and Susan Sharp and third were Neil Strutton and Barbara Kent. Unis and Steve also paired recently to win the C Grade Pairs at BBC.



The TBIB KBC Novice Teams Trophy for 2021 was won by the Hemphill team of **Eliza Hemphill, Robert Olander, Rick Webster and Brett Waring**. Second were the Douglas Team of **David Douglas, Heather Douglas, Gloria Newton and Margaret Giebels**. In third place was team Bhasin with **Arvind Bhasin, Geeta Bhasin, Prasad Nettur and Peter Allingham**.



### Congratulations also to

**Judy Wallace and Jan Flanigan**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the QBA Novice Matchpoint Pairs held at Sunnybank

**Sameer Pandya** (with teammates Geoff Saxby, Eugene Pereira and Summant Handa) won the restricted section of the Redlands Novice and Restricted Teams Congress. The team also had success at the Barrier Reef Congress at Mackay, coming second in the Restricted Teams, while Sameer and Geoff won the Restricted Pairs.

### Partnership and Game Development

- Ongoing lessons are available on Zoom. Why not try one out if you have not already done so. BBO not required and we are happy to help with zooming if needed. Full details are on the website - lessons tab.
- Anne runs a Zoom session after the Friday <25 MPS tournament on BBO. Feel free to join the discussion of a few hands about 4:45 on Anne's zoom.
- Table with Therese at 1:30pm Wednesday will recommence when her arm recovers.
- Hoping to organise some lessons with Andy Hung soon.

## Member Survey

What a year it has been! While few of us have been touched directly by the covid-19 virus, all of us have been affected in some way. The impact on our club has also been significant.

It seems that nothing is quite the same as before.

So it seems like a good time to touch base with our members to make sure the club's activities are still in line with what you want.

The survey will take you about 10 minutes to complete. It can be accessed in Breaking News on the KBC web site. Paper copies will be available at the clubhouse.

Would you please lodge the completed questionnaire at the clubhouse by 30 May.

The results of the survey will be reported back to members in a future newsletter.



## GNOT Sunday 20 June

The Kenmore Bridge Club Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) heat will be held on Sunday 20th June in the clubrooms. The heat will be a two session event, playing all day for gold points. Up to two contending teams will progress for a free weekend of bridge in the Brisbane Zone finals at QCBC on 28th and 29th August 2021. One contending team qualifies for every four playing teams or part thereof.

Entry is by email only, with a limit of 8 teams. Entry to the heat is open to home or away members of Kenmore Bridge Club and the cost is 16 coupons per team. See notice boards for more details

## Clubhouse News

It was a lovely surprise to find that the club rooms had been given a fresh coat of paint during the period of the covid lockdown last year. New noticeboards and attractive art work completed the new look.



The Commonwealth Government has made \$1.5M available to BCC to be put towards the cost of redeveloping 98 Brookfield Road to help local community groups including Kenmore Mens Shed, Kenmore Bridge Club and e-Waste Connections. BCC has appointed an architect to look at the options. The architect has met with each of the current tenants to gain an appreciation of their requirements and is now preparing a report to the council.



## Nationwide Pairs

The Nationwide Pairs will be starting again with the first event being played on Saturday 15th May. This is a one session event for green points in the club and red points when compared to other clubs that have entered the competition. Previously, players would pay an extra \$1 for the session, however this will be paid by the club up to the end of 2021 so entry will be one coupon. The Nationwide Pairs will also run on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, and continues twice each month.

## Card Play Problem



Courtesy of Dorothy Truscott's Winning Declarer Play. This one is titled Blind Spot.

North	South
S A965	S K832
H -	H AK7
D AQ108652	D KJ97
C AJ	C 86

Dealer is South. The contract is 7D by South and the opening lead is KC. How do you make 13 tricks? Check below and see if your plan was correct.

Count the losers in the North hand. There are 2 spade losers and a club loser. That's three too many!

You will have to assume a normal 3/2 spade split.

Looking at the South hand, the ace and king of hearts will give us two discards. Discarding the jack of clubs there will still be a spade loser.

The answer is to draw trumps, cash the AK of hearts and discard two losing spades. Cash the ace and king of spades and ruff a spade. If they break 3/2 the fourth spade can be used to dispose of the jack of clubs. Phew!

Happy bridging – Loraine



### Up-coming Events

Bridge tragics will find plenty to occupy themselves if they take a moment to consult the Calendar on the KBC web site. It provides an extensive list of tournaments locally and elsewhere in Queensland as well as inter-state.

### Up-coming events at KBC

#### MAY

Sat 15 May – Nationwide Pairs

Sun 30 - Australia-wide Novice Pairs (<100 MPS)

#### JUNE

Sat 5 –Nationwide Pairs

#### Winter Pairs – red points

Mon 7 evening

Wed 9 afternoon

Fri 11 morning

Tues 15 morning (Super Novice)

Tues 15 afternoon

Thurs 17 morning and afternoon

Sat 19 – Nationwide Pairs

Sun 20 – GNOT heat

#### JULY

Sat 3 – Nationwide Pairs

Sat 17 - Nationwide Pairs

Sun 18 – TBIB Trophy – Novice and Rookie Teams (<100 MPS)

### Library

Peter Neil has taken over from Loraine in looking after the library. Thanks to Loraine for a job well done.



### Vale Ann Williams

Ann Williams began playing at Kenmore not too long after the club first opened. She is remembered as a lovely lady who was kind and encouraging to new players and welcoming to all. Ann's long time bridge partner, Melba Nicholas, recalls "There was no one better than Ann. She was a good player and a very forgiving partner. She will be greatly missed." A memorial service will be held for Ann on Thursday 13th May at 12pm at St Lucia Golf Club.