



Kenmore Gum Leaf

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Over 130 members and former members of gathered at beautiful Bundaleer Rainforest Gardens on Sunday 19 September to mark the 10th anniversary of the Club's establishment. As well as providing a chance for friends to get together, the event provided an opportunity to recognise the many people who have contributed to the success of the Club over the years.



In recognition of their role in establishing the Club, and their continuing high level of involvement in its activities, Life Membership awards were conferred on Tim Runting – founding member and inaugural President – and Therese Tully and Graham Rusher – founding Committee members. Janine Budgeon was also recognised as a founding Committee member and inaugural Secretary.

Photos of the event are on the KBC web site.



KBC 10th Anniversary – Message from the President

It is no mean feat to begin an organisation like KBC and build it to its present state. In December 2010 Tim Runting, Neil Sadler and Therese Tully proposed the creation of KBC. The Club was officially formed at a General Meeting held at the current clubrooms on Wednesday, 9th March 2011. The office holders were:

President: Tim Runting

Vice-President: Peter Wells

Secretary: Janine Budgeon

Treasurer: Neil Sadler

Public Relations/Membership: Therese Tully

From 30 foundation members, the Club has grown to over 400 members ranging in age from 10 to 97. The Club has been affiliated with The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) and Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) since its inception.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Club we acknowledge the ongoing commitment and support of three long-serving members by making them Life Members.

Tim Runting

Tim and his original committee set the tone for the KBC with “No Fear” bridge. It engendered an attitude of generosity in the game that applies to partners and opponents.

Tim has been an avid supporter and advocate for KBC since it began. Tim has followed Therese as the Gold Coast Congress Convenor and represents Kenmore at the QBA and ABF levels. His leadership has taken Kenmore into the wider bridge world so we as a club actively participate in the bridge community.

Therese Tully

Therese has been a supporter and promoter of Kenmore since its inception. KBC has been fortunate to have a player of her calibre give her time and expertise so freely. It is a

privilege to experience the support and guidance she provides members, particularly during supervised play. During her years developing the Gold Coast Congress into an internationally recognised tournament she actively promoted the inclusion of rookies and novice events. Kenmore members have benefitted greatly from her advocacy and promotion of the club.

Graham Rusher

Graham Rusher has been a committee member since the club’s inception, including two years as president. He is a very active member of the club, assisting with teaching, directing, technical support and just about anything else required. Many members have appreciated Graham’s dedication and patience while they were learning the game. He is always ready to assist in any way he can, ensuring the smooth running of the club and the enjoyment of their game by the members.

We appreciate the valuable knowledge and experience of these Life Members and hope they will continue their involvement in the club.

There are many other members who have made this club what it is today and their efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. The KBC goal is to maintain personal social connections through the common focus of playing and enjoying bridge. I want to thank the committee and the members for their ongoing commitment to the club and the creative ways they have all found to ensure its ongoing success. May the next ten years be as successful as the last.

Elizabeth Handley

KBC Annual General Meeting 2021

Key points from the AGM:

- Negotiations between the Club and BCC on the subject of a new clubhouse are on-going. BCC has engaged positively with many of the points the Club has raised in response to the proposal announced by Councillor Adermann earlier this year. We feel that things are moving forward in a positive fashion, but there is still a way to go before any firm decisions are made.
- The development of the Club's on-line activities has been a major success. Initially a response to the covid restrictions, on-line sessions have become an integral part of the Club's offerings. Margaret Mobbs, Anne Russell and Jill Dunning have done an outstanding job.
- The Club has continued to place an emphasis on skill development. As well as the familiar beginners' lessons and supervised play sessions, we now have an extensive suite of topics available for delivery through facilitated on-line sessions. Loraine King, Margaret Mobbs and Anne Russell have made a tremendous contribution in developing and presenting this material. The Club has purchased Joan Butt's teaching material as an additional training resource.
- The Management Committee is being reorganised to provide a stronger focus on key functions. Responding to feedback from members we will be aiming to develop further the social dimension of the Club. We will also be strengthening the links between the Committee and the daily operation of the Club.
- The Treasurer presented the audited financial statement for 2020-21. He reported that the Club was still operating in the black despite a substantial decline in revenue as a result of the lockdowns and other covid-related restrictions.
- A new Management Committee was elected. Elizabeth Handley was returned as President and John Bosci was returned as Treasurer. Andrew Churchill was elected Secretary.
- Five serving Committee members were re-elected. They are David Douglas, Jill Dunning, Mick Fawcett, Diane McClintock and Andrew Sharp.
- Two serving Committee members, Loraine King and Sharon Vassallo, stood down at the AGM. The President thanked them for their contribution to the Club.
- Four new Committee members were elected at the AGM. They are Andrew Churchill, Jenny Coyle, Kathryn Kelly and Peter Wilce. The President welcomed them to the Committee.

Welcome New Members

Jenny Dymock
Anne Munro

Carol O'Brien
George O'Brien

Felicity Rich

Management Committee Members – 2021-23



Elizabeth Handley
President



Andrew Churchill
Secretary



John Bosci
Treasurer



Andrew Sharp



Jenny Coyle



Jill Dunning



Diane McClintock



Mick Fawcett



Kathryn Kelly



David Douglas



Peter Wilce

Kenmore Bridge Club Rookie and Novice Congress 12th September 2021

Players came from as far north as Caloundra and south from Mount Tamborine to take part in the 2021 Rookie and Novice Pairs Congress. In a Swiss competition players are trying to reach the top table (table 1). This was achieved by Anne Gardiner and Gloria Newton after the first round, and they stayed there for four rounds before being overtaken by Martin Wu and Wendy Cuthbert who held on to top position for the last two rounds. Peter and Linda Neil had a strong game finishing in third place all the way from starting in 13th and picking up the Under 50 masterpoint 1st place prize.



Overall Winners
Wendy Cuthbert and Martin Wu

The low entry numbers for this year's congress were disappointing. Hopefully next year, more rookies and novices will be able to try our congress with Kenmore providing the only under 50 masterpoint option and only graded novice competition too.

An enjoyable day for all and congratulations to the winners.

Mick Fawcett



Under 50 masterpoints 1st place
Linda Neil and Peter Neil



Under 100 masterpoints 1st place
Anne Gardiner and Gloria Newton

Under 100 masterpoints 2nd place
Gaye Jackson and Inta Devine



Under 50 masterpoints 2nd place
Jenny McGowan and Vanessa Brewis



Most improved pair
Graeme King and Jacinta Lee