

**December 2019**



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## Session Fees

Account name: StepBridge Australia Bridge Club

BSB: 012 013 Account number: 3025 38455

Reference: Your StepBridge Username

Email [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) that you have made a payment.

	Members	Non Members
10 Standard Tournaments	\$30.00	\$35.00
50 Standard Tournaments	\$125.00	N/A
100 Standard Tournaments	\$225.00	N/A

## Alerting on StepBridge

Alerting, when playing on StepBridge, still continues to be a matter of concern. StepBridge comes under the ABF and players are obliged to follow the ABF alerting rules. These rules are available at the following link [www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFAlertRegs2017.pdf](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFAlertRegs2017.pdf)

To make it easier for players, below is a brief summary of the type of alerts and what you do and do not need to alert.

As with all on-line playing environments, players must self alert.

### PRE-ALERTS

On StepBridge, please announce any pre-alerts at the start of each round. Pre-alerts are your unusual or complex treatments/conventions. One common example is playing Walsh Transfers (i.e. transfer responses to 1♣ opening)

### ALERTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE AUCTION

To alert or announce during the auction on StepBridge, you should do the following

- Select the bid you wish to make
- Type the description (not convention name) in the bidding box. The description needs to be concise, yet complete.
- Select the “Bid & Alert” button.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

You need to announce the following bids

- 1♣ opening
  - minimum number of clubs contained (Standard American, 2/1 etc.)
  - strength of the hand (Precision)
- 1NT opening HCP range

### DON'T ALERT

- Any double or redouble
- Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid
- A bid of a suit (bid or shown) by an opponent
- Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid in an uncontested auction (e.g. Stayman)

*An example of uncontested auction is the following: 1NT, Pass, 2♣*

### DO ALERT

- All other conventional calls (such as Transfers, Multi bids, 2♥=hearts and a minor etc.)
- ‘Unusual’ natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, negative free bids etc.

### CLARIFICATION

You may only seek clarification at your turn to bid.

If a player asks for a clarification on a bid you make, you must respond. Please answer promptly and as concise as possible, responding only to the enquirer and not the whole table.

## Recipe Corner

### Ham, Quince & Blue Cheese Bites

**Sharon Leslie-Stuart (SharonL)**

*A great recipe to use up the Christmas ham*

#### Ingredients

1. Raisin toast
2. Quince, apple or pear paste OR fruit chutney
3. Slices of ham
4. Blue cheese – creamy or sharp

#### Method

1. Toast raisin toast (cut the crusts off if you wish to impress)
2. Spread toast with paste or chutney
3. Cut into either quarters or cut in half then cut each half into 3
4. Top with ham and blue cheese



## Masterpoint Promotions

**November 2019**

Denise Strain (DeniseSt)	Sliver Life
Murray Booth (MurrayB )	**National
Herb Neumeister (HerbNeu)	*National
Tony White (TonyW)	State
Sebastian Wright (SebW)	State
Diane Beasley (DianeB)	Local

## 2020 Membership Renewals

Membership fees are now due for 2020. Below are the 2020 membership rates for StepBridge.

- Home Members \$23.80
- Alternative [Associate] Members \$5

Please have your membership payment made by 31 December 2019.

## Christmas Season Gift

As a way of StepBridge sharing the Christmas spirit, there will be no table fees at the following sessions over the Christmas Season.

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December

New Year's Day - Wednesday 1 December

## Mentoring Program

The StepBridge Committee would like to provide a mentoring service to new players joining our club. These players may not be new to the game of bridge, but just new to using the StepBridge program.

If you are either available to be a mentor to a new player on StepBridge OR someone who would like a mentor for a few sessions, please email [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) with the subject title of the email being **Help & Support**.





## Interview with Chris Larter

*StepBridge username (and Nickname)?*

ChrisLar is my StepBridge username. I go by Christopher, Chris, Chrissy, and have the login name *young guy* on BBO.

*Where are you from?* Brisbane born and bred.

*What do you do?*

Up until very recently I was the part-time Administrator at the Brisbane Bridge Centre (BBC) located in Annerley. I have recently resigned from BBC as I was successful in obtaining a Parish Secretary role in a Catholic Parish located in the eastern suburbs of Brisbane. In this same parish, I have been the Finance Officer for just over 3 years.

*How long have you been playing bridge?*

I have been playing bridge since I was 13 years old. My grandma use to play and she introduced my parents to the game. That was 3 players and they needed a fourth. So that is how I started to play.

During high school, I played during school holidays at the bridge club.

Once I started at university, I started to represent the state in the Queensland Youth team. I did this for 6 years with our best year being in 2015 where the team were runners up.

*Favourite card in the deck, and why?*

7D, because this is the beer card. If you do not know what the beer card is, Google it.

*Any memorable bridge auctions?*

I think the most memorable auction and play is from a hand during the 2016 ANC in Brisbane. It was written up the Bulletin during the ANC.

M6 Brd 18  
Dir: East  
Vul: NS

♠ -	♥ A Q J 10 6 2	♦ 8 4	♣ 10 6 5 4 2
♠ K Q 10 7 5 3	♥ 8 5 3	♦ 7 6 5	♣ 9
♠ 9 8 6 2	♥ -	♦ K Q J 10	♣ A K J 8 3
♠ A J 4	♥ K 9 7 4	♦ A 9 4 2	♣ Q 7

West	North	East	South
	Larter		
4♠	5♥	1♠	X
Pass	Pass	X	Pass

The auction had East open a canapé 1♠, double from South, West raised to 4♠ and Larter competed to 5♥ which was doubled.

East started off with the ♣K followed by the ♣A. East innocently continued with a small club but this in fact had sealed the contract. Can you see why?

Larter ruffed with dummy's ♥9, cashed the ♠A for a diamond pitch, crossed to his hand with a trump and ruffed another club with the ♥K. He now rattled off four more trumps, with one more trump to play:

M6 Brd 18  
Dir: East  
Vul: NS

♠ -	♥ 6	♦ 8	♣ 10
♠ K Q	♥ -	♦ 5	♣ -
♠ -	♥ -	♦ K Q	♣ J
♠ J	♥ -	♦ A 9	♣ -

Because East began with ♦KQJ10, he was now squeezed on the last trump! Throwing away the ♣J would set up the ♣10, and throwing away a diamond would set up dummy's ♦9. Nicely played!

## Interview with Chris Larter cont.

How many StepBridge players have you met in person? **At least 6 StepBridge players.**

Summarise your life in one word.

**Busy.**

## Red Point Session

Saturday 28 December - 8pm

## Double Dummy Problem

Richard Lawrie (Ricky) has sent through the following double dummy program. Have a go and see if you can work it out.

Contract: 7♥

♠ AQ3  
♥ AKQJ  
♦ QJ10987  
♣ ---

♠ 6542  
♥ 5432  
♦ ---  
♣ KQ1098

♠ KJ10987  
♥ ----  
♦ 65432  
♣ 32

♠ ---  
♥ 109876  
♦ AK  
♣ AJ7654

West led the ♣K led. Your play.

## Humour Corner

On a Maternity room door:  
"Push. Push. Push."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Sign over a Gynaecologist's office:  
"Dr Jones, at your cervix."



## Contributions to the Newsletter

All contributions, big or small, would be welcome to this newsletter.

- Do you have an interesting hand for a recent bridge session or congress?
- Can we interview you, so we can all get to know you better?
- Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share?
- Do you have any other information you wish to share?

Please email your contributions to [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.

*My philosophy is that bridge is all about  
helping your partner:  
build a bridge within the partnership.  
Or: I trust you if you trust me.*

