

September 2020

Message from the President

Sarah Anwar (SarahAn / TDSarah)

Dear Members,

August is done and dusted and we are late with producing our newsletter, we have been very busy with all the exciting changes, but better late than never.

Our Home Club Members have increased to 100 and Associate Members 1674 with a daily average of 6 new applications to process. This month we have hosted 3600 tables at the time of writing this report.

The extra Red Point events are being well received and players look forward to them.

Last month I announced that we were hopeful to be able to offer club rooms very soon. The exciting changes to our Playing Platform have now made that a reality, we have 5 clubs currently running some test events and face to face clubs will be offered a club room with us probably next week.

We have trialled some teams events and we now look forward to announcing a teams tournament in the near future.

As announced our hardworking Admin Team and Tournament Directors have undergone some changes, thanks to former Treasurer Richard Lawrie for his amazing contribution to our team, happy golfing Richard.

Welcome to Mark and Stephen to our executive. Great to have Noel and Alan join our TD team, both are very experienced directors and a welcome addition to the Stepbridge Directing team.

The ABF have released new Online rules that we have included in this edition, please read and adhere very carefully.

As the new program enhancements are released you will be informed of the changes, look for a new website very soon.

On behalf of the Committee, Admin Team and Tournament Directors we wish you Happy Bridging, stay safe and continue to enjoy your Online Bridge Club.



Committee

President & Head TD
Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)

Secretary
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

Treasurer
Stephen Pringle (Steve)

Chief Technical Officer
Mark Hetherington
(Markhet)

Masterpoint Secretary
Antonina Hayles (Antonina)

Public Officer
Eric Taylor (EricTay)

Committee Members
Mardi Hogarth (MardiHo)
Brenda McClean (Brenda)
Rita Pringle (RitaPr)

**Netherlands
Representative:**
Epko Steinmetz (Epko)

Email Address

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Please put a **SUBJECT** in
the message line using one
of the following categories

Admin
Committee
Help & Support
Membership
Newsletter
Password Lost
Payments

Thank You Richard



Richard Lawrie, decided to step down from the role of Treasurer at the end of July 2020. Richard has been involved with the club for many years, including the days of Willem Willemse.

In more recent times, Richard helped to resurrect the club when Willem Willemse passed away. Richard has been on the Committee since the club was resurrected, being the President until March this year and then moving to the role of Treasurer. We thank Richard for his service and hope he enjoys his retirement playing bridge and golf.

New Members on the Committee

We welcome two new faces to the Committee, Mark Hetherington & Stephen Pringle.

Mark has taken on the role of Chief Technical Officer. This is a back-end role to help improve the StepBridge platform with our programmers. Mark is an experienced IT professional for over 40 years. You will often see Mark playing in our Novice tournaments.



Stephen has taken on the role of Treasurer and has professional experience in the past as an accountant / credit manager. Stephen is a founding member of StepBridge, way back in Willem's day. Stephen currently owns and runs a business in Adelaide called B&C Textiles. You will often see Stephen playing in our weekday night Open tournaments.

New Tournament Directors

We welcome two new TDs to StepBridge, Alan Bustany (TDAIan) and Noel Daniel (TDNoel).

Alan is a Tournament Director who lives on the Central Coast in New South Wales. Alan is currently directing our Sunday 4.10pm Novice Session.

Noel is a Tournament Director who lives in Perth, Western Australia, and is heavily involved with the Willetton Bridge Club. Noel is assisting us with sessions on an ad hoc basis at this stage.



Regulations for Online Events

The ABF have sent out Regulations for ABF Online Events, written by Laurie Kelso & Matthew McManus in August 2020. Whilst the ABF Online Events Rules have been clearly written specifically for the Bridge Base Online software, we at StepBridge are going to adopt the following based on these regulations.

1. The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the ABF Tournament Regulations apply as modified by these regulations.
2. The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorises its continuation.
3. Alerts (including Announcements) are made by the player making the call. An alerted call should be accompanied by an explanation. Players are encouraged to explain calls even if those calls do not require an alert. Any call that would normally be alerted at the conclusion of the auction in face-to-face bridge (including Self-Alerting actions) may be alerted at the time of the call.
4. Any player may request information concerning an opponent's methods. Enquiries must be made using Private Chat and should be directed to the player who made the call. Replies to these enquiries must likewise be given in Private Chat.
5. Players have the ability to set 20 different variations of system cards. It is necessary to edit the library card to match your system used. Players are expected to play according to their displayed system card. Failure to do so, may result in a disadvantage in respect to misinformation rulings. In addition, players must display their name in the Identity field.
6. In general, calls and plays made within 10 seconds of the previous call or play are considered to be in tempo.
7. Unintended calls or plays may be rectified as per the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A contestant who makes an unintended call or play should summon the Director immediately. Undos are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.
8. If play continues after an opponent's claim or concession is rejected, the result of the board will stand as played. Alternatively, instead of rejecting the claim or concession, the Director may be summoned to adjudicate a result.
9. A hand that is partially completed when time expires is adjudicated as equitably as possible to both sides.
10. A player's table chat is authorised information for the opponents and unauthorised information for partner.
11. All information provided by the software is authorised. This includes the ability to view one's own system card during the auction and play.
12. It is illegal for a partnership to communicate during a hand via any means other than chat to the full table.
13. The use of external aids to memory is illegal. This includes, but is not limited to, the inspection of one's own system notes and the recording on paper of the cards played.

14. Any attempt to gain advance knowledge of a deal (e.g. by communicating with a kibitzer during the game; by playing simultaneously in an event using multiple accounts or; by using a third-party account) is strictly prohibited.
15. Allegations of misbehaviour or suspicious activity should, in the first instance, be made to either the Director of the event or StepBridge administration (admin@stepbridge.com.au).
16. Situations deemed worthy of further examination will be submitted for investigation. Not only will the session in question be scrutinised, but other sessions involving the same player/pair will also be examined.
17. Players, pairs or teams who are subsequently found to have engaged in illicit or unauthorised communication will be the subject of disciplinary action.

How to Private Chat to the Opponents at the Table

Another frequent question is “How do I private chat to the opponents at the table?” You can do the following on all devices.

When you are at the table, select the drop-down menu beside **To:**

This menu will have a number of options including Table, Tourn. Director and Opps & Spectators. You need to select “Opps & Spectators”. *The below image example does not have this option showed, but this just gives you an example of where to find it.*

An example of a time you use this is when responding to a question by the opponents or a delayed alert or announcement of a bid. This is because you do not want to be giving information to your partner, which is unauthorised information.





Recipe Corner

Korean Beef Bulgogi

Brenda McClean
(Brenda)

Brenda: I watched an SBS cooking show and saw this recipe. I decided to try it out. It was absolutely beautiful.

Ingredients for Food

500 grams of wagyu beef ribeye or sirloin
1 carrot, thinly sliced
1 white onion, thinly sliced
2 cloves of garlic, chopped
2 cm piece ginger, chopped
1 green pear, peeled, cored and chopped
1 tbsp of brown sugar
100 ml rice wine vinegar
60 ml (¼ cup) light soy sauce
2 red oak lettuce, leaves separated and washed
kimchi, to serve

Ingredients for Dressing

2 tbsp light soy sauce
1 tbsp sesame oil
1 tbsp sesame seeds
5 spring onions, thinly sliced

Instructions

Marinating time: 1 hour

- 1) Slice the beef against the grain into thin strips (as thin as you can but if they're a little thick, it's totally fine!). Place in a bowl with the carrot and onion and toss to combine.
- 2) Place the garlic, ginger, pear and brown sugar in a blender and process until smooth. Add the rice vinegar and light soy sauce and blitz to combine well. Pour over the beef and toss to combine. Cover and stand for 1 hour.
- 3) For the dressing, combine all the ingredients in a small bowl.
- 4) Heat a heavy-based chargrill pan or a barbecue flat plate over high heat until very hot. Working in batches if necessary, cook the beef mixture very quickly for 2-3 minutes or until tender and charred.
- 5) Place the lettuce leaves on a large serving platter and divide the beef between them. Spoon over a little dressing, then serve immediately with kimchi on the side.



Bridge Humour

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you one wish."

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in Peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a winning bridge player."

"Hmmm..." the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again!"

ATTENTION

QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY & WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLAYERS

Daylight Savings starts on Sunday morning 4 October. This means play will start one hour earlier for players from Queensland, the Northern Territory & Western Australia. Below is the spelled out timetable for these players.

Monday-Friday

	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>
Novice:	8.50am	8.20am	6.50am
Open:	9.00am	8.30am	7.00am
Open:	12 noon	11.30am	10.00am
Restricted:	12.15pm	11.45am	10.15am
Open:	3.00pm	2.30pm	1.00pm
Under 50MPs (Tue & Thur)	6.30pm	6.00pm	4.30pm
Open:	7.00pm	6.30pm	5.00pm

Saturday-Sunday

	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>
Novice:	8.50am	8.20am	6.50am
Open Individual	9.00am	8.30am	7.00am
Restricted:	11.45am	11.15am	9.45am
Open:	12 noon	11.30am	10.00am
Open:	3.00pm	2.30pm	1.00pm
Novice	3.10pm	2.40pm	1.10pm
Open:	7.00pm	6.30pm	5.00pm

Note: There is no change of time for players from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia & the Australian Capital Territory.

Masterpoint Promotions

June 2020

Michael Johnson (MichaelJ)	Silver Grand
Pat Beattie (Pat)	Grand
Catherine Elliott (CathEI)	Gold Life
Salim Songerwala (SalimSon)	Silver Life
Mark Goddard (Mark)	Bronze Life
Jennette Rosetta (JenRoset)	Life
Charlie Georgees (CharlieG)	*National
John Russell (JohnRus)	*National
Sue Falkingham (SueFalki)	*National
Rohan Bandarage (RohanB)	*National
Richard Carter (RichardC)	*National
Helen Cook (HelnCook)	*National
Catherine Ellice-Flint (CatEF)	National
Kevin Kendell (KevinKen)	State
Eamonn McCabe (EamonMcC)	State
Beth Magick (BethM)	State
Jamshid Vazirzadeh (JamshidV)	State
Jay Kent (Jay)	*Regional
Jacky Dobson (JackyD)	Regional
Frank Hardiman (FrankH)	Regional
Simon Moore (SimonM)	Regional
Doreen Lynch (Doreen)	Regional
Melissa Ardern (Melissa)	Regional
Ken Hubbell (KenHu)	Regional
John Henderson (JohnHen)	**Local
Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)	**Local
Claire Goodwill (ClaireG)	**Local
Jane Venter (JaneV)	**Local
Sue Deaves (SueDeave)	**Local
Diane Beasley (DianeB)	*Local
Marge Henry (MargeH)	*Local
Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)	*Local
Midge Spice (MidgeS)	*Local
Jim Cullen (JamesCul)	*Local
Tony Roberts (TonyR)	*Local
Bernard Shaw (BernaSh)	*Local
Lou Russell (LouiseR)	*Local
Peter Mackey (PeterMac)	Local
Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)	Local
David Stent (DavidS)	Local
Mark Hetherington (Markhet)	Local
Takayo Yanagisawa (Takayo)	Local
Rosemary Jackson (RoseJ)	Local
Richard McLain (RichMcL)	Local

Wendy Venning (WendyVen)	Club
Steven Kemp (StevenK)	Club
Tim McCullough (TimMc)	Club
Geoffrey Sharpe (Geoffs)	Club
Peter Rostron (PeterR)	Club
Mark Glaser (MarGlase)	Club
Lou Stanley (LouStanl)	Graduate
Howard Brownscombe (HowardB)	Graduate
Penny Cory (PennyCoy)	Graduate
Denise Muhlhan (DMuhlhan)	Graduate
Margaret Manning (MargM)	Graduate

July 2020

Dariusz Drozd (Dariusz)	Life
Derek Poulton (DerekP)	Life
Jenny Coyle (JennyC)	*National
Gary Kembrey (GaryKem)	*National
Giles Martin (GilesM)	National
Tony White (TonyW)	*State
Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)	*State
William Ryan (WillR)	State
Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)	*Regional
John Vella (JohnV)	*Regional
Mukesh Parekh (Mukesh)	Regional
Robin Bishop (RobinB)	Regional
Denise Llewellyn (DeniseL)	Regional
Jane Tagney (JaneTa)	**Local
John Finlay-Jones (JohnFJ)	**Local
Tony Plummer (TonyP)	**Local
Wendy Sheehan (WendyS)	**Local
David Johnson (DavidJ)	**Local
Margot Rose (MargotR)	**Local
Mary Cotterill (MaryCot)	**Local
Fran Masman (Francina)	**Local
Ian Fraser (IanFras)	*Local
Keith Brinck (KeithBr)	*Local
Suzanne Harrison (SuzanH)	*Local
Anne Hede (AnneHede)	*Local
Wendy Harris (WendyH)	*Local
Ann Sauer (AnnSauer)	*Local
Russell Reardon (RussellR)	*Local
Lynda Bennion (LynLynda)	*Local
Bev Hopley (BevHople)	*Local
Brian Wawn (BriaWawn)	Local

Payment Update

To make the process more streamlined, please do the following when making a payment to StepBridge Australia.

1. Pay in the amounts of \$30, \$125 or \$225, as listed on the last page of this newsletter.
2. Include your username in the payment reference. **The username name needs to be exact, otherwise the payment may be allocated to the wrong person.** If you are paying your money at an ANZ Bank, you may need to include your ABF number instead, as the bank branch may not take alphabetic characters in the reference field.
3. Send a copy of your transfer receipt via email to the StepBridge email. Failing that, please send an email to advise you have made a payment. This will speed up the process of your payment being processed.
4. Please organise a payment once you have 100 participation point left in your account. This will allow time for you to make the payment and for participation points to be added to your account. It will also reduce the panic emails we receive prior to sessions.

Jake Andrew (Jake)	Local
Dot Slattery (DotS)	Local
Sandra Schoffer (SandraSh)	Local
Ian Olsen (IanOlsen)	Local
Nettie Bennett (NettieB)	Local
Joyanne Gissing (JoyanneG)	Local
Lou Stanley (LouStanl)	Club
Robyn Wells (RobynW)	Club
Jing Geng (JingG)	Club
Kerry Barridge (KerryBar)	Club
Shirley Hortin (ShirleyH)	Club
David Casey (DavidCa)	Club
Paul Davey (PaulDa)	Club
Angela Carroll (AngelaC)	Graduate
Don Saunders (DonS)	Graduate
David Hancock (DavidHan)	Graduate
Sherry Fehring (SherryF)	Graduate
Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)	Graduate
Rob Stevenson (RStevens)	Graduate
Nick Winter (NickWin)	Graduate
Jillian Redway (JilRedwa)	Graduate

Plus anyone else we have missed, due to the influx of new players on StepBridge

Update on Adjusted Scores

There are different types of Adjusted Scores on StepBridge. Here are a list of them, so you are aware of why you received that adjusted score.

1. If you do not start a board by the 5-minute mark, the faster pair will be awarded 60% and the slower pair 40%. The platform does not take into account players asking questions regarding the bidding. It is part of working out who is the faster and slower pair.
2. Similarly, if you do not finish your current board when the time for the round is up, it will award the faster pair will be awarded 60% and the slower pair 40%. This may be adjusted by the TD to either the result you would have likely received or to 50% each if a score cannot be determined.

Remaining September

Red Point Sessions

Tuesday 8 September

7.30pm Under 50 MPs & 8pm Open

Saturday 12 September 8pm Open

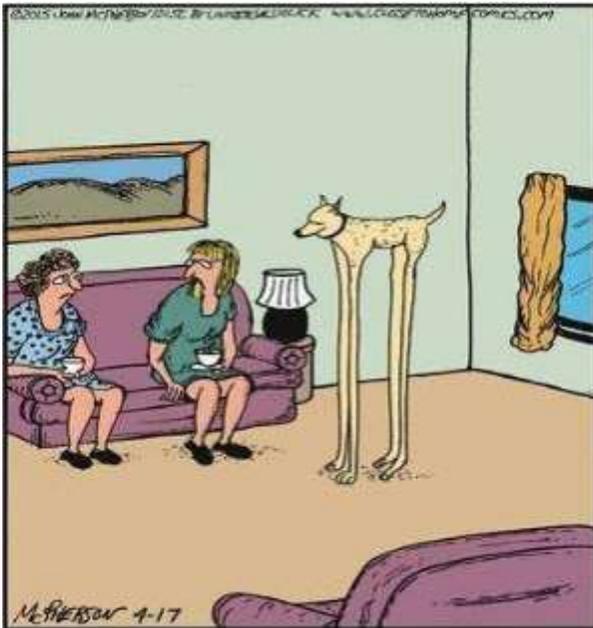
Saturday 19 September

9.50am Novice & 10am Open Individual

Wednesday 23 September 8pm Open

*A reminder that Red Point Sessions cost
75 Participation Points*

**Did you know on
the Canary
Islands there is
not one canary?
And on the
Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not
one canary there
either!**



"He's a Chihuahua/Great Dane mix."



"You may experience irritability and pain in

StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

Weekly Sessions

Monday-Friday

Open: 10am, 1pm, 4pm & 8pm

Restricted: 1.15pm

Novice: 9.50am

Under 50 MPs (Tues & Thurs only): 7.30pm

Saturday-Sunday

Open: 1pm, 4pm & 8pm

Open *Individual*: 10am

Restricted: 12.45pm

Novice: 9.50am & 4.10pm

IMPs Sessions

Monday: 1.15pm Restricted

Tuesday: 4pm Open

Wednesday: 10am Open

Thursday: 8pm Open

Saturday: 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday: 4pm Open

Facebook

Visit our StepBridge Australia Facebook page
www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/

We try to add humorous bridge related photos up on the page every few days.

Check it out and LIKE the page!



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 with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.

Session Fees

Account name: StepBridge Australia Bridge Club

BSB: 012 013 Account number: 3025 38455

Reference: *Your StepBridge Username*

Email admin@stepbridge.com.au that you have made a payment.

500 Participation Points \$30.00 2500 Participation Points \$125.00

5000 Participation Points \$225.00

Each player is required to become a member of StepBridge once their trial membership of 5 free games has lapsed.