



StepBridge

the Australian
Internet bridge club

Newsletter

September 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)



Hello friends,

Wow, yet another super busy month has passed. The team have been working hard to keep the Good Ship "Stepbridge" on a smooth passage.

Our Club Championships were well supported and congratulations to the Champions.

The Grafton Congress was a great success and enjoyed by all. We have more in the calendar for this month and for next. Please support these days. It is especially exciting that StepBridge Congress will be on Sunday 31st October, we will not run any regular sessions on that day to enable as many as possible to participate.

With the continued lockdowns in many areas our numbers have swelled again, August saw 15500 tournament players in the club. Our virtual clubs are becoming more popular and we welcome Finesse Bridge Club and Bathurst Bridge Club to our platform. They are running multiple sessions a week with us.

There will be further system upgrades over the next week so you can expect to have to complete automatic upgrade procedures when you next login after the implementation.

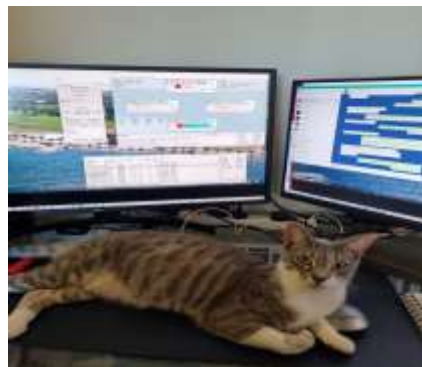
Anti cheating processes have seen a 2nd pair of offenders suspended from the club, with more suspects under review. Be assured we are determined to keep the play clean and green as possible.

My thanks to the outgoing committee for their contributions over the past 18 months. It has been a wild ride.

As always be safe, keep well and be happy, see you at the table!

Happy Bridging

Sarah



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NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The 2021 StepBridge Australia AGM will be held on *Sunday 26 September at 10am* (Australian Eastern Standard Time) via Skype.



As this is the main meeting of the club, all members are welcome to attend and participate.

StepBridge members have been emailed information regarding the AGM in. This included the minutes from the last AGM and reports from the various positions. If you did not receive this information, please let me know ASAP via chris@stepbridge.com.au

We also welcome anyone who would like to nominate for a position on our Committee or submit any agenda items. Nominations for all Committee positions and for any motions or matters of business for the club need to be emailed to the Secretary by Sunday 5 September.

The agenda, a list of all matters to be voted on, and a list of candidates will be emailed on Sunday 12 September.

If you have anything to contribute or wish to attend the AGM, please advise via email to chris@stepbridge.com.au. *Chris Larter (ChrisLar)*

Session Fees

Account name: StepBridge Australia Bridge Club
BSB: 012 013 Account number: 3025 38455

Reference

The Unique Reference Number you will receive via email once you have ordered the participation points through the StepBridge Club (playing platform)

500 Participation Points	\$33.00	1000 Participation Points	\$65.00
2500 Participation Point	\$137.50	5000 Participation Points	\$247.50

CONGRESSES

As our lives of many in Australia continue to be interrupted and ruled by COVID-19 and therefore cannot enjoy f2f bridge at clubs or weekends away attending congresses, bridge on-line has become commonplace.

In August, StepBridge successfully hosted a congress for the Grafton Bridge Club. Having achieved an excellent result, a number of clubs from around the country have made enquiries with StepBridge about hosting a congress for them.

Already, StepBridge has been booked to host two more congresses in the near future for other clubs. Both are Swiss Pairs congresses. On Sunday 19 September we have the Sanctuary Cove Congress and on Wednesday 6 October we are hosting the Central Coast Leagues Club's Congress. Details of these congresses are on the following pages.

We are very excited to announce also that on Sunday 31 October 2021 we will host our first Congress. This will also be a Swiss Pairs Congress with David Burn and Alan Bustany as your Directors, and Sarah Anwar as the Convenor.

There will be three sections: Open, Restricted and Novice. More details will follow but please "Save the Date" and make this congress a success!

STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA
SWISS PAIRS
CONGRESS
31 OCTOBER 2021



SANCTUARY COVE BRIDGE CLUB

SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

Open
Restricted 0-300MPs
Novice 0-100 MPs



CONGRESS DIRECTOR: CHRIS SNOOK

CONVENOR: SUZI LEDGER

Sunday, 19th September 2021

ONLINE – STEPBRIDGE

Movement	Graded Swiss Matchpoint Pairs scored in one field, but pairs will only be drawn against players in their own grade. 2 sessions.
Time	9.30am start. Morning session 9.30am (with short breaks between rounds) til 12.30, one hour lunch break, followed by the Afternoon session 1.30pm approx (with breaks)
Entry Fee	\$20 per person
Director	Chris Snook
Convenor	Suzi Ledger 0419 028 412 suziledger@gmail.com
Entries & Payment	Enter on-line at www.sanctuarycove.bridgeaustralia.org and pay entry fee to Bank of Queensland BSB No 124106, Account Number 22153239 in the name of Sanctuary Cove Bridge Club. Remember to include your name/ABF No as a reference with the payment.
Closing Date	Friday 17 th September 2021 at noon (please check with the Convenor if you wish to make a late entry). Refunds at discretion of the Club/Director
Conditions of Entry & Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QBA Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under QBA Regulations & Laws • Matchpoint scoring will be used • Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided • Only blue & green systems permitted in the Novice & Restricted Sections • Green, blue & red systems conventions and treatments permitted in the Open Section. No Brown sticker or Yellow (HUM). Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
StepBridge	<p>All players must be registered users on <i>StepBridge Australia</i> www.stepbridge.com.au. If you are registering with StepBridge for the sole purpose of playing in the congress you will be given temporary membership with no fee payable, and in addition 5 free StepBridge tournaments to enable you to familiarise yourself with the platform prior to the event. Details on registration at https://www.stepbridge.com.au/</p> <p>Any Stepbridge enquiries please call Sarah Anwar 0402 935 887</p>
Grades & Prizes	<p>Prizes awarded in 3 Grades:-</p> <p>Open</p> <p>Restricted 0-300 Masterpoints</p> <p>Novice 0-100 Masterpoints (with separate prize for Under 25 MPs)</p> <p>Masterpoints as at 30th June 2021.</p>



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



Swiss Pairs Online Congress on StepBridge Wednesday 6th October 2021 @ 10:00

Session will begin at 10:00 and finish at 16:30 with a break for lunch. There will be six nine board matches. Numbers permitting, there will be two sections: Open and Restricted. Prize monies: 1st \$200; 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$40 per section. If there are sufficient Novice players, there will be prize monies for them.

Entry via the NSW Bridge Association website

Cost is \$20 per person

payable by direct deposit to Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club,
BSB 062544 Acc No 10280906 with your ABF Number as reference.

All players must be registered users on *StepBridgeAustralia*. If you are registering with StepBridge for the sole purpose of playing in the congress, you will be given free temporary membership, plus 5 free StepBridge tournaments to enable you to familiarise yourself with platform prior to the event. Details on registration at www.stepbridge.com.au.

Convener: Louis Koolen
Phone: 0419281725
Email: lkoolen@bigpond.net.au

GRAFTON CONGRESS

Covid restrictions have had some positive outcomes – Grafton Bridge Club members are increasingly playing online and StepBridge has provided the means of doing this. Grafton Bridge Club's successful relationship with StepBridge continued last Saturday, 21 August, when the club ran its Annual Congress using StepBridge.

Sarah from StepBridge made the organisation and running of the Swiss Pairs tournament very easy. She and her team planned the day, providing the online format with the support of three very friendly tournament directors. Ninety teams played in the tournament which comprised eight 9 board matches. Play began at 9.30 and finished at about 6.00 pm - a long but very enjoyable day for the players.

Placegetters on the day were:

Open Section: 1st: David Weston and Kim Morrison

2nd: Tony Burke and Phil Gue

3rd: Carol Hocking and Jean Lowe

Restricted Section: 1st: Jake Andrews and Craig Taberner

2nd: Pauline Moore and Lawrie Hall

3rd: Florence Gibbons and David Johnson

Novice Section: 1st: Sean Quin and Thais Morgan-Pertus

2nd: Nick Armitage and Richard Samuels

3rd: Angela Bettles and Peter Lamont

Grafton's best players were Geoff Hiatt and Fran Hiatt, and Carolyn Seymour and Dennis Ford.

The tournament was particularly successful with one Grafton player commenting, "It's amazing the number of phone calls I have received from bridge players out of the district to say what a great congress Grafton Club and StepBridge put on in such difficult times." Another player stated, "The highlight for me was playing against a Gold Grand Master in round 2."

Grafton Club president, Bob Northam, said, "The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I would like to give a huge thank you to Sarah and her team at StepBridge who took on the challenge and organised our online congress in less than three weeks. It was fantastic."

Ian Huxley

Grafton Bridge Club Publicity Officer





StepBridge held the inaugural Club Pairs Championship during the month of August. Red masterpoints were awarded to the top half of each session as well as the top half for those who qualify for the championship. There were three categories in the Pairs of Open, Restricted (under 300 masterpoints) and Novice (100 masterpoints) players, as well as Open Individual. For the Restricted and Novice categories, the cut-off for eligibility was as of 31 July 2021.

There were 624 participants overall with 48 players competing for the Open Individual title, 77 pairs playing in the Open Pairs, 57 pairs competing in the Restricted Pairs and 42 pairs playing in the Novice Pairs. Played over four sessions in August, the results are:

OPEN PAIRS		RESTRICTED PAIRS		NOVICE PAIRS		OPEN INDIVIDUAL	
1 st	Rex Livingston Paul Hill	1 st	Mardi Hogarth Ian Fraser	1 st	Marge Henry David Sydes	1 st	Larry Bryant
2 nd	Anne Riley Gary Lynn	2 nd	Lyn McLain Barbara Ainley	2 nd	Libby Heyward Ann Sauer	2 nd	Jody Swaine
3 rd	Darryl Smith David Brooks	3 rd	John Grosvenor Mardi Grosvenor	3 rd	Joyanne Gissing Lou Stanley	3 rd	Nimal Weerasinghe

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!



SARAH'S CHILLI HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MAPLE SYRUP

Mmm what a delicious winter treat – chilli hot chocolate with maple cream is sure to warm you up! Preparation time 10 mins and cook time 5 mins
Serves 4

Chocolate and chilli go together incredibly well, the fiery heat of the chilli effortlessly cutting through the rich creamy chocolate. This chilli hot chocolate recipe isn't too spicy, but if you're not such a fan of chilli you can just add a little and taste, adding more if you're up to it. Do try it with the chilli though, it really does elevate the flavour of this drink to something very special!



INGREDIENTS

1 fresh red chilli or ½ teaspoon dried chilli
1 quantity of chocolate ganache made from 400 grams roughly chopped dark chocolate and 1 cup of cream – served at liquid consistency
500ml milk or nut milk such as almond or macadamia
1 cinnamon stick
2 or 3 star anise
½ cup of cream
2 tablespoons maple syrup
Grated chocolate and chilli flakes (optional) to serve

BASIC GANACHE METHOD

- Place chopped chocolate in a bowl
- Gently heat the cream in a saucepan until near boiling
- Pour the hot cream over the chocolate
- Allow to stand for a minute and then stir until smooth, dark and glossy. Allow to cool

INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Remove seeds from chilli and slice into strips
- ◆ Combine the ganache, milk, cinnamon stick, star anise and chilli strips in a medium saucepan and warm gently until almost boiling
- ◆ Strain into a serving jug and pour the hot chocolate into mugs or glasses
- ◆ Whisk the cream and the maple syrup together until the mixture forms soft peaks
- ◆ Top each filled glass with a dollop of cream and sprinkle with the grated chocolate and a few flakes of chilli if desired
- ◆ Enjoy!

If you have a favourite recipe, please email it to

support@stepbridge.com.au for inclusion in next month's newsletter

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS COMING

ATTENTION

QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY & WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLAYERS

Daylight Savings starts on Sunday morning 3 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.

Weekly Timetable

	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>
Open Individual:	8.50am	8.20am	6.50am
Novice:	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
Novice: (Sat & Sun)	3.10pm	2.40pm	1.10pm
Novice: (Mon, Tue & Thur)	6.45pm	6.15pm	4.45pm
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.

PLAYING CARDS - SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Here are some things about playing cards that you may never have known before from RossP

The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000. Some interesting facts and observations about playing cards:

Did you know that the traditional deck of playing cards are a strikingly coherent form of a calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 playing cards in a deck.

There are 13 weeks in each season and there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 seasons in a year and 4 suits in the deck.

There are 12 months in a year so there are 12 court cards
(Those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit.)



SEPTEMBER 2021

What is happening in September 2021?

SANCTUARY COVE CONGRESS

The Sanctuary Cove Bridge Club will be running its Swiss Pairs Congress on StepBridge on 19 September 2021. For details and entry go to: www.sanctuarycove.bridgeaustralia.org

STEPBRIDGE AGM

The AGM will be held via Skype on Sunday 26 September 2021. If you have anything to contribute or wish to attend the AGM, please advise via email to chris@stepbridge.com.au.

IN SEPTEMBER

September was originally the seventh month of the ancient Roman calendar so its name is quite inaccurate. September sees the commencement of Spring and of warmer weather. This year we will have the 20th anniversary of 9/11 when four co-ordinated terrorist attacks were carried out by al-Qaeda, an Islamic extremist group.

Some of the famous people born in September include Bruce Springsteen, Will Smith, Freddy Mercury, Serena Williams, Jimmy Connors and Dawn Fraser.

RED POINTS

In September the remaining **RED POINT** sessions are

- ◆ Monday 6 September – 4.00pm Open
- ◆ Thursday 9 September – 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice
- ◆ Saturday 11 September – 8.00pm Open
- ◆ Wednesday 15 September – 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted
- ◆ Saturday 18 September – 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice
- ◆ Tuesday 21 September – 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open
- ◆ Sunday 26 September – 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice
- ◆ Tuesday 28 September – 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted



MONTHLY AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Congratulations to all those wonderful players who have earned
a mention here!



Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in August 2021</i>	Overall	1	60.63	10	Doug Newlands (DougN)
		2	60.38	8	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	59.12	6	Richard McLain (RichMcL)
	Open	1	60.63	10	Doug Newlands (DougN)
		2	60.38	8	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	59.06	14	Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
	Restricted	1	57.27	13	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
			57.27	13	John Grosvenor (JohnG)
		3	57.24	6	Peta Drake (PetaD)
	Novice	1	59.12	6	Richard McLain (RichMcL)
		2	58.29	8	Jane Silagy (JaneSil)
		3	57.57	14	Marge Henry (MargeH)
	Open	1	56.15	11	Sue Spurway (Suzanne)
Individual	2	55.95	8	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)	
	3	54.75	7	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in August 2021</i>	Overall	1	60.64	9	Doug Newlands (DougN), Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
		2	60.38	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	59.12	6	Richard McLain (RichMcL), Mahendra Parekh (Mahendra)
	Open	1	60.64	9	Doug Newlands (DougN), Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
		2	60.38	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	58.32	9	Rex Livingston (RexLiv), Paul Hill (PaulS)
	Restricted	1	58.41	6	Linda Picone (LindaPi), Maria Mactaggart (MariaMac)
		2	57.27	13	John Grosvenor (JohnG), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	57.24	6	Peta Drake (PetaD), Neil Melvin (NeilMel)
	Novice	1	59.12	6	Richard McLain (RichMcL), Mahendra Parekh
		2	58.13	8	Marge Henry (MargeH), David Sydes (DavidSy)
		3	57.48	6	Joyanne Gissing (JoyanneG), Lou Stanley (LouStanl)

As an incentive for the player / pair who has most sessions in the month and the most improved player / pair in the month, a prize will be awarded to the person / pair that comes first in each category. The prize is 100 participation points per player. The players who have received the August prizes are marked in red text below. Congratulations!

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in August 2021</i>	Overall	1		78	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		2		69	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		3		64	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Open	1		69	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		2		60	Denise Strain (DeniseSt)
		3		57	Manda Labuschagne (Manda)
	Restricted	1		30	Ann Rice (AnnR)
		2		28	Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
		3		27	Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
	Novice	1		42	Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
		2		42	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
		3		36	Jude Brown (JudeB)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in August 2021</i>	Overall	1		36	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		2		33	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		2		33	Manda Labuschagne (Manda), Dariusz Drozd (Dariusz)
	Open	1		33	Manda Labuschagne (Manda), Dariusz Drozd (Dariusz)
				33	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		3		32	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
	Restricted	1		23	Pam Leahy (PamL), Ann Rice (AnnR)
		2		21	Ruth Perris (RuthP), Kay Hale (KayHale)
		3		21	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
	Novice	1		22	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu), Don Hubbard (DonHub)
		2		19	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa), Ann Sauer (AnnSauer)
		3		17	Carolynn Blair (CazBlair), Kathy Saurine (KatSauri)

The players who have received the August prizes are marked in red text below.
 Congratulations! The prize is 100 participation points per player.

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in August 2021</i>	Overall	1	7.66	10	Ann Michael (AnnMi)
		2	6.56	8	Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)
		3	6.22	11	David Sydes (DavidSy)
	Open	1	7.66	10	Ann Michael (AnnMi)
		2	6.72	7	Kay Pearson (KayPe)
		3	6	6	Phil Jacobsen (PhilJaco)
	Restricted	1	6.13	6	Sue Perry (SuePerry)
		2	5.88	6	Joann Theriault (JoannT)
		3	5.3	16	Linda Picone (LindaPi)
	Novice	1	6.17	9	Wendy Byrne (WendyBy)
		2	6.15	7	Jim Cullen (JamesCul)
		3	5.98	9	Lou Stanley (LouStanl)
<i>Most Improved Pair in August 2021</i>	Open	1	7.66	10	Ann Michael (AnnMi)
	Individual	2	6.72	7	Kay Pearson (KayPe)
		3	6	6	Phil Jacobsen (PhilJaco)
	Overall	1	6.13	6	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse), Sue Perry (SuePerry)
		2	6.11	8	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)
		3	5.91	10	Angela Bettess (AngBette), Peter Lamont (PeterLam)
	Open	1	5.53	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	4.42	8	Jennifer Buckley (JenBuckl), Marilyn Jarrett (MarilynJ)
		3	4.32	6	Sue Martin (SueMarti), Sue Falkingham (SueFalki)
	Restricted	1	6.13	6	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse), Sue Perry (SuePerry)
		2	5.51	10	Lorraine Bryant (LorraiB), Wendy Doyle (WendyDo)
		3	4.88	13	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMck)
	Novice	1	5.69	8	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)
		2	5.58	6	Richard McLain (RichMcL), Mahendra Parekh (Mahendra)
		3	5.37	10	Angela Bettess (AngBette), Peter Lamont (PeterLam)



Every month members of StepBridge earn Masterpoint Promotion.

Congratulations to our members who were promoted in August 2021!

Peter Karol	Silver Life	Don Saunders	Regional
Fusako Hashimoto	Bronze Life	Cheryl Shanley	Regional
Laurie Money	Bronze Life	Ray Carbuhn	Regional
Phil Bapty	Bronze Life	Heather McCallum	Regional
Gail McCombie	Silver National	Joyanne Gissing	Silver Local
Barry Dalsto	Silver National	Bernard Shaw	Silver Local
Jo Dundas	Bronze National	Lou Stanley	Silver Local
John Grosvenor	National	James Shelley	Silver Local
Margaret Teitzel	National	Marita Scroope	Silver Local
Craig Taberner	National	Robyn Wells	Bronze Local
Jacqueline Adcock	National	Geoffrey Sharpe	Bronze Local
Kevin Chapman	Bronze State	David Cumming	Local
Jake Andrew	Bronze State	Marion Leaver	Local
Graham Stuckey	Bronze State	Jennifer Kroon	Local
Gayle King	Bronze State	Gai Mylne	Local
Hamish McCracken	Bronze State	Christine Neale	Club
John Finlay-Jones	Bronze State	Dawn Rapley	Club
Janet Annear	State	Don Hubbard	Club
Brian Wawn	State	Jenny Clark	Club
Simon Moore	State	Sherry Fehring	Club
Jane Tagney	State	Julie Pearson	Club
Sandra Veling	State	Helen Hearnshaw	Club
Micaela Vincent	Bronze Regional	Susan Hicks	Club
Richard Gilbert	Bronze Regional	Lindin Ross	Graduate
Marge Henry	Regional	Helyn Davison	Graduate
Helen Agnew	Regional		
Jim Willetts	Regional		
Bob Northam	Regional		

Plus anyone we may have missed due to the influx of new players to StepBridge!



STEPBRIDGE TOURNAMENT FEES

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

WEEKLY SESSIONS

Monday-Friday

Open *Individual*: 9:50am

Open: 1pm, 4pm & 8pm

Restricted: 1.15pm

Novice: 10am (Monday-Friday)

& 7.45pm (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday)

Saturday-Sunday

Open *Individual*: 9.50am

Open: 1pm, 4pm & 8pm

Restricted: 1.15pm

Novice: 10am & 4.10pm

IMPs Sessions

Thursday: 8pm Open

Sunday: 4pm Open

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NEWSLETTER

CONTRIBUTIONS

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 support@stepbridge.com.au with the subject title of the email being Newsletter.

SHARON LESLIE-STUART 16.9.1956-31.8.2021

Sharon was a proud Kiwi who loved the All Blacks and never lost sight of her Kiwi heritage despite many years of living in Australia. I first met Sharon on BBO back in 2006 and encouraged her to come and learn to TD and join our sessions. Sharon was TD at different times for "Bridge Addicts", "Hornets Thunder Down Under", "BBO Save Tasmanian Devils", "Monstars and Funsters", Pebcat's "The Cattery" and finally "Blonde Magic" for more than 10 years.

Sharon joined us at Stepbridge in 2017 and became a popular TD with a pleasant happy and upbeat attitude to her sessions. Her favourite TV show was Masterchef and she would direct for us and hope for a quiet night so that she could keep one eye on the latest cooking show at the same time.

Sharon has been bravely battling cancer for several years and finally she has lost the fight. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening 31 August 2021. We will be running a Memorial Event in Sharon's name for the Novices and there will be prizes by way of PPS that Sharon has donated for this purpose.

She would say to us "wacky doodle doo" we have reached the final round. We can say Sharon had reached her final round and signed off. I hope she has found our old bridge mates in heaven and that they are dealing her a good hand and serving her a Sumac Gin and Tonic. We will miss you Sharon. Rest In Peace dear friend.

Sarah Anwar

