



**StepBridge**

the Australian  
Internet bridge club

# Newsletter

## October 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)



Hello friends,

As October 2021 begins, we find the consequences of covid delta variant continues to impact heavily on parts of our country more than others. September saw country NSW locked down and both Bathurst and Orange Bridge Clubs join our Virtual Clubs. We welcome them to our StepBridge Virtual Family. The fantastic benefit of our Virtual Clubs is that face to face clubs can keep in contact with each other and continue their sessions and see revenue flowing into their club accounts. There are now teaching platforms available as well for lessons.

We had a wonderful Birthday Bash for Bert Forage to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Bert became a Life Member of StepBridge and our gift to him was free games any time he wants to play with us. The event was a Red Masterpoint Session with 61 tables playing and players played for free.

Our late TDSharon gifted her PPS to be awarded in a Memorial Event for Novices which we held on what would have been Sharon's birthday, 16 September. 28 tables competed over 2 sessions for the prizes.

Our AGM was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September where Suzi Ledger was elected as Treasurer. We also saw Howard Brownscombe and Chris Raisin elected to the Committee. My thanks to Mardi Hogarth and Stephen Pringle for their contributions to our club. I am confident our new management team will look after the administration of our club competently over the coming year.

Our StepBridge Congress is being held Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, I look forward to welcoming you all to our special day.

Happy Bridging

Sarah



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Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)

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## TD SHARON MEMORIAL NOVICE CHALLENGE

On 16<sup>th</sup> September we held a TDSharon Novice Challenge in remembrance of our dearly missed TDSharon who passed away in August. Sharon arranged to have her participation points donated as a prize pool for the Novices

The winners of the TDSharon Memorial Novice Challenge held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September across the 2 Novice sessions:

1. MariaMac - LouiseM 64.81%
2. EdetteS - TammyHu 63.16%
3. IanFrase - RicFarqu 61.35%



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS HERE

### 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:	3.10pm	2.40pm	1.10pm
(Sat & Sun)			
Novice:	6.45pm	6.15pm	4.45pm
(Mon, Tue & Thur)			
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.**

## NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



The StepBridge 2021 Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 26 September at 10am AEST. We are pleased to advise the following is your Management Committee for the next 12 months

<i>President</i>	Sarah Anwar
<i>Secretary</i>	Chris Larter
<i>Treasurer</i>	Suzi Ledger
<i>Chief Technical Officer</i>	Mark Hetherington
<i>Masterpoint Secretary</i>	Antonina Hayles
<i>Committee Members</i>	Howard Brownscombe
	Brenda McClean
	Chris Raisin
	Rita Pringle
	Eric Taylor

One agenda item discussed at the meeting was table fees. A motion was passed that there will be an adjustment to the cost of Participation Points so that there are no unusual amounts. The motion passed at the meeting was the following amounts for the purchase of Participation Points.

\$20 (300 participation points)

\$35 (500 participation points)

\$65 (1,000 participation points)

\$150.00 (2,500 participation points)

\$250.00 (5,000 participation points)

\$475.00 (10,000 participation points)

This change will be effective as of 1 November 2021.

The annual membership fee of \$30 for Home Club Members and \$10 for Associate Members to remain unchanged.

Chris Larter  
Secretary, StepBridge Australia

## GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP

This email was recently received from one of our members. It demonstrates great sportsmanship and bridge ethics.

### FAILURE TO ALERT

Hi Sarah.

How are you?

Board 24, 4pm session 22/9/21 against Ken Smith and ChrisSha I failed to alert a 3 heart response to a 3 club enquiry over strong 2NT.

The 3 H bid shows no 4 or 5 card major.

This would have inhibited the natural H lead.

Could you adjust our score to 1 off (8 tricks) and if possible, apologise to our opponents.

Thanking you,

Tim Davis

# I LOVE BRIDGE



## STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA

## SWISS PAIRS

## CONGRESS

## 31 OCTOBER 2021



## SANCTUARY COVE CONGRESS

Sanctuary Cove Bridge held their Congress on-line with StepBridge on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Although we had planned to have this Congress face to face as usual, the lockdown in Queensland a few months earlier and the prospect of mask-wearing for a whole day did not do us any favours. Entries were very low about a month before - Grafton held their Congress on-line and we thought, why not??

In no time, entries starting coming in from the StepBridge community. We ended up with 28 pairs in the Open field, 20 in Restricted and 18 in Novice. I must admit I held my breath waiting for everyone to log in that morning, but in the end all was well. Suzi Ledger

Chris Snook from Toowoomba was our TD and I assisted. In the background, Mark Hetherington made sure the website functioned correctly for round-by-round results and we could not have held the Congress without these 2 people. There were a few Congress trials in the week before to check the software and many thanks to those who participated and Sarah Anwar's work putting these together.

Eventual placegetters were:

Open	Winners	Jody Swaine & Jenny Michael
	Runners-up	Dot Piddington & Jennifer Sawyer
	Third Place	Tim Davis & Robert van der Hoek
Restricted	Winners	Beryl Morris & Celia McKew
	Runners-up	Sandra Mulcahy & Richard Samuels
	Third Place	Robert & Claire Stammel
Novice	Winners	Trish McDonnell & Wendy Sheehan
	Runners-up	Derek Colenbrander & Terry Herfort
	Third Place	Jan Dann & Midge Spice

In addition we awarded a prize to the best Under 25MP pair which was Lyn Forby & Sally Michael.

If your Club is considering holding your Congress on-line, I would not hesitate in recommending Stepbridge as your platform and I look forward to the StepBridge Congress in October.

Suzi Ledger

Sanctuary Cove Bridge Club



# StepBridge Australia 2021 SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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**Open, Restricted & Novice**  
(An approved SABF red point congress)

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021**  
*Online on StepBridge*

<b>Directors</b>	David Burn & Alan Bustany
<b>Movement</b>	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. Three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Directors.
<b>Conditions of Entry</b>	SABF Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Butler IMPS scoring will be used. Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided. Green, blue & red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments, permitted in the Open Grade. Blue & green systems permitted in the Novice & Restricted fields. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 31 August 2021. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 31 August 2021. Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
<b>Start Time</b>	11.00am (NSW, VIC & TAS) / 10.30am (SA) / 10.00am (QLD) / 9.30am (NT) / 8.00am (WA)
<b>Closing Date</b>	Wednesday 27th October 2021. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and StepBridge.
<b>Entries</b>	Enter online at <a href="http://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-congress-2021-entry-registration/">www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-congress-2021-entry-registration/</a>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	400 Participation Points per Player.
<b>Payment</b>	The cost will be deducted from your account at the time of entry. Please ensure you have enough Participation Points in your account.
<b>Entry List</b>	<a href="http://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-congress-2021-entry-list/">www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-congress-2021-entry-list/</a> Entries will be posted on the entry list within 24 hours of submission, subject to enough participation points being in the account of each pair for payment.
<b>Prizes</b>	Cash Prizes will be awarded in the three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice. 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$150 in each field.
<b>StepBridge Username Registration</b>	All players must be registered with StepBridge. Details on registration at <a href="http://www.stepbridge.com.au">www.stepbridge.com.au</a> If registering solely for this Congress, you can have temporary membership with no membership fee payable and in addition 3 free SB tournaments to familiarise yourself with the platform. You will need order and pay \$20 for purchase of your Participation Points for this event. Account Name: StepBridge Australia BSB: 012013 Account Number: 302538455 All StepBridge enquiries to Sarah Anwar 0402 935 887.

## OCTOBER 2021

What is happening in October 2021?

### CENTRAL COAST CONGRESS

The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club will be running its Swiss Pairs Congress on StepBridge on Wednesday 6th October 2021. For details and entry, go to the NSW Bridge Association website.

### STEPBRIDGE CONGRESS

As advised StepBridge is holding its inaugural Swiss Butler IMP Pairs Congress on Sunday 31st October 2021. For details and entry, go to the StepBridge website.

### IN OCTOBER

October was originally the eighth month of the ancient Roman calendar, so like September its name is quite inaccurate. Oktoberfest and Halloween are two of the events that October is famous for.

Some of the famous people born in October include Mahatma Gandhi, Julie Andrews, Vladimir Putin, Hugh Jackman, and Julia Roberts.

### RED POINTS

In October the **RED POINT** sessions are :

- ◆ Thursday 7 October – 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted
- ◆ Sunday 10 October – 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice
- ◆ Wednesday 13 October – 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice
- ◆ Saturday 16 October – 8.00pm Open
- ◆ Thursday 21 October – 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted
- ◆ Sunday 24 October – 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice
- ◆ Thursday 28 October – 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open



## CLAIMS FROM A PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE



You may have noticed our TDs asking you to make (and accept) claims recently. Why? The main objective is to save time on "boring boards" so that everyone has more time for "challenging boards" (and to relax between Rounds).

So what is the best practice for saving time? It is usually to play on until:

1. Opposition Trumps are drawn; and
2. The Claim is "obvious".

That way your opponents don't have to think too long before accepting.

Occasionally on Slams etc you should claim earlier, possibly conceding a trick or two at the end, but it should still be easy for your opponents to accept.

If you must claim when there are outstanding Trumps you had best explain that you are drawing Trumps. Otherwise the TD is obliged to find a reasonable line of play that gives a trick to your opponents. If you have an outstanding Trump which opponents forgot about, it is usually best to get the TD's adjudication on the board.

It is never a good idea to show how clever you are by claiming whilst giving an exotic explanation of how you are drawing Trumps, finessing Diamonds, and squeezing Spades to make the contract. It is usually quicker, and leads to less disputes, if you simply play it out.

Normally you should accept your opponent's Claim. They are usually correct, but...

If a Claim is faulty you can deny the Claim. If ALL four players at the table (including Dummy) agree, you can play on (with the non-claiming side seeing all the cards) but you must accept the subsequent result (even if it is better than the Claim or could not have been made without the Claim). Playing a card is an implicit agreement to play on after a Claim.

It is often best for non-claimants to stop play and get the TD's adjudication. In such circumstances you MUST:

- not only deny the Claim;
- but also Call the TD.

After establishing the circumstances and your objection the TD may ask you to complete the hand, but subsequent play will not affect the TD's adjudication.

You do not want a reputation for denying Claims and asking for adjudications when the assessed result is the same as the Claim! But you should use the TD to get a fair adjudicated result when someone makes a faulty Claim.

If you accidentally deny a Claim, you can ask your opponents to Claim again or ask them to continue playing. The Claimant can refuse to play on and Call the TD to get a ruling, but this usually just wastes time defeating the whole purpose of claiming in the first place.

Finally as an inexperienced player it may not be obvious to you that you could claim the rest of the tricks. There is no requirement to claim, so don't feel pressure to do so. Nevertheless when it is obvious to you that you win the rest of the tricks it is a good idea to get into the habit of claiming, even if you stuff it up occasionally! Your partners, opponents, directors, and you yourself will all appreciate it.

Alan Bustany [TDAIan]



## SMOKED SALMON PASTA

A quick and easy recipe, this pasta is an unusual shape but great.

125g Barilla Chickpea Cassarece (pasta sold in all supermarkets.)  
1 shallot finely chopped.  
2 large cloves garlic finely sliced  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 heaped tablespoons creme fraiche  
1 tablespoon capers (optional)  
juice of one lemon  
1 packet of HUON SMOKED SALMON

- Heat a large pot of salted water and add pasta when boiling. cook as per packet instructions.
- In a pan on medium heat add olive oil, garlic and shallots, add good pinch of salt. cook till translucent.
- Add creme fraiche and capers and simmer, Add lemon juice and pepper.
- When pasta is cooked, spoon it into the pan with the sauce and stir through
- Turn heat back on and simmer till hot through, add smoked salmon broken into chunks.( I added about quarter cup of thickened cream, and it was delicious.)
- To serve, sprinkle fresh herbs, etc.

*Brenda McClean*

**If you have a favourite recipe, please email it to**

**[support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) for inclusion in next month's newsletter**





## MONTHLY AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



**Congratulations to all these wonderful players!**

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in September 2021</i>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60.48</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Gary Ridgway (GaryR)</b>
		2	60.38	12	Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
		3	59.01	7	Ken Berry (Ken)
	<b>Open</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60.48</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Gary Ridgway (GaryR)</b>
		2	60.38	12	Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
		3	59.01	7	Ken Berry (Ken)
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58.74</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Marie Pickering (MarieP)</b>
		2	58.71	7	Ian Fraser (IanFras)
		3	58.55	6	Suzanne Schmidt (SuzaneSc)
	<b>Novice</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57.86</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Wendy Sheehan (WendyS)</b>
			<b>57.86</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Trish McDonell (TrishMcD)</b>
		3	56.1	7	Mark Hetherington (Markhet)
	<b>Open</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Deana Wilson (DeanaWil)</b>
	<b>IMPS</b>	2	10	6	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
		3	9	7	Megan Cornelius (MeganCor)
<b>Open</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>John Friesen (JohnFri)</b>	
<b>Individual</b>	2	56.38	6	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
	3	55.25	23	Chris Van Wyck (ChrisVW)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in September 2021</i>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
		2	58.71	7	Mardi Hogarth (MardiHo), Ian Fraser (IanFras)
		3	58.57	8	Doug Newlands (DougN), Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
	<b>Open</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
		2	58.57	8	Doug Newlands (DougN), Art Robbins (ArtRobb)
		3	58.18	12	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58.71</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Mardi Hogarth (MardiHo), Ian Fraser (IanFras)</b>
		2	58.55	6	Peter Schmidt (PeterSch), Suzanne Schmidt (SuzaneSc)
		3	57.93	6	Alfred Leung (AlfredL), Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
	<b>Novice</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57.86</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell (TrishMcD)</b>
		2	56.97	11	Gian paolo Macolino (GPMaco), Wendy Harris (WendyH)
		3	56.92	7	Marg Orme (MargOr), Jane Silagy (JaneSil)
	<b>Open IMP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay</b>

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 September prizes are marked in red text below. Congratulations!

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in September 2021</i>	Overall			<b>70</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				63	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				57	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
	Open			<b>70</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				44	Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
				42	Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
	Restricted			<b>29</b>	<b>Ann Rice (AnnR)</b>
				27	Carole O'Connor (CaroleO)
				26	Kate Cush (KateC)
	Novice			<b>38</b>	<b>Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)</b>
			31	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)	
			29	Jude Brown (JudeB)	
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in September 2021</i>	Overall			<b>34</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
				24	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
				23	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Open			<b>24</b>	<b>Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)</b>
				23	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
				22	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Restricted			<b>21</b>	<b>Pam Leahy (PamL), Ann Rice (AnnR)</b>
				<b>21</b>	<b>Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)</b>
				18	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
	Novice			<b>18</b>	<b>Patricia Vetter (PatVette), Mary Buckley (MarBucks)</b>
			17	Trish Berry (TrishBer), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)	
			15	Janet Buckton (JanetBuc), Kathryn Wilkes (KathrynW)	

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in September 2021</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Alfred Leung (AlfredL)</b>
		2	7.53	12	Robin Vaughan (RobinVau)
		3	7.32	8	Marie Pickering (MarieP)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.53</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Robin Vaughan (RobinVau)</b>
		2	6.95	7	Jennifer Capel (JenniCa)
		3	6.8	7	Anne Sacco (AnneSacc)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Frederick Harrison (FredHar)</b>
		2	7.32	8	Marie Pickering (MarieP)
		3	7.01	6	Alfred Leung (AlfredL)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Suzanne Rochester (SuzanR)</b>
		2	4.97	6	Jane Armitage (JaneA)
		3	4.9	14	Susan Gehrig (SusanG)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Megan Cornelius (MeganCor)</b>
	IMPs	2	0.14	7	Lyn Redman (LynRed)
		3	0.12	7	Lina Zampichelli (LinaZ)
<i>Most Improved Pair in September 2021</i>	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.44</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>John Friesen (JohnFri)</b>
	Individual	2	7.04	6	Lou Stanley (LouStanl)
		3	4.12	23	Chris Van Wyck (ChrisVW)
	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Margo Miranda (MargoM), Bill Wellington (BilWelli)</b>
		2	6.95	7	Jennifer Capel (JenniCa), Patricia Bone (PatBone)
		3	5.5	7	Beryl Morris (BeryIM), Celia McKew (CeliaMck)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Jennifer Capel (JenniCa), Patricia Bone (PatBone)</b>
		2	5.17	8	Tom Hackett (TomHack), Jan Hackett (JanHac)
		3	4.49	11	Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Ian Maclean (IanMac), Jan Maclean (JanetMac)</b>
			<b>5.36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Beryl Morris (BeryIM), Celia McKew (CeliaMck)</b>
		3	4.83	6	Peter Schmidt (PeterSch), Suzanne Schmidt (SuzaneSc)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Merilyn Reid (MerilynR), Suzanne Rochester (SuzanR)</b>
		2	5.01	6	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh), Wendy Harris (WendyH)
		3	4.58	15	Janet Buckton (JanetBuc), Kathryn Wilkes (KathrynW)



"I'm a fun-loving shopaholic trapped in the body of a prudent investor!"



## 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](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) with the subject title of the email being Newsletter.

## BERT FORAGE HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY Monday 13 September 2021

Bert Forage, born in 1921 and having lived through the Depression, the Second World War, the Korean War, and many other noteworthy and interesting times, most recently the COVID pandemic, celebrated a milestone on 13 September 2021. He turned 100.

To mark this momentous occasion, StepBridge Australia awarded Bert a Life Membership and free games always.

StepBridge also held Bert's Birthday Bash at lunchtime on 20th September 2021. It was a free red point event and there were 61 tables!

Bert lives in Hobart and is a highly respected Grand Master. The photo shown here was taken at the Tasmanian Bridge Association when they celebrated Bert's 100th birthday.

