

November 2020

Message from the President

Hello friends,

Here we are in November, Christmas is just around the corner. As NSW and Victoria reduce restrictions, we find our numbers dropping as well. We will continue to maintain the current programme until the end of the year at which time we will review the future calendar for 2022.

Our StepBridge Congress held on Sunday 31st October, was a great success thanks to TDs Alan Bustany and David Burn and our tirelessly hard-working CTO Mark Hetherington, our congresses are proving to be a popular event for our players.

Great Lakes Bridge Club will hold their congress on 28th November, we hope you will all support this event.

The new committee is already working on a rewrite of our Constitution, and we will have more to say about this in the New Year.

We have secured a date for a Face-to-Face Congress on 15-16 October 2022 and this will be held in Orange NSW with the Orange Bridge Club hosting this event for us. We are planning Pairs, Teams and Hospitality functions. Watch this space for more exciting developments. Put this into your calendar for next year. There will be limited spots available so get in quick to secure your entry as soon as the Entries are open for registration.

Thanks to Megan Grant for her contributions this year as Editor of our Newsletter, great job Megan.

Happy bridging,

Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)



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Message from the Treasurer

I was honoured to be elected as Treasurer at the recent AGM, and I've been busy learning how the StepBridge backoffice works. There has been a lot of effort made recently to automate many of the order and payment functions which players use, and 99% of you are reaping the benefits. For the other 1%, could I ask a few simple things:

When you want to order more PPs, please use the trolley function in the Registration page. This way, your points are added immediately, however you do still need you to pay for them! Please use the reference number you are sent to make the payment and everything should happen automatically

If you are paying for 2 separate orders or for PPs AND membership, for instance, please make 2 separate payments using the unique reference numbers for each.

Don't use old reference numbers, each order has a different one

If you want to pay for someone else, please make the order on THEIR account and pay using the specific reference number for that order

Take note – we don't utilise direct debit or have any credit card information of yours. When you make an order or get a reminder, YOU have to make the payment.

Manual payments over a bank counter are often missing any reference numbers, please use internet banking where possible.

We do receive payments from time to time which we are unable to match. We make a big effort to find the rightful owner, sometimes there is just an extra digit in the reference or people use their phone number instead of the order reference, but sometimes all we get is the originating bank or credit union. A few of these payments are listed below. If you are still getting reminders and think any of these payments below to you, please send a copy of the bank receipt to suzi@stepbridge.com.au.

Date	Amount	Reference
16/6/21	10.00	TRANSFER FROM BANK OF QLD STEP BRIDGE
9/7/21	50.00	PAY/SALARY FROM GBS BRANCH 26471481343
12/7/21	10.00	TRANSFER FROM BANK OF QLD STEP BRIDGE
16/8/21	50.00	PAY/SALARY FROM GBS BRANCH 26471481343
26/8/21	65.00	TRANSFER FROM PCU STEP
16/9/21	10.00	TRANSFER FROM UBL
28/9/21	33.00	TRANSFER FROM RAILWAYS CREDIT 935667



Suzi Ledger (Suzi)

Director's Corner

Why Do We Alert?

The answer to this question probably affects how you act and how you respond to others alerting or, importantly, not alerting. Think of your answer and write it down before reading on.



The **principle** in Bridge is that your Opponents are entitled to know *everything your Partner does about what your hand contains on the basis of your bidding*. In addition, your bidding (and card play) is the only legal form of communication — anything else (talking to the table, hesitation, undos etc) create what is called *Unauthorised Information, UI*, which restricts what your Partner may do. We will come back to UI in the future but, for now, we will focus on correct legal communication.

How do your Opponents know as much as your Partner with whom you may have been playing for years? You have to tell them! You do that in three ways:

1. You **must** have a system card (identical in meaning with your Partner's card);
2. You **must** fully disclose the systemic meaning of any bid immediately when asked by an opponent (whose turn it is to act); and
3. You **must** alert any unusual bids or bids which have an unexpected meaning or convey additional meaning.

Action (1) is pretty straightforward. You should endeavour to have a comprehensive system card that accurately reflects how you play with this particular Partner. Make sure you are playing the advertised system: doing something else will not work in your favour if there are any disputes!

Action (2) requires you to be watching for messages from your Opponents. You should reply privately as quickly as possible (and you might want to reply "..." before giving a full response to show you saw the question). No one should ask or answer questions to the table, as that creates UI and potentially restricts what your Partner can do. You click on the person's name from a message in order to reply privately.

Action (3) appears more complicated: what does unusual or unexpected mean? Well, there are a bunch of alerting regulations (<http://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFAlertRegs2017.pdf>) but let's stick with the principles. Face-to-face you alert your Partner's bids — this is to avoid the inevitable UI that would happen if you described your own bids. Even so the Director sometimes sends your Partner away from the table if they are unable to correctly describe the systemic meaning of your bid. Online, however, you can describe your own bids because your Partner does not see the description so no UI is created — so you can happily describe bids even if they do not need to be alerted.

Face-to-face regulations also say you do **not** alert most bids over 3NT. Instead the declaring side should draw attention to any unusual features, particularly any unusual non-alerted calls (like control-bids and Blackwood responses) prior to the opening lead. Online, these delayed alerts by the Declarer before the opening lead are required as well, but the better time-saving measure is to describe the bids as you make them.

Director's Corner cont.

StepBridge **requires** you to alert and describe any of your own bids that face-to-face regulations say your Partner must alert. I would recommend you describe more of your bids than that: online it does no harm, and it has a remarkable way of reinforcing your own understanding of the system you are playing.

The one drawback of online alerting is the time taken to describe your bid. Many of us are not the best typists! But what if you could type them up in advance and just put in a code like 1M3d to mean "Bergen raise: four card support and 10-12 points"? Mac computers have a built-in system to do this (System Preferences -> Keyboard -> Text), and there are free text-expanders (such as the aText program) for Windows. Developing canned text for each of your bids over time is another great way of improving your understanding of your system.

So, we alert and describe the systemic meaning of our bids to keep our Opponents fully informed (as the spirit of Bridge compels us to do). Our Opponents can seek redress if we fail to fully inform them — they should call the TD who will adjust the result if the non-offending side have been damaged. Note that TDs do not "penalize" people for not alerting; they seek to find the result had the infringement not occurred.

You should take pride in fully describing your bids. I look forward to seeing more better descriptions in future!

Alan Bustany (TDAAlan)

StepBridge Congress

StepBridge held its inaugural on Sunday 31 October. After a few teething problems at the start of the day with two pairs not turning up to play - 1 pair in the Novice field and 1 pair in the Open field - the congress was a great success.

For the congress, there were three separate fields with 44 pairs in the Open field, 30 pairs in the Restricted field, and 26 pairs in the Novice field.

Thank you to our TDs, David Burn & Alan Bustany, for directing on the day, and also to CTO, Mark Hetherington, for his background work prior to the day with the setting up of the results system.

Now onto the results ...

Open

1. Deana Wilson & Fiske Warren
2. Margaret Robertson & Quentin Van Abbe
3. Ken Berry & Larry Bryant

Novice

1. Beth Magick & Elaine Jones
2. Marge Henry & David Sydes
3. Libby Heyward & Ann Sauer

Restricted

1. Don Saunders & Ellen Duggan
2. Deanne Gaskill & Gill Phillipppo
3. John Ewing & Steven Kemp

Congratulations to the winners. We will contact the winners regarding their prize money and the masterpoints for the congress will be uploaded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre website this week.

Melbourne Cup Day

Hat Competition Winners



Penny Cory



Maria Ruttiman



Richard Gilbert

You can view all of the Hat Competition entries at www.stepbridge.com.au/melbourne-cup-day-2021/

Sweep Winners

1st - 4 VERRY ELLEEGANT (NZ)

Carolyn Githens (CarolynG), David Brown (DBrown), Di Barrow (DiBarrow), Lyn Forby (LynForby), Margaret Barker (MargBa), Rex Meadowcroft (RexM), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)

2nd - 2 INCENTIVISE

Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK), Christine Shawcross (ChrisSha), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR), Judy Wilkinson (JudyWilk), Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW), Robert Stammel (RobS)

3rd - 3 SPANISH MISSION (USA)

Alison Colla (AliColla), Gwen White (Gwen), Helen White (HelenW), Herb Neumeister (HerbNeu), Ian Maclean (IanMac), Patsy Hall (PatsyH), Yvonne Dowding (YvonneD)

Last - 8 OCEAN BILLY (NZ)

Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW), Kevin Crough (KevinC), Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Parveen Rayani (Parveen), Peta Carney (PetaCar), Robert Fulcher (RobertF)

Great Lakes Bridge Club Congress - Sunday 28 November



Great Lakes SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA red point congress)

SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021

Online on StepBridge

Directors	Sarah Anwar & Chris Larter
Movement	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Directors.
Conditions of Entry	NSWBA 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. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
Start Time	10.30am Australia Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with a finish time of approx. 5.30pm
Closing Date	Wednesday 26th November 2021. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and Great Lakes Bridge Club.
Entries & Entry List	www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3551 Any issues with entries should be directed to the organiser: general@greatlakesbridgeclub.org or 0431 066 388
Entry Fee	\$20 per player
Payment	Entry Fee payable by EFT to: Great Lakes Bridge Club BSB: 012626 Acc: 351582014 Reference: your ABF number
Prizes	Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200 & 3rd Place \$100. Should there be less than 60 pairs entered, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced. Subject to there being 10 pairs per category, Best Restricted Prize (under 300 MPs) \$100 & Best Novice Prize (under 100 MPs) \$100 Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2021. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2021.
StepBridge Username Registration	All players must be registered with StepBridge. Details on registration at www.stepbridge.com.au If registering solely for this Congress, you can have temporary membership with no membership fee payable and in addition 5 free SB tournaments to familiarise yourself with the platform. All StepBridge enquiries to Sarah Anwar 0402 935 887.

Finesse Holidays: New Years Eve Getaway

Finesse Bridge Club is one of our virtual clubs on StepBridge. Sarah went on Finesse's last holiday at Terrigal, enjoyed it and recommends them. The next holiday is New Years Eve, as per below.

*NEW YEARS EVE GETAWAY – DEC 28 – JAN 01
HUNTER VALLEY - MERCURE RESORT \$ 1235 pp TS – Singles add \$ 350
With Greg & Gaye of the Finesse Holidays*



Included in this holiday:

- * 4 Night Accommodation
- * All drinks on NYE plus the 1st & 2nd evenings
- * All breakfasts
- * All dinners including the NYE Party
- * Farewell Lunch
- * All Bridge Fees at B4Red
- * Workshops & Lesson Material
- * An Entertainer for NYE (Kent)
- * Entry to Hunter Valley Gardens Light Show

Finesse Holidays: New Years Eve Getaway

HOLIDAY OVERVIEW:

The holiday will commence at 2:30 pm on December 30 with the first session of bridge. Welcome drinks will follow, and enjoy dinner at the Restaurant.

Gaye's New Year's Eve dinner has been popular for many years, However, the main course will be held in the restaurant. All drinks are supplied on this evening. It will be very informal and lots of fun.

A light entertainer will perform on NYE.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM:

Dec 28	13:30	Arrival at the Manor
	15:00	HV Garden Pairs Session 1 of 7
	18:45	Welcome Drinks at Oishii
	19:30	Dinner at Oishii (within Tempes Two) with drinks.
Dec 29	09:30	Tutorial 1
	10:00	HV Pairs Session 2 of 7
	15:00	HV Pairs Session 3 of 7
	19:30	Alternate Dinner at Resort. No Drinks supplied
Dec 30	09:45	Tutorial 2.
	10:15	HV Pairs Session 4 of 7
	19:00	Dinner at Oishii. Drinks supplied.
	20:30	Entry to HV Gardens
Dec 31	09:30	Tutorial 3
	10:00	HV Pairs Session 5 of 7
	15:00	HV Pairs Session 6 of 7
	19:00	Celebration Drinks & Nibblies (near Pool Area)
	19:45	Dinner, Drinks & Entertainer all night. At MERCURE
Jan 01	09:15	HV Pairs Session 7 of 7
	12:15	Farewell Sandwich/Fruit & Presentation.

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Christmas Day Sessions

On Christmas Day, StepBridge will hold the following three bridge sessions only.

10.00am OPEN (Green Points)

4.00pm OPEN (Green Points)

8.00pm OPEN (Red Points)

As a Christmas Gift from StepBridge, these sessions will be FREE.



New Year's Eve Session

To celebrate the end of 2021 and bring in 2022, we will be holding a special New Year's Eve session at 10.30pm AEDT on Friday 31 December.

This special session will be a Red Point session.

Come and join in the fun with your StepBridge friends!

Gold Coast Congress: StepBridge Hospitality Event

Are you planning on playing at the Gold Coast Congress in 2022?

If so, we are planning a StepBridge Hospitality Event during the congress on Monday 21 February, in the afternoon or evening (time TBC). There maybe a second hospitality event if there is interest.

We would like to meet you face2face, and we are sure that you also want to meet and catch up with your StepBridge friends face2face too.

To register your interest to attend our StepBridge Hospitality Event during the Gold Coast Congress, please go to the following link www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-hospitality-event-the-gold-coast-congress/.



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 Shopping Cart.

300 Participation Points	\$20.00	500 Participation Points	\$35.00
1000 Participation Points	\$65.00	2500 Participation Points	\$150.00
5000 Participation Points	\$250.00	10000 Participation Points	\$475.00

StepBridge Shirts

Order a StepBridge Shirt, so you can wear it with pride at a congress!

Go to www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-shirt-order-form/ and follow the instructions to order your shirt in the colour, size, and design that you want.

In the images below, we have Chris (ChrisLar / TDChris) modelling a StepBridge Polo Shirt.

Each product comes with the embroidered StepBridge Logo.

T-Shirts are \$25 and Polo Shirts are \$40. The price includes delivery.

We will be in contact with you, once you have placed your order, regarding payment.

Please email support@stepbridge.com.au to inquire about the price of other items or if you have any questions.



Monthly Awards: October 2021

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in October 2021</i>	Overall	1	61.33	7	Ming Yang (MingYang)
			61.33	7	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		3	57.98	8	Diana Spooner (DianaSp)
	Open	1	61.33	7	Ming Yang (MingYang)
			61.33	7	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		3	57.98	8	Diana Spooner (DianaSp)
	Restricted	1	57.46	6	Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)
		2	56.46	9	John Ewing (JohnEw)
			56.46	9	Steven Kemp (StevenK)
	Novice	1	58.32	16	Jane Silagy (JaneSil)
		2	57.54	16	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
		3	56.99	18	Penny Cory (PennyCoy)
	Open	1	15	6	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
	IMPs	2	13	6	Vicki Lee (VickiL)
			13	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ)
Open	1	57.08	7	Gayle Keenan (GayleK)	
Individual	2	55.95	6	Alison McGregor (AlisonMc)	
	3	53.87	7	John Kelly (JohnKell)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in October 2021</i>	Overall	1	61.33	7	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
					Lorraine Lindsay (LorrainL), Diana Spooner (DianaSp)
		2	58.88	7	
		3	58.71	6	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Open	1	61.33	7	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
					Lorraine Lindsay (LorrainL), Diana Spooner (DianaSp)
		2	58.88	7	
		3	58.71	6	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Restricted	1	56.52	13	Pauline Moore (PaulineM), Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
		2	56.46	9	Steven Kemp (StevenK), John Ewing (JohnEw)
		3	56.4	7	Paul Letts (PaulLet), Chris Farr (ChrisF)
	Novice	1	57.98	7	Wendy Harris (WendyH), Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
		2	57.95	6	Wendy Harris (WendyH), Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
		3	57.86	6	Penny Cory (PennyCoy), Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
	Open	1	13	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
IMPs	2	-1	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)	
	3	-12	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)	

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 October prizes are marked in red text below. Congratulations!

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in October 2021</i>	Overall			61	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				53	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
				53	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
	Open			61	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				53	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				44	Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
	Restricted			28	Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
				28	Ann Rice (AnnR)
				27	Wendy Doyle (WendyDo)
	Novice			34	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
			30	Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)	
			28	Jude Brown (JudeB)	
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in October 2021</i>	Overall			36	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				25	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				23	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
	Open			23	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
				22	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				21	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
	Restricted			20	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				20	Alma Van der Walt (MariaAlm), Kathy Ivits (Kathyl)
				19	Pam Leahy (PamL), Ann Rice (AnnR)
	Novice			16	Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
			15	Trish Berry (TrishBer), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)	
			13	Phillip Douglas (PhillipP), Pam Ward (PamWard)	

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in October 2021</i>	Overall	1	7.68	10	Nettie Bennett (NettieB)
		2	7.13	9	Megan Cornelius (MeganCor)
		3	6.59	9	Sarah Gaunt (SarahGa)
	Open	1	10.06	6	Megan Cornelius (MeganCor)
		2	7.28	6	Wal Brake (WalBra)
		3	6.59	9	Sarah Gaunt (SarahGa)
	Restricted	1	7.52	6	Matthew Lynch (MatthewL)
		2	6.71	11	Eve Tuck (EveT)
		3	5.88	8	Ann Sauer (AnnSauer)
	Novice	1	7.9	9	Nettie Bennett (NettieB)
		2	4.7	7	Binny Thomas (BinnyTh)
		3	4.31	11	Frede Katz (FredKatz)
	Open IMPs	1	0.14	7	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
		2	0.12	6	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG)
		3	0.08	7	Joan Davis (JoanD)
Open Indi-	1	8.08	6	Marina Green (MarinaG)	
	2	6.79	7	Gayle Keenan (GayleK)	
	3	5.01	6	Alison McGregor (AlisonMc)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in October 2021</i>	Overall	1	5.38	6	Eve Tuck (EveT), Howard Brownscombe (HowardB)
		2	5.2	8	Patricia Dall (PatriciD), Marion Carney (MarionCa)
		3	4.61	7	Lorraine Lindsay (LorrainL), Diana Spooner (DianaSp)
	Open	1	5.2	8	Patricia Dall (PatriciD), Marion Carney (MarionCa)
		2	4.61	7	Lorraine Lindsay (LorrainL), Diana Spooner (DianaSp)
			4.61	7	Barbara Callan (BarbC), Marion Scambler (MarionSc)
	Restricted	1	4.03	9	Steven Kemp (StevenK), John Ewing (JohnEw)
		2	3.04	7	Pauline Moore (PaulineM), Janece Ralph (JaneceR)
		3	2.97	20	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
	Novice	1	4.6	9	Frede Katz (FredKatz), Margaret Lovell (MargLov)
		2	4.17	6	Wendy Harris (WendyH), Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
		3	4.16	7	Colin Morrison (ColMor), Merrill Lance (Merrill)
	Open IMPs	1	0.01	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)

Masterpoint Promotions

September 2021

Janelle Conroy	Silver Life	David Johnson	Bronze Regional
Jody Swaine	Bronze Life	Maria Mactaggart	Bronze Regional
Margaret Robertson	Bronze Life	Kim Robson	Bronze Regional
Jamal Rayani	Bronze Life	Nick Armitage	Regional
Martin Clear	Life	Susie Fraser	Regional
Jill Haworth	Silver National	Aruni Bandarage	Regional
Mardi Grosvenor	Bronze National	Mark Hetherington	Regional
Lynn Bain	Bronze National	Robert Happell	Silver Local
Alfred Leung	Bronze National	Simon Fleming	Silver Local
Gail McKenzie	Bronze National	Neil Weir	Silver Local
Lorraine Bryant	National	Lyn Arnold	Silver Local
Sylvia Bray	National	Cath Morrison,	Silver Local
Peter Crew	Bronze State	Michele Pollock	Silver Local
Mukesh Parekh	Bronze State	Richard McLain	Silver Local
Graham Harms	Bronze State	Geoffrey Sharpe	Bronze Local
Rosemary Porter	State	Tim Porter	Bronze Local
Beryl Morris	State	Peter Mackey	Bronze Local
John Sarena	State	Margo Miranda	Bronze Local
Clive Hardwick	State	Jeff Veling	Bronze Local
Maria Setiyawan	State	Pamela Finger	Bronze Local
Ken Orange	State	Ian Bailey	Local
Kate Smith	State	Helen Hearnshaw	Club
Marge Henry	State	Julie Pearson	Club
Owen Teakle	State	Brian Ashton	Graduate
Rosalyn Davies	Bronze Regional	Kerri Grant	Graduate
Ann Sauer	Bronze Regional		



Congratulations!

Masterpoint Promotions

October 2021

Chris Snook	Grand	Sandy Fraser	Regional
Trevor Dwerryhouse	Gold Life	Reg Burton	Regional
Rachel Langdon	Silver Life	Tessa Mayall	Regional
Esther Saunders	Bronze Life	Anne Hede	Regional
Debbie James	Bronze Life	Lou Russell	Regional
Kathryn Graham	Life	Steve Kemp	Silver Local
Carolann Verity	Life	Robyn Wells	Silver Local
Jacky Gruszka	Silver National	Kay Bennetts	Silver Local
Mieke Van Weel	Silver National	Kerry Barridge	Silver Local
Jay Novak	Bronze National	David Hancock	Silver Local
Frank Hardiman	National	Althea Crowley	Silver Local
Caroline Marshall	National	Rudy Meyer	Silver Local
Keith O'Malley	National	Persephone Lobb	Silver Local
Diana Waddell	National	Izzy Jensen	Silver Local
Sandy Carter	Bronze State	Peter Webb	Silver Local
Bev Coulton	Bronze State	Jane Happell	Silver Local
Ron Wilkinson	State	David Cumming	Bronze Local
Rosalyn Davies	State	Jing Geng	Bronze Local
Pat Allen	State	Kyle Giggacher	Bronze Local
Midge Spice	State	Joanne Saunders	Bronze Local
Tammy Hubbard	Bronze Regional	Graeme Fraser	Bronze Local
Trish Berry	Bronze Regional	Nettie Bennett	Bronze Local
Wendy Harris	Bronze Regional	Mary Hirsch	Bronze Local
Julie Sheehan	Bronze Regional	Vivian Waddell	Bronze Local
Libby Heyward	Bronze Regional	Kate Buchanan	Bronze Local
Louise Thompson	Bronze Regional	Graham Woof	Local
David Sydes	Bronze Regional	Lyn Forby	Local
Stanley Law	Regional	Robyn Rattray-Wood	Club
Peter Solomon	Regional	Jeannie McDonagh	Club
		Jules Gribble	Graduate

BRIDGE PLAYERS



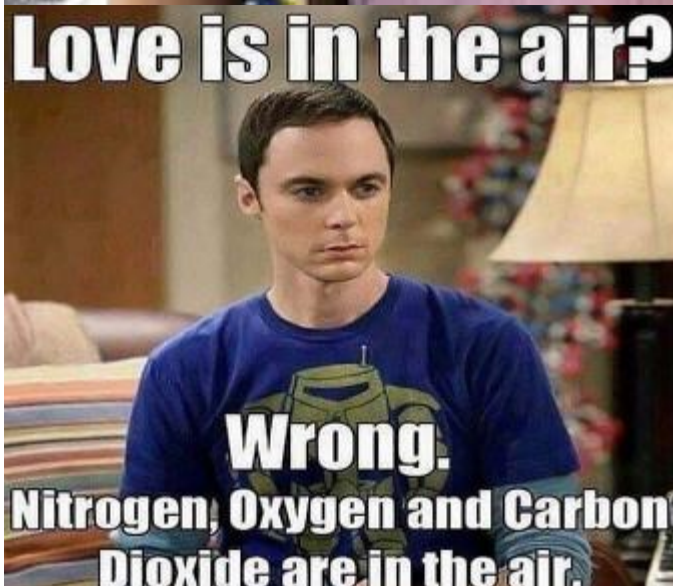
DO IT WITH FINESSE

Ever heard a player say things like these?

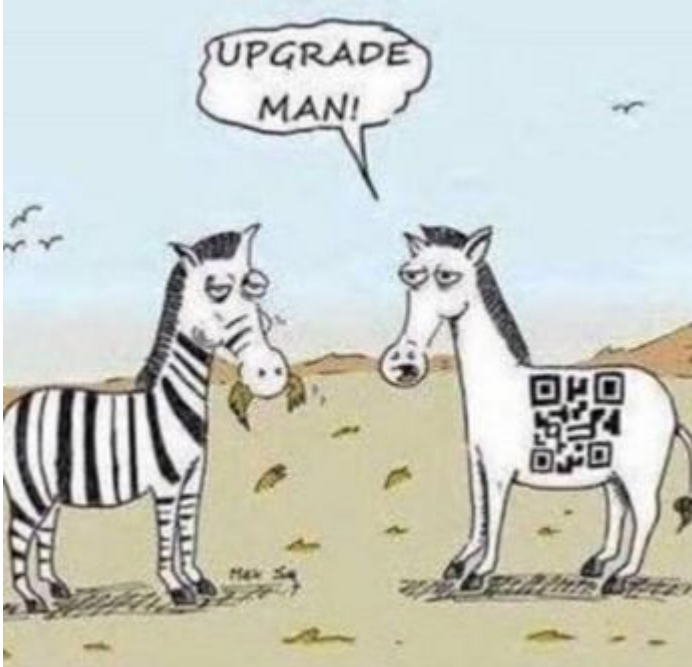
Ten things a bridge player would never say ...

1. This club (playing area) is always the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool! A four-board sitout.
4. No, I don't think tournament fees are too high.
5. I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please. I'm not interested.
7. More new Alerts! More new Alerts!
8. One thing I can say about bridge players – they sure know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today, thanks. I'd rather jog and work out.

– Marilyn White, Toronto



Funnies Page



You can't park in the Handicap Zone just because you've lost your phone.

OH, COME ON! THE STICK IS RIGHT THERE!



StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

Daily Sessions

Open Individual: 9:50am

Open: 1pm, 4pm & 8pm

Restricted: 1.15pm

Novice: 10am

7.45pm (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday)

4.10pm (Saturday & Sunday)

IMPs Sessions

Thursday: 8pm Open

Sunday: 4pm Open

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

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Upcoming Red Point Sessions

Monday 8 November

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Thursday 11 November

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday 14 November

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Wednesday 17 November

- 8.00pm Open

Saturday 20 November

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

Tuesday 23 November

- 4.00pm Open

Friday 26 November

- 8.00pm Open

Monday 29 November

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Thursday 2 December

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

Sunday 5 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Tuesday 7 December

- 4.00pm Open

Thursday 9 December

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 12 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Wednesday 15 December

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

Saturday 18 December

- 8.00pm Open

Monday 20 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Thursday 23 December

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Saturday 25 December

- 8.00pm Open

Sunday 26 December

- 8.00pm Open

Wednesday 29 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted