

**January 2022**

## Message from the President

### HAPPY NEW YEAR PLAYERS

2022 has already proved to be another difficult start to the new year.

Fortunately StepBridge is always Open for Business and players can continue their daily bridge routine with us without interruption, in the safety of their home environment.

Already the requests for Online Bridge Congresses with us are in. As we get confirmed dates they will be advertised for your information. StepBridge plans to hold a Club Congress event 4 times this year.

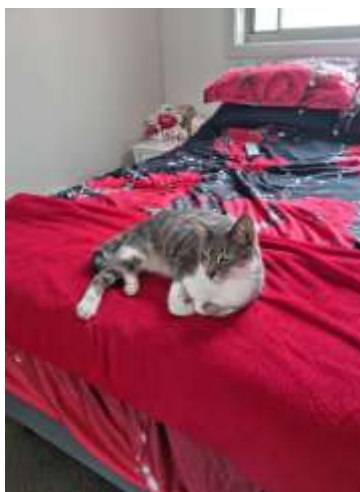
StepBridge Australia is very happy to announce that we will be sponsoring the Open Teams Event at the Gold Coast Congress this year, and we hope to continue for many years to come. Look for information about our hospitality event during the congress and express your interest if you would like to attend.

We were very sad to learn of the passing of our Life member Bert Forage. Bert passed away on Christmas morning. I had a personal connection with Bert. Both he and I had the pleasure of playing bridge with the same partner Bruce Williams albeit at different times. Bert and I often reminisced about those days and how we both missed Bruce since his passing some years ago. Rest In Peace dear Bert I will miss you.

We look forward to the introduction of audio/video capacity. This is currently under build and test in The Netherlands. We await with anticipation the ability to offer it here within the StepBridge Australia platform facilities.

Please continue to enjoy your sessions with us. I look forward to seeing you at the table,

Happy bridging, *Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)*



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## Obituaries

### VALE Bert Forage

Lt. Col. Bert Forage (Retd.) FRCS FRACS Mch, has played his last hand, dying peacefully at home on Christmas morning, aged 100.

His family members wish to express their most sincere gratitude to the Tasmanian Bridge Association, StepBridge and BBO, and particularly to his many kind bridge partners, opponents and fellow enthusiasts. They filled his life with constant challenges and interest.



At his own request, there were no funeral rites or commemorations, but his wish was that, like him, 'you continue playing to the end'.

Bert was StepBridge's first life member. He thoroughly enjoyed his time with us. Particularly our Online congresses. He was able to play all day with the home environment support around him. We will miss Bert very much. Our thoughts and condolences are with his wife Alison.

### VALE Larry Allender

Larry Allender (LarryA) passed away early morning on Thursday 23 December, after a battle with cancer.

Larry soldiered on playing even when gravely ill. He will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Larry's family.

## McCutcheon Awards and Top of Masterpoint Colour

Congratulations to the following StepBridge players who have had their name up in lights at the end of 2021 with the following ABF awards.

### ***McCutcheon Awards***

- Gold Life Master - Gwyneira Brahma 250.11 masterpoints
- Silver Life Master - Hans Van Weeren 168.51 masterpoints
- National Master - Dianne Dwyer 152.60 masterpoints
- State Master - Mardi Grosvenor 215.95 masterpoints
- Bronze Regional Master - Rosemary Porter 58.71 masterpoints
- Silver Local Master - Jake Andrew 138.05 masterpoints
- Local Master - Libby Heyward 97.78 masterpoints

### ***Top of Masterpoint Colour***

The winners for the most GREEN MP's in 2021:

1st Mardi Grosvenor 132.89    2nd Tim Davis 123.62    3rd Elizabeth McNeill 111.64

# Recipe Book

## Sadza/Maizemeal/Pap

### Equipment

Small Saucepan/Pot  
Wooden spoon  
Scoop spoon

### Ingredients

Maize meal, boiling water and tap water

### Step 1

- Put 2 scoops of mealie-meal in a saucepan
- Add a little cold water, stir with a wooden spoon to make a thick paste
- Put saucepan on stove
- Add boiling water whilst stirring simultaneously to avoid getting lumps.



### Step 2

- Keep stirring
- Stop stirring until it's boiling (rakukwata)
- Cover pot, and let it cook for 15 minutes.



### Step 3

- After 15 minutes, add more mealie-meal bit by bit and mix (kumona sadza) with the wooden spoon
- Be sure to stir it to a smooth mixture, to avoid lumps.
- When it's just about to reach the consistency you desire, cover it and let it simmer for 5 minutes.
- Your pap/sadza is ready. Serve with your preferred stew and leafy vegetables.



## 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 evening after the afternoon session (time TBC). This of course depends on the COVID situation at the time.

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.

We ask to register your interest to attend our StepBridge Hospitality so we have an idea on numbers with the venue we plan to book. Please go to the following link [www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-hospitality-event-the-gold-coast-congress/](http://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-hospitality-event-the-gold-coast-congress/).



## Attention Youth Players!!!



StepBridge is wanting to give back to the bridge community. One way is supporting our youth players (under 25 years old). Therefore, we are now offering the following Youth Player bonuses.

- *Additional free games for new youth players joining StepBridge.*
- *No membership fee, when an ABF Youth Home Club Member.*
- *Match Participation Point purchases, thus giving half price table fees.*

For Youth Players to take advantage of these offers, please email us so we can set up your account accordingly. Also, you need to advise us each time you make an order for Participation Points, so we can match the amount ordered.

## 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

## Chris & Sarah's New Year Bridge Holiday

Sarah and Chris decided to go on one of the Holidays run by Greg Eustace and Gaye Allen of Finesse Bridge Club. This holiday was a New Year Bridge holiday, commencing on Tuesday 28 December and running through to New Year's Day on Saturday 1 January.

The holiday involved seven bridge sessions, a short lesson prior to each three of the morning session, and plenty of social aspects with wining and dining. We had the chance to meet a few of our StepBridge friends and players, as well as meet new bridge players. Now onto some photos.



*Greg conducting one of his before play lessons*



*Chris, Sarah, Gaye and Greg*



*Frank Hardiman (FrankH), Chris and Gaye*



*Beryl Manuel (BerylMan), Chris Van Wyck (Wicky), Chris Larter (ChrisLar)*



*Gaye, Greg and Sarah*

## Finesse Holidays

Finesse Bridge Club is one of our virtual clubs on StepBridge. Their next holiday is in Terrigal. Please refer to the details below for booking.

### **TERRIGAL – 5 STAR – STAR OF THE SEA APARTMENTS**

**With Greg Eustace and Gaye Allen of the Finesse Bridge Club**

**FEBRUARY 14 - 18 2022**

**5 Star Luxury at Terrigal ( 4 NIGHTS) From \$ 970 TS Singles Enquire**



The apartments are absolutely amazing in size and presentation and are all impeccably furnished maintaining the five star accommodation that is Star of the Sea. When you consider that each apartment is valued between \$1.5m & \$3.5m and it should not come as a surprise that they are very special. (Lifts to all floors). Winner HMAA'S 2005 Winner, Best 5 Star Luxury Apartments (Central Coast). The property has an oasis of waterfalls running through lush gardens.

Included in this price is 4 nights accommodation in exquisite luxury apartments, 4 dinners and all lunches. Bridge includes a 6 session B4Red & B5Red pairs event, 2 walk-in pairs, 3 workshops (Director Greg Eustace) & champagne reception

#### **Apartment Features    Resort Features:**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| * Flat Screen TV's | * Indoor heated 12.5 pool |
| * DVD & Foxtel     | * 2 Outdoor 12.5m pools   |
| * Air-Conditioning | * Tennis Courts           |
| * Italian Marble   | * Gymnasium               |
| * Spa in all Apts  | * Outside Spa             |
| * Huge Balconies   | * Squash Court            |
| * Ocean views      | * Library                 |



#### **Where are we?**

We are situated on Haven Headland Terrigal Beach, just up from the Crown Plaza. 70 mins North of Sydney and 100 hrs from care.

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**[www.finessebridge.com.au](http://www.finessebridge.com.au)**

## Finesse Holidays

### **TERRIGAL February 14 - 18 2020 – STAR of the SEAS – PROGRAM**

All sessions have pre-dealt boards and hand records. Bridge Sessions are held in Apartment number 50. Resort is not Licensed and therefore bring your own liquor. BYO at restaurants is \$ 3 pp. Pairs are Masterpointed at B4Red. Swiss Pairs B5Red.

#### **PROGRAM:**

Monday:	2:00 pm	Check-In
	3:00 pm	<b>Terrigal Pairs 1 of 5</b>
	6:30 pm	Champagne Welcome with Horderves in hosts penthouse apartment.
	7:45 pm	Dinner in Apt 50 by Gaye.
Tuesday:	09:30 am	Workshop 1 Apt 18
	10:00 am	<b>Terrigal Pairs 2 of 5</b>
	1:30 pm	Lunch Supplied
	7:00 pm	Light Dinner of Pizza & Pasta in Hosts Apt
	7:30 pm	<b>WalkIn Butler Pairs 1 of 3</b>
Wednesday:	9:15 am	Workshop Apt 18
	9:45 am	<b>Terrigal Pairs 3 of 5</b>
	1:00 pm	Seafood Lunch in Hosts Apartment.
	2:45 pm	<b>Terrigal Pairs 4 of 5</b>
	7:30 pm	Dinner at Chinese Terrigal Restaurant. BYO \$ 3 pp
Thursday:	9:15 am	Workshop 3 Apt 50
	9:45 am	<b>WalkIn Butler Pairs ( 2 of 3)</b>
	1:00 pm	Gaye's Lunch in Bridge Rooms
	2:00 pm	<b>Terrigal Pairs 5 of 5</b>
	7:30 pm	Dinner at 4 Hands. No BYO but reasonable prices.
Friday:	9:00 am	<b>Walk In Butler Pairs (Green Points) 3 of 3</b>
	11:45 pm	Lunch and Presentation

### **Driving directions to 8 Terrigal Esplanade, Terrigal**

From the M1 Pacific Motorway take the Central Coast Highway Exit ( ie for Gosford Woy,Woy ) Follow the signs to Terrigal. Turn right on to Terrigle Drive. Follow this road all the way to Terrigal Shopping centre and about 500 metres after the shopping centre (going past The Crowne Plaza) on the right you will come to Star of the Sea. Make sure you go around the corner past the skillion and up the hill. The entrance gate is here and you will have to press 99 Bell or 19 Bell so that you can gain access.

## 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/](http://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](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) to inquire about the price of other items or if you have any questions.





## Monthly Awards: December 2021

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in December 2021</i>	Overall	1	59.84	10	Ming Yang (MingYang)
			59.84	10	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		3	58.35	9	Kaiping CHEN (Kaiping)
	Open	1	59.84	10	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
			59.84	10	Ming Yang (MingYang)
		3	58.35	9	Kaiping Chen (Kaiping)
	Restricted	1	57.85	7	Lawrie Hall (LawrieHa)
		2	55.61	11	Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)
		3	55.6	11	Jurate Laisve (JurateL)
	Novice	1	59.68	8	Martin Wu (MartinW)
		2	56.73	7	Pam Ward (PamWard)
		3	56.47	8	Penny Cory (PennyCoy)
	Open	1	19	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)
	IMPs		19	6	Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		3	12	6	Tony Stevens (TonySt)
	Open	1	55.8	13	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)
Individual	2	54.99	8	Melville Webster (Melville)	
	3	54.63	22	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in December 2021</i>	Overall	1	59.84	10	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		2	57.61	7	Terry Bodycote (TerryBo), Sandy Carter (SandyC)
		3	57.38	7	Margaret Gidley-Baird (MargGid), Christine Williams (Saffiblu)
	Open	1	59.84	10	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		2	57.61	7	Terry Bodycote (TerryBo), Sandy Carter (SandyC)
		3	57.38	7	Margaret Gidley-Baird (MargGid), Christine Williams (Saffiblu)
	Restricted	1	58.17	6	Pauline Moore (PaulineM), Lawrie Hall (LawrieHa)
		2	56.41	6	Peter Thorpe (PeterTh), Peter Ammundsen
		3	55.6	11	Patricia Byrnes (TrishB), Jurate Laisve (JurateL)
	Novice	1	56.73	7	Phillip Douglas (PhillipP), Pam Ward (PamWard)
		2	55.29	9	Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell
		3	53.93	7	Noel James (NoelJ), Annie Vaughan (AnnieV)
	Open	1	19	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-
		2	-2	6	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)

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 December 2021</i>	Overall			<b>64</b>	<b>Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)</b>
				60	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
				59	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
	Open			<b>59</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				48	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				42	Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
	Restricted			<b>36</b>	<b>Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)</b>
				35	Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
				33	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
	Novice			<b>24</b>	<b>Kay Bennetts (KayBenn)</b>
				<b>24</b>	<b>Yvonne Arnold (YvonneA)</b>
			23	Gek Low (GekL)	
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in December 2021</i>	Overall			<b>45</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
				23	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
				23	Annette Hyland (AnnetteH), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
	Open			<b>23</b>	<b>Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)</b>
				<b>23</b>	<b>Annette Hyland (AnnetteH), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)</b>
				21	Janis Randall (JanisRan), Peter Randall (PetRanda)
	Restricted			<b>31</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
				21	Pam Leahy (PamL), Ann Rice (AnnR)
				18	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
	Novice			<b>14</b>	<b>Carmel Brown (CarmelBr), Patrick Rasmussen (PatRasmu)</b>
				<b>14</b>	<b>Yvonne Arnold (YvonneA), Suzie Long (SuzieL)</b>
			10	Midge Spice (MidgeS), Lynda Bennion (LynLynda)	

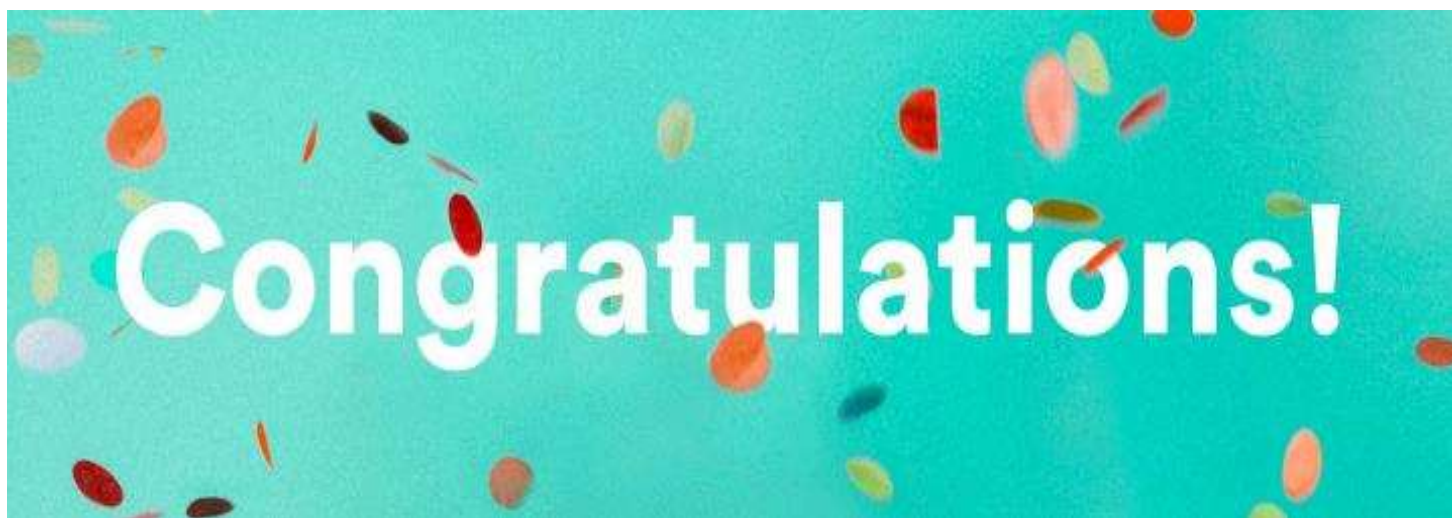
Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in December 2021</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Christine Neale (ChrisNe)</b>
		2	8.13	8	Kerri Grant (KerriG)
		3	6.2	12	Eugene Pereira (EugeneP)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>4.88</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Deborah McLay (DeborahM)</b>
		2	4.71	8	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
		3	4.25	14	Jennifer Sharpe (JenniS)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>6.96</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Julie Coates (JulieCot)</b>
		2	5.94	11	Eugene Pereira (EugeneP)
		3	4.67	9	Roger Brake (RogerBr)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>8.06</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Kerri Grant (KerriG)</b>
		2	7.58	6	Christine Neale (ChrisNe)
		3	5.22	6	Mary-jane Polson (MaryjanP)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)</b>
			<b>0.17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)</b>
		3	0.07	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Melville Webster (Melville)</b>	
Individual	2	4.95	6	Simon Smith (SimonSm)	
	3	3.01	13	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in December 2021</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Ian Michelson (IanMich), Deborah McLay (DeborahM)</b>
		2	6.16	7	Terry Bodycote (TerryBo), Sandy Carter (SandyC)
		3	5.08	8	Nan Jacobs (NanJa), Lois Best (LoisB)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Ian Michelson (IanMich), Deborah McLay (DeborahM)</b>
		2	6.16	7	Terry Bodycote (TerryBo), Sandy Carter (SandyC)
		3	4.14	7	Manda Labuschagne (Manda), Dariusz Drozd (Dariusz)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>4.98</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Trish Berry (TrishBer), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)</b>
		2	4.67	9	Wal Brake (WalBra), Roger Brake (RogerBr)
		3	4.2	8	Eric Bottle (EricBot), Judith Boyd (JudithBo)
	Novice	1	5.08	8	Nan Jacobs (NanJa), Lois Best (LoisB)
		2	2.31	8	Terry Herfort (TerryHer), Paul Anderson (PaulAnd)
		3	1.28	7	Phillip Douglas (PhillipP), Pam Ward (PamWard)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)</b>
		2	0.05	6	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)

## Masterpoint Promotions

### December 2021

Gwyneira Brahma	Grand	Joscelyn Charters	Bronze Regional
Kiyomi Avunduk	Gold Life	Carole O'Connor	Bronze Regional
Terry Johnston	Silver Life	Jude Brown	Regional
Vinod Nasta	Silver Life	John Kelly	Regional
Kevin Willcocks	Bronze Life	Joyanne Gissing	Regional
Geoffrey Patterson	Life	Eva Geday-Tanner	Regional
Mark Miller	Silver National	Wendy Venning	Silver Local
Clare Filmer-Ramsay	Silver National	Kyle Giggacher	Silver Local
Megan Grant	Silver National	Norman Johnston	Silver Local
Dianne Dwyer	Silver National	Ian Olsen	Silver Local
Claire Stammel	Bronze National	Jennifer Gordon	Bronze Local
Imogen Von Muenchhausen	Bronze National	John Rivers	Bronze Local
Pauline Moore	National	Catherine Hancock	Local
Peter Wheatley	National	Greg McCarron	Club
Neil Williams	National	Sanjay Hirekodi	Club
Paul Letts	Bronze State	Henry Szulc	Club
Julie Scott	Bronze State	Edward Ellice-Flint	Club
Trevor Moore	State	Neville Hind	Graduate
David Johnson	State	Joshua Lumby	Graduate
Suzie Ingle	State	Yvonne Dowding	Graduate
Lucy Fisher	State		
Rae Duffy	State		

*Plus anyone we may have missed due to the influx of players to StepBridge during Covid.*



# Funnies Page



"Don't slice the pizza. My diet says I'm only allowed to eat one piece!"

OK! YES! I WENT TO MY OLD GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE LAST NIGHT! IT'S MY JOB!



## 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

7.45pm (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

Novice: 10am

7.45pm (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](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.

## Facebook

Visit our StepBridge Australia Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/](http://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!



## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

*Thursday 13 January*

- 4.00pm Open

*Sunday 16 January*

- 8.00pm Open

*Monday 17 January*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Friday 21 January*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Wednesday 26 January*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Saturday 29 January*

- 8.00pm Open

*Tuesday 1 February*

- 4.00pm Open

*Thursday 3 February*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 6 February*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Wednesday 9 February*

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

*Saturday 12 February*

- 8.00pm Open

*Monday 14 February*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Thursday 17 February*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Wednesday 23 February*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted