

Newsletter

July 2022

Message from the President

The end of the financial year is upon us.

We have had a busy month on StepBridge with our usual sessions and the introduction of the *All Around Australia* Red Point Event on Sunday afternoons. This is being well supported and we hope that through the winter months especially that more players will join us for a 27 board tournament every Sunday at 2.30pm AEST.



Grafton Bridge Club held their Congress with us during the month and had 28 tables participate. We have a StepBridge congress coming up Saturday 16th July and I hope that you will all enter and share in the great cash prizes on offer.

We had almost 10,000 players participate in May and June looks like similar numbers.

A reminder of our Special General Meeting being held on 11th July, Reserve your spot if you would like to attend. Refer to the Secretary's instructions.

Life continues to be a joy in Turkey I will write up some things that I hope are of interest in the Diary.

Happy Bridging
Sarah Anwar (SarahAn)

Monday 11 July 2022
6.00pm Australia Eastern Standard Time
on Zoom
Details in Secretary Message on Page 2



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Messages from the Secretary

SGM (Special General Meeting) - Updated Constitution

The StepBridge Australia Bridge Club Committee, since the last AGM (Annual General Meeting), have been working through the process of preparing an updated Constitution. This has come about from the current Constitution no longer being suitable to cover the needs of the club.

A SGM (Special General Meeting) will be held on Monday 11 July 2022, 6.00pm Australia Eastern Standard Time, via Zoom to vote on this new Constitution for the StepBridge Australia Bridge Club. Members were emailed their notice of the meeting, agenda, proposal explanation document and the proposed updated Constitution on Friday 3 June. If you did not received your email, please contact the Secretary via chris@stepbridge.com.au for the information to be resent or view the information on the StepNews Welcome Page. It is important that you register for the SGM via the zoom link https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAkd-6opj0oGdK0Ss5vdtcViABdDOp6Sj0D. Any questions you may have regarding the SGM or Proposed New Constitution, please contact the Secretary via chris@stepbridge.com.au.

4.10pm Sessions for Novice & Restricted Players

Our 4.10pm Novice and Restricted sessions are slowly growing. Please support these additional Novice and Restricted sessions on offer.

- Novice 4.10pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
- Restricted 4.10pm on Tuesday & Thursday

Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

Message from the Treasurer

Just a reminder to everyone. If you want to purchase participation points, please do this via the shopping trolley function on the Information and Registration page. The advantage to you is that your points are credited straight away - no reason to panic that you can't play. You will immediately receive an email with payment instructions and a unique reference number. If you pay this way, everything should happen automatically, no need for manual processing at our end. Please don't use old reference numbers which might pop up in your banking page, every payment has its own reference. Also, please only pay in the \$ multiples indicated on the order page. If you are paying over the counter at a bank or credit union, please insist that they include this reference number or we have no way of identifying the payment as being for you.

If you are still getting reminders and think the payment below belongs to you, please send a copy of the bank receipt to suzi@stepbridge.com.au.

Date	Amount	Reference		
17/6/22	65.00	DEPOSIT		

Suzi Ledger (Suzi)

StepBridge Australia Bridge Club Online Congress

StepBridge Australia

JULY SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

SATURDAY 16th JULY 2022 Online on StepBridge

Directors	Alan Bustany & Chris Larter							
Movement	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.							
Conditions of Entry	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 30 April 2022. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2022.							
	Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.							
Start Time	10.00am (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 9.30am (SA & NT) / 8.00am (WA)							
Closing Date	Thursday 15th July 2022, 12noon. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and StepBridge.							
Entries	Enter online at www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-july-2022-congress-entry-registration/							
Entry Fee	400 Participation Points per Player.							
Payment	The cost will be deducted from your account at the time of entry. Please ensure you have enough Participation Points in your account.							
Entry List	www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-july-2022-congress-entry-list/ 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.							
Prizes	Cash Prizes will be awarded in the three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice. 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$150 in each field.							
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 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							
	StepBridge enquiries to Chris Larter chris@stepbridge.com.au							

StepBridge Australia Club Championships

StepBridge will be holding its second annual Club Championships during the month of August. Red masterpoints will be awarded to the top half of each session as well as the top third for those who qualify for the championship. There will be the four categories of Open Pairs, Open Individual, Restricted Pairs (under 300 masterpoints) and Novice Pairs (100 masterpoints) played at the following times:

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 August

Open Individual - 9:50am session

Novice (under 100 masterpoints) - 10:00am session

Restricted (under 300 masterpoints) - 7:45pm session

Open - 8:00pm session

For the Restricted and Novice categories, the cut-off for eligibility is as of 31 July 2022. The cost will be 100 PPs per person, per session.

To qualify for a category, you need to play at least 3 out of the 4 sessions. Your best 3 results will be combined and averaged. For the pairs session, you need to play with the same partner to qualify. The championship in each category will be awarded to the pair/individual with the highest average.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category:

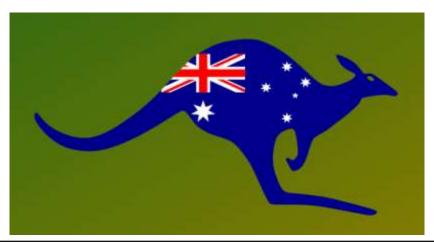
1st = 2,500 PPs

2nd = 1,000 PPs

3rd = 500 PPs

If you have any questions, please email support@stepbridge.com.au.

Good luck everyone!



Cookery Corner

Ginger Stir-fry Fish

Ingredients

1 large white fish, cut in half and rolled in cornflour

Bunch bok choy

10 snow peas, cut in chunks

1 large carrot, julienne thinly

½ zucchini, julienne thinly

Handful of spinach (I buy packet of frozen spinach, it comes in little balls and is perfect)

Grated ginger, about 2 teaspoons

Grated garlic, 2 large cloves (I do the ginger & garlic on the microplane, it's easier)

Chopped parsley

1 teaspoon of fish sauce mixed with 1 teaspoon of Sugar

Directions

- 1. 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil in a pan, add the ginger and garlic for a few minutes
- 2. Remove the ginger and garlic, put the fish in the pan, simmer gently for a few minutes, adding wee bit more oil if necessary
- 3. Take out the fish. In the pan, add the bok choy, snow peas, carrot, zucchini and spinach, and parsley.
- 4. Add a teaspoon of sesame oil (if dont have any, add more extra virgin olive oil).
- 5. Simmer gently for 10 minutes, tossing now and again. Add the sauce.
- 6. Layer the vegies and pop the fish on top.
- 7. You can add some chilli (I don't eat chilli, so that's up to you).

Fruit Sponge

Ingredients

4 Large Eggs - whatever the eggs weigh, weigh the same for Self Raising Flour, Sugar & Butter.

Tablespoon of lemon juice.

8 blood plums

Directions

- 1. Grease a dish.
- 2. Mix everything together well, except the fruit.
- 3. Pour mixture into the dish. Halve the fruit and layer skin up all over.
- 4. Cook in oven 180 degrees for 50 60 minutes.
- 5. Serve with hot custard, ice cream or cream. Also lovely cold, for afternoon tea.





Holiday Blogs

Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

The weather here continues to be unsettled and unseasonably wet. Despite this we have had a busy time.

Several days in Istanbul with lunch on the shores of the Bosphorus Strait and a visit to the Grand Bazaar and the famous Taksim Square.



We travelled to Çanakkale and spent several days with friends. I went to the beach determined to swim. Remembering the 2 years I lived on the shores of the Aegean Sea where we swam every day. This experience was not the pleasant tepid experience of the past. The water temperature was freezing cold. If it was not for my stubborn determination to swim I would not have got past dipping my toe in the water. However we had a glorious day at the beach and I can boast that I swam 3 times despite the freezing cold water.

On our journey back to Duzce we went to Gallipoli or Gelibolu as it is called here in Turkey. To stand where history and legend and human sacrifice stories have shaped our history. It was amazing. It was a very quiet day and we were the only ones there at the time. I played "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda" and contemplated the futility of war and the needless sacrifice of so many. All in all it was an incredibly emotional day. The significance of including the bridge pic is to tell you is The 1915 Çanakkale Bridge, also known as the Dardanelles Bridge, is a road suspension bridge in the province of Çanakkale in northwestern Turkey. The largest suspension bridge of its type in the world 3.7 kilometres long, with a huge toll of 275 turkish lira ONE WAY.

We are building a house in the middle of a forest here in Duzce. The land clearing is complete, but the start of the build has been delayed by the weather. I am constantly reminded of the terrors of bushfires in Australia and wonder to myself the merits of building in the middle of this beautiful location. Hope you like the photos.



Duzce Architecture



Duzce Architecture



Ciragan Palace



1915 Çanakkale Bridge



Lone Pine, Gallipoli



Forest Clearing for House

Knitting and Crocheting

A couple of our Tournament Directors have been hard at work in the knitting and crocheting department. Antonina Hayles (TDNina) has knitted the blue beanies and pullover, while Cassandra Mitchell (TDCassie) has been busy creating crocheted Christmas Ornaments for the grandchildren.







Grafton Congress

Grafton Bridge Club conducted its 2nd Annual Online Congress on Saturday 18th June. We had a very successful Congress, attracting 112 players, who by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed their game of bridge. We would like to thank Tournament Directors Julie Jeffries & Chris Larter, and all participants for a great day of bridge. It was a wonderful competitive day and we would like to congratulate the following winners ...

OVERALL

1st Tim Davis & Robert Van der Hoek 2nd Margaret Robertson & Quentin Van Abbe 3rd Deborah McLay & Ian Michelson

RESTRICTED

1st Dom Saunders & Heather Broatch 2nd Maria Christensen & Sandy Spencer

NOVICE

1st Norman Johnston & Paul Stebbing

Monthly Awards: June 2022

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
	Overall	1	59.91	11	Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
			59.91	11	lan Robson (lanRob)
		3	59.26	8	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
	Open	1	59.26	8	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
			59.26	8	Ming Yang (MingYang)
		3	57.68		John Bailey (JohnBail)
	Restricted	1	56.07		Chris Farr (ChrisF)
Lliede e et Dlevier		2	55.38		Ina Buhse (InaBuhse)
Highest Player Average in June			55.38		lan Fraser (lanFras)
2022	Novice	1	59.75		Jane Silagy (JaneSil)
		2	58.82		Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
	0 11.15	_	58.82		lan Robson (lanRob)
	Open IMPs	1	21		Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		0	21		Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)
		3	16		Margaret Dyer (MargDy)
	Open	1	52.61		Kay Anderson (KayA)
	Individual	3	50.9 50.38		Barbara Grant (BarbG)
		3	50.56	1	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)
	Overall	1	59.91	11	lan Robson (lanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
		2	59.26	8	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		3	57.68	7	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Open	1	59.26	8	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		2	57.68	7	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	57.35	8	Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)
	Restricted	1	55.38	8	Mardi Hogarth (MardiHo), lan Fraser (lanFras)
Highest Pairs Average in June		2	55.26	9	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse), Heather Whitely (HWhitely)
2022		3	55.2	17	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Novice	1	58.82	9	lan Robson (lanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
		2	57.48	8	Cathy Russell (CathyR), Suzie Long (SuzieL)
		3	56.8	10	Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell
	Open IMPs	1	21	7	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		2	16	8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren
		3	1	9	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)

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 prizes are marked in red text below. Congratulations!

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
	Overall			64	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				61	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
				53	Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
	Open			64	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
Diama n 14/h a				60	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
Player Who Has Played the Most				44	Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
Tournaments in June 2022	Restricted			42	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
In June 2022				35	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
				33	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Novice			43	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
				33	Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
				31	Dot Slattery (DotS)
	Overall			25	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai), Mike McGlone (MikeMcG)
				25	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
				23	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
	Open			25	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
Pair Who				24	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai), Mike McGlone
Has Played the Most				23	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay
Tournaments in June 2022	Restricted			18	Yvonne Arnold (YvonneA), Donna Coleman (DonnaC)
				17	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				14	Alma Van der Walt (MariaAlm), Kathy Ivits (Kathyl)
	Novice			15	Jim Lynch (JamesLy), Sandy Lynch (SanLynch)
				15	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)
				14	Susie Fraser (SusieF), Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
	Overall	1	6.3	10	Lou Stanley (LouStanl)
		2	5.19	9	Janet Treloar (JanetTr)
		3	4.9	13	Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
	Open	1	5.19	9	Janet Treloar (JanetTr)
		2	4.67	7	Tina Hesketh (TinaH)
		3	4.34	7	, ()
	Restricted	1	4.26		Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor)
Most Improved		2	4.25		Wendy Dodd (WendyDod)
Player in June 2022		3	4.07		Suzi Ledger (Suzi)
	Novice	1	5.88		David Hancock (DavidHan)
		2	5.41		Lou Stanley (LouStanl)
	0 1145	3	4.7		John Aldersley (JohnAld)
	Open IMPs	1	0.14		Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)
			0.14		Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		3	0.09		Maria Ruttiman (MariaRu)
	Open	1	3.93		Barbara Grant (BarbG)
	Individual	2	1.41	6	Kay Anderson (KayA)
	Overall	1	6.6	10	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Karen Sweep (KarenSw)
		2	5.39	6	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Dot Slattery (DotS)
		3	4.82	7	Gek Low (GekL), Katherine Marsden (Katherin)
	Open	1	3.9	6	Don Robertson (DonRob), Margaret Robertson (MargRob)
		2	3.6	18	Vivian Waddell (VivianW), Kerry Barns (KerryBa)
		3	3.46	7	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
Most Improved	Restricted	1	6.53	10	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Karen Sweep (KarenSw)
Pair in June 2022		2	2.95	10	Wal Brake (WalBra), Roger Brake (RogerBr)
		3	2.91	17	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Novice	1	5.39	6	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Dot Slattery (DotS)
		2	4.06	7	Gek Low (GekL), Katherine Marsden (Katherin)
		3	2.67	6	Sue Barber (SueBarbe), Nan Jacobs (NanJa)
	Open IMPs	1	0.14	7	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		2	0.05	8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)

Masterpoint Promotions

June 2022

Martin Johnson Lewis Seychell Chris Hasemore Sue Eastman Mardi Grosvenor Stephen Miller Elaine McRae Fiona Law Pauline Caust Jenny Dawson Brian Wade Ken Bridges Julie Scott Colleen Skipsey Gwen Riordan Phillip Carter Lilly Jia Mark Edwards Don Saunders Ludo Onstein Bill Walker Martin Strong John Aldersley John Rivers Kathy McDonell Dot Slattery Mahendra Parekh Ange Bettess	Grand Gold Life Silver Life Bronze Life Life Life Bronze National Bronze National Bronze National Bronze National National National National National National State	Julia Caldwell Peter Lamont Ian Huxley Susan Hill Jacinta Lee Peter Rostron Penelope Shilling Marg Ferguson Brenda Watts Susan Salvair Roger Brake Colin Meek Paula Higham Pam Cowin Clive Riseam Robin Evans Diane Garstang Andrea Dayman Aruna Nataraj Marie O'Sullivan Sue Gough Duncan Welsh Jennie Koch Sue Roberts Bernadette McStravick Leon Carrall Graeme Lean Carol McDonald	Club Graduate Graduate
Dot Slattery	Bronze Regional	Leon Carrall	Club
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Geoffrey Sharpe	Regional	Cameron Lord	Graduate
Margot Rose	Regional	Janet Rowan	Graduate
Kathy Bock	Regional	Kath Daniel	Graduate
Andrew Ikin	Regional	Corrie McGrath	Graduate
		Steve Venner	Graduate
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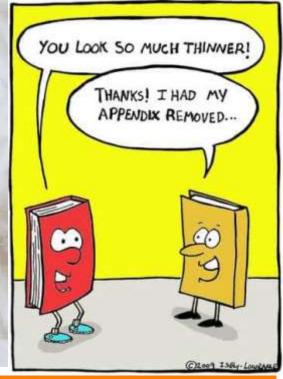
Pre internet chat room using An old version of windows...





AT MY AGE, A TRAIL
OF CLOTHES LEADING
TO THE BEDROOM
MEANS I DROPPED
THEM ON THE WAY
FROM THE DRYER.

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.



AND IN LESS THAN'A DECADE EVERYONE IS ALLERGIC TO GLUTEN

I said I was good at making decisions. I didn't say the decisions I made were good.

Funnies Page



THANKS FOR TEACHING ME THE MEANING OF -PLETHORA-



A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some two-by-fours. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?"

The guy answers, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."



My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

OLDTIMERS



StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

Session Times

Open Individual: 9:50am (Saturday & Sunday)

Open: 1pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - All Around Australia)

4pm (Monday - Saturday)

8pm (Everyday)

Restricted: 1.15pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - All Around Australia)

4.10pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

7.45pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Novice: 10am (Everyday)

2.30pm (Sunday - All Around Australia)

4.10pm (Monday, Wednesday,

Friday, Saturday)

7.45pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

IMPs Sessions

Tuesday: 8pm Open Thursday: 8pm 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

Tuesday 5 July

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open Saturday 9 July

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice Sunday 10 July (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Thursday 14 July

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted Sunday 17 July (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice Tuesday 19 July

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted Friday 22 July

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open Sunday 24 July (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice Wednesday 27 July

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted Friday 29 July

4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice
 Sunday 31 July (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 3 August (Club Championship 1 of 4)

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open
Sunday 7 August (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice
 Wednesday 10 August (Club Championship 2 of 4)

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open
Sunday 14 August (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 17 August (Club Championship 3 of 4)

- 9.50am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open
 Sunday 21 August (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice