

October 2022

Message from the President

Dear members,
Following our AGM on 30 September, we have a new management committee in place for the next year. Welcome to Tony Georgeson and Duncan Welsh, new faces on our committee. We look forward to the challenges of another year and growing our club.



President: Sarah Zoral
Vice President: Chris Larter
Secretary: Chris Larter
Treasurer: Suzi Ledger
Chief Technical Officer: Mark Hetherington
StepBridge International (rep): Epko Steinmetz
Committee: Pauline Caust, Tony Georgeson, Duncan Welsh

UPDATED CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Dec 2022		Nov 2022		Oct 2022		Sept 2022	8594
Aug 2022	9631	July 2022	10344	June 2022	9322	May 2022	9980
April 2022	9788	Mar 2022	10386	Feb 2022	9854	Jan 2022	12428
Dec 2021	9264	Nov 2021	9516	Oct 2021	11200	Sept 2021	13660
Aug 2021	15488	July 2021	14356	June 2021	10453	May 2021	9463
April 2021	10002	Mar 2021	10422	Feb 2021	10601	Jan 2021	11933
Dec 2020	10682	Nov 2020	11875	Oct 2020	13265	Sept 2020	14221
Aug 2021	14848	July 2020	16662	June 2020	18582	May 2020	19644

Our StepBridge Congress will be held on Saturday 15 October and will be directed by Alan Bustany and Suzi Ledger. At the time of writing this, the Novice entries are down, and it may result in that the Novices will play with the Restricted field and an award will be made for the Best Novice Pair.

On 19 September, I married Orhan Zoral in Düzce Turkey. It is our intention to spend 3 months of each year in Australia and the rest of the year in Turkey. It will be business as usual for me albeit coping with a different time zone.

Happy Bridging
Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)

Committee

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News from the Secretary

Partnership Corner

Raman Jegatheesan (RamanJ) is looking for a partner who can play Precision system, as he would like to form a partnership with someone who plays the system.

If you play Precision and are looking for a partner, could you please email support@stepbridge.com and we will forward your email onto Raman.

StepBridge Congress Reminders - Saturday 15 October

- Entries for the Congress close on **Thursday 13 October, 12noon**. Late entries will only be accepted if it fills a half table or two entries make another full table.
- The only play on Saturday 15 October will be the StepBridge Congress and the 8pm Open session.
- We require a few spare players for the Congress on Saturday 15 October. If you can help out, please let a TD know or email support@stepbridge.com.au

Waiting Table

A new feature has been released, called the Waiting Table. If you arrive after the tournament has started and add yourselves to the tournament, you RISK being placed at the Waiting Table. If the TD is not able to find another pair to fill the table, you will not get to play! Please arrive and register ON TIME. If for some reason you are late, please ask the TD to add you.

Bridge Probabilities

Thank you to Phil Douglas (PhillipP) for sending through these Bridge Probabilities.



Number of different

hands a player can receive = 635,013,559,600
possible deals = 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000
possible auctions = 128,745,650,347,030,683,120,231,926,111,609,371,363,122,697,557

Odds against a player being dealt

expect 13 cards in one suit	= 169,066,442 to 1	Playing 26 boards twice a week
cards in one suit	= 213 to 1	Once every 60 000 years!
7 cards in one suit	= 28 to 1	Once a month
6 cards in one suit	= 6 to 1	Once a session
at least one singleton	= 2 to 1	Four times a night
at least one void	= 19 to 1	Once a two board round
AKQJ10 in a suit	= 500 to 1	Once a session
four Aces	= 378 to 1	Once every three months
a hand with no points	= 278 to 1	Once every two months
a Yarborough (no 10)	= 1827 to 1	Once a month
		Twice a year

Odds against a partnership being dealt

26+ HCP	= 8 to 1	Three times a night
33+ HCP small slam in NT	= 288 to 1	Once a month
37+ HCP grand slam in NT	= 11600 to 1	Once every two years

StepBridge Australia Bridge Club Online Congress

StepBridge Australia OCTOBER SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 2022 *Online on StepBridge*

Director	Alan Bustany
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 31 July 2022. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 31 July 2022. Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
Start Time	11.00am (ACT, NSW, VIC & TAS) / 10.30am (SA) / 10.00am (QLD) / 9.30am (NT) / 8.00am (WA)
Closing Date	Thursday 13th October 2022, 12noon. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and StepBridge.
Entries	Enter online at https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-october-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	https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-october-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, subject to 20 tables in the particular 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

Cookery Corner

Thank you to Brenda McClean (Brenda) for our monthly Cookery Corner.

Orange & Lemon Chicken

Ingredients - Marinade

Chicken breast
Grated ginger
Grated garlic
2 table spoons of soy sauce
4 table spoons of orange juice
Heaped table spoon of corn flour

Directions - Marinade

Mix these ingredients together till smooth
Cut chicken into small pieces and put into the marinade
Leave at least an hour
Drain
Lightly fry the chicken pieces

Ingredients - Sauce

1 tablespoon of oil
1 cup of orange juice
1 tea spoon of sugar
1 table spoon of hoisin sauce
1 table spoon of corn flour
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions - Sauce

Mix these all together over low heat till thickens slightly
Use as a dipping sauce, or pour over the top.
Serve with rice or vegetables



Grandma's Apple Slice

Ingredients

3 large apples (peeled cored and chopped into chunks)
1 cup of sugar
2 cups of SR flour
125gm of melted butter
1 egg

Directions

1. Put apples sugar and flour in large bowl mix well
2. Add the butter and egg
3. Press into a lined slice tray, and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.
4. Bake at 180c for 35-40 minutes.
5. Serve hot with ice cream. Also nice cold for afternoon tea.



Brenda McClean (Brenda)

Holiday Blogs

Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

Hello from Düzce. Winter is rapidly approaching. That will mean summer is on its way for those down under. After a delay of several weeks, the construction of our house is in full swing again. The challenge is to have it habitable, and the heating installed before winter is here. We will move in asap and finish it off little by little. 19 September Orhan Zoral and I married in a civil ceremony here in Düzce. 1 October we had a garden party and celebration here at home. It is like living in a fairy tale. I am blessed with a Turkish family that has been so welcoming and kind. Will complete this month's blog with plenty of photos.



Holiday Blogs

Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued



Monthly Awards: September 2022

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in September 2022</i>	Overall	1	57.03	15	Steve Miller (SteveMil)
		2	56.97	8	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		3	56.92	7	Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
	Open	1	57.03	15	Steve Miller (SteveMil)
		2	56.97	8	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		3	56.75	15	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Restricted	1	57.68	8	Steven Kemp (StevenK)
			57.68	8	John Ewing (JohnEw)
		3	55.81	11	Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor)
	Novice	1	58.99	10	Bronwyn Neal (BronwynN)
		2	57.18	6	Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)
		3	56.56	14	David Hancock (DavidHan)
	Open IMPs	1	18	6	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		2	15	9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy)
			15	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)
Open	1	53.66	8	Bene Su (BeneS)	
Individual	2	53.59	7	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
	3	52.34	7	Kay Baguley (KayB)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in September 2022</i>	Overall	1	57.98	8	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	56.92	7	Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
		3	56.87	6	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned), John Aquino (JohnAQ)
	Open	1	57.98	8	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	56.87	6	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned), John Aquino (JohnAQ)
		3	56.35	6	Terrence Sheedy (TerrenDa), Noel Bugeia (NoelBuge)
	Restricted	1	57.68	8	Steven Kemp (StevenK), John Ewing (JohnEw)
		2	55.69	13	Don Saunders (DonS), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
		3	55.2	6	Jamshid Vazirzadeh (JamshidV), Farzad Baghaei (FarzadB)
	Novice	1	53.57	14	Terry Herfort (TerryHer), Savitri Newman (Savitri)
		2	52.19	8	Lynne Talmont (LynneTa), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
		3	51.56	12	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Margaret Portess (MargPo)
	Open IMPs	1	15	9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren
			15	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		3	9	6	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)

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
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in September 2022</i>	Overall			70	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				52	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
				51	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG)
	Open			67	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				50	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				49	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG)
	Restricted			40	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
				35	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				35	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Novice			25	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
				19	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
				19	Leonie MacGregor (LeonieMa)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in September 2022</i>	Overall			22	Lyn Redman (LynRed), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				20	Beryl Morris (BeryIM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				20	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
	Open			22	Lyn Redman (LynRed), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				20	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay
				19	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne
	Restricted			19	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
				17	Beryl Morris (BeryIM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				14	Alma Van der Walt (MariaAlm), Kathy Ivits (Kathyl)
	Novice			17	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)
				14	Terry Herfort (TerryHer), Savitri Newman (Savitri)
				12	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Margaret Portess (MargPo)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in September 2022</i>	Overall	1	6.74	10	Lorraine Bryant (Lorraib)
		2	6.58	9	Jennifer Gordon (JenniGor)
		3	6.55	6	Leon Babinski (LeonB)
	Open	1	6.54	7	Shannon Irwin (Shannolr)
		2	6.44	6	Anne Downes (AnneDow)
		3	5.85	8	Barbara Bell (BarbaraR)
	Restricted	1	6.74	10	Lorraine Bryant (Lorraib)
		2	6.51	19	Suzie Long (SuzieL)
		3	4.78	6	Keith O'Malley (KeithO)
	Novice	1	7.42	6	Christine Chodasewicz (ChrisCho)
		2	6.37	8	Jennifer Gordon (JenniGor)
		3	5.23	7	Janet Wilkie (JanetWi)
	Open IMPs	1	0.16	7	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
		2	0.13	8	Sue Shadbolt (SueSh)
		3	0.1	6	Manda Labuschagne (Manda)
Open	1	2.97	8	Merrill Lance (Merrill)	
Individual	2	1.45	7	Jurate Laisve (JurateL)	
	3	1.44	8	Tim McCullough (TimMc)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in September 2022</i>	Overall	1	6.44	6	Anne Downes (AnneDow), Mary Knight (MaryK)
		2	5.42	6	Cherie Woolven (CherieW), Jennie Koch (JennieKo)
		3	4.92	7	Peter Mackey (PeterMac), Carol Judd (CarolJu)
	Open	1	6.44	6	Anne Downes (AnneDow), Mary Knight (MaryK)
		2	4.92	7	Peter Mackey (PeterMac), Carol Judd (CarolJu)
		3	3.35	9	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW), Whalley Robin
	Restricted	1	4.31	8	Cathy Russell (CathyR), Kerrel Walker (Kerrel)
		2	3.98	10	Wendy Harris (WendyH), Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
		3	3.91	7	Julie Coates (JulieCot), Angela Carroll (AngelaC)
	Novice	1	5.42	6	Cherie Woolven (CherieW), Jennie Koch (JennieKo)
		2	3.72	17	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)
		3	1.59	8	Nan Jacobs (NanJa), Lois Best (LoisB)
	Open IMPs	1	0.06	9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
	2	0.03	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)	

Masterpoint Promotions

September 2022

Abby Wanigaratne	Gold Life	Persephone Lobb	Regional
Louise Cregan	Silver Life	Jennifer Shaw	Regional
Nick Walsh	Bronze Life	Libby Tink	Regional
Herb Neumeister	Silver National	Janet McKeough	Silver Local
Kay Anderson	Silver National	Neil Nagle	Silver Local
Bob Dillon	Bronze National	Janet Wilkie	Silver Local
Ian Clark	Bronze National	Rhonda Khong	Silver Local
Sandy Carter	Bronze National	Nettie Bennett	Silver Local
Rex Meadowcroft	Bronze National	Colin McGregor	Silver Local
Lauri Perino	Bronze National	Feike Boschma	Silver Local
Dave Mathieson	Bronze National	Fran Hagon	Silver Local
Sandra Hardie	Bronze National	Andrea Dayman	Bronze Local
Paul Letts	National	Kate Macdonald	Bronze Local
Sue Kinnear	National	Neryl Grehan	Bronze Local
Jackin Clare	National	Ian Newton	Bronze Local
Martin Wu	National	Gek Low	Bronze Local
David Milburn	National	Bene Su	Bronze Local
Leonie Love	Bronze State	Jan Madden	Bronze Local
Sandi Pirozzo	Bronze State	Yvonne Croft	Bronze Local
Paula Hillis	Bronze State	Sandra McCaughey	Bronze Local
Peta Drake	Bronze State	Graeme King	Local
Sally Morton	Bronze State	Christine Chodasewicz	Local
Annie Sinclair	Bronze State	Julie Butel	Local
Jay Kent	State	Howard Brownscombe	Local
Tina Hesketh	State	Peter Temple	Local
Pam Ward	State	Sally Jones	Local
Ron Meaney	State	Erik Moller	Local
Beryl Lowry	State	Toni Arnott	Local
Jim Willetts	State	Sue Mittermair	Club
Hugh Wright	State	Hanna Lewandowska	Club
Luke Wilson	State	Mary Burke-Heydon	Club
Allan Adcroft	Bronze Regional	Mary McCrohon	Club
Wendy Sheehan	Bronze Regional	Kate Schoeffel	Club
Leon Babinski	Bronze Regional	Marj Prior	Club
Sandra Friesen	Regional	Sue Morgan	Club
Stephen Tjiantoro	Regional	Dennis Hilder	Club
Marita Scroope	Regional	Annette McNee	Graduate
Marie Singleton	Regional	Freda Ietto	Graduate
Jean-Yvan Michel	Regional	Dale Hancock	Graduate
Wendy Venning	Regional	Glenda Chad	Graduate

Phil's Funnies Page

Thank you to Phil Douglas (PhillipP) for sending through Funnies for the newsletter this month.



Early Facebook



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel
A REALIST sees a freight train
The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.



IF YOU WAIT LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE DINNER, EVERYONE WILL JUST EAT CEREAL.
IT'S SCIENCE.

StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

Session Times

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: 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**.

Facebook

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Upcoming Red Point Sessions

Wednesday 12 October

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Thursday 13 October

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 16 October (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 19 October

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Friday 21 October

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 23 October (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 24 October

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Tuesday 25 October

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Thursday 27 October

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Saturday 29 October

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 30 October (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 31 October

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Sunday 6 November (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 13 November (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 20 November (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 27 November (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 4 December (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 11 December (All Around Australia)

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice