

December 2022

Message from the President

Dear members,

The Christmas Season is here. As the calendar year comes to a close, it is with great joy and thanks I can report that StepBridge has had another successful year. Contrary to the trend being experienced in many Face to Face clubs. We appreciate our members and we endeavour to bring you lots of bridge. I want to give a special thanks to our tireless TD's for their support and devotion to our tournaments throughout this year. We have hosted more than 108,000 players this year so far.



Audio and Video trialling and testing is being completed and we will be introducing some trial sessions for participation in the new year.

There is an initiative to form some StepBridge Representative Teams to participate in events outside of our own. Look for further information coming your way soon.

Next year StepBridge will be sponsoring events at the Gold Coast Congress in February and the Autumn Nationals in Adelaide in May. We hope you will support these events and join us at a hospitality get together being arranged at both these events.

Thanks to the committee for their contributions to date. The new committee is enthusiastic and focussed on developing ways to improve our club. I wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous 2023.

Happy Bridging,

Sarah Zoral

UPDATED MONTHLY PLAYER NUMBERS

Dec 2022		Nov 2022	9090	Oct 2022	9036	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

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Christmas Day Sessions

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

4.00pm OPEN (Red 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 2022 and bring in 2023, 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!



From the Treasurer

Many members will be receiving a their renewal notice for their 31st December renewal date. Please remember to include your specific reference number with your payment.

If you aren't playing at your F2F (Face-to-Face) Club anymore and you'd like StepBridge to be your Home Club, let us know before renewing and we'll advise amended payment details. We charge \$30 for Home Club membership which includes ABF & State Levies.

Gold Coast Congress: StepBridge Hospitality Evening

Are you going to play at the Gold Coast Congress in February 2023?

If so, we are planning our StepBridge Hospitality Evening during the congress for Sunday 19 February, in the evening after the afternoon session.

This is a chance to meet and catch up with your StepBridge friends face2face.

The evening would involved StepBridge reserving tables at the Kurrawa Surf Club, StepBridge offering a welcome drink to each member, and then members buying their own meal and any further drinks they would like during the evening.

We ask you to register to attend our StepBridge Hospitality Evening, so we have an idea on numbers and book the correct number of tables at the planned venue.

To register, please go to the following link www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-hospitality-event-the-gold-coast-congress/.



StepBridge Congress Results: Saturday 10 December 2022

StepBridge Australia Bridge Club held an Online Congress on Saturday 10 December. We had 24 tables (48 pairs) in the Open field, 17 tables (34 pairs) in the Restricted field, and 5 tables (10 pairs) in the Novice field. Thank you to Alan Bustany who was the main Tournament Director for the day. Congratulations go to the following prize winners ...

Open

- 1st Deana Wilson & Kimberley Zhao
- 2nd Larry Bryant & Ken Berry
- 3rd Tomoko Nakamatsu & Kaiping Chen

Restricted

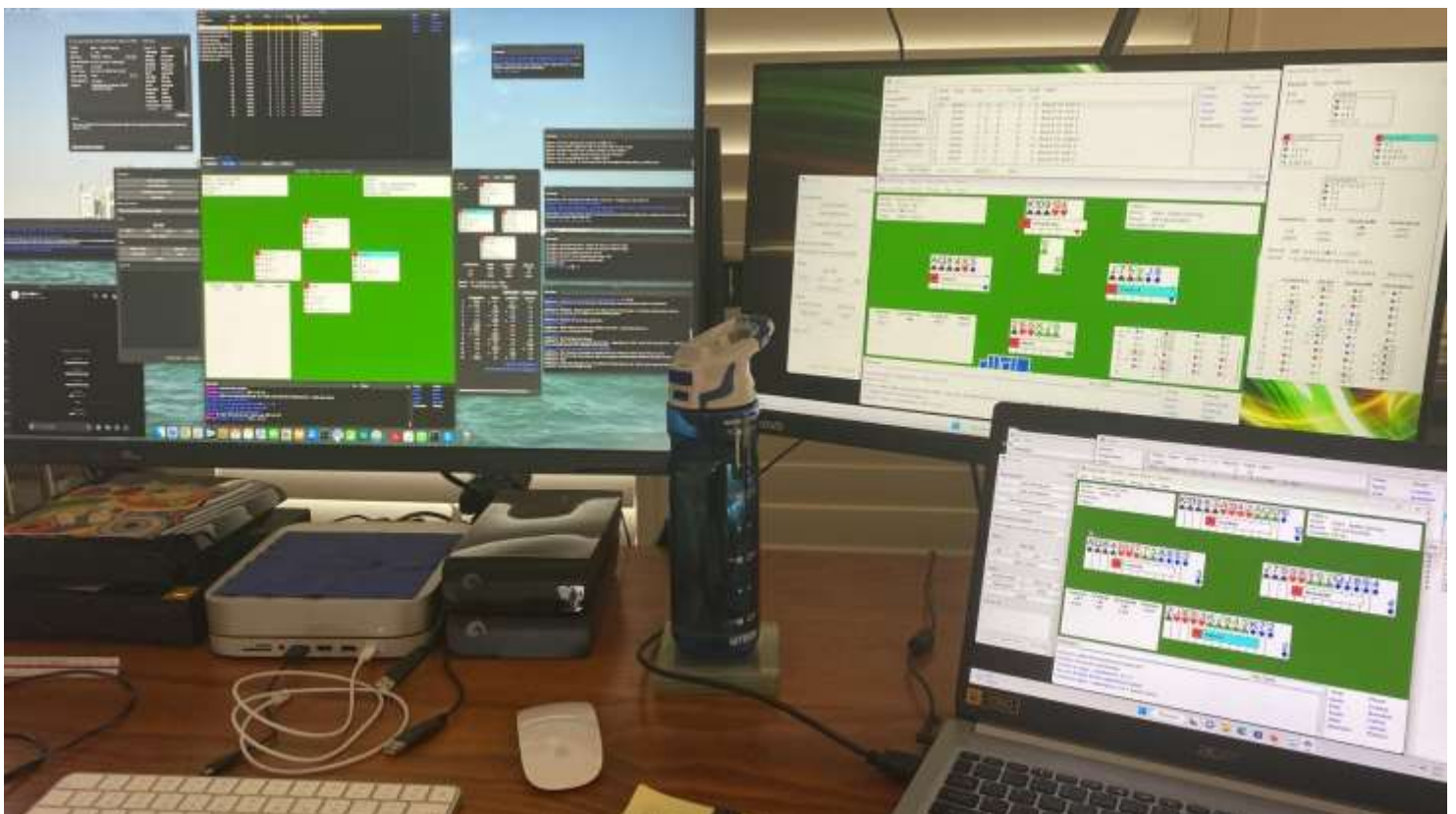
- 1st Sandi Pirozzo & Chris Farr
- 2nd Don Saunders & Heather Broatch
- 3rd David Cumming & Colin Speller

Novice

- 1st Simon Tissera & Anne Heyes
- 2nd Frances Hammond & Ian Hammond
- 3rd Brenda Watts & Leonie Jones

Tournament Director Corner

Alan Bustany has sent through the following photo, which was the day of our last StepBridge Congress, to give members an example of what directing 3 sessions on StepBridge looks like for his set-up.



Cookery Corner

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

Honey and Bacon Meatloaf

Ingredients

- 2 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 small minced onion
- 1 small minced stalk celery
- 1 small minced carrot, minced
- 1 c. finely ground bread crumbs
- 1/2 c. Honey and mustard dipping sauce (divided)
- 1/4 c. freshly chopped parsley
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tbsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 12-14 slices thin bacon



Directions

Put all ingredients except bacon in basin, keeping half mustard and honey sauce, and use hands to mulch it in together.

Put into a greased loaf tin, arrange slices bacon across top, and then weave more rashers cross wise.

Cook at 375c for one hour, then pour remainder of sauce over top. Cook then for a further half hour.

No Cook Mini Chocolate Cheesecakes

Ingredients - Cheesecake

- Packet of Orio biscuits, crushed
- 2 tables spoons of melted butter
- 8 ozs of cream cheese
- Half cup of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of cornfour
- Vanilla essence
- 200g of chocolate
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon of cream

Ingredients - Ganache

- 120ml of cream
- 120g of chocolate
- half teaspoon of oil



Directions - Cheesecake

Press in together the crushed Orio biscuits and melted butter into patty pans. Refrigerate.

Beat together cream cheese, sugar, cornfour and vanilla essence.

Melt 200g of chocolate 200g and cool it. Whisk with an egg and 1 tablespoon of cream. Pipe it into the patty pans.

Directions - Ganache

Beat ingredients, put on top of the other mixture, and refrigerate well.

Brenda McClean (Brenda)

Holiday Blogs

Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

Hello from Düzce. Where we have been besieged with earthquakes for the past 2 weeks.

Being a Kiwi born Australian I certainly have vivid memories of earthquakes aplenty in NZ. The past two weeks have been an unpleasant reminder.

We had quite a big earthquake centred about 15 kilometres from us. Woke us up at 4.08am. Ironically the week before there was a national earthquake drill to remind people of procedures and protocols. Somewhat timely. We spent 5 hours outside of the house in the garden mostly in the dark and cold. We lit a firepit and had tea brewing on the gas burner. Orhan and I were wrapped up like Eskimos against the cold. There was significant damage to a number of buildings and more than 50 people injured. Now nearly 2 weeks later there is still a tent city set up in a variety of locations for those unable to return to their homes. Fortunately our construction has stood the earthquake test and we are maybe 3 weeks away from occupation.

The weather has been dull and cool and quite wet, so very soggy around the site. The kitchen will be installed tomorrow, and we have been lighting the fire every day, so the house is cosy and warm.

Next blog I hope to have lots of pictures for you.



Monthly Awards: November 2022

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in November 2022</i>	Overall	1	60.51	6	Anne Heyes (AnneHe)
		2	58.48	7	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		3	58.2	10	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Open	1	58.91	7	Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	58.48	7	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		3	58.2	10	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Restricted	1	57.56	14	David Cumming (DavidCum)
			57.56	14	Colin Speller (ColinSp)
		3	55.67	14	Paul Letts (PaulLet)
	Novice	1	60.51	6	Anne Heyes (AnneHe)
		2	56.63	11	David Hancock (DavidHan)
		3	56.42	6	Lynne Talmont (LynneTa)
	Open IMPs	1	19	6	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa)
			19	6	Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		3	16	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ)
Open	1	56.78	7	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
Individual	2	53.93	8	Kay Baguley (KayB)	
	3	51.81	6	Merrill Lance (Merrill)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in November 2022</i>	Overall	1	58.46	6	Philip Bapty (PhillB), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		2	58.32	6	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	57.65	7	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
	Open	1	58.46	6	Philip Bapty (PhillB), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		2	58.32	6	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	57.65	7	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
	Restricted	1	57.56	14	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
		2	56.34	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Robert Fulcher
		3	54.92	7	Paul Letts (PaulLet), Chris Farr (ChrisF)
	Novice	1	56.42	6	Lynne Talmont (LynneTa), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
		2	56.04	7	Kaye Waddell (KayeW), Kerstin Gale (Kerstin)
		3	55.99	6	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon), Ronald Kroon (RonaldKr)
	Open IMPs	1	19	6	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		2	16	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
		3	15	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay

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 November 2022</i>	Overall			72	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				56	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				53	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
	Open			72	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				56	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				49	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
	Restricted			38	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
				30	Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV)
				27	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
	Novice			23	Gek Low (GekL)
				21	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
				19	Leonie MacGregor (LeonieMa)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in November 2022</i>	Overall			30	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				20	Herb Neumeister (HerbNeu), Roger Dennison (RogerDen)
				20	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
	Open			30	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				20	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
				20	Herb Neumeister (HerbNeu), Roger Dennison
	Restricted			15	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				14	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Kay Bennetts (KayBenn)
				14	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
	Novice			16	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)
				11	Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
				10	Susie Fraser (SusieF), Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in November 2022</i>	Overall	1	9.73	25	Col Frecklington (ColFr)
		2	7.24	6	Nola Daly (NolaDa)
		3	6.93	11	Lorraine O'Brien (LorrainO)
	Open	1	8.33	6	Neil Melvin (NeilMel)
		2	7.24	6	Nola Daly (NolaDa)
		3	6.93	11	Lorraine O'Brien (LorrainO)
	Restricted	1	7.25	9	Yvonne Arnold (YvonneA)
		2	5.58	11	Donna Coleman (DonnaC)
		3	5	11	Jane Propsting (JaneProp)
	Novice	1	3.69	6	Anne Heyes (AnneHe)
		2	3.52	6	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon)
			3.52	6	Ronald Kroon (RonaldKr)
	Open IMPs	1	0.13	6	Vicki Lee (VickiL)
			0.13	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ)
		3	0.11	7	Lorraine O'Brien (LorrainO)
Open	1	4.32	6	Merrill Lance (Merrill)	
Individual	2	2.28	8	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh)	
	3	2.05	7	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in November 2022</i>	Overall	1	7.94	6	Marianna Xerri (Marianna), Nola Daly (NolaDa)
		2	6.58	9	Leonie Love (LeeLo), Kay Anderson (KayA)
		3	5.73	6	Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Bill Boulton (BillBo)
	Open	1	7.94	6	Marianna Xerri (Marianna), Nola Daly (NolaDa)
		2	6.58	9	Leonie Love (LeeLo), Kay Anderson (KayA)
		3	5.73	6	Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Bill Boulton (BillBo)
	Restricted	1	6.43	8	Yvonne Arnold (YvonneA), Donna Coleman (DonnaC)
		2	5.21	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Robert Fulcher (RobertF)
		3	3.92	6	Daniele Escreet (DanieleE), Sandra Cool (SandraCo)
	Novice	1	4.19	8	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort (TerryHer)
		2	3.52	6	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon), Ronald Kroon (RonaldKr)
		3	3.13	8	Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT), Marinus Kole (Marinus)
	Open IMPs	1	0.13	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
		2	0.09	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		3	0.02	8	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)

Masterpoint Promotions

November 2022

Kimberley Zhao	Gold Life	Jason Cooney	Bronze Regional
Marcey Spilsbury	Gold Life	Elizabeth Martinengo	Bronze Regional
Pamela Lidl	Gold Life	Maria Mactaggart	State
Sue Neill	Bronze Life	Joanne Saunders	Regional
Ray Ingielewicz	Bronze Life	Robert Happell	Regional
Barry Dalsto	Life	Donna Coleman	Regional
Ross Blakey	Life	Richard Samuels	Regional
Anthony Gibbs	Life	Graeme Fraser	Regional
Margaret Boniface	Silver National	Derek Colenbrander	Regional
Suzi Ledger	Bronze National	Lesley Rosenthal	Regional
Chris Farr	Bronze National	Peter Stanmore	Regional
Margaret Martin	Bronze National	Bene Su	Silver Local
Robert Kirberger	Bronze National	Andrea Dayman	Silver Local
Nerida Gillies	Bronze National	Jeremy Reid	Silver Local
Helen White	Bronze National	Jacinta Lee	Silver Local
Christine Algje	National	Lois Best	Silver Local
Robert Fulcher	National	Annie Williams	Silver Local
Stephen Calcroft	National	Nicola Sleeman	Silver Local
Lawrie Hall	National	Tracy Kudelka	Bronze Local
Lilly Jia	National	Tim Christie	Bronze Local
Gordon Porter	National	Geoff Griffin	Bronze Local
Liz Moss	National	Lyn Forby	Bronze Local
Ann Sauer	Bronze State	Christina Buell	Local
Alex Glikin	Bronze State	Kaye Frankland	Local
Rhonda Henry	Bronze State	Marie O'Sullivan	Local
Jane Tagney	Bronze State	Alex McTaggart	Local
Sandra Veling	Bronze State	Lindin Ross	Club
Patrick Smith	State	Janet Flitton	Club
Colin Morrison	State	Barry Jackson	Club
Jacque Collins	State	Anne Reynolds	Club
Lynne Talmont	State	Pat Egan	Graduate
Roger Dennison	State	Jennifer Capel	Graduate
Claire Goodwill	State	Jenni Darlington	Graduate
Denise McTaggart	Bronze Regional	Lyn Prowse	Graduate



Congratulations!

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: 10.00am (Saturday)

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

Visit our StepBridge Australia Facebook page www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/

Upcoming Red Point Sessions

Tuesday 13 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

Thursday 15 December

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Friday 16 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Saturday 17 December

- 10.00am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

- 8.00pm Open

Sunday 18 December

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 19 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Wednesday 21 December

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Thursday 22 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

Saturday 24 December

- 10.00am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday 25 December

- 4.00pm Open

- 8.00pm Open

Monday 26 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Tuesday 27 December

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Wednesday 28 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Thursday 29 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Friday 30 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Saturday 31 December

- 10.00am Open Individual & 10.00am Novice

- 8.00pm Open - 10.30pm Open