

**February 2023**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

Our first newsletter for 2023 sees already a busy time for us all. You would have received my email in the past week and I have to say the response from you has been encouraging, confirming that we are meeting the needs and expectations of our members in providing a club that you love and you give great support. As discussed in my recent email to you, the Australian Bridge Federation has commenced a review of online Bridge. We have made a formal approach to provide a representative from StepBridge Australia to participate and contribute to the Online Bridge Committee. Three members from our Committee will attend the open forum to be held during the Gold Coast Congress. I encourage any of our members attending the Gold Coast to play, to take time to attend the open forum as well. We look forward to welcoming our members at our hospitality get together at the Kurrawa Surf Club. Good luck to all those entered at GCC.

The recent McCutcheon awards announcements. The number of SBAU players featuring on the list is fantastic. I am so proud of you all.

I am pleased to advise we have implemented our enhanced Detection of Unauthorised Information software. I have written to you in the following pages updating you on the new software implementation.

I thank you for the support you have already shown towards our Day for Türkiye next Thursday 16 February 2023 with your generous donations that are flowing in, I promise you I will ensure the money goes where it is most needed to help some of those people facing the most terrible of circumstances, following the devastating earthquakes that occurred earlier this week,

Happy Bridging, *Sarah Zoral*



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## UPDATED MONTHLY PLAYER NUMBERS

April 2023		Mar 2023		Feb 2023		Jan 2023	9804
Dec 2022	9142	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

# A Day for Türkiye

Thursday 16 February

Red Point Sessions All Day

Money Raised to go to Türkiye



## If “Unauthorised Information” is ever used at StepBridge

*This is the technical term we use when deciding if untoward behaviour may have occurred during a tournament. Fortunately for us at StepBridge an audit of our tournaments over a period of one year by renowned international authority on this topic, Richard Hammond\*, has reassured us that minimal untoward behaviour has occurred during our Tournaments.*

As members of StepBridge, we are all passionate about playing bridge online and competing in this challenging game. However, with the increased accessibility and popularity of online bridge comes the potential untoward behaviour. This is why the detection of untoward behaviour is so important at StepBridge, and although it is an unpleasant subject, it requires our ongoing attention. Please be assured at StepBridge, we are one step ahead of everything in regard to this issue.

Recently, we developed new software specifically to help find (apologies, let's be perhaps unkind and refer to the miniscule number possibly misbehaving as) cheaters. This software not only monitors suspicious behaviour, but also provides historical and statistical data that can be used to build a case against a cheater. It is super clever and we are proud of it. This is a significant step forward in our efforts to maintain the integrity of our game and to ensure that the results of our games are based on skill and strategy.

It's important to stress that building a case against a pair always involves the analysis of a lot of boards. You can never tell if something is wrong based on just one, or a few boards, even if it seems totally absurd what is happening. Everybody can be extremely lucky once in a while, and this does not justify calling someone out as a cheater. During an investigation we evaluate a lot of played boards. If someone is overall extremely lucky when doing absurd actions (considering all absurd actions, also the ones that did not end well), this strongly points in the direction of cheating.

It is also worth mentioning that our software, although it helps in finding cheaters and presenting statistical data about all the played boards of a specific pair, does not reach a verdict. The actual investigation of a potential cheating pair is always done by a human expert. This expert will evaluate the presented data, and will also do a manual review of a set of boards. Based on the findings of this expert, a verdict will be reached.

As mentioned, we also have some encouraging facts to share on this topic. At StepBridge, based on statistical analysis, it is certain that at our club, there is a lot less cheating going on than at any other major online bridge platform. This was acknowledged by Nicholas Hammond, when he had a look at the statistical data of StepBridge Australia and compared it to the data of all other major bridge platforms. Hammond reported, confirming our own statistical data potentially <1% of the players of StepBridge are using unauthorised information methods and frankly this is such a small incidence that it is difficult to measure.. It is a testament to the efforts of our community to promote fair play and to maintain the integrity of the game.

We must state that, it is important to emphasise that it is never okay to raise any suspicions about an opponent while playing. This type of behaviour is not only unfair (as it is impossible to defend yourself against such accusations), it can also ruin someone's reputation and cause significant damage to their enjoyment of the game. As mentioned, proving cheating is always based on a lot of boards, so rely on the detection software to detect cheating. If you do have strong suspicions about a pair, please send an e-mail to [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) so we can investigate it. This will confidentially reach our Unauthorised Information Expert (UIE). The UIE expert will examine the boards and run a statistical analysis of the suspected players to determine if there are patterns suggesting regular suspicious activity. If so, they will be investigated fully.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the developers of this new software for their contributions to our community.

We are confident that at StepBridge our games are fair, competitive and enjoyable for all players.

- \* Richard Hammond Renowned International Statistical Analyst and author of “Detecting Cheating in Bridge”

## Gold Coast Congress: StepBridge Hospitality Evening

The StepBridge Hospitality Evening during the Gold Coast Congress has now reached its maximum capacity. Therefore, we cannot take anymore bookings for this evening. We hope those who are attending will enjoy the evening of meeting StepBridge members face-2-face.



### Allow Systems on StepBridge

In our Restricted and Novice sessions our aim is to provide games of Bridge that can be easily understood by relatively inexperienced players. The bidding systems used should be relatively natural where, as they say, “a Spade means a Spade”! The ABF classifies such systems as **Green** or (for strong Club systems like Precision) **Blue**. In these systems a one level bid guarantees at least three (and probably four) cards in that suit, and 1NT is a balanced or semi-balanced hand. The one exception is that an opening 1♣ may contain only two clubs or, in the case of Precision, be a strong hand of 16+ points with any shape.

In our Open sessions we also allow systems that the ABF classifies as **Red**. Such systems are allowed to open one of a suit with a singleton or void in that suit, and they may vary the meaning of those bids according to position and/or vulnerability. A specific example is the Montreal Relay 1♣ (<http://montrealrelay.com/montreal/1CP.html>) which the documentation asserts should be alerted with “may be a singleton and is semi-forcing”. You may not use this in our Restricted or Novice sessions!

Opening bids from 2♣ through 3♠ that could be weak (and overcalls of one-suit openings) are also restricted: they must show at least four cards in a known suit otherwise they are classified as **Brown Sticker** and not allowed in any of our regular sessions. The main exception is the multi-2♦ that could be weak in either Major – this bid can also include any number of strong hand types, but it cannot include other weak options.

An example of a Brown Sticker convention that is disallowed is Myxomatosis Twos where 2 of a suit means a strong bid in that suit, or a weak bid in the suit above, or a weak bid in the other two suits. You need some experience and understanding to defend correctly against such bids, hence the name as it was designed to kill “bunnies” (inexperienced players). We do not allow such conventions outside of Congresses. By the way, you may not ‘sneak’ any weak part of such conventions in under the 2♦ exception above.

There are other “highly unusual methods” that international experts might use. The ABF classifies such systems as Yellow and they are essentially banned in Australia except in the latter stages of big tournaments, so you are unlikely to come across them.

If you have concerns about any system being used by your opponents, please let your TD know. They may be able to correct the issue at the time, adjust your score for any damage caused, or issue warnings and penalties. Or they may refer the issue to our Review Board for consideration. We are committed to keeping our games fair and friendly – please help us to do so by reporting your concerns.

*Alan Bustany (TDAlan)*

## Novice Corner

Since this is the first edition, I would like to introduce myself to my fellow novice players. My name is Duncan Welsh (DuncanW) most of you would have played against me on StepBridge. A work colleague introduced me to bridge a few years ago, I had lessons back in 2021. In late 2021 I started to play competitively; I remember my first day of competition. It was an eye-opener to what the real world of the bridge was going to be like. The first couple of months were scary and frustrating because at my club most of the members were taught differently and I was the only one in my class to step out into this world. I had to learn a different system from what I was taught, in hindsight looking back at this, it was good to learn a new system so I could play with new partners. Even now it is still a learning experience, and even the experienced player said “every hand is different”

StepBridge is a great place for novice players to develop their game, meet other novice players, and find new partners who ultimately become new friends. In StepBridge you can play against only other novice players if you desire, not like at a local clubhouse where you are playing against people who have been playing for many years. This can be daunting to a new novice player. So, I encourage everyone to tell your fellow novices about StepBridge, novice players are the future of bridge in Australia and across the world.

In case you weren't aware, I am a member of the StepBridge committee and I am happy to be your voice. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to our community, please email me.

It is our intention to have this page in the monthly newsletter from here on, so I encourage each of you to submit any ideas for the February newsletter.

I know it is daunting to find a partner, as a new player coming into our community. If that is the case for anyone in our community, please let me know and we will post your name on this page and we will endeavour to find you a regular partner. If you would like to be a part of the Partnership Finder List email me, your Username and contact details that you are happy to have published on our page.

I would like to introduce you to the following new novice players that started to play in January, please be supportive and friendly to these players.

- KathBr
- GrahamBr
- SandyTa
- JoanLe

Happy Bridging,

*Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)*  
[duncan@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:duncan@stepbridge.com.au)



## Cookery Corner

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

### Salmon Pasta

#### Ingredients

- 500g white fish
- 10 oz. salmon fillet (cut into cubes)
- 4 chopped tomatoes
- 3 chopped finely basil leaves
- 2 cloves crushed garlic.
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cooking cream
- Salt and pepper
- Spaghetti or pasta of your choice



#### Directions

- Cook pasta, while at the same time heat tablespoon oil in frypan.
- Add garlic and salmon for about 5 minutes till light brown.
- Add the basil and tomatoes.
- Simmer gently till all cooked to your liking.
- Drain the pasta, add the other ingredients and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of cooking cream.

### Chocolate Self Sauce Pudding

#### Ingredients and Directions - Base

- 2 ozs of butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$  a cup of sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup of self-raising flour
- 2 dessert spoons of cocoa
- $\frac{1}{2}$  a cup of milk
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla essence

Mix altogether and pour into greased sandwich tin.

#### Ingredients and Directions - Top

Mix together:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  a cup of sugar
- 2 dessert spoons of cocoa
- 2 cups of boiling water

Pour over the top and bake for 40 minutes in a moderate oven.

Serve with cream or ice cream.



Brenda McClean (Brenda)

## Holiday Blogs

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

At the time of writing this it has been 135 hours since the deadly earthquakes that struck southern provinces in Türkiye and in the neighboring country of Syria. Currently the death toll has increased to more than 20,000 in Türkiye and more than 80,000 injured.. There has been widespread criticism of the Turkish government's rescue effort being described as being slow and inadequate. Fortunately 61 countries have sent more than 7000 personnel to assist with the rescue efforts The government of course says how could they prepare for such an eventuality occurring. There has been a declaration of a state of emergency in the affected provinces for the next 3 months. The TV coverage is harrowing and hard to watch at times. Intermittently a sprinkling of good news stories emerge with the rescue of some very lucky citizens. The race is on now to attempt to reach those still trapped and alive. The weather is extremely cold and many of the casualties are believed to have frozen to death in the extremely cold temperatures. Maximum temperatures in the area are hovering around 2C at best. Dropping to -6C overnight. Can you imagine the misery the survivors will continue to suffer. They have been informed by the government that they aim to build housing in a year for those left without a home in the 10 provinces affected. The current estimate is that more than 6,000 buildings have been damaged or destroyed. Add to this horrendous story that millions of neighbors in nearby Syria have already been forced to leave their homes and flee and now many more will be displaced to add to the already unprecedented rates of inflation and the current cost of living crisis the country is undergoing. These cities have no water or utilities, no food or resources. Many people whose apartment building appears to be intact are terrified to return to their homes. They have witnessed neighboring buildings crumble and fall like a pack of cards. This country has so many buildings that are thousands of years old and still standing. Yet buildings built in the modern era have not had to adhere to any building codes prior to 1999 earthquakes in the northern regions of Türkiye. I hope that our wonderful StepBridge players will support our Day for Türkiye and that collectively we can make a small difference to some very deserving people,

On the home front our house is finished sufficiently that we have moved in and enduring the winter, Fortunately the home is cosy and warm and it makes the view of the snow outside enjoyable, Orhan and I are caring for his Mum and spending the winter close to home.



## Monthly Awards: December 2022

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in December 2022</i>	Overall	1	59.69	9	<b>Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
			59.69	9	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF)</b>
		3	58.53	6	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
	Open	1	59.69	9	<b>Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
			59.69	9	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF)</b>
		3	58.53	6	Ming Yang (MingYang)
	Restricted	1	56.12	11	<b>Paul Letts (PaulLet)</b>
		2	56.09	13	Chris Farr (ChrisF)
		3	56.06	14	Neil Melvin (NeilMel)
	Novice	1	57.36	11	<b>David Hancock (DavidHan)</b>
		2	57.15	6	Bronwyn Neal (BronwynN)
		3	56.02	7	Brian Pridham (BrianPr)
	Open IMPs	1	22	8	<b>John Bailey (JohnBail)</b>
		2	21	9	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	20	8	Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
	Open	1	55.26	6	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)</b>
Individual	2	54.16	6	Wendy Doyle (WendyDo)	
	3	52.88	6	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in December 2022</i>	Overall	1	59.69	9	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
		2	58.58	7	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	58.53	6	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
	Open	1	59.69	9	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
		2	58.58	7	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	58.53	6	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
	Restricted	1	57.24	6	<b>Paul Letts (PaulLet), Chris Farr (ChrisF)</b>
		2	56.25	16	Ann Sauer (AnnSauer), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
		3	55.82	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
	Novice	1	56.02	7	<b>Brian Pridham (BrianPr), Vadnae Furminger (VadnaeF)</b>
		2	54.58	9	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon), Ronald Kroon (RonaldKr)
		3	53.89	6	Steven Kemp (StevenK), Valerie Hambrook
	Open IMPs	1	22	8	<b>John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>
		2	17	7	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne
	3	5	7	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)	



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Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in December 2022</i>	Overall			<b>68</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				53	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
				49	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
	Open			<b>67</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				52	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
				45	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Restricted			<b>31</b>	<b>Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV)</b>
				29	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				29	Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
	Novice			<b>25</b>	<b>Gek Low (GekL)</b>
				19	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
			18	Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)	
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in December 2022</i>	Overall			<b>26</b>	<b>Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)</b>
				23	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
				21	Ann Sauer (AnnSauer), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
	Open			<b>23</b>	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)</b>
				20	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
				19	Lyn Redman (LynRed), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Restricted			<b>16</b>	<b>Ann Sauer (AnnSauer), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)</b>
				14	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				13	Carmel Brown (CarmelBr), Patrick Rasmussen
	Novice			<b>15</b>	<b>Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)</b>
				10	Frances Hammond (FranHamm), Ian Hammond
			9	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse	

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in December 2022</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>6.01</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Vadnae Furminger (VadnaeF)</b>
		2	5.23	7	Brian Pridham (BrianPr)
		3	5.22	9	Robert Fleet (RobFleet)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Robert Fleet (RobFleet)</b>
			<b>5.22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Helen Fleet (HelenF)</b>
		3	5.1	12	David Burn (DavidBur)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Melva Leal (MelvaL)</b>
		2	3.91	6	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG)
		3	3.72	7	Jill Smith (JilSmith)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>6.06</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Vadnae Furminger (VadnaeF)</b>
		2	5.24	7	Brian Pridham (BrianPr)
		3	4.56	10	Valerie Hambrook (ValeriHa)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Wendy Buender (WendyBu)</b>
		2	0.19	9	Dot Slattery (DotS)
		3	0.15	7	Jay Kent (Jay)
Open	<b>1</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)</b>	
Individual	2	0.17	6	Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV)	
	3	2.05	7	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in December 2022</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.66</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Wendy Buender (WendyBu), Gary Goldsmith (GarGolds)</b>
		2	5.23	7	Brian Pridham (BrianPr), Vadnae Furminger (VadnaeF)
			5.23	7	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.66</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Wendy Buender (WendyBu), Gary Goldsmith (GarGolds)</b>
		2	5.23	7	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren
		3	5.22	9	Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)</b>
		2	3.17	13	Carmel Brown (CarmelBr), Patrick Rasmussen
		3	3	7	Rosemary Porter (RoseP), Eugene McClorey
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>5.24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Brian Pridham (BrianPr), Vadnae Furminger (VadnaeF)</b>
		2	4.03	6	Marg Ferguson (MargFer), Peter Ferguson (PeterFer)
		3	1.53	9	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse
Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>	

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<i>Highest Player Average in January 2023</i>	Overall	1	64.01	6	<b>Ming Yang (MingYang)</b>
			64.01	6	<b>Larry Moses (LarMoses)</b>
		3	59.62	6	John McMullan (JohnMcM)
	Open	1	64.01	6	<b>Larry Moses (LarMoses)</b>
			64.01	6	<b>Ming Yang (MingYang)</b>
		3	59.62	6	John McMullan (JohnMcM)
	Restricted	1	56.46	7	<b>Bruce Kleem (BruceK)</b>
		2	56.39	6	Peter Lyons (PeterLy)
		3	56.1	9	Brian Wawn (BriaWawn)
	Novice	1	56.88	7	<b>Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal)</b>
			56.88	7	<b>Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)</b>
		3	55.47	7	John Adams (John)
	Open IMPs	1	23	6	<b>Sarah Gaunt (SarahGa)</b>
		2	16	6	Tina Hesketh (TinaH)
		3	14	6	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
Open	1	54.36	9	<b>Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)</b>	
Individual	2	53.42	7	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
	3	52.81	6	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in January 2023</i>	Overall	1	64.01	6	<b>Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)</b>
		2	59.62	6	John McMullan (JohnMcM), Geoffrey Yeo (GeoffY)
		3	58.15	8	Lyn McLain (LynMcL), David Milburn (DavidMil)
	Open	1	64.01	6	<b>Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)</b>
		2	59.62	6	John McMullan (JohnMcM), Geoffrey Yeo (GeoffY)
		3	57.5	6	John Aquino (JohnAQ), Geoffrey Yeo (GeoffY)
	Restricted	1	58.64	7	<b>Lyn McLain (LynMcL), David Milburn (DavidMil)</b>
		2	56.46	7	Bruce Kleem (BruceK), Trish Berry (TrishBer)
		3	56.39	6	Tom Lyons (TomLy), Peter Lyons (PeterLy)
	Novice	1	56.88	7	<b>Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)</b>
		2	55.47	7	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		3	55.23	12	Janet Wilkie (JanetWi), Frances Pope (FrancesP)
	Open IMPs	1	11	7	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
		2	10	9	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	7	6	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren

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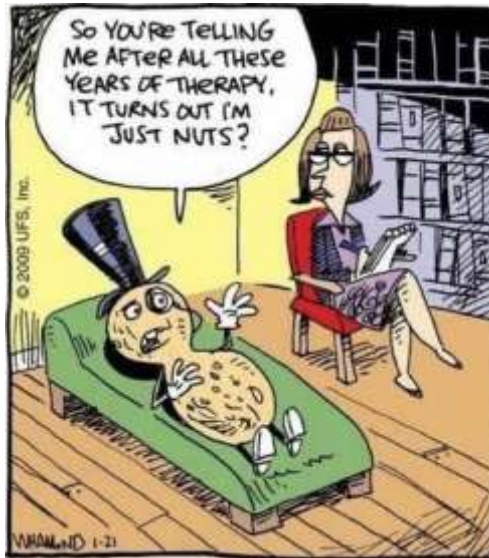
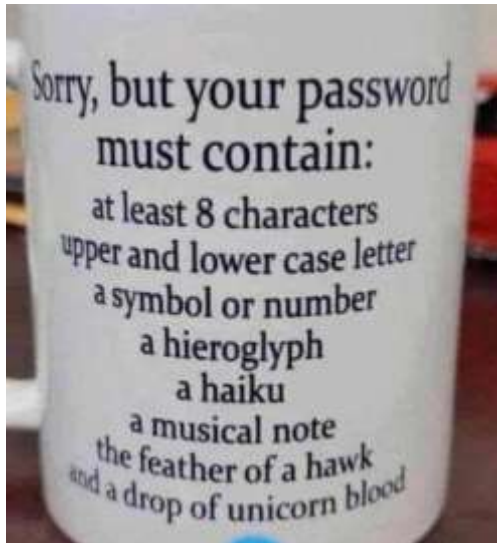
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				65	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				54	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Open			<b>71</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				59	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				52	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Restricted			<b>32</b>	<b>Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)</b>
				31	Colin Speller (ColinSp)
				31	Don Saunders (DonS)
	Novice			<b>26</b>	<b>Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)</b>
				23	Gek Low (GekL)
				22	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in January 2023</i>	Overall			<b>31</b>	<b>Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)</b>
				23	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				23	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Open			<b>23</b>	<b>Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)</b>
				<b>23</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
				20	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay
	Restricted			<b>31</b>	<b>Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)</b>
				16	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				15	Frank Broos (FrankBro), Carlton Parker (Carlton)
	Novice			<b>15</b>	<b>Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)</b>
				12	Janet Wilkie (JanetWi), Frances Pope (FrancesP)
				12	Frances Hammond (FranHamm), Ian Hammond

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in January 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.07</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Sue Mittermair (SueMit)</b>
		2	6.55	7	Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
		3	6.52	7	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Barbara Callan (BarbC)</b>
		2	6.28	6	Larry Moses (LarMoses)
		3	4.69	6	Ming Yang (MingYang)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>10.03</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Camille Farrell (CamilleF)</b>
		2	4.87	12	Bronwyn Neal (BronwynN)
		3	4.8	8	Gek Low (GekL)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Sue Mittermair (SueMit)</b>
		2	6.55	7	Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
		3	6.52	7	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Sarah Gaunt (SarahGa)</b>
		2	0.14	6	John Dogterom (JohnDo)
		3	0.13	7	Trevor Darling (TrevorDa)
Open	<b>1</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Gail Cowen (GailCo)</b>	
Individual	2	3.14	8	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)	
	3	2.75	6	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in January 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.01</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Duncan Welsh (DuncanW), Sue Mittermair (SueMit)</b>
		2	6.42	7	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
		3	4.69	6	Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Ming Yang (MingYang), Larry Moses (LarMoses)</b>
		2	4.46	6	John McMullan (JohnMcM), Geoffrey Yeo (GeoffY)
		3	4.36	6	Steve Miller (SteveMil), Giles Martin (GilesM)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>4.34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Bruce Kleem (BruceK), Trish Berry (TrishBer)</b>
		2	3.7	7	Lyn McLain (LynMcL), David Milburn (DavidMil)
		3	2.97	8	Patrick Rasmussen (PatRasmu), Peter Morris
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>7.57</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Duncan Welsh (DuncanW), Sue Mittermair (SueMit)</b>
		2	6.42	7	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
		3	4.05	7	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Margaret Portess (MargPo)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>



# Phil's Funnies Page

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



# Masterpoint Promotions

## December 2022

Christine Chandler	Grand	Dick Ellis	State
Hans Van Weeren	Grand	Judy Neal	State
Jaan Oitmaa	Gold Life	Susan Eason	State
Roger Yandle	Gold Life	Ed Nataraj	State
Judy Scott	Gold Life	Debra Prendiville	State
Trevor Caldwell	Gold Life	Janice Pearson	State
Ken McIvor	Silver Life	Nick Armitage	Bronze Regional
Deanna Stuart	Silver Life	Joann Theriault	Regional
Mardi Grosvenor	Bronze Life	Jian Williams	Regional
Gill Blakey	Life	John Rasheed	Regional
Frank Hardiman	Life	Patricia Johnson	Regional
Marion Carney	Life	Norman Johnston	Regional
Joanne Crockford	Life	Kaye Waddell	Regional
June Mulholland	Silver National	David Howells	Regional
David Adams	Silver National	Vicki Bakker	Regional
Marie Pickering	Silver National	Marg Ferguson	Silver Local
Janene Sweet	Bronze National	Peter Millington	Silver Local
Wence Vahala	Bronze National	Kate Macdonald	Silver Local
Ken Hubbell	Bronze National	Tess Bloomer	Silver Local
Michael Hogan	Bronze National	Graham Woof	Silver Local
Maeve Doyle	Bronze National	Jan Venn	Silver Local
Craig Taberner	Bronze National	Sue Walker	Silver Local
Adele Brown	National	Ross Pringle	Bronze Local
Alex Jones	National	James Walcott	Bronze Local
John Finlay-Jones	National	Brenda Wilson	Bronze Local
Bev Lawler	National	Christine Massey	Bronze Local
Wendy Harris	Bronze State	Glynis Hendricks	Bronze Local
Beryl Morris	Bronze State	Angela Carroll	Bronze Local
Lyn McLain	Bronze State	Sue Olson	Bronze Local
John Vella	Bronze State	Nada Clastres	Bronze Local
Ken Jones	Bronze State	Betty Lyon	Local
Ruth Anderson	Bronze State	Merilyn Reid	Local
Sylvia Rose	Bronze State	Megan Jefferies	Local
Brian Wawn	Bronze State	Peter Rhind	Local
Marge Henry	Bronze State	Katherine Burchmore	Club
Peter Thorpe	State	Martyn Halsall	Club
Lynda Edge	State	Krzysztof Kukieka	Graduate
Bronwyn Neal	State	Jane Mitchell	Graduate
Steven Kemp	State	Lesley Bull	Graduate
Marilyn Jarrett	State	John Carroll	Graduate

# Masterpoint Promotions

## January 2023

Christine Chandler	Grand	Dee Sinton	State
Gary Lynn	Silver Grand	Bill Gilmore	State
Neil Williams	Gold Life	Lesley Bloomfield	State
Deborah McLay	Gold Life	Wendy Sheehan	State
Anne Riley	Silver Life	Anne Morris	State
Jennifer Sawyer	Silver Life	Julia Caldwell	State
Julie Farmer	Silver Life	Nick Hullah	State
Peter Clarke	Silver Life	Ina Buhse	Bronze Regional
Pam Bradford	Bronze Life	Peter Cooper	Regional
Barbara Williams	Bronze Life	Sue Pemberton	Regional
Sue Beckman	Bronze Life'	Graham Rosetta	Regional
Clive Klugman	Bronze Life	Jackie Boaden	Regional
Colin Bale	Life	Gek Low	Silver Local
Marie Pickering	Life	Jennifer Gordon	Silver Local
Warren Robinson	Life	Jenny Thackeray	Silver Local
Jim Stewart	Silver National	Anne Birt	Silver Local
Ian Wright	Silver National	Duncan Welsh	Bronze Local
Margaret Baker	Bronze National	Marie O'Sullivan	Bronze Local
Wal Brake	Bronze National	Anne Portess	Bronze Local
Maria Christensen	Bronze National	Toni Arnott	Bronze Local
Mei Huang	Bronze National	Colin Cook	Bronze Local
Sandi Pirozzo	National	Kerri Grant	Bronze Local
June Breguet	National	Merran Adams	Bronze Local
Bev Daniel	National	Wendy Dodd	Local
Bev Furner	National	Sue Mittermair	Local
Graham Forbes	National	Sandy Lynch	Local
Seb Wright	National	Jenny Munro	Local
Heather Whitely	Bronze State	Jahli Magick	Local
Moira Daly	Bronze State	Graeme Lean	Local
Ann Berry	Bronze State	Timothy Mason	Local
Paul Stebbing	Bronze State	Keith Caldwell	Club
Joyanne Gissing	Bronze State	Alex Daw	Club



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

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## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

### February

*Sunday 12 February*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 13 February*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Thursday 16 February (A Day for Türkiye)*

- 10.00am Open Individual & Novice

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Saturday 18 February*

- 10.00am Open Individual & Novice

*Sunday 19 February*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 21 February*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

*Friday 24 February*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 26 February*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 27 February*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

### March

*Sunday 5 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 12 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 19 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 26 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Further sessions in March are still to be determined.

### April

*Sunday 2 April*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 9 April*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 16 April*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Further sessions in April are still to be determined.