

**March 2023**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

February, as usual, has been a busy month for bridge events. Many of you played at the Gold Coast Congress and had a chance to catch up with other SBAU players. Our hospitality evening saw almost 60 members join Committee members Chris, Suzi and Tony at the Kurrawa Surf Club for a fun evening. StepBridge VP Chris Larter attended the Presentation Dinner Dance and presented the StepBridge Shield to the winners of Gold Coast Congress Open Teams Championship.

It was a passionate group of Bridge players who attended the ABF Sub committee's Open Meeting early Sunday evening at the Gold Coast Congress. The mood of those present was incredibly positive towards Online Bridge. Thank you to all those members from StepBridge who were able to attend after a busy day. We also had three StepBridge committee members present. Those who spoke mentioned the pleasure they received from meeting new Bridge players from all over Australia, something not possible before Online Bridge. They also expressed great appreciation of the way in which Online Bridge enables the many people who love Bridge to take part when in so many cases, they do not live close to a Bridge Club, nor have transport to get to one, or if they have limitations on their ability to leave their homes - to do so. It was so nice to hear that they found the ability to play at different times so convenient for them, especially with regard to evening sessions. Where to from here? Well the mood of the meeting was clear. Online Bridge was here to stay and should be encouraged. There was also the view put forward that Online helps make face to face Bridge survive and function more effectively especially as technology is advancing. We at StepBridge have always been of the need to provide the best possible service and experience for our 2,000 Club members. IT will enable us to continue to do so. Thanks again to those who completed the Individual ABF survey regarding Online Bridge. A special thanks to those who responded to my email with their thoughts. Your kindness and constructive comments were most appreciated. We note that the ABF sub committee has apparently reached their conclusions as to the future of Online Bridge in Australia and will be presenting a report to the ABF Council in April. We await the outcome with great interest.



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Our Online Congress calendar is starting to fill up and events will be advertised from this week. I know these events are always looked forward to with great anticipation. Novice players remember this event is for you. Come and support the Novice Congresses. It is a fun day and great experience for you with MPS and prizes up for grabs.

The Day for Türkiye fundraising event has filled me with great personal joy. The support from players and from our Club and StepBridge International has raised in excess of \$17,000. I will talk about the crisis in my Türkiye Blog. However I can tell you that our funds will provide 5 container homes for 5 families to help them through this horrendous time. Thanks for being the wonderful people that you are and supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Happy Bridging, *Sarah Zoral*

### UPDATED MONTHLY PLAYER NUMBERS

April 2023		Mar 2023		Feb 2023	8346	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

## Gold Coast Congress - StepBridge Open Teams Winner



Dalley Team with Chris Larter (StepBridge Australia Vice President) presenting the StepBridge shield.

## Novice Corner

Welcome everyone to the 2nd edition. Thank you to everyone for their positive feedback.

How did everyone feel playing their first competitive bridge session? The most noticeable thing I noticed was the speed of the game, all clubs have a time allocation to play a select number of boards, which is approximately 6 minutes per board.

We were taught in our lessons, to **Analyse** the lead, **Review** the bidding, **Count** losers or winners, and **Draw** or **Delay** using trumps (ARCD). We were told how important this is and it can be the difference in making your contract or going down. How do you find the time to do this when you have 6 minutes to play a hand? When playing against experienced players who play fast and do not like slow players, it is difficult to find the time to do ARCD.

Does your local clubhouse provide supervised play? Supervise play is a good place to refine your bidding, practice new conventions, and allow time to practice ARCD before playing your hand. The other place is on StepBridge in the novice tournaments, if you continue to practice this it will become easy and take less time to do.

It is important to be patient and kind to your fellow novice players. Some of us need to be reminded about this, even myself. I struggle with the above myself, I tend to rush and play the hand quickly without doing ARCD. What I have found helpful is to STOP and look at the first card before playing from the dummy hand, and start doing the ARCD.

In StepBridge if you start the bidding process before the 5 minute reminder, you will be allow to finish the last hand. If you have not finished the second last board after the 5 minute reminder, you will be given an artificial result.

Artificial results are given in the following manner:

- 40% is given to the pair who is the slowest in their bidding and playing.
- 60% is given to the pair who is the fastest in their bidding and playing.

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 monthly 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 February, please be supportive and friendly to this player.

1. DesleyW

Happy Bridging,

*Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)*  
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## ATTENTION

### QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY & WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLAYERS

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday morning 2 April.

This means play will start one hour later for players from Queensland,  
the Northern Territory & Western Australia.

Below is the spelled out timetable for these players.

	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>
Open Individual: (Sat & Sun)	10.00am	9.30am	8.00am
Open: (Mon-Sat)	1pm	12.30pm	11.00am
Restricted: (Mon-Sat)	1.15pm	12.45pm	11.15am
Open/Restricted/ Novice (Sun)	2.30pm	2.00pm	12.30pm
Open: (Mon-Sat)	4.00pm	3.30pm	2.00pm
Restricted/Novice: (Restricted: Tue & Thu/ Novice: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat)	4.10pm	3.40pm	2.10pm
Restricted/Novice: (Restricted: Mon, Wed & Fri / Novice: Tue & Thu)	7.45pm	7.15pm	5.45pm
Open:	8.00pm	7.30pm	6.00pm

***Note: There is no change of session times for players from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia & the Australian Capital Territory.***

# StepBridge Australia

## APRIL SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023** *Online on StepBridge*

<b>Director</b>	Chris Snook
<b>Movement</b>	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. Three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
<b>Conditions of Entry</b>	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 January 2023. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 31 January 2023.  Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
<b>Start Time</b>	10.00am (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 9.30am (SA & NT) / 8.00am (WA)
<b>Closing Date</b>	Thursday 13th April 2023, 12noon. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
<b>Entries</b>	Enter online at <a href="https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-april-2023-congress-entry-registration/">https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-april-2023-congress-entry-registration/</a>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	400 Participation Points per Player.
<b>Payment</b>	The cost will be deducted from your account at the time of entry. Please ensure you have enough Participation Points in your account.
<b>Entry List</b>	<a href="https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-april-2023-congress-entry-list/">https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-april-2023-congress-entry-list/</a> 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.
<b>Prizes</b>	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.
<b>StepBridge Username Registration</b>	All players must be registered with StepBridge. Details on registration at <a href="http://www.stepbridge.com.au">www.stepbridge.com.au</a>  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 <a href="mailto:chris@stepbridge.com.au">chris@stepbridge.com.au</a>



## Bathurst and District Bridge Club

# SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA B4 red point congress)

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023** *Online on StepBridge*

<b>Director</b>	Chris Snook
<b>Movement</b>	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Directors.
<b>Conditions of Entry</b>	<p>NSWBA Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Butler IMPs scoring will be used.</p> <p>Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided.</p> <p>Green, blue &amp; red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments permitted. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress.</p> <p>Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.</p>
<b>Start Time</b> <b>Finish Time</b>	10.00am (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 9.30am (SA & NT) / 8.00am (WA) 4.30pm (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 4.00pm (SA & NT) / 2.30pm (WA)
<b>Closing Date</b>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. 12.00 midday Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and Bathurst & Districts Bridge Club.
<b>Entries &amp; Entry List</b>	<p><a href="https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3810">https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3810</a></p> <p>Any issues with entries should be directed to the organizer: <a href="mailto:simsalan77@gmail.com">simsalan77@gmail.com</a> or 0435 976 545</p>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$20 per player
<b>Payment</b>	<p>Entry Fee payable by EFT to:</p> <p>Bathurst Bridge Club    BSB: 032814    Acc: 290648    Reference: your ABF number</p>
<b>Prizes</b>	<p>Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200 &amp; 3rd Place \$100. Should there be less than 60 pairs entered, the above prizes will be reassessed &amp; reduced.</p> <p>Subject to there being 10 pairs per category, Best Restricted Prize (under 300 MPs) \$100 &amp; Best Novice Prize (under 100 MPs) \$100</p> <p>Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 28 February 2023. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 28 February 2023.</p>
<b>StepBridge Username Registration</b>	<p>All players must be registered with StepBridge. Details on registration at <a href="http://www.stepbridge.com.au">www.stepbridge.com.au</a></p> <p>If registering solely for this Congress, you can have temporary membership with no membership fee payable and in addition 5 free SB tournaments to familiarize yourself with the platform.</p> <p>All StepBridge enquiries to Chris Larter <a href="mailto:chris@stepbridge.com.au">chris@stepbridge.com.au</a></p>

## News from the Secretary

### StepBridge Congress - Saturday 15 April

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

*Chris Larter (ChrisLar)*

## Cookery Corner

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

### Beef Cheeks

#### **Ingredients**

- Beef cheeks
- Flour
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 large onion
- Ginger
- Tablespoon of butter
- Tablespoon of olive oil
- Tin of tomatoes
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 12 mushrooms, halved
- Can of water
- Salt and pepper
- Potatoes, mashed
- Green beans



#### **Directions**

- Cut beef cheeks into bite size pieces, and then roll in flour.
- Crush 3 garlic cloves, chop 1 large onion and grate ginger for about a tablespoon.
- Place the above into a fry pan with a tablespoon of butter and a tablespoon of olive oil and fry lightly.
- Once fried, put into the slow cooker and add a tin of tomatoes, 2 sliced carrots, 12 mushrooms halved, a tomato can of full of water.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Put on low for 8 hours.
- Serve with mashed potatoes and green beans.

## Cookery Corner

### Sticky Toffee Pudding

#### **Ingredients - Sauce**

- 75g castor sugar
- 75g ordinary sugar
- 75g butter
- 150 ml double cream

#### **Directions**

- Grease mini metal pudding basins and cover with baking paper.
- Melt sugars, butter, add the cream and bring to a simmer.
- Cook 1 minute stirring constantly.
- Remove from heat and divide between the pudding basins.
- Leave to cool for 30 minutes.
- Heat oven to 180.



#### **Ingredients - Base**

- 140g of butter
- 200g of castor sugar
- 3 large beaten eggs
- 175g of self raising flour

#### **Directions**

- Beat butter, sugar, eggs and flour in large bowl and spoon into the basins prepared earlier.
- Then place basins into a small roasting tin and add cold water to the tin, up to about 1cm on the sides.
- Bake in oven, which has now been heated to 180, for 25 minutes.
- Serve the pudding with ice cream.



*Brenda McClean (Brenda)*

*Chris Larter (ChrisLar) sorting out  
"the lost property" from the day after the  
StepBridge party at Kurrawa Surf Club  
(Gold Coast Congress).*



## Holiday Blog

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

February 6 2023 will be remembered for the start of seismic activity that has caused catastrophic events and damage that is beyond comprehension in southern Türkiye. A series of major earthquakes and aftershocks.

At the time of writing this blog the death toll has climbed above a staggering 50,000 people. More than 108,000 people were injured. More than 160,000 Turkish buildings containing 520,000 apartments have either collapsed or been seriously damaged. This is the worst disaster in this country's modern history. Whole cities destroyed. More than 2 million people are registered as having fled the region. Since the initial quake there have been 11,000 aftershocks recorded. Several major earthquakes have been reported since the fateful day on February 6 and buildings continue to topple and crumple like a pack of cards.

You cannot begin to imagine the human tragedy that is still unfolding. 1.5 million people are homeless and more than 500,000 homes need to be rebuilt. More than 865,000 people are living in tent cities and 23,500 are already in container homes. 376,000 people are in student dormitories and guest houses outside the earthquake zone. The temperatures are still freezing in many areas and people have been camping on the street with maybe a blanket and a small fire to huddle around. People are faced with daily queues for food and wait for the mobile bus equipped with showers to come to their area to have a shower. Toilets are in very short supply and words like cholera and hepatitis A are being bandied about as likely outcomes.

The individual stories are so heartbreaking it is hard to witness let alone imagine what it is like to be in the middle of the crisis. The government has been continually accused of lax safety enforcement measures, especially since the 1999 earthquakes that devastated so many areas near to where I am living. New building codes were introduced and these codes have not been policed or adhered to. Modern buildings supposed to have been capable of withstanding 8.0+ magnitude earthquakes have disintegrated and collapsed. Turkish authorities have launched a probe into 612 individuals responsible for buildings levelled by the deadly earthquakes and already arrested 184 suspects.

There is a major problem to demolish and remove the debris. The estimation is close to 100 million cubic metres to be removed. 70 million truck loads. The nearby farming communities are very concerned as this waste is full of asbestos and the ensuing asbestos dust is going to blow across crops and farming lands.

In Istanbul particularly, citizens are terrified and demanding investigations into the building integrity of schools etc. Initial investigations show buildings compromised and concrete columns are drilled to expose gaping holes and rubble inside the columns that should be solid concrete and reinforcing bars.

Personally, when I am walking in town, I am constantly looking above my head at the decrepit buildings around me and thinking if there is an earthquake now.....

On a positive note in all of this misery. I saw a HuskyX dog pulled from the rubble 23 days after the building collapsed. He appeared to be fine if very thin. A few nights ago a drone was sent in to inspect a severely damaged high-rise and it discovered a number of cats trapped. The rescuers went up in scissor lifts and coaxed the starving cats and brought them down. Another case of a person trapped for 14 days and above him were some heavy drapes that were wet from the rain and snow. This person survived by sucking the curtains for moisture.

The monies that we have collectively raised will supply container housing for 5 families. These families could be forced to live in these containers for up to 2 years. The psychological trauma these people are enduring could be with them forever. Thanks for your thoughts and actions in allowing us to do something positive for some deserving families.

# Holiday Blog



## Monthly Awards: February 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in February 2023</i>	Overall	1	62.23	6	<b>Sue Neill (SueN)</b>
		2	60.41	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	57.2	21	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open	1	62.23	6	<b>Sue Neill (SueN)</b>
		2	60.41	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	57.2	21	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Restricted	1	56.14	8	Chris Dixon (ChrisDix)
		2	55.85	10	Peter Lyons (PeterLy)
		3	55.57	6	Vicki Lee (VickiL)
	Novice	1	56.87	9	<b>Robyn Wells (RobynW)</b>
		2	55.91	6	Bob Northam (BobNorth)
		3	54.94	9	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo)
	Open IMPs	1	21	8	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy)</b>
			21	6	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
		3	19	8	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
Open	1	53.43	7	<b>Sue Thomas (SueT)</b>	
Individual	2	52.96	9	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
	3	51.34	6	Camille Farrell (CamilleF)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in February 2023</i>	Overall	1	62.23	6	<b>Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)</b>
		2	57.26	6	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort
		3	56.92	8	Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)
	Open	1	62.23	6	<b>Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)</b>
		2	56.92	8	Helen Fleet (HelenF), Robert Fleet (RobFleet)
		3	56.66	6	John McMullan (JohnMcM), Geoffrey Yeo (GeoffY)
	Restricted	1	57.55	6	<b>Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu), Tom Lyons (TomLy)</b>
		2	56.83	9	Ann Sauer (AnnSauer), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
		3	55.85	10	Tom Lyons (TomLy), Peter Lyons (PeterLy)
	Novice	1	57.26	6	<b>Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort (TerryHer)</b>
		2	54.74	7	Susie Fraser (SusieF), Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)
		3	53.72	10	Janet Wilkie (JanetWi), Frances Pope (FrancesP)
	Open IMPs	1	21	6	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)</b>
		2	19	7	Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn), Dianne Dwyer
		3	17	6	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)

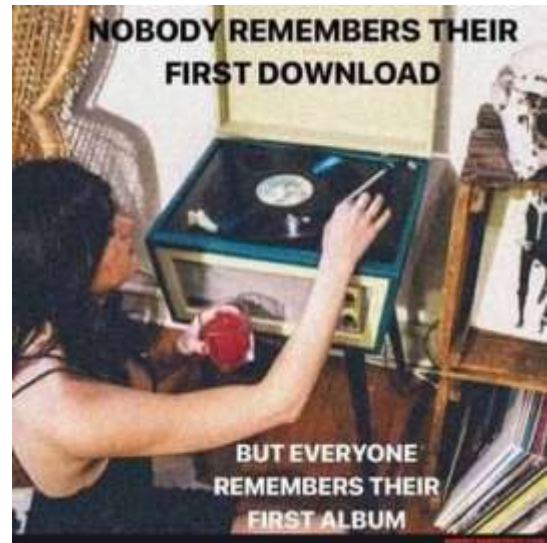
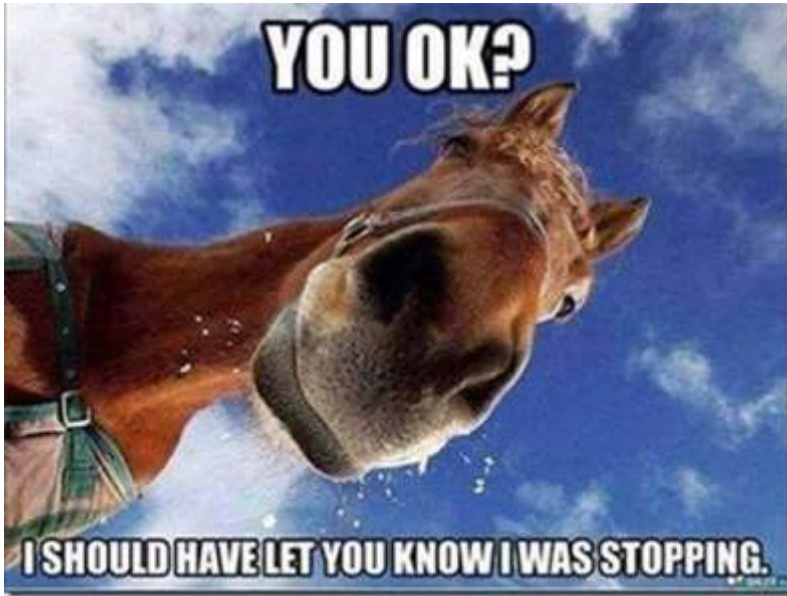
As an incentive for the player / pair who has most sessions in the month and the most improved player / pair in the month, a prize will be awarded to the person / pair that comes first in each category. The prize is 100 participation points per player. The players who have received the prizes are marked in red text below. Congratulations!

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in February 2023</i>	Overall			<b>71</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				52	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				51	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
	Open			<b>70</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				46	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				34	Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
	Restricted			<b>39</b>	<b>Tom Lyons (TomLy)</b>
				35	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
				34	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
	Novice			<b>25</b>	<b>Gek Low (GekL)</b>
				<b>25</b>	<b>Helen Thomas (HelenT)</b>
				19	Toni Arnott (ToniAr)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in February 2023</i>	Overall			<b>29</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
				17	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
				17	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
	Open			<b>29</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
				17	Frank Campbell (FrankC), Heather Grant (HeathrG)
				16	Christopher Girvan (ChrisGir), Alex Glikin (AlexGlik)
	Restricted			<b>17</b>	<b>Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)</b>
				14	Graham Stucley (GrahamS), Paul Acfield (PaulA)
				14	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
	Novice			<b>13</b>	<b>Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)</b>
				11	Frances Hammond (FranHamm), Ian Hammond
				10	Janet Wilkie (JanetWi), Frances Pope (FrancesP)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in February 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.86</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Frank Spurway (Spurz)</b>
		2	5.88	7	Denise Hartwig (DeniseHa)
		3	5.76	12	Robyn Wells (RobynW)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Denise Hartwig (DeniseHa)</b>
		2	5.7	6	Deana Wilson (DeanaWil)
		3	5.29	9	Stephanie James (StephJa)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>John Kelly (JohnKell)</b>
		2	5.18	9	Nick Armitage (NickA)
		3	4.68	8	Mary McCrohon (MaryMc)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Robyn Wells (RobynW)</b>
		2	4.49	13	David Callan (DavidCal)
		3	4.07	7	Susie Fraser (SusieF)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Noel Daniel (NoelDa)</b>
		2	0.14	8	Maria Ruttiman (MariaRu)
		3	0.12	6	Jay Kent (Jay)
Open	<b>1</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Sue Thomas (SueT)</b>	
Individual	2	1.45	6	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)	
	3	0.35	6	Barbara Grant (BarbG)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in February 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>6.32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)</b>
		2	6.03	6	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort
		3	5.29	9	Stephanie James (StephJa), Barbara Wing (BarbWin)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Stephanie James (StephJa), Barbara Wing (BarbWin)</b>
		2	5.24	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	4.56	8	Delma Casabene (DelmaCa), Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>4.34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Paul Nitschmann (PaulN), Annie Sinclair (AnnSincl)</b>
		2	3.17	6	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
		3	1.54	8	Kim Robson (KimRob), Maria Mactaggart (MariaMac)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>6.03</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort (TerryHer)</b>
		2	4.07	7	Susie Fraser (SusieF), Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)
		3	3.55	6	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)</b>
		2	0.1	7	Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn), Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		3	0.09	7	Maria Ruttiman (MariaRu), Diane Beasley (DianeB)

## Phil's Funnies Page

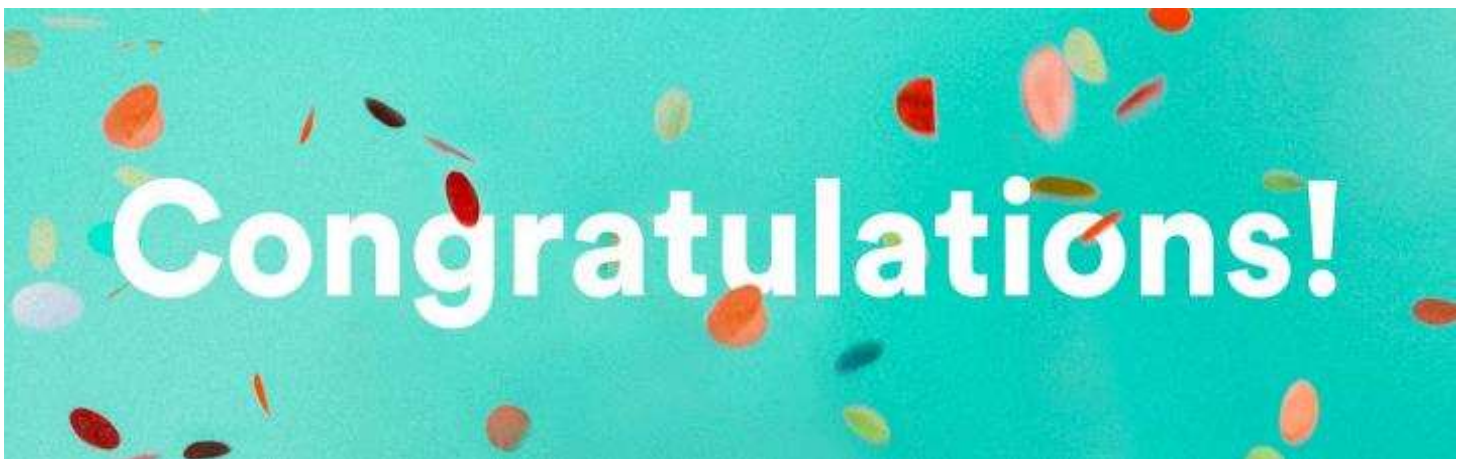
Thank you to Phil Douglas (PhillipP) for sending through Funnies for the newsletter this month.



## Masterpoint Promotions

### February 2023

Christine Chandler	Grand	Vad Furminger	Bronze Regional
Ziauddin Kazi	Grand	Maureen Grey	Bronze Regional
Margaret Phippen	Gold Life	Tony Carsley	Regional
Dianne Dwyer	Bronze Life	Julie Barker	Regional
Prue Dick	Bronze Life	Bene Su	Regional
Deanne Gaskill	Life	Frances Pope	Silver Local
Sandra Cool	Bronze National	Elizabeth Close	Silver Local
Hamish McCracken	Bronze National	Erik Moller	Bronze Local
Karen Thompson	Bronze National	Sanet Devilliers	Bronze Local
Ron Wescott	Bronze National	Angelique Morin	Bronze Local
Eugene McClorey	National	Tim McCullough	Bronze Local
Graham Stucley	National	Sue Stevenson	Bronze Local
Hilary Keefe	National	Mary Rose Ramsden	Bronze Local
John Henderson	Bronze State	Julie Ellis	Local
Sue Burns	Bronze State	Ronald Kroon	Local
Don Saunders	Bronze State	Christine Neale	Local
Lynn Frankenburg	State	Lynette Sawtell	Club
Bev Hopley	State	Pat Egan	Club
Louise McGoldrick	State	Graham Tyson	Club
Camie McMahan	State	Helen Carver	Graduate
David Saunders	State		



## 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**.

## Facebook

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## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

### March

*Friday 10 March*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 12 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 14 March*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

*Friday 17 March*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 19 March*

- 10.00am Open Individual

*Sunday 19 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 21 March*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Friday 24 March*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 26 March*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 28 March*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Thursday 30 March*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

### 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

*Sunday 23 April*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 30 April*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Further sessions in April are still to be determined.