

April 2023

Message from the President

Dear members,

Easter holidays are here, the year has been so busy that the months slip by. Our first Congress for 2023 will be held on Saturday 15 April. TD Chris Snook will be in charge. At the time of writing this 91 pairs have registered to play.

Our IT department has been busy perfecting the TD Interface for our Audio Video Tournament options. We will begin trialling in earnest in the next couple of weeks. I hope you will all participate at the first opportunity offered to experience firsthand how this platform will work. I will be inviting you as soon as we are ready to host members in their first trial.

I can happily report that shortly the development of our Swiss Teams will be back on top of the agenda and focus given to releasing this as soon as possible. This will enable us to formulate some exciting events for teams to participate in. It is time to start thinking about who your team members might be in preparation for the first event.

StepBridge is sponsoring 4 events at the South Australian Bridge Federation's 2023 Autumn Nationals being held in Adelaide from 4th May to 8th May. We have agreed to a 5 year sponsorship from 2023 to 2027

- StepBridge Under Life Master Butler Swiss Pairs
- StepBridge Under Grand Master Butler Swiss Pairs
- StepBridge Under Life Master Teams
- StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams
- I commend this event to our members and I hope you will support this Face to Face event.

You can register to play via MyABF entry site.

Happy Bridging, *Sarah Zoral*



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UPDATED MONTHLY PLAYER NUMBERS

April 2023		Mar 2023	9372	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

Director's Corner

*We are reprinting the following Director's Corner from October 2021,
as a reminder to players of this important topic.*

Claims from a Player's Perspective

You may have noticed our TDs asking you to make (and accept) claims recently. Why? The main objective is to save time on "boring boards" so that everyone has more time for "challenging boards" (and to relax between Rounds).

So what is the best practice for saving time? It is usually to play on until:

1. Opposition Trumps are drawn; and
2. The Claim is "obvious".

That way your opponents don't have to think too long before accepting.

Occasionally on Slams etc you should claim earlier, possibly conceding a trick or two at the end, but it should still be easy for your opponents to accept.

If you must claim when there are outstanding Trumps you had best explain that you are drawing Trumps. Otherwise the TD is obliged to find a reasonable line of play that gives a trick to your opponents. If you have an outstanding Trump which opponents forgot about, it is usually best to get the TD's adjudication on the board.

It is never a good idea to show how clever you are by claiming whilst giving an exotic explanation of how you are drawing Trumps, finessing Diamonds, and squeezing Spades to make the contract. It is usually quicker, and leads to less disputes, if you simply play it out.

Normally you should accept your opponent's Claim. They are usually correct, but...

If a Claim is faulty you can deny the Claim. If ALL four players at the table (including Dummy) agree, you can play on (with the non-claiming side seeing all the cards) but you must accept the subsequent result (even if it is better than the Claim or could not have been made without the Claim). Playing a card is an implicit agreement to play on after a Claim.

It is often best for non-claimants to stop play and get the TD's adjudication. In such circumstances you **MUST**:

- not only deny the Claim;
- but also Call the TD.

After establishing the circumstances and your objection the TD may ask you to complete the hand, but subsequent play will not affect the TD's adjudication. You do not want a reputation for denying Claims and asking for adjudications when the assessed result is the same as the Claim! But you should use the TD to get a fair adjudicated result when someone makes a faulty Claim. If you accidentally deny a Claim, you can ask your opponents to Claim again or ask them to continue playing. The Claimant can refuse to play on and Call the TD to get a ruling, but this usually just wastes time defeating the whole purpose of claiming in the first place. Finally as an inexperienced player it may not be obvious to you that you could claim the rest of the tricks. There is no requirement to claim, so don't feel pressure to do so. Nevertheless when it is obvious to you that you win the rest of the tricks it is a good idea to get into the habit of claiming, even if you stuff it up occasionally! Your partners, opponents, directors, and you yourself will all appreciate it.

Alan Bustany [TDAIan]

Novice Corner

Welcome everyone to the 3rd edition. Thank you to everyone for their positive feedback about the StepBridge Congress email.

We now have 24 pairs registered. This is an awesome result and I would like to say thank you on behalf of the StepBridge committee. The closing date is Thursday 13th April at 12pm. If anyone is interested in playing but does not have a partner, please refer to the list below.

Congress Partnership Finder List:

1. Peter Millington PeterMil pmillington55@gmail.com
- 2.Carolynn Blair CazBlair cazblair@gmail.com

On Saturday 13th of May, StepBridge is hosting the Bathurst and District Bridge Club Swiss Butler IMP Pair Congress. It is an approved NSWBA red point congress and is open to anyone in Australia who is a member of ABF. For more details, please refer to the link below.

<https://www.nswba.com.au/pdfs/23BathurstPairs.pdf>

We intend 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.

Partnership Finder List:

1. David Callan DavidCal callan47@bigpond.com
2. Peter Millington PeterMil pmillington55@gmail.com

I would like to introduce you to the following new novice players that started to play in March, please be supportive and friendly to these players. These people are single players looking for a game, so we would encourage you to volunteer your time and team up with these new members.

1. RobertMi
2. IanJ
3. GlenC
4. SusanR

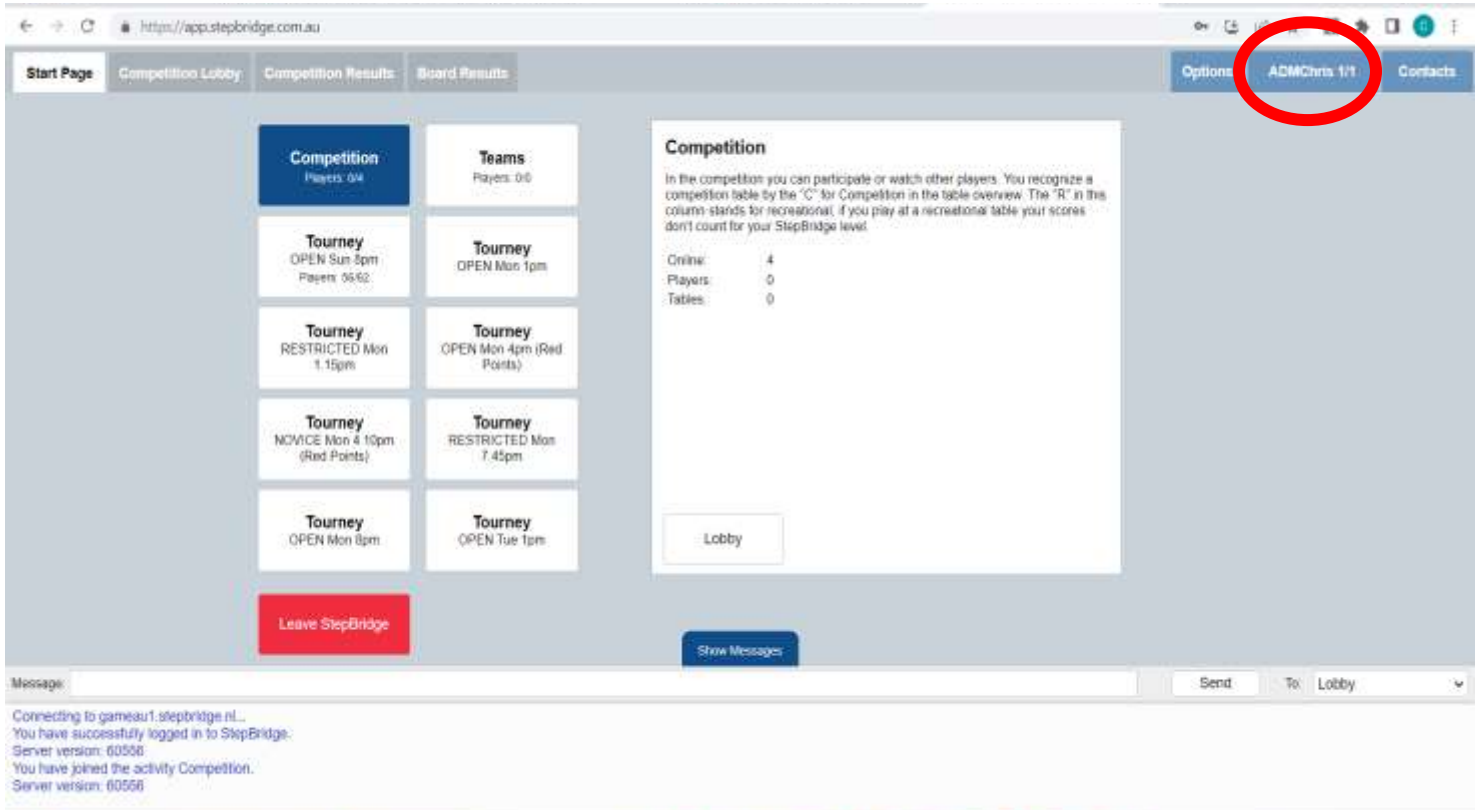
Happy Bridging,

Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
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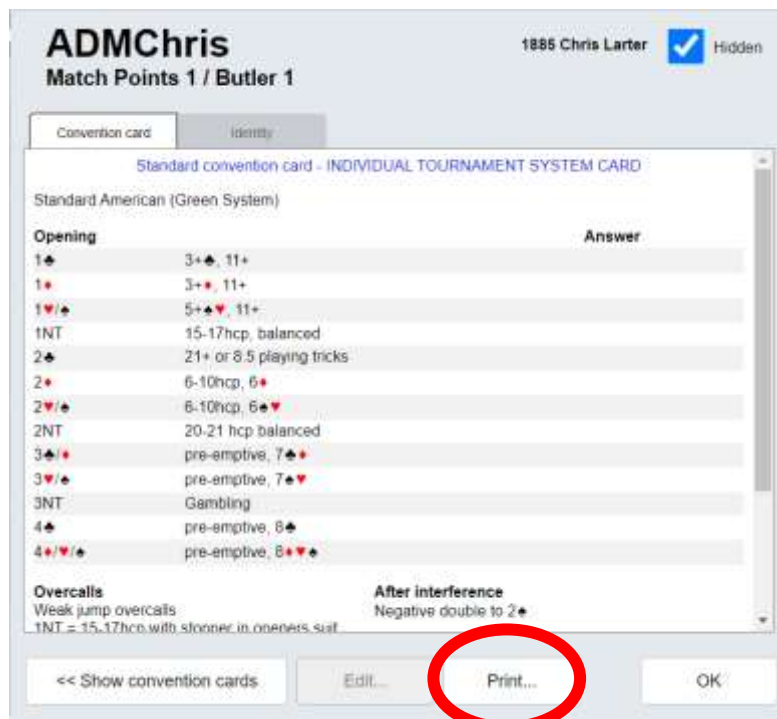
How to Print Your System Card

There is now the ability to print your system card using the web browser version of StepBridge. Here are some simple instructions.

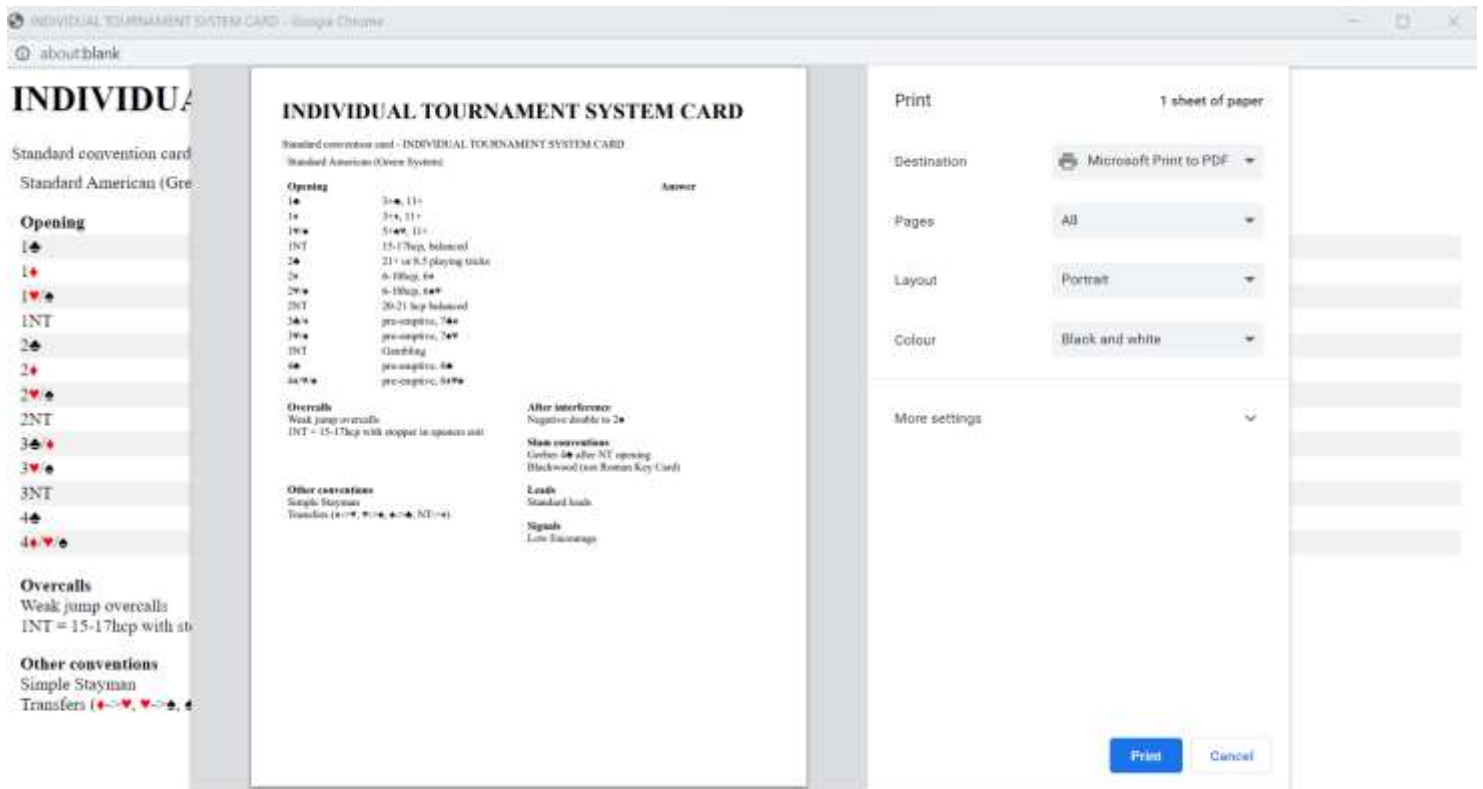
1. Login into StepBridge via <https://app.stepbridge.com.au/>
2. Once logged in, click on your username in the top right hand corner (i.e. ADMChris 1/1)



3. This will bring up your system card displayed, as per below. Then click on the print button.



4. Once you click on the print button, it will bring up your print set-up to print your system card or for you to save it as a PDF.



News from the Secretary

StepBridge Congress - Saturday 15 April

- Entries for the Congress close this **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

Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

StepBridge Australia

APRIL SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

SATURDAY 15th APRIL 2023 *Online on StepBridge*

Director	Chris Snook
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 Director and StepBridge.
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 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.
Start Time	10.00am (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 9.30am (SA & NT) / 8.00am (WA)
Closing Date	Thursday 13th April 2023, 12noon. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
Entries	Enter online at https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-april-2023-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-april-2023-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



Visit Adelaide for the

2023 Autumn Nationals

Thursday 4th May - Monday 8th May 2023

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, Wayville

Gold Masterpoints awarded | PQPs in Open and Mixed events

Butler Swiss Pairs (Open, Mixed, Under Life, Under Grand)

Swiss Teams (Open, Under Life, Under Grand)

New Event

One-day Rookie Pairs for players with fewer than 35 Masterpoints, on Thursday 4th May

Final only on Monday - No Consolation

New Scorer Chris Carolan

Tournament Organiser: Barbara Travis

Phone: 0437 919 928 | **Email:** anot@abf.com.au

To enter or for more information, see MyABF





Bathurst and District Bridge Club

SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA B4 red point congress)

SATURDAY 13th MAY 2023 *Online on StepBridge*

Director	Chris Snook
Movement	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Directors.
Conditions of Entry	<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 & 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>
Start Time Finish Time	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)
Closing Date	Thursday 11 th May 2023. 12.00 midday Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and Bathurst & Districts Bridge Club.
Entries & Entry List	<p>https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3810</p> <p>Any issues with entries should be directed to the organizer: simsalan77@gmail.com or 0435 976 545</p>
Entry Fee	\$20 per player
Payment	Entry Fee payable by EFT to: Bathurst Bridge Club BSB: 032814 Acc: 290648 Reference: your ABF number
Prizes	<p>Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200 & 3rd Place \$100. Should there be less than 60 pairs entered, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced.</p> <p>Subject to there being 10 pairs per category, Best Restricted Prize (under 300 MPs) \$100 & 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>
StepBridge Username Registration	<p>All players must be registered with StepBridge. Details on registration at www.stepbridge.com.au</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 chris@stepbridge.com.au</p>

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Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

Cookery Corner

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

Toad in the Hole

Ingredients

- 125g Plain Flour
- 2 Eggs
- 300ml Milk
- Tablespoon butter
- Sausages



Directions

- Make a batter by sift flour into bowl, adding the eggs and whisking in gradually the milk a little at a time.
- Put into jug, cover with glad wrap and refrigerate for half hour.
- Preheat oven to 200c
- Add tablespoon butter into a dish and heat till smoking hot.
- Pour the cool batter into the dish and arrange the sausages in it.
- Return to the oven and cook for 20 minutes without opening door.
- Then check if golden and if not, cook for a further 2-3 minutes.

Lemon Lush

Ingredients

- 2 cups of plain flour
- 1 cup of butter
- Packet of cream cheese
- Juice and zest of 2 lemons
- 1/2 - 1 cup of castor sugar
- Lemon pudding mix
- Egg whites

Directions

- Rub together plain flour and butter. Press into a tin
- Bake for 15 minutes on about 180c
- Mix together cream cheese, lemon juice and zest, castor sugar and lemon pudding mix.
- Spread mixture over the base.
- Beat egg whites and make a meringue for the top
- Place into oven for a few minutes to brown the meringue



Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

March has been a month of continued anguish here in Türkiye. The television is either filled with stories of the ongoing horrors from the earthquakes and subsequent raging floods or the fancy footwork of politicians all campaigning feverishly prior to the Presidential elections to be held on 14th May 2023. I am still getting my head around who is who in the political zoo and will watch with great interest the fate of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. My personal political views are irrelevant, however this country is in crisis in so many areas not the least the extraordinary inflation rates officially quoted to be 85.5% in October last year.

Being a muslim country we are currently in the Islamic holy month of Ramazan. This year from March 23 until April 20. Ramazan is immediately followed by a 3 day national holiday. Muslims fast during daylight hours from sunrise to sunset. At about 4am the local mosque calls the faithful to prepare "sahur" the final meal before sunrise. In our village they play the beating drums from the mosque. In towns and cities it is a Ramazan tradition of drummers walking the streets in the dark hours beating out a rhythm to wake everybody up. Like me, Archie our dog does not appreciate the drums at 4am either. If you are not fasting and you are trying to get a good night's sleep a group of drummers beating the living daylights out of their drums under your bedroom window is far from ideal.

We have had several weeks of snow on the ground and in the past week the snow has gone and the temperatures have climbed above 20 degrees. The blossoms are on the trees and everything is bursting into life. The squirrels have been frolicking in our forest. Cute little things I am fascinated watching them. Last night the snow returned. Archie was barking furiously and growling. Orhan got the torch and checked on him. He was surrounded by 3 çakallar (jackals) they were challenging him and looking like they were going to attack. Orhan got the shotgun and fired a couple of rounds out the bedroom window and chased them off. There is no hunting of animals allowed in Türkiye they are protected and so in growing numbers. You might see foxes, boars, wild cats, beavers, bears, gazelles, jackals, hyenas, deer, and mountain goats. The Grey wolf is the national animal of Türkiye. They mostly live in forests in the mountain areas. Not around us here.

Let me tell you about Turkish street dogs. Turks consider dogs dignified and a part of the streetscape and communities. You will never see a skinny starving street dog. Rather they are mostly grossly overweight roaming freely around the streets. Citizens leave food for the stray cats and dogs of the street. There are reported to be between 400,000 and 600,000 dogs in Istanbul metropolitan area. Their staple diet like the Turkish population is ekmek (bread). These animals are really streetwise. I do not recall seeing any roadkill since I have been here. There are cats and dogs everywhere but it is like they all understand the road rules!!

Next month we are off to Bodrum for a month at the beach. It will be a nice break from the winter cold.

Bridge Hand

When a Likeable LHO, a Marvellous Partner, and a Resourceful RHO played a tense game of Bridge.

W/NS	N - Marvellous Partner	
	♠ 843	
	♥ K	
	♦ AK87654	
W - Likeable LHO	♣ 85	E - Resourceful RHO
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣	S - Me	♣
	♠ QT752	
	♥ AQ962	
	♦ J	
	♣ Q7	
<p>You open the bidding as South. Rule of 20. Playing straightforward SAYC. Bidding goes South 1S, P, 3S, P, 4S, P, P, East X (this is a double - yikes!). The lead from West was the 2D. Yippee there is a way to get this contract!</p>		

Here is what you do.

1. Do not panic! I find at times like this it is easier said than done.
2. Your Resourceful RHO must have certain tricks otherwise they would not double.
3. You are missing the AS, the KS and the JS.
4. 4. If you play trumps then you are doomed no matter if doubled or not. If your Likeable LHO has either the AS or the KS then the only way you can get the contract is if one is a singleton and they play them together. Not likely and if you are wrong....
5. Best thing to do is assume your Resourceful RHO has both the Ace and King and hopefully the Jack of spades.
6. But first you must tidy up the two hands. What do you do?
7. Your clubs are your weakness. Take the trick with the AD (RHO discards the QD – that is helpful, tells you where all the D are), play the KH, then play a small D to your hand.
8. Your RHO never ceases to oblige.....they have no D and so play 9S to trump thinking no doubt “Ah ha, I have got him!”. But they get a surprise when you cover it with your 10S.
9. You then play your AH and QH and discard the two small clubs in dummy. Great - dummy is clear of Clubs.
10. So now is the tricky part. You play QC to dummy and trump with 3S, it holds.
11. You then need to get back to your hand so do not play trumps! Play another small D, which RHO must decide to trump or not. This is the crucial point in the contract. It is make or break at this point. Everything could change from this point.
12. RHO decides to trump and plays the JS which is overtaken by the QS.
13. That was an understandable play by our RHO defender. An exceedingly difficult position to be in.

Bridge Hand

14. The remaining club is played to dummy and trumped again. This calls for big guns from Dummy by playing the KD which of course then draws the AS from RHO.
15. Success for declarer is in sight. RHO is now in a real pickle. The stress levels must be rising as only a club can be led which is trumped in dummy with the 8S.
16. Another D is led from dummy, RHO does not play KS and declarer trumps with a small S which is over trumped by LHO who has finally run out of D!
17. LHO can only play C or H but it did not matter. Declarer has two S left to RHO's one S, the KS.
18. Declarer gets 10 tricks doubled for 590 MPS. If RHO had not doubled, or if trumps had been drawn only 8 tricks are possible.
19. And the d lead was wonderful.

Here is the full deal.

W/NS	N – Marvellous Partner	
	♠ 843	
	♥ K	
	♦ AK87654	
W – Likeable LHO	♣ 85	E – Resourceful RHO
♠ 6		♠ AKJ9
♥ J854		♥ T73
♦ T932		♦ Q
♣ KT43	S – Me	♣ AJ962
	♠ QT752	
	♥ AQ962	
	♦ J	
	♣ Q7	

Following a D lead (a Club lead would have been very painful) to try and defeat the contract RHO must play AS or KS at point #12. Then play AC of clubs. But then declarer would trump a club at #17. It may still have been possible to get 10 tricks? The shape and the lead decided one possible good outcome from the start.

What a challenging exercise for our brains is the game of Bridge!

The Goddess of Bridge was certainly smiling when she arranged the perfectly reasonable D lead.

Phew.

Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor)

Article

The following article appeared on www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au on 20 February 2023 and is by StepBridge member, Christine Parkin (ChrisPar).

Bridge to International Friendships

If Christine Parkin had known the card game Bridge was so complicated, she may have reconsidered her decision to learn how to play. But, almost 25 years later, she has no regrets.

Bridge is a game of strategy that you play with a partner. You need a minimum of four players, but Christine has played in tournaments with hundreds of people in the room, with players moving from table to table.

'I started when I was 45, and I'm now 69, so I've been playing for a long time. At that stage I was working full-time and I wanted to find something that wasn't too strenuous – something that I could participate in and meet new friends because I was new to the area,' Christine says.

Christine signed up for an introductory course with the Yarra Valley Bridge Club.

'I knew nothing about cards. I just went along and did the lessons. I did think I was on another planet at one stage, because they were talking about it and it makes no sense whatsoever. But I was just determined to do something that was using the mind more than craft classes, and where I'd get to meet people.'

Now a life member and former president of her Bridge club, Christine has seen lots of other people try to learn the game she now loves, and is disappointed few persist long enough to reap the rewards.

'You can play and lose. That's easy. But to play and consistently win, you have to know what you're doing,' she says.

A Bridge match takes three hours and, at her peak, and whilst still working full-time, Christine played six times a week. Post COVID, she has dialed that back to twice a week.

'I was addicted for a long time there. I was totally addicted. Absolutely.'

It was the strategy that got her hooked.

'I like maths, and it's like unravelling this mathematical problem. It's all about numbers. How many tricks can you make? How many cards has my partner got? So, it's a bit like working out a jigsaw puzzle and there's strategy, like working out who else is holding those cards.'

Christine loves that Bridge is an inclusive game. You don't need to speak the same language, it's accessible to those with severe disability and it's relatively inexpensive. Games can be social or competitive and there are games you can join online at any hour of the day or night.

'I've met a lot of interesting people from different walks of life. I think it has kept me alert and makes me use my brain in a different way to normal daily life.'

'As long as you've got four people that know how to play Bridge, you can play anywhere. I've played at airports and bus stations, and on trains and trams. I've played everywhere. I've travelled quite extensively with Bridge overseas and to nearly every state in Australia,' Christine says.

'I've made hundreds of friends in the Bridge community Australia wide and overseas. Whoever you meet becomes a friend.'

Monthly Awards: March 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in March 2023</i>	Overall	1	60.77	9	Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	59.29	8	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM)
		3	57.37	11	Vicki Lee (VickiL)
	Open	1	60.77	9	Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	59.29	8	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM)
		3	58.12	6	Vicki Lee (VickiL)
	Restricted	1	56.67	7	Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)
		2	56.04	10	Peter Lyons (PeterLy)
		3	55.49	12	David Cumming (DavidCum)
	Novice	1	57.04	6	Kaye Waddell (KayeW)
		2	56.98	7	Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
			56.98	7	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ)
	Open IMPs	1	23	9	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
			23	9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy)
		3	15	6	Eva Samuel (EvaSam)
Open	1	55.33	6	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
Individual	2	54.23	8	Kay Baguley (KayB)	
	3	52.15	6	Steven Kemp (StevenK)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in March 2023</i>	Overall	1	62.64	6	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM), Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	59.12	9	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)
		3	58.04	8	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
	Open	1	62.64	6	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM), Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	59.12	9	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)
		3	58.12	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
	Restricted	1	56.87	12	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
		2	56.04	10	Tom Lyons (TomLy), Peter Lyons (PeterLy)
		3	55.49	12	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
	Novice	1	57.04	6	Kaye Waddell (KayeW), Kerstin Gale (Kerstin)
		2	56.98	7	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
		3	56.24	9	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
	Open IMPs	1	23	9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
		2	15	6	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
		3	11	7	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)

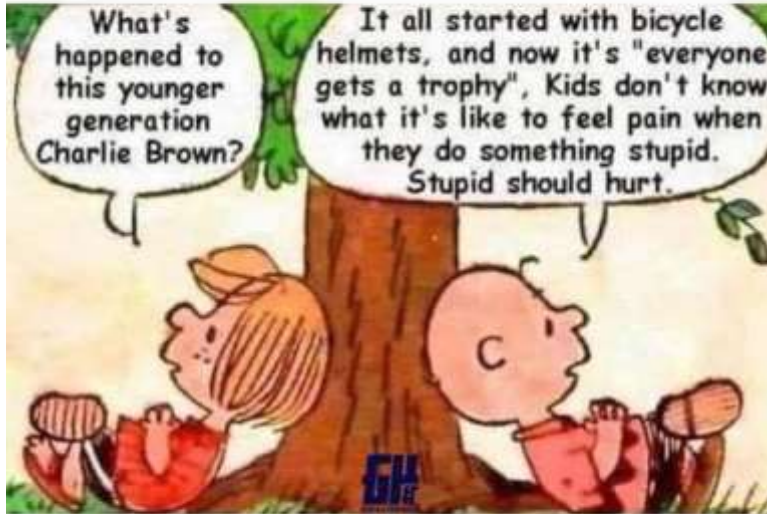
As an incentive for the player / pair who has most sessions in the month and the most improved player / pair in the month, a prize will be awarded to the person / pair that comes first in each category. The prize is 100 participation points per player. The players who have received the prizes are marked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

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in March 2023</i>	Overall			73	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				61	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				58	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
	Open			72	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				58	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				45	Rez Karim (MeemKar)
	Restricted			37	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
				34	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
				30	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Novice			26	Julie Barker (JulieBar)
				24	Gek Low (GekL)
				23	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in March 2023</i>	Overall			25	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
				22	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				20	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Open			25	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
				19	Mal Clark (MalCl), Tony Carsley (TonyCar)
				19	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
	Restricted			22	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				15	Alma Van der Walt (MariaAlm), Kathy Ivits (Kathyl)
				14	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Novice			18	Graham Boast (GrahamBr), Kath Boast (KathBr)
				15	Janet Wilkie (JanetWi), Frances Pope (FrancesP)
				14	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in March 2023</i>	Overall	1	9.43	7	Stuart Thorne (StuartT)
		2	9.37	9	Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		3	8.29	6	Paul Stebbing (PaulSteb)
	Open	1	9.37	9	Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	9.29	6	Vicki Lee (VickiL)
		3	7.74	7	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ)
	Restricted	1	9.43	7	Stuart Thorne (StuartT)
		2	6.08	7	Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)
		3	5.1	10	Tony Plummer (TonyP)
	Novice	1	4.39	7	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ)
		2	4.2	16	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
		3	3.75	7	Kay Dengate (KayD)
	Open IMPs	1	0.28	6	Alex Glikin (AlexGlik)
		2	0.14	7	Maria Ruttiman (MariaRu)
		3	0.12	6	David Adams (DavidAd)
Open	1	4.18	8	Kay Baguley (KayB)	
Individual	2	2.75	6	Merrill Lance (Merrill)	
	3	2.31	7	Gail Cowen (GailCo)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in March 2023</i>	Overall	1	8.64	6	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM), Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		2	5.18	6	Diane Beasley (DianeB), Tony Plummer (TonyP)
		3	4.89	6	David Pincus (DavidP), Joan Pincus (JoanP)
	Open	1	9.29	6	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
		2	8.64	6	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM), Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		3	4.89	6	David Pincus (DavidP), Joan Pincus (JoanP)
	Restricted	1	5.18	6	Diane Beasley (DianeB), Tony Plummer (TonyP)
		2	4.07	6	Carole O'Connor (CaroleO), Ann Gale (AnnGale)
		3	3.57	12	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Tammy Hubbard
	Novice	1	4.67	7	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
		2	4.48	6	Gek Low (GekL), Christina Buell (ChrisBue)
		3	3.34	9	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
	Open IMPs	1	0.09	9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
		0.09	6	Mal Clark (MalCl), Tony Carsley (TonyCar)	
	3	0.05	6	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)	

Phil's Funnies Page

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



Who called you a bad dog? Point them out. I will end them...



Later that day Sally taught herself how to ride her own bike



Phil's Funnies Page

Thank you to Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor) who is a guest contributor this month to Phil's Funnies Page.

Never trust an electrician with no **eyebrows.**



Trying to eat healthy



Salad with bacon bits

The kids won't move back home if **they can't find it.**



Me: Please bring me a screwdriver.
Wife: Flat head, Phillips, or Vodka?

And that was when I knew she was the one.

**SO A NEIGHBOR
KNOCKED ON MY
FRONT DOOR AT 3AM...
3AM!!!
LUCKILY I WAS
ALREADY UP PLAYING
THE BAG PIPES.**

**This will be the first
year we're not going
to Hawaii because
of Covid-19.**

**Normally we don't
go because we can't
afford it.**

Masterpoint Promotions

March 2023

Susan Lindner	Grand	Melva Leal	National
Janet Hill	Grand	Peter Muller	National
Whalley Robin	Gold Life	Peta Drake	National
Faye Symons	Gold Life	Eve Clarkson	National
Cassandra Mitchell	Silver Life	Eugenie Mooney	National
Jenny Johnstone	Silver Life	Matthew Geeve	Bronze State
Lorraine O'Brien	Silver Life	Sarah Gaunt	Bronze State
Winnie Chan	Silver Life	Tammy Hubbard	Bronze State
Jinny Fuss	Silver Life	David Cumming	Bronze State
Belinda Taranto	Silver Life	Ziggy Morawiec	Bronze State
Eugene Pereira	Silver Life	Sue Smith	Bronze State
Kevin Willcocks	Silver Life	Margaret Kelly	Bronze State
Don Robertson	Bronze Life	Phil Douglas	Bronze State
Chris Tough	Bronze Life	Maria Setiyawan	Bronze State
Rita Jones	Bronze Life	Ben Leung	Bronze State
John Grosvenor	Life	Jonathan Silberberg	Bronze State
Mary Poynten	Life	Penny Van Der Riet	Bronze State
Annegrete Kolding	Life	Brenda Campbell	Bronze State
Philip Hassall	Life	Cia Benecke	State
Lorraine Miller	Silver National	Pam Hawkins	State
Colin Speller	Silver National	Bob Hawkins	State
John Cummings	Silver National	Julie Coates	State
Neil Smith	Bronze National	Simon Hunter	State
Joan Mladen	Bronze National	John Dobies	State
Elizabeth Van Vugt	Bronze National	Graham Brown	State
Hilary Stilling	Bronze National	Jane Lennox	State
George Arif	Bronze National	Kate Macdonald	State
Julie Scott	Bronze National	Helen Baran	State
Lilly Jia	Bronze National	Persephone Lobb	State
Peter Schmidt	Bronze National	Dorothy Jones	State
Mukesh Parekh	Bronze National	Debbie Carroll	State
Maritn Wu	Bronze National	Jeremy Reid	State
Libby Tonkin	Bronze National	Jacinta Lee	State
Rosemary Porter	National	Brenda Watts	State
Daniele Escreet	National		



Congratulations!

Masterpoint Promotions

March 2023

Janet Wilkie	Regional	Catherine Hancock	Bronze Local
Deborah Nilsson	Regional	John Mitchell	Bronze Local
Margot McKellar	Regional	Judith Lambkin	Bronze Local
Judith Anne Francis	Regional	Carmel Fox	Bronze Local
Chris Green	Regional	Elizabeth Moran	Local
Jane Neill	Regional	John Dyson	Local
Neil Weir	Regional	Di McArtney	Local
Duncan Welsh	Silver Local	Dawn Rapley	Local
Gail Cowen	Silver Local	Alexia Lennon	Local
Rosemary Jackson	Silver Local	Sally Michael	Local
Marg Lane	Silver Local	Yvonne Dowding	Club
Patricia Vetter	Silver Local	Cynthia Roberts	Club
Jing Geng	Silver Local	Cameron Lord	Club
Toni Arnott	Silver Local	Danny Rhodes	Graduate
Helen Nicol	Silver Local	Judy Ramage	Graduate
Scott Jackman	Bronze Local	Sue Bennett	Graduate
Alex Wu	Bronze Local		



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**.

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Upcoming Red Point Sessions

April

Thursday 13 April

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday 16 April

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Tuesday 18 April

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Friday 21 April

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Sunday 23 April

- 10am Open Individual

Sunday 23 April

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Tuesday 25 April

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Thursday 27 April

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Saturday 29 April

- 10am Open Individual & Novice

Sunday 30 April

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

May

Sunday 7 May

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 14 May

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 21 May

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 28 May

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Further sessions in May are still to be determined.

June

Sunday 4 June

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 11 June

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 18 June

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Further sessions in June are still to be determined.