

**May 2023**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

Our April Congress was well supported with 48 pairs in the Open, 40 pairs in Restricted and 28 pairs in the Novice. Congratulations to all winners and to Director Chris Snook our thanks for a great day. Bathurst Bridge Club then held their congress on Saturday 13th May.

StepBridge sponsored 4 events at the South Australian Bridge Federation's 2023 Autumn Nationals being held in Adelaide from 4th May to 8th May.

This was the first year of 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

VP Chris Larter attended the event representing StepBridge and provided some well received promotion of our platform.

As you know the ABF is presently looking at the future of online and face to face bridge. One of the complaints we hear about Online Bridge is that "it's too easy to cheat" or even worse "people cheat". StepBridge takes its responsibility to identify and deal with cheating on our platform very seriously. The use of unauthorised information on StepBridge will not be tolerated. We emphasise that cheating at SBAU is proven (by statistics) to be a small problem (max. 0,5% of players, where internationally it is 1-2%). Cheating is treated very strictly, but also making public allegations of cheating is treated with zero tolerance. Cheating suspicions should always be reported and (how, should be explained) and making allegations in public (at the table) is a serious offence in itself. Vexatious accusations will not be tolerated. Besides that, players cannot judge whether an individual board is just luck, a stroke of genius or a structural thing. Our software is highly sophisticated, consider us as a fly on your wall. This software is something that is necessary for the integrity of the game. The latest analysis of our historical data has flagged a few suspect partnerships. You are advised that a general amnesty is given, and you should cease and desist immediately.



## Committee

### President

Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)

### Vice President

Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

### Secretary

Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

### Treasurer

Suzi Ledger (Suzi)

### Chief Technical Officer

Mark Hetherington  
(Markhet)

### Committee Members

Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)

### StepBridge International Representative:

Epko Steinmetz (Epko)

## Non-Committee Roles

### Head TD

Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)

### Masterpoint Secretary

Antonina Hayles (Antonina)

### Newsletter Editor

Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

### Public Officer

Eric Taylor (EricTay)

## Email Address

[support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au)

*Next page*

If your partnership is flagged after 16 May as being worthy of investigation and you were on our radar prior to this date, then the historical data will come back into play to determine whether we allow you to continue to play with us or not. I urge you to read the article on Unauthorised Information in this newsletter. Let us keep our game Clean and Green. Most of our players play with moral and ethical integrity, please make sure your partnership is part of that majority.

Our Audio / Video capability for tournaments and congresses is now available. We will be testing this over the next month, the program has been upgraded to all players now to enable participation. I want to reassure those players who are not fans of audio/video that it is not our intention to use audio/video for regular green point sessions.

Happy Bridging,  
*Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)*

### UPDATED MONTHLY PLAYER NUMBERS

April 2023	9354	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

## From the Treasurer

Just a few reminders to everyone ...

- If you want to purchase participation points, please do this via the shopping trolley function on the Information and Registration page. The advantage to you is that your points are credited straight away - no reason to panic that you can't play. You will immediately receive an email with payment instructions and a unique reference number. If you pay this way, everything should happen automatically, no need for manual processing at our end. Please don't add extra \$ amounts even if you are late! We don't hold any bank account of direct debit details for our players (extra security for you!), so you do have to make these payments yourself each time.
- Don't use old reference numbers which might pop up on your banking page, every payment (either for pps or membership) has its own reference. Also, please put your reference number FIRST in the description line. Sometimes the banks limit the number of characters allowed and the reference doesn't appear at our end.
- If you are paying over the counter at a bank or credit union, please insist that they include your reference number or at least your name or we have no way of identifying the payment as being for you.
- There's no need to send us copies of payment receipts unless you receive a reminder for a payment you think you have already made.
- If you have ceased playing at your f-t-f Club and your ABF number has become inactive (this may have happened at the end of March), you can make Stepbridge your Home Club. Just send an email to [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) and we will arrange it for you. It will just involve 'topping up' your subscription for the remainder of the year to allow for the extra ABF levies.

Happy Bridging everyone, *Suzi Ledger (Suzi)*

### Unauthorised Information

One of the great things about playing Bridge online is that every bid and every card played is recorded, so you and your partner can review what happened, what other people did with the same cards, what you should have done if you had been following your system, how your system might be improved, and what you are going to do in future. All great stuff for helping you improve.

All this recorded information also helps the game's administrators identify people who may not be sticking to the Rules of Bridge. We use sophisticated software for detection. It's impossible to know if a lead away from a King on a single hand that produced a good result was luck, skill, or cheating. But if you were on lead in twenty hands with the potential to lead away from a King and:

1. every time you made the lead partner shows up with the Ace or the Queen;
2. every time you led something else partner did not have the Ace or the Queen;

That is not just luck. It is either extraordinary skill or you are using unauthorised information. If you can explain the skill, great. If not, we do not want you playing on StepBridge.

Maybe you just *occasionally* ask your partner what you should bid next or, once in a blue moon, you hint what a good lead might be. After all, you are just practising for the serious Bridge Congress you are going to attend, and it can't do much harm, can it? Such lack of integrity *is* still cheating, it *does* harm your opponents and the Bridge community in general, and, again, we do not want you playing on StepBridge.

StepBridge now analyses our entire database with a broad range of statistics that can identify anomalous behaviour. An example is a player's Double Dummy Opening Lead Accuracy Rate, or DDOLAR pronounced "D-Dollar". A lead is either "good" (does not give up a trick against double dummy) or "bad" (gives up a trick). Your percentage of "good" leads is your DDOLAR. Top experts achieve something just over 80% over the long term. The StepBridge Australia database average is about 78.2% with a standard deviation of about 1.8%. Anybody can do better by knowing what is in their partner's hand, even occasionally, so the system flags results that are too far away from the average.

Another example is the DEClarer Weighted Error Rate, or DECWER. Each play of a card is "bad" if, on double dummy analysis, it costs your side a trick, and DECWER is the percentage of "bad" cards you play. World class players can get this error rate down below 1.8%. The StepBridge Australia average is about 4.0% with a standard deviation of 0.7%. Again the system flags results that are too far away from the average.

And so on and so forth across a range of statistics. Getting flagged on more than one statistic really begins to raise suspicions, and you might be asked to "please explain" your methods for producing unusual results. As indicated above, "casual conversations" that help your partner can lead to statistical anomalies, they are cheating, and they will not be tolerated. We recently had cause to suspend a pair who didn't really think they were doing anything wrong. If you play on StepBridge and happen to live together, I recommend being particularly cautious about **any** communication that may lead to unauthorised information. It is preferable to avoid *all* communication and, if possible, play in separate rooms. If you do not live under the same roof as your partner you may not communicate with them by phone, WhatsApp, text message or anything else you would not do playing face to face at a club.

Without a satisfactory explanation, statistical anomalies may lead to a full investigation of boards played over an extended period, a suspension, a review by the Player Jury Panel, and possible expulsion. If you have been indulging in any slightly dodgy behaviour, please consider this a formal warning that StepBridge Australia now has a zero-tolerance policy: future misbehaviour *will* lead to suspension or expulsion.

## Novice Corner

Welcome everyone to the 4th edition. Thank you to everyone for their positive feedback from the previous newsletter.

In this edition, we will discuss how to develop from being a beginner to a better player. Some local clubhouses have great pathways for beginners whereas others are lacking in this area. My clubhouse recently organised supervised sessions and once a month they do a tutorial on a specific subject, which was great for me and my fellow local players.

People can learn from reading bridge textbooks or watching videos on youtube or listening to podcasts or reviewing their bidding slips, or just learning from their mistakes at the table. Everybody has a different way of learning so we hope this list is helpful to all of you.

### Textbooks

- The Language of Bidding by Paul Marston
- 25 Convention You should know by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith
- Play Bridge 1: Workbook for the Absolute Beginner by Joan Butts
- Play Bridge 2: A Workbook for Help with Play by Joan Butts

### YouTube Videos

- Peter Hollands “5 Common Mistakes you Make” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnOOdtWCT0w>
- Peter Hollands “5 Lessons I wish I learnt Sooner” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v594EYBoWw8>
- Joan Butts “Judgement: What’s My Hand Worth?” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZpDV\\_O81xE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZpDV_O81xE)
- Joan Butts “Doubles” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR6InpNT\\_XU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR6InpNT_XU)

### Podcasts

- Sorry, Partner – Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz <https://sorrypartner.com/>
- Bridge Zone – Marianna and Barry <https://podcasts.apple.com/nz/podcast/the-bridge-zone/id1404100091>

Note: If an error message pops up “Verification to this link fail due to an error”, push button title “Skip Verification”

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.

MaryC	TerriSew	SharonJ	JohnBu	KarenH
StevenSw	JoieSt	JanetCo	JennyLW	OlwenP
MariMc	PatEd	AllanAd	PamelaM	JeanLam
GinaT	Hafizur	JimOD	CherylE	

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



I appreciate everyone's time on StepBridge. The StepBridge Club is a fantastic platform that I thoroughly enjoy. Thank you all.  
*Gail Cowen (GailCo)*



**Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.**

Thanks for your support in our efforts to help some very needy people after the devastation in Türkiye caused by the February earthquakes!

**İlgilendiđin için teŖekkürler**

## Autumn Nationals

### StepBridge Under Life Master Pairs



1st place: Chris Larter (StepBridge), Rob Chattaway – Tony Wilkinson



2nd place: Julie Clark – Julie Roberts, Chris Larter (StepBridge)

## Autumn Nationals

### StepBridge Under Grand Master Pairs



1st place: Sue Read – Penny Blankfield, Chris Larter (StepBridge)



2nd place: Bill Bradshaw – Catherine Ellice-Flint, Chris Larter (StepBridge)



## Autumn Nationals

### StepBridge Under Life Master Teams



1st place: MACEY: Philip Young – Lynda Young, Penny Bowen – Rod Macey



2nd place: EDWARDS: Matthew Goode, Michelle George, Megan Edwards, Mike Hanzalik

## Autumn Nationals

### StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams



1st place: WILLIAMS: Eugene Pereira – Martin Wu, Rob Holgate – Neil Williams



2nd place: ANDREW:  
Chris Larter (StepBridge), Jake Andrew, Wing Roberts – Mick McAuliffe, Rob Ward

## Turkish Blog

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

Hello from Bodrum. We have been here more than 3 weeks, relaxing and enjoying the vibrancy of this seaside holiday destination. I have to say summer is slow in emerging, therefore I have not been enticed to dip my toes in the sea this time. In the past few days the temperatures are starting to rise and the days are lovely. I love Bodrum, it is a favourite holiday destination for me along with millions of others. Again this year we have not been able to go to the Greek Islands that are literally a stone's throw away. This is due to the ongoing tensions between the two countries and therefore Turkish citizens have to apply for a visa in advance of travelling, even for a day excursion. Yesterday we took a day excursion on a ferry to Datca, a lovely seaside town about a 2 hour trip from here. The weather was perfect and the seas quite calm.



Inflation continues to have a major impact on everything. This has not been helped by the devastation caused in the rural sector from the major earthquakes in February. This region is normally responsible for 15% of agriculture GDP and would usually produce nearly 20% of Turkish agrifood exports. About 35% of the population in the provinces affected live in rural areas and rely on the agriculture industry for their livelihood. As the Presidential elections draw closer it is amazing to see the political rhetoric focussing on the price of potatoes and onions, and the reasons the opponents give for the vast increase in cost of living.

As for the earthquake recovery, those stories don't get any easier to watch. So many people are struggling just to survive. No real sign of anything changing for them in the near future. It is heartening to have our StepBridge players still contributing to this cause. I will ensure all donations are sent to the right places for maximum help.

We have a steady stream of neighbourhood cats who appear for breakfast and dinner on our balcony. The word must have been spread far and wide, the guests are increasing in number every day. There is a pure white female called Pamuk (Turkish for cotton) 2 tabbies. One has only one eye. I have named them Bir Göz and İki Göz (one eye and two eyes) a black and white female called GinTonic. Now 3 more yabancılar (foreigners) have appeared, but they are nameless for now.

It has been a great week this week meeting Alan Puckey (AlanPuck) from Western Australia. Alan and Orhan have been playing backgammon in the different local cafes (a typical Turkish tradition with men in Turkish cafes around the country playing board games, drinking tea or coffee or beer.)





## Cookery Corner

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

### Guiltless Garlic Prawns

#### Ingredients

- 1 onion 5 cloves garlic
- red green and yellow capsicums
- handful parsley
- 1 small carrot
- vegetable or chicken stock about 1 cup full
- Birds Eye frozen cauliflower rice.(half bag)
- 2 dozen fresh or thawed out prawns.
- Small bok choy



#### Directions

- Dice onion, crush cloves garlic, dice a little bit of red, green, and yellow capsicums.
- Chop small a little handful of parsley, and put in frypan with a good knob of butter and about a tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil. Cook a small carrot sliced in microwave, and add that to the frypan. I have a lemongrass plant so chopped a little of that, but if you don't have one, just add about 2 tablespoon lemon juice. Sauté gently. Add vegetable (or chicken) stock
- Add half bag of Birds Eye frozen cauliflower rice, and put the prawns in. Season with salt and pepper. You could also add a little thickened cream but I found this very tasty without it.

### Avocado and Banana Smoothie

#### Ingredients

- 1 medium banana sliced
- ½ avocado pitted and sliced
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 5 ice cubes
- ⅔ cup milk
- Large scoop ice cream

#### Directions

- Beat altogether until smooth and creamy



## From the Members



Alan Puckey (AlanPuck) took the above photo of Sarah and Orhan while in Turkey



Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor) sent through the above two blast from the past.

## Monthly Awards: April 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in April 2023</i>	Overall	1	60.33	15	<b>Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)</b>
		2	59.97	6	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	58.18	7	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
	Open	1	60.33	15	<b>Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)</b>
		2	59.97	6	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	58.18	7	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
	Restricted	1	56.69	12	<b>Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)</b>
		2	56.38	10	Bill Gilmore (BillG)
		3	55.88	15	Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)
	Novice	1	57.12	10	<b>David Hancock (DavidHan)</b>
		2	55.43	8	Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
		3	55.28	8	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon)
	Open	1	26	6	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy)</b>
	IMPs	2	23	7	Judith Crafti (JudithCr)
		3	21	8	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
Open	1	54.24	9	<b>Kay Baguley (KayB)</b>	
Individual	2	53.51	7	Suzanne Harrison (SuzanH)	
	3	53.17	9	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in April 2023</i>	Overall	1	60.57	9	<b>Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)</b>
		2	59.97	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.8	7	Penny Corrigan (PennyCor), Judith Crafti (JudithCr)
	Open	1	60.57	9	<b>Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)</b>
		2	59.97	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.8	7	Penny Corrigan (PennyCor), Judith Crafti (JudithCr)
	Restricted	1	56.52	6	<b>Rosemary Porter (RoseP), Don Saunders (DonS)</b>
		2	55.87	7	Suzie Long (SuzieL), Louise Beckingsale (LouiseBe)
		3	55.1	7	David Milburn (DavidMil), Tom Lyons (TomLy)
	Novice	1	55.28	8	<b>Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon), Ronald Kroon</b>
		2	55.07	7	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
		3	55.01	7	Susie Fraser (SusieF), Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)
	Open IMPs	1	26	6	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)</b>
		2	10	8	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
			10	8	Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)

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 April 2023</i>	Overall			<b>72</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				62	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				53	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
	Open			<b>72</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				56	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				52	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
	Restricted			<b>28</b>	<b>Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)</b>
				<b>28</b>	<b>Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)</b>
				<b>28</b>	<b>Helen Thomas (HelenT)</b>
	Novice			<b>23</b>	<b>Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)</b>
				21	Gek Low (GekL)
				20	Sue Mittermair (SueMit)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in April 2023</i>	Overall			<b>23</b>	<b>Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)</b>
				<b>23</b>	<b>Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)</b>
				<b>23</b>	<b>Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)</b>
	Open			<b>23</b>	<b>Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce</b>
				<b>23</b>	<b>Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)</b>
				<b>23</b>	<b>Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick</b>
	Restricted			<b>11</b>	<b>Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)</b>
				<b>11</b>	<b>Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer</b>
				<b>11</b>	<b>Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn</b>
	Novice			<b>14</b>	<b>Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)</b>
				<b>14</b>	<b>Graham Boast (GrahamBr), Kath Boast (KathBr)</b>
				13	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)

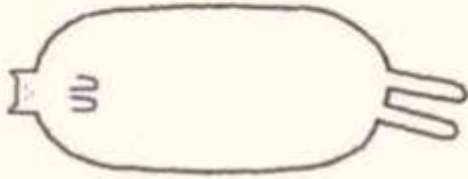
Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in April 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.65</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Lucia Mendonca (LuciaM)</b>
		2	6.5	16	David Callan (DavidCal)
		3	6.25	6	Maria Ikier (MariaIk)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.68</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Lucia Mendonca (LuciaM)</b>
		2	5.85	11	Roger Dennison (RogerDen)
		3	5.15	7	Penny Corrigan (PennyCor)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Angela Carroll (AngelaC)</b>
		2	5.53	9	Robyn Rogers (RobynRog)
		3	5.12	8	Kevin Chapman (KevChap)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>David Callan (DavidCal)</b>
		2	3.83	8	Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT)
			3.83	8	Marinus Kole (Marinus)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Richard Gilbert (RichardG)</b>
		2	0.21	6	Denise Strain (DeniseSt)
		3	0.2	8	Diva Hatfield (DivaH)
Open	1	6.36	9	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh)	
Individual	2	5.78	7	Suzanne Harrison (SuzanH)	
	3	2.42	7	Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in April 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>De'arn Alexander (DeArn), Maria Ikier (MariaIk)</b>
		2	6.05	6	Julie Coates (JulieCot), Angela Carroll (AngelaC)
		3	5.85	11	Herb Neumeister (HerbNeu), Roger Dennison
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Herb Neumeister (HerbNeu), Roger Dennison (RogerDen)</b>
		2	5.71	9	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	5.45	11	Sue Martin (SueMarti), Sue Falkingham (SueFalki)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Julie Coates (JulieCot), Angela Carroll (AngelaC)</b>
		2	4.92	6	Eric Bottle (EricBot), Judith Boyd (JudithBo)
		3	2.93	7	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), David Alexander
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT), Marinus Kole (Marinus)</b>
		2	3.63	7	Susie Fraser (SusieF), Sandy Fraser (SandyFra)
			3.63	7	Cherie Woolven (CherieW), Jennie Koch (JennieKo)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)</b>
	2	0.08	6	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren	



## Phil's Funnies Page

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

I got an F in art class  
for my cat drawing . . . .



. . . . I'm still  
wondering what was  
so wrong with it.



Be careful where you shop online.  
We ordered a german shepherd and  
now this guy lives with us.



**SOMETIMES YOU MEET  
SOMEONE AND YOU  
KNOW FROM THE  
FIRST MOMENT THAT  
YOU WANT TO SPEND  
YOUR WHOLE LIFE  
WITHOUT THEM.**

## Phil's Funnies Page

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



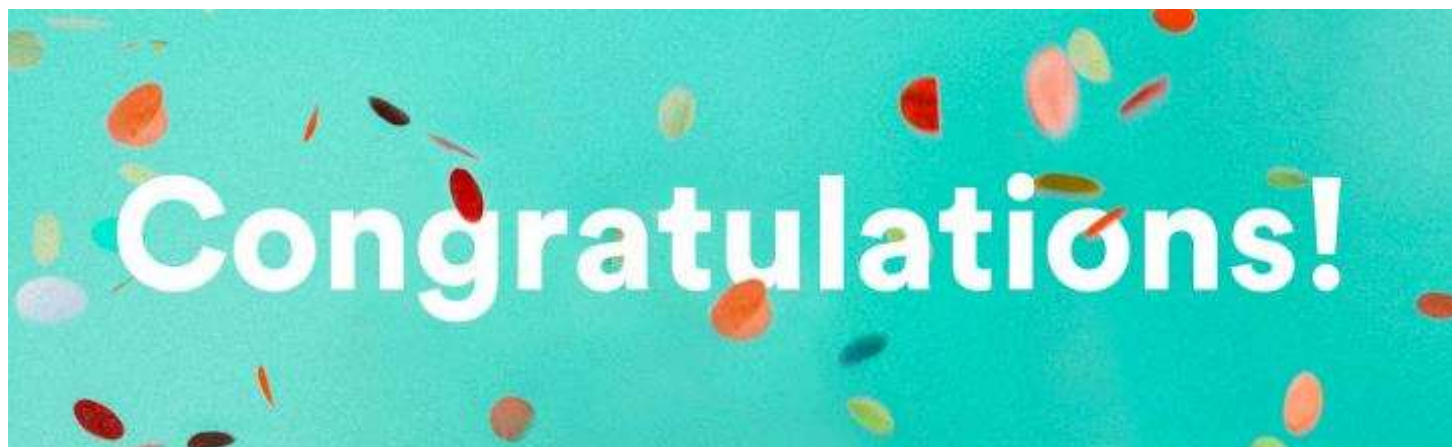
There's a fine line between  
a numerator and a  
denominator.  
Only a fraction of people will find this funny.



# Masterpoint Promotions

## March 2023

Chris Bagley	Grand	Gillian Disney	Bronze Regional
Rachel Langdon	Gold Life	Bob McCartney	Bronze Regional
Jane Routley	Gold Life	Peter Millington	Regional
Kate Pinniger	Silver Life	Murray Pearce	Regional
Philip Hocking	Silver Life	Marg Ferguson	Regional
John Rigg	Silver Life	Erik Moller	Silver Local
Jake Andrew	Bronze Life	Tracy Kudelka	Silver Local
Paul Nelson	Life	Jacqui Ecclestone	Silver Local
Kerrel Walker	National	Ann Kelley	Silver Local
Peter Lyons	National	Ian Newton	Silver Local
Karin Birch	Bronze State	Brian Pridham	Silver Local
Celia McKew	Bronze State	Jennifer Kroon	Silver Local
Trish Berry	Bronze State	Roger Brake	Silver Local
Lynda Bennion	Bronze State	Peter Rostron	Silver Local
Len Pascoe	Bronze State	Sue Mittermair	Bronze Local
Midge Spice	Bronze State	Bob Laing	Bronze Local
Dianne March	Bronze State	Richard Jones	Bronze Local
Katrina Will	Bronze State	Christine Chodasewicz	Bronze Local
Sebastian Langdon Macmillan	Bronze State	Kaye Frankland	Bronze Local
Reg Burton	Bronze State	Fred Sheriff	Bronze Local
Frances Hammond	Bronze State	Frede Katz	Bronze Local
Diane Beasley	State	Sue Hood	Bronze Local
Richard Gilbert	State	Kathy Hilder	Local
Dot Slattery	State	Helen Niland	Local
Allan Adcroft	State	Maree Drakeley	Local
Andy Males	State	Lyn Boshier	Club
John Kelly	State	Toni Pender	Club
Rhonda Khong	State	Paul Webberley	Club
Robyn Wells	Bronze Regional	Karon Fuller	Club
David Hancock	Bronze Regional	Mary Cormick	Graduate
Suzie Long	Bronze Regional	Fred Smith	Graduate
Trish McDonell	Bronze Regional		



## 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

Visit our StepBridge Australia Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/](http://www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/)

## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

### June

*Thursday 1 June*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

*Saturday 3 June*

10.00am Open Individual & Novice

*Sunday 4 June*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 6 June*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Friday 9 June*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 11 June*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 13 June*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

*Friday 16 June*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 18 June*

- 10am Open Individual

*Sunday 18 June*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Wednesday 21 June*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Friday 23 June*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 25 June*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 25 June*

- 8.00pm Open

*Thursday 29 June*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

### July

*Sunday 2 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 9 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 16 June*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Further sessions in July are still to be determined.