

**June 2023**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

Our July Congress is currently open for registration. Please support this event and your partnership organised. Grafton Bridge Club will hold their congress on Saturday 15th July. Please support their event.

Our Annual Club Championships will be held in August as usual, check out the newsletter for details.

Our Audio / Video capability for tournaments and congresses is now available. We have been testing every Wednesday evening and the players that have participated in nearly all cases have been very happy. If you haven't trialled already please participate at least once to experience the format and to ensure you have everything tuned up and good to go. This is also available in the casual games in the Competition lobby. Set up a game with friends and enjoy each other's company while you play.

Again, 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.

We have received requests from a number of players to reschedule a morning Individual session.

WA players have again asked about an evening session to cater for their time zone. I would like to trial a couple of evenings and gauge the support for continuing this in the calendar.

Players need to support these sessions to make them viable. We will consider trialling during August.

Very soon the Secretary will be calling for nominations from members to fill new positions on our Management Committee for the next year at the AGM to be held in September. To enable our club to continue to be strong and well administered, it is vital that we have talented people on the team. Please consider how you might be able to contribute and support the running of your club. If anybody wants further information as to how they might be able to help feel free to contact me and discuss.



Happy Bridging,  
*Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)*

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## UPDATED MONTHLY PLAYER NUMBERS

Aug 2023		Jul 2023		Jun 2023		May 2023	8858
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	Jul 2022	10344	Jun 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

## Novice Corner

Welcome everyone to the 5th edition. Thank you to everyone for their positive feedback from the previous newsletter. If anyone has any suggestions for the next month newsletter, please send me an email.

StepBridge hosted the Bathurst and District Bridge Club SWISS Butler IMP Pair Congress, it was a successful day. There were a few StepBridge novice pairs who competed in the event and did really well, considering these pairs were playing in an open tournament and most of their competitors were more experienced than them. At end of the tournament all IMP (International Match Points) were converted into VP (Victory Points).

Source: <https://www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/vp-scales>

Please find below a link that shows the final VP results for the Bathurst and District Congress.

<https://portal.stepbridge.com.au/reports/congress/15671>

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:

a) Carole Basserabie (CarolB), Carol is a student of Joan Butts and is looking for a partner who is also a student of Joan Butts. Please contact Carol at [carole.basserabie@gmail.com](mailto:carole.basserabie@gmail.com)

b) Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Dianne is from the SW of Western Australia and is looking for a partner in her local area. Please contact Dianne at [dianne@glenholst.com.au](mailto:dianne@glenholst.com.au)

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.

BarbaraH	FrancisC	GretelS	HavahN	HeatherS
JudyTy	JulieF	KelleyG	KerryADu	KevinG
LucyD	Pamela4	PatriciY	PetaR	PeterDo
PeterLo	RobertaB	StuartP		

Happy Bridging,  
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# StepBridge Australia

## JULY SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023** *Online on StepBridge*

<b>Director</b>	Alan Bustany
<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 30 April 2023. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 April 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 29th June 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-july-2023-congress-entry-registration/">https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-july-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-july-2023-congress-entry-list/">https://www.stepbridge.com.au/stepbridge-july-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>

# Grafton Bridge Club

## Swiss Pairs

### SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA B4 red point congress)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*Online on StepBridge*



<b>Directors</b>	Alan Bustany
<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>	NSWBA 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. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. 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 Australia Eastern Standard Time, with a finish time of approx. 5.00pm
<b>Closing Date</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023. 12.00 midday Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and Grafton Bridge Club.
<b>Entries &amp; Entry List</b>	<a href="https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3812">https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3812</a> Any issues with entries should be directed to the organiser: Denise Llewellyn 0422 100 601 or <a href="mailto:neesellewellyn@gmail.com">neesellewellyn@gmail.com</a>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$20 per player
<b>Payment</b>	Entry Fee payable by EFT to: Grafton Bridge Club BSB: 637 000 Acc: 780225017 Reference: Surname Numbers & ABF number
<b>Prizes</b>	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. Subject to there being 10 Restricted pairs & 10 Novice pairs, there will be category prize(s) for Restricted and Novice Pairs. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2023. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2023
<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 5 free SB tournaments to familiarize yourself with the platform. All StepBridge enquiries to Chris Larter <a href="mailto:chris@stepbridge.com.au">chris@stepbridge.com.au</a>

# StepBridge Australia Club Championships

StepBridge will be holding its second annual Club Championships during the month of August. Red masterpoints will be awarded to the top half of each session as well as the top third for those who qualify for the championship. There will be the four categories of Open Pairs, Open Individual, Restricted Pairs (under 300 masterpoints) and Novice Pairs (100 masterpoints) played at the following times:

## **Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 August**

**Novice (under 100 masterpoints) - 4:10pm session**

**Restricted (under 300 masterpoints) - 7:45pm session**

**Open - 8:00pm session**

## **Wednesdays 6, 13, 20 & 27 August**

**Open Individual - 10:00am session**

For the Restricted and Novice categories, the cut-off for eligibility is as of 31 July 2023. The cost will be 100 PPs per person, per session.

To qualify for a category, you need to play at least 3 out of the 4 sessions. Your best 3 results will be combined and averaged. For the pairs session, you need to play with the same partner to qualify. The championship in each category will be awarded to the pair/individual with the highest average.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category:

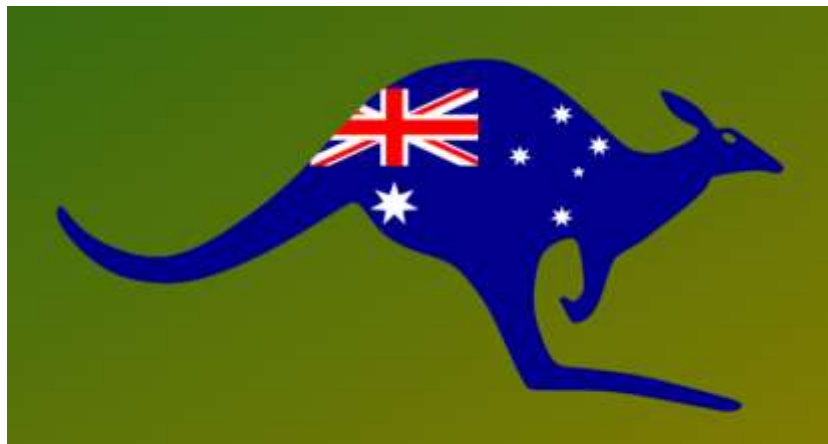
**1st = 2,500 PPs**

**2nd = 1,000 PPs**

**3rd = 500 PPs**

If you have any questions, please email [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au).

Good luck everyone!



## Turkish Blog

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

Several of our players are venturing to this exotic country in the next little while. I have listed a few Must see places. Not limited in any way to just these few, but a small taste of what is on offer.

Istanbul is a city that straddles two continents, and it is a treasure trove of history and culture. Some of the must-see sights in Istanbul include the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and the Topkapı Palace and the Grand Bazaar.

Cappadocia is a region in central Turkey that is known for its unique rock formations and underground cities. Some of the best things to do in Cappadocia include hot air ballooning, visiting the underground cities, and hiking in the Ihlara Valley.

Antalya is a city on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey that is known for its beaches, ancient ruins, and nightlife. Some of the must-see sights in Antalya include the Hadrian's Gate, the Antalya Museum, and the Yivli Minare Mosque.

Pamukkale is a town in southwestern Turkey that is known for its white travertine terraces. Some of the best things to do in Pamukkale include swimming in the travertine terraces, visiting the Hierapolis ruins, and hiking in the surrounding mountains.

Ephesus is an ancient city in western Turkey that is one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. Some of the must-see sights in Ephesus include the Library of Celsus, the Great Theatre, and the Temple of Artemis. Nearby is the house of Mary Magdalene.

These are just a few of the many amazing places to visit in Turkey. With its rich history and culture, Turkey is a country that has something to offer everyone.

We have been home in Duzce for a month and will venture away again to the seaside after another couple of weeks. We have been planting the garden and feeding the squirrels. We have a recycled manikin in the garden. I have named George. He is there as a scarecrow. We have many eagles and hawks who circle in the hope of snaring a chicken. (Pictures of Orhan and George and a cheeky squirrel on the terrace)

Next week is Kurban Bayrami which is for the holiday feast for Kurban. The purpose of sacrifice in Eid al-Adha is not just about shedding of blood just to satisfy God. It is about sacrificing something a Muslim loves in order to advance the festival's message. The sacrifice can be something other than an animal – such as money given to charity or time spent doing community service. In this province many people sacrifice animals. I have to report, it is not a favoured time of the year for this Aussie. Locals and the family tell me it is extremely important to muslims to offer the sacrifice in the hope and faith of protection for their sons. In our family they usually sacrifice a yearling bull. The animal is dispatched, cut up and distributed to the poor and needy. The meat must be consumed fresh - no freezing it for later. Sweets and gifts are given, and extended family members typically visit and are welcomed.

## Turkish Blog

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

This brings me to the trauma of welcoming so many people into the home at these times when your grasp of the native language is less than adequate. I could be home alone and some strangers would turn up at the door. I am expected to welcome them in and feed and water them. The simple task of making tea or Turkish coffee still traumatises me. Everything is so ritualistic, it must be done in a certain way, served according to tradition.

I still struggle with the language particularly in a group situation where everybody is talking at once, usually rapidly and I am floundering in the rabble. Turks are not big on using given names. How to really confuse a blonde Aussie. Kids playing in a park and they are constantly calling out to Abla or Abi, one could be forgiven for thinking wow Turks aren't very adventurous in the names for their kids. Or you are at a gathering of adults and every second woman is Yenge. Turks are very bad for not making introductions and in conversation they may refer to someone as Mustafa's wife (karisi) , never her name. And so..conversation ensues, now one hears the name Yenge used to address more than half the women in the room. What is the answer to all the Abla's Abi's and Yenge's? Abla =sister, Abi = brother and Yenge = sister-in-law. Oh and then we might get a plethora of Enişte = brother-in-law. As you can see you don't have to be literally my sister-in-law but if you are female and NOT my sister you will be a Yenge. Confused yet? Sighs..... Soooo then I put the cat amongst the pigeons and I say I am not Yenge I am Sarah, little by little they call me Sarah. My small revolution. My son = oğlum, my daughter = kizim, not uncommon for Uncles and Aunts to use these terms for their nephews and nieces. Will I ever get my head around this and master the language, short answer not any time soon.



## Bridge Hand

### *IT IS A TRUTH UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED...*

**THAT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TIME YOU PLAY IN A BRIDGE TOURNAMENT YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY FOR A GRAND SLAM WHERE YOU NEED TO GET 13 TRICKS**

(With apologies for paraphrasing from English literature and adding to our membership, two fictitious StepBridge Members 'ElizaBen' and 'JaneAu').

Well, sorry 'JaneAu' we know this is certainly not true as rarely do we get to have to play a contract in 7H which is what did happen recently.

There were recently the usual people at the StepBridge Bridge Table, Likeable LHO, Marvellous Partner and my nemesis, Resourceful RHO. A big battle took place.

	N - Marvellous Partner	
	♠	
	♥	
	♦	
W - Likeable LHO	♣	E - Resourceful RHO
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣	S - Me	♣
	♠ 10 6 2	
	♥ K Q J 8 3	
	♦ A K J 10	
	♣ A	

No one is vulnerable.

You open the bidding as South	1H
LHO	pass
North	4NT (RKC1430)
RHO	5C
South	5D (three key cards)
LHO	pass
North	6H
RHO	7C

Wow, after that 7C bid what do you do now?

Clearly you easily have 6H and if you double your RHO, it is most likely, yes you will get penalties but a bad score.

So, you take the plunge and bid 7H!

LHO predictably leads 3C, and the dummy goes down.



## Bridge Hand

This is what you see -

	N - Marvellous Partner	
	♠ A K 9 7 4	
	♥ A 9 7 6 5 2	
	♦ 9	
W - Likeable LHO	♣ 8	E - Resourceful RHO
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣	S - Me	♣
	♠ 10 6 2	
	♥ K Q J 8 3	
	♦ A K J 10	
	♣ A	

Well, we can really say now that 'It is a Truth Universally Acknowledged that' Double Dummy is smarter than everyone else' because Double Dummy says that 13 tricks are easily obtained but of the three of us who played the 7H contract, none obtained 13 tricks.

How do you get 13 tricks?

Well do sensible things first.

Take the first trick with the Ace of clubs and then draw out trumps which takes just two rounds, LHO having the 10 4 and RHO having a void in hearts.

Try diamonds and yes you get four diamond tricks as the JD is covered by the QD from LHO and you trump it. You discard two small spades.

This is where you are with 7 tricks so far.

	N - Marvellous Partner	
	♠ A K 9	
	♥ A 9 7	
	♦	
W - Likeable LHO	♣	E - Resourceful RHO
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣	S - Me	♣
	♠ 10 6 2	
	♥ J 8 3	
	♦	
	♣	

There is no chance for error. It is either a win and glory, or defeat and a poor score and all those who did not face your nemesis, Resourceful RHO, will be smiling and you will be sad.

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There are five spades out against you and yes alas, I failed to get the remaining tricks!  
 It is a 'Truth Universally Acknowledged that' imagination and vision was needed and that was lacking!  
 The best possible outcome was a split 3 and 2 with the QS and JS held as a doubleton.  
 If this is the case, play a spade to the Ace and King and yeeha you have 13 tricks!  
 The alternative with one opponent having both the QS JS and another spade was a possibility but  
 how do you know what to do?  
 Whatever, play a spade and take stock of the situation, do some exploratory work.

Nope that was not to be.  
 My nemesis Resourceful RHO showed out – he had a void not only in hearts but in spades.  
 No wonder he bid 7C.

If I had been as clever as double Dummy, I would have used the 'unauthorised information' he held  
 and played the 10S to dummy, forcing Likeable LHO to cover with the JS (if not play the 9S) and then  
 cross back to my hand and played another small spade this time to the 9S in dummy if LHO did not  
 cover it.

Ah well. As we all know playing for 13 tricks requires something extra special and, on this occasion, it  
 was a 'Truth Universally Acknowledged' by virtue of a 5.85% match point score that enough vision  
 was not held by me.

**Well done to Resourceful RHO showing exactly what Bridge is all about.  
 He had the vision to out-play me.**

**These challenges are why we play this game!**

Here are all the hands -

	<b>N – Marvellous Partner</b>	
	♠ A K 9 7 4	
	♥ A 9 7 6 5 2	
	♦ 9	
<b>W – Likeable LHO</b>	♣ 8	<b>E - Resourceful RHO</b>
♠ Q J 6 5 3		♠ -
♥ 10 4		♥ -
♦ Q 7 4		♦ 8 6 5 3 2
♣ 10 7 3	<b>S -Me</b>	♣ K Q J 9 6 5 4 2
	♠ 10 6 2	
	♥ K Q J 8 3	
	♦ A K J 10	
	♣ A	

*Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor)*

## Cookery Corner

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

### Stuffed Potatoes

#### Ingredients

- 4 Potatoes
- Garlic
- Onion
- Capsicum
- Zucchini
- Bacon
- Grated parmesan or cheddar cheese



#### Directions

- Cut 4 large potatoes in their skins in half lengthways. Cover with gladwrap and microwave for 3 minutes. Test with skewer and if necessary give them a little longer.
- Scoop the potato out of the skins, and mash in a basin add garlic, diced onion, diced capsicum, diced zucchini, finely diced bacon, and put the stuffing back into the skins carefully.
- Grate cheese on top, either parmesan or cheddar.
- Put under grill, or in the air fryer for a few minutes, till golden on top.

### Chocolate and Nougat Fudge Bars

#### Ingredients

- 360 grams of chocolate
- 395 can of sweetened condensed milk
- 30 grams of butter
- 200 grams of soft nougat coarsely

#### Directions

- In a large saucepan, put chocolate, condensed milk and butter, and over a low heat, stir until smooth.
- Take off the stove and add the nougat.
- Pour into a square pan smooth with wet spatula and refrigerate for about 3 hours, or until firm, before cutting.



## Monthly Awards: May 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in May 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>58.34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)</b>
		2	58.33	6	Frank Hymus (FrankHy)
		3	58.15	23	Philip Bapty (PhillB)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>58.33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Frank Hymus (FrankHy)</b>
		2	58.15	23	Philip Bapty (PhillB)
		3	57.71	7	Sue Neill (SueN)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>58.34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)</b>
		2	57.73	6	John Simmonds (JohnSim)
		3	56.46	9	Trish Berry (TrishBer)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>57.69</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Jo Quinlivan (JoQ)</b>
			<b>57.69</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)</b>
		3	57.21	10	Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy)</b>
			<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)</b>
		3	17	9	John Bailey (JohnBail)
Open	<b>1</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Bene Su (BeneS)</b>	
Individual	2	52.73	6	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
	3	51.17	6	Kay Baguley (KayB)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in May 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>60.29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)</b>
		2	58.33	6	Krystyna Homik (Krystyna), Frank Hymus (FrankHy)
		3	57.73	6	Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC), John Simmonds
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>60.29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)</b>
		2	58.33	6	Krystyna Homik (Krystyna), Frank Hymus (FrankHy)
		3	57.71	7	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>57.73</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC), John Simmonds (JohnSim)</b>
		2	56.84	6	Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor), Lyn McLain (LynMcL)
		3	56.24	16	Don Saunders (DonS), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>57.69</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)</b>
		2	57.21	10	Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)
		3	55.58	6	Julie Barker (JulieBar), Sue Mittermair (SueMit)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)</b>
		2	17	9	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	11	6	Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn), Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)

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 May 2023</i>	Overall			<b>73</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				53	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				49	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
	Open			<b>73</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				51	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
				46	Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
	Restricted			<b>34</b>	<b>Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)</b>
				32	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
				31	Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
	Novice			<b>25</b>	<b>Gek Low (GekL)</b>
				24	Havah Nielsen (HavahN)
				20	Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in May 2023</i>	Overall			<b>24</b>	<b>Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), Ron Wilkinson (RonWilk)</b>
				23	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
				23	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
	Open			<b>24</b>	<b>Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), Ron Wilkinson (RonWilk)</b>
				23	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick
				23	Colin Speller (ColinSp), David Cumming (DavidCum)
	Restricted			<b>18</b>	<b>Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)</b>
				16	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
				16	Don Saunders (DonS), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
	Novice			<b>10</b>	<b>Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)</b>
				<b>10</b>	<b>Julia Caldwell (JuliaCa), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)</b>
				9	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in May 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>6.39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Jane Silagy (JaneSil)</b>
		2	5.66	7	David Alexander (DavidAl)
		3	5.12	7	De'arn Alexander (DeArn)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>6.37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Robert Fulcher (RobertF)</b>
		2	5.76	6	John Kelly (JohnKell)
		3	4.99	7	Jan Letts (JanLet)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>De'arn Alexander (DeArn)</b>
		2	4.87	6	Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)
		3	4.74	6	David Alexander (DavidAl)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)</b>
			<b>4.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal)</b>
		3	4.23	7	Jennifer Gordon (JenniGor)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Delma Casabene (DelmaCa)</b>
		2	0.13	9	Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
		3	0.09	8	Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn)
Open Indi-	<b>1</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)</b>	
	2	2.18	7	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)	
	3	2.42	7	Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in May 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Marg Orme (MargOr), Jane Silagy (JaneSil)</b>
			<b>5.29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe), Di Barrow (DiBarrow)</b>
		3	4.99	7	Paul Letts (PaulLet), Jan Letts (JanLet)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe), Di Barrow (DiBarrow)</b>
		2	4.99	7	Paul Letts (PaulLet), Jan Letts (JanLet)
		3	4.76	7	Leonie Evans (LeonieE), Margaret Boniface (MargBo)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), David Alexander (DavidAl)</b>
		2	3.79	6	Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)
			3.79	7	Ruth Anderson (RuthAnde), Gordon Plant (GordonPI)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Julia Caldwell (JuliaCal), Keith Caldwell (KeithCa)</b>
		2	3.75	9	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
		3	3.19	7	Terry Herfort (TerryHer), Savitri Newman (Savitri)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>
	2	0.05	6	Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn), Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)	

## Masterpoint Promotions

May 2023

Jane Swanson	Grand	Ian Pitts	Bronze State
Ray Dohnt	Gold Life	Kathryn Ivits	Bronze State
Janelle Conroy	Gold Life	Alma Van Der Walt	Bronze State
Andrew Smith	Silver Life	Kate Macdonald	Bronze State
Esther Saunders	Silver Life	John Rivers	Bronze State
Margaret Robertson	Silver Life	Denise McTaggart	State
Daria Williams	Silver Life	Simon Fleming	State
Lisa Yoffa	Silver Life	Mario Rubanathan	State
Stephen Miller	Bronze Life	Andrea Dayman	Regional
Ming Shu Yang	Bronze Life	Elaine Dickson	Silver Local
Shanti Korathota	Bronze Life	Karen Jorin	Silver Local
Margaret Boniface	Life	Sue Mittermair	Silver Local
Roy Cotton	Life	Kerri Grant	Silver Local
Andrew Grace	Life	Beulah O'Shea	Silver Local
Tomoko Nakamatsu	Life	Karin Glenning	Bronze Local
Di Garside	Life	Colin Meek	Bronze Local
Andrea Mathieson	Silver National	Carolynn Blair	Bronze Local
Camille Farrell	Silver National	Graeme Lean	Bronze Local
Sue Kinnear	Bronze National	Ronnie Malthouse	Bronze Local
Bea Stallbom	Bronze National	Mandy Wilson	Bronze Local
Jodie Basham	Bronze National	Catherine Carr	Bronze Local
Ann Sauer	National	Nicholas Scott	Bronze Local
Richard Fitzherbert	National	Wendy Mann	Local
Bob Dunk	National	Peter White	Local
Barbara Simpson	National	Ian Lacey	Club
		John O'Shea	Club



**Congratulations!**

## StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

## Session Times

Open: 1pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4pm (Monday - Saturday)

8pm (Everyday)

Restricted: 1.15pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4.10pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

7.45pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Novice: 10.00am (Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4.10pm (Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday, Saturday)

7.45pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

## IMPs Sessions

Tuesday: 8pm Open

Thursday: 8pm Open

## Contributions to the Newsletter

All contributions, big or small, would be welcome to this newsletter.

- Do you have an interesting hand for a recent bridge session or congress?
- Can we interview you, so we can all get to know you better?
- Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share?
- Do you have any other information you wish to share?

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

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## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

### July

*Sunday 2 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 3 July*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Thursday 6 July*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Saturday 8 July*

- 10.00am Open Individual & Novice

*Sunday 9 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 11 July*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Friday 14 July*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Saturday 15 July*

- 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 16 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 18 July*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Restricted

*Wednesday 19 July*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Saturday 22 July*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 23 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Sunday 23 July*

- 8.00pm Open

*Wednesday 26 July*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Friday 28 July*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 30 July*

- 10.00am Open Individual

*Sunday 30 July*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice