

July 2023

Message from the President

Dear members,

Congratulations to the Winners of our July Congress. We had 50 entries in the Open, 42 in the Restricted and 14 in the Novice categories.

- Open Winners: **Gwyeira Brahma and Dave Munro**
- Restricted Winners: **Anne Heyes and Simon Tissera**
- Novice Winners: **John Kelly and Bala Balasubramaniam**

Grafton Bridge Club will hold their congress on Saturday 15th July. Please support this event.

A reminder about our Annual Club Championships to be held in August.

We are going to conduct our first official Audio Video tournament on Sunday 16th July 8pm Session. This will be a free event. I am looking forward to welcoming you all to this event.

As promised, we have added the weekday morning Individual sessions into the calendar. These are attracting sufficient numbers to make it interesting and viable. Please come along and try this format.

WA Sessions have commenced on Mondays at 10.30pm (8.30pm WA time). It is great to see some night owls from the eastern states staying up late to play as well.

The software development department has advised me that our new Teams format will be available in September. This exciting addition to our playing program will be tested as soon as available and new teams competitions announced.

Our AGM is a little over 2 months away. It is vital that the committee attracts some talented people to participate in the administration of our club. Please consider if you have some skills to contribute and nominate to join the team.

Happy Bridging,
Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)



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Sunday 24 September 2023

5.15pm Australia Eastern Standard Time

on Zoom

AGM
Annual General Meeting

CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Aug 2023		Jul 2023		Jun 2023	8698	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

Message from the Secretary

Annual General Meeting

The 2023 StepBridge Australia Bridge Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday 24 September at 5.15pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Zoom.

As this is the main meeting of the club, all members are welcome to attend and participate.

We also welcome anyone who would like to nominate for a position on the Committee or submit any agenda items. If you wish to nominate for a position on the Committee, please email me at chris@stepbridge.com.au for a nomination form ASAP. You can also talk to me about any position and what it entails. We are particularly looking for a Secretary and Committee Members.

To nominate for a position on the Committee and/or for any motions / matters of business for the meeting, please have these emailed to me by Friday 1 September at the very latest.

StepBridge members will be emailed information regarding the AGM, including the minutes from the last AGM, agenda, reports from the various positions, and a list of candidates by Sunday 10 September. If you have not received your AGM email by this date, please email me at chris@stepbridge.com.au, as this will mean your email may have gotten lost in cyberspace.

Finally, if you have any questions about the AGM, please email me at chris@stepbridge.com.au.

Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

Congress Results

STEPBRIDGE CONGRESS (Saturday 1 July)

Open

- 1st Gwyneira Brahma & Dave Munro
- 2nd Robyn Pearce & Michele Tredinnick
- 3rd Peter Karol & Joanne Crockford

Restricted

- 1st Anne Heyes & Simon Tissera
- 2nd Heather Broatch & Don Saunders
- 3rd Debbie Jerkovic & Vicki Lee

Novice

- 1st John Kelly & Bala Balasubramaniam
- 2nd Kerri Grant & Margaret Portess
- 3rd Sue Mittermair & Phil Kay

Novice Corner

Welcome everyone to the 6th edition. Thank you to everyone for their positive feedback from the previous newsletter. If anyone has any suggestions for next month's newsletter, please send me an email.

Please keep Gek Low (GekL) in your thoughts. Gek had a bad fall on the morning of 10 July and is in hospital. I have no updates at the present time. But we wish Gek all the best and a speedy recovery.

Like every nonprofit organisation, there is a committee that does a fantastic job behind the scene to ensure the club runs smoothly. Sarah and others do exactly that to ensure we have a wonderful place to play bridge online. I had the privilege to be on this committee to see how this committee works and it has been an honour to be your representative. I have decided not to seek re-election on to the committee for the upcoming new year. I would like to continue in this role, but it will be up to the new committee to make that decision.

I believe it is important to have a novice on the committee, but that person has to have passion and drive to be successful on the committee. If anyone is interested in this role, please contact me and I would be happy to discuss this with you.

In a recent edition, we discussed learning material, this is a follow-up to an email I received from Bob Laing, Thank your Bob.

1. Book - The Language of Bidding by Paul Marston
2. Book - Points Schmoints by Marty Bergen.
3. Youtube Video - Graeme Tuffnell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt3evdCCQXc>

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. DuncanW duncan_welsh@yahoo.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.

AdeleM	Beverley	BobbyC	Damian	DebraBr
Diana	KimC	LorraineS	MarieN	MaryTur
Monika	PiyalK	RinT	RobertFo	Rosalie
RosalinW	SueGar	TinaK	WilliamE	YvonneG

Happy Bridging,
Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
duncan@stepbridge.com.au

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

Sundays 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:

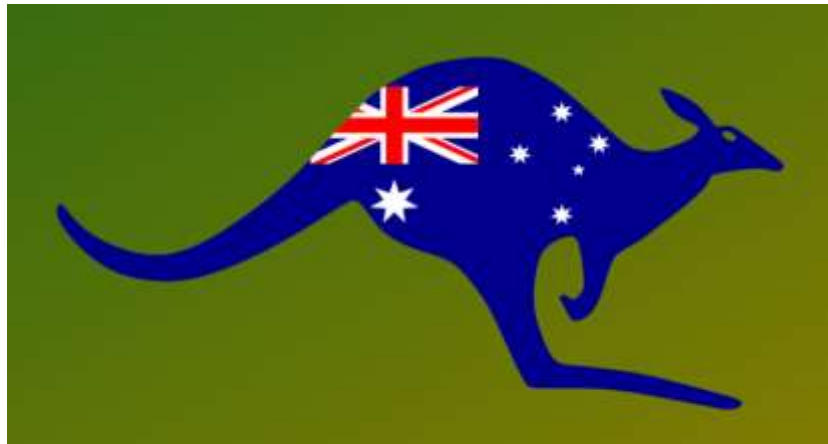
1st = 2,500 PPs

2nd = 1,000 PPs

3rd = 500 PPs

If you have any questions, please email support@stepbridge.com.au.

Good luck everyone!



Turkish Blog

Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

Kurban Bayram has come and gone. I survived it. Countless visitors and thousands of cups of tea and coffee. The sacrifice of the young bull was made. The meat was dispatched to the poor and needy.

I have been to more than 35 countries over the years. This must be the first place where you can buy food from a vendor near a square in Istanbul to encourage and feed the pigeons!!! As you can imagine it is a paradise for them and consequently thousands of pigeons frequent the square and surrounding park. Later we were travelling on a ferry across the Bosphorus Strait and there were seagulls hovering above us. We were sitting out on the open deck enjoying the view. Orhan commented on the seagulls hovering and how nice they were. Immediately he said this one pooped and of course it landed all over him!! Turks and their love of animals whether it be the street cats and dogs or the pigeons or scavenging seagulls always amazes me.

This week we have received 4 wedding invitations. I have been to more weddings in the past year than my whole life I think. As I have told you before, they generally are huge weddings, hundreds of people. The thought of 4 in a week is overwhelming. Yesterday a young woman appeared at the door. Yet another stranger for me to greet, meet and speak to with my very bad Turkish. She hands me an invitation and says I hope we will see you on Sunday. I am thinking oh no another wedding! Fortunately Orhan arrives home and he takes over the conversation with our visitor. She leaves, Orhan glances at the invitation and says we only need to go for an hour or so, it's no problem. I see the date and time are Sunday when I am most busiest with StepBridge directing. I will not be able to go. I then take a closer look at the invitation and I cant see the word wedding anywhere. The font is a complicated script and this makes translating even harder. I resort to my trusty google translator and take a photo of the invitation for translation. To my horror the translation reveals I am being invited to attend a Circumcision ceremony and celebration feast!!! Part of the invitation translates as: "Circumcision is the order of the Prophet Muhammad, This apostasy, which was given to me, let those who hear it hear, Those who want to achieve his reward, welcome this happy day, I kiss your hands I expect you to my circumcision."

I can't believe a woman I have never met, whose father had done some plumbing work on our house, has invited us to the circumcision of her son. I question Orhan in great detail as to how and why and what this is all about. I must have had a look of abject horror on my face. He is laughing at me. I ask him how old is this boy? He said, I don't know, probably somewhere between 5 and 10 years old!! I am then envisioning some ancient ritual, and demand full and frank disclosure of this barbaric practice. Orhan assures me it is carried out by a doctor under clinical conditions with the administration of local anaesthetics, short and sweet, done and dusted!! Now we all party and we have the requirement to gift 100TL to the boy.

The weather has been glorious until this week, when we had 3 days of storms and torrential rain. I took photos of the canal in front of the house . The water level was almost to the top of the banks before the rain stopped.

Turkish Blog

Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

We spend most of our time on the terrace enjoying the flowers and the forest panorama. Meals and entertaining all al fresco. The squirrels have been a bit scarce. There is an abundance of nuts on the trees awaiting harvest so they are not so hungry.

Following the national elections and subsequent return of President Tayyip Erdogan the inflation rate continues to climb and the currency exchange rate causes everything imported to become more expensive than ever. In April the exchange rate for Australian dollar was about \$1.0 = 12.50TL today \$1.00 = 17.32 TL. 38% increase in exchange rate is personally great for me but horrible for the local economic climate.

I have been perfecting my Turkish cooking skills. Thought i might share a recipe this month. The typical Turkish diet consists of a huge ritualist breakfast - olives white cheeses, eggs, maybe sausage bread of course, honey jams, perhaps water melon and at this time of the year fresh cherries and copious cups of tea. Most meals serve soup all times of the year again bread and a variety of vegetable dishes and rice or pasta. Meat is almost non-existent due to the cost. With this in mind I thought I would share with you how to make Kuru Fasulye or Baked Beans. This dish would normally be served with Rice or Bulgar Wheat and slices of raw onion and plain yoghurt. Perfect making this dish and you will never open a can of beans again.



Kuru Fasulye (Baked Beans)

Ingredients:

- 500 grams of dried haricot beans
- 300 grams of ground beef
- 2 medium sized onions
- 1 tomato
- 3 red peppers
- 1 tablespoon of tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon of chilli paste
- Half a teaspoon of oil
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon of black pepper



Method:

First of all, before cooking the dried beans, in order to prevent the dry beans from causing gas and bloating and causing discomfort, make sure to soak the dried beans the night before and add a pinch of salt or baking soda to the water you have soaked.

Then, after draining the water of the soaked beans, put them in a saucepan and add hot water to the level above the beans, cover the pot for about 10 minutes and leave it to boil.

In the meantime, add half a tea glass of oil in a separate pot, turn on the stove and after the oil heats up, add the ground beef into the pot and fry it.

After the meat has evaporated, add the chopped onions and red peppers into the pot and continue frying.

Then, after peeling the skin of the tomato and dicing it into cubes, add it to the pot and after the onions soften, add the tomato and pepper paste and fry until the smell of the tomato paste is gone.

In the meantime, drain the boiled beans and add them to the pot and fry for about 5 more minutes, then add salt and spices.

Finally, add hot water into the pot so that it is 3 inches above the dry beans and cook for about 30 minutes by closing the lid of the pot, then you can rest your meal for 10 minutes and serve it with rice pilaf, onion salad and tzatziki.

Bridge Hand

IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...

Have you ever spontaneously said to your wife/husband/partner/Bridge friend (choose the correct label) that 'today I was overcome with love at first sight'?

Then noted with joy the surprise in their response when they say 'WHAT!'

But if they play Bridge, they will understand that 'love' comes when a great hand magically appears.

Take the following hand. I challenge anyone not to become enamoured when after sorting your cards, you see this card combination in front of you. At first sight it was just about perfect.

Because it was a lovely picture, ample quantities of dopamine are released and you would feel flushed with goodness.... so, take your time, your mind would say, savour the entire hand, the points, the distribution. Immerse yourself into the possibilities. (Even dream of becoming a Grand Master...or winning a StepBridge Congress...anything is possible. This hand lifts you to dizzy heights.)

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

It was the familiar foursome at the table. That very 'Likeable LHO, my 'Marvellous Partner' and my nemesis the 'Resourceful RHO.' I had the sudden thought, if my hand is so good what are the other hands likely to be? I awaited the bids nervously and West was declarer.

LHO Pass

Partner Pass

RHO 2 Hearts

The 2H was declared as being 'weak', with no mention of length but I assumed at least six hearts.

My mind cycled through the bidding options.

If RHO had not bid, I would have opened 2C.

But what now?

Double? What would the point be of doubling? What can I possibly expect to find of use in my partner's hand? Could my partner have the Ace of hearts? Well, not likely as RHO had bid hearts but not impossible, of course. If I do double, how can my partner give me any responses of use? They will not bid clubs or diamonds. Do I care if they have spades or hearts? Not really. Partner is likely to have hearts and spades and they are no use whatsoever!

I could bid 3D, but that is not a serious option because partner may leave me in it.

A NT bid would be 99% likely to bring an immense grin to the face of my RHO and confirmation that yes once again my nemesis had 'got me'.

They would open a nice wine that night to celebrate.

Bridge Hand

5D is pointless because unless the goddess of Bridge has structured the other hands to create mayhem with all the diamonds in one of the opponent's hands...hmmm is my RHO feeling confident and can I sense this over the internet?

Am I imagining things?

No one can say that a self preservation paranoia is not endemic in Duplicate Bridge!

So, there was only one logical bid to make and I took the plunge and bid 6D.

Predictably LHO led the 3 of hearts and dummy is displayed.

Here are the two hands -

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

This looks magnificent. What could go wrong?

Well, I will tell you. On this occasion, nothing went wrong!

6D was the perfect bid. This time the bid to 6D prevented my resourceful RHO from stealing the contract in 4H because they also had two extremely useful hands.

Here are all the hands.

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

Bridge Hand

EW could have easily got 4H if played correctly and they were vulnerable, for a score of 620. If they had overbid 6H and been doubled they would perhaps have only gone light for two tricks and minus 300. We were not vulnerable and would earn 920.

With a heart lead 6D is effortlessly secured. My RHO did stop us getting the top score of 940 because my LHO led a heart. If the RHO did not pre-empt with a 2H bid, LHO may lead a spade to the Ace in dummy.

I can assure you that the flow of dopamine increased when I saw the heart lead and the dummy go down with three diamonds and four clubs.

Bridge is a wonderful reaffirmation of letting your emotions take over when the right moment occurs and taking the benefits which that feeling of 'love at first sight' brings.

That is why we play this game?

Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor)

Cookery Corner

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

Braised Steak and Onions

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup plain flour
- 1kg blade or casserole steak
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 brown onions, thinly sliced
- 400mls beef stock
- 250gms mushrooms, thickly sliced
- Mashed potatoes, carrots and peas to serve



Directions

- Combine 1/2 cup flour, and salt and pepper on a plate. Lightly coat each piece of steak in seasoned flour.
- Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook steak, in batches, for 3 minutes each side or until browned. Transfer to an ovenproof dish.
- Preheat oven to 180°C. Add onions and mushrooms to the frying pan. Cook, stirring, for 4 minutes or until tender. Sprinkle remaining 2 tablespoons of flour over onions. Stir until well combined.
- Slowly add beef stock, stirring constantly. Bring mixture to the boil. Pour mixture over beef. Cover and bake for 2 hours or until steak is tender. Serve with creamy mashed potatoes, zucchini and green beans.

Puff Pastry Delights

Ingredients

- Puff Pastry Sheets
- Strawberry Jam (or other good strong jams, such as Rosella)

Directions

- Using Puff Pastry Sheets, spread Strawberry Jam thickly on and cut to preferred slice.
- Cook at about 180 for 20 minutes.
- Serve with custard or ice cream.



Monthly Awards: June 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in June 2023</i>	Overall	1	56.86	8	Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		2	56.63	17	Philip Bapty (PhillB)
		3	56.39	15	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	Open	1	56.86	8	Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		2	56.63	17	Philip Bapty (PhillB)
		3	56.39	15	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	Restricted	1	55.93	22	Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)
		2	55.9	6	Sandra Mulcahy (SandraMu)
		3	55.34	12	Bill Gilmore (BillG)
	Novice	1	56.45	6	Kay Parker (KayPar)
		2	56.18	6	Bob Northam (BobNorth)
		3	55.99	7	Phil Kay (PhilK)
	Open IMPs	1	15	8	Tina Hesketh (TinaH)
		2	14	6	Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
			14	6	Robert Stammel (RobS)
Open	1	56.93	6	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
Individual	2	52.25	6	Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe)	
	3	51.67	6	Steven Kemp (StevenK)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in June 2023</i>	Overall	1	57.17	8	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	56.86	8	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		3	55.9	6	Sandra Mulcahy (SandraMu), Frank Broos
	Open	1	57.17	8	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	56.86	8	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		3	55.87	6	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Restricted	1	55.9	6	Sandra Mulcahy (SandraMu), Frank Broos (FrankBro)
		2	55.41	8	Peter Thorpe (PeterTh), Bill Gilmore (BillG)
		3	55.16	17	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMck)
	Novice	1	56.45	6	Savitri Newman (Savitri), Kay Parker (KayPar)
		2	55.3	10	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
		3	55.24	10	Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)
	Open IMPs	1	14	6	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		2	13	8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren
		3	10	9	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 June 2023</i>	Overall	1		75	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		2		64	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		3		55	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
	Open	1		68	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		2		53	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		3		50	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
	Restricted	1		35	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
		2		33	Robert Fulcher (RobertF)
		3		31	Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
	Novice	1		23	Gek Low (GekL)
		2		21	Havah Nielsen (HavahN)
				21	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
	Open IMPs	1		9	John Bailey (JohnBail)
				9	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				9	Richard Gilbert (RichardG)
				9	Diva Hatfield (DivaH)
	Open	1		8	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual			8	Merrill Lance (Merrill)
			8	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh)	

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Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in June 2023</i>	Overall	1		25	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		2		24	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
		3		23	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
	Open	1		22	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
		2		19	Pamela Lidl (PamelaLi), Jane Routley (JaneRo)
				19	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
	Restricted	1		17	Beryl Morris (BeryIM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
		2		16	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
		3		14	Bob Hawkins (RobertHa), Pam Hawkins (PamH)
	Novice	1		12	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)
		2		10	Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)
				10	Jo Quinlivan (JoQ), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
	Open IMPs	1		9	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				9	Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)
		3		8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in June 2023</i>	Overall	1	6.09	6	Phillip Carter (PhillCar)
		2	5.17	9	Chery McCallum (CheryM)
		3	5.15	10	Julie Short (JulieS)
	Open	1	5.97	10	Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
		2	5.21	6	Margaret Phippen (MargarPh)
		3	5.2	6	Michael Hogan (MicHogan)
	Restricted	1	7.17	6	Sandra Mulcahy (SandraMu)
		2	6.36	18	Wendy Doyle (WendyDo)
		3	6.09	6	Phillip Carter (PhillCar)
	Novice	1	5.65	6	Bob Northam (BobNorth)
		2	4.44	7	Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
		3	4.36	7	Phil Kay (PhilK)
	Open IMPs	1	0.19	8	Tina Hesketh (TinaH)
		2	0.15	8	Patrick Smith (PatSmith)
		3	0.09	7	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
Open	1	5.94	6	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
Individual	2	3.06	8	Merrill Lance (Merrill)	
	3	2.97	8	Barbara Grant (BarbG)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in June 2023</i>	Overall	1	6.35	7	Wendy Doyle (WendyDo), Chery McCallum (CheryM)
		2	5.74	6	Megan Grant (MeganGra), Barbara Williams (BarbWill)
		3	4.43	8	Savitri Newman (Savitri), Kay Parker (KayPar)
	Open	1	5.74	6	Megan Grant (MeganGra), Barbara Williams (BarbWill)
		2	3.45	6	Leonie Love (LeeLo), Judith Bennett (JudithBe)
		3	3.34	7	Patricia Byrnes (TrishB), Jurate Laisve (JurateL)
	Restricted	1	6.35	7	Wendy Doyle (WendyDo), Chery McCallum (CheryM)
		2	4.77	6	Eve Tuck (EveT), Howard Brownscombe (HowardB)
		3	3.97	7	Dave Bright (DaveB), Lorna Bright (LornaB)
	Novice	1	3.52	10	Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)
		2	3.46	6	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse
		3	2.89	6	Kay Bennetts (KayBenn), Lizzie Rasheed (LizzieR)
Open IMPs	1	0.02	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)	

Masterpoint Promotions

June 2023

Desma Sampson	Grand	Valerie Hambrook	State
David Johnson	Gold Life	Julie Barker	State
Vinod Nasta	Gold Life	Joann Theriault	State
Colin Saunders	Silver Life	Savitri Newman	Bronze Regional
Sue Martin	Silver Life	Alan Puckey	Bronze Regional
Alan Bustany	Silver Life	Tim Porter	Regional
Megan Grant	Bronze Life	Dennis Lee	Regional
Christine Newbery	Bronze Life	Ross Pringle	Silver Local
Colin Speller	Life	Carl Parker	Silver Local
Les Wozniczka	Life	Roger Green	Silver Local
Sandy Spencer	Silver National	Beryl Hall	Bronze Local
Cheryl Pletz	Silver National	Vicki Williamson	Bronze Local
Joan Davis	Bronze National	Graeme King	Bronze Local
Linda Picone	Bronze National	Terry Ford	Bronze Local
Laraine Dolan	National	Jennifer Sharp	Bronze Local
Lyn McLain	National	Jim Lynch	Bronze Local
Jan Letts	National	Lee Furness	Local
David Cumming	National	Leonie Macgregor	Local
Ben Leung	National	Garry Dazeley	Local
Elaine Hume	National	Keith Caldwell	Local
Peter Hume	National	Neville Hind	Local
David Sydes	Bronze State	Helve Beale	Local
Shelley James	Bronze State	Jane Mitchell	Club
David Hancock	State	Janet Rowan	Club
Gillian Disney	State	Dietmar Sajowitz	Club
Bob McCartney	State	Jane Boland	Club
Ursula Maitland	State	Judy Bodkin	Club
Sandra Friesen	State	Robert Delsar	Club
Arvind Bhasin	State	Annette McNee	Club
		Simone Proust	Graduate



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)

10.30pm (Monday)

Open Individual: 10am (Everyday)

Restricted: 1.15pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4.10pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

7.45pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Novice: 10am (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

August

Wednesday 2 August (Club Championship Week 1)

- 4.10pm Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 6 August (Club Championship Week 1)

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 6 August

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 9 August (Club Championship Week 2)

- 4.10pm Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 13 August (Club Championship Week 2)

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 13 August

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 16 August (Club Championship Week 3)

- 4.10pm Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 20 August (Club Championship Week 3)

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 20 August

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 23 August (Club Championship Week 4)

- 4.10pm Novice

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 27 August (Club Championship Week 4)

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 27 August

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

September

Sunday 3 September

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 10 September

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 17 September

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Sunday 24 September

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice