

**October 2023**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

At the time of writing last month's message to you all, I believed it would be my last message to you as President of our club.



Shortly after the writing of the newsletter, we realised we had a typographical error in our Constitution that required rectification prior to being able to conduct our AGM. We subsequently sought advice from NSW Department of Fair Trading, as to the method of rectification required and procedure required to achieve this. We notified members of the postponement of the AGM and scheduled a SGM to address two amendments that we proposed to make to the current constitution. The SGM has been held and the two advertised proposed amendments to the constitution were voted on and unanimously accepted by the members in attendance. The Secretary will submit the amended constitution to NSW Department of Fair Trading and upon notification of acceptance of the new constitution, a new AGM date will be announced to the membership.

Last month I had a letter from Kate Darling, the wife of popular member and player Trevor Darling (TrevorDa), to advise that Trevor due to failing health was no longer able to compete in our tournaments due to suffering a fall in February this year which resulted in him breaking his tibia on his right leg. He has never walked again and now resides in a nursing home. Kaye told me this little story about Trevor and his bridge story spanning more than 65 years.

At the age of 14, Trev was very sick for about six months, missing school. In an effort to pass the time of day with Trev, his Mum taught him to play Auction Bridge and spent many hours with him. Kaye says he was always very competitive. For many years he played this version of our game. In 1974 Kaye and Trev moved to Whyalla and Trev joined the local Contract bridge Club. He played regularly with three others at their home as well as at the club. Kaye remembers that they all talked .... ate ... slept ..... "bridge", remembering , analysing hands from weeks before. Between 1974 and 1979, Trev and his partner were fortunate to top the State Pairs and performed very well in the Australia Wide Pairs. Trev's job saw them moving often so this interfered with his competitive game. In 1995 they moved to Wallaroo in South Australia and in time established a bridge club there. Next major event "Covid". Unable to play Face to Face, Trev was introduced to StepBridge. Like many others, he had zero computer skills. Thanks to Rita Jones and Trev's absolute pigheadedness, after many hours of frustration but always with a positive determination he started online with SBAU. *Continue to next page.*

## Committee

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Trev never had a formal partner and was always willing to partner/help anyone else. The past 10 years have taken a toll on Trev's health and has had an impact on his game. Sadly he is now no longer well enough to join us to play.

I am sure you will join me in sending Trev and Kaye our very best wishes and remember him as a happy friendly player who we miss seeing at our tables.

Happy Bridging,  
Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)

### CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Dec 2023		Nov 2023		Oct 2023		Sept 2023	8952
Aug 2023	9382	Jul 2023	9924	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

## Obituary

### VALE Shannon Irwin (Shannolr)

17-5-1950 - 20-9-2023

Dear Shannon had an inoperable brain tumour which progressed rapidly from diagnosis on 6 September 2023. Shannon was a regular at StepBridge, mostly playing with Ricky and ChrisJoh. Shannon was also a regular at Geelong Bridge Club. A competent bridge player, Shannon was keen on systems and rule of 20 and reminding partner for deviating.

Born Nairobi, Kenya, Shannon, loved her family, grandchildren, cooking, dining, Richmond FC, and travelling. Forever delightful and fun,

I will miss caramel fudge and our pleasures together at both Bridge and golf. RIP.

*Richard Lawrie (Ricky)*



Shannon posted this on 14 June 2023.

*I sail with you on the ocean of my dreams to a far away distant place of great beauty and tranquility, where suffering and pain do not exist, where we give praises for our joy and happiness, where our Love intertwines with Love for all things.*

## Novice Corner

Welcome everyone to the 9th edition. Thank you to everyone for their positive feedback from the previous newsletter.

In the last edition, we announced a new initiative which was called "Willing to Play with a Newbie". The response to this new initiative has been disappointing as we have not received one single email from anyone. Even the "Partnership Finder List" has had very little success.

Some of us have enough experience now, to take someone underneath their wing and help a beginner. Do you remember when other people would be your partner and help you learn more about this awesome game?

This will be my last article; I have enjoyed my time on the committee and being your representative. Another novice player will replace me on the committee. I would ask all of you, to support this person and any initiative this person has.

We intend to have this page in the monthly newsletter from here on, so we encourage each of you to submit any ideas for the monthly newsletter.

We 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. PamelaM    p.j.mathie@gmail.com

I would like to introduce you to the following new novice players that started to play in September, 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.

AlexG	AnneDo	AriP	BrianHow	BrigittF
ChrisJo	CynthiaT	Duncan2	GayeKe	GeorgeP
Ginoler	Lorettal	MarkBel	RachelV	SusanEv

Happy Bridging,  
*Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)*  
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## Congress

### StepBridge Congress Reminders - Saturday 14 October

- Entries for the Congress close on **Thursday 12 October**. Late entries will only be accepted if it fills a half table or two entries make another full table.
- The only play on Saturday 14 October will be the StepBridge Congress and the 8pm Open session.
- We require a few spare players for the Congress on Saturday 14 October. If you can help out, please let a TD know or email [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au)

# StepBridge Australia

## OCTOBER SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

**SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 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 31 July 2023. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 31 July 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>	11.00am (ACT, NSW, VIC & TAS) / 10.30am (SA) / 10.00am (QLD) / 9.30am (NT) / 8.00am (WA)
<b>Closing Date</b>	Thursday 12th October 2023. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
<b>Entries &amp; Entry List</b>	<a href="https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/844">https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/844</a>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	400 Participation Points per Player. The Participation Points will be deducted from your account on the day of the congress. Please ensure you have enough Participation Points in your account.
<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. Should there be less than 20 tables in the particular field, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced.
<b>StepBridge Username Registration</b>	All players must be registered with StepBridge Australia. 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 150 free Participation Points to familiarise yourself with the StepBridge Australia 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 <a href="mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au">support@stepbridge.com.au</a>

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

We travelled to Izmir province for a month by the seaside. We travelled from Duzce to Seferihisar by coach. 11 hours travel. Again there were safety issues with the drivers. Where possible we always book the seat in the front opposite side to the driver. The view is great BUT also one can see what the driver is doing. These coaches have 2 drivers and a cabin host who serves tea, coffee, water, snacks etc. At times the spare driver and cabin crew will sit in fold down seats in the entranceway to the coach. It is disconcerting that they constantly chat and the driver can be seen looking at his co-workers while talking and NOT at the road ahead. The driver has 2 phones. A personal one and one which is a work phone. The driver does not use hands free for either phone. We had 4 incidents of near misses!!! At one point the driver was looking at his phone and the coach was about to mow down a line of witches hats delineating the lanes. I yelled at him!! much to Orhan's horror. This guy was obviously new to the route and he constantly referred to google maps navigation to determine which road to take. Happily he got the message after I yelled at him and one of the other guys took over the navigation instructions. Perilous to say the least. There is no dozing off and sleeping. I am watching every move the driver makes from beginning to end. I am exhausted by the end of the trip. I feel like I am the navigator in a car rally!!!!

We are staying in the seaside town of Sığacık, Seferihisar/İzmir. Sığacık is next to the ancient Ionian city of Teos. There is an Ottoman castle (now in ruins) built in 1522 on the edge of the seaside. There are hundreds of cafes, restaurants, market stalls and even some boutique hotels, all within the walls of the ruined castle. Amazing atmosphere of music, food and a sense of tranquillity within the walls of the castle. The Teos Marina has great bars and restaurants and of course boutiques selling everything at over inflated prices. Already we notice that prices we paid when on holidays a year ago are maybe 5 to 6 times higher now. You cannot go to a restaurant without first enquiring what a meal will cost. All the prices are removed. The rent of a banana lounge at the beach yesterday cost 130 lira. The ticket said 40!!! They don't even bother to print new tickets.

It is amazing to see the number of street dogs and cats everywhere. All in fantastic condition. There are buckets of water in every shady spot for the animals. All the shops and cafes have havens for shelter and food for the animals. I was looking at trinkets in a market stall, and a big pure white cat jumped up onto the counter and sat in front of me demanding attention. We were at a pub the other night listening to music. A large black dog worked the room all night. He would go from table to table and just sit. Eventually the patrons would give in and offer him some food. He was very patient and well mannered. No wonder the animals are all so fat. I have posted a photo of a banner hanging on the walls of the ruined castle, here is a translation of this banner.

***In Accordance with the Animal Protection Law No 5199 "Streets shall be reserved for homeless animals" "It is a Living Space" Harming Animals is punishable. Also to prevent them from being fed***

The street animals are so well cared for you can see trays and bowls of dried food laid out every day for them. It is as if there is an unwritten law between the species. The dogs do not touch the cat food or encroach on their territory. The weather is very hot here and there are plentiful supplies of buckets of water placed in shady locations for the animals. In the photo taken on the beach there are 9 cats. Can you spot them all?

We have been driving around the seaside towns looking at potential summer house locations. Every little town we go to I think - this is the one - to have it replaced in my mind by the very next place we visit. I can see we are spoiled for choice. Yesterday we took a trip to Kuşadası. As many of you have told me previously you loved your visit to this city. It was my first time and I could happily live in Kuşadası.

## Turkish Blog

### Sarah's Turkish Adventures - continued

We went to the mountain village of Şirince, Selçuk/İzmir. Very close to the ancient ruined city of Ephesus. This is a village of stalls, cafes and wine cellars. Narrow winding lanes. Picturesque and delightful. We bought some bottles of wine and a coffee liqueur and bubbly, all made locally from the regional grapes. 2750tl \$160 approx for 7 bottles.

It has a quirky story to tell as well. In December 2012 believers of the ancient Mayan doomsday cultists believed that Şirince was one of only two places in the world that could be a possible haven in the predicted apocalypse "doomsday" foretold by Mayan hieroglyphs. The village is said to be a site of great positive energy. It is believed by Christians to be very close to where the Virgin Mary ascended into heaven. <https://zynpmtn.weebly.com/trips/trip-to-legend-of-doomsday-sirince>

<https://visitmyturkey.com/en/sirince-village/>

The predicted apocalypse was in winter time here and yet that week saw an influx of more than 60,000 people seeking shelter from the impending doom. Needless to say, the day passed without incident. What a great boost for local tourism. However, a "must see" to put on your bucket list.

During our travels we passed a country town mosque and I wasn't taking particular notice. However the scene on the skyline made me look again and there was a pelican sitting on the top of the minaret. I was not quick enough to snap a picture but it was amazing to see. Sure looked like an Australian pelican.

Let me tell you about my telephone disaster. I should tell you that I did know this was a possibility but I did not understand the full ramifications. In Turkiye the tax department requires that if you are using a mobile phone that is purchased outside of this country, you are required to register it here and pay appropriate taxes. Failure to do this will result in the phone being blocked. I have been here for 18 months and have been using my Australian purchased phone with a Turkish phone network SIM card. It has never been blocked.....until yesterday. The government had a big purge apparently and without warning blocked all unregistered phones. I thought I could be clever and swap SIM cards with my Turkish purchased phone. Haaaa. My 2nd phone is a cheap and nasty phone that has sufficed for just phone calls and texts too and from Australia principally for SBAU requirements. Fortunately it has a twin SIM capability and so now I am using it for AU and TRY phone calls. However my precious Galaxy 21+ has been killed forever for phone calls and texts, until and unless I pay the Turkish tax department 30000tl. Approx \$1750. I have found a partial solution. The block has not prevented me from using the phone for wifi/internet apps and so I have hotspotted the Turkish phone to provide service to the blocked phone when I am outside of wifi at home. I was really distressed initially when I realised the full impact of the block, however I am reasonably satisfied with my partial workaround. Shhhhhhhhhhhhh please don't tell the Tax Office. Oh by the way, small print on the website. *If you have unpaid for more than 365 days, they won't accept payment or unblock the device anyway, should one be stupid enough to pay.*

The weather forecast suggests summer is coming to an end. By the end of the week the temperatures here will have a maximum of 25 or 26 degrees. Saturday 30th September we leave this glorious spot and head home for a while. Time to prepare before winter descends on Duzce.





## Cookery Corner

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

### Brenda's Sausage Rolls

#### Ingredients

- 500g Sausage mince
- Half jar chutney
- 1 small finely diced onion
- 1 egg
- 4 slices bread in water and squeezed out

#### Directions

- Mix altogether and put on puff pastry (I cut the sheets in half).
- Roll and then cut into desired size. Brush with milk.
- Hot oven for 10 minutes (220C) then turn down to 190C for 20 minutes.



### Jam Cream Slices

#### Ingredients

- Puff pastry sheets
- Jam
- Cream
- Icing Sugar

#### Directions

- Cut puff pastry sheets (Cut in half and the 3 more times, so you get about 8 pieces)
- Lay on tray and bake for around 10 minutes at 180C
- When sheets are cold after baking, spread half of them with jam
- Top with beaten cream and put other half of sheets on
- Sprinkle with icing sugar



## Bridge Article

### ***'Michel' or 'Omar' (As He Was Known) Loved His Bridge.***

*We are fortunate that he has given us many clever quotes to help us understand why we, like this famous movie star, are obsessed and addicted to this game.*

One quote from Omar Sharif that is often repeated is that he was interested in two things during his life, his Bridge, and his horses. But that is not completely true as he also had a third passion. This was for the many women who shared in his life.

But first where did he come from? It was Alexandria, Egypt where he was born in 1932.



Here is a picture of Alexandria from the 1930's. The Chalhoub family were of Greek Catholic Lebanese origin, successful merchants, well connected and life was good. His mother was a serious card gambler and was invited to many parties. Can you imagine how life was? Lots of social activity in a very hierarchical, cultured society.

Michel lived well. He was attracted to the stage and he adopted a stage surname 'Sharif' (Arabic for 'noble') to make himself more acceptable to Egyptian movie Directors.

Always attracted to beautiful women he made a really big decision when aged 23 to pour his amorous passionate attentions onto a special young woman, an Egyptian child acting star now aged 24. She was married with a daughter but her much older Egyptian movie Director husband graciously agreed to divorce her so that she was 'free'. Her name was Faten Hamama. She was though unreachable as she was a Muslim. This was not a barrier for Michel Sharif, for he then changed his faith, becoming a Muslim and hence became the leading Arabic figure 'Omar Sharif' who we know so well. They married in 1955.





## Bridge Article

Faten was very much a star in her own right and their marriage was feted by the Egyptian movie world and general population as glamorous and successful. Omar had got his first big break in the movie *Struggle in the Valley* in 1955 playing opposite Faten. It was this movie which began their life together. It was a match made in movie publicist's heaven and they had a son.

Omar Sharif had a busy life acting in Egyptian movies. He was successful and busy. Then he was given his first English speaking role in *Lawrence of Arabia* starring with Peter O'Toole in 1962. It made him an international star. Then *Dr Zhivago* with Julie Christie and *Funny Girl* with Barbara Streisand. It was rumoured he was 'friendly' with most of these beautiful women he met.



He once said *"Don't expect me to enumerate my affairs. I neither want to mention them nor have the right to do so. Gallantry forbids me doing this..."* [*The Eternal Male* p.28]. But he did say regarding Barbara Streisand *"I fell madly in love with her talent and her personality"* [p.79].



Omar Sharif apparently took every role offered because he indulged himself financially with horses and gambled unrestrainedly with cards, especially when he discovered 'Bridge'.

Some of his movies are best forgotten but dare we be uncharitable and mention *Genghis Khan, Prince of Conquerors* from 1965? Despite starring other well-known actors of the day, it was considered an awful (nowadays unacceptable) movie. Here he starred as Genghis Khan and his leading lady was the glamorous French actress Francois Dorleac. The movie was described as 'eight centuries in the making' and apparently contained such dialogue as *'Teach her to be a woman while I'm away'*.

But it was through Bridge that we enthusiasts really became to know Omar Sharif. He made Bridge international and desirable. His Bridge career is worthy of great appreciation especially from 1967 onwards with his travelling 'Bridge Circus', and his many books. His enthusiasm brought Bridge to many people. Here are two of his lesser-known quotes about the game we love. They are fitting. We would certainly agree.

***"Bridge is a sport of the mind, it's a passion, an escape, a recreation, and for me, it's very important"*** [p.169].

***"You don't need a drawerful of diplomas to be a good Bridge player ..... To be played properly, the game also calls for passion. Bridge, unlike Poker, isn't based on luck but on intelligence. It's the perfect game"*** [p.163].

## Monthly Awards: September 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in September 2023</i>	Overall	1	60.14	11	<b>Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	59.72	7	Larry Bryant (Larry)
		3	59.53	9	Barry Dalsto (BarryD)
	Open	1	60.14	11	<b>Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	59.53	9	Barry Dalsto (BarryD)
		3	58.5	6	Christine Williams (Saffiblu)
	Restricted	1	61.52	7	<b>Raman Jegatheesan (RamanJ)</b>
		2	57.3	7	Frank Spurway (Spurz)
		3	56.45	13	Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)
	Novice	1	57.25	6	<b>Debbie Carroll (DebbieC)</b>
			57.25	6	<b>Graeme King (GraemeK)</b>
		3	56.27	8	Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
	Open IMPs	1	32	7	<b>Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)</b>
		2	20	8	Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
			20	8	Eva Samuel (EvaSam)
Open	1	56.34	6	<b>Elsie Chua (ElsieC)</b>	
Individual	2	56.2	6	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW)	
	3	55.34	14	Bene Su (BeneS)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in September 2023</i>	Overall	1	60.39	9	<b>Raman Jegatheesan (RamanJ), Maria Christensen (MariaCh)</b>
		2	60.12	8	Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)
		3	58.39	6	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce
	Open	1	60.12	8	<b>Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	58.39	6	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce
		3	58.38	9	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	Restricted	1	61.52	7	<b>Raman Jegatheesan (RamanJ), Maria Christensen (MariaCh)</b>
		2	59.41	6	Robert Fulcher (RobertF), Libby Heyward
		3	57.3	7	Frank Spurway (Spurz), Daniele Escreet (DanieleE)
	Novice	1	57.25	6	<b>Debbie Carroll (DebbieC), Graeme King</b>
		2	56.27	8	Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
		3	55.05	7	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon), Ronald Kroon (RonaldKr)
	Open IMPs	1	20	8	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
	2	11	6	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren	
	3	10	8	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)	

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 September 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
		2		68	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3		67	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
		2		50	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3		47	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>Wendy Harris (WendyH)</b>
		2		31	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
		3		29	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Novice	<b>1</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>Helen Thomas (HelenT)</b>
		2		21	Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
		3		17	Leonie MacGregor (LeonieMa)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>Maria Christensen (MariaCh)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Richard Gilbert (RichardG)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Diva Hatfield (DivaH)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Annegrete Kolding (AnneK)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
Open	<b>1</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)</b>	
Individual	2		21	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
	3		19	Ann Rice (AnnR)	

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Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in September 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), Ron Wilkinson (RonWilk)</b>
				<b>25</b>	<b>Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)</b>
				<b>25</b>	<b>Megan Grant (MeganGra), Barbara Williams (BarbWill)</b>
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>Megan Grant (MeganGra), Barbara Williams (BarbWill)</b>
		2		24	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), Ron Wilkinson (RonWilk)
		3		23	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Glen Chick (GlenC)</b>
				<b>14</b>	<b>Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)</b>
				<b>14</b>	<b>David Hancock (DavidHan), Savitri Newman (Savitri)</b>
	Novice	<b>1</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)</b>
		2		12	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse
		3		9	Anna Paciej (AnnaP), Wendy Wade (WendyWad)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)</b>
				<b>8</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>



Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in September 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	6.62	7	Joanne Crockford (JoanneC)
		3	6.41	11	Peter Karol (PeterK)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	6.62	7	Joanne Crockford (JoanneC)
		3	6.51	11	Peter Karol (PeterK)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>4.48</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Frank Spurway (Spurz)</b>
		2	4.12	11	Sandra McCaughey (SandyMc)
		3	4.06	6	Howard Brownscombe (HowardB)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>7.34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Debbie Carroll (DebbieC)</b>
		2	5.63	6	Graeme King (GraemeK)
		3	4.3	9	Carolynn Blair (CazBlair)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
			<b>0.19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam)</b>
		3	0.17	8	Delma Casabene (DelmaCa)
Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)</b>	
Individual	2	4.89	8	Lily Gulati (LilGulat)	
	3	4.84	6	Elsie Chua (ElsieC)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in September 2023</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>6.67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Debbie Carroll (DebbieC), Graeme King (GraemeK)</b>
		2	6.62	7	Peter Karol (PeterK), Joanne Crockford (JoanneC)
		3	5.7	6	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Peter Karol (PeterK), Joanne Crockford (JoanneC)</b>
		2	5.7	6	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
		3	3.93	7	Sue Jackson (SueJack), Ross Sydney (RossSy)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Robert Fulcher (RobertF), Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)</b>
		2	5.56	8	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)
		3	3.66	7	Len Pascoe (LenV), Margot Nelson (MargotN)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>6.67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Debbie Carroll (DebbieC), Graeme King (GraemeK)</b>
		2	2.38	9	Binny Thomas (BinnyTh), Jill Kirkman (JillKir)
		3	2.32	7	Frede Katz (FredKatz), Margaret Lovell (MargLov)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
	2	0.06	8	Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)	

# Masterpoint Promotions

## September 2023

Leonie Evans	Gold Life	David Casey	Regional
Pat Mannerstrale	Gold Life	Erik Moller	Regional
Dianne Dwyer	Silver Life	Vera Boston	Regional
Carol Hocking	Silver Life	Bernard Shaw	Regional
Margaret Regan	Life	Sue Mittermair	Regional
Helen Cook	Life	Kerri Grant	Regional
Raelene Clark	Silver National	Gloria Carlson	Regional
Lorraine Bryant	Bronze National	Diana Gould	Silver Local
Dianne Henry	Bronze National	Ian Gaskell	Silver Local
Janet Attrill	Bronze National	June Senyard	Silver Local
Paul Acfield	Bronze National	Ronnie Malthouse	Silver Local
Valerie Cook	Bronze National	Kaye Frankland	Silver Local
Neil Williams	Bronze National	Julie Ellis	Bronze Local
Cheryl Waters	Bronze National	Peter Schettler	Bronze Local
Colin Kleinig	Bronze National	Debra Green	Bronze Local
David Milburn	Bronze National	Carolyn Bywater	Bronze Local
Trish Berry	National	Peter Rhind	Bronze Local
David Johnson	National	Murray McKay	Local
Paul Stebbing	National	Irene Bishop	Local
Jodie Gudaitis	National	Bryan M'Crystal	Local
Kate Macdonald	National	Greg McCarron	Local
Julie Sheehan	Bronze State	Paula Guthrie	Local
Diane Venter	Bronze State	Dianne Holst	Local
Margaret Mackenzie	Bronze State	Brigid Quinlan	Local
Phil Cummings	Bronze State	Carmel Murphy	Local
Beth Magick	Bronze State	Jayde Munns	Club
Jacqui Dudurovic	Bronze State	Bev Oliver	Club
Carmel Gammal	Bronze State	Judy Ramage	Club
Frances Limage	Bronze State	Muriel Meyer	Club
Suzanne Harrison	State	Krzysztof Kukieka	Club
Leon Babinski	State	Christine Pozzi	Club
Jill Jenkins	State	John Hewitt	Graduate
John Prowse	State	Jo Reid	Graduate
Paul McCosker	Bronze Regional	Kevin Wilkins	Graduate
Jane Nason	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)

Open Individual: 10am (Everyday)

Restricted: 1.15pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

7.45pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Novice: 2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4.10pm (Monday - 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

### November

*Wednesday 1 November*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Friday 3 November*

- 10.00am Open Individual

*Saturday 4 November*

- 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 5 November*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 7 November*

- 1.00pm Open (Melbourne Cup Day)

*Thursday 9 November*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 12 November*

- 10.00am Open Individual

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 13 November*

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Thursday 16 November*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Friday 17 November*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 19 November*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 20 November*

- 10.00am Open Individual

*Tuesday 21 November*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Friday 24 November*

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 26 November*

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 27 November*

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Tuesday 28 November*

- 10.00am Open Individual

*Thursday 30 November*

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open