

November 2023

Message from the President

Dear members,

I am both honoured and excited to address you as the incoming President of StepBridge Australia. As I step into this role, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the trust you have placed in me, and I am eager to build upon the strong foundation. I have received a number of messages of support, which has indeed been much appreciated.



First and foremost, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Sarah Zoral for her exceptional leadership and dedication to our club. Under her guidance, our club has achieved so much in the last 3 and half years.

This gratitude is also extended to those who either stood down from a Committee role or continuing in their role for another 12 months.

We also welcome Larry Bryant, Bob Laing, Cassandra Mitchell, Alan Puckey and Sebastian Wright to the Committee. The new Committee has had two meetings already with much discussion.

Since our last newsletter, so much has been happening within our club.

On Saturday 14 October we held our October StepBridge Congress. Results from the Congress can be found in the newsletter. Many thanks to all that were involved in the running of the Congress. This was the first StepBridge Congress that we used MyABF for the registration of players. We found out that a number of players had not yet registered with MyABF and therefore had some difficulties. We hope this will improve with future congresses, as more of our players who play in our congresses are now registered with MyABF. Depending on the progression of our Teams software, we hope to incorporate Teams into our congress schedule next year. This will require some discussion with South Australia Bridge Federation for including Teams Congresses into the congress calendar, in addition to our 2024 Pairs Congresses.

Our last Congress for 2023 is Saturday 16 December. Entries are OPEN!

Pending any further changes, the following dates are confirmed for 2024 Pairs Congresses on StepBridge. Mark the dates in your calendar!

- Saturday 13 April (StepBridge Australia)
- Saturday 1 June (Grafton)
- Saturday 20 July (StepBridge Australia)
- Saturday 28 September (StepBridge Australia)
- Saturday 14 December (StepBridge Australia) *Continue to next page*

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President's Message continued

In relation to our Teams software, there has been so much happening. At the time of publishing this newsletter, we have had 4 Teams session. Many thanks to Epko Steinmetz, Mark Hetherington and Sarah Zoral for their efforts to make the Teams possible. Also thank you to you, the players, who have been in a session and tried the new software. There are more improvements to happen, but we are slow getting there.

On the financial side, the new Committee is looking carefully at our income and expenses. I can confirm that TD and Administration expenses are increasing. Therefore we are considering if an increase of Participation Points (PPs) per session, which is currently 50PPs for Green Masterpoint sessions and 75PPs for Red Masterpoint sessions, is required or if our current surplus can cover these increases in expenses for the time being. If an increase is required, it will take effect of 1 January 2024. We will advise members ASAP if there will be a slight increase or not.

However, a decision has been made that we will increase our Home Club Membership Fee from \$30 to \$40. This is due to both the ABF (Australian Bridge Federation) and SABF (South Australia Bridge Federation) levies increasing for 2024 and the need to pass this onto our Home Club Members.

Therefore Membership Fees will be the following as of 1 January 2024.

- Home Club Membership: \$40
- Associate Membership: \$10

For those present at the AGM, a policy was approved that players over 90 years of age who have been members of StepBridge for over 3 years, will receive the following:

- Waive the yearly membership fee (for both Home & Associate members)
- Free games, in the form of free credit of participation points as required
- Refund any existing participation points they may have in their account

Congratulations to the following members who join with Kevin Kendell [KevinKen], our Life Member, in benefiting from this new policy.

Patricia Cook (PatricCo)

Patricia Bone (PatBone)

Mary Hossack (MaryHo)

Jeanne Adams (JeanneA)

David Pincus (DavidP)

Corrie McGrath (CorrieMc)

Wal Brake (WalBra)

Rhona Barton (RhonaBar)

Kevin Crough (KevinC)

Patricia Dall (PatriciD)

George Gaal (GGaal)

June Thompson (JuneTh)

Betty Pollard (BettyPol)

This policy complements with our Youth Player policy for those players 25 years and under. The Youth Player policy was introduced a couple of years ago and can be read via the following link:

<https://www.stepbridge.com.au/youth-player-policy/>

The Players Over 90 Years of Age Policy will appear on our website soon.

Happy Bridging,
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Dec 2023		Nov 2023		Oct 2023	9318	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

Turkish Blog

Sarah Zoral's Turkish Blog will be back in December.

Obituary

VALE Tom Lyons (TomyLy)

27 October 1952 - 29 September 2023

We are sad to advise members and friends that Tom Lyons passed away after a long hard fought battle with cancer.

Tom grew up in a family that played cards when on holidays, including bridge. He took a lengthy break from bridge during his working life. He was a solicitor in Warwick (south-west of Brisbane). He was very involved in community activities there, at one time being on 14 different committees.

He retired to the Gold Coast with his wife, Tup, in 2008, and returned, very enthusiastically, to bridge. He was very active in the Tweed Heads clubs initially. In more recent years, he played frequently (with his brother, Peter) at the Gold Coast and Surfers Paradise clubs. He very much enjoyed club bridge. StepBridge became very important to him in recent times when he was not well enough to go to a club. He was very appreciative of it. He was a competent and courteous player who always made friends easily through bridge.



StepBridge is grateful to Tom's wife Tup who has generously donated his Participation point credits to the club.

Rest In Peace, Tom. You will be missed.

Sarah Zoral (SarahAn)

StepBridge Australia

DECEMBER SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS



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

SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER 2023 *Online on StepBridge*

Director	Alan Bustany
Movement	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. Three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
Conditions of Entry	SABF Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Butler IMPs scoring will be used. Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided. Green, blue & red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments, permitted in the Open Grade. Blue & green systems permitted in the Novice & Restricted fields. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2023. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2023. Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
Start Time	11.00am (ACT, NSW, VIC & TAS) / 10.30am (SA) / 10.00am (QLD) / 9.30am (NT) / 8.00am (WA)
Closing Date	Thursday 14th December 2023. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
Entries & Entry List	https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/1004 If you have not used MyABF before, register for MyABF via the following link: https://www.myabf.com.au/accounts/register
Entry Fee	400 Participation Points per Player. Select "Club PP System" in MyABF for payment method. 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.
Prizes	Cash Prizes will be awarded in the three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice. 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$150, subject to 20 tables in the particular field. Should there be less than 20 tables in the particular field, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced.
StepBridge Username Registration	All players must be registered with StepBridge Australia. Details on registration at www.stepbridge.com.au If registering solely for this Congress, you can have temporary membership with no membership fee payable and in addition 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 support@stepbridge.com.au

Christmas Day Sessions

On Christmas Day, StepBridge will hold the following two bridge sessions only.

4.00pm OPEN (Red Points)

8.00pm OPEN (Red Points)

As a Christmas Gift from StepBridge, these sessions will be FREE.



New Year's Eve Session

To celebrate the end of 2023 and bring in 2024, we will be holding a special New Year's Eve session at 10.30pm AEDT on Sunday 31 December.

This special session will be a Red Point session.

Come and join in the fun with your StepBridge friends!



From the Treasurer

All of our Home Club Members as well as long term members of StepBridge will be receiving their renewal notice at the start of December for membership for the next 12 months. Please remember to include your specific reference number with your payment.

A reminder to Associate members who have joined since COVID that your memberships will be throughout the year around the time when you joined StepBridge Australia.

For anyone who is not playing at their F2F (Face-to-Face) Club anymore, you are welcome to make StepBridge your Home Club. Let us know before renewing and we'll advise amended payment details. We charge \$40 for Home Club membership which includes ABF & SABF Levies.

Congress Results

STEPBRIDGE CONGRESS (Saturday 14 October)

Open

- 1st Florence Maltby & Ziauddin Kazi
- 2nd Steven Kemp & John Ewing
- 3rd Christopher Girvan & Darryl Smith

Restricted

- 1st Libby Heyward & Robert Fulcher
- 2nd Alan Gregory & Pat Allen
- 3rd Neville Hind & Wendy Doyle

Novice

- 1st Bala Balasubramaniam & Marg Ferguson
- 2nd Allan Adams & Phil Kay
- 3rd Bob Northam & Vicki Williamson

Novice Corner

Hi there, my name is Bob Laing, I live in Port Hedland, Western Australia. I am relatively new to StepBridge. I am also a new StepBridge committee Member and the new columnist of this section of the newsletter.

On behalf of all StepBridge players, the Committee and particular Novice players, I pass on a large vote of thanks to the previous columnist of The Novice Corner, Duncan Welsh, for helping to get this section of the newsletter into being and for the help and initiatives he promoted for Novice players.

One of my roles is to help new StepBridge members and to generally try to assist Novice Members. Please email me if you wish to discuss Bridge issues or past hands you might like to discuss. I will try to help you. Please include your phone number and I will call you to chat about the Bridge issue.

My email address is: bob@stepbridge.com.au

I have already meet some of you in games of Bridge. My playing name is BobLa.

The question that springs to mind is what is a novice player?

StepBridge tells me it is a player with less than 100 masterpoints. I think any player with say 10 or more masterpoints can play a reasonable game of Bridge. If you have less than 10 masterpoints, that tells me that you have not been playing Bridge very long, but you will still be able to play a good standard of Bridge. Some Novice players have lots of masterpoints but less than 100. That will be formidable to opponents in a game of Bridge. Yes, there is a wide range of Bridge ability and experience in the Novice section.

I will try to cater for both groups of players in future material that I write.

I am happy for you to contribute to this section or to suggest topics we could discuss. I am also happy to discuss views that may differ from mine. Please email me where our views differ, and we can chat about our differing ideas.

We all have found that an online Bridge Club is considerable different to a Face-2-Face club. A Face-2-Face club usually teaches people how play Bridge, run supervised classes for beginners and are very helpful in finding a partner for new players.

Finding a partner can be difficult. StepBridge has two means to try to help you find a partner. You can email support@stepbridge.com.au, or you can ask a Director to help you. I have registered for several Novice games without a partner and have offered to play with someone who is also looking for a partner or I have asked for a partner. I have played with several people who I would be happy to partner.

I look forward to hearing from you and to give you a run for your money at the Bridge table, when we next meet there.



Bob Laing (BobLa)
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New Novice Players

Welcome to the following new novice players that started to play in October, please be supportive and friendly to these players. If 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.

AndrewB	BarryP	BernaW	BertJ	BruceM	CarmelS
ClaudiaG	EvaS	Janette	Joanna	JulieR	KarlH
KeithH	LisaR	LizziiB	MarcGr	Margaret	MichellH
PatriaM	SandraBe	Stephen2	SueKo		

Cookery Corner

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

French Onion Beef Casserole

Ingredients

- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1kg Steak, cut into 3cm pieces
- 200g brown mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 1 brown onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled, coarsely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup (35g) plain flour
- 40g pkt French onion soup mix
- 1 1/2 cups (375ml) salt-reduced beef stock
- 4 thyme sprigs
- 50g garlic butter
- 6 potatoes, cut into 1cm-thick slices
- 1/2 cup (50g) shredded pizza cheese
- Thyme sprigs, extra, to serve



Directions

Place all the ingredients in the slow cooker, mixing the flour and soup mix with the stock. Set the slow cooker for 4-6 hours.

Ingredients - Caramelised onion

- 20g butter
- 2 brown onions, thickly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 tbs brown sugar
- 1 tbs balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbs salt-reduced beef stock
- 1 tsp thyme leaves

Directions - Caramelised onion

- Melt butter, together with onions and garlic. Then add the remaining ingredients and stir well.
- Add the Caramelised onion mixture to the slow cooker for the last half hour.

Cookery Corner

Raspberry & Strawberry Fool

Ingredients

- 200g raspberries
- 200g strawberries, stems removed, cut into quarters
- 30g granulated sugar
- 250ml heavy cream
- 4 tbs greek yoghurt
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 10 each butter cookies, crumbled (I use shortbread)

Directions

- Toss the berries together with the sugar letting them marinate together for 15 minutes at room temperature.
- Using a chilled bowl, whip the heavy until light and fluffy, fold in the yoghurt, powdered sugar and vanilla until combined.
- Start layering the fools together between 6 glasses, starting with a layer of cream, followed by the mixed berries and cookie crumble.
- Repeat the layers until all the glasses are filled.
- Serve chilled.



Bridge Article

Playing the King

I have noticed a lot of players going up with king when declarer leads toward AQ.

I have questioned a couple of players about why they do that and they say “because they were going to finesse anyway so I am forcing up the ace.

If you examine this, you will see you are often promoting an extra winner for declarer.

If declarer has Jxx opposite AQx , playing King makes the jack good, but if declarer makes a successful finesse, there is still a losing jack.

The other consideration is that declarer might not be finessing and the king appearing is a bonus.

There are instances where playing the king is right:

If declarer is a strong player, and has already drawn trumps AND you want partner to lead towards your AQ for example, then he might be about to play the Ace and throw you in with the king to prevent that. If you play the king in this situation then the throw is prevented. This situation is rare though and you need to assess how good declarer is.

There is a situation where going up with the K is right however: If declarer is leading towards AJT, for instance, AND you are very keen to get your partner on lead, if you are holding the Kx, it is often right to go up with K. The reasons for this are:

If declarer is allowed to finesse the J then your K will drop next time and the suit will be set up.

If declarer needs to keep your partner off lead, because you are holding a threatening position in another suit, then declarer may be about to go up with Ace and then throw you in. You prevent that by going up.

Larry Bryant (Larry)

Bridge Article

Are Those Europeans Different?

We play on StepBridge in the blissful state of not having to consider the physical cards on the table below us, something which does happen with F2F Bridge.

Have a look at this 24 HCP hand below. Do the cards look different?



But Europeans face a different picture when they play not only 'face-to-face' but also as it happens, in their version of StepBridge. Cards differ from country to country. In fact, if you change your settings to 'Dutch' (**warning - please do not do this!!**) you would face a different picture all together when you play in a StepBridge tournament. Dutch cards usually have the Jack as '*Boer*', the Queen as '*Vrouw*', the King as '*Heer*' and the Ace as '*Aas*'.

Spades is Schoppen, Hearts is Harten, Ruiten is Diamonds and Clubs is Klaveren.

Bridge is BIG in Europe. The French Bridge Federation alone (Fédération Française de Bridge) had pre-covid over 100,000 members. The Dutch Bridge Federation had 85,000 members. These numbers indicate a widespread enjoyment of our favourite pastime.

But there is also a federation of smaller Bridge communities. Ones where the country is smaller and so the total numbers playing are smaller. It used pre-covid to be known as Federation of European Small Bridge Associations. I think recently they changed their name. They have an annual Congress rotating amongst members. In 2022 it was held in Larnaca, Cyprus and was won by Serbia. In 2021 despite all the troubles of the War that has been running since 2014, it was won by Ukraine, being held in Vilnius, Lithuania.

It seems a long time ago but pre-covid when in Luxembourg I contacted the 'Bridge Club de International Luxembourg' and was kindly hosted by their President for a delightful evening session of Bridge, partnering a very well-educated and talented individual. He was very pleasant and a very competent player, and as he spoke English, French, German and Luxembourgish he fortunately soon made any language barriers disappear! As Europe has a long summer holiday they closed completely during July and August for the Summer.

Then they had approximately 65 players but alas the numbers have shrunk considerably due to Covid. They link in with the neighbouring large Federations. Members also play routinely in Congresses in Belgium and France.

It was a delightful evening of Bridge. We played in a hotel equipped with a friendly barman. The Bridge was fun, and fortunately they used bidding boxes. The cards are French so their use of French made my schoolboy French suddenly become important again!

'Petit' for small. 'Le Roi' for the King. 'La Dame' for the Queen and 'Le Valet' for the Jack. Spades being 'Piques', Hearts being 'Coeurs', Diamonds being 'Carreaux' and Clubs being 'Trefles'. I made some finessing errors until I realised that I had been confusing Le Roi with Le Valet!

Here is our system card

INTERVENTIONS

Par 1SA : 16-18 H Autre :

Réponses : Naturel Stayman Texas

Par une couleur

• ss saut: naturel Autre :

Réponses : soutien à saut barrage OUI NON

Chgt Couleur à saut : fitté Autre :

Chgt couleur ss saut forcing : 1/1 2/1 2/2

• avec saut

Au palier de 2 : Faible Autre :

Au palier de 3 et +: Barrage Autre :

Par contre : ttes distributions à partir de

Réponses : naturelles Autre :

Enchères de bicolore :

Michael's Cue-bid précisés non précisés

Autre :

Sur ouverture de 1SA fort

Contre : Punitif Autre :

2 ♣ : Landy Autre :

2 ♦ : 2 ♥ / ♠ :

Idem en réveil Oui Non

Réveil : 1SA 10-12 H Autre :

2SA 17-19 H Autre :

Couleur sans saut limitée à l'ouverture OUI NON

FLANC

Sans Atout Entame 4^{ème} meil. Pair Impair

Autre :

Gros appel Petit appel

Défausse : Lavinthal Pair Impair Italien

Couleur Entame Pair Impair Autre :

Appel Direct Petit appel

Défausse : Appel Direct Pair Impair Italien

SOCIETE GENERALE
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FEUILLE DE PRÉVISIONS

NOM IV

NOM IV

Majeure 5^{ème} Autre:

Meilleure mineure ♦ 4^{ème}

Autre :

1SA : 15-17H Autre :

Stayman : 4 paliers Autre :

Texas : 2 ♦ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ 2SA 3 ♣

2SA : 20-21H Autre :

Stayman : 4 paliers Puppet Autre :

Texas : 3 ♦ 3 ♥ 3 ♠ 3SA 4 ♣

Rectification fittée OUI NON

2 Majeure Faible Fort

Autre :

Chgt couleur forcing OUI NON

2 ♣ Fort Indéterminé Albarran

2 ♦ Obligatoire Autre :

2 ♥ Forcing Manche Autre :

Réponses : 2 ♠ As majeur As sans jeu

Barrages au palier de 3 et +

Naturel Autre :

Blackwood : 30-41 5 clés autre :

Roudi Drury Lebensohl Rubensohl

4^{ème} forcing 3^{ème} forcing 1SA forcing

S.M.I. Autres :

Here is the 'Traveller'

FICHE AMBULANTE

SECTION

DOMME

DONNEE

VULNERABILITE

-inscrire les scores à partir de la 1^{re} ligne

*Les points noirs doivent être inscrits par le joueur qui s'en est servi

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With one hand there was great excitement.

It is the one above with a delightful 24 HCP.



I bravely opened 3NT hoping my partner would understand. I did not want to miss out on a game score.

Imagine my delight when Marcus my polyglot 'Marvellous Partner' immediately responded 6NT preventing my nemesis, my Resourceful RHO from bidding, (even in the unlikely event that she had wanted to!).

He had 9 HCP and so as he laid his cards down on the table, he said *C'était une navigation facile et simple pour votre partenaire* ('it was an easy plain sailing for you partner').

I knew 6NT was going to be easy..... but I had to make certain that I did not confuse my *Le Roi* with *Le Valet!*

The Europeans are slightly different with their cards but exactly the same as us Down Under.

They like us, completely enjoy the sport of Bridge and friendships are easily made despite language differences.

Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor)

Monthly Awards: October 2023

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in October 2023</i>	Overall	1	57.87	6	Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		2	57.58	7	Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
		3	57.44	8	Sue Neill (SueN)
	Open	1	57.87	6	Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		2	57.44	8	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.24	16	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Restricted	1	57.82	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF)
		2	57.29	7	Annette Udall (AnnettU)
		3	56.78	6	Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
	Novice	1	56.93	21	Toni Arnott (ToniAr)
		2	56.12	6	Frances MacDonald (FranMacD)
			56.12	6	Helen Haskings (Helen)
	Open IMPs	1	24	8	John Bailey (JohnBail)
			24	8	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	13	6	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	Open	1	57.62	7	Bene Su (BeneS)
Individual	2	56.21	20	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)	
	3	55.04	13	John Friesen (JohnFri)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in October 2023</i>	Overall	1	57.87	6	Sebastian Wright (SebW), Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		2	57.82	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF), Don Saunders (DonS)
		3	57.58	7	Jennifer Sharpe (JenniS), Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
	Open	1	57.87	6	Sebastian Wright (SebW), Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		2	57.55	9	Nimal Weerasinghe (NimalW), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
		3	57.44	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
	Restricted	1	57.82	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF), Don Saunders (DonS)
		2	56.78	6	Jennifer Sharpe (JenniS), Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
		3	56.72	7	Ann Sauer (AnnSauer), David Hancock (DavidHan)
	Novice	1	56.83	14	Toni Arnott (ToniAr), Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
		2	56.12	6	Frances MacDonald (FranMacD), Helen Haskings (Helen)
		3	54.5	6	Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT), Marinus Kole
	Open IMPs	1	24	8	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		2	10	9	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
	3	5	8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)	

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 October 2023</i>	Overall	1		78	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		2		73	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3		55	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
	Open	1		64	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		2		57	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3		46	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG)
	Restricted	1		36	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
		2		27	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda)
		3		25	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes)
	Novice	1		30	Julie Barker (JulieBar)
		2		25	John Hewitt (JohnHew)
		3		24	Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
	Open IMPs	1		9	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				9	Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
				9	Eva Samuel (EvaSam)
	Open	1		29	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual	2		22	Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		3		20	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)



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Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in October 2023</i>	Overall	1		29	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), Ron Wilkinson (RonWilk)
		2		22	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
		3		20	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc), Whalley Robin (WhalleyR)
	Open	1		26	Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), Ron Wilkinson (RonWilk)
		2		22	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
		3		19	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
	Restricted	1		15	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
		2		14	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
		3		13	Margaret Barker (MargBa), Judith Ann Francis (JudithF)
	Novice	1		16	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort (TerryHer)
		2		14	Toni Arnott (ToniAr), Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
		3		11	Cath Morrison (CathMor), Vera Boston (VeraB)
	Open IMPs	1		9	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
		2		8	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
			8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)	

Bridge Article

Finding the Best Way

One of the advantages of the Indy is getting to play with a lot of different people.

Here is an interesting hand for the younger players, including me ! ---

AC won the 1st trick and Declarer ruffed the next club lead, paused, and then went on to make the contract.

Can you see how? (before looking to the right!) The clue is --- the 3 D's --- Draw trumps/ Don't draw trumps, or Delay.

N/EW

E

♠ T75
♥ 642
♦ J4
♣ AJT73

S

♠ QJ2
♥ A9
♦ AT63
♣ 6542

W

♠ 64
♥ KQ875
♦ Q87
♣ KQ9

N

♠ AK983
♥ JT3
♦ K952
♣ 8

Phillip Douglas (PhillipP)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in October 2023</i>	Overall	1	7.87	6	Frances MacDonald (FranMacD)
		2	6.89	6	Helen Haskings (Helen)
		3	6	10	Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open	1	6.32	6	Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		2	5.02	8	Ray Jones (RayJo)
		3	4.72	7	Janet Treloar (JanetTr)
	Restricted	1	11.75	7	Annette Udall (AnnettU)
		2	8.92	14	Sandra McCaughey (SandyMc)
		3	4.93	6	Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
	Novice	1	6.89	6	Frances MacDonald (FranMacD)
			6.89	6	Helen Haskings (Helen)
		3	5.72	6	Danny Rhodes (DannyRh)
	Open IMPs	1	0.11	9	Laraine Dolan (Larained)
		2	0.08	8	John Bailey (JohnBail)
			0.08	8	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
Open	1	5.38	8	Sandy Tawa (SandyTa)	
Individual	2	4.22	7	Gail Cowen (GailCo)	
	3	3.56	22	Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in October 2023</i>	Overall	1	6.89	6	Frances MacDonald (FranMacD), Helen Haskings (Helen)
		2	5.68	6	Sebastian Wright (SebW), Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		3	5.48	7	Jennifer Sharpe (JenniS), Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
	Open	1	6.32	6	Sebastian Wright (SebW), Jeremy Reid (JeremyRe)
		2	5.02	8	Rita Jones (RitaJo), Ray Jones (RayJo)
		3	4.54	6	Janet Treloar (JanetTr), Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)
	Restricted	1	4.93	6	Jennifer Sharpe (JenniS), Geoffrey Sharpe (GeoffS)
		2	3.96	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF), Don Saunders (DonS)
		3	3.77	7	Kerrel Walker (Kerrel), Marilyn Jarrett (MarilynJ)
	Novice	1	6.89	6	Frances MacDonald (FranMacD), Helen Haskings (Helen)
		2	5.52	6	Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT), Marinus Kole (Marinus)
		3	4.54	14	Toni Arnott (ToniAr), Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
	Open IMPs	1	0.08	8	John Bailey (JohnBail), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	2	0.05	6	Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)	

Masterpoint Promotions

October 2023

Dianna Middleton	Grand	Jo Quinlivan	State
Denis Upsall	Gold Life	Floris Malan	State
Chris Hannan	Gold Life	Rick Oswald-Sealy	State
Charlie Georgees	Silver Life	Libby Owen	State
Barry Koster	Silver Life	Christine Bolger	State
Tony White	Bronze Life	Kim Kielbasa	State
Catherine Chaffey	Bronze Life	Ross Plowman	Bronze Regional
Marion Bogue	Bronze Life	Mike Pemberton	Regional
Di Barrow	Life	Tracy Kudelka	Regional
Shelley Allen	Life	Vivian Waddell	Regional
Jay Novak	Life	Cath Morrison	Regional
Raelene Clark	Life	Pam Wood	Regional
Sandy Carter	Life	Jan Taylor	Regional
David Marshall	Life	Ian Olsen	Regional
Martin Brown	Life	Richard Illingworth	Silver Local
Robert Stammel	Silver National	Sandra McCaughey	Silver Local
Melva Leal	Bronze National	Colin Cook	Silver Local
Ben Leung	Bronze National	Annmaree Jones	Bronze Local
Diana Waddell	Bronze National	Pam Farrington	Bronze Local
Gwen Riordan	Bronze National	Ann Green	Bronze Local
Alex Jones	Bronze National	Subhrendu Rath	Bronze Local
Kevin Chapman	National	Sue Cornwell	Bronze Local
Ruth Herdegen	National	Kerryn Peary	Local
Peter Crew	National	Sue Gough	Local
Wendy Casey	National	Kevin Fagan	Local
Tony Franklin	Bronze State	Lenie Vandenbeld	Local
Jim Willetts	Bronze State	Lucy D'Ambrosio	Local
Helen Wright	Bronze State	Trish Ruxton	Local
Carmel Williams	Bronze State	Robert Metcalf	Club
Pauline Anderson	Bronze State	John Hewitt	Club
Annie Vaughan	State	Wendy Gilson	Club
Bob Northam	State	Maggi Miles	Club
Glen Chick	State	Andrew Baker	Graduate
Jenz Davidson	State	Adele Mitchell	Graduate



Congratulations!

Upcoming Red Point Sessions

December

Friday 1 December

- 10.00am Open Individual

Saturday 2 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday 3 December

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 4 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Tuesday 5 December

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Wednesday 6 December

- 10.00am Open Individual

Thursday 7 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Friday 8 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Saturday 9 December

- 8.00pm Open

Sunday 10 December

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 11 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Tuesday 12 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Wednesday 13 December

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Thursday 14 December

- 10.00am Open Individual

Friday 15 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday 17 December

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

- 8.00pm Open [Audio & Visual]

Monday 18 December

- 10.00am Open Individual

Tuesday 19 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Wednesday 20 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Thursday 21 December

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Saturday 23 December

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 24 December

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 25 December

- 4.00pm Open

- 8.00pm Open

Tuesday 26 December

- 10.00am Open Individual

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

Thursday 28 December

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Friday 29 December

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Saturday 30 December

- 8.00pm Open

Sunday 31 December

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

- 10.30pm Open



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 with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.

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Funnies Column

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

