

**May 2024**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

StepBridge sponsored 4 events at the South Australian Bridge Federation's 2024 Autumn Nationals being held in Adelaide from 2 May to 6 May. This was the second year of a 5-year sponsorship from 2023 to 2027.



- StepBridge Under Life Master Pairs
  - StepBridge Under Grand Master Pairs
  - StepBridge Under Life Master Teams
  - StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams
- Photos appear later in the newsletter.

We also had a sponsors table at the Autumn Nationals where we promoted our club through flyers as well as have a screen with sessions running. Thank you to club members Antonina Hayles (Antonina) and Pauline Caust (PaulineC) for your assistance with the sponsors table.

Please support the Grafton Bridge Club on Saturday 1 June with their online congress as well as the Central West Festival of Bridge in July in Orange NSW. Flyers for both appear later in the newsletter.

Our next StepBridge Congress will now be held on 3 & 4 August. The reason for the date change has come from a number of key personal being away in July and September. Please note the 3 & 4 August in your diary

One of our members, Jay Novak (JayN) has developed a website called Partners4Bridge where you can register and advertise for a partner. Go online to [partners4bridge.com](https://partners4bridge.com), register for an account, and checkout the website. The flyer appears later in the newsletter.



## Committee

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## Message from the President cont.

The Committee is starting to look at how we can support our players by offering some mentoring, lessons or supervised play. If you are someone who would be interested in one of these offerings, please email [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) with your interest. This will then give us an idea which area/s to focus our efforts on to have this established.

In regards to our Audio Video software, more improvements have been made in the background to try and cope with a large field. In the near future, we will have another session testing out the platform with the Audio Video software.

Finally please note that our various Club Championships will be held in September this year. On Sundays 8, 15, 22 & 29 September we will have the Open Individual Club Championship at 10am and the Open, Restricted and Novice Pairs Club Championships at 2.30pm during our usual *All Around Australia* sessions. We will also introduce an Open Teams Club Championship on Mondays 2, 9, 16 & 23 September at 8pm. Further details will be available in due course. However, please note the dates in your diary.

Happy Bridging  
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

### CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Apr 2024	9,602	Mar 2024	9,092	Feb 2024	8,982	Jan 2024	10,610
Dec 2023	10,065	Nov 2023	9,345	Oct 2023	9,318	Sep 2023	8,952
Aug 2023	9,382	Jul 2023	9,924	Jun 2023	8,698	May 2023	8,858
Apr 2023	9,354	Mar 2023	9,372	Feb 2023	8,346	Jan 2023	9,804
Dec 2022	9,142	Nov 2022	9,090	Oct 2022	9,036	Sep 2022	8,594
Aug 2022	9,631	Jul 2022	10,344	Jun 2022	9,322	May 2022	9,980
Apr 2022	9,788	Mar 2022	10,386	Feb 2022	9,854	Jan 2022	12,428

## New Players

Welcome to the following new players that started to play in the second half of April and the first half of May. Please be supportive and friendly to these players. If these people are single players looking for a game, we encourage you to volunteer your time and team up with these new members.

**OPEN**           AlaineM           ElizaZe           HemaDeZ           Pauline3

**RESTRICTED**       HelenCl

**NOVICE**       AbhijitY       Annette2       DavidCar       DavidCr       EmmaLa       HelenaCa  
                 JaneW       JenniCl       Michell2       SandraR       StuartG       TrishCh  
                 WendyWil       ZacR

# South Australian



# Bridge Federation Inc

**AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

One of the ways StepBridge gives back to the Bridge Community is  
by sponsoring the following events at the

## **Autumn Nationals**

- STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS**
- STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS**
- STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER TEAMS**
- STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER TEAMS**

## Autumn National Placegetters

### STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
1st: Julie Clark – Julie Roberts



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
2nd: Penny Bowen – Bill Griggs

### STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
1st: Gail McKenzie – Peta Drake



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
2nd: Tassi Georgiadis – Paul Williamson

# Autumn National Placegetters

## STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER TEAMS



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
1st: Caprice Davey, Alice Handley, Tina Hesketh  
(absent: Tony Georgeson)



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
2nd: Julie Clark, Julie Roberts,  
Claire Geller, Keith Walshe

## STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER TEAMS



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
1st: Helen Gray, Anthony Gibbs,  
Catherine Ellice-Flint, Ray Dohnt



Chris Larter (StepBridge) with  
2nd: Bev Crossman, Sally Fraser,  
Mary Tough, Vicki Taylor

## Monthly Awards: April 2024

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in April 2024</i>	Overall	1	59.22	7	<b>Sue Neill (SueN)</b>
		2	58.41	6	Samuel Li (SamuelLi)
		3	57.99	6	Noel Bugeia (NoelBuge)
	Open	1	59.22	7	<b>Sue Neill (SueN)</b>
		2	57.99	6	Noel Bugeia (NoelBuge)
		3	57.54	12	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Restricted	1	57.3	10	<b>Simon Tissera (SimonT)</b>
		2	56.87	9	Anne Heyes (AnneHe)
		3	56.31	12	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse)
	Novice	1	61.87	6	<b>Robert Ford (RobertFo)</b>
		2	58.83	9	Dianne Holst (DianneHo)
		3	54.15	10	Sue Mittermair (SueMit)
	Open IMPs	1	29	7	<b>Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)</b>
		2	21	8	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	20	7	Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
Open	1	55.7	13	<b>Kay Baguley (KayB)</b>	
Individual	2	54.8	12	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh)	
	3	54.63	6	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in April 2024</i>	Overall	1	59.53	6	<b>Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	59.22	7	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	58.51	11	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)
	Open	1	59.53	6	<b>Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Firdous Zulfiqar (Firdous)</b>
		2	59.22	7	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	58.51	11	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)
	Restricted	1	57.57	6	<b>Anne Heyes (AnneHe), Simon Tissera (SimonT)</b>
		2	56.84	9	Steven Kemp (StevenK), David Cumming (DavidCum)
		3	56.03	8	Colin Morrison (ColMor), Tien Chey (TienC)
	Novice	1	61.87	6	<b>Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Robert Ford (RobertFo)</b>
		2	52.89	6	Sue Cornwell (SueCorn), Carmel Murphy (CarmelM)
		3	52.47	8	Graham Boast (GrahamBr), Kath Boast (KathBr)
	Open IMPs	1	20	7	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
		2	15	8	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
		3	14	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)

As an incentive for the player / pair who has most sessions in the month and the most improved player / pair in the month, a prize will be awarded to the person / pair that comes first in each category. The prize is 100 participation points per player. The players who have received the prizes are marked in red text below. Congratulations!

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in April 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)</b>
		3		59	George Arif (GeorgeA)
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
		2		55	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		3		51	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV)</b>
		2		25	Tien Chey (TienC)
		3		24	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda)
	Novice	<b>1</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>Karen Hopkins (KarenH)</b>
		3		17	Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)</b>
				<b>9</b>	<b>Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)</b>
	Individual	2		23	Dot Slattery (DotS)
		3		22	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in April 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)</b>
		2		27	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
		3		24	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)</b>
		2		24	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
		3		18	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)</b>
		2		14	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort (TerryHer)
		3		14	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
	Novice	<b>1</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>Patricia Fulton (PatFul), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin)</b>
		3		8	Annmaree Jones (Annmaree), John Hewitt (JohnHew)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Dianne Dwyer (Dianned), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>
		2		8	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
		3		7	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)



Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in April 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.52</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Ann Rice (AnnR)</b>
		2	6.77	7	Andrew Sisson (AndrewSi)
		3	5.73	6	Noel Bugeia (NoelBuge)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Gek Low (GekL)</b>
		2	5.94	6	Jian Williams (JianW)
		3	5.93	12	Elizabeth Milne (LizMil)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>6.58</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Bev Daniel (BevD)</b>
		2	5.21	7	Sue Perry (SuePerry)
		3	4.71	13	Julie Coates (JulieCot)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Robert Ford (RobertFo)</b>
		2	4.32	17	Annette Udall (AnnettU)
		3	4.16	10	Kay Bennetts (KayBenn)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)</b>
		2	0.2	7	Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
			0.2	7	Eva Samuel (EvaSam)
Open Indi-	<b>1</b>	<b>4.56</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Robyn Rogers (RobynRog)</b>	
	2	4.17	11	Marina Green (MarinaG)	
	3	4	7	Jennifer Vickers (JenVic)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in April 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Sue Martin (SueMarti), Sue Falkingham (SueFalki)</b>
		2	5.32	6	Jill Cromer (JillCr), Ella Beer (EllaB)
		3	5.29	8	Colin Morrison (ColMor), Tien Chey (TienC)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Sue Martin (SueMarti), Sue Falkingham (SueFalki)</b>
		2	5.32	6	Jill Cromer (JillCr), Ella Beer (EllaB)
		3	4.11	6	Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Firdous Zulfqar (Firdous)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Colin Morrison (ColMor), Tien Chey (TienC)</b>
		2	5.21	7	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse), Sue Perry (SuePerry)
		3	4.04	7	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>5.57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Robert Ford (RobertFo)</b>
		2	2.65	7	Valerie Hambrook (ValeriHa), Annette Udall (AnnettU)
		3	2.56	8	Graham Boast (GrahamBr), Kath Boast (KathBr)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
		2	0.08	7	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		3	0.04	7	Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)

## Masterpoint Promotions

April 2024

Melroy Decouto	Gold Life	Kerry Barridge	State
Chris Duggin	Silver Life	Astrid Korfggen	State
Barbara Williams	Silver Life	Angelique Morin	State
Margaret Morgan	Silver Life	David Boyle	Bronze Regional
Frank Hardiman	Silver Life	Anne Dazeley	Bronze Regional
Christine Newbery	Silver Life	Allan Adams	Regional
Simon Edler	Silver Life	Lucy D'Ambrosio	Regional
George Bartley	Bronze Life	Margo Miranda	Regional
Tomoko Nakamatsu	Bronze Life	Georgina Sievers	Regional
Larissa Cowlshaw	Bronze Life	Joan Lenehan	Silver Local
Jill Haworth	Life	Jean Isaacs	Silver Local
Ellen Duggan	Life	Ann Rinder	Silver Local
Florence Gibbons	Silver National	Julie Ellis	Silver Local
Sachiko Cathcart	Silver National	Catherine Hancock	Silver Local
Lorna Shuttlewood	Silver National	Robert Ford	Bronze Local
Diana Stewart	Silver National	Carmel Murphy	Bronze Local
Gillian Buganey	Bronze National	Christopher Jones	Bronze Local
Ann Sauer	Bronze National	Shelley Evans	Bronze Local
Robyn Rogers	Bronze National	Lynette Faragher-Sinclair	Bronze Local
Anne Sacco	Bronze National	Barry Jackson	Bronze Local
Michael McGlone	National	Rosemary Caruana	Bronze Local
Lina Zampichelli	National	Cheryl Buttner	Bronze Local
Ziggy Morawiec	National	Frances Paraska	Bronze Local
Sue Smith	National	Christine Pozzi	Local
Margaret Byrne	National	Joane Milne	Local
Diva Hatfield	Bronze State	Mary McCrohon	Local
Jay Kent	Bronze State	Beth Smith	Local
Tien Chey	Bronze State	Kerry O'Connell	Club
Chris Dixon	Bronze State	Simon Barnes	Graduate
Beverly Petterson	Bronze State	Jenny Bartlett	Graduate
Margaret Barker	Bronze State	Katie Graham	Graduate
John Aldersley	Bronze State		
David Chatman	Bronze State		
Erik Moller	Bronze State		



**Congratulations!**

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# Grafton Bridge Club

## Swiss Pairs

### SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA B4 red point congress)

**Saturday 1 June 2024**  
*Online on StepBridge*



<b>Directors</b>	Chris Snook
<b>Movement</b>	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Directors.
<b>Conditions of Entry</b>	NSWBA Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Butler IMPs scoring will be used. Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided. Green, blue & red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments permitted. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
<b>Start Time</b>	10.00am Australia Eastern Standard Time, with a finish time of approx. 4.30pm
<b>Closing Date</b>	Friday 31st May 2024, 5.00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and Grafton Bridge Club.
<b>Entries &amp; Entry List</b>	<a href="https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3908">https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3908</a> Any issues with entries should be directed to the organiser: Denise Llewellyn 0422 100 601 or <a href="mailto:neesellewellyn@gmail.com">neesellewellyn@gmail.com</a>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$20 per player
<b>Payment</b>	Entry Fee payable by EFT to: Grafton Bridge Club BSB: 637 000 Acc: 780225017 Reference: Surname Numbers & ABF number
<b>Prizes</b>	Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200 & 3rd Place \$100. Should there be less than 60 pairs entered, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced. Subject to there being 10 Restricted pairs & 10 Novice pairs, there will be category prize(s) for Restricted and Novice Pairs. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2024. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2024.
<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. All StepBridge enquiries to Chris Larter <a href="mailto:chris@stepbridge.com.au">chris@stepbridge.com.au</a>



# Play like Legends Live like Locals

2024 Australian National Bridge  
Championships and Butler

Including the inaugural  
Central West Festival of Bridge

6<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Orange NSW



**63RD INTERNATIONAL**  
**Gold Coast Bridge Congress**  
**Saturday 1 - 8 February 2025**

**VENUE: Gold Coast Convention Centre,  
Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia**

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*Theme: Silly Shoes and Kinky Boots*



## Funnies Column

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



My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.



## StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

## Session Times

*All sessions are Pairs unless otherwise stated.*

Open: 1pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4pm (Monday - Saturday)

8pm (Tuesday-Sunday)

Open Individual: 10am (Everyday)

Open Teams: 8pm (Monday)

Restricted: 1.15pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

7.45pm (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 from a recent bridge session or congress?
- Can we interview you, so we can all get to know you better?
- Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share?
- Do you have any other information you wish to share?

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

## Facebook

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## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

### May

*Thursday 23 May*

– 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 26 May*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 27 May*

– 10.00am Open Individual

*Thursday 30 May*

– 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

### June

*Sunday 2 June*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 3 June*

– 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Friday 7 June*

– 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 9 June*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 11 June*

– 10.00am Open Individual

*Friday 14 June*

– 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 16 June*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 18 June*

– 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Saturday 22 June*

– 8:00pm Open

*Sunday 23 June*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Thursday 27 June*

– 10.00am Open Individual

*Saturday 29 June*

– 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 30 June*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice