

**June 2024**

## Message from the President

Dear members,

There is a lot happening in our club at the moment.

Firstly, Bob Laing (BobLa) has decided to step-down from the Committee and as Novice Representative due to other commitments. Thank you to Bob for what he has done in this last year .

The Committee has agreed that we will send teams (one per division) to 2024 ABF Club Teams Knockout which will be held on Real Bridge. This will involve our club having teams qualify in our Monday Night 8pm Teams in July. Refer to further in the newsletter for further information.

Following the successful testing of our Audio Video capabilities, we have decided to introduce some Audio Video sessions into our session timetable, initially on a trial basis. This is important for our club moving forward to continue to embrace online technology. Audio Video will continue to be incorporated into our Monday Night 8pm Teams as well as introduced to the Sunday 2.30pm All Around Australia Red Masterpoint session. For those who do not wish to play, or cannot play, Audio Video on a Sunday afternoon, there will be 1pm & 4pm Open Green Masterpoint sessions available for you.

A reminder that our next StepBridge Congress is coming up on 3 & 4 August. If you plan on playing, submit your entries sooner than later.

Coming up in September is our annual Club Championships. It has been decided to name our Club Championships after **Willem Willemse**, who introduced StepBridge to Australia 20 years ago.

Work is still happening in the area of 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.

Happy Bridging  
*Chris Larter (ChrisLar)*



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## CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Aug-24		Jul-24		Jun-24		May-24	9,604
Apr-24	9,602	Mar-24	9,092	Feb-24	8,982	Jan-24	10,610
Dec-23	10,065	Nov-23	9,345	Oct-23	9,318	Sep-23	8,952
Aug-23	9,382	Jul-23	9,924	Jun-23	8,698	May-23	8,858
Apr-23	9,354	Mar-23	9,372	Feb-23	8,346	Jan-23	9,804
Dec-22	9,142	Nov-22	9,090	Oct-22	9,036	Sep-22	8,594
Aug-22	9,631	Jul-22	10,344	Jun-22	9,322	May-22	9,980
Apr-22	9,788	Mar-22	10,386	Feb-22	9,854	Jan-22	12,428
Dec-21	9,264	Nov-21	9,516	Oct-21	11,200	Sep-21	13,660

## New Players

Welcome to the following new players that started to play in the second half of May and the first half of June. 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

AlexS      FionaHi      Shanaal      StephMe      ThereseD      ThomasWh

### RESTRICTED

BettyHu      CarolCa      DeniseGr      IntaD      JillP      Lauren  
 RamaN      SusanRo

### NOVICE

AngelaHo      Barbara3      BethSt      ChrisCam      ChristiJ      ColleenG  
 ElizaSw      EvaMcN      IanR      KatrinaC      LesleySe      LynneF  
 MargLiew      MarkF      MattS      Melissal      MichaelP      PaulFr  
 PaulineB      RezaB      RhondaP      SueRy      TreforM      VandraB

# Instructions

## Using your Mobile Phone as a Webcam

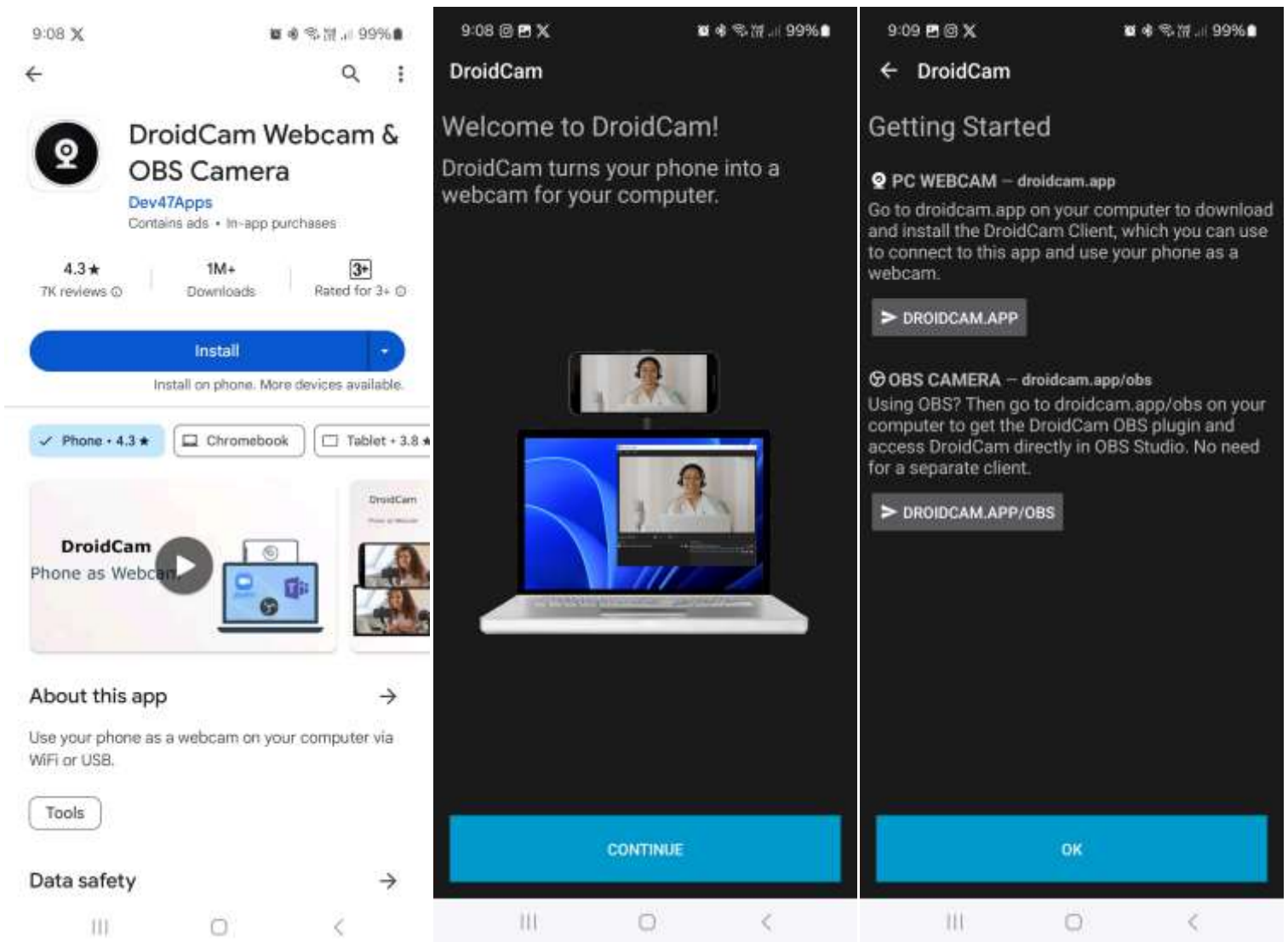
*Did you know you can use your camera on your mobile phone as a webcam?*

You can use the camera on your mobile phone and connect it to your PC by USB cable. You are still able to use the StepBridge web-browser version for playing bridge, and the phone just provides the video camera.

To do this, you just need to download an app called DroidCam from the Google Play store. The setup is quite simple. There is a similar free app for iPhones.

You will also need to have a stand for your phone or place it against or near your computer facing you.

One of our members have tested DroidCam and it does work well with StepBridge.



# Instructions

## Testing your Audio Video



Audio-video tournaments operate in the web version of StepBridge.

Enter the following address into your preferred browser  
[app.stepbridge.com.au](http://app.stepbridge.com.au) to open the web version

1. Press the Options button to open the Options window (1 above)
2. Press the Video Setup button (2 above)

This will open a new window showing your camera view. You should see yourself and a moving green bar. If so, you are good to go!



## Event

### 2024 ABF Club Teams Knockout

StepBridge will be sending a team for each category of the 2024 ABF Club Teams Knockout.

For this to occur, StepBridge will have its own club qualifying as part of our Monday 8pm Teams in July. To qualify, the team would have to play 3 out of 4 of the first 4 Monday nights in July (1, 8, 15 & 22 July).

At the end of the 4 weeks, teams who have played at least 3 out of 4 weeks would then be offered a spot, beginning with first place. The team who came first would be offered the Open division, unless they were eligible for a lower division and wished to compete in the lower division. The same would continue until all divisions are filled. By the team accepting a spot to play in the ABF Club Teams Knockout Qualifying, they must be available for the 5 Tuesday nights (once per month) between August and December.

StepBridge would pay the \$200 entry fee for the teams representing StepBridge in the ABF Club Teams Knockout Qualifying. So get your team together and play in July to see if you can qualify.



## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

### ABF Club Teams Knockout 2024 Key Information

#### Who's Invited

Every bridge club in the country is invited to participate! We encourage you to enter a team in any category or all five if possible. This is your chance to showcase the skills and teamwork of your club members on a national stage.

#### Team Composition

Feel free to involve as many players from your club as you like. Teams don't have to be the same for each match, providing flexibility and opportunities for more members to participate.

#### Registration

Entry is only \$200/team, and you can easily register and pay (per team) on MyABF. Don't wait until the last minute – secure your spot now to avoid missing out!

#### Categories

There are five different masterpoint divisions teams can enter:  
U50, U100, U300, U750, and Opens.  
With Goldpoints up for grabs, there's something for everyone to aim for.

#### Match Schedule

Matches will take place on Tuesday nights in August, September, October, November, and December.

#### Online Platform

The tournament will be played on RealBridge, a fantastic online platform that ensures a smooth and enjoyable playing experience for all participants.

**ENTER YOUR TEAM(S) TODAY ON MYABF!**

[www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au)

# StepBridge Australia

## AUGUST CONGRESS

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



*Online on the StepBridge Platform*

**SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 2024 – SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS**  
**SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2024 – SWISS TEAMS**

<b>Directors</b>	Chris Snook (Swiss Butler IMP Pairs) & Chris Larter & Sarah Zoral (Swiss Teams)
<b>Movement</b>	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs - Three separate fields of Open, Restricted & Novice Swiss Teams - Two separate fields of Open & Restricted 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. 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 May 2024. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 31 May 2024. Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
<b>Start Time</b>	10.00am (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 9.30am (NT & SA) / 8.00am (WA)
<b>Closing Date</b>	Thursday 1st August 2024, 5.00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time. 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/1529">https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/1529</a> If you have not used MyABF before, register for MyABF via the following link: <a href="https://www.myabf.com.au/accounts/register">https://www.myabf.com.au/accounts/register</a>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	400 Participation Points per Player per Day. Select "Club PP System" in MyABF for payment 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 separate fields. Pairs - 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$150, subject to 20 tables in the particular field. Teams - 1st \$600, 2nd \$400 & 3rd \$300, 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>

# Willem Willemse Club Championships

StepBridge will be holding its third annual Club Championships during the month of September. It has been decided to name our Club Championships after **Willem Willemse**, who introduced StepBridge to Australia 20 years ago.

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 five categories of Open Pairs, Open Individual, Open Teams, Restricted Pairs (under 300 masterpoints) and Novice Pairs (100 masterpoints) played at the following times:

**Mondays 2, 9, 16 & 23 September**

**Open Teams - 8:00pm session**

**Sundays 8, 15, 22 & 29 September**

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

**Open - 2:30pm session**

**Restricted (under 300 masterpoints) - 2:30pm session**

**Novice (under 100 masterpoints) - 2:30pm session**

For the Restricted and Novice categories, the cut-off for eligibility is as of 31 August 2024. 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.

For the teams session, you need to play with the same team to qualify.

The championship in each category will be awarded to the team/pair/individual with the highest average.

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

**1st = 2,500 PPs**

**2nd = 1,000 PPs**

**3rd = 500 PPs**

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

Good luck everyone!

# Partnership Platform

## Partners 4 Bridge

I have been a keen **StepBridge** player since 2019. So it was great fun to catch up with Chris Larter at the recent Autumn Nationals event in Adelaide. Chris was busy wearing his sponsor hat and I was there to launch **Partners 4 Bridge**, the new on-line app to help bridge players find partners.

I had my first Bridge Lesson in London in the late 70's and you could say a lot of Bridge has flowed under the bridge since then. And what a ride it's been. And what have I learned?

1. The game is endlessly challenging, nigh impossible to master, and can result in addiction.
2. Bridge is difficult but partners are more so. In a word – they are dodgy.



*Jay Novak & Chris Larter*

Just when you are settling in, they are off on a cruise, heading into hospital for that hip replacement or its school holidays and they're minding the grandkids. Some are happy to play club bridge but don't want to play congresses. Well, maybe Coffs Harbour but not Canberra. Or sure, they're happy with pairs, but not teams unless you can line up Gumby and Lazer. Then, sadly but surely, some simply reach their use-by date and its time for the Dear John letter.

**Partners4Bridge (P4B)** is here to help. Whether you are looking for a short term fill in partner, someone to play one of the National events, or an online partner while you recover from Covid, **P4B** is here for you. **It's free to Register and use the platform.** Head to [www.partners4bridge.com](http://www.partners4bridge.com) or use the QR code below. Tell us a bit about yourself and sit back and see if we can find you a match. Use the platform to message each other and discuss system, availability, etc. **And as an incentive, StepBridge is offering a bonus of 100 Participation Points (credits) for any StepBridge player who supports this exciting initiative.** P4B will share names only of all sign-ups and your credits will be allocated.

We need a large pool of members to increase your chances of finding the ideal partner. A small pool means your chances are limited; a large pool means your chances increase exponentially.

Don't miss a game because you don't have a partner. No more lurking in the **StepBridge** lobby 5 minutes before a game starts hoping to find a partner and play. **Sign on to Partners4Bridge and see what happens.** Let us know the success stories. We want to publish these as they arise.

Let's support this wonderful game. Players will benefit, clubs will benefit, Bridge will benefit. Please say hello if you find yourself at a table with me – but be warned, I will be wanting a partner story.

*Jay Novak (JayN)  
Partners4Bridge*



# Partners 4 Bridge

Connect

Forge partnerships

And build bridges to new  
opportunities

On **partners4bridge.com**



For feedback, enquiries and support,  
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[admin@partners4bridge.com](mailto:admin@partners4bridge.com)

## Monthly Awards: May 2024

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in May 2024</i>	Overall	1	58	7	<b>Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		1	58	7	<b>Judy Havas (JudyHa)</b>
		3	57.47	9	Sue Evershed (SueEv)
	Open	1	58	7	<b>Judy Havas (JudyHa)</b>
		1	58	7	<b>Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		3	57.19	10	Jody Swaine (JodySwa)
	Restricted	1	57.47	9	<b>Sue Evershed (SueEv)</b>
		2	57.3	8	Trish McDonell (TrishMcD)
		2	57.3	8	Wendy Sheehan (WendyS)
	Novice	1	56.81	15	<b>Toni Arnott (ToniAr)</b>
		2	55.57	8	Graeme King (GraemeK)
		3	54.61	9	Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
	Open IMPs	1	32	7	<b>Rez Karim (MeemKar)</b>
		2	29	9	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
		3	24	7	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	Open Indi-	1	54.75	7	<b>Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>
	2	53.83	18	Kay Baguley (KayB)	
	3	53.31	15	Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in May 2024</i>	Overall	1	58	7	<b>Judy Havas (JudyHa), Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		2	57.9	8	Florence Maltby (Florence), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	57.47	9	Trish Berry (TrishBer), Sue Evershed (SueEv)
	Open	1	58	7	<b>Judy Havas (JudyHa), Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		2	57.9	8	Florence Maltby (Florence), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	57.36	18	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Philip Bapty (PhillB)
	Restricted	1	57.89	8	<b>Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV), Don Saunders</b>
		2	57.47	9	Trish Berry (TrishBer), Sue Evershed (SueEv)
		3	57.3	8	Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell
	Novice	1	56.81	15	<b>Toni Arnott (ToniAr), Annmaree Jones</b>
		2	55	8	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
		3	54.57	6	Graham Boast (GrahamBr), Kath Boast (KathBr)
	Open IMPs	1	14	7	<b>Dianne Dwyer (Dianned), Mardi Grosvenor</b>
		2	6	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
	2	6	6	Zhan Wan (ZhanW), Michael Chu (Michael3)	

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

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in May 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)</b>
		2		89	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		3		65	George Arif (GeorgeA)
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
		2		64	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3		53	Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV)</b>
		2		27	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
		3		25	Diane Beasley (DianeB)
	Novice	<b>1</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>John Hewitt (JohnHew)</b>
		2		29	Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
		3		23	Karen Hopkins (KarenH)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Annegrete Kolding (AnneK)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)</b>
	Individual	2		25	Elsie Chua (ElsieC)
		3		20	John Hewitt (JohnHew)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in May 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
		2		27	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
		3		23	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay
	Open	<b>1</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)</b>
		2		21	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		3		20	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)</b>
		2		16	Beryl Morris (BerylM), Celia McKew (CeliaMcK)
		3		15	Derek Colenbrander (DerekCo), Terry Herfort
	Novice	<b>1</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Toni Arnott (ToniAr), Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)</b>
		2		11	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
		3		10	Patricia Fulton (PatFul), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander</b>
		<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)</b>
		3		8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in May 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		2	7.79	7	Judy Havas (JudyHa)
		3	6.73	7	Marc Greenbaum (MarcGr)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		2	7.79	7	Judy Havas (JudyHa)
		3	5.45	7	David Marshall (DavidMa)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Wendy Sheehan (WendyS)</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>5.69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Trish McDonell (TrishMcD)</b>
		3	4.05	9	Sue Evershed (SueEv)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>4.09</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)</b>
		2	4.08	6	Kath Boast (KathBr)
		3	3.79	8	Graeme King (GraemeK)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Kevin Kendell (KevinKen)</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Julie Coates (JulieCot)</b>
		3	0.09	8	Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
Open Indi-	<b>1</b>	<b>6.47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)</b>	
	2	4.92	9	Jen Ahern (JenniA)	
	3	4.17	11	Gail Cowen (GailCo)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in May 2024</i>	Overall	<b>1</b>	<b>7.79</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Judy Havas (JudyHa), Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		2	6.67	10	Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse
		3	5.69	8	Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell (TrishMcD)
	Open	<b>1</b>	<b>7.79</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Judy Havas (JudyHa), Ken Smith (KenSmith)</b>
		2	5.43	9	Don Saunders (DonS), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
		3	4.54	9	Barry Williams (BarryWi), Ashok Chotai (AshokC)
	Restricted	<b>1</b>	<b>5.69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell</b>
		2	4.69	8	Micaela Vincent (MicaelaV), Don Saunders (DonS)
		3	3.87	9	Trish Berry (TrishBer), Sue Evershed (SueEv)
	Novice	<b>1</b>	<b>7.49</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Wendy Dodd (WendyDod), Ronnie Malthouse</b>
		2	4.44	8	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
		3	4.08	6	Graham Boast (GrahamBr), Kath Boast (KathBr)
	Open IMPs	<b>1</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Chris Farr (ChrisF), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)</b>
		3	0.02	8	Diva Hatfield (DivaH), Richard Gilbert (RichardG)

# Masterpoint Promotions

May 2024

Karol, Peter	Gold Life	Carbuhn, Ray	State
Miller, Stephen	Silver Life	D'Ambrosio, Lucy	State
Colenbrander, Heidi	Bronze Life	Grant, Kerri	State
Dalsto, Barry	Bronze Life	Hillier, Wayne	State
Falkingham, Sue	Bronze Life	Jackson, Rosemary	State
Simpson, Mavis	Bronze Life	Porter, Tim	State
Steed, Lyndall	Bronze Life	Tuck, Eve	State
Willcocks, Julie	Bronze Life	Armitage, Jane	Bronze Regional
Mathieson, Andrea	Life	Dickson, Elaine	Regional
Wright, Seb	Life	Frankland, Kaye	Regional
Broatch, Heather	Silver National	Kay, Phil	Regional
Leung, Alfred	Silver National	Rostron, Peter	Regional
Scott, Julie	Silver National	Hay, Margie	Silver Local
Jensen, Susan	Bronze National	McKay, Murray	Silver Local
Levy, Sara	Bronze National	Caldwell, Keith	Bronze Local
Mooney, Eugenie	Bronze National	Higham, Paula	Bronze Local
Carver, Sharon	National	Rodeheaver, Cindy	Bronze Local
Charters, Joscelyn	National	Sisson, Andrew	Bronze Local
Dudurovic, Jacqui	National	Boast, Graham	Local
Morrissey, Mike	National	Boast, Kath	Local
Baran, Helen	Bronze State	Li, Samuel	Local
Ford, Dennis	Bronze State	Munns, Jayde	Local
Forman, Frances	Bronze State	Venner, Steve	Club
Lynch, Matthew	Bronze State	Woodward, Margot	Club
Matheson, Annthea	Bronze State		
Woodside, Dorothy	Bronze State		



# **Grafton Bridge Club Swiss Pairs SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS**

(An approved NSWBA B4 red point congress)

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



Grafton Bridge Club conducted our Annual StepBridge Congress on Saturday 1st June. We had a very successful Congress and by all accounts everyone thoroughly enjoyed their game of bridge. We would like to thank Tournament Director Chris Snook & helpers and all participants for a great day of bridge. It was a wonderful competitive day and we would like to congratulate the following winners -

**The Winners were -**

## **Open Results**

- 1st. Aleksandar Milovanovic & Alexander Cook
- 2nd. Elizabeth McNeill & Whalley Robin
- 3rd. Carolyn Seymour & Jim Thatcher

## **Restricted Results**

- 1st. Celia McKew & Beryl Morris
- 2nd. Tammy Hubbard & Libby Heyward

## **Novice Results**

- 1st. Pamela Mathie & Colin Meek
- 2nd. John Hewitt & Cheryl Buttner

## **Best Grafton Pair**

- 1st. Vicki Williamson & Geoff Hiatt

**Denise Llewellyn Secretary**



# 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*



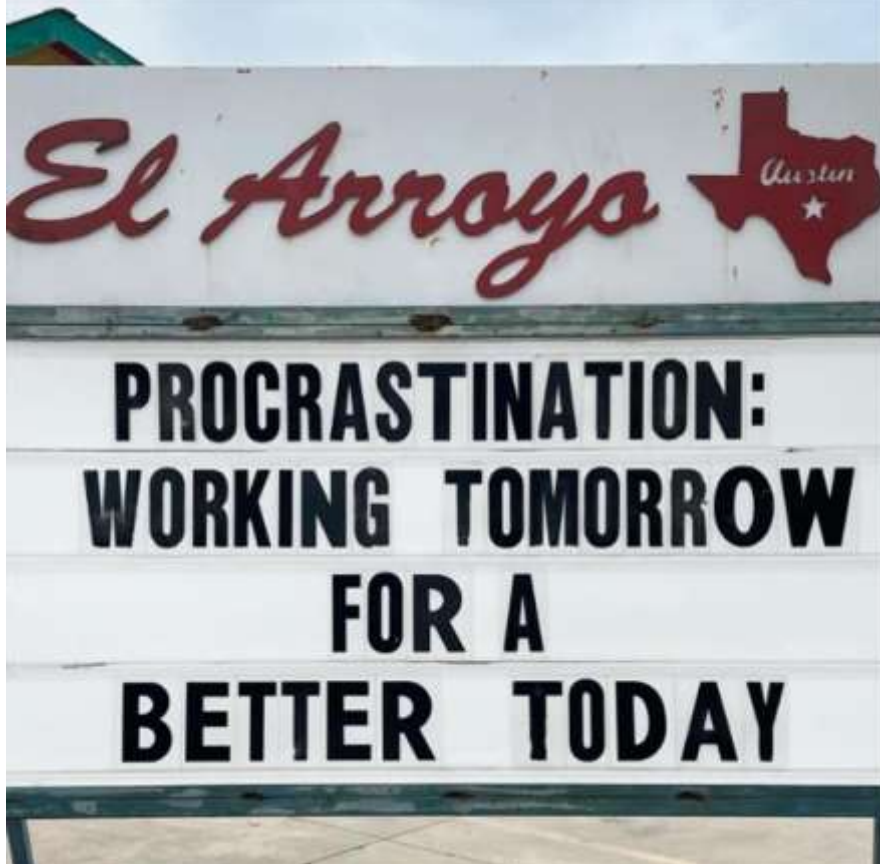
## Funnies Column

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

Gender study when  
I was a kid



Kick my seat again  
and I'll tell them I smell drugs



## 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**.

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## Upcoming Red Point Sessions

### June

*Thursday 27 June*

– 10.00am Open Individual

*Saturday 29 June*

– 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Sunday 30 June*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

### July

*Monday 1 July*

– 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Wednesday 3 July*

– 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

*Sunday 7 July*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 9 July*

– 10.00am Open Individual

*Thursday 11 July*

– 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Saturday 13 July*

– 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 14 July*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 15 July*

– 8.00pm Open Teams

*Friday 19 July*

– 10.00am Open Individual

*Sunday 21 July*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Monday 22 July*

– 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

*Thursday 25 July*

– 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

*Sunday 28 July*

– 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

*Tuesday 30 July*

– 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open