

June 2025

Message from the President

Dear members,

Since our last newsletter, the following has been happening ...

1. At the start of May was the Autumn Nationals, in which StepBridge sponsored the Under Grand and Under Life Pairs and Teams. Photos of the winners of these events appear later in this newsletter.



2. We held our first StepBridge Club Congress for 2025 on Saturday 31 May. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to those involved including Alan Bustany as director on the day, Cassandra Mitchell for looking after the entries, and Suzi Ledger for assisting on the day.

Good luck for those heading to Brisbane to play at the Australian National Championships in July.

The Committee has agreed again that we will send teams (one per division) to the 2025 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 on 23 June, 30 June, 7 July and 14 July. Refer to further in the newsletter for further information.

As advised in our April Newsletter, StepBridge has been given permission to run a GNOT Heat. This will be held on Saturday 2 August as an all-day event. Anyone can play in the Heat however if your team wishes to nominate to contend for a position at the face to face South Australia Under 1500/Regional Final, the team **MUST** all be from South Australia.

You will see a flyer in this newsletter about Australia's Bridge Day Out on Tuesday 23 September. StepBridge is planning to host a session on this day. Further details will be available closer to the event.

Happy Bridging,
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

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CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

						May-25	9,364
Apr-25	9,064	Mar-25	9,790	Feb-25	7,912	Jan-25	9,810
Dec-24	9,094	Nov-24	8,854	Oct-24	8,720	Sep-24	8,310
Aug-24	9,136	Jul-24	9,812	Jun-24	9,206	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

New Players

Welcome to the following new players that started to play in the second half of April and in the month 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

DonnaS MargFo

RESTRICTED

Helen3 JoP KathiV LisaB

NOVICE

AaronO AndrewC AnneDe AnneHeye AntheaC ArthurTF BobJ BobTh BridgetH
 CapriceM CarolO ChrisCu DenisS ElaRu FranP GaynorK Gordon2 GrahamPo
 HarrieS HelenBy HelenD IanHo JeanneJ Jehangir JenniCoh Jenny2 JennyJ
 JeremyL JillBra JohnBur JohnPy KathlenD KayTh LeonieK LisaWood LynneRu
 MarjanM MartynHo MegR MoniqueP PamT PaulFre RobertNi SueL SukhiA
 SusanT ValerieT VivienHS

Instructions

Setting a New Password

StepBridge uses encrypted passwords as an extra layer of protection for your account.

Support team members are unable to view your password. This means that if you forget your password, or would like to change your password, you will need to follow the instructions in the link below.

<https://www.stepbridge.com.au/set-new-password/>

Vale Trevor Moore (TrevorMo)

With heavy hearts, we share the sudden passing of Trevor Moore on 17 May 2025.

A devoted member of StepBridge since 2012, Trevor was known for his humility, warmth, and boundless energy. Though he owned a private bus company, he often introduced himself simply as a “driver.” A man of great spirit, he spent this last year caring for his ailing wife, yet remained restless unless engaged in the pursuits he loved: bridge, family, and travel.

In sharing the news, Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon) reflected: “Trevor didn’t need to work but couldn’t stay idle. We were due to embark on a world cruise in just three weeks—a trip he eagerly anticipated.”

Trevor’s absence will be deeply felt by his countless bridge partners, friends, and above all, his family. We extend our sincerest condolences to all who knew and loved him.

Congress Results

StepBridge May Congress

Open Pairs

- 1st John Aquino & Richard Illingworth
- 2nd Patricia Anagnostou & Margaret (Meg) Pisko
- 3rd Trish Anderson & Florence Maltby

Restricted Pairs

- 1st Bronwyn Neal & Lynne Talmont
- 2nd Sa Smith & Paul Smith
- 3rd John Aldersley & Andrew Sisson

Best Novice Pair

Stella Jansen & Theo Armenis



Event

2025 ABF Club Teams Knockout

StepBridge will be sending a team for each category of the 2025 ABF Club Teams Knockout.

For this to occur, StepBridge will have its own club qualifying as part of our Monday 8pm Teams on 23 June, 30 June, 7 July and 14 July. To qualify, the team would have to play 3 out of 4 Monday nights.

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 July and November.

StepBridge will pay the \$200 entry fee for the 5 teams representing StepBridge in the ABF Club Teams Knockout. So get your team together and play in June and July to see if you can qualify.



The graphic features a central circular arrangement of playing cards (Ace through King of all four suits) surrounding the text "ABF CLUB TEAMS KNOCKOUT 2025". Two circular inset photos show people playing cards. A red circular badge on the right states "ONLY \$200/team for 5 Matches!". Below the main graphic is a table with two columns: "Club Team Knockout Categories" and "ABF Club Teams Knockout 2025".

Club Team Knockout Categories	ABF Club Teams Knockout 2025
✓ U50	ABF Club Teams Knockout Qualifying 1/2 Tuesday 22 July 7:30pm (EST)
✓ U100	ABF Club Teams Knockout Qualifying 2/2 Tuesday 19 August 7:30pm (EST)
✓ U300	ABF Club Teams Knockout Quarter Finals 23 rd September 7:30pm (EST)
✓ U750	ABF Club Teams Knockout Semi Finals Tuesday 28 th October 7:30pm (EST)
✓ Open	ABF Club Teams Knockout Finals Tuesday 25 th November 7:30pm (EST)

Member Content

Thanks to Gek Low (GekL) for sending through the news that Glen Chick (GlenC) and Steven Kemp (StevenK) placed 1st in the Victor Muntz Restricted Swiss Pairs at the 2025 Victorian Festival of Bridge. Congratulations Glen and Steven. [View the results here](#)

If you have Member Content you would like considered for the newsletter please submit your copy to support@stepbridge.com.au with "Newsletter" in the subject line.



2025 Autumn National Championships

StepBridge once again sponsored the StepBridge Under Life Master and StepBridge Under Grand Master Pairs and Teams events at the 2025 Autumn National Championships.

Our Masterpoint Secretary, Antonina Hayles, attended on Saturday morning for the presentation to the Pairs winners.

Organiser, Barbara Travis, in thanking StepBridge for our sponsorship said "The winners were all delighted to receive prize money (for 1st place); several commenting that they didn't expect it and/or didn't receive prize money at most other national events"

The format for the 2026 Autumn Nationals will be changing (see the bulletin at the end of this newsletter).

A special mention for StepBridge member Jennifer Bissett (JenniBi) who won the David Lusk Rookie pairs.

DAVID LUSK ROOKIE PAIRS



Winners: Andrea and Jennifer Bissett

2025 Autumn National Championships

STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS



Winners: Gayle Bagg – Kevin Gu



2nd: Simone Cavill (Edwina Grant)

STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS

Winners: Jim Burke – Colin Twelftree (absent)



2nd place: Deb Bennett – Helen Fleet

2025 Autumn National Championships

STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER TEAMS



Winners: RANDALL: Frances Leadbeter, Jean Matthews, Julie Randall, Pauline McEntee



2nd place: HARTLEY: Kate Hartley, Peter Wilson, William and Anne Morgan

2025 Autumn National Championships

Congratulations to StepBridge members Tina Hesketh (TinaH) and Tony Georgeson (TonyGeor) who were part of the team that won the StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams event.

Congratulation also to StepBridge members Moria Smith (MoriaS), Tamati Greig (TamatiG), Eugene Pereira (EugeneP) and Jinny Fuss (Jinny) who were the team that took out second place in the StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams event.

STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER TEAMS



Winners: DAVEY: Caprice Davey, Alice Handley, Tina Hesketh, Tony Georgeson



2nd place: PEREIRA: Moira Smith, Tamati Greig, Eugene Pereira, Jinny Fuss

Australia's Bridge Day Out

ABF Foundation Fundraiser: Tuesday September 23rd, 2025

BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS

A key goal for the Foundation from 2025-2028 is to support a scalable, enduring nationwide Bridge in Schools program. The Foundation is exploring a holistic model that connects bridge clubs and schools, offering high-quality resources and training from bridge professionals. An early-stage pilot is underway.

THE ABF FOUNDATION

The ABF Foundation, established in 2020, is a not-for-profit organisation that supports bridge through grants and scholarships for research and projects that strengthen the game's future. Funded by bequests, donations, and fundraisers, it has already made a meaningful impact and is exploring charity status.

Games hosted by clubs
across Australia on

**Tuesday
September 23rd**

ABF RED MASTERPOINTS

Raffle and auction opportunities at Super Supporter Clubs to spend the day playing with one of Australia's top bridge players, generously volunteering in support of the Foundation

Funds raised by the ABF Foundation to support a nationwide bridge in schools program

**Australia's
Bridge Day Out
September 23rd**



Monthly Awards: April 2025

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in April 2025</i>	Overall	1	60.77	9	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	60.02	6	Peter Schettler (PeterS)
		3	59.55	6	Sue Neill (SueN)
	Open	1	60.77	9	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	59.55	6	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	58.09	6	Deana Wilson (DeanaWil)
	Restricted	1	57.67	9	Mike Morrissey (MikeMorr)
		2	56.94	6	Angelique Morin (Ange)
		3	56.02	6	Krzysztof Kukieka (Krzysztk)
	Novice	1	56.38	8	Michael Parr (MichaelP)
		2	55.48	14	John Hewitt (JohnHew)
		3	55.41	6	Theo Armenis (TheoAr)
	Open IMPs	1	32	7	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK)
		1	32	7	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
		3	20	6	Maria Christensen (MariaCh)
	Open	1	55.51	17	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
<i>Highest Pairs Average in April 2025</i>	Individual	2	55.14	11	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	54.93	6	Larry Bryant (Larry)
	Overall	1	59.55	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	58.13	9	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin), Nick Cantatore (NickCa)
		3	57.98	15	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
	Open	1	59.55	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	58.13	9	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin), Nick Cantatore (NickCa)
		3	57.98	15	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
	Restricted	1	56.82	7	David Hancock (DavidHan), Joan Lenehan (JoanLe)
		2	56.02	6	Edward Czarnocki (EdwardCz), Krzysztof Kukieka (Krzysztk)
		3	55.84	8	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse), Heather Whitely (HWhitely)
	Novice	1	55.01	8	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		2	54.7	7	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
		3	53.58	10	Patricia Fulton (PatFul), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
	Open IMPs	1	32	7	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
		2	20	6	Patrick Smith (PatSmith), Maria Christensen (MariaCh)
		3	5	7	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 April 2025</i>	Overall			83	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				79	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				65	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
	Open			70	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				58	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				42	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Restricted			27	Julie Barker (JulieBar)
				24	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
				23	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda)
	Novice			26	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				24	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)
				23	Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
	Open IMPs			9	Joann Theriault (JoannT)
				9	Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
				9	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
	Open			25	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual			23	Jurate Laisve (JurateL)
				20	Dot Slattery (DotS)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in April 2025</i>	Overall			27	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Wendy Dodd (WendyDod)
				24	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				21	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
	Open			24	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				21	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
				18	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Restricted			17	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
				13	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Wendy Dodd (WendyDod)
				13	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)
	Novice			15	Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF)
				10	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
				10	David Suttie (DavidSu), Duncan Woodward (Duncan2)
	Open IMPs			8	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				7	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
				7	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Most Improved Player in April 2025	Overall	1	7.17	6	Peter Schettler (PeterS)
		2	5.87	6	Ray Jones (RayJo)
		2	5.87	6	Rita Jones (RitaJo)
	Open	1	5.87	6	Ray Jones (RayJo)
		1	5.87	6	Rita Jones (RitaJo)
		3	5.62	8	Melva Leal (MelvaL)
	Restricted	1	6.69	8	Colin Meek (ColMeek)
		2	5.41	7	Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
		3	4.33	6	Angelique Morin (Ange)
	Novice	1	6.78	6	Theo Armenis (TheoAr)
		2	5.2	9	Smita Devalia (SmitaD)
		3	3.97	6	David Callan (DavidCal)
	Open IMPs	1	0.28	6	Maria Christensen (MariaCh)
		1	0.28	8	Patrick Smith (PatSmith)
		3	0.27	7	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK)
	Open	1	2.03	11	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
Most Improved Pair in April 2025	Individual	2	2	12	Sue Thomas (SueT)
		3	1.96	16	Jude Brown (JudeB)
	Overall	1	6.13	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Tammy Hubbard
		2	5.87	6	Rita Jones (RitaJo), Ray Jones (RayJo)
		3	5	6	Mal Clark (MalCl), Tony Carsley (TonyCar)
	Open	1	6.13	6	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Tammy Hubbard
		2	5.87	6	Rita Jones (RitaJo), Ray Jones (RayJo)
		3	5.57	6	Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
	Restricted	1	4.43	6	Julie Coates (JulieCot), Angela Carroll (AngelaC)
		2	4.04	6	Julie Barker (JulieBar), Duncan Welsh (DuncanW)
		3	3.48	7	Bev Cleary (BevClea), Phillip Carter (PhillCar)
	Novice	1	4.1	7	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
		2	3.73	7	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
		3	2.45	8	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
	Open IMPs	1	0.27	7	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
		2	0.01	6	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Wendy Dodd (WendyDod)

Monthly Awards: May 2025

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in May 2025</i>	Overall	1	60.62	6	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		2	58.3	14	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	58.08	8	Sue Neill (SueN)
	Open	1	60.62	6	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		2	58.3	14	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	58.08	8	Sue Neill (SueN)
	Restricted	1	60.18	6	David Milburn (DavidMil)
		2	57.13	7	Michael Parr (MichaelP)
		3	56.98	7	Phil Cummings (PhilipCu)
	Novice	1	57.21	8	Michael Parr (MichaelP)
		2	55.84	6	Neil McMaster (NeilMc)
		3	54.7	17	Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1	27	9	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
		2	25	6	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	15	8	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
	Open	1	56.48	19	Chris Van Wyck (Wicky)
	Individual	2	56.37	17	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3	54.09	12	Margaret (Meg) Pisko (MegP)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Pairs Average in May 2025</i>	Overall	1	58.6	6	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	58.08	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.3	8	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
	Open	1	58.6	6	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	58.08	8	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.12	6	Martin Wu (MartinW), Matt Sun (MattS)
	Restricted	1	57.3	8	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		2	55.25	7	Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM)
		3	54.07	6	David Hancock (DavidHan), Savitri Newman (Savitri)
	Novice	1	56.27	9	Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Mary Hives (MaryH)
		2	55.84	6	Jennifer Bissett (JenniBi), Neil McMaster (NeilMc)
		3	53.94	13	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1	15	8	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)
		2	10	7	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	8	7	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

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				86	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				59	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
	Open			67	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				60	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				46	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
	Restricted			28	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
				25	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda)
				23	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
	Novice			22	Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
				19	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)
				17	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
	Open IMPs			9	Dot Slattery (DotS)
				9	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
				9	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy)
	Open			30	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual			23	Jurate Laisve (JurateL)
				23	Kay Anderson (KayA)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in May 2025</i>	Overall			34	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				30	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				28	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
	Open			30	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				28	Anne Riley (AnneRil), Gary Lynn (GaryLynn)
				26	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
	Restricted			14	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				14	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Peter Thorpe (PeterTh)
				14	Kerrel Walker (Kerrel), Marilyn Jarrett (MarilynJ)
	Novice			13	Anna Oprysa (AnnaOpr), Anna de Borah (AnnaDeB)
				13	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
				13	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs			9	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
				8	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
				8	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Most Improved Player in May 2025	Overall	1	8.59	6	Margaret Baker (MargiB)
		2	7.4	7	David Milburn (DavidMil)
		3	6.61	8	Eric Bottle (EricBot)
	Open	1	8.59	6	Margaret Baker (MargiB)
		2	7.79	6	Barrie Pryor (BarrieP)
		3	5.76	6	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
	Restricted	1	7.25	7	Phil Cummings (PhilipCu)
		2	7.04	9	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh)
		3	6.46	8	Eric Bottle (EricBot)
	Novice	1	4.59	12	Kay Dengate (KayD)
		2	4.57	17	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
		3	3.88	8	Jane Boland (JaneBo)
	Open IMPs	1	0.11	9	Dot Slattery (DotS)
		2	0.1	6	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	0.09	9	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open	1	7.28	15	Christine Chodasewicz (ChrisCho)
	Individual	2	4.78	6	Dot Piddington (DotPid)
		3	3.97	6	Nick Armitage (NickA)
Most Improved Pair in May 2025	Overall	1	6.86	7	Julie Sheehan (JulieSh), Gek Low (GekL)
		2	6.61	8	Eric Bottle (EricBot), Judith Boyd (JudithBo)
		3	6.32	6	David Hancock (DavidHan), Savitri Newman (Savitri)
	Open	1	4.29	13	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW), Peter Clarke (PeterCl)
		2	2.95	6	Judy Havas (JudyHa), Ken Smith (KenSmith)
		3	2.9	6	Barry Williams (BarryWi), Mike Martin (MikeMa)
	Restricted	1	6.46	8	Eric Bottle (EricBot), Judith Boyd (JudithBo)
		2	6.32	6	David Hancock (DavidHan), Savitri Newman (Savitri)
		3	3.68	13	Ronald Watkinson (RonaldW), Linda Watkinson (LindaW)
	Novice	1	4.34	6	Paula Corbett (PaulaCo), Kay Dengate (KayD)
		2	2.88	10	Jennifer Kroon (JenKroon), Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
		3	2.54	7	Penny Mullumby (PennyM), Jane Boland (JaneBo)
	Open IMPs	1	0.02	7	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		2	0.01	7	Rex Meadowcroft (RexM), Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
		2	0.01	8	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)

Masterpoint Promotions

April 2025

Robbins, Arthur	Gold Grand	Conroy, Gordon	Bronze Regional
Burica, Neven	Silver Grand	Armenis, Theo	Regional
Havas, Judy	Grand	Bissett, Jennifer	Regional
Chaffey, Catherine	Silver Life	Cook, Colin	Regional
Gibbards, Debbie	Silver Life	Clarke, Gwen	Regional
Trolland, Ken	Silver Life	Carr, Catherine	Silver Local
Georgeson, Tony	Bronze Life	Dwyer, Kent	Silver Local
Jegatheesan, Raman	Bronze Life	Hill, Michelle Lee	Silver Local
Perino, Lauri	Bronze Life	Holman, Amy	Silver Local
Paine, Christine	Life	King, Judy	Silver Local
Phillippo, Gill	Life	Lyon, Betty	Silver Local
Clarke, Judy	Silver National	Manning, Margaret	Silver Local
Rogers, Robyn	Silver National	Rapley, Dawn	Silver Local
Schapper, Helen	Silver National	Lennon, Alexia	Bronze Local
Kemp, Steven	Bronze National	McMaster, Neil	Bronze Local
Morawiec, Ziggy	Bronze National	Reid, Denise	Bronze Local
Wawn, Brian	Bronze National	Skeen, Jane	Bronze Local
Bishop, Robin	National	Suttie, David	Bronze Local
Davies, Siobhan	National	Tawa, Sandy	Bronze Local
Devine, Inta	National	Boundy, Bernadette	Local
Ward, Pam	National	Corfield, Maxine	Local
O'Sullivan, Marie	Bronze State	Devalia, Smita	Local
Saunders, Joanne	Bronze State	Hradsky, Karl	Local
Kudva, Meera	State	Cheng, Joseph	Club
Lean, Graeme	State	Mollah, Jennifer	Club
Lenahan, Joan	State	Paton, Prue	Club
Miller, Gary John	State	Skeen, Libby	Club
Nason, Jane	State		



Congratulations!

Masterpoint Promotions

May 2025

Bodycote, Terry	Silver Grand	Bissett, Jennifer	State
Burn, David	Grand	Colenbrander, Derek	State
Heywood, Jo-Anne	Grand	Goss, Samuel	State
Dwyer, Dianne	Gold Life	Greig, Tamati	State
Cardinal, Sherrell	Silver Life	Lewis, Louise	State
Schon, Stuart	Silver Life	Matthews, Elaine	State
Swanson, Jenny	Silver Life	Parr, Mick	State
McLean, Ariane	Bronze Life	Pilowsky, Paul	Bronze Regional
Nelson, Paul	Bronze Life	Ahern, Jen	Regional
Cumming, David	Life	Hodgson, Anne	Regional
Dilosa, Sharyn	Life	Macdonald, Mandy	Regional
Mladen, Joan	Life	Matheson, Stewart	Regional
Wills, Ngaire	Life	Tang, Mike	Regional
Ziegenfuss, Sue	Life	Wain, Leonie	Regional
Farr, Chris	Silver National	Clarke, Jenny	Silver Local
Leal, Melva	Silver National	Dayman, Mike	Silver Local
Pirozzo, Sandi	Silver National	Khan, Hafizur	Silver Local
Sauer, Ann	Silver National	Lynch, Jim	Silver Local
Bryant, Julie	Bronze National	Meakin, Tom	Silver Local
Carpenter, Elizabeth	Bronze National	Paraska, Frances	Silver Local
Chua, Elsie	Bronze National	Daw, Alex	Bronze Local
Douglas, Phil	Bronze National	Fowler, Julie	Bronze Local
Geeve, Matthew	Bronze National	Gokavi, Solomon	Bronze Local
Hume, Elaine	Bronze National	Langford, Emma	Bronze Local
Hume, Peter	Bronze National	Power, Catherine	Bronze Local
Koh, Yulia	Bronze National	Cockerell, Michael	Local
Ross, Zac	Bronze National	Cooper, Nita	Local
Smith, Paul	Bronze National	Corbett, Paula	Local
Smith, Sa	Bronze National	Durbin, Terrey	Local
Spice, Midge	Bronze National	Hirekodi, Sanjay	Local
Chey, Tien	National	Iverach, Melissa	Local
Cummings, Phil	National	Mellet, Steve	Local
D'Ambrosio, Lucy	National	Ramage, Judy	Local
Hiatt, Geoffrey	National	White, Janette	Local
Macrossan, Michael	National	Bulis, Helen	Club
Thomson, Trish	National	Harris, Millie	Club
Johnson, Frank	Bronze State	Robertson, Heather	Graduate
Pietraszkiewicz, Vic	Bronze State	Till, Lynne	Graduate



Partnership Platform

May, already! Autumn leaves and the nights start drawing in.

Could there be a better place to hold the **Autumn Nationals** than Adelaide?

With its balmy climate, central venue, warm and friendly natives, it's got the lot! And, by the way, did I mention the wine? I can assure you that wine seems to get discussed as much as the Slam that Got Away. I must admit to being able to tell a red from a white as long as I'm not blindfolded. But after a couple of days chatting to the locals I reckon I'm starting to talk the talk. It's a happy Congress – please consider it for next year as I'm sure you'll not be disappointed.

Once again, I'm looking for recruits for the Meet the Member segment. We're an interesting bunch – each and every one of us has a story, and we've love to hear yours.

If you would like to be featured, please email me at info@partners4bridge.com and we'll start the process. Also, if you are looking for a partner we can let the community know and try for a match. No more showing up in the Lobby five minutes before play – join **Partners4Bridge** and see if you can organise a game in advance. **StepBridge** will have topped up your participation points by 100 (even for existing members) so your first couple of games will be on the house.

Remember, It's free to register and use the platform.

Head to www.partners4bridge.com or use the QR code.

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.

Jay Novak (JayN)



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Partnership Platform - Meet the Member

Now it's time to meet **Judy Parsons**, our Member of the Month. Judy lives in Sydney, and joined **StepBridge** in 2022. Her **StepBridge** login is JudiPar

When did you start playing Bridge, and why?

A friend received a flyer inviting her to learn Bridge at **Grandslam** in Double Bay about 18 years ago. She persuaded me and my life & Bridge partner, John Russell, to go with her on the basis that it would help stave off dementia. So far so good.

Tell us about your Club and why we should visit?

After our lessons, we joined a local club which subsequently morphed into Sydney Bridge Centre (now Sydney Bridge Club). It is situated in Goulburn St, Sydney and is close to transport and surrounded by some great cafes and restaurants. There are sessions every day of the week and, periodically, great training sessions and congresses.



Your best Bridge tip or advice from an Expert

Remember the contract. The number of times I've triumphantly trumped an opponent's card only to be reminded that we are playing in No Trumps (or vice versa)

And finally, Surprise us. Tell us something about yourself that we would never guess.

Since retirement, I've dabbled in the piano, Japanese, Italian, ceramics, sewing, art history... Moving from one thing to another probably reflects my nomadic childhood - my mother was Japanese (a Hiroshima bomb survivor) and my Australian father was in the Army so we moved often, living on different Army camps in Australia and Asia

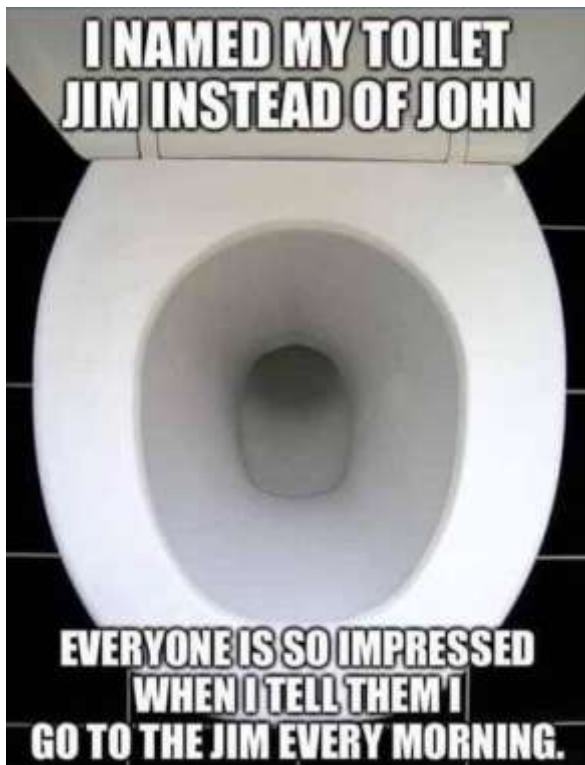
Remember, It's free to Register and use the platform. Head to www.partners4bridge.com or use the QR code on the previous page. Tell us a bit about yourself and sit back and see if we can find you a match. Use the platform to message each other and discuss system, availability, etc. **As an incentive, 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.

Funnies Column

Thank you Sarah Zoral (SarahAn) and Bev Cleary (BevClea) and Dave Bright (DaveB) for this months funnies



GRANDMA, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY YOU GOT FROM SELLING GRANDPA'S CLASSIC CAR??



THIS STRANGE LOOKING URINAL BLEW MY PEE ALL OVER THE PLACE.



Everyone told Sam not to sing

But Samsung anyway

I keep trying to make protein shakes but they keep coming out as margaritas.

Please send your funnies through by emailing support@stepbridge.com.au with "newsletter" in the subject line



SAVE THE DATES

2026 AUTUMN NATIONALS

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL – SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2026

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, Wayville

INTRODUCING THE AUSTRALIAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: a top-level three-day matchpoint pairs event

NEW FORMAT

Wednesday 29th April
Thursday 30th April

SWISS TEAMS:
Open, Under Grand, Under Life

Friday 1st May

Open Teams Final (drop into Pairs SF)

Friday 1st May

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: Qualifying
Open, Under Grand, Under Life, Novice

Saturday 2nd May

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: Semi Finals

Sunday 3rd May

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: Finals
and consolations

PQPs in Open Teams and Blue Ribbon Pairs (Open)



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: 1.00pm (Everyday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4.00pm (Everyday)

8.00pm (Tuesday-Sunday)

Open Individual: 10.00am (Everyday)

Open Teams: 8.00pm (Monday)

Restricted: 12.50pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

7.50pm (Wednesday & Friday)

Novice: 3.50pm (Everyday)

7.50pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

IMPs Sessions

Tuesday: 8.00pm Open

Thursday: 8.00pm 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 with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.

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Upcoming Red Point Sessions

June

Friday, 13 June

- 7:50pm Restricted & 8:00pm Open

Sunday, 15 June

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Thursday, 19 June

- 7:50pm Novice & 8:00pm Open

Sunday, 22 June

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Monday, 23 June

- 8:00pm Open Teams

Tuesday, 24 June

- 3:50pm Novice & 4:00pm Open

Thursday, 26 June

- 10:00am Open Individual

Saturday, 28 June

- 12:50pm Restricted & 1:00pm Open

Sunday, 29 June

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

July

Wednesday, 2 July

- 3:50pm Novice & 4:00pm Open

Friday, 4 July

- 12:50pm Restricted & 1:00pm Open

Sunday, 6 July

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Tuesday, 8 July

- 10:00am Open Individual

Sunday, 13 July

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted