

July 2025

Message from the President

Dear members,

I'm pleased to share some exciting updates and important reminders for the coming weeks.

Soft Release of New Version of StepBridge

We're happy to announce the soft release of a new version of StepBridge! This update brings improved functionality, a cleaner interface, and enhanced stability for a smoother playing experience. While it's still being refined, we encourage you to try it out and share any feedback. Your input will help shape the final release.

Committee

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Greg McCarron, who has decided to step down as Secretary. Greg has made a valuable contribution during his time on the Committee. I wish him all the best and thank him warmly for his service.

As we farewell Greg, I am pleased to welcome Antonina Hayles and Larry Bryant as Committee Members.

Strategic Plan Survey – Have Your Say

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, the Committee has launched a Strategic Plan Survey. This is your opportunity to help shape the future direction of our club. We value your voice – please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts.

Welcome to our New Tournament Directors

A big welcome to John Donovan (TDJohn / TDJohn2), Sue Falkingham (TDSueF / TDSueF2), and Sue Shadbolt (TDSueSh / TDSueSh2) who are coming onboard as Tournament Directors. Thank you goes to our Head TD, Sarah Zoral, who has been working with our new TD's in the background.



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Congratulations – Club Knockout Teams Qualifiers

A big congratulations to those teams that qualified from our recent Club Knockout Team Qualifying on Monday evenings, and will represent StepBridge in the ABF Club Knockout Teams. For all teams, whether you advanced or not, your participation made it a great success, and it's always fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and skill on display.

GNOT Heat – Saturday 2 August

A quick reminder that our GNOT Heat is coming up on Saturday 2 August. This will be the first time that StepBridge has been able to hold a GNOT Heat. It promises to be a competitive and enjoyable day, so if you haven't already, make sure to register your team and join the action.

Happy Bridging,
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

StepBridge Strategic Plan Survey

As part of our commitment to ensuring StepBridge Australia continues to grow and meet the needs of our players, the Committee is preparing a five-year strategic plan.

We are inviting you to participate in a short survey to share your ideas, thoughts, and viewpoints. Your input will provide valuable insights to help shape the direction of the club and support data-driven planning.

Initially, your responses will be viewed by Cassandra Mitchell, a Member of the StepBridge Committee. Cassandra will collate and organise the input into three main focus areas before presenting the findings to the full Committee.

The survey will remain open until **Sunday 27 July**.

To complete the survey, go to

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc19zL6Sb1Flqjl2H0B-lpkbDuLyQgvg0qywBzEyTYLUE67Mw/viewform?pli=1>

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for taking the time to assist us. Your contribution helps us ensure that StepBridge remains a viable, engaging, and enjoyable organisation for everyone involved.

Warm regards,
Christopher Larter
President
StepBridge Australia Bridge Club

CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

				Jun-25	8,914	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 from 2 June to 19 July. 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

KenS LynR RobC

RESTRICTED

AnnettaD ElizaMax FrancisR JackyJ JanetE JeanettR LindaWyn MarkH

NOVICE

AaronO Alison4 BrucePo CarolJo CathieO CiaA DianneB Fabienne GinaMcK
 GordonA GwenA HelenFa IvanP JaneGe JaneMJ JessieDC JohnAd JoyAd
 LukeG MargS MeganA Michaela Patrici3 PaulF Peter1 RebeccaD RomanN
 SallyRo SpiderR SueE TimM TonyHill TracieM

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/>

New StepBridge Version

The completely redesigned version of StepBridge is now available to everyone. For now, this new version will run alongside the familiar version, giving you ample time to transition at your own pace.

What's New?

Improved User Experience

- Modern and fresh interface.
- Enhanced scalability for improved display.
- Uniform controls and appearance across web, iPad, and desktop versions.
- No need to switch to the web version for video play.



Playing with Sabi (AI)

- Meet Sabi, our AI bridge player, available whenever you want to play.
You can invite Sabi to be your partner, opponent, or both. More details are provided below.

Prepared for the Future

New StepBridge features (like playing with Sabi) will only be available in the new version.

How to Play?

Via your web browser (including iPad):

Play directly at <https://play.stepbridge.com.au>

By installing on your computer:

The new version installs alongside your current one, allowing you to use both.

For Windows: [Download the Windows installer](#)

For Mac: [Download the Apple macOS installer](#)

To log in to the new version, you'll need your username and password.

Click [here](#) if you've forgotten your password.

New StepBridge Version

Playing with Sabi

- Note: This feature is still being developed. Currently, you cannot select a system card or receive explanations of bidding systems.
- Open a recreational table and leave one or more seats empty.
- Use the “Play with Sabi” button to fill all empty seats with Sabi.
- Choose your arrangement freely: play with three Sabis, with your partner against Sabi, or against each other with Sabi as your partner.
- If you’re playing with Sabi as your partner and become dummy, you will play as dummy.



The name Sabi could stand for Step Artificial Bridge Intelligence, but mostly it’s simply a pleasant name for a friendly bridge robot.

Problems or Suggestions

We continue to enhance this new version and greatly appreciate your feedback.

Send your feedback to: support@stepbridge.com.au

Thank you very much for your interest and happy playing!

Vale - George Arif (GeorgeA) 1957-2025

GeorgeA was a member with StepBridge since September 2021 and he played 1279 tournaments.

George's Home Club was Orange Bridge Club, where he frequently played as well.

One particular quality of George was that he was always a willing and able person. He would assist Tournament Directors with sit outs and the need for spare players.

George had been unwell for a while but played bridge right up until 2 days before he passed away.

ABF Registration Cards

The ABF Masterpoint Centre have moved with the times!

Your yearly ABF Registration Card is now a digital registration card which is available in MyABF. In a recent MyABF release, this feature has now been installed into production.

After logging onto the MyABF website (www.myabf.com.au), simply click on the Masterpoints option on the left-hand menu. Then under the Summary section on that page you will see a new box:

ABF CARD DOWNLOAD

Then click on this box and your new MyABF digital registration card will be displayed. Once the card is displayed you can then print the card if you require a physical copy.

Note: The digital card is only one-sided, and the normal Master Rank information which appeared on the back of previous cards is no longer printed.

ABF		Registration Card		MYABF
			issued by	
NAME				
Chris Larter				
CLUB				
Stepbridge				
ABF NUMBER	MASTERPOINTS RANK		VALID TO	
684791	Silver Life		31/03/2026	
GOLD POINTS	RED POINTS	GREEN POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	
224.4	126.76	208.81	559.97	
Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated				ABN 70 053 651 666

Event

2025 ABF Club Teams Knockout

On Monday nights 23 & 30 June and 7 & 14 July, we held a Team Qualifying event for the 2025 ABF Club Teams Knockout Event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the qualifying event.

The following players will be representing StepBridge.

Category	Players
Open	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK) Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi) Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR) Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)
Under 750	Mark Goddard (Mark) Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn) Joann Theriault (JoannT) Helen Rogoysky (Helen3)
Under 300	Laura Hedberg (LauraHed) Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM) Tien Chey (TienC) Meera Kudva (MeeraK)
Under 100	John Hewitt (JohnHew) Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu), Ann Rinder (AnnRin) Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
Under 50	

*We currently do not have a Team
Anyone interested, please contact
support@stepbridge.com.au*

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)

2025 Australian National Championships

Swiss Pairs A & Swiss Pairs B



StepBridge Swiss Pairs A: 1st Dagmar Neumann & Jodi Tutty with QBA President, Richard Ward



StepBridge Swiss Pairs A: 2nd Peter Schmidt & John Rivers with Richard Ward



StepBridge Swiss Pairs B: 1st Simon Zhang & Yumin Li



StepBridge Swiss Pairs B: 2nd Jane Rennie & James Coutts with Richard Ward

StepBridge GNOT Heat

Saturday, 2nd August 2025

Entries via MyABF: <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/2281>

Movement

- Open Swiss Teams.
- The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.

Conditions of Entry

- All players MUST be either a Home Club Member or Associate Member of StepBridge Australia (No Trial Memberships will be eligible).
- Approved Gold Masterpoint Event conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and SABF regulations.
- Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided.
- Green, blue & red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments permitted.
- No Yellow (HUM) systems.
- Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct.
- Audio Video will be used. Players are responsible for ensuring their Audio Video works.
- Teams must nominate either as a contending or non-contending team by the commencement of play.
- Contending teams must all be South Australia residents and be prepared to play in the SABF Under 1500 and Regional GNOT Final if they qualify.
- SABF Under 1500 and Regional GNOT will be held on Sunday 24 August 2025 in Adelaide (Venue TBA).

Start Time

- 10am (ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC & TAS) / 9.30am (NT & SA) / 8am (WA)

Closing Date

- Thursday 31st July 2025, 5.00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.
Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.

Entry Fee

- 600 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.

Willem Willemse Club Championships

StepBridge will be holding its fourth 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 in 2004.

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:

Open Teams

Mondays 1, 8, 15 & 22 September - 8:00pm session (Audio-Video)

Open Individual

Saturdays 6, 13, 20 & 27 September - 10:00am session (Audio-Video)

Open Pairs & Restricted Pairs

Sundays 7, 14, 21 & 28 September - 2:30pm session (Audio-Video)

Novice Pairs

Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 September - 7:50pm session (Audio-Video)

For the Restricted and Novice categories, the cut-off for eligibility is as of 31 August 2025.

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 of four to qualify (no subteams or teams of 5 & 6 players).

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 (Pair / Team share the prize)

2nd = 1,000 PPs (Pair / Team share the prize)

3rd = 500 PPs (Pair / Team share the prize)

If you have any questions, please email support@stepbridge.com.au. Good luck everyone!

Australia's Bridge Day Out

*StepBridge Australia's Bridge Day Out session will be 1.00pm on Tuesday 23 September
(Note: No 12.50pm Restricted session on this day)*

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: June 2025

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Highest Player Average in June 2025	Overall	1	58.29	7	Kuldip Bedi (Kuldip)
		2	57.86	7	Bill Boulton (BillBo)
		3	57.37	7	Merran Adams (MerranA)
	Open	1	58.29	7	Kuldip Bedi (Kuldip)
		2	57.86	7	Bill Boulton (BillBo)
		3	57.46	10	Mike Morrissey (MikeMorr)
	Restricted	1	56.88	6	Lizzii Bowman (LizziiB)
		2	56.79	12	David Hancock (DavidHan)
		3	56.24	8	Sa Smith (SaSmith)
	Novice	1	57.37	7	Merran Adams (MerranA)
		2	57.37	7	John Adams (John)
		3	56.73	6	Colin Cook (ColinC)
	Open IMPs	1	28	6	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		2	18	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook)
		3	17	8	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open	1	55.45	8	Frank Hymus (FrankHy)
Highest Pairs Average in June 2025	Individual	2	54.1	10	Michelle Mcdiarmid (MichellM)
		3	53.96	9	Margaret (Meg) Pisko (MegP)
	Overall	1	59.06	10	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		2	57.86	7	Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Bill Boulton (BillBo)
		3	57.44	10	Tim Davis (TimD), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Open	1	59.06	10	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		2	57.86	7	Barry Dalsto (BarryD), Bill Boulton (BillBo)
		3	57.44	10	Tim Davis (TimD), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
	Restricted	1	56.88	6	Robert Ford (RobertFo), Lizzii Bowman (LizziiB)
		2	56.59	6	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		3	56.11	7	Mike Morrissey (MikeMorr), Jian Williams (JianW)
	Novice	1	57.37	7	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		2	55.45	7	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
		3	54.76	12	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1	18	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
		2	6	6	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		3	0	7	Rex Meadowcroft (RexM), Rosemary Porter (RoseP)

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 June 2025</i>	Overall			89	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				76	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				55	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Open			61	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				60	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				49	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Restricted			26	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
				24	Louise Beckingsale (LouiseBe)
				23	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes)
	Novice			24	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)
				17	John Hewitt (JohnHew)
				15	Bob Johnston (BobJ)
	Open IMPs			8	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
				8	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
				8	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open			30	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual			27	Jurate Laisve (JurateL)
				26	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in June 2025</i>	Overall			35	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				31	Elizabeth Milne (LizMil), Derry Houston (DerryH)
				22	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
	Open			29	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
				20	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
				18	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Restricted			16	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				16	Elizabeth Milne (LizMil), Derry Houston (DerryH)
				16	Dave Bright (DaveB), Lorna Bright (LornaB)
	Novice			12	David Suttie (DavidSu), Duncan Woodward (Duncan2)
				12	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
				12	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
	Open IMPs			7	Rex Meadowcroft (RexM), Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
				7	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
				6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Most Improved Player in June 2025	Overall	1	7.09	7	Maria Mactaggart (MariaMac)
		2	6.98	9	Robyn Wells (RobynW)
		3	6.88	7	Marg Orme (MargOr)
	Open	1	5.87	13	David Marshall (DavidMa)
		2	5.36	7	John Kelly (JohnKell)
		3	4.96	20	Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
	Restricted	1	4.8	7	Ann Gale (AnnGale)
		2	4.69	13	Robert Ford (RobertFo)
		3	4.68	8	Feike Boschma (FeikeBo)
	Novice	1	7.17	7	Allan Adams (AllanAd)
		2	4.95	6	Sue Koschade (SueKo)
		3	4.82	6	Lindin Ross (LindinR)
	Open IMPs	1	0.15	7	Maria Ruttiman (MariaRu)
		2	0.1	6	Robert Stammel (RobS)
			0.1	6	Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
	Open	1	5.97	7	Margaret Morgan (MargMor)
Most Improved Pair in June 2025	Individual	2	4.38	10	Michelle Mcdiarmid (MichellM)
		3	3.61	7	Sue Koschade (SueKo)
	Overall	1	7.35	7	Kim Robson (KimRob), Maria Mactaggart (MariaMac)
		2	5.8	10	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	4.59	7	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)
	Open	1	5.8	10	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		2	4.23	6	Frank Campbell (FrankC), Heather Grant (HeathrG)
		3	3.73	6	John Russell (JohnRus), Judith Parsons (JudiPar)
	Restricted	1	4.59	7	Christine Neale (ChrisNe), Lynette Sawtell (LynetteS)
		2	3.39	8	Eric Bottle (EricBot), Judith Boyd (JudithBo)
			3.39	16	Dave Bright (DaveB), Lorna Bright (LornaB)
	Novice	1	4.31	7	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		2	3.16	7	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
		3	1.13	12	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1	0.1	6	Robert Stammel (RobS), Claire Stammel (ClaireS)
		2	0.05	7	Rex Meadowcroft (RexM), Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
		3	0.03	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

Masterpoint Promotions

June 2025

Bogatie, Merle	Grand	Rinder, Ann	State
Nasta, Vinod	Grand	Meek, Colin	State
McMahon, Susan	Gold Life	Pridham, Brian	State
Jeppesen, Fay	Gold Life	Belton, Beth	Bronze Regional
Brake, Paul	Gold Life	Stephens, Judy	Regional
Boulton, Bill	Gold Life	Oprysa, Anna	Regional
Keenan, Gayle	Silver Life	Seto, Lesley	Regional
Falkingham, Sue	Silver Life	Sisson, Andrew	Regional
Nakamatsu, Tomoko	Silver Life	Roche, Liam	Regional
Macdonald, Kate	Silver Life	Munns, Jayde	Silver Local
Burke, Patricia	Bronze Life	McMaster, Neil	Silver Local
Tissera, Simon	Bronze Life	Udall, Annette	Silver Local
Pickering, Marie	Bronze Life	Evans, Robin	Silver Local
Coyle, Jenny	Life	Dunwill, Alexandra	Silver Local
Berry, Trish	Life	Rinder, Philip	Silver Local
Reid, Jeremy	Life	Stevenson, Sue	Silver Local
Wright, Susan	Life	Hilder, Dennis	Silver Local
Kinnear, Sue	Silver National	Halliwell, Janelle	Silver Local
Chick, Glen	Silver National	Katz, Frede	Silver Local
Cleary, Bev	Silver National	Hill, Keith	Silver Local
Chapman, Kevin	Bronze National	Wright, Trish	Silver Local
McCallum, Chery	National	Morgan, Trefor	Silver Local
Cohen, Debra	National	Clark, Don	Bronze Local
Jones, Elaine	National	Dazeley, Garry	Bronze Local
Jackson, Olivia	National	McGregor, Katherine	Bronze Local
Cusack, Margaret	National	Lawrence, Sandra	Local
Bedi, Lynnie	National	Reynolds, Anne	Local
Horder, Dawn	Bronze State	Snelgrove, Kerry	Local
Lewis, Helen	Bronze State	Jensen, Jeanne	Local
Ferguson, Marg	Bronze State	Pearson, Julie	Local
Kronenberg, Robyn	Bronze State	Dickson, Jenny	Local
Buckley, Mary	Bronze State	Katekar, Leonie	Club
Morin, Angelique	Bronze State	Lavette, Julie	Club
Horner, Lee	State	Capper, Amos	Club
Boyle, David	State	Quinn, Val	Club
Furminger, Vad	State	Bartel, Rosemary	Graduate
Coleman, Donna	State	Jens, Neil	Graduate



Congratulations!

Partnership Platform

JULY – so I am off to Brisbane Water Bridge Club to enjoy a weekend of Bridge on 19-20 July.

It's always fun. The Central Coast seems to be an ideal area for Bridge players to relax and enjoy the cards and the hospitality. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new. I'll be on the lookout for new recruits for the Meet the Member page as my goal is to feature as many **StepBridge** members as I can. So please step up if you see me hovering round the tea urn.

In the meantime, if we have any StepBridge members who are still sitting on the fence and wondering if there is value in signing up for **Partners4Bridge**, may I encourage you to give it a try. You'll get better matches if you fill in some basic details. Just registering with an email will probably mean you get overlooked. Members will want to know the following key things – Where you are located? Whether you want to play on-line, or face-to-face, your skill level, and your system. That should turn up possible matches enabling you to get under way via direct messaging.

As **StepBridge** is offering **100 Participation points** to anyone signing up, you can use these towards your initial online game with your new prospect. A win-win for all concerned.

Jay Novak (JayN)



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Forge partnerships

And build bridges to new
opportunities

On **partners4bridge.com**



For feedback, enquiries and support,
email us at
admin@partners4bridge.com

Partnership Platform - Meet the Member

This month we are featuring **Nerida Gillies**, a Central Coast resident, formerly from Sydney. Let's find out a little more –

When did you join StepBridge?

I joined StepBridge when I moved from Sydney so I could keep playing with my amazing partner, Sandy Carter (SandyC), without heading down the freeway too often.

All StepBridge members are assigned a Login. May we know yours? NeridaG

When did you start playing Bridge, and why?

Learning Bridge was an accidental thing for me. I went to a games day at my local library and amongst the participants were three people who could play and needed a fourth so they quickly ran through the basics with me. A few weeks of that & I was hooked. Duplicate looked like it would be fun. I turned up at Peninsula Bridge Club for a session with no partner & no idea about how duplicate worked but was warmly welcomed & soon had an assortment of regular partners and a lineup of Congresses to attend.

Tell us about your Club and why we should visit?

Peninsula Bridge Club in the Northern Beaches of Sydney is one of the largest clubs in Australia. We have dedicated facilities and an assortment of lessons and sessions for players of all levels. We are a friendly club, warmly welcoming visitors of any level. You can make a day of it by grabbing something to eat and heading to the beach or have dinner at one of the local restaurants.

Your best Bridge tip or advice from an Expert

Be nice to your partner or you won't have one. And finally, Surprise us.

Tell us something about yourself that we would never guess.

On a nice day you'll find me riding my vintage Kawasaki around the Central Coast or racing a classic wooden ketch on the harbour.



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.

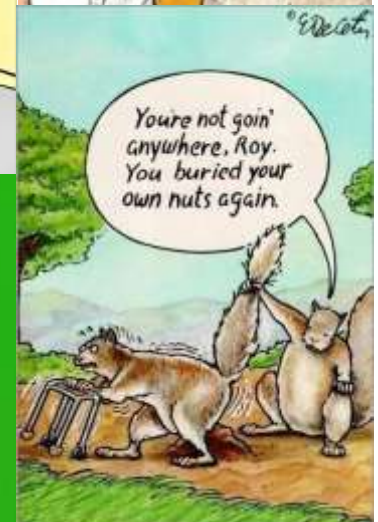
Funnies Column

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



I'm gonna quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money!

I estimate I'll be home again around 10 PM this evening...



I am starting to think I will never be old enough to know better.

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**.

Facebook

Visit our StepBridge Australia Facebook page www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/

Upcoming Red Point Sessions

July

Monday, 21 July

- 8:00pm Open Teams

Thursday, 24 July

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

Friday, 25 July

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

Sunday, 27 July

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Wednesday, 30 July

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

August

Sunday, 3 August

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Thursday, 7 August

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

Sunday, 10 August

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Monday, 11 August

- 8:00pm Open Teams

Wednesday, 13 August

- 10:00am Open Individual

Saturday, 16 August

- 8:00pm Open

Sunday, 17 August

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted

Thursday, 21 August

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

Sunday, 24 August

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted