

September 2025

Message from the President

Dear members,

Soft Release of New Version of StepBridge

As announced in the July newsletter, a new version of StepBridge has been released. This update brings improved functionality, a cleaner interface, and enhanced stability for a smoother playing experience. Please also consider attending one of the StepBridge Onboarding Education Lectures on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm, run by Sarah Zoral.



Committee

Welcome to Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke who has joined the Committee since the last newsletter.

Player Code of Conduct

The Committee has developed a Player Code of Conduct, which complements the Constitution, in addressing issues regarding players when they occur. A copy is available on the StepBridge website www.stepbridge.com.au under the About tab.

Strategic Plan

Following input from our members via the survey, the Committee is working on the Strategic Plan to help chart the club's future. I should have an update regarding the Strategic Plan for our next newsletter.

Increase in Participation Points Per Session

The Committee agreed at their meeting on Monday 25 August of the following increase to Participation Points per session as of Monday 1 September onwards.

Green Masterpoint Session = 55 Participation Points

Red Masterpoint Session = 80 Participation Points

Note: Club Championship Sessions (Red Points) & Australia's Bridge Day Out sessions in September are 100 Participation Points per session.

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New Partnership Finder Option:

A WhatsApp group where you are able to advertise for a partner, respond to a partner request, or respond to a TD request for help in a tournament. You are welcome to join the group. The Partner Finder group link is https://chat.whatsapp.com/IGGGd1QxKVN2QHJKM1FOmD?mode=ems_copy_t (By joining this group, your mobile number will be shared amongst other members of the group).

Player Welfare Officers

The Committee would also like to introduce Player Welfare Liaison Officers for each State and Territory with the Player Welfare Liaison Coordinator being a Member of the Committee. If you are interested in being considered for the role of Player Welfare Liaison Officer in your State or Territory or for further information, please email chris@stepbridge.com.au

Willem Willemse Club Championships

We have commenced our Willem Willemse Club Championships, this year with 6 different categories of Open Pairs, Open IMPs Pairs, Restricted Pairs, Novice Pairs, Open Individual and Open Teams. Details of remaining sessions appear later in the newsletter.

Australia's Bridge Day Out - Tuesday 23 September

On Tuesday 23 September, we will join with the Australian Bridge Community with hosting a Bridge Day Out session at 1.00pm - which will be Red Masterpoints. Table fees will be 100 Participation Points with all table fees from this session will go to the ABF Foundation to support a nationwide bridge in schools program. Please come and support this fundraiser.

Note that there will be NO 12.50pm Restricted session on this day.

2025 Date Claimers

- Melbourne Cup Day Session - Tuesday 4 November, 1.00pm session
- Annual General Meeting - Monday 17 November, 6.30pm AEDT
- StepBridge December Congress (Open & Restricted IMPs Pairs) - Saturday 6 December

Happy Bridging,
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

GNOT Heat Results

1st Hans Van Weeren, Peter Clarke, Aleksandar Milovanovic & Alexander Cook

2nd Sue Eishauer, Terry Bodycote, Pauline Erby & Jenny Michael

3rd Ann Sauer, Rex Meadowcroft, Magdalena Kowalczyk & Jamshid Vazirzadeh

Team Who Represented StepBridge at the South Australian Bridge Federation Regional Final

Herb Neumeister, Richard Arnold, Rita Jones & Ray Jones

SABF UNDER 1500 GNOT Qualifying (August 2025)					
Results after 7 matches					
Place	Cat	Team (click here to show names)	Imps	VPs	W D L
1		ABC (3)	121	101.26	6-0-1
2		GLENELG 2 (2)	56	90.88	6-0-1
3		GLENELG 1 (1)	64	86.43	4-0-3
4		CLARENCE GARDEN (5)	11	74.03	3-1-3
5		STEPBRIDGE (4)	17	72.28	3-0-4
6		TEA TREE GULLY (7)	-33	61.69	3-1-3
7		BAROSSA (6)	-61	50.54	1-2-4
8		GAWLER (8)	-175	22.89	0-0-7

CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Aug-25	8,872	Jul-25	9,384	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 20 July to 31 August. 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

Patrici4

RESTRICTED

Louise2

NOVICE

AlisonWr	AnneTr	BrianP	CharlesG	DamianJ	GeorgeLe	HenryHer	JanisMcA	JenniBo
JenniiMc	JoannaF	Julianne	JuneTho	KayR	KimL	LorrainH	LynDo	LynneMcL
MargGi	MargieH	MariaLi	Maryrita	MichellL	NicC	PeterSul	RamaK	Robert2
RobertL	RoddS	RoseG	RoSh	SamuelA	SueSmi	SusanBr	Suzanne1	TedMcD
TrudieB	VickiB							

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!

StepBridge Onboarding Education Lecture

Tuesday Afternoons at 4.30pm AEST

Join in a relaxed Zoom session to understand how to navigate the New Version and how to play with SABI our friendly robot.

Question Time for all your needs.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/W2FJXBCSQjapeXPtxbAMzA#/registration>





Event

2025 ABF Club Teams Knockout

The first two sessions of the 2025 ABF Club Teams Knock were played on RealBridge on Tuesday evenings 22 July & 19 August

The following players are representing StepBridge and will continue to play once a month on 23 September, 28 October, and 25 November.

Category	Players	Results
Open	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK) Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi) Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR) Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)	Our Open team placed 9th in Pool B Qualifying and will play in the Consolation Swiss Teams Results
Under 750 <i>StepBridge Black</i>	Mark Goddard (Mark) Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn) Joann Theriault (JoannT) Helen Rogoysky (Helen3)	Our U750 team placed 10th in the Qualifying and will play in the Consolation Swiss Teams
Under 300	Laura Hedberg (LauraHed) Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM) Tien Chey (TienC) Meera Kudva (MeeraK)	Our U300 team is currently placed 9th in Qualifying Results
Under 100	John Hewitt (JohnHew) Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu), Ann Rinder (AnnRin) Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)	Our U100 team is currently placed 17th in Qualifying Results

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)

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 IMPs Pairs

Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 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**

ABF 
FOUNDATION
Supporting the future of bridge



ATTENTION

QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY & WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLAYERS

Daylight Savings starts on Sunday morning 5 October.

This means play will start one hour earlier for players from Queensland, the Northern Territory & Western Australia.

Below is the spelled out timetable for these players.

Weekly Timetable

	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>
Open Individual:	9.00am	8.30am	7.00am
Restricted: (Mon-Sat)	11.50pm	11.20am	9.50am
Open:	12 noon	11.30am	10.00am
Open/Restricted (Sun)	1.30pm	1.00pm	11.30am
Novice:	2.50pm	2.20pm	12.50pm
Open:	3.00pm	2.30pm	1.00pm
Restricted/Novice: (Novice: Tue & Thu / Restricted: Wed & Fri)	6.50pm	6.20pm	4.50pm
Open: (Tue-Sun)	7.00pm	6.30pm	5.00pm
Open Teams: (Mon)	7.00pm	6.30pm	5.00pm

Note: There is no change of time for players from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia & the Australian Capital Territory.

Melbourne Cup Day Session

Tuesday 4 November – 1.00pm Session
Audio Video Session

Red Masterpoints

Sweeps

Prizes for Best Hats



Monthly Awards: July 2025

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Highest Player Average in July 2025	Overall	1	58.17	6	Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	58.05	7	Jo Pavy (JoP)
		3	57.69	11	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
	Open	1	58.46	10	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		2	58.17	6	Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.55	6	Jo Pavy (JoP)
	Restricted	1	58.69	6	Erik Moller (ErikM)
		2	58.24	12	Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		3	57.23	13	Zhan Wan (ZhanW)
	Novice	1	57.23	10	Phil Kay (PhilK)
		2	56.2	7	Merran Adams (MerranA)
		3	55.55	8	Keith Hill (KeithH)
	Open IMPs	1	32	7	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
		2	30	6	Quentin Van Abbe (QuentinV)
		3	29	8	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open	1	58.05	6	Phil Cummings (PhilipCu)
Highest Pairs Average in July 2025	Individual	2	55.22	8	Margaret (Meg) Pisko (MegP)
		3	54.94	8	Larry Bryant (Larry)
	Overall	1	60.07	8	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio
		2	59.53	7	Graeme King (GraemeK), Zhan Wan (ZhanW)
		3	58.17	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
	Open	1	58.17	6	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	55.98	6	Marleen Medhat (MarleenM), Wence Vahala (WenceV)
		3	55.64	9	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT), Mark Doust (MarkDou)
	Restricted	1	60.07	8	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		2	59.53	7	Graeme King (GraemeK), Zhan Wan (ZhanW)
		3	53.73	6	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Margaret Portess (MargPo)
	Novice	1	56.2	7	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		2	55.55	8	Michelle Hill (MichellH), Keith Hill (KeithH)
		3	53.16	13	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
	Open IMPs	1	30	6	Rex Livingston (RexLiv), Quentin Van Abbe (QuentinV)
		2	17	7	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
		3	11	7	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW), Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)

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Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Player Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in July 2025</i>	Overall			90	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				80	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				65	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
	Open			59	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
				55	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				52	Tammy Hubbard (TammyHu)
	Restricted			32	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes)
				28	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
				24	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
	Novice			23	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)
				22	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				21	Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs			10	Delma Casabene (DelmaCa)
				9	Patrick Smith (PatSmith)
				9	Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
	Open Indi-			31	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				29	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
				24	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in July 2025</i>	Overall			23	Elizabeth Milne (LizMil), Derry Houston (DerryH)
				23	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
				21	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
	Open			23	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
				19	Debbie Jerkovic (DebbieJ), Vicki Lee (VickiL)
				18	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai), Margaret Morgan (MargMor)
	Restricted			21	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
				17	Dave Bright (DaveB), Lorna Bright (LornaB)
				12	Kerrel Walker (Kerrel), Marilyn Jarrett (MarilynJ)
	Novice			13	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)
				10	Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT), Marinus Kole (Marinus)
				8	Michelle Hill (MichellH), Keith Hill (KeithH)
	Open IMPs			8	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
				7	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
				7	Rex Meadowcroft (RexM), Rosemary Porter (RoseP)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Most Improved Player in July 2025	Overall	1	7.74	10	Keith Hill (KeithH)
		2	5.83	11	Margaret Portess (MargPo)
		3	5.31	6	Charles Page (CharlesP)
	Open	1	5.11	11	Kerri Grant (KerriG)
		2	4.02	14	Shirley Reddin (ShirleyR)
		3	4.01	22	Vivian Waddell (VivianW)
	Restricted	1	6.39	6	Margaret Portess (MargPo)
		2	5.54	6	Lucy Costello (LucyCos)
		3	5.37	8	Margaret Barker (MargBa)
	Novice	1	3.79	10	Frances Pope (FrancesP)
		2	2.8	10	Phil Kay (PhilK)
		3	2.57	7	Lois Munro (LoisMun)
	Open IMPs	1	0.28	6	Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		2	0.23	7	Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)
		3	0.14	6	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
	Open	1	3.36	13	Gail Cowen (GailCo)
	Individual	2	3.26	9	Marina Green (MarinaG)
		3	3.16	7	Tien Chey (TienC)
Most Improved Pair in July 2025	Overall	1	5.83	11	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Margaret Portess (MargPo)
		2	4.92	12	Patricia Thomson (TrishTho), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
		3	3.96	8	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
	Open	1	4.92	12	Patricia Thomson (TrishTho), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
		2	2.88	8	Richard Lawrie (Ricky), Christopher Johnston (ChrisJoh)
		3	2.87	7	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD), Joan Lenehan (JoanLe)
	Restricted	1	6.39	6	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Margaret Portess (MargPo)
		2	5.37	8	Margaret Barker (MargBa), Judith Ann Francis (JudithF)
		3	4.08	9	Carmel Brown (CarmelBr), Patrick Rasmussen (PatRasmu)
	Novice	1	1.92	7	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		2	0.93	7	Anna Oprysa (AnnaOpr), Anna de Borah (AnnaDeB)
		3	0.49	8	David Suttie (DavidSu), Duncan Woodward (Duncan2)
	Open IMPs	1	0.11	6	Rex Livingston (RexLiv), Quentin Van Abbe (QuentinV)
		2	0.03	7	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

Monthly Awards: August 2025

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<i>Highest Player Average in August 2025</i>	Overall	1	59.8	7	Mark Doust (MarkDou)
			59.8	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT)
		3	59.65	8	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc)
	Open	1	59.8	7	Mark Doust (MarkDou)
			59.8	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT)
		3	57.55	6	Gwyneira Brahma (Gwyneira)
	Restricted	1	60.63	7	Sa Smith (SaSmith)
		2	57.51	6	Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
		3	56.44	7	Annie Sheth (AnnieSh)
	Novice	1	61.3	6	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc)
		2	59.35	7	Kay Rundle (KayR)
		3	56.06	11	Merran Adams (MerranA)
	Open IMPs	1	29	6	Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
			29	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook)
		3	26	8	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open	1	57.77	6	Deana Wilson (DeanaWil)
<i>Highest Pairs Average in August 2025</i>	Individual	2	55.66	11	Margaret (Meg) Pisko (MegP)
		3	54.93	12	Lyn Redman (LynRed)
	Overall	1	59.8	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT), Mark Doust (MarkDou)
		2	59.65	8	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc), Kay Rundle (KayR)
		3	57.78	8	Elizabeth Lawrence (LizLaw), Alfie Nation (Alfie)
	Open	1	59.8	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT), Mark Doust (MarkDou)
		2	57.78	8	Elizabeth Lawrence (LizLaw), Alfie Nation (Alfie)
		3	57.54	9	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Nick Cantatore (NickCa)
	Restricted	1	55.01	6	Annie Sheth (AnnieSh), Izumi Offen (IzumiF)
		2	54.95	7	Wendy Sheehan (WendyS), Trish McDonell
		3	53.57	6	Daniele Escreet (DanieleE), Sandra Cool
	Novice	1	61.3	6	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc), Kay Rundle (KayR)
		2	56.06	11	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		3	50.29	6	Anne Birt (AnneB), Susan Lomax (SusanLo)
	Open IMPs	1	29	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
		2	-23	7	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)

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				62	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				55	Wendy Harris (WendyH)
	Open			57	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				47	Michele Tredinnick (Michele)
				43	Rose Szabo-Bencze (RoseSz)
	Restricted			24	Julie Barker (JulieBar)
				22	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				20	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes)
	Novice			19	Bob Johnston (BobJ)
				19	John Hewitt (JohnHew)
				19	Ann Rinder (AnnRin)
	Open IMPs			8	Rex Livingston (RexLiv)
				8	Delma Casabene (DelmaCa)
				8	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	Open Indi-			29	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
				28	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				23	Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in August 2025	Overall			26	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Rose Szabo-Bencze (RoseSz)
				22	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
				22	Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Mary Hives (MaryH)
	Open			24	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Rose Szabo-Bencze (RoseSz)
				21	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
				19	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Restricted			13	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				12	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
				12	Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Mary Hives (MaryH)
	Novice			15	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Bob Johnston (BobJ)
				13	David Suttie (DavidSu), Duncan Woodward (Duncan2)
				11	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
	Open IMPs			7	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
				6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Most Improved Player in August 2025	Overall	1	7.71	6	Annette Udall (AnnettU)
		2	7.4	6	Alan Sims (AlanSims)
		3	6.89	6	Susan Lomax (SusanLo)
	Open	1	6.1	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT)
			6.1	7	Mark Doust (MarkDou)
		3	5.51	9	Yvonne Arnold (YvonneA)
	Restricted	1	6.52	6	Diana Whiteley (DianaWh)
		2	5.84	6	Bev Petterson (BevPett)
			5.84	6	David Petterson (DavidPe)
	Novice	1	5.63	6	Susan Lomax (SusanLo)
			5.63	6	Anne Birt (AnneB)
		3	4.75	8	John O'Shea (JohnOS)
	Open IMPs	1	0.15	6	Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
		2	0.14	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook)
		3	0.06	6	Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
	Open	1	6.3	7	Lou Stanley (LouStanI)
	Individual	2	2.68	13	Christopher Johnston (ChrisJoh)
		3	2.03	13	Elsie Chua (ElsieC)
Most Improved Pair in August 2025	Overall	1	6.89	6	Anne Birt (AnneB), Susan Lomax (SusanLo)
		2	6.72	8	Elizabeth Lawrence (LizLaw), Alfie Nation (Alfie)
		3	6.1	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT), Mark Doust (MarkDou)
	Open	1	6.72	8	Elizabeth Lawrence (LizLaw), Alfie Nation (Alfie)
		2	6.1	7	Belinda Taranto (BelindaT), Mark Doust (MarkDou)
		3	4.89	6	Trish Berry (TrishBer), Sue Evershed (SueEv)
	Restricted	1	5.99	6	Frances Hiatt (FrancesH), Vicki Williamson (VickiWil)
		2	5.84	6	David Petterson (DavidPe), Bev Petterson (BevPett)
		3	5.75	7	Kerri Grant (KerriG), Wendy Dodd (WendyDod)
	Novice	1	5.63	6	Anne Birt (AnneB), Susan Lomax (SusanLo)
		2	1.4	11	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		3	0.8	8	Stephen Tjiantoro (StephenT), Marinus Kole (Marinus)
	Open IMPs	1	0.14	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

Masterpoint Promotions

July 2025

Bugeia, Noel	Silver Grand	Holst, Dianne	Bronze Regional
Mitchell, Cassandra	Gold Life	Samuels, Richard	Bronze Regional
Treasure, Leslie	Silver Life	Jackson, Barry	Regional
Neill, Sue	Silver Life	Johnson, Jill	Regional
Singh, Sarita	Silver Life	Milne, Colleen	Regional
Boehm, Bronwyn	Bronze Life	Peary, Kerry	Regional
Goss, Alex	Bronze Life	Birt, Anne	Regional
Garside, Di	Bronze Life	Hilder, Kathy	Regional
McKenzie, Gail	Bronze Life	Christie, Tim	Regional
Caust, Pauline	Bronze Life	Mitchell, Adele	Silver Local
Regan, Margaret	Bronze Life	Ross, Kim	Silver Local
Perris, Ruth	Life	Sun, Ada	Silver Local
Rogoysky, Helen	Life	Williams, Maree	Silver Local
Wu, Christina	Life	Dyson, John	Silver Local
Beaumont, Adrian	Life	Watson, John	Silver Local
Mulcahy, Sandra	Silver National	Gillett, Robyn	Silver Local
Hesketh, Tina	Silver National	Mason, Timothy Robert Douglas	Bronze Local
Calcroft, Stephen	Silver National	Bishop, Irene	Bronze Local
Hogan, Michael	Silver National	Rooney, Jane	Bronze Local
Kleem, Bruce	National	Neale, Christine	Bronze Local
Meyer, Lesley	National	Lin, Jeremy	Local
Westmoreland, Peter	National	Spencer-Cole, Lyn	Local
Buckett, Terry	National	Cumming, Robert	Local
Barker, Margaret	National	Jasotharan, Shan	Local
Mittermair, Sue	National	Young, Trikki	Local
Lowry, Beryl	Bronze State	Hodgson, Ian	Local
Pearson, Janice	Bronze State	Roe, John	Local
Smith, Kate	Bronze State	Boyce Cam, William	Club
Walker, Kelly	Bronze State	Johnston, Bryan	Club
Goss, Samuel	Bronze State	McGrath, Corrie	Club
Lam, Spencer	State	Johnston, Bob	Graduate
Casey, David	State	Byrnes, Helen	Graduate
Kowalczyk, Magdalena	State		
Redin, Sebastian	State		
Cullen, Mereana	State		



Congratulations!

Masterpoint Promotions

August 2025

Matthews, David	Silver Grand	Kilpatrick, Ian	State
Anderson, Patricia	Grand	Holst, Dianne	State
Nation, Alfie	Gold Life	Macpherson, Kinga	State
Lowe, Jean	Gold Life	Khan, Hafizur	State
Andrew, Jake	Gold Life	Munns, Jayde	Regional
Ward, Rob	Gold Life	Madden, Jan	Regional
Carter, Sandy	Silver Life	Pendel, Eva	Regional
Russell, John	Silver Life	Marais, Eugene	Silver Local
Clark, Raelene	Silver Life	Gough, Sue	Silver Local
Napier, Ian	Silver Life	Carfrae, Judith	Silver Local
Eishauer, Sue	Silver Life	Fowler, Julie	Silver Local
Xerri, Marianna	Bronze Life	Roots, Joan	Silver Local
Cotton, Roy	Bronze Life	Lovell, Margaret	Silver Local
Parsons, Judith	Bronze Life	Garstang, Di	Silver Local
Theriault, Joann	Bronze Life	Boast, Graham	Silver Local
Gibbons, Florence	Life	Skeen, Jane	Silver Local
Farrell, Camille	Life	Pender, Toni	Bronze Local
Tonna, Anne	Life	Walton, Louise	Bronze Local
Bell, Rodney	Life	Koschade, Sue	Bronze Local
Daly, Nola	Silver National	Lewandowska, Hanna	Bronze Local
Zanon, Diana	Silver National	Canavan, Andrew	Local
Johnson, David	Silver National	Tyson, Graham	Local
Campbell, Brenda	Bronze National	Cheng, Joseph	Local
Jones, Ken	National	Stephens, Susan	Local
Talmont, Lynne	National	Stark, Denis	Local
Lavarack, Shirley	National	Fagan, Helen	Club
Jansen, Stella	Bronze State	Smith, Fred	Club
		Vantoor, Monique	Graduate



Congratulations!

Partnership Platform

I thoroughly enjoyed the **Brisbane Water Bridge Club Super Congress** over the weekend 19-20 July.

Brisbane Water managed a full house and celebrated 50 years in style. We all enjoyed perfect weather, challenging Bridge, and Central Coast hospitality.

Of course, this is the perfect opportunity to seek out a **StepBridge** player for a **Meet the Member** profile. Bridge players can now lead double lives, playing online Bridge and face to face Bridge. Throw in a Congress or 10, a cruise, some YouTube clips courtesy of Pete Hollands, and our lives have just got richer and fuller.

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 online, 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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Partnership Platform - Meet the Member

This month we are featuring **Gary Heyting**. We chatted before heading to the tables at the Brisbane Water Congress. Let's find out a little more –

All StepBridge members are assigned a Login.

May we know yours? GaryH

When did you start playing Bridge, and why?

The family played Bridge and I picked the game up over the dining room table. I started with American Bridge and would move to Bridge in due course. I have never had a lesson – but as I've been sorting the cards since about 1976 I've had plenty of time to get the hang of it. My mother was a very good player and she was a real influence on why I became so hooked. The story of when my mother found herself in 7NT, missing an Ace, and made it against a seasoned and expert player, still resonates after all this time.



Tell us about your Club and why we should visit?

I'm a member of quite a few Clubs in this area. Central Coast Bridge Club, Central Coast Leagues Club, Brisbane Water and the Bateau Bay Community Club. These Clubs cater for all levels, are friendly and inviting. It's a thriving community.

Your best Bridge tip or advice from an Expert

Learn to Count. Count everything. Count your winners, count your losers, count outstanding trumps. Count, count and count again.

Tell us something about yourself that we would never guess.

I'm an Engineer by trade (retired) and I was a National Service Naval Officer. I trade Forex – I really like to keep my hand in.

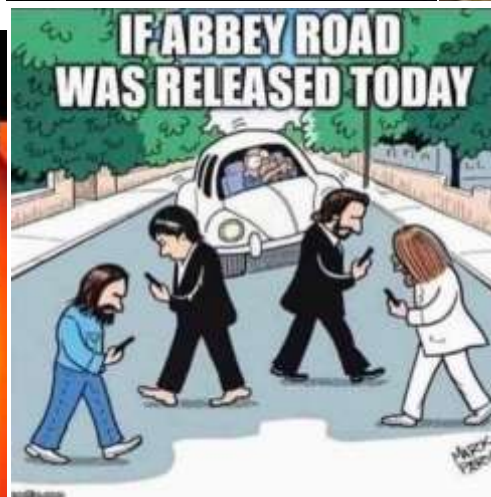
Remember, It's free to Register and use the platform. Head to www.partners4bridge.com or use the QR code on the previous page. Tell us a bit about yourself and sit back and see if we can find you a match. Use the platform to message each other and discuss system, availability, etc. **As an incentive,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



The most terrifying
moment in life is when
the toilet refuses to
flush at someone else's
house



An Indiana man followed this
Chinese spy balloon for 194
miles before he realized it was
bird shit on his windshield.



Stop posting your
problems on
facebook and start
drinking alcohol like
the rest of us

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: 55 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 80 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

Club Championship – Week 1

Monday, 1 September

- 8:00pm Open Teams (Audio Video)

Tuesday, 2 September

- 7:50pm Novice (Audio Video)

- 8:00pm Open IMPs (Audio Video)

Saturday, 6 September

- 10:00am Open Individual (Audio Video)

Sunday, 7 September

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted (Audio Video)

Club Championship – Week 2

Monday, 8 September

- 8:00pm Open Teams (Audio Video)

Tuesday, 9 September

- 7:50pm Novice (Audio Video)

- 8:00pm Open IMPs (Audio Video)

Saturday, 13 September

- 10:00am Open Individual (Audio Video)

Sunday, 14 September

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted (Audio Video)

Club Championship – Week 3

Monday, 15 September

- 8:00pm Open Teams (Audio Video)

Tuesday, 16 September

- 7:50pm Novice (Audio Video)

- 8:00pm Open IMPs (Audio Video)

Saturday, 20 September

- 10:00am Open Individual (Audio Video)

Sunday, 21 September

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted (Audio Video)

Club Championship – Week 4

Monday, 22 September

- 8:00pm Open Teams (Audio Video)

Tuesday, 23 September

- 7:50pm Novice (Audio Video)

- 8:00pm Open IMPs (Audio Video)

Saturday, 27 September

- 10:00am Open Individual (Audio Video)

Sunday, 28 September

- 2:30pm Open & Restricted (Audio Video)

Australia's Bridge Day Out

Tuesday, 23 September - 1:00pm Open