

October 2025

Message from the President

Dear members,

Willem Willemse Club Championships

Over the month of September we held the Willem Willemse Club Championships. Congratulations to the Overall Winners. The results appear later in this newsletter.



Australia's Bridge Day Out - Tuesday 23 September

Thank you to all members who participated in a Australia's Bridge Day Out session on Tuesday 23 September.

StepBridge Australia donated a total of \$1,000 which was sent to the ABF Foundation to support the nationwide bridge in schools program. If you did not have a chance to participate on the day, there is still time to donate by going to <https://form.jotform.com/252518757039061>

StepBridge Onboarding Education Lectures

A reminder to members that we have our StepBridge Onboarding Education Lectures on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons at 4:30pm AEDT, which are run by Sarah Zoral. If you have not attended a session yet, please consider availing yourself of one of the lectures.

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 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).

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Monday 17 November 2025

6.30pm Australia Eastern Daylight Time
on Zoom

AGM
Annual General Meeting

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 or support@stepbridge.com.au

Player Code of Conduct

A reminder that 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 a couple of months ago, the Committee is finalising the Strategic Plan. It is planned that an update regarding the Strategic Plan will be in our next newsletter.

2025 Date Claimers

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

Happy Bridging,
Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

Annual General Meeting

The 2025 StepBridge Australia Bridge Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 17 November at 6.30pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time) on Zoom.

As this is the main meeting of the club, all members are welcome to attend and participate.

We also welcome anyone who would like to nominate for a position on the Committee or submit any agenda items. If you wish to nominate for a position on the Committee, please email Chris Larter at chris@stepbridge.com.au for a nomination form ASAP. You can also talk to Chris about any position and what it entails.

To nominate for a position on the Committee and/or for any motions / matters of business for the meeting, please have these emailed by Sunday 26 October at the very latest.

StepBridge members will be emailed information regarding the AGM, including the minutes from the last AGM, agenda, reports from the various positions, and a list of candidates by Monday 3 November. If you have not received your AGM email by this date, please email support@stepbridge.com.au as this will mean your email may have gotten lost in cyberspace.

Finally, if you have any questions about the AGM, please email support@stepbridge.com.au

CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

Dec-25		Nov-25		Oct-25		Sep-25	8,588
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 1 September to 30 September. 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

AnitaDeL DavidBu LeighB RossSh

RESTRICTED

JudyFor MiriamBe PatrickK Robert3 SauYem

NOVICE

AnneM BevLo BobLap BronwynW CherylPf DianneDw FraserF GabiD HelenGo
HelenMo Janel JewelS JulieCa KarenMos KateS KristinD LindaC Lynnette
MaggieJ MarkGr MartinH Michael9 PeterL RhondaGu RoelVdK

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 and Saturday Afternoons at 4.30pm AEDT

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 three sessions of the 2025 ABF Club Teams Knock were played on RealBridge on Tuesday evenings 22 July, 19 August and 23 September

The following players are representing StepBridge and will continue to play once a month on 28 October and 25 November at 7.30pm AEDT.

Category	Players	Results
Open	Annegrete Kolding (AnneK) Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi) Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR) Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)	Our Open team is currently placed 2nd 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 is currently placed 7th in the Consolation Swiss Teams Results
Under 300	Laura Hedberg (LauraHed) Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM) Tien Chey (TienC) Meera Kudva (MeeraK)	Our U300 team placed 10th in Qualifying and will move into the Consolation Swiss Teams Results
Under 100	John Hewitt (JohnHew) Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu), Ann Rinder (AnnRin) Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)	Our U100 team placed 11th in Qualifying and will move into the Under 100 MPs Semi-Finals Results

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

Willem Willemse Club Championships

StepBridge held its fifth annual Club Championships during the month of September.

Our annual Club Championships is named after **Willem Willemse**,
who introduced StepBridge to Australia 21 years ago.

Prizes in each division were **1st-2500 PPs**, **2nd-1000 PPs** and **3rd-500 PPs**

Congratulation to the following placegetters in each division.

	Rank	Score	Tourns	Players
Open Teams	1	69.07	4	Florence Maltby (Florence), Tim Davis (TimD), Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	2	61.23	4	Margaret Phippen (MargarPh), Ian Napier (IanNap), Mrinal Dey (MrinalD), Lucia Mendonca (LuciaM)
	3	59.34	4	Denise Strain (DeniseSt), Frank Hardiman (FrankH), Barbara O'Shea (BarbO), Kevin Willcocks (KevinWic)
Open Individual	1	57.57	4	Rosemary Porter (RoseP)
	2	56.94	4	Judy Wilkinson (JudyWilk)
	3	56.86	4	Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke (BronwynS)
Open IMP Pairs	1	29	4	Ian Napier (IanNap), Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
	2	27	3	Steven Kemp (StevenK), Joann Theriault (JoannT)
	3	26	3	Gwyneira Brahma (Gwyneira), Rez Karim (MeemKar)
Open Pairs	1	62.65	4	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van Der Hoek (RobertV)
	2	61.37	4	Philip Bapty (PhillB), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
	3	56.23	4	David Cumming (DavidCum), Mike Morrissey (MikeMorr)
Restricted Pairs	1	61.26	4	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio (LucyD)
	2	59.01	4	Rebecca Mackiggan (Rebecca2), Rebecca Dorman (RebeccaD)
	3	56.20	3	Anne Heyes (AnneHe), Sylvia Skeels (SylviaSk)
Novice Pairs	1	59.43	4	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc), Kay Rundle (KayR)
	2	58.45	4	Graeme King (GraemeK), Phil Kay (PhilK)
	3	57.2	4	Rebecca Mackiggan (Rebecca2), Rebecca Dorman (RebeccaD)

Below are links to the Overall Results of the Willem Willemse Club Championships.

[Open Teams](#) [Open Individual](#) [Open IMP Pairs](#) [Open Pairs](#) [Restricted Pairs](#) [Novice Pairs](#)

Melbourne Cup Day Session

Tuesday 4 November - 1.00pm Session
Audio Video Session

Red Masterpoints

Sweeps

Prizes for Best Hats



South Australian



Bridge Federation Inc

STATE-WIDE PAIRS 2025

The SA Bridge Federation is offering for all affiliated clubs to participate in the

2025 STATE-WIDE PAIRS

which will be held during the week of

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025.

All participants play the same pre-dealt boards,
with a booklet providing analysis of the hands available to all players.

Scoring is done at the local club level (with masterpoints),
then the club's results are sent through to the SA Bridge Federation
where scoring is done across the State (with red masterpoints awarded).

StepBridge plans to participate in the SABF State-Wide Pairs

Session details will be advertised in due course on the Welcome News Page

Green Masterpoints awarded at the StepBridge Session

Red Masterpoints awarded for the Overall Placings Across the State

All StepBridge members can participate

*Note: If you live in South Australia, you can only play once
either at your Face 2 Face club or on StepBridge*

This session will be using Audio and Video

StepBridge Australia DECEMBER CONGRESS

Open & Restricted
(An approved SABF red point congress)



Online on the StepBridge Platform

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 2025 – SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS

Director	Chris Snook
Movement	Swiss Butler IMP Pairs – Two separate fields of Open & Restricted The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Director and Step-
Conditions of Entry	SABF Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided. Green, blue & red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments, permitted in the Open Grade. Blue & green systems permitted in the Restricted Grade. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2025. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2025. 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.
Start Time	11am (ACT, NSW, VIC & TAS) / 10.30am (SA) / 10am (QLD) / 9.30am (NT) / 8am
Closing Date	Thursday 4th December 2025, 5.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
Entries & Entry List	https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/3317 If you have not used MyABF before, register for MyABF via the following link: https://www.myabf.com.au/accounts/register
Entry Fee	450 Participation Points per Player per Day. Select "Club PP System" in MyABF for payment The Participation Points will be deducted from your account on the day of the congress. Please ensure you have enough Participation Points in your account.
Prizes	Cash Prizes will be awarded in the separate fields. 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$150, subject to 20 tables in the particular field. Should there be less than 20 tables in the particular field, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced. Prize for Best Novice Pair in the Restricted Grade.
StepBridge Username Registration	All players must be registered with StepBridge Australia. Details on registration at www.stepbridge.com.au If registering solely for this Congress, you can have temporary membership with no membership fee payable and in addition 150 free Participation Points to familiarise yourself with the StepBridge Australia platform. You will need order and pay \$20 for purchase of your Participation Points for this event. Account Name: StepBridge Australia BSB: 012013 Account Number: 302538455 StepBridge enquiries to support@stepbridge.com.au

Monthly Awards: September 2025

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Highest Player Average in September 2025	Overall	1	59.46	8	Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		2	59.03	11	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	57.69	14	Vinod Nasta (Vinod)
	Open	1	59.46	8	Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		2	59.03	11	Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin)
		3	57.69	14	Vinod Nasta (Vinod)
	Restricted	1	57.24	12	Colin Morrison (ColMor)
		2	55.94	8	Joan Lenehan (JoanLe)
		3	55.86	12	Ina Buhse (InaBuhse)
	Novice	1	56.58	10	Kay Rundle (KayR)
			56.58	10	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc)
		3	56.28	6	Nita Cooper (NitaC)
	Open IMPs	1	26	6	Joann Theriault (JoannT)
		2	15	7	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)
		3	13	6	Richard Illingworth (Richard)
	Open	1	56.42	8	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
Highest Pairs Average in September 2025	Individual	2	53.31	26	Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)
		3	53.13	6	Christopher Johnston (ChrisJoh)
	Overall	1	59.46	8	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		2	58.23	7	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van Der Hoek (RobertV)
		3	57.16	9	Robert Van Der Hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
	Open	1	59.46	8	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		2	58.23	7	Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van Der Hoek (RobertV)
		3	57.16	9	Robert Van Der Hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
	Restricted	1	56.53	6	Colin Morrison (ColMor), Matthew Lynch (MatthewL)
		2	55.9	11	David Hancock (DavidHan), Lucy D'Ambrosio
		3	55.35	14	Andrea Dayman (AndreaD), Mike Dayman
	Novice	1	56.58	10	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc), Kay Rundle (KayR)
		2	56.15	8	Frances Pope (FrancesP), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
		3	54.28	6	Michelle Hill (MichellH), Keith Hill (KeithH)
	Open IMPs	1	12	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
		2	10	6	Pamela Lidl (PamelaLi), Elsie Chua (ElsieC)
		3	9	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)

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 September 2025</i>	Overall			81	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				60	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				54	Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
	Open			58	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
				48	Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				43	Jeanne Hey (JeanneH)
	Restricted			26	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				26	Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes)
				24	Savitri Newman (Savitri)
	Novice			18	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
				16	Bob Johnston (BobJ)
				16	Helen Thomas (HelenT)
	Open IMPs			9	Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
				9	Mal Clark (MalCI)
				8	Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)
	Open			26	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual			26	Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)
				25	Shirley Reddin (ShirleyR)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in September 2025</i>	Overall			28	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				20	Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Mary Hives (MaryH)
				20	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
	Open			28	Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)
				18	Michele Tredinnick (Michele), Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
				18	Anna Bell (AnnaBe), Jane Routley (JaneRo)
	Restricted			19	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
				15	Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Mary Hives (MaryH)
				14	Andrea Dayman (AndreaD), Mike Dayman (MikeDay)
	Novice			10	Jennifer McKenzie (JenniiMc), Kay Rundle (KayR)
				8	Frances Pope (FrancesP), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
				8	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Bob Johnston (BobJ)
	Open IMPs			7	Matthew Geeve (MatthewG), Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)
				6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)
				6	Pamela Lidl (PamelaLi), Elsie Chua (ElsieC)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
Most Improved Player in September 2025	Overall	1	6.98	10	Sue Cornwell (SueCorn)
		2	4.95	6	Murray McKay (MurrayM)
			4.95	6	Edward Ellice-Flint (EdwardEF)
	Open	1	4.95	6	Edward Ellice-Flint (EdwardEF)
		2	4.87	8	Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		3	4.5	13	Rod Binsted (RodBin)
	Restricted	1	9.43	6	Annmaree Jones (Annmaree)
		2	5.33	12	Colin Morrison (ColMor)
		3	4.88	8	Marina Green (MarinaG)
	Novice	1	9.8	7	Sue Cornwell (SueCorn)
		2	3.37	13	Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
		3	3.24	6	Nita Cooper (NitaC)
	Open IMPs	1	0.32	6	Joann Theriault (JoannT)
		2	0.17	6	Zhan Wan (ZhanW)
			0.17	8	Alex Glikin (AlexGlik)
	Open	1	4.18	7	Mal Clark (MalCI)
Most Improved Pair in September 2025	Individual	2	3.76	8	Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)
		3	3.37	9	Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe)
	Overall	1	5.16	6	Ken Trolland (KenTro), Dianna Middleton (DiannaM)
		2	4.87	8	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		3	4.15	6	Simon Fleming (SimonF), Robyn Stevens (RobynS)
	Open	1	5.16	6	Ken Trolland (KenTro), Dianna Middleton (DiannaM)
		2	4.87	8	Rod Binsted (RodBin), Judy Scholfield (JudySch)
		3	4.15	6	Simon Fleming (SimonF), Robyn Stevens (RobynS)
	Restricted	1	4.12	14	Andrea Dayman (AndreaD), Mike Dayman (MikeDay)
		2	3.65	8	Alma Van der Walt (MariaAlm), Kathy Ivits (Kathyl)
		3	3.1	6	David Petterson (DavidPe), Bev Petterson (BevPett)
	Novice	1	1.82	8	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Bob Johnston (BobJ)
		2	1.63	6	Penny Mullumby (PennyM), Jane Boland (JaneBo)
	Open IMPs	1	0.14	6	Chris Farr (ChrisF), Sandi Pirozzo (SandiPir)
		2	0.04	6	Colin Meek (ColMeek), Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)

Masterpoint Promotions

September 2025

Jamieson, Ian	Gold Life	Dorman, Rebecca	State
Stuart, John	Gold Life	Jackson, Michael	State
Goddard, Mark	Gold Life	Shimmin-Clarke, Bronwyn	State
Schwegler, Pepe	Gold Life	Wilkie, Janet	Bronze Regional
Dundas, Alan	Gold Life	Perry, Sue	Bronze Regional
Paterson, Murray	Silver Life	Hart, Pamela	Bronze Regional
Nadebaum, Kate	Silver Life	Bauermeister, Laura	Regional
Vahala, Wence	Bronze Life	Clarke, Jenny	Regional
Clear, Martin	Bronze Life	Dayman, Mike	Regional
McCracken, Hamish	Bronze Life	Wilson, Brenda	Regional
Gearing, Michael	Bronze Life	Isaacs, Jean	Regional
Marshall, David	Bronze Life	Bradwyn, Julie-Ann	Regional
Chey, Tien	Bronze National	Adams, Merran	Regional
D'Ambrosio, Lucy	Bronze National	Hollingsworth, Christine	Silver Local
Pearson, Kay	Bronze National	Mitchell, Jane	Silver Local
Heyes, Anne	Bronze National	Propsting, Jane	Silver Local
Rose, Francis	National	Cooper, Nita	Bronze Local
Matheson, Annthea	National	Li, Samuel	Bronze Local
Crowley, Althea	National	Corbett, Paula	Bronze Local
Skeels, Sylvia	National	Roberts, Cynthia	Bronze Local
Baran, Helen	National	Groves, Mark	Bronze Local
Huddle, Christine	Bronze State	Milne, Joan	Bronze Local
Beasley, Diane	Bronze State	Costello, Margaret	Bronze Local
Armitage, Nick	Bronze State	McCrohon, Mary	Bronze Local
Williams, Jian	Bronze State	Howden, Brian	Bronze Local
Leahy, Pam	Bronze State	McKenzie, Jennifer	Local
Barridge, Kerry	Bronze State	Krishnamachari, Ramarathinam	Local
O'Brien, Miriam	Bronze State	Pashev, Jack	Local
Fredheim, Paul	Bronze State	Cunningham, Belinda	Local
Malthouse, Ronnie	Bronze State	Healy, Fran	Local
Giltrap, Cathy	Bronze State	Collins, Julia	Local
Kelley, Ann	Bronze State	Johnston, Bob	Club
Silagy, Jane	State	Heyes, Anne	Club
Pope, Frances	State	Shorten, Toni	Club
Ellis, Julie	State	Geutjes, Jane	Graduate
Tang, Mike	State	Dougherty, Tracy	Graduate
Gude, Rhonda	State	Buzzard, Ruth	Graduate
Holman, Amy	State	Beattie, Fiona	Graduate



Congratulations!

Partnership Platform

It's time to Spring Clean! And that means featuring some players who have been languishing in my In-tray. Every time I attend a Congress I try to add a couple of StepBridge players to my files. And some of them have been gathering dust. It's time to bring them out into the sunshine and celebrate the warmer months and the run down to Christmas.

The Central Coast, north of Sydney, is a favourite part of the world for me. An easy run, friendly clubs, sun, sea and sand. Such a lovely respite from life in the big City. Let's meet one of the tribe.

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

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Partnership Platform - Meet the Member

This month we are featuring **Diana Coats**, Central Coast resident, and a very keen and committed player. Di joined StepBridge in April 2020.



All StepBridge members are assigned a Login.

May we know yours? DianaSp

When did you start playing Bridge, and why?

The year, 1975 and my boyfriend was keen to learn the game. His parents played Bridge and introduced us both to the game. Guess, I had an ulterior motive because the Bridge games meant I was able

Tell us about your Club and why we should visit?

I play at **Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club**, a very friendly and social club right in the heart of Gosford. We really do have a great group of Club members and cater for all levels of play. Of course, with such great facilities, we celebrate, or commiserate, with a drink after play.

Your best Bridge tip or advice from an Expert

The old adage – Count, Count, Count!

Tell us something about yourself that we would never guess.

I'm a proud mother of 5 and a grandmother of 13! And yet, I still find time for Bridge, such a beautiful game.

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.



AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday 29th April to Sunday 3rd May 2026

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, Wayville

WHAT'S NEW:

- **New format: Teams (Wed, Thurs) then Pairs (Fri, Sat, Sun)**
- **New event: Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs (matchpoints)**
Masterpoints awarded for all scores of 46+%
- **New daily starting time: 10am**
- **PQPs awarded for Open Teams and ABRP Open Pairs**

Chief Director: Laurie Kelso

Organiser: Barbara Travis

Email: anot@sabf.asn.au

Early Bird Discount ends on 31st March 2026



2026 AUTUMN NATIONALS PROGRAM

TEAMS EVENTS

TBIB OPEN TEAMS

STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER TEAMS

STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER TEAMS

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30 April

(attendance at both days compulsory)

8 x 14 board matches

TBIB OPEN TEAMS Final

Friday 1st May

PAIRS EVENTS

DAVID LUSK ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 35 MPs)

Friday 1st May (only)

6 x 8 board matches

ONE DAY RESTRICTED BUTLER SWISS PAIRS

Novice (Under 100 MPs), Under Life Master, Under Grand Master

Friday 1st May (only)

6 x 8 board matches

AUSTRALIAN BLUE RIBBON OPEN PAIRS

Friday 1st (Qualifying), Saturday 2nd (Semi Final) and

Sunday 3rd May (Final)

BLUE RIBBON UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS

BLUE RIBBON UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS

Saturday 2nd (Qualifying) and Sunday 3rd May (Final)

To enter or for more information, see MyABF (from Nov 2025)

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NEW LOOK FOR THE AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026: COME TO ADELAIDE

The 2026 Autumn National Championship will now include a two or three-day Matchpoint Pairs event, will qualifying, semi-final and final.

The Teams events will be held first, on Wednesday and Thursday 29th and 30th April, with the Open Teams final being held on Friday 1st May. The Open Teams finalist will each receive prize money; subject to sufficient entries, the first-placed team will win \$3,000 and second will earn \$1,500.

The other categories for the Teams events are:

Under Grand Master Teams (all non-Grand Masters, up to a maximum of 1,100 MPs per player),

Under Life Master Teams (all non-Life Masters, up to a maximum of 400 MPs per player).

The masterpoint limits apply at the 31st December 2025. Those two events have \$1,000 first-place prize money on offer.

Whilst the final of the Open Teams is being held, we will be offering two new events:

the Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs – a matchpoint pairs event, with masterpoints being awarded for all scores of 46+% per session, with separate categories (only the Open starts on Friday 1st May),

and

a one-day Butler Swiss Pairs event for restricted players – Under Grand Master, Under Life Master (with the same limits as above), Novice (under 100 MPs per player) and Rookie (under 35 MPs per player).

The Australian Blue Ribbon (ABR) Pairs will have three categories:

Open – which is a three-day matchpoint pairs event – qualifying, semi-finals, final

Under Grand Master – a two-day event – qualifying and final

Under Life Master – a two-day event – qualifying and final

In the Open event, the Teams finalists will have automatic entry to the ABR Pairs, including carryforward. The semi-finals will be divided into two fields, A and B. Two pairs from the B semi-final will qualify for the final.

In all events, those who do not qualify for the final will have a Consolation field offered, with the format and prizes to be determined by the number of entries.

Subject to sufficient entries, there will be very attractive prize money available. The Open place-getters will earn themselves \$5,000 for first, \$2,000 for second, \$1,000 for third, with additional awards for the best Women's, Senior and SA pairs (not place-getters). The restricted events offer \$1,000 and \$500 for first and second place.

Come along and support this innovative event! You may find yourself in the money.

Barbara Travis

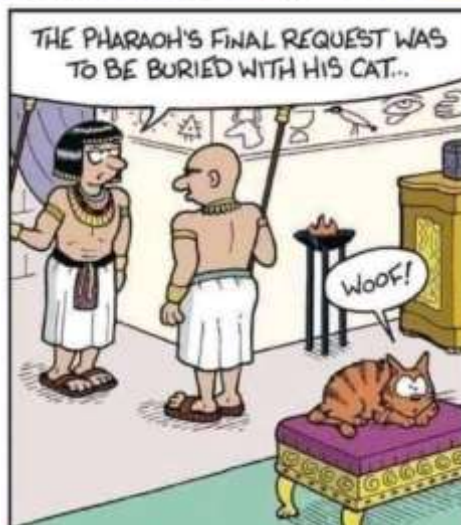
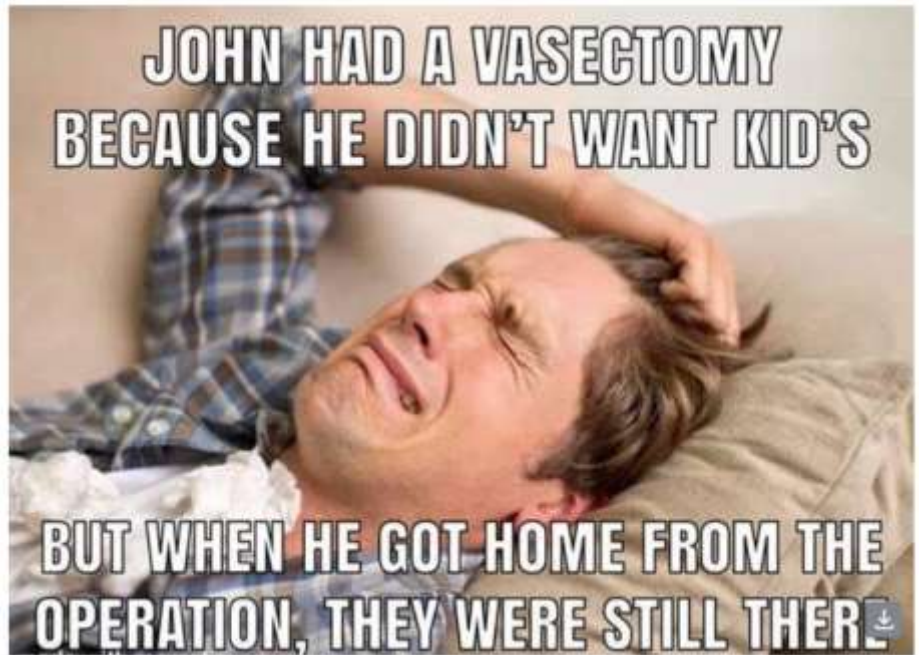
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Funnies Column

Thank you to Dave Bright (DaveB) for this months funnies



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

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

Sunday, 19 October

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

Tuesday, 21 October

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

Friday, 24 October

- 10:00am Open Individual

Sunday, 26 October

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

Wednesday, 29 October

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

Friday, 31 October

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

Sunday, 2 November

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

Tuesday, 4 November (Melbourne Cup Day)

- 1:00pm Open (Audio Video)

Wednesday, 5 November

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

Sunday, 9 November

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

Monday, 10 November

- 8:00pm Open Teams

Thursday, 13 November

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

Saturday, 15 November

- 8:00pm Open

Sunday, 16 November

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

Monday, 17 November

- 10:00am Open Individual

Friday, 21 November

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