

**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 Partner Finder group link is available from [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au) (By joining this group, your mobile number will be shared amongst other members of the group).

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## Committee

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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](mailto:chris@stepbridge.com.au) or [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)<br>Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi)<br>Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)<br>Sachiko Cathcart (SachikoC)    | Our Open team is currently placed 2nd in the Consolation Swiss Teams<br><a href="#">Results</a>                     |
| Under 750<br><i>StepBridge Black</i> | Mark Goddard (Mark)<br>Joscelyn Charters (Joscelyn)<br>Joann Theriault (JoannT)<br>Helen Rogoysky (Helen3)                  | Our U750 team is currently placed 7th in the Consolation Swiss Teams<br><a href="#">Results</a>                     |
| Under 300                            | Laura Hedberg (LauraHed)<br>Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)<br>Tien Chey (TienC)                                                 | Our U300 team placed 10th in Qualifying and will move into the Consolation Swiss Teams<br><a href="#">Results</a>   |
| Under 100                            | Meera Kudva (MeeraK)<br>John Hewitt (JohnHew)<br>Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu),<br>Ann Rinder (AnnRin)<br>Ruth Harvey (RuthHar) | Our U100 team placed 11th in Qualifying and will move into the Under 100 MPs Semi-Finals<br><a href="#">Results</a> |

| 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 <sup>rd</sup> September 7:30pm (EST)    |
|                               | ABF Club Teams Knockout Semi Finals Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm (EST) |
|                               | ABF Club Teams Knockout Finals Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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

## 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    |      |       | <b>81</b> | <b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>   |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 60        | Mary Hinvies (MaryH)                 |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 54        | Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)             |
|                                                                     | Open       |      |       | <b>58</b> | <b>Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)</b>   |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 48        | Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB)         |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 43        | Jeanne Hey (JeanneH)                 |
|                                                                     | Restricted |      |       | <b>26</b> | <b>Mary Hinvies (MaryH)</b>          |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | <b>26</b> | <b>Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes)</b> |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 24        | Savitri Newman (Savitri)             |
|                                                                     | Novice     |      |       | <b>18</b> | <b>Mary Hinvies (MaryH)</b>          |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 16        | Bob Johnston (BobJ)                  |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 16        | Helen Thomas (HelenT)                |
|                                                                     | Open IMPs  |      |       | <b>9</b>  | <b>Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)</b>      |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | <b>9</b>  | <b>Mal Clark (MalCI)</b>             |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 8         | Ronnie Malthouse (RonnieM)           |
|                                                                     | Open       |      |       | <b>26</b> | <b>Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)</b> |
|                                                                     | Individual |      |       | <b>26</b> | <b>Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)</b>      |
|                                                                     |            |      |       | 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)                                  |
|                                        | Individual | 2    | 3.76  | 8     | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD)                             |
|                                        |            | 3    | 3.37  | 9     | Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe)                            |
| Most Improved Pair in September 2025   | 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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## 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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**Early Bird Discount ends on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> May

## **PAIRS EVENTS**

### **DAVID LUSK ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 35 MPs)**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May (only)

6 x 8 board matches

### **ONE DAY RESTRICTED BUTLER SWISS PAIRS**

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May (only)

6 x 8 board matches

### **AUSTRALIAN BLUE RIBBON OPEN PAIRS**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> (Qualifying), Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Semi Final) and

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Final)

### **BLUE RIBBON UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS**

### **BLUE RIBBON UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Qualifying) and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April, with the Open Teams final being held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

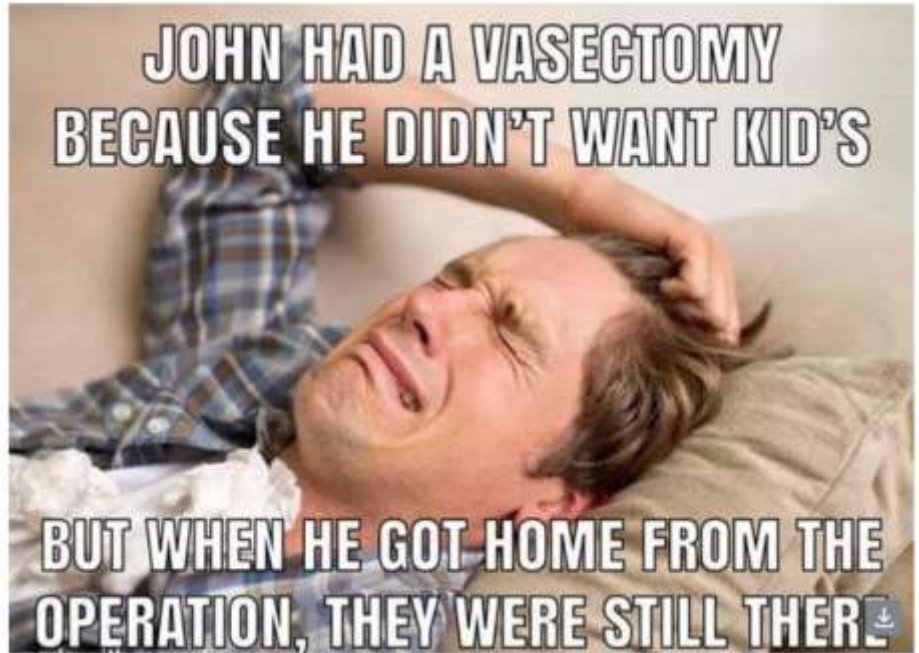
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## Funnies Column

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



Please send your funnies through by emailing [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.facebook.com/Stepbridge.com.au/)

## 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