

September 2024

Message from the President

Dear members,

Our StepBridge Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 22 September. Your Committee for 2024-2025 appears in the green column on the right of this page. During the meeting we awarded Sarah Zoral Life Membership, for the contributions Sarah has made to the club over the last number of years. Congratulations, Sarah!



The StepBridge session of the South Australia State-Wide Pairs was held on Monday 22 September. Once the overall results have been published by South Australia Bridge Federation, we will publish any noteworthy place-getters in the newsletter.

Also the Willem Willemse Club Championships are coming to a conclusion with the Teams completed and the Pairs and Individual events finishing up this Sunday, 29 September.

A reminder to Queensland, Western Australia and Northern Territory players that Daylight Saving starts on Sunday 6 October. This means play for players from these locations starts **1 hour earlier**.

A couple of date claimers as we come towards the end of 2024

- Melbourne Cup Day - Tuesday 5 November, 1pm session
- StepBridge December Pairs Congress - Saturday 14 December

For the Melbourne Cup Day session, we are going to make this an Audio Video session to add to the social occasion. Those who wish to dress-up and/or wear their Melbourne Cup Day hat are welcome to do so - we will have some prizes. We will also have our usual sweeps.

For our December Congress, we are going to make this an Audio Video Congress. The Congress is also going to incorporate our Christmas Party. Players are welcome to dress in their Christmas wear and some prizes on offer. We are also planning some spot prizes of Participation Points throughout the day.
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CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

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
Aug-22	9,631	Jul-22	10,344	Jun-22	9,322	May-22	9,980
Apr-22	9,788	Mar-22	10,386	Feb-22	9,854	Jan-22	12,428
Dec-21	9,264	Nov-21	9,516	Oct-21	11,200	Sep-21	13,660

New Players

Welcome to the following new players that started to play in the second half of August and the first half of 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.

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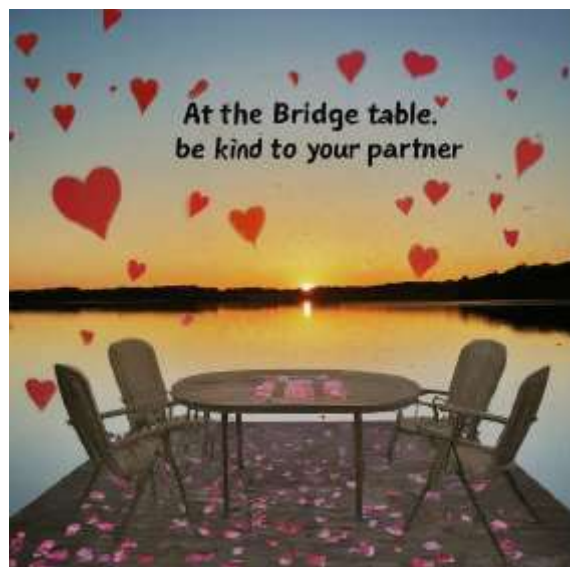
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RESTRICTED

EllaLe MaryCa SteveB YuliaK

NOVICE

AdriennM	CathieC	CathMorr	ElizaSho	GraceG	JaneRoo	JanetMo
JeanettP	JenniBi	JohnRoe	JoniF	Kenneth	KerryR	LouiseH
Lynette2	Marilyn3	NeilMc	PatrickH	SarahL	TaniaM	TimothyA



Message from the Treasurer

If anyone can identify the below payment (possibly from the Police Credit Union), please contact suzi@stepbridge.com.au with a copy of your payment receipt. It arrived with no name or reference number which is a common problem with credit unions.

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TRANSFER FROM PCU STEPBRIDGE

\$150.00



Just a few reminders to everyone.

- It is very generous, but please don't add extra \$ amounts if you are late! Just pay the exact amount due.
- Don't use old reference numbers which might pop up on your banking page, every payment (either for Participation Points or Membership) has its own reference. Also, please put your reference number FIRST in the description line. Sometimes the banks limit the number of characters allowed and the reference doesn't appear at our end.
- We will only send you a reminder if we haven't received a payment, so if you do get a reminder when you think you have paid, please email us instead of ignoring it. This is the only time we need a copy of your payment receipt – don't just automatically check the box to send one when you make a payment.

Happy Bridging everyone
Suzi Ledger (Suzi)

Club Championship

Below are links to the Overall Results of the Willem Willemse Club Championships, which are being held during September. We will congratulate all the place-getters in the October newsletter.

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

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/>

ATTENTION

QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY & WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLAYERS

Daylight Savings starts on Sunday morning 6 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
Open:	12 noon	11.30am	10.00am
Restricted: (Mon-Sat)	12.15pm	11.45am	10.15am
Open/Restricted/ Novice (Sun)	1.30pm	1.00pm	11.30am
Open:	3.00pm	2.30pm	1.00pm
Novice: (Mon-Sat)	3.10pm	2.40pm	1.10pm
Restricted/Novice: (Novice: Tue & Thu / Restricted: Wed & Fri)	6.45pm	6.15pm	4.45pm
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.

StepBridge Australia DECEMBER CONGRESS

Open & Restricted
(An approved SABF red point congress)



Online on the StepBridge Platform

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2024 – SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS

Directors	Alan Bustany
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 StepBridge.
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 2024. Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 September 2024. 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 (WA)
Closing Date	Thursday 12th December 2024, 5.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director and StepBridge.
Entries & Entry List	https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/1839 If you have not used MyABF before, register for MyABF via the following link: https://www.myabf.com.au/accounts/register
Entry Fee	400 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

Event

2024 ABF Club Teams Knockout

The second month of the 2024 ABF Club Teams Knock was played on RealBridge on Tuesday evening 10 September

The following players are representing StepBridge and will continue to play once a month on 8 October, 12 November, and 10 December.

Below are our Teams, and the Results following the second evening

Category	Players	
Open	Florence Maltby (Florence) Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin) Denise Strain (DeniseSt) Frank Hardiman (FrankH) Barbara O'Shea (BarbO) Kevin Willcocks (KevinWic)	Our Open team is currently placed 18th Results
Under 750	Eamonn McCabe (EamonMcC) Gary Frampton (GaryFr) Joann Theriault (JoannT) Edward Ellice-Flint (EdwardEF)	Our U750 team is currently placed 7th Results <i>The U750 team have qualified to the Quarter-Finals</i>
Under 300	Chris Farr (ChrisF) Don Saunders (DonS) Mike Morrissey (MikeMorr) Libby Heyward (LibHeywa)	Our U300, U100 and U50 teams are playing in the same division
Under 100	Sue Stevenson (SStevens) GP Macolino (GPMaco) Joan Lenehan (JoanLe) Frances Pope (FrancisP)	Our U300 team is currently placed 1st Our U100 team is currently placed 18th
Under 50	John Hewitt (JohnHew) Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu) Ann Rinder (AnnRin) Ruth Harvey (RuthHar)	Our U50 team is currently placed 10th Results

Congratulations on your performance to date!

We wish our teams well for the coming rounds



Information

Introduction of a Tournament Rating

On 1 September 2024, we introduced a tournament rating. This new rating provides a better way to determine the level of individual players and pairs. This allows us to make much more accurate matches of players based on their level.

Key points:

- The tournament rating is visible during all StepBridge tournaments.
- You have a personal rating, as well as a partnership rating with all partners you play with more frequently (minimum 100 boards)
- The pairs tournament rating shown is the rating you have with the partner you are currently registered with.
- Your tournament rating is based solely on your performance in tournaments.
- Both the division into sections and the pairing with a casual partner are now based on this tournament rating.
- In the near future, you will also be able to view your rating in the StepBridge portal. You can then also see how your rating has changed after playing a tournament.

Details about the tournament rating:

- The tournament rating is comparable to the ELO rating widely used in chess.
- We look at individual boards and the players at your table, not at the tournament result as a whole.
- For each board, we calculate an expected value, based on the rating difference between you (and your partner) and your opponents.
- The greater the difference between your actual result and the expected value, the greater the impact on your rating.
- Example: If NS has an expected value of 55% against a specific pair, they need to score more than 55% to increase in rating. In this case, EW would increase with a score above 45%.
- Your initial tournament rating is based on the boards you have played in the past two years.
- If you have played at least 100 boards with a specific partner, we use your joint rating. Otherwise, we use the average of your individual ratings.
- Each board played counts towards both your individual rating and your rating with your current partner.

We hope this new feature gives you extra insight into your tournament performance and further enhances your tournament experience.

Enjoy your bridge!

The StepBridge Team

Information

Below are the messages that TDs put to the lobby before the start of our All Around Australia 2:30pm Sunday audio-video tournaments.

We are sharing these in the newsletter, so you are well informed of the expectations when playing in an AV tournament. These are to be followed to ensure correct play along with the comfort and enjoyment of other players.

THIS IS AN AUDIO VIDEO TOURNAMENT: Please ensure you have switched to the web version and click setup video to ensure your Audio and Video are working. The switch button is on the registration page for the tournament. When you have clicked setup video you should see yourself and see the audio line flickering. You can then close that box and wait for the magic to happen.

ALERTING AND ANNOUNCING BIDS: In an Audio Video session, alerting and announcing is done verbally, the same as in Face-2-Face bridge. The partner says "ALERT" or announces the bid (i.e. 1C & 1NT openings). Any further explanations are given by the partner of the person who made the bid when asked.

SOUND ALERTS: If you have sound alerts enabled to ping you when it is your turn to bid or play, please go to OPTIONS in the top right hand corner of your screen and turn the sound OFF.

AUDIO AND VIDEO: To play in an Audio Video session, you must have camera and microphone. Your camera must be ON. You can mute your microphone when not alerting or chatting. The Audio and Video is not an optional extra.

A FURTHER REMINDER!!! Mute your microphone when you are not alerting or chatting. Your background noise is amplified to others it is annoying and distracting.

GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER: While waiting for the round to change, get to know your fellow StepBridge members. Ask them where they are from.

LANGUAGE: A reminder that NO colourful language is permitted by you, nor by others who may be in the room with you.

IPAD Users: Please ensure you have restarted your IPAD prior to this session. You need a fresh start before enabling the Audio Video Session.

A reminder that TDs cannot provide technical support prior to the tournament starting. If you need assistance please email support@stepbridge.com.au in the days prior to the tournament to ensure your AV works.

Instructions

Using your Mobile Phone as a Webcam

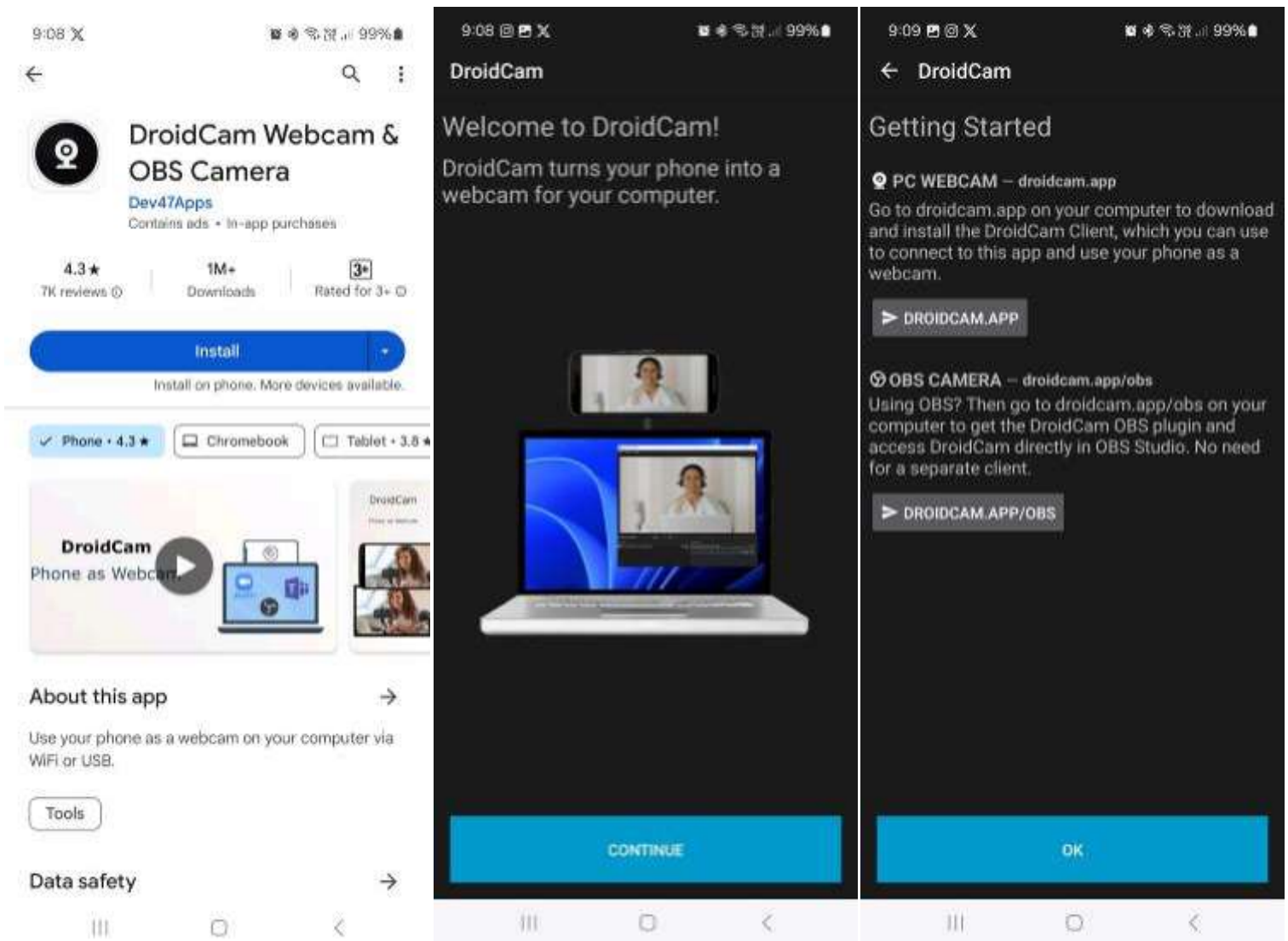
Did you know you can use your camera on your mobile phone as a webcam?

You can use the camera on your mobile phone and connect it to your PC by USB cable. You are still able to use the StepBridge web-browser version for playing bridge, and the phone just provides the video camera.

To do this, you just need to download an app called DroidCam from the Google Play store. The setup is quite simple. There is a similar free app for iPhones.

You will also need to have a stand for your phone or place it against or near your computer facing you.

One of our members have tested DroidCam and it does work well with StepBridge.



Instructions

Testing your Audio Video



Audio-video tournaments operate in the web version of StepBridge.

Enter the following address into your preferred browser
app.stepbridge.com.au to open the web version

1. Press the Options button to open the Options window (1 above)
2. Press the Video Setup button (2 above)

This will open a new window showing your camera view. You should see yourself and a moving green bar. If so, you are good to go!



Having problems with your audio or video?

The website below can assist you to troubleshoot audio and video issues.

It contains information for MacOS, Windows, iOS and Android operating systems, and where applicable popular web browsers.

Click [HERE](#) to open the website

Monthly Awards: August 2024

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Highest Player Average in August 2024</i>	Overall	1	58.96	6	Phil Kay (PhilK)
		2	58.7	8	Rajeeve Gunawardena (Rajeeve)
		3	58.69	9	Sue Neill (SueN)
	Open	1	58.69	9	Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	57.42	12	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV)
		3	56.84	22	Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
	Restricted	1	58.7	8	Rajeeve Gunawardena (Rajeeve)
		2	57.14	6	Beth Magick (BethM)
		3	56.91	13	Simon Tissera (SimonT)
	Novice	1	58.13	13	Zhan Wan (ZhanW)
		2	55.75	7	Mary Rose (MaryRose)
		3	55.06	14	Keith Hill (KeithH)
	Open IMPs	1	31	9	Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		2	25	6	Ian Napier (IanNap)
		3	23	9	Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
Open	1	58.26	8	Brenda McClean (Brenda)	
Individual	2	56.61	14	Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi)	
	2	56.61	14	Zhan Wan (ZhanW)	
<i>Highest Pairs Average in August 2024</i>	Overall	1	58.7	8	Rajeeve Gunawardena (Rajeeve), Simon Tissera (SimonT)
		2	58.69	9	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		3	57.14	6	Elaine Jones (ElaineJ), Beth Magick (BethM)
	Open	1	58.69	9	Robert Van der hoek (RobertV), Sue Neill (SueN)
		2	56.84	22	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		3	55.62	11	Rez Karim (MeemKar), Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
	Restricted	1	58.7	8	Rajeeve Gunawardena (Rajeeve), Simon Tissera (SimonT)
		2	57.95	8	David Hancock (DavidHan), Joan Lenehan (JoanLe)
		3	57.14	6	Elaine Jones (ElaineJ), Beth Magick (BethM)
	Novice	1	55.06	14	Michelle Hill (MichellH), Keith Hill (KeithH)
		2	53.64	9	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
		3	52.46	17	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1	25	6	Ian Napier (IanNap), Mrinal Dey (MrinalD)
		2	10	8	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)
		3	9	6	Alexander Cook (AlexCook), Aleksandar Milovanovic (Aleksand)

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 August 2024</i>	Overall	1		82	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		2		77	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		3		63	Joann Theriault (JoannT)
	Open	1		68	Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc)
		2		59	Dianne Dwyer (Dianned)
		3		44	Robyn Pearce (RobynP)
	Restricted	1		26	Glen Chick (GlenC)
		2		24	Gek Low (GekL)
		3		23	Rhonda Henry (Rhonda)
	Novice	1		22	Mary Hinves (MaryH)
		1		22	John Hewitt (JohnHew)
		3		21	Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1		9	Dot Slattery (DotS)
		1		9	Brenda McClean (Brenda)
		1		9	Laraine Dolan (LaraineD)
	Open	1		27	Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai)
	Individual	2		26	Elsie Chua (ElsieC)
		3		23	Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Pair Who Has Played the Most Tournaments in August 2024</i>	Overall	1		26	Simon Smith (SimonSm), Louise Walker (LouiseW)
		1		26	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		3		25	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
	Open	1		22	Simon Smith (SimonSm), Louise Walker (LouiseW)
		1		22	Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		3		20	Gillian Buganey (GillBu), Gayle Keenan (GayleK)
	Restricted	1		16	Patricia Hamilton (PatHamil), Christine Meijer (ChrisM)
		2		15	Thais Morgan-Pertus (ThaisMP), Sean Quinn (SeanQ)
		3		11	Dave Bright (DaveB), Lorna Bright (LornaB)
	Novice	1		17	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
		2		14	Michelle Hill (MichellH), Keith Hill (KeithH)
		3		9	John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA)
	Open IMPs	1		8	Wendy Venning (WendyVen), Dot Slattery (DotS)
		1		8	Margaret Dyer (MargDy), Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW)
		1		8	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)

Award	Class	Rank	Score	Tourn	Players
<i>Most Improved Player in August 2024</i>	Overall	1	7.98	10	Patricia Neilson (PatN)
		2	6.43	11	Brenda McClean (Brenda)
		3	6.4	7	David Callan (DavidCal)
	Open	1	7.21	9	Megan Cornelius (MeganCor)
		2	6.24	7	Patricia Neilson (PatN)
		3	5.39	7	Helen Wright (HelenWr)
	Restricted	1	6.38	6	Marjorie Webb (Marjorie)
		2	6.34	8	June Thompson (JuneTh)
		3	6.15	6	Beth Magick (BethM)
	Novice	1	4.65	9	John O'Shea (JohnOS)
		2	3.59	22	John Hewitt (JohnHew)
		3	3.43	6	Valerie Hambrook (ValeriHa)
	Open IMPs	1	0.18	9	Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW)
		2	0.11	9	Delma Casabene (DelmaCa)
		3	0.1	6	Erik Moller (ErikM)
Open	1	8.36	8	Brenda McClean (Brenda)	
Individual	2	3.47	12	Tien Chey (TienC)	
	3	3.14	14	Zhan Wan (ZhanW)	
<i>Most Improved Pair in August 2024</i>	Overall	1	7.98	10	Patricia Neilson (PatN), Helen Wright (HelenWr)
		2	6.15	6	Elaine Jones (ElaineJ), Beth Magick (BethM)
		3	5.44	8	Rajeeve Gunawardena (Rajeeve), Simon Tissera
	Open	1	6.24	7	Patricia Neilson (PatN), Helen Wright (HelenWr)
		2	4.73	7	Elizabeth Lawrence (LizLaw), Alfie Nation (Alfie)
		3	4.17	7	Sue Martin (SueMarti), Sue Falkingham (SueFalki)
	Restricted	1	6.15	6	Elaine Jones (ElaineJ), Beth Magick (BethM)
		2	5.44	8	Rajeeve Gunawardena (Rajeeve), Simon Tissera (SimonT)
		3	4.12	8	Len Pascoe (LenV), June Thompson (JuneTh)
	Novice	1	3.28	8	Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin)
		2	1.03	17	John Hewitt (JohnHew), Cheryl Buttner (CherylBu)
	Open IMPs	1	0.07	6	Cassandra Mitchell (CassMi), Clare Filmer-Ramsay (ClareFR)
	2	0.05	8	Eva Samuel (EvaSam), Shirley Collins (ShirleyC)	

Masterpoint Promotions

August 2024

Cooke, Ingrid	Grand	Daley, Barry	Bronze Regional
Hahn, Edward	Grand	Goldston, Kerrie	Bronze Regional
Doust, Mark	Gold Life	Macolino, Gp	Bronze Regional
Strain, Denise	Gold Life	Carroll, Angela	Regional
Swaine, Jody	Gold Life	Jones, Richard	Regional
Grosvenor, John	Silver Life	Lenehan, Joan	Regional
Robertson, Don	Silver Life	Mathie, Pamela	Regional
Sun, Matt	Silver Life	Miles, Dot	Regional
White, Tony	Silver Life	Nagle, Neil	Regional
Yang, Ming Shu	Silver Life	Parr, Mick	Regional
Blakey, Gill	Bronze Life	Rinder, Ann	Regional
Boniface, Margaret	Bronze Life	Shilling, Penelope	Regional
Clark, Mal	Bronze Life	Stanford, Wendy	Regional
Gruszka, Jacky	Bronze Life	Byrne, Wendy	Silver Local
Manuel, Beryl	Bronze Life	Emmett, Susan	Silver Local
Poynten, Mary	Bronze Life	Haskings, Helen	Silver Local
Fitch, Donna	Life	Hewitt, John	Silver Local
Hubbell, Ken	Life	Mahant, Joy	Silver Local
Vahala, Wence	Life	Sharp, Jennifer	Silver Local
Hayles, Antonina	Silver National	Dodunski, Hilary	Bronze Local
Tonna, Anne	Silver National	Goss, Samuel	Bronze Local
Harms, Graham	Bronze National	Costello, Margaret	Local
Raisin, Chris	Bronze National	Hill, Keith	Local
Chick, Glen	National	Mitchell, Adele	Local
Hamam, Chris	National	Roberts, Cynthia	Local
Mahony, Margaret	National	Williams, Maree	Local
Cotton, Chris	Bronze State	Buckley, Stephen	Club
Neal, Bronwyn	Bronze State	Bone, John	Graduate
White, Keith	Bronze State	Bone, Penelope	Graduate
Butler, Wendy	State	Spanner, Judith	Graduate
Illingworth, Richard	State	Turner, Bill	Graduate
McLean, Karen	State		
Pringle, Ross	State		
Shanley, Cheryl	State		



Partnership Platform

The logo for Partners 4 Bridge, featuring the text "Partners 4 Bridge" in white on a green background. The word "Partners" is on the top line and "4 Bridge" is on the bottom line. To the left of the text are two white squares: the top one contains a red heart and the bottom one contains a black dot.

This month I travelled to Gosford for the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club's September Congress (now that's a mouthful!). Louis Koolen and Marg Regan were the organisers, with David Reddel directing. I was delighted to find quite a few StepBridge members playing and I look forward to showcasing these members over the coming months.

In the meantime, if we have any StepBridge members 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.

One of the members I caught up with in Gosford is **Shannon Queree**, a keen StepBridge player who placed second in the Swiss Pairs, Restricted Event. Well done Shannon – let's showcase you for an excellent result.

Jay Novak (JayN)
Partners4Bridge

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Partnership Platform - Meet the Member

Shannon Queree joined **StepBridge** in 2024 (Login name Shannon). Shannon lives in Blacktown and her home Club is Parramatta. My tip? You are going to hear more about this player – another one displaying that missionary zeal.

Shannon Queree will be trialling a potential new partner this month, discovered via Partners4Bridge. We'll have to wait to hear how it went, but in the meantime, let's hear more from her.

When did you start playing Bridge, and why?

I started playing Bridge in the 1990's. I'd played cards growing up, but not Bridge. When I left home I was missing card games and the only Club I could find was a Bridge Club. I've played on and off over the years fitting in family and work. I came back to Bridge around 2018 with a lull during the Covid hiatus. Now I keep playing to avoid the 3 adult children still living at home.

Tell us about your Club and why we should visit?

My home club Parramatta in NSW is very warm and friendly. Most sessions we have a non-playing Director, so drop-in singletons will usually get a game. We offer a mix of face-to-face and online sessions.

Your best Bridge tip or advice from an Expert

Paint the picture. I opened, and partner responded. I was then asked what the responding bid meant and I explained. When dummy went down, the hand was nothing like I had described. The comment from Ms Emerald Grand was "You ladies don't know your own system". So the advice is "Know your System". And if you can't remember 'complicated', keep it simple.

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

I am a keen genealogist, and I'm clumsy. I avoid drinking water as much as possible. And lastly, I have never dyed my hair!

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.





63RD INTERNATIONAL
Gold Coast Bridge Congress
Saturday 1 - 8 February 2025

**VENUE: Gold Coast Convention Centre,
Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia**

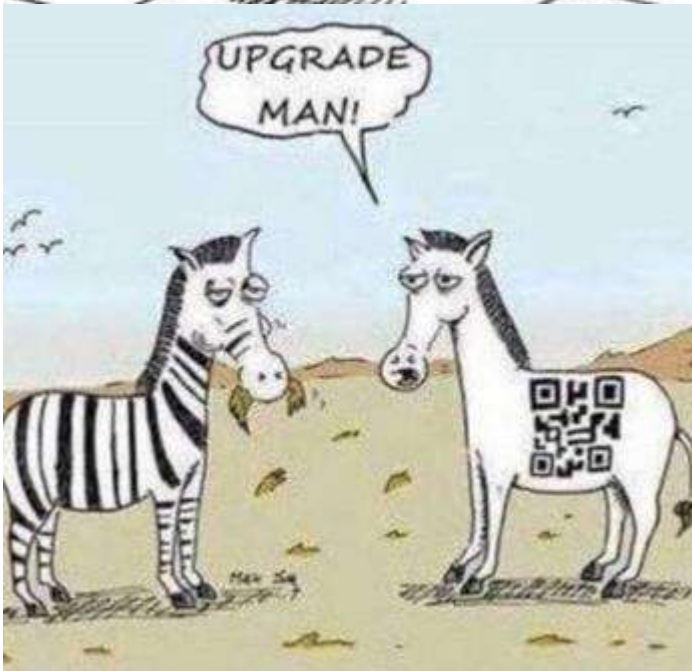
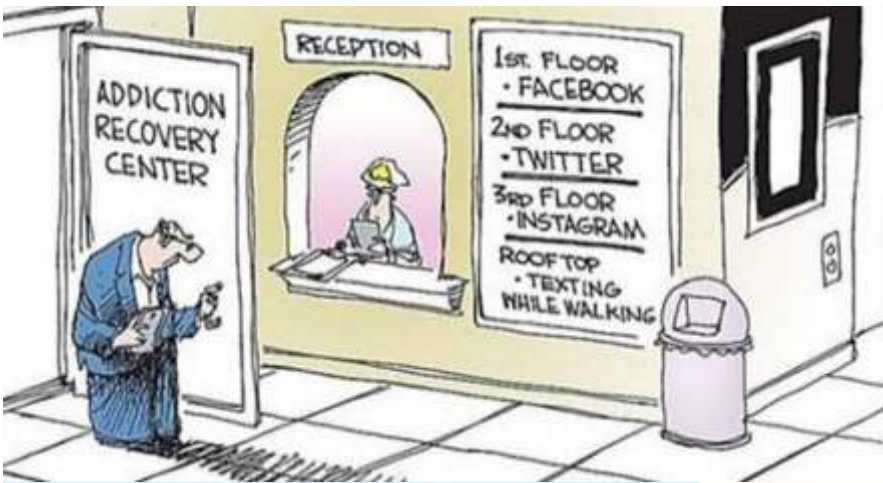
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Theme: Silly Shoes and Kinky Boots



Funnies Column This month we feature Funnies from the archives. Thanks to the members that originally submitted them!!



You can't park in the Handicap Zone just because you've lost your phone.

OH, COME ON! THE STICK IS RIGHT THERE!



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

StepBridge Tournament Fees

Green Point Session: 50 Participation Points

Red Point Session: 75 Participation Points

Session Times

All sessions are Pairs unless otherwise stated.

Open: 1pm (Everyday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4pm (Everyday)

8pm (Tuesday-Sunday)

Open Individual: 10am (Everyday)

Open Teams: 8pm (Monday)

Restricted: 1.15pm (Monday - Saturday)

2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

7.45pm (Wednesday & Friday)

Novice: 2.30pm (Sunday - *All Around Australia*)

4.10pm (Monday - Saturday)

7.45pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

IMPs Sessions

Tuesday: 8pm Open

Thursday: 8pm 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

October

Thursday 3 October

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 6 October

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Tuesday 8 October

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Friday 11 October

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Sunday 13 October

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 16 October

- 7.45pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Friday 18 October

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 20 October

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Wednesday 23 October

- 1.00pm Open & 1.15pm Restricted

Sunday 27 October

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Monday 28 October

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice

Thursday 31 October

- 7.45pm Novice & 8.00pm Open

November

Sunday 3 November

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Tuesday 5 November

- 1.00pm Open (Melbourne Cup Session)

Saturday 9 November

- 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 10 November

- 2.30pm Open, Restricted & Novice

Friday 13 November

- 4.00pm Open & 4.10pm Novice