

Newsletter

January 2025

Message from the President

Dear members,

Happy New Year to all members.

It is with a heavy heart that we advise that Kevin Kendell passed away. An article about Kevin is on page 2 of the newsletter.

Thank you to members for the support in our session times at the start of the year. The changes have made our Tournament Director jobs easier.

Coming up in February in the Gold Coast Congress, which will be the last GCC. At the GCC we will have a sponsors table in the foyer. I am looking for a couple more members who will be willing to assist at the sponsors table for a shift either before play or at lunch time during the Congress. We will have a screen showing our platform and some flyers. If you are willing to assist, please contact me ASAP.

During the weekdays (3-7 February) of the GCC, there will be NO MORNING INDY SESSIONS. This is due to a number of our Tournament Directors and Players at the GCC. Indy players are welcome to pre-arrange a table of four people and set-up a social table in the Competition Lobby.

Grafton Bridge Club is holding their Online Congress on StepBridge on Saturday 15 February. Entry details appear in this newsletter. Please note, there will still be all the usual StepBridge sessions on this day, as the Congress is being conducted by Grafton.

> Happy Bridging, Chris Larter (ChrisLar)

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Vale Kevin Kendall (KevinKen)

It is with great sadness that we inform members of the passing of Kevin Kendall (KevinKen), aged 97 years.

Having joined our family on the 17 July 2007, Kevin was an active member for more that 17 years.

Kevin was a Life Member of StepBridge and played 5953 tournaments with us, his last being on 14 January 2025.

Kevin, described by Sarah Zoral as a StepBridge Icon, was a member of the StepBridge committee for a number of years.

In informing us of Kevins passing, long time Bridge partner Phillip Carter (PhillCar) had this to say "We met "face to face" only once when a cruise ship docked at Phillip Island. What a charming gentleman he was. I will miss him".

Dot Slattery (DotS) shared "My regular Sunday night partner... think we came about 7th last night...we can only aspire to be like this gentleman...."



Kevin Kendall (KevinKen) 1927 – 2025

Our thoughts go out to Kevins family, friends and regular StepBridge partners BevClea, DelmaCa, DotS, PhillCar, Sanet, TerryBuc, and many more over the years.

Kevin Kendall, forever in our hearts

CLUB PLAYING NUMBERS

| 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 |
| 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 |

New Players

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

RESTRICTED

EdwardR MargSk PeterWi

NOVICE

| Bazli | Billp | Carolyn6 | DaryllK | EdwardR | ElizaMea | FranH |
|----------|--------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| GregH | JaneSk | JudySte | KellyW | KimMu | KittyP | LibbyS |
| LizChatt | MargSk | Michael7 | NitaC | PamM | Patrici2 | PeterWi |
| Rosalie2 | RossAb | ShaneWh | TamatiG | WilliamB | | |

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/

Tip

It is good to restart your PC or Mac regularly to keep performance at its best. A reminder to iPad and Tablet users to restart prior to your tournament, especially Audio Video tournaments, so everything is fresh and ready to go.

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

Monthly Awards: December 2024

| Award | Class | Rank | Score | Tourn | Players |
|------------------------------|------------|------|-------|-------|---|
| | Overall | 1 | 58.65 | 7 | lan Napier (lanNap) |
| | | 2 | 58.63 | 8 | Sa Smith (SaSmith) |
| | | 3 | 58.39 | 12 | Robert Van der hoek (RobertV) |
| | Open | 1 | 58.65 | 7 | lan Napier (lanNap) |
| | | 2 | 58.39 | 12 | Robert Van der hoek (RobertV) |
| | | 3 | 57.7 | 17 | Dave Munro (DaveMunr) |
| | Restricted | 1 | 61.86 | 6 | Sa Smith (SaSmith) |
| | | 2 | 60.77 | 17 | David Cumming (DavidCum) |
| Highest Player Average in | | 3 | 58.24 | 7 | Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| December 2024 | Novice | 1 | 57.9 | 10 | Robert Ford (RobertFo) |
| | | 2 | 57.65 | 13 | Zhan Wan (ZhanW) |
| | | 3 | 57.04 | 14 | Stella Jansen (StellaJa) |
| | Open IMPs | 1 | 35 | 6 | Rez Karim (MeemKar) |
| | | 2 | 33 | 8 | Mrinal Dey (MrinalD) |
| | | 3 | 14 | 6 | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD) |
| | Open Indi- | 1 | 57.25 | 9 | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD) |
| | | 2 | 56.27 | 13 | John Friesen (JohnFri) |
| | | 3 | 55.45 | 7 | Mardi Grosvenor (Mardi) |
| | Overall | 1 | 59.49 | 7 | Steven Kemp (StevenK), David Cumming (DavidCum) |
| | | 2 | 58.55 | 7 | Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV) |
| | | 3 | 58.24 | 7 | Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| | Open | 1 | 58.55 | 7 | Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV) |
| | | 2 | 58.01 | 6 | Hans Van Weeren (HansVanW), Ziauddin Kazi (Ziauddin) |
| Highest Pairs | | 3 | 57.7 | 17 | Gwyneira Brahma (Gwyneira), Dave Munro (DaveMunr) |
| Average in December 2024 | Restricted | 1 | 59.49 | 7 | Steven Kemp (StevenK), David Cumming (DavidCum) |
| | | 2 | 58.24 | 7 | Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| | | 3 | 56.53 | 7 | Steven Kemp (StevenK), Glen Chick (GlenC) |
| | Novice | 1 | 60.38 | 6 | Stella Jansen (StellaJa), Zhan Wan (ZhanW) |
| | | 2 | 58.85 | 8 | Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Robert Ford (RobertFo) |
| | | 3 | 56.87 | 8 | Michelle Hill (MichellH), Keith Hill (KeithH) |
| | Open IMPs | 1 | -12 | 6 | Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC) |

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 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| | Overall | | | 76 | Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc) |
| | | | | 76 | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD) |
| | | | | 65 | Kay Anderson (KayA) |
| | Open | | | 69 | Elizabeth McNeill (ElizaMc) |
| | | | | 57 | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD) |
| | | | | 48 | Robert Fulcher (RobertF) |
| | Restricted | | | 25 | Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes) |
| Player Who | | | | 25 | Rhonda Henry (Rhonda) |
| Has Played the Most | | | | 22 | Jian Williams (JianW) |
| Tournaments in December | Novice | | | 18 | Jane Rooney (JaneRoo) |
| 2024 | | | | 18 | Helen Thomas (HelenT) |
| | | | | 18 | Ann Rinder (AnnRin) |
| | Open IMPs | | | 8 | Delma Casabene (DelmaCa) |
| | | | | 8 | Mrinal Dey (MrinalD) |
| | | | | 7 | Laraine Dolan (LaraineD) |
| | Open | | | 27 | Christopher Raisin (ChrisRai) |
| | Individual | | | 26 | Elsie Chua (ElsieC) |
| | | | | 23 | Miriam O'Brien (MiriamO) |

| Award | Class | Rank | Score | Tourn | Players |
|--|------------|------|-------|-------|---|
| | Overall | | | 22 | Patricia Mannerstrale (PatMann), Leif Mannerstrale (LeifM) |
| | | | | 20 | Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW) |
| | | | | 20 | Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Robert Ford (RobertFo) |
| | Open | | | 22 | Patricia Mannerstrale (PatMann), Leif Mannerstrale (LeifM) |
| | | | | 19 | Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC), Marieta Borthwick (MarietaB) |
| Pair Who Has Played | | | | 18 | Carmel Martin (CarmelMa), Abigail Wanigaratne (AbbyW) |
| the Most Tournaments in December | Restricted | | | 14 | Margaret Barker (MargBa), Judith Ann Francis (JudithF) |
| 2024 | | | | 12 | Peter Westmoreland (PeterWes), Denise McTaggart (DeniseM) |
| | | | | 12 | Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Peter Thorpe (PeterTh) |
| | Novice | | | 13 | Bob Laing (BobLa), Lee Furness (LeeF) |
| | | | | 13 | Kerri Grant (KerriG), Wendy Dodd (WendyDod) |
| | | | | 13 | John Adams (John), Merran Adams (MerranA) |
| | Open IMPs | | | 6 | Annegrete Kolding (AnneK), Heidi Colenbrander (HeidiC) |

| Award | Class | Rank | Score | Tourn | Players |
|----------------------------|------------|------|-------|-------|--|
| | Overall | 1 | 8.38 | 7 | Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| | | 2 | 7.35 | 8 | Penny Daines (PennyD) |
| | | 3 | 7.12 | 6 | Bob McCartney (BobMac) |
| | Open | 1 | 8.25 | 10 | Sebastian Wright (SebW) |
| | | 2 | 6.32 | 6 | Lesley Meyer (LesleyMe) |
| | | 3 | 6.07 | 6 | David Methven (DavidMe) |
| | Restricted | 1 | 8.66 | 6 | Sa Smith (SaSmith) |
| | | 2 | 8.43 | 7 | Robyn Wells (RobynW) |
| Most Improved Player in | | 3 | 8.38 | 7 | Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| December 2024 | Novice | 1 | 6.01 | 8 | Penny Daines (PennyD) |
| | | 2 | 4.99 | 6 | Sue Koschade (SueKo) |
| | | 3 | 4.9 | 15 | Phil Rinder (PhilRin) |
| | Open IMPs | 1 | 0.2 | 6 | Rez Karim (MeemKar) |
| | | 2 | 0.16 | 8 | Mrinal Dey (MrinalD) |
| | | 3 | 0.11 | 6 | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD) |
| | Open Indi- | 1 | 7.11 | 9 | Dianne Dwyer (DianneD) |
| | | 2 | 5.61 | 8 | Ann Rice (AnnR) |
| | | 3 | 4.03 | 7 | Suzanne Harrison (SuzanH) |
| | Overall | 1 | 8.95 | 6 | Stella Jansen (StellaJa), Theo Armenis (TheoAr) |
| | | 2 | 7.98 | 7 | Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| | | 3 | 6.06 | 10 | Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin) |
| | Open | 1 | 6.07 | 6 | Toni Arnott (ToniAr), David Methven (DavidMe) |
| | | 2 | 5.44 | 7 | Tim Davis (TimD), Robert Van der hoek (RobertV) |
| Most Improved Pair in | | 3 | 4.72 | 6 | Ian Robson (IanRob), Louise McGoldrick (LouiseM) |
| December 2024 | Restricted | 1 | 7.98 | 7 | Rhonda Henry (Rhonda), Feike Boschma (FeikeBo) |
| | | 2 | 4.72 | 10 | Mike McGlone (MikeMcG), David Casey (DavidCa) |
| | | 3 | 4.53 | 10 | Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Robert Ford (RobertFo) |
| | Novice | 1 | 6.06 | 10 | Ann Rinder (AnnRin), Phil Rinder (PhilRin) |
| | | 2 | 2.75 | 8 | Dianne Holst (DianneHo), Robert Ford (RobertFo) |
| | | 3 | 1.77 | 13 | Kerri Grant (KerriG), Wendy Dodd (WendyDod) |

Masterpoint Promotions

December 2024

Maclaurin, Normand Foster, Barry Smith, Darryl Crockford, Joanne Goodwin, Kay Novak, Jay Poulton, Derek Parekh, Mukesh Theriault, Joann Brady, Chris Mladen, Joan Simmonds, John Algie, Christine Brown, Carmen Glikin, Alex Harris, Wendy Morrissey, Mike Barnes, Helen Ross, Zac Arnott, Toni Hancock, David Hughes, Kevin F. Kaiwa, Emi Lee, Jacinta McTaggart, Denise O'Hara, Robyn Puckey, Alan Watts, Brenda Welsh, Duncan Abey, Shyamala Jansen, Stella Low, Gek Pemberton, Sue Scroope, Marita Vetter, Patricia

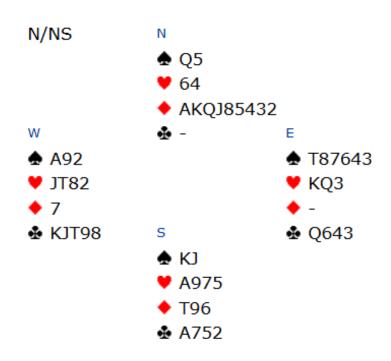
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Orme, Marg Buttner, Cheryl Ellice-Flint, Edward McKenzie, Felicity Rasheed, Lizzie Sate, Peter Williamson, Vicki Appelby, Paul Grant, Jan Peary, Kerryn Sheriff, Fred Wellington, Bill Boast, Graham Carney, Peta Daines, Penny Dyson, John Hill, Keith Holman, Amy Khan, Hafizur McDonald, Trish McTaggart, Alex Ross, Kim Udall, Annette Ashworth, Peter Greenbaum, Marc Lance, Carol Oliver, Bev Pender, Toni Rhodes, Danny Rothnie, Marie Furmage, Greer Gissing, Grace Capper, Amos Stevenson, Margaret Sun, Ada

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A Hand with TD Larry



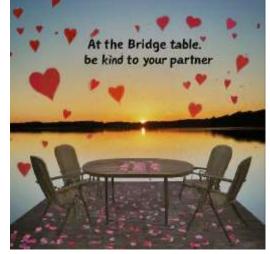
An interesting hand from the 10am Open Individual tournament on Monday 23 December 2024.

In a small field, nobody bid the slam, which is not surprising with the simple system used.

Norths opened 1, 3 or 5 diamonds and ended up in 5D making 6.

I wonder whether anyone considered an opening bid of 2C, which is described as 21+ or 8.5 playing tricks. There are certainly 8.5 playing tricks in a diamond contract.

Partner is required to bid 2D in the system, but with your regular partner you could make a positive response as South. You then bid 3D, which partner cannot pass. The south player could make some asking bid, but with 2 aces and a king could confidently bid 6D or 6NT as a spade lead poses no threat with S declarer. If West is clever enough to find the heart opening lead, there is no chance: a squeeze does not work as there is no entry to the club Ax after running all the diamonds. That would be bad luck!



If you have come across an interesting or challenging hand that you would like published, please email it through with your commentary to support@stepbridge.com.au with "newsletter" in the subject line.

Partnership Platform



January! A brand new year and great catching up with **StepBridge Members** who are trying their luck at **The Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra.** When it's hot and sultry outside, there anything better than sitting in air-conditioned comfort and planning your play.

downtime Partners4Bridge used the between Christmas and return-to-business to website. Websites upgrade the need constant servicing maintenance. and improvement. Hopefully, we have addressed some of the annoying issues that have been experienced and should now serve our members better. Thank you for your valuable feedback and patience.

Remember, It's free to Register and use the platform.

Head to <u>www.partners4bridge.com</u> or use the QR code on this 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.

Jay Novak (JayN)

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Partnership Platform - Meet the Member

Meet **Richard Carter PhD** who lives on the Central Coast of NSW. As I live in Sydney, this means we rarely play face-to-face other than at Congresses. However, thanks to **StepBridge** we can have regular catch-ups, maintain our connection and polish our skills. With hand records and bidding sequences available, it's a breeze to pinpoint where I got it wrong.

When did you start playing Bridge, and why?

I used to watch my parents play with friends when I was about 8 because I was fascinated by numbers. For my 12th birthday, I received a Goren's Bridge Complete book and have been hooked ever since.

Tell us about your Club and why we should visit?

I mainly play online at Okbridge.com, a U.S. based website that I've belonged to for over 20 years. They have 10 by 1 hour 12 board comps a day and it's just the right amount of time to get in a game easily.

Your best Bridge tip or advice from an Expert

Always plan your bidding based on what your next bid could be, not just your first bid.

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

I've played against Warren Buffett on OkBridge twice – he beat me the first time and I beat him the second!



Grafton Bridge Club Swiss Pairs SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA B4 red point congress)

Saturday 15th February 2025 *Online on StepBridge*



| Directors | Chris Snook | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Movement | Swiss Butler IMP Pairs. | | | | | | |
| | The number of boards and rounds will be at the discretion of the Directors. | | | | | | |
| Conditions of | NSWBA Approved Red Masterpoint Congress conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. | | | | | | |
| Entry | Butler IMPs scoring will be used. | | | | | | |
| | Masterpoints not guaranteed unless ABF number is provided. | | | | | | |
| | Green, blue & red systems, and Brown Sticker conventions and treatments permitted. No Yellow (HUM) systems in this Congress. | | | | | | |
| | Each pair must have 2 systemically identical current system cards. Players are responsible for ensuring their system classification is correct. | | | | | | |
| Start Time | 10.00am Australia Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with a finish time of approx. 4.30pm | | | | | | |
| Closing Date | Friday 14 th February 5.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Directors and Grafton Bridge Club. | | | | | | |
| Entries & | https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/2247 | | | | | | |
| Entry List | Any issues with entries should be directed to the organiser: Denise Llewellyn | | | | | | |
| | 0422 100 601 or neesellewellyn@gmail.com | | | | | | |
| Entry Fee | \$20 per player | | | | | | |
| Payment | Entry Fee payable by EFT to: Grafton Bridge Club | | | | | | |
| | BSB: 637 000 Acc: 780225017 Reference: Surname Numbers & ABF number | | | | | | |
| Prizes | Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200 & 3rd Place \$100. Should there be less than 60 pairs entered, the above prizes will be reassessed & reduced. | | | | | | |
| | Subject to there being 10 Restricted pairs & 10 Novice pairs, there will be category prize(s) for Restricted and Novice Pairs. | | | | | | |
| | Restricted players must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2024. Novice players must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at 30 April 2024. | | | | | | |
| StepBridge Username | All players must be registered with StepBridge Australia. Details on registration at www.stepbridge.com.au | | | | | | |
| Registration | 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. | | | | | | |
| | All StepBridge enquiries to Chris Larter chris@stepbridge.com.au | | | | | | |

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

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

QBA MANAGER: Kim Ellaway manager@qldbridge.com.au +61 412 064 903 qldbridge.com.au/gcc





Theme: Silly Shoes and Kinky Boots

ADELAIDE BRIDGE CENTRE

Contact David with any questions: 0417 460 221

SUMMER PAIRS CONGRESS

\$40 Per Person

2 sessions of graded duplicate bridge with a half-hour lunch break. Cash Prizes for 1st and 2nd place. (BYO Lunch & Coffee. BYO Drinks for after play.)

Entries via: myabf.com.au/go/ABCPairs25

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16

10am to 5pm

Level 3 548 Portrush Road Glenunga



Visit Adelaide for the

2025 Autumn Nationals

Thursday 1st May - Monday 5th May 2025

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, Wayville

Gold Masterpoints awarded PQPs in Open and Mixed events

David Lusk Rookie Butler Swiss Pairs Butler Swiss Pairs (Open, Mixed, Under Life, Under Grand) Swiss Teams (Open, Under Life, Under Grand)

Final only on Monday - no Consolation

Tournament Organiser: Barbara Travis Phone: 0437 919 928 | Email: anot@sabf.asn.au

To enter or for more information, see MyABF







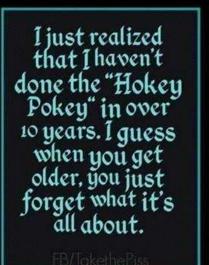


Funnies Column

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



(according to my Labrador) If you drop it, the '3 second rule' applies. If I can reach it, then it was meant for me. If it's edible, I'm pretty sure I will like it. If it's Cheddar Cheese, I know I'll like it. If I've never had it before, I'd like to try it. If you don't want it, seems silly to waste it.



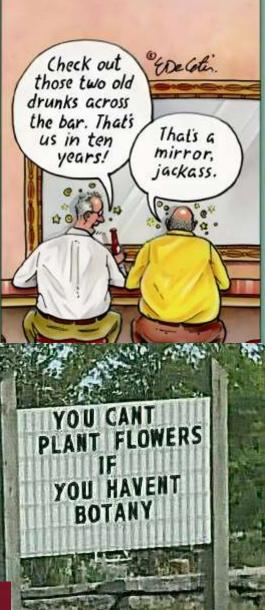


I don't want to say I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.



NO NONSENSE COFFEE GUIDE ALERICANO- BLACK COFFEE CATHANITE WHITE COFFEE CAPPUCCINO FROTHY COFFEE CATTE MILKY COFFEE ESFRESSO MINIATURE COFFEE MACHIATO MILK TOPPED COFFEE MOCHA- CHOCCY COFFEE HOTCHDCOLATE STILL NOT COFFEE

It's been such a joy being home with my wife the past 3 weeks. We've caught up on all the things I've done wrong the past 30 years.



"...and a diet coke please."



Please send your funnies through by emailing <u>support@stepbridge.com.au</u> 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: 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 <u>support@stepbridge.com.au</u> with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.

Facebook

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

Upcoming Red Point Sessions

January

Sunday 26 January - 2.30pm Open & Restricted

Monday 27 January - 3.50pm Novice & 4.00pm Open

Wednesday 29 January - 10.00am Open Individual

February

Saturday 1 February - 8.00pm Open

Sunday 2 February - 2.30pm Open & Restricted

Tuesday 4 February - 12.50pm Restricted & 1.00pm Open

Saturday 8 February - 10.00am Open Individual

Sunday 9 February - 2.30pm Open & Restricted

Tuesday 11 February - 3.50pm Novice & 4.00pm Open

Friday 14 February - 7.50pm Restricted & 8.00pm Open

Sunday 16 February - 2.30pm Open & Restricted

Monday 17 February - 8.00pm Open Teams

Thursday 20 February - 3.50pm Novice & 4.00pm Open

Sunday 23 February - 2.30pm Open & Restricted

Monday 24 February - 3.50pm Novice & 4.00pm Open

Thursday 27 February - 12.50pm Restricted & 1.00pm Open