World Bridge Federation

Fédération Africaine de Bridge

1st WBF/ABF NBO Officers’ Seminar
Cape Town, South Africa
## Zonal and National Organizations

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**Total** 6,086
Alvin Levy

WBF Executive Council: 2004 - ; IT, chair
ACBL Board of Directors: 1996 - ; Online Bridge, chair
21th annual World Robot Championship; Coordinator

My previous life was as Dr. Alvin Levy, PhD, ‘Rocket Scientist’
Technology in Bridge

- Modern Bridge Technology
- New Technology Supporting Bridge
- New WBF Website
- Life on the Internet
- Interactive Software

Online bridge and robot play…a second presentation
Modern Bridge Technology
for tournaments

• Seat assignments displayed: Pairs, KOs and Swiss
  ✓ Orderly and timely start of play
• Scoring Programs accompanying BridgeMate
  ✓ Detect scoring errors, slow play, data gathering
• Display of results
  ✓ Electronic displays; Personal scores after play
• Cloud solutions
  ✓ Mini sites, data handling, traffic, real time results
Latest Technology supporting Bridge

Goal: Recording play in its entirety (video), live streaming and review

- Camera technology
- Electronic recording
• Entire play and players
• Live streaming
• TDs – review of timing
• Archived – for review (journalist, study, ‘p’)

![YouTube video thumbnail](https://i.imgur.com/3zQ5Q5G.jpg)
Future Technology

WBF experimenting with latest technology
✓ Dual table scoring – less chance of scoring errors
✓ Use of bidding tablets – minimize UI and MI
  Self-alerting or dual alerting
✓ Card reading – no need for electronic operators
Modern WBF Website

- Fresh and modern look, images and videos
- Wordpress – most common used system
  guaranteed standard tools, upgraded, and continuity
- Easy to maintain, update, add features
- Cloud solution – remove limitations on space and traffic
- Works with all İ-devices
- New hosting plan

Project led by Simon Fellus
Modern WBF Website

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- Informative, Easy to Navigate
- Fun with Flickr; YouTube; Facebook
- Everything about the WBF, its history, zonal and NBOs, associate organizations, players (records, rankings), world calendar, news, links, and more...including
- Archived past tournaments and calendar of future events
ABF NBO Websites
ABF Bernard Pascal

Egypt
- Egyptian Bridge Federation
- EBF

Morocco
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- FRMB

Reunion
- District de Bridge de la Réunion
- DRB

South Africa
- South African Bridge Federation
- SABF
Bridge Life on the Internet
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Entertain / Educate / Inform / Promote

- Broadcasting – Watch major bridge events live and archived
- Lessons – Free on many websites; Access to teachers
- Magazines; Journalists’ columns; Blogs; Forums
- Software: Teaching; Generating deals and publishing results
- News around the World; Tournament stories and results
- Video Clips (YouTube) – Photos (Flickr) streaming
Explore the World of Bridge on the Internet
See all the top websites on every bridge topic
Bridge Tools

**Bridge Calculator**  single & double dummy, statistical analysis, Free

**Bridge Composer**  display of played deals from pbn files

**Bridge Odds Calculator**  calculates odds of any situation, Free

**Convention Card Editors**  Bridge Winners, Free

**Deal Generator**  Big Deal developed by Hans van Staveren

**Dealmaster Pro**  deal generator, many options, used by teachers

**Deep Finesse**  double dummy analyzer, Free

**Utilities**  compiled by Clair Martel
**Board 4**
Dlr: W  
Vul: None

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1 strength with 4+ clubs
2 spade stopper, looking for heart stopper for NT
3 one ace
Bridge Tools

• 6D by South Deep Finesse (to analyze)

• 6D by South Bridge Composer (to publish)
Great Free Bridge Lessons for Newcomers and Intermediate Players

✓ For Newcomers and Intermediate players wanting to improve
✓ Excellent lessons by the best teachers are free on the Internet

- **Larry Cohen** Lessons at all levels
- **Fifth Chair** Beginners
- **Richard Pavlicek** Beginners and Advanced
- **Howard Schutzman** Beginners and Intermediate
- **The Bridge World** Beginners and Intermediate
- **BridgeBase Online** Bridge Movies
- **Al Levy’s webpage** I/N players
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<td>Play</td>
<td>Item #221The Squeeze in Valhalla by Al Levy</td>
<td>Everything Advanced Declarer</td>
<td>As a college student, I read every bridge book I could get my hands on... including The Squeeze in Valhalla. In 1965, at one of my first club games in NYC, I played this 'magic' hand.</td>
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Promotional Value of the Internet

• Great source of Internet sites worldwide
• Promotional activities
  • social media (Facebook, YouTube)
  • stars and celebrities
  • educational value of bridge
    • youth – develops logical thinking
    • aging – keeps mind sharp

Challenge: with all the online material, find ways to get onto online news and sports sites
Suggested Future Internet Activities

✓ The Internet is a good fit for youngsters.
✓ Youngsters and newcomers can be encouraged to play bridge with learning software and online lessons.
✓ The ABF and its NBOs maintain web pages with information, entertainment, teaching material, and more...
Interactive Software

Some excellent examples to distribute:

• Bridge Master 2000, levels of expertise
• Larry Cohen, The Real Deal
Bridge Master 2000 – see the solution to this deal?
The Real Deal

Intermediate

Advanced
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A Partnership in Bridge