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# World Bridge Federation

# Fédération Africaine de Bridge

1<sup>st</sup> WBF/ABF NBO Officers' Seminar  
Cape Town, South Africa



ABF

## Zonal and National Organizations

	Country		Organization		Membership
1	<b>Botswana</b>		<a href="#"><u>Botswana Bridge Federation</u></a>	BtBF	812
2	<b>Cameroon</b>		<a href="#"><u>Cameroon Bridge Association</u></a>	CBA	33
3	<b>Egypt</b>		<a href="#"><u>Egyptian Bridge Federation</u></a>	EBF	924
4	<b>Kenya</b>		<a href="#"><u>Kenya Bridge Association</u></a>	KBA	300
5	<b>Madagascar</b>		<a href="#"><u>Federation Malgache de Bridge</u></a>	FMaB	40
6	<b>Morocco</b>		<a href="#"><u>Fédération Royale Marocaine de Bridge</u></a>	FRMB	300
7	<b>Nigeria</b>		<a href="#"><u>Nigerian Bridge Association</u></a>	NBA	120
8	<b>Reunion</b>		<a href="#"><u>District de Bridge de la Réunion</u></a>	DBR	293
9	<b>South Africa</b>		<a href="#"><u>South Africa Bridge Federation</u></a>	SABF	2,894
10	<b>Tunisia</b>		<a href="#"><u>Fédération Tunisienne de Bridge</u></a>	FTB	271
11	<b>Zambia</b>		<a href="#"><u>Zambia Bridge Federation</u></a>	ZBF	22
12	<b>Zimbabwe</b>		<a href="#"><u>Zimbabwe Bridge Union</u></a>	ZBU	77
				<i>Total</i>	<b>6,086</b>

# Alvin Levy

WBF Executive Council: 2004 - ; IT, chair

ACBL Board of Directors: 1996 - ; Online Bridge, chair  
21<sup>th</sup> annual World Robot Championship; Coordinator



The screenshot shows a website titled "Al Levy's World of Bridge". The navigation menu includes: Home, ACBL District 24, Bridge on the Internet, Computer-Bridge Championship, I/N Bridge Lessons, ACBL, WBF, and USBF. Below the menu is a bio section for Alvin Levy, featuring a portrait photo and the following text:

**Current positions**  
ACBL: Board of Directors (1996 - ); 401k Trustee (1999 - ); Online-Bridge chair (1997 - );  
WBF: Executive Council (2004 - ); Executive VP; IT chair; [Committee of Honour](#)  
World Computer-Bridge Championship: Originator/Coordinator (1997 - );  
ACBL District 24: Member; Treasurer; Secretary;  
Laws: ACBL Laws Commission; WBF Laws Committee; Laws of Rubber Bridge 2014. editor.  
[Al Levy's bio](#) as it appears on the WBF website.

My World of Bridge on the Internet

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





15th World Bridge Games - Wrocław, Poland 3-13 September 2016



16th World Youth Bridge Teams Championships - Salsomaggiore, Italy 3-13 August 2016






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# 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

Search

Open Room Board 3

SWEDEN: 0 IMPs  
AUSTRIA: 2 IMPs

W/C TERRANELO

♠ Q3  
♥ J1092  
♦ J952  
♣ 943

NYSTRÖM

♠ A74  
♥ 64  
♦ K4  
♣ AJ10762

SIMON

♠ 965  
♥ AKQ7  
♦ AQ1083  
♣ 5

UPMARK

♠ KJ1082  
♥ 853  
♦ 76  
♣ KC

37:40 / 2:23:24

470 views

WBG 2016 Wrocław Day 5 1/2

Bridge Video Broadcast

Subscribe 165

Add to Share More

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Streamed live on Sep 8, 2016

# 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



Project led by Simon Fellus

- 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 *i*-devices
- New hosting plan



# 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

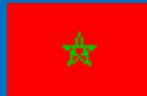
Egypt



Egyptian Bridge Federation

EBF

Morocco



Fédération Royale Marocaine de Bridge

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

### *explore the world of bridge on the Internet*

some of the best bridge websites and happenings on the Internet ... exploring and promoting bridge

#### Youth

Online Lessons  
Online Teachers  
Online Magazines

For Teachers

Journalist &  
Bridge Columns

Blogs  
Forums and Newsgroups  
Facebook

Online Bridge Play  
Robot Play  
iPhone, iPad, Apps  
VuGraphs & Archives

Major Bridge Events  
World Happenings & News  
International Websites

#### Youth

Junior Bridge from BridgeBase Online  
Junior Bridge from Bridge Guys  
University Bridge under FISU & WBF  
Youth Bridge in Australia (ABF)  
Youth Bridge in Canada (CBF)  
Youth Bridge in France (FFB)  
Youth Bridge in The Netherlands (NBB)  
Youth Bridge in North America (ACBL)  
Youth Bridge in the United Kingdom (EBU)

#### How children benefit from bridge:

Bridge Teachers for Youth  
"Why Teenagers Should Play Bridge" J. Lall

#### Online Lessons

Al Levy's webpage for I/N players  
ACBL Lessons  
Bridge Ace  
Bridge: A Path to Math for Middle School  
BridgeClues  
BridgeBase Online Bridge Movies  
BridgeHands  
FifthChair  
Hamilton Bridge Centre  
Howard Schutzman  
Karen Walker  
Kitty Cooper  
Larry Cohen  
Phillip Alder  
Richard Pavlicek  
Vu-Bridge and Beginner's Corner

#### Online Bridge Play

The language of Online Bridge  
**ACBL Sanctioned Online Clubs**

BridgeBase Online  
OKbridge  
Swan Games

#### International Online Clubs

BBOTurkiye International  
BridgeClubLive  
English Bridge Union BBO Games (EBU) mps  
OurGame.com Chinese  
StepBridge The Netherlands (NBB)  
StepBridge Australia (ABF)  
Top Bridge  
WBF Women's Online Bridge Club

#### Robot Play - for fun and education

World Robot Championship, since 1997  
History of Computer Bridge Bridge Guys  
Association of Artificial Intelligence on robots

#### Robot Websites:

Bridge Baron  
Blue Chip Bridge  
Jack  
Micro Bridge  
Q-Plus Bridge  
RoboBridge  
Wbridge5

#### Online robot games

BridgeBase Online  
Bridge Now using Wbridge5  
BridgePro  
Fun Bridge

#### Books, Supplies and Software

7 NoTrump accessories  
Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies  
BridgeBase Software, Bridge Master 2000  
BridgeBase Online Bridge Movies - NEW  
Bridgebutikken Supplies from Denmark  
BridgeMate Electronic scoring device  
BridgeTab Electronic scoring device - NEW  
The Bridge Shop Australian, digital and more  
The Bridge Shop London  
eBooksBridge from Master Point Press  
Gifts for Card Players  
GOTO Bridge software from Jérôme Rombaut  
Great Game Products Software  
"Learn to Play Bridge" Software Free  
Lioncard Supplies from Israel  
Master Point Press excellent source for books  
Mind Racer Publishers Innovative Products  
Reviews from BridgeHands  
Vince Oddy Canadian

#### Bridge Tools

Bridge Calculator Free  
Bridge Composer Free  
Bridge Odds Calculator Free  
Convention Card Editors - ACBL Free  
Dealmaster Pro used by teachers  
Deep Finesse Free  
Hand Generator Free  
Utilities compiled by Clair Martel

#### History of Bridge

# 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

North

♠ 532

♥ AQJ4

♦ Q3

♣ A653

West

♠ AQ6

♥ K8732

♦ T

♣ QJ84

East

♠ JT984

♥ T5

♦ J74

♣ KT7

South

♠ K7

♥ 96

♦ AK98652

♣ 92

West

Shark Bridge Wbridge5

1♥

2♠

Pass

Pass

North

Wbridge5

Pass

Dbl<sup>1</sup>

4NT

6♦

East

Shark Bridge Wbridge5

1♠

Pass

Pass

All Pass

South

Wbridge5

2♦

3♥<sup>2</sup>

5♦<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> strength with 4+ clubs

<sup>2</sup> spade stopper, looking for heart stopper for NT

<sup>3</sup> 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

# Create Bridge Movies on BridgeBase Online



Actions

[Play](#)  
[Edit](#)  
[Submit](#)

Title

Item #221The Squeeze  
in Valhalla  
by Al Levy

Categories

Everything  
Advanced  
Declarer

Summary

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.

# 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?

Bridge Master 2000 - Skill Level 3 - Series A - Deal 30

**Bridge Master Level 3 A-30**

**North**

♠ 10987  
♥ 32  
♦ J4  
♣ AJ1098

**South**

♠ A32  
♥ AKQJ109  
♦ AQ32  
♣

West	North	East	South
			1♥
	1♠	Pass	3♦
	3♥	Pass	3♠
	3NT	Pass	4♥
	Pass	Pass	

**West**

♥ 5

**East**

4♥ South | NS 0 EW 0

♠ A/P AKJ/AJ ♣ ?/? ?



# BRIDGE LARRY COHEN



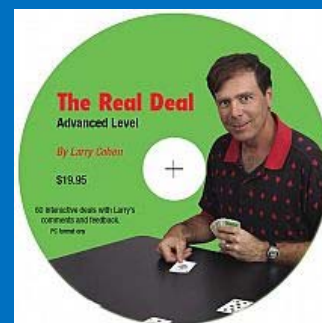
"Best of the Best"

[www.larryco.com](http://www.larryco.com)

## The Real Deal



Intermediate



Advanced



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A Partnership in Bridge