

A Case Study: Lazio Bridge Committee

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Purpose

- Promotion of Bridge
- Injection of new blood

Scale of the Problem

- Crisis of the Bridge movement;
- Difficulties to attract new/young players;
- New initiatives to promote Bridge;
- €???



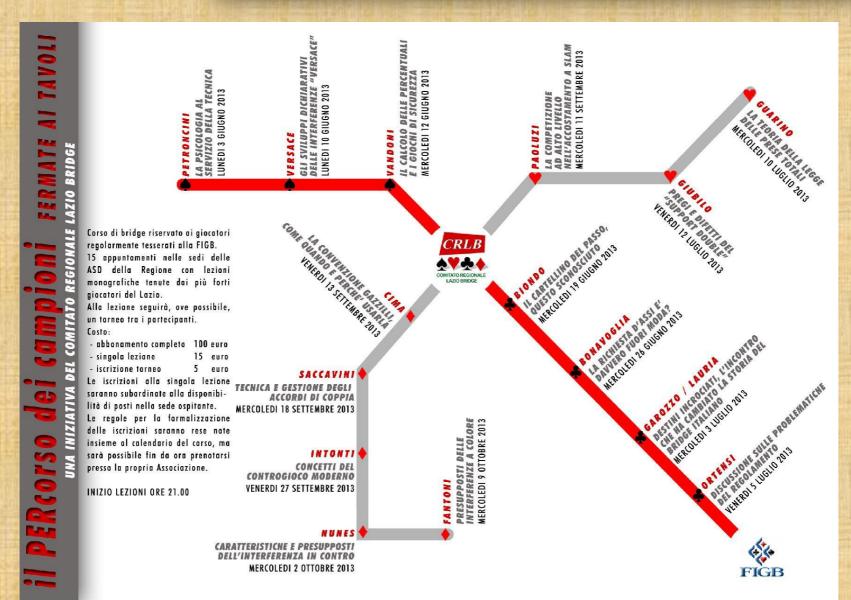
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Creation of a free course for under 35. But we needed source funds to support this initiative, without neglecting the needs of clubs and members. So, taking advantage of the presence in our region of many top players, we introduced an advanced course, "The Champions Route", with the goal of raising funds.



- From June to October 2013, 16 Stars for 15 lessons, in different venues, taught and discussed technique - defense, bidding, double, interference - psychology and behavior. After the theory, we organised a short tournament, with prepared boards, in order to put into practice the topics covered during the lessons.
- Costs: € 100 subscription, € 15 single lesson, € 5 tournament fee.
- Benito Garozzo, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Ilaria Saccavini, Simonetta Paoluzi, Claudio Petroncini, Bernardo Biondo, Riccardo Vandoni, Mario Guarino, Guido Bonavoglia, Leonardo Cima, Valerio Giubilo, Riccardo Intonti and Massimo Ortensi.







- It was a success: the revenue raised from membership fees to the lessons amounted to 10870 €, the costs to 2867.12 €. The profit was 8002.88 €.
- Production of the Flyer → 200€

Facebook: 1200€

Advertising*: delivery of Flyers in the clubs, universities, word

of mouth

Recovery of ex school-bridge players (90's)

Choice of teacher and young tutors

Venues

Preparation of educational material

















 The course co-ordinator was a federal teacher, who organized both the theory lessons as well as a practical stage involving play at the tables. Participants received handouts at the end of each lesson and a USB drive with all course materials at the end of the course. Those who have completed the trial then participated in a series of tournaments with individual classification, hosted by clubs in the capital city. The top five were awarded with scholarships.



Numbers

- 141 persons attended at least 1 lesson
- 97 students attended at least 4 lessons
- Average age: 26,7
- New members: 105 persons
- Average of students per lesson: 88,25
- After 2 years : 20-25 persons usually play in clubs



Keys to success

- Passion
- Volunteering
- Involvement of Stake-Holders
- €



Gracias por su atencion