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THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION _____ **5**

ADMINISTRATION _____ **41**

**THE WBF ZONAL CONFERENCES
& AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS** _____ **61**

WBF CHAMPIONSHIPS _____ **81**

WBF RANKINGS _____ **211**



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The World Bridge Federation

The World Bridge Federation was formed **on 18th August 1958 in Oslo**, Norway, by delegates from **Europe, USA and South America**. **In Orlando in September 2018 the WBF celebrates its 60th anniversary**.

Baron Robert de Nexon, from France, an inspiring figure in bridge, was elected as first President. **Charles J. Solomon**, from USA (1964-1968) succeeded him as President, followed by **Count Carl Bonde**, from Sweden (1968-1970). With the election of **Julius Rosenblum** in 1970, the WBF started to assume the mantle of a real **World Organisation**. Rosenblum strongly believed that bridge needed to have a visible central organisation with a global reach rather than conducting its affairs on a local or continental basis.



Julius Rosenblum opens the WBF Flag at the 1974 World Championship in Venice

When in 1976 Rosenblum decided to retire for health reasons, **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** from Switzerland, was elected President. Under his guidance the WBF started its new modern era and in **August 1977** was incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York as a **“not for profit”** organization. The Federation cast off the mantle of a paternalistic organization and was re-structured as an **International Federation**

devoted to offering its member countries, the National Bridge Organisations (NBOs) the best possible service. The stimulation given by Ortiz-Patiño to building the organizational and administrative structure, to developing the discipline and its image, to introducing new rules and a rigid code of ethics is still effective even today. When he left the WBF in 1986 he was elected President Emeritus by acclamation for his exceptional services to bridge.



Jaime Ortiz-Patiño with the WBF Flag

Denis Howard, from Australia, succeeded him to the Presidency from 1986 to 1990. Re-elected for a second term, Howard resigned in January 1991 following a crisis within the world of bridge. **Ernesto d'Orsi**, from Brazil, who had distinguished himself as a leading bridge administrator succeeded him in 1991 and 1992 and successfully steered the WBF through this difficult and delicate situation. In August 1992 he left the chair to **Robert S. Wolff**, from the USA, one of the most successful players in the history of bridge, who successfully completed the task started by d'Orsi and until August 1994, when **José Damiani**, from France, was elected President.

José Damiani completely changed the way forward, both for the WBF and Bridge itself. Under his leadership, following its initial recognition as an International Organisation in 1995 pursuant to Article 29 of the Olympic Charter, the WBF **was recognised by the International Olympic Committee** as an International Sports Federation in 1999. **In October 2000 in Monaco**, the World Bridge Federation was admitted as a **member of the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations – Olympic and non-Olympic)** at the General Assembly of this Association. **GAISF later became SportAccord but has now reverted to its origins as GAISF.**



Madrid September 2007, José Damiani awarded President Samaranch with a WBF Honour Plaque

The WBF also became a member of **ARISF (Association of Recognised International Sport Federations)** and in **October 2002** moved its headquarters to Lausanne (Switzerland), the Olympic City. The WBF is one of the **founder members of IMSA (International Mind Sports Association)** which was formed on 19 April 2005. The WBF is recognised by **FISU (International University Sport Federation)**, which organises the World University Bridge Championship every two years and **UNESCO (United**

Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) and is Code Signatory of **WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency)**.

José Damiani left the chair in November 2010 after 16 years of Presidency, having achieved tremendous success in the development of bridge. He introduced new concepts of communication and information, which attracted media, sponsors and supporters; improving technological systems to manage and run the Championships and other competitions, creating new events in which players of all categories could participate, and developing youth bridge, constantly supporting and improving the teaching of bridge and creating the opportunity for school children to be taught bridge from an early age. When he left, he was elected WBF Chairman Emeritus by acclamation for his extraordinary services to bridge and subsequently, following the death of Ortiz-Patiño in 2013, elected President Emeritus.

Gianarrigo Rona, from Italy, former First Vice-President and EBL President (1999-2010) was elected WBF President in São Paulo September 2009 and took the chair in Philadelphia in November 2010. In Nusa Dua, Bali, November 2013, **Rona** was re-elected unopposed and again in Lyon,



Gianarrigo Rona with Marius Vizer, GAISF President, Raffaele Chiulli, ARISF President, Sheikh Al Sabah, OCA President and the Sport Legend Sir Sebastian Coe

August 2017 for a third four-year term which will thus run until 2022.

Under the Rona Presidency, the WBF Headquarters was settled at la Maison du Sport International in Lausanne, Switzerland, employing personnel and finalising the requirements for incorporation under Swiss Law. The structure and the legal status of the WBF were clearly defined. Since 30th January 2014 the World Bridge Federation, founded on August 18, 1958 in Oslo, is recognised as a non-profit making organisation of a strictly civil nature, incorporated under Swiss Laws and registered in the Commercial Register in accordance with art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

The Disciplinary Code, the Eligibility Code, the Code of Ethics, the Dress Code, the Players Commitment Form, the Reviewer, substituting the Appeal Committee, the Antibetting Regulations,

the WBF Sentencing Guidelines, the HLPC Express Line were adopted as well as the **Tournament Directors Official Register** and **Rules & Regulations**. Afterwards the **Sport Integrity Declaration** and the **IOC Code of Prevention** were introduced.

The **Constitution** and the **By-Laws** were updated in conformity with the **Olympic Charter** and the **IOC Principles**, respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of powers. **Disciplinary Organs** consisting of a **Disciplinary Panel**, an **Antidoping Hearing Panel** and the **WBF Tribunal** were instituted with autonomous competence and jurisdiction on juridical and disciplinary matters.

The format of the World Bridge Games was modified with the introduction of the **National Pairs Championship**, following the **National Teams Championship**, as well as the format of the **World Bridge**



Veldhoven 2011. The five WBF Presidents, Bobby Wolff, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, Gianarrigo Rona, Ernesto d'Orsi, José Damiani

Series with Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors events both for teams and in addition **World National Teams Championship** was expanded with the introduction of the **National Mixed Teams** and an increase in the number of the qualified teams. In the **Youth Championship** new categories of **Girls** (up to 25) and **Kids** (up to 15) were added to the already existing **Juniors** (up to 25) and **Youngsters** (up to 20). In Orlando in 2018 the E.C. decided to rename the youth categories in **Under 26 Open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16**.

Great attention was given to the development of bridge with particular emphasis on youth and school bridge and the **Youth Fund** and the **Development Fund** were instituted to accomplish and support the objective. **The World Youth Online Bridge Teams Championship** was launched as well the **WBF Online Robot Tournaments** and periodical **Zonal Seminars for Officers and Zonal Courses for Tournament Directors**.

“Bridge is a Sport and, as such, its place is here like other Sports” declared the IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch on 7 September 1998 at the Opening of the 1st IOC Grand Prix for Bridge at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, on realising that he was watching a true competition.

In August 2018 Bridge had the great privilege and honour, thanks to the efforts done by Mr. **Michael Bambang Hartono**, Chairman of the Indonesian Bridge Federation and M.me **Esther Chodchoy Sophonpanich**, APBF President. to be included and compete in the **Asian Olympic Games in Jakarta, Indonesia**, together with all the other Sports.

In Orlando on 27th September 2018 the Congress approved new WBF Statutes and endorsed the new WBF By-Laws, provided by the Executive Council, not only in conformity with the Olympic Charter and the IOC Principles, but also respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of the powers. These provide a Charter that will provide the foundation for the future of the Federation.

For purposes of administration and furtherance of its objectives and to comply with the International Olympic Committee's principles of the five IOC rings, the WBF structure is divided into **five geographical Continental Conferences** identical to the IOC's five rings. For organisational reasons the WBF established zones within each of the five Continents which, although part of a Continent, shall be entitled to have at least one member on the Executive and berths at the WBF Championships. Each zone has its own Zonal Conference of its member NBOs, organising, managing and administering its activity and conducting both its own zonal competitions and those delegated to it by the WBF. The eight Zonal Conferences are:

Zone 1 – Europe – European Bridge League – EBL; Zone 2 – North America – North American Bridge Federation – NABF; Zone 3 – South America – Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge – CSB; Zone 4 – Asia and the Middle East – Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East – BFAME; Zone 5 – Central America and Caribbean – Central American & Caribbean Bridge Federation – CACBF; Zone 6 – Asia Pacific – Pacific Asia Bridge Federation – APBF; Zone 7 – Oceania – South Pacific Bridge Federation – SPBF; Zone 8 – Africa – African Bridge Federation – ABF

The WBF has shown strong and steady growth and its membership now comprises **116 National Bridge Organisations (NBOs)**, in good standing, with approximately 1,000,000 affiliated members who participate actively in competitive bridge events (locally, nationally and internationally).

Each National Bridge Organisation agrees to fulfill certain requirements, such as opening its ranks to all its citizens and residents and upholding a standard of ethics acceptable to the WBF.

The **WBF Executive Council** consists of the **President**, who acts as Chairman, **17 Members**, elected from the eight WBF Zonal Conferences, **2 Members** elected from the **High Level Players Commission** and, starting from 2020, **3 Members** elected from the Congress. **The President/s Emeritus** and the **General Counsel** are non-voting members of the Executive Council.

“Bridge for Peace” is the official motto of the World Bridge Federation which is partner of **“Peace and Sport”, l’Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport’**.



Wuhan September 2019: Plenary Session of the WBF Executive Council

The WBF Presidents



Baron Robert de Nexon

FRANCE
1958 - 1964



Charles J. Solomon

USA
1964 - 1968



Count Carl Bonde

SWEDEN
1968 - 1970



Julius Rosenblum

USA
1970 - 1976



Jaime Ortiz-Patiño

SWITZERLAND
1976 - 1986



Denis Howard

AUSTRALIA
1986 - 1991



Ernesto d'Orsi

BRAZIL
1991 - 1992



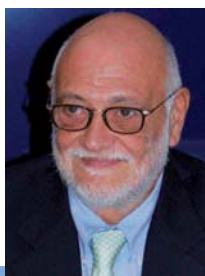
Robert S. Wolff

USA
1992 - 1994



José Damiani

FRANCE
1994 - 2010



Gianarrigo Rona

ITALY
2010 -

The WBF Committee of Honour



Wuhan - September 2019. The WBF Committee of Honour. Front: Patrick Choy, Mazhar Jafri, Georgia Heth, Alvin Levy. Back: Marc De Pauw, Panos Gerontopoulos, John Wignall, José Damiani, Gianarrigo Rona. Missing George Reteck and Robert "Bobby" Wolff.

The **WBF Committee of Honour** was formed in 1972 for the purpose of recognizing the unselfish efforts of individuals in making a significant contribution to the enhancement and growth of bridge throughout the world

Nominations to the Committee must be made by a **minimum of three members of the WBF Executive Council from three separate Zones**. Election to the Committee requires an affirmative vote from **three-quarters of the Executive Council members**, the detailed requirements being set out in article 3.3 of the By-laws. Nomination may only be made in **even numbered years**. After the amendment approved in 2014 the Committee of Honour may not exceed **thirteen living members**. The **WBF Gold Pin**, the highest award

offered by the WBF, is awarded only to members of the Committee of Honour.

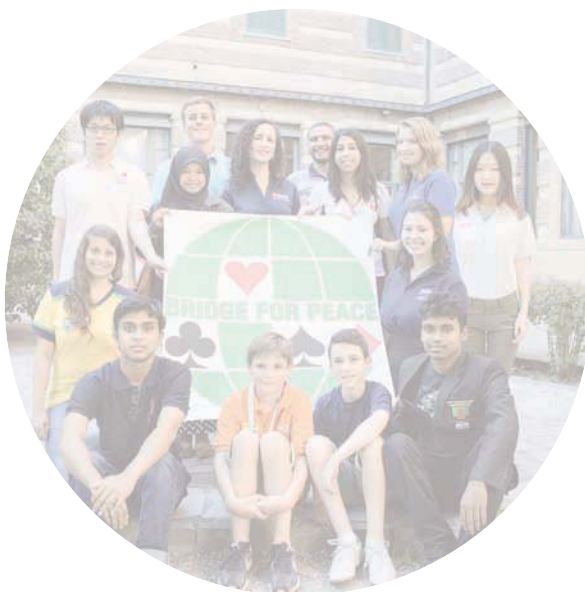
The WBF Committee of Honour was formed in 1972 for the purpose of recognizing the unselfish efforts of individuals in making a significant contribution to the enhancement and growth of bridge throughout the world. When the Committee was formed in 1972, only three persons received the required nominations and votes. They were: **Geoffrey L. Butler** (GB), **Waldemar von Zedtwitz** (USA) and **Charles L. Solomon** (USA).

In 1974 the WBF President, **Julius Rosenblum**, was unanimously elected whilst **Albert Morehead** (USA) and **Baron de Nexon** (France) were posthumously elected. In 1976 **Ben O. Johnson** (USA)

and **André Lemaitre** (Belgium) were elected to the Committee. In 1978 there were two more nominations, each receiving the unanimous support of all six Zones at that time represented on the Executive Council, as a result of which General **Alfred M Gruenther** (USA) and **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** (Switzerland) were elected. In 1984 three more persons were elected: **Richard L. Goldberg** (USA), **Nils E. Jensen** (Sweden) and **Edgar Kaplan** (USA). In 1986 **Robert Howes** (USA) and **Ernesto d'Orsi** (Brazil) were elected. In 1988, **José Damiani** (France) was elected. In 1994 **Robert S. Wolff** (USA) was elected. In 1998, in Lille **Jean-Claude Beineix** (France), **Mazhar Jafri** (Pakistan) and **John Wignall** (New Zealand) were elected. In 2002, in Montreal, **Joan Gerard** (USA), **Panos Gerontopoulos** (Greece) and **George Retek** (Canada) were elected. In 2004, Istanbul, **Gianarrigo Rona** (Italy) was elected, receiving the unanimous support of all eight Zones represented on

the Executive Council. In 2014, Sanya, **Patrick Choy** (Singapore), **Marc De Pauw** (Belgium), **Alvin Levy** (USA) and **Anna Maria Torlontano** (Italy) were elected, whilst **Jens Auken** (Denmark) and **Jean-Louis Derivery** (Guadelupe) were posthumously elected. In 2016, Wrocław, Chen Zelan (China) and Georgia Heth (USA) were elected.

Following the death of Charles Solomon, Julius Rosenblum, Ben Johnson, André Lemaitre, General Gruenther, Waldemar von Zedwitz, Geoffrey Butler, Edgar Kaplan, Richard Goldberg, Robert Howes, Nils Jensen, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, Joan Gerard, Jean-Claude Beineix, Ernesto d'Orsi and Anna Maria Torlontano, the living members of the Committee of Honour are, as follows: José Damiani (Chairman), Chen Zelan, Patrick Choy, Marc De Pauw, Panos Gerontopoulos, Georgia Heth, Mazhar Jafri, Alvin Levy, George Retek, Gianarrigo Rona, John Wignall, Robert S. Wolff.



Statutes of the World Bridge Federation

Chapter 1

Name – Status – Purpose

Article 1 - Name & Duration

The name of the federation is the World Bridge Federation (“WBF”). The duration of the WBF is unlimited.

Article 2 - Status and Resources

The World Bridge Federation, founded on August 18, 1958 in Oslo, recognised by the International Olympic Committee as an International Sport Federation, International University Sport Federation (“FISU”), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (“UNESCO”) is a non-profit making organisation of a strictly civil nature incorporated as an association in accordance with article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code and registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton de Vaud.

The WBF is a recognised member of the Global Association of International Sport Federations (“GAISF”), the Association of Recognised IOC International Sports Federations (“ARISF”), the International Mind Sports Association (“IMSA”), and is a Signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”).

The WBF’s resources consist of members’ annual dues or charges, gifts and donations and any other resources, such as income from competition, tournaments and other events organized by the WBF; its resources shall be applied exclusively in furtherance of its purposes.

Article 3 - Headquarters

The official headquarters and administrative offices of the WBF are based in Lausanne, Switzerland, but by decision of the Executive Council (“EC”), may be moved to another location in Switzerland.

Article 4 - Guiding Principles & Motto

The WBF recognises and pursues the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, in particular the aims:

- a) to blend bridge with culture and education and to promote the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles;
- b) to encourage the establishment of a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity;
- c) to fight and reject any violation of human rights.

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Article 5 - Purpose

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- to federate national bridge organisations in all countries,;
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Chapter 2 Members

Article 6 - Members

The members of the World Bridge Federation are the National Bridge Organisations (“NBOs”).

In accordance with the Olympic Charter, only one NBO for each country may become a member of the WBF.

The expression “country” shall mean any country, state, territory or a part of territory recognized by the international community. The name of the NBO must reflect the territorial extent and tradition of its country and must be approved by WBF as being in conformity with the Olympic Charter and the IOC regulations. Each NBO must be duly constituted under the laws of its jurisdiction and shall seek recognition by its national governing authority (e.g. National Olympic Committee, National Sports Committee, National Association of Sports Federations and/or Governmental Authorities).

Article 7 - Admission Requirements

Any NBO wishing to affiliate with the WBF is required:

- To exercise Bridge activity in its country and internationally, in particular by organizing and participating in competitions, implementing bridge education and training programs for bridge players, with regards in particular to the development of youth bridge;
- To respect the Statutes, By-Laws, Laws of Bridge, Rules and Regulations and any other guidelines or principles of the WBF as well as to recognize and enforce any decision rendered in application thereof;
- To conduct its activities in compliance with the Olympic Charter;
- To implement a Disciplinary Code and a Code of Ethics reflecting the provisions of the WBF Disciplinary Code, the WBF Code of Ethics *mutatis mutandis*, which shall apply in its sphere of activities, including its jurisdiction;
- To manage its affairs autonomously and without interference from bodies outside the Olympic Movement;
- To have an appropriate and updated register of members;

- To pay the Membership fees and other monies owed to the WBF when due;
- To refuse membership of any bridge association and/or bridge club located outside of its country, unless duly authorized by the WBF;
- To be open to all nationals or bona fide residents of the particular country;
- To agree to play in WBF competitions against all other NBOs which are qualified members of the WBF.

The Executive Council has the power to decide whether to grant membership to an NBO. The granted membership has to be ratified by the next ensuing Congress.

Article 8 - Resignation

Any member of the WBF may resign in writing to the President on six months' notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the resignation shall not affect any financial or other obligations that have arisen during the term of membership.

Article 9 - Suspension

Without prejudice to any other provision for suspension elsewhere in the Statutes, By-Laws, Code of Ethics or other Rules and Regulations, a member may be suspended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Executive Council either upon the request in writing by the relevant member or if the Executive Council concludes, in its discretion, that the member is not conforming or has not conformed with the requirements for an application for membership of the WBF.

In the event of a failure for a period of two full years to pay the annual dues or charges the suspension is automatically sanctioned by the Executive Council.

A suspended member may not exercise any of the rights or benefits of membership of the WBF during the period of suspension. The suspension does not discontinue the obligation to pay the annual dues.

A member temporarily suspended may be reinstated at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Council on such conditions as the Executive Council may prescribe.

Article 10 - Removal

Without prejudice to any other provision for removal elsewhere in the Statutes, By-Laws, Code of Ethics or other Rules and Regulations, a member may be removed by the Executive Council, providing its reasons for such decision are approved on an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total members. The removal has to be ratified by the next ensuing Congress.

After two years of suspension for failure in payment of the annual dues or charges, a member, if not reinstated, is automatically removed by the Executive Council.

Any membership dues owed up until the time of removal remain due and payable notwithstanding the removal.

Article 11 - Effect

As soon as an NBO is recognised as an affiliated member of the WBF, it automatically becomes an affiliated member of a WBF Zonal Conference (see article 14 below). No NBO can be an affiliated member of a Zonal Conference without being an affiliated member of the WBF.

Resignation, Removal and Suspension from the WBF are automatically extended to the Zonal Conference.

Chapter 3 Zonal Conferences & Associate Member

Article 12 - Zonal Conferences

The world shall be divided into five continents, following the five rings of the

Olympic Movement (America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania). Each continent must always contain at least one Zonal Conference.

The continents of Europe, Africa and Oceania shall be represented by one Zonal Conference each. The continents of America and Asia may be represented, as determined by the Executive Council, by a maximum of three Zonal Conferences. The Executive Council shall be entitled, subject to an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority, to split or merge Zonal Conferences in the continents of America and Asia.

The role of Zonal Conferences within the WBF system shall be to administer and further the objectives of the WBF and to organize zonal competitions.

Article 13 - Requirements

The Zonal Conferences shall have their own Statutes and By-Laws that shall respect and be consistent with these Statutes and the WBF By-Laws.

The Zonal Conferences shall respect the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the Statutes, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, Disciplinary Code and other Rules & Regulations, and the decisions of the WBF and otherwise act in the best interest of the WBF. The Zonal Conferences shall also implement a Disciplinary Code and a Code of Ethics reflecting the provisions of the WBF Disciplinary Code and the WBF Code of Ethics *mutatis mutandis*, which shall apply in their sphere of activities, including their jurisdiction.

Article 14 - Geographical affiliation

Members located within the geographical scope of a Zonal Conference may be affiliated to such Zonal Conference only and not to another Zonal Conference, save that

in exceptional circumstances, the Executive Council may, upon application of a member, authorize such member to be affiliated to a Zonal Conference to which it does not geographically belong.

The Zonal Conference concerned by the possible affiliation of a member that does not geographically belong to it shall be consulted prior to any decision being taken by the Executive Council in this respect, without any limitation to the Executive Council's discretion.

Article 15 - Associated Members

In recognition of historic contribution, outstanding support and distinguished services to the development of bridge, the Congress, on the proposal of the Executive Council, may afford the status of Associated Member to a Bridge Organisation which is not part of the WBF. The relations between the WBF and the Associated Member/s are provided and set out in the By-Laws. Associated Members shall not have any vote at the WBF Congress.

Chapter 4 Authority

Article 16 - Principle of Autonomy

Members and Zonal Conferences retain their entire autonomy and independence of action and are free to set up their internal organisation as they see fit, within the limits imposed by these Statutes.

The WBF observes strict neutrality in the internal affairs of its members.

Article 17 - Jurisdiction for competitions

The WBF, members and Zonal Conferences shall have jurisdiction (including, without limitation, technical and disciplinary

jurisdiction) over the competitions governed by their own statutes and competition regulations, which must be approved by the WBF.

This Article 17 shall not prevent the WBF from issuing regulations providing for certain of its rules and regulations to apply within the context of qualification systems for WBF Events and events that award WBF Master-points under the jurisdiction of members or Zonal Conferences.

In case of dispute between any entities (WBF, member(s), Zonal Conference(s)) as to who shall assume jurisdiction over a disciplinary matter, the WBF shall decide at its own discretion. The WBF's decision shall be final and binding on all members and Zonal Conferences.

Article 18 - Principle of Reciprocity

Each member and Zonal Conference must accept and respect all decisions taken by other members and/or Zonal Conferences in disciplinary matters. In particular, all members and Zonal Conferences shall apply and enforce sanctions of other members or Zonal Conferences or of the WBF (including for the avoidance of doubt suspensions or bans) within their geographical jurisdiction, provided that such sanction respects the principles set out in these Statutes and in any other WBF Regulations.

All sanctions must be reported to the WBF in a timely manner by the member and/or Zonal Conference imposing the same.

The WBF may, at its discretion, decide to apply a sanction rendered by a member or a Zonal Conference to the events under its jurisdiction and/or grant worldwide effect to it.

All decisions rendered by the WBF in application of this Article shall be final and binding on all members and Zonal Conferences.

Chapter 5 Organisation

Article 19 - Organisation of the WBF

The government of the WBF shall be vested in a Congress, a President and an Executive Council, together with a Management Committee when the Executive Council is not in session (see Chapter 9).

The officers of the WBF include the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Counsel. The Executive Council, on the proposal of the President, elects from amongst its members the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The General Counsel is not a member of the Executive Council and is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

The honorary officers of the WBF are the President/s Emeritus, and the members of the Honour Committee.

The disciplinary bodies of the WBF are the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Anti-Doping Hearing Tribunal.

The technical advisor of the WBF regarding matters related to the organisation and the rules and regulations of the bridge competitions is the High Level Players Commission.

Standing or special Committees and appointments may be constituted and are subject to the applicable law and the By-Laws. The committees may (without limitation to the power of the Executive Council to establish and appoint further committees) include the Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee, the Statutes and By-Laws Committee, the Medical and Prevention Commission, the Competitions Committee, the Credentials Committee, the Rules and Regulations Committee, the Laws Committee, the Systems Committee and the Youth Committee.

The officers, honorary officers, advisors, committees and any further special appointments, are further described in the By-Laws.

Chapter 6

The Congress

Article 20 - Status

The Congress is the supreme authority of the WBF.

Article 21 - Composition & Attendance

The Congress is composed of the authorised delegates of the members. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the Congress by one delegate.

The President chairs the Congress but shall not have any voting rights.

The members of the Executive Council, the Candidates for Elections, the President/s Emeritus, the Honour Committee members, the General Counsel, the H LPC's Chairman, the Chairmen of the WBF Committees, the other WBF Officers and the Presidents of the Zonal Conferences are entitled to attend the Congress but shall not have any voting rights and shall not act as a proxy.

Article 22 - Nature and sessions

The Congress may be held on an ordinary and extraordinary basis.

The ordinary Congress is held every two years in the even numbered years.

An extraordinary Congress may be called by the President and or the Executive Council when deemed necessary at their discretion and must be called upon request of one fifth of those entitled to vote at the Congress.

The request must be addressed in writing to the President. At least thirty days notice

shall be provided of an extraordinary Congress, and the business is limited to that on the agenda distributed with the notice. Notice may be given by email or by postal mail. An extraordinary Congress has no powers not held by an ordinary Congress. An extraordinary Congress may be convened together with an ordinary Congress but with separate agendas.

Article 23 - Functions and power of an ordinary Congress

The Congress shall have the powers and functions explicitly conferred upon it by these Statutes and the By-Laws of the WBF, including:

- a) To amend the Statutes, subject to a majority of two-thirds of the members present;
- b) to hear and approve the report of the President;
- c) to examine the balance sheet and accounts for the two years following the last ordinary Congress and hear the auditors' report;
- d) to define or to delegate the Executive Council to define, every four years, membership dues;
- e) to ratify the admission and removal of members decided by the Executive Council;
- f) to carry out elections, every four years, in accordance with these Statutes;
- g) to bestow the title of President Emeritus;
- h) to afford the status of Associated Member, subject to a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

The decisions taken at the Congress come into effect immediately unless otherwise decided by Congress.

Article 24 - Quorum

One third of the members shall be present for a vote to be validly carried out (quorum).

For the election of members to the Executive Council the quorum shall be one half of the members plus one.

To vote on the dissolution of the WBF, the quorum shall be four fifths of the members.

Article 25 - Ballots, Number of Votes

Each member is entitled to one (1) vote. The elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Voting on any other matters shall take place by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by a majority of the members present.

Whether on a secret ballot or a show of hands, only delegates and duly appointed proxies present at the Congress may cast votes.

Chapter 7 The President

Article 26 - The President

The President represents the highest single authority of the WBF as the Chief Executive Officer.

The President presides at meetings of the Congress, the Executive Council and the Management Committee and may represent the WBF legally in all circumstances or by authorizing someone to act on his behalf. He represents the WBF on all formal occasions and takes precedence over all other members. He takes all measures necessary to ensure the good conduct and progress of the affairs of the WBF and protect the image of the WBF subject to the subsequent approval of his actions by the Congress, the Executive Council or the Management Committee. He is invited to attend the meetings of all the Committees of the WBF but shall have no vote unless he

is otherwise a member of such committee. The President submits for the approval of the EC the election of the Officers and members of the Management Committee. Apart from the cases expressly foreseen in the Statutes, the President, with the approval of the EC, appoints and/or revokes the Committees, the Commissions, the special groups or any other person useful to the management of WBF.

In particular, but not limited to the following, the President:

- supervises the day-to-day business and functioning of the WBF;
- chairs all meetings of the Congress, the Executive Council and the Management Committee;
- signs every official WBF document, including minutes, rulings and certificates;
- represents the WBF in all matters involving the IOC and other international sports bodies, political authorities and before judicial courts and tribunals;
- convenes the Congress;
- presents to the Congress a report on the WBF activities;
- appoints and removes from office the General Counsel;
- other duties upon delegation by the Executive Council or the Congress.

The President may be represented in his duties by a duly empowered person; a power of attorney shall be given in writing by the President.

Article 27 - Election

The President shall be elected by the Executive Council at the first meeting of the newly installed Executive Council following the (ordinary) Congress in the electoral year (as defined at article 31 below). The current President and Treasurer shall be entitled to vote in this election.

A President elected for his first term must be a member of the Executive Council at the time of his election and in order to preserve continuity and to ensure experienced leadership, must have been member of the Executive Council for at least two years of a legislature. The President, upon assuming office, shall resign as a zonal representative. The rules and procedure for the candidacy and the election of the President are provided by the By-Laws.

The term of office of the President shall be of four years and shall commence on the 1st January directly following his election. The President may be re-elected but may not under any circumstances serve more than three full terms of four years.

Article 28 - Vacancy

Should the position of President become vacant for any reason or the President is unable as a result of incapacity to fulfill his duties, the first Vice-President will provisionally fulfill the functions of the President.

Should the vacancy or incapacity be permanent, a new President shall be elected at the next ensuing Executive Council meeting for the remainder of the four-year term of the former President.

Chapter 8 The Executive Council

Article 29 - The Executive Council

All executive and administrative powers relevant to the effective supervision and administration of the affairs and activities of the WBF (consistent with the WBF Statutes) are vested in the Executive Council.

The Executive Council consists of the President and up to 24 other members, including:

- up to 19 (nineteen) members elected by the Zonal Conferences;
- 2 (two) members elected by the High Level Players Commission.
- 3 (three) members elected by the Congress. The President/s Emeritus and the General Counsel are entitled to attend the Executive Council meetings with consultative powers but no voting rights.

The members of the Honour Committee may be invited by the President to attend meetings without voting rights: they must be invited when the agenda includes the election of new members of the Honour Committee, in which event they shall have voting rights on that issue.

Article 30 - Executive Council Members elections

The rules and regulations for the election and the installation of the Executive Council are provided and set-out in the By-Laws. In any event:

- The election of the members of the Executive Council shall take place every fourth year from and including 2022 (each such year being an “electoral year”) save that the initial election of members elected by Congress will take place at the Congress in 2020 with those elected serving for a term of two years.
- Each Zonal Conference has the right to elect its own representative member(s) as per the By-Laws.
- All elections by the Zonal Conferences or the HLPC must be made in advance of the (ordinary) Congress taking place in the electoral year; such elections must be notified immediately to the WBF Secretary.
- Candidates to be elected to the Executive Council by Congress shall be

in good standing with their NBO. The three persons elected must be from three different Zonal Conferences.

- The HLPC shall elect one representative of each gender, who shall be from different Zonal Conferences.
- The term of office of the Executive Council members shall start on the day following their election and shall cease in the subsequent electoral year at midnight on the day on which the relevant body (i.e. Zonal Conferences, HLPC and Congress) elects its representatives for the next Executive Council.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the President and the Treasurer shall assume these functions on the 1st January directly following their election to such positions and shall serve in those functions for four full calendar years; consequently, the term of the President and Treasurer as Executive Council members shall be extended by such period as is necessary (being less than 12 months in all circumstances) to allow them to serve in those functions for the four calendar years.
- The body that elected the Executive Council member serving as Treasurer in the electoral year shall, when making its elections to the Executive Council, specify that the term of one of the relevant persons shall start on 1 January of the following calendar year (as opposed to on the day following the election).
- Where a new President is elected from amongst those persons elected by the Zonal Conferences or the HLPC, the relevant body shall elect a replacement as soon as reasonably practicable following the election of such President and, in any event, before the end of the

electoral year; where the Congress elects one or more candidates to the Executive Council who have already served a previous term on the Executive Council, the Congress shall also elect a fourth person as an alternate for the eventuality that one of the persons elected to the Executive Council by Congress is then elected as President by the new Executive Council. The alternate would then assume office as an Executive Council member on the day on which the President assumes office i.e. on the 1 January following his election.

Article 31 - Functions of the Executive Council

Without limitation to its powers and obligations, the Executive Council has the following functions:

- a) to elect the President of the WBF and, on the proposal of the President, the two Vice Presidents, the Treasurer and the other officers indicated in the above article 19 unless the competence to elect such officers is explicitly reserved for another body.
- b) to study all proposed amendments to the Statutes before they are submitted to the Congress;
- c) to issue rules of procedure, including the By-Laws;
- d) to uphold the spirit of the Olympic Charter and the strict observation of the WBF Regulations;
- e) to monitor the running of the Zonal Conferences and members;
- f) to appoint representatives to carry out functions relating to the promotion and co-ordination of bridge in a region, country or member;
- g) to consider and, if it judges appropriate, to adopt the proposals of the committees that fall within its powers;

- h) to prescribe an Ethics Code, Disciplinary Code and/or Code of conduct with rules of procedure and sanctions;
- i) to issue Anti-Doping Regulations in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code;
- j) to issue the Laws of Bridge, guidelines and rules concerning the sport of bridge, the participation in the bridge competitions and the related organisation and management;
- k) to maintain good relations with the IOC, sports organizations, public authorities and other international organizations;
- l) to elect, upon proposal of the President, the members of the Management Committee;
- m) to elect the members of the Honour Committee and to award medals and recognitions;
- n) to appoint the Auditors;
- o) to ratify the decisions of the Management Committee and decisions taken by the President in urgent circumstances;
- p) to remove members subject to the ratification of the Congress;
- q) to review any application to become a member of the WBF and issue recommendations to the Congress in this respect;
- r) to define the international calendar in consultation with the Zonal Conferences and to grant the WBF patronage to different proposed events;
- s) to deliberate and decide on any other matter relating to the organisation and governance of the WBF that is not explicitly reserved for another person, body or organ.

Article 32 - Meetings, Quorum, Votes, Minutes

The Executive Council meets at least once a year. The Executive Council is convened by

the President or upon the request made to the President of at least half plus one of its members. No proxy is allowed.

Half plus one of the total members of the Executive Council must be present for a vote to be validly carried out (quorum) and, unless provided otherwise in these Statutes, voting is by majority.

Each member of the Executive, including the President, shall be entitled to one vote on all matters within the Executive's jurisdiction. In the case of a tie the President or the person who presides over the meeting has the casting vote.

The minutes of the deliberations of the Executive Council are the responsibility of the Secretary and signed by the President.

Chapter 9 Management Committee

Article 33 - Composition

The Management Committee consists of the President, the two Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, up to three other members of the Executive Council (including one of the two representatives of the HLPC and one of the members elected by the Congress) elected upon proposal of the President by the Executive Council. There shall be at least one man and one woman. The President/s Emeritus and the General Counsel are entitled to attend the meetings of the Management Committee with consultative powers but with no voting rights.

Article 34 - Powers

The Management Committee shall have and may exercise, when the Executive Council is not in session, all the powers of the Executive Council except those requiring a qualified majority.

Article 35 - Meetings

The President may convene meetings of the Management Committee, either in person or via conference call, at any time, and shall convene meetings at least twice a year, without formality and with reasonable notice. Proxies are not allowed.

The President may invite other members of the Executive Council and/or other persons to participate, without voting rights, in meetings of the Management Committee where they are involved in activities and matters to be discussed.

The minutes of the meetings of the Management Committee are the responsibility of the Secretary and signed by the President. The minutes shall be sent for information to all members of the Executive Council and a summary shall be published on the WBF Website.

Article 36 - Forfeiture

If for any reason the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer or Secretary forfeit their office, they shall be replaced by newly elected officers as soon as reasonably practical.

Chapter 10

Dispute resolution

Article 37 - Disciplinary Panels

A Disciplinary Panel of not less than five members and no more than seven shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Council. The members of the Disciplinary Panel may not be Officers of the WBF or Zonal Conferences, or from the WBF or Zonal Conferences Executive Councils or the WBF Advisory Committee. The WBF Disciplinary Code may provide further restrictions.

Disciplinary cases will be referred to the WBF Tribunal comprised of three members of the Disciplinary Panel.

The eligibility, appointments, functions and duties of both the Disciplinary Panel and the WBF Tribunal and the applicable procedures are provided by the WBF Disciplinary Code as adopted by the Executive Council.

Violations of WBF Antidoping Code will be referred to the WBF Antidoping Hearing Tribunal as set out in the By-Laws.

Article 38 - By-Laws

The Executive Council shall adopt a set of By-Laws providing *inter alia* for the rules of enforcement of the Statutes, the procedures and rules of conduct of the organisation and of the governing bodies and the regulation and management of the affairs of the WBF. Thereafter, the By-Laws or any part of them may be amended by the Executive Council by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members entitled to vote.

Any amendment shall come into force on the date of the decision of the Executive Council. The amendment shall be notified to the members of the WBF as soon as practicable. If a majority of the members addresses a written objection to the amendment to the President within 60 days from the entry into force of the amendment, the amendment shall be considered as null and void.

Article 39 - Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to fill any election and appointment foreseen in the Statutes, By-Laws and any other WBF Rules & Regulations a person has to be of majority age according to the Swiss Law and fulfill the requirement set out in the By-Laws.

A President and/or a member of the Executive Council elected for his first term

must not have reached his 76th birthday at the date of election. A President and/or a member of the Executive Council cannot be re-elected if at the end of his current term he has already reached his 80th birthday. If at the end of his current term the President has served three full terms, he is no longer eligible to be re-elected.

No person who has a material source of income from playing bridge or from commercial activities related to bridge shall be elected as WBF President. The same provision is applied to the Members of the Executive Council and WBF Officers, except the HLPC members, and to the members of the Disciplinary Bodies or Auditors.

In any event no person shall be elected or appointed to, or continue to serve in respect of any position envisaged within these Statutes who:

- a) has been convicted of a crime by the ordinary justice with a binding restrictive sanction or with a binding sanction which include disqualification from holding public office for a period of one year or more;
- b) has been convicted by the sport justice (WBF, Zonal Conferences, NBOs, IOC, WADA, International and National Sport Organisations) with a binding sanction for a period of one year or more.

A failure to meet either of the above requirements (or a discovery of such failure) will result in the immediate automatic forfeiture of the position held.

Article 40 - Personal determination

Membership on the Executive Council or on any of the Committees of the WBF is a personal determination and is granted on the clear understanding that such members are not elected to represent their federations but to serve the international bridge community at large.

Elected WBF Council or WBF Committee members must not accept any position or function which can be in contradiction with his / her function as an elected member or presents conflicts of interests with the WBF. However, serving on the board of a Zonal Conference, an NBO or another bridge organisation does not constitute a conflict with the interests of the WBF.

Article 41 - Candidatures and Elections

The procedure and rules for the candidatures and elections of the President, the Executive Council Members and HLPC Members are provided for in the By-Laws

Article 42 - Jurisdiction for disputes

Any dispute arising from the present Statutes, their By-Laws and/or any WBF Regulation and not explicitly subject to the jurisdiction of another body according to the same shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively.

Article 43 - Accounts and Financial Year

The financial year and the accounting system operate from the January 1st to the December 31st.

The accounts, which have been approved by the Executive Council, shall be examined and certified by the Auditors.

Article 44 - Allowance

Any office-holders' allowance shall be fixed and approved by the Executive Council.

Article 45 - Official Events

The official events of the WBF are described and set out in the By-Laws.

Article 46 - Transparency & Good Governance

The minutes of the meetings of the governing bodies of the WBF as well as the annual report of the Treasurer have to be published on the WBF Official Website.

Article 47 - Official Language

English is the official language of the WBF for all purposes, including for meetings, competitions, disciplinary matters and proceedings, any other activity and for the Statutes, By-Laws, Laws, Rules and Regulations, minutes and all the official documents published by the WBF.

Article 48 - Dissolution & Liquidation

The Congress shall have the exclusive power to resolve upon the dissolution of the WBF. This decision requires a two-thirds majority of 75% of all Delegates to the Congress. If the WBF is dissolved, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on the WBF shall be fully discharged and its remaining assets, if any,

shall be donated to organisations active in activities similar to bridge.

Article 49 - Supremacy of Statutes

The Statutes of the WBF are the final and paramount authority and nothing contained in any Regulations shall prevail over or otherwise operate to circumvent or lessen the force and effect of the Statutes.

Article 50 - Modifications

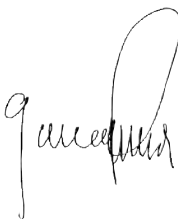
The Statutes can only be modified by the Congress (subject to a majority of two-thirds of the members present).

Article 51 - Interpretation

Whenever the context indicates, the masculine gender shall encompass the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall encompass the plural, or vice versa. The headings are solely for organisation, convenience and clarity. They do not define, limit or describe the scope of these statutes or the intent in any of the provisions.

Certified as the Official Statutes of the World Bridge Federation, as approved by the Congress on 27th September 2018 and effective from 28th September 2018

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By-Laws of the World Bridge Federation

Preamble

Article 1 - Preamble

According to Article 38 of the WBF Statutes, the Executive Council ("EC") shall adopt a set of By-Laws providing *inter alia* for the rules of enforcement of the Statutes, the procedures and rules of conduct of the organisation and of the governing bodies and the regulation and management of the affairs of the WBF.

Chapter 1 Offices & Finance

Article 2 - Offices

2.1. Headquarters

According to Article 3 of the Statutes, the official headquarters and administrative offices of the WBF are based in Lausanne, Switzerland, but by resolution of the EC, may be moved to another Swiss location; such resolution requires a majority of three quarters of the total votes.

2.2. Other Offices

The WBF may also have secondary offices at such other places as the EC may from time to time determine, or as the business of the WBF may require.

Article 3 - Finance, Books & Records

3.1. Dues and Fees

The amount and time for payment of all dues, fees and other charges shall be as from time to time fixed and determined by the EC subject to review by the Congress.

3.2. Funds

The monies of the WBF shall be deposited in the name of the WBF in such bank or banks or trust company or trust companies as the EC shall designate and shall be drawn out only by the President, the Treasurer or by their designees authorised in writing.

3.3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the WBF shall begin on the first day of January in each year, unless otherwise provided by the EC.

3.4. Compensation

The compensation paid to any officer, agent, consultant or employee of the WBF shall be fixed and approved by the EC.

3.5. Books and Records

The books, accounts and records of the WBF, except as may be otherwise required by law, shall be kept at its principal office or at such other place or places as the EC may from time to time appoint. The EC shall determine whether and to what extent the accounts and books of the WBF or any of them, shall be open to inspection of the members, and no member shall have the right to inspect any account or book or document of the WBF except as conferred by law or by resolution of the EC.

Chapter 2 Members

Article 4 - Membership

4.1. Organisation

Membership in the WBF is by Federations and consists of affiliated membership. A

National Contract Bridge Organization (“NBO”) of any country may apply for membership in the WBF and be elected thereto by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the EC present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that all the needed requirements are fulfilled.

4.2. Application procedure

Each NBO wishing to affiliate with the WBF must forward to the WBF the request for admission and affiliation, undertaking, in writing, to respect the Statutes, Laws and Rules & Regulations of the WBF.

The WBF will forward to the applicant Organisation the necessary official application form and questionnaire and will inform the President of the Zonal Conference (“ZC”) of the application asking for the position of the ZC in respect of the application.

These documents, duly completed, must be returned to the WBF together with the following:

- a) two copies of the Statutes of the applicant Organisation, one of which must be in English, together with an undertaking to keep the WBF informed of any changes which might be made subsequent to affiliation to the WBF;
- b) a Certificate, signed by one of the authorities described above, authorising the application to be submitted;
- c) a detailed report on the structure of the organisation and its activities in the field of bridge.

Article 5 - Admission

The WBF President shall be provided with the request of affiliation, the relevant documents and the report of the Zonal President.

The President may request supplementary information and once satisfied the

application is complete will list the matter for consideration at the next meeting of the EC.

Any application for admission is examined by the EC which, if necessary, will appoint one of its members to investigate the application. The investigation will be specific to the activity in the applicant country.

If satisfied that all the requirements for membership of the WBF have been met, the EC may grant membership to the applicant Federation and report to the next Congress for its ratification.

If the EC grants the membership, the Applicant, the Zonal President and all Federations will be notified.

The membership is effective upon approval of the EC.

Article 6 - Resignation

Any affiliated member wishing to resign its membership must inform the WBF in writing. The President will put the Resignation on the agenda for the next meeting of the EC.

The resigning NBO, the Zonal President and all Federations will be notified of the resignation by the WBF. In addition the resigning NBO will be reminded of its outstanding financial or other obligations. In the case of possible litigation on any question (financial or otherwise) the WBF may make representations to the National Organisation which endorsed the application for admittance of the Federation, now resigning, or to any other national body under which the Federation operates.

Article 7 - Suspension

The EC is responsible for dealing with the suspension of affiliated members and, where necessary, reporting this matter to the Congress.

An affiliated member may be suspended for any of the reasons set out in the Statutes. The suspended Federation, Zonal Conferences, all the affiliated members and the National Organisation which endorsed the application for admittance of the suspended Federation and/or any other national body under which the suspended Federation operates, will be notified in writing by the WBF

The Honorary Secretary will inform the suspended Federation of its outstanding financial or other obligations to be fulfilled. In the case of suspension for reasons of financial default, the suspended Federation may re-instate its position by payment of any amount/s outstanding, plus a fine of 10% or such amount as may be approved by the EC.

Article 8 - Removal

The removal of a Federation for cause may be determined by the EC subject to the ratification of the next Congress.

The Federation in question will be invited by the WBF to present its defence before the EC; such representation may be presented orally or in writing.

If the EC decides removal, the Removed Federation will be notified in writing with copies sent to the Zonal President, all the affiliated members and the National Organisation that endorsed the application for admittance of the removed Federation and/or any other national body under which the removed Federation operates.

Article 9 - Re-admission

Re-admission of removed Federations can be at any time decided by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the EC on such conditions as the EC may prescribe and is subject to the ratification of the next Congress.

If a Federation has been removed for financial reasons, it must comply with the provisions for the suspended Federations before re-admission may be considered. Such provisions shall include settlement of all outstanding financial or other questions with its own or other Zonal Conferences, other Affiliated Federations and Sport Organisations.

Article 10 - Membership rights

Affiliated Federations are entitled:

1. to vote at the Congress;
2. to submit proposals to the Congress;
3. to make nominations for office in the WBF;
4. where appropriate, to make nominations for positions on the elected structures of the WBF;
5. to participate in the official events of the WBF;
6. to use the WBF logo in the format prescribed by the EC.

Article 11 - Membership Obligations

Affiliated Federations have a continuing obligation to satisfy the admission requirements that are set out within Article 7 of the Statutes.

Affiliated Federations are obliged to pay an annual fee. Subject to changes in the economic situation, the fees - which are fixed in USD - are established for four-years by the Congress.

Fees are due on January 1st in each year and must be paid before June 30th in that year. Late payments are subject to a fine of 10%.

Fees are due in their entirety for federations admitted before the 30th June in any year and for those that have resigned. If admission has occurred after June 30th,

one-half of the annual fee is payable for the remaining part of that year.

Chapter 3

Zonal Conferences & Associate Members

Article 12 - Zonal Conferences

The Zonal Conferences of the WBF are:

Zone 1, Europe

Zone 2, North America (including Mexico)

Zone 3, South America

Zone 4, Asia and Middle East

Zone 5, Central America and Caribbean

Zone 6, Asia Pacific

Zone 7, South Pacific

Zone 8, Africa

Article 13 - ZC Formation

The NBOs in each Zone shall unite in a Zonal Conference. The ZC shall decide any question in which different organizations dispute the right to be the NBO for a country within the Zone. A Zone designated by the EC that does not have a ZC shall establish one as soon as practical after designation of the Zone. The NBO in the Zone with the largest membership shall have primary responsibility to establish the ZC but, in the event of no ZC within six months after designation of the Zone, the EC may assign to another NBO within the Zone the responsibility to organize the ZC is established within such period as may be fixed by the EC. After a ZC has been established for a Zone, no NBO within its Zone may become or remain a member of the WBF unless it is also a member in good standing of the ZC.

Article 14 - Logos

Each ZC has its own Logo approved by the WBF EC.

Article 15 - Communication

The ZC shall be responsible for the notification, in writing, to the WBF of:

- the address of their headquarters, all the related data and the updating of any changes or modifications
- the name and related data of the President and members of the Board as soon as elected
- the information concerning events, championships and any other relevant activity, in particular concerning any disciplinary action taken with regard to the integrity of sport of bridge.

Article 16 - Zonal Representation on EC

In accordance with the Statutes the ZC are entitled to elect up to nineteen members of the WBF EC.

All such members shall be elected by the ZC in accordance with its rules and must fulfil the requirements of the WBF Statutes and By-Laws.

Each ZC shall be responsible for the notification, in writing, to the WBF of the name, address and all other relevant data of each such member, as soon as elected. In case of vacancy, for any reasons, of the member or members during their term the ZC shall select their replacement and notify the WBF accordingly.

ZC 1, Europe and ZC 2, North America, shall each be entitled to elect five members; ZC 6, Asia Pacific, two members and each other ZC one member. Each ZC that is allocated two or more representatives shall elect at least one representative of each gender.

The EC shall have the authority, based upon such factors as it may deem relevant, to increase the entitlement of any ZC to elect an additional member to the EC, subject always to the maximum of nineteen.

The EC shall also have the authority to reduce the entitlement of any ZC and to eliminate a ZC's entitlement to any member of the EC under such conditions and based upon such factors as it may deem relevant, provided that in any such case a ZC with no members on the EC shall be entitled to an official observer, without voting rights, on the EC.

In the above case of reduction of the members, the EC shall have the authority to require the ZC to remove any member so that the ZC has only the number of members on the EC to which it is then entitled.

The member or members shall continue to serve in office for the full term of the legislature unless removed for cause by the EC or unless at any time a ZC's entitlement regarding the number of representatives is reduced.

Article 17 - Report to the WBF EC

The ZCs will report about their activity at the meetings of the EC.

Article 18 - Associated Members

The relations between the WBF and any Associated Member shall be defined in the relevant Memorandum of Understanding approved by the WBF EC by a majority of two thirds of its total members.

In any event, in accordance with Article 15 of the Statutes, only Congress shall afford the status of Associated Member.

Chapter 4 Authority

Article 19 - Reporting of Sanctions

In accordance with Article 18 of the Statutes, all disciplinary sanctions must be

reported to the WBF in a timely manner by the Member NBOs and/or Zonal Conference imposing the same.

The reports shall be addressed to the WBF President who will arrange for such information to be circulated to the other Zones and Member NBOs.

Chapter 5 Organisation

Article 20 - Organisation

In accordance with Article 20 of the Statutes, the government of the WBF is vested in:

- the Congress
- the President
- the EC
- the Management Committee.

The organisation of the WBF also includes:

- Officers
- Honorary Officers
- Disciplinary Bodies
- Technical Advisors
- Standing and Special Committees
- Special appointments.

Chapter 6 The Congress

Article 21 - Generality

The Congress shall have the powers explicitly conferred upon it by Statutes and the By-laws. The Congress may also make recommendations to the EC in respect to any administrative or EC matters subject to the jurisdiction of the EC.

The Congress shall be entitled to receive reports on the affairs of the WBF and the business transacted by the EC at each of the meetings of the Congress.

Article 22 - Meetings

A regular meeting of the Congress in Ordinary Session shall be held every two years in even numbered years at the place and time of the World Bridge Championship or at a place and time otherwise decided by the EC.

An extraordinary Congress may be called in accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes.

Article 23 - Convocation

The date, the place and the agenda of the Congress is the responsibility of the EC, whilst the convocation is made by the President.

The convocation of the Congress shall be published on the WBF Website and forwarded electronically by the Honorary Secretary to all affiliated members and other persons entitled to attend, at least 60 days prior the date of the meeting.

Any affiliated member may submit in writing to the Honorary Secretary, at least thirty days before the Congress, a matter for discussion to be put on the Agenda. The EC has the right to refuse the inclusion.

If updated, the Agenda shall be delivered prior to the start of the meeting.

Article 24 - Agenda

The Agenda shall include:

1. Roll Call to determine the quorum
2. Appointment of the Scrutinising Committee
3. Approval of minutes of preceding meeting
4. Report of the President
5. Report of the Treasurer
6. Election of the members of the EC, when required
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Adjournment

Article 25 - Accreditation

The delegates and other persons allowed to attend the Congress must register at the Accreditation Desk before the opening of the meeting and must be accredited by the Honorary Secretary.

To be accredited to the Congress, the delegates must submit:

- a) If NBO President, an identification document
- b) If NBO Bona Fide Member, an identification document together with an official letter from the NBO confirming his appointment.

Article 26 - Proxy

If an NBO, for any reason, is unable to be represented by its own delegate it may give a proxy to another NBO accredited delegate, filling and signing the official WBF Proxy Form, to be submitted to the Accreditation Desk and to be accredited by the Honorary Secretary.

No delegate shall have more than one proxy and cannot cast more than two votes, including his own.

Article 27 - Scrutinising Committee

The Scrutinising Committee, composed of 3 members, one of them acting as chairman, shall be appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President.

The Committee shall be comprised of delegates.

The duty of the Committee consists in the explanation to the delegates of the voting procedure, the counting of votes, the control of the regularity of the ballots and the report of the results to the President of the Congress.

Article 28 - Minutes

The minutes of the deliberations of Congress are the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary and signed by the President.

Article 29 - Candidates for election

Nominations for EC members to be elected by the Congress must be in writing or e-mail and received together with a CV of the Candidate by the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days before the date of the Congress.

The Candidates must be in good standing with the NBO of the Country of which the candidate is a citizen or a bona fide resident and must fulfill all the Statutes and By-Law requirements.

Once the deadline for nominations has ended, the candidatures will be circulated via e-mail to the affiliated NBOs and published on the WBF website.

Candidates must be physically present at the Congress at the time of the election, save in cases of *force majeure*.

Article 30 - Candidates from the Floor

If, and only if, there are insufficient candidates, NBOs may present further candidates subject to the following conditions:

- a) the candidates must be presented at the opening of the Congress;
- b) the presentation must be made by the delegate of the NBO;
- c) all the other conditions of admissibility must apply.

Article 31 - Election

The election of the EC members takes place by secret ballot.

The three candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected, subject to

the provision within the Statutes that no more than one candidate may come from the same Zonal Conference.

In the event of a tie there are further secret ballots amongst the candidates up to the breaking of the tie.

Chapter 7 The President

Article 32 - Role and functions

The role and functions of the President are described in the Statutes and By-Laws.

Article 33 - Election

Any individual fulfilling all the Statutes and By-Law requirements may be elected by the EC to the presidency of the WBF.

A majority of three quarters of the total votes shall be required for the first three ballots. Should no candidate reach the relevant majority in the first three rounds of voting, a simple majority of the total votes shall be required for the following ballots.

If there are more than two candidates and none reaches the relevant majority, after each round of voting the candidate(s) receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated until only 2 candidates remain.

Chapter 8 The Executive Council

Article 34 - Role and functions

The role and functions of the EC are described in the Statutes and By-Laws.

Article 35 - Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the EC shall be held in conjunction with the Championships

conducted by the WBF as notified by the President.

Notice of the date and venue for the meeting must be given by the President at least one month before except in the case of an emergency. The notice of the meeting should be accompanied by the agenda.

Article 36 - Special Meetings

If circumstances so require, special meetings may also be convened at the call of the President upon at least fifteen days' written notice setting forth the time, place and purposes of the meeting.

Any one or more members of the EC (or any Committee thereof) may participate in a special meeting of the EC (or such Committee) by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time; participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Article 37 - Action without a Meeting

In lieu of a meeting, any matter within the jurisdiction of the EC, not requiring a qualified majority of votes, may be acted on, at the call of the President, by written ballot. In such case, at least one week notice setting forth the matter to be acted on shall be given to each member of the EC.

Article 38 - Presiding

The President presides over meetings of the Council. In his absence the First Vice-President shall preside. If the First Vice-President is also not available the Second Vice-President shall preside. The President may authorise one of the Vice-Presidents to preside at any particular time.

Article 39 - Minutes

The minutes of the deliberations of the EC are the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary, signed by the President or by the presiding person and by extract published on the WBF Website.

Chapter 9 The Officers

Article 40 - Vice-Presidents

Two Vice-Presidents are elected by, and from among, the members of the EC on the proposal of the President who will indicate the order of precedence; the Vice-Presidents must be from different Zones. They assist the President and can be charged with special duties.

The Vice-Presidents in order of precedence shall exercise the functions of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

Article 41 - Treasurer

The EC, on the proposal of the President, shall elect from among its members a Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all monies and securities of the WBF and shall keep regular books of accounts. He shall disburse the funds of the WBF in payments of just demands against the WBF or as may be ordered by the EC, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and will render audited accounts covering each calendar year and an interim report at each meeting of the EC and the Management Committee setting forth an accounting of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the WBF. He shall

perform all duties incident to his office or which are properly required of him by the EC. The Treasurer shall also be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer is responsible, in particular:

- for the preparation and presentation at appropriate times, of the financial reports, the budgets and the financial plan; once approved, he is responsible for implementing the plans and monitoring the budgets;
- for the financial administration of accounts in accordance with the financial rules approved by the EC and by the Management Committee.

Article 42 - Honorary Secretary

The EC, on the proposal of the President, shall elect from among its members the Honorary Secretary and is responsible for prescribing, in addition to the specific functions prescribed by the Statutes, By-Laws and other WBF Laws, Rules & Regulations, the terms, conditions and requirements of the appointment.

Article 43 - General Counsel

The General Counsel shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the EC. He shall be the Chief Counselling Officer of the WBF in all legal matters and is entitled to attend, without voting rights, meetings of the EC, Management Committee and Congress, and to formulate proposals and give suggestions. He shall also be the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

The General Counsel shall not be a Zonal Representative nor a member of the EC.

Chapter 10 The Honorary Officers

Article 44 - President Emeritus

The title of the President Emeritus shall be honorary and may be awarded by the Congress to the outgoing or former WBF President. He need not be a Zonal Representative. The President Emeritus shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the EC, Management Committee and the Congress, but shall have no vote unless otherwise qualified to vote. The President Emeritus (the first awarded if more than one) shall preside over the Advisory Committee.

Article 45 - The Committee of Honour

The Committee of Honour of the WBF shall consist of those individuals elected thereto by the EC in recognition of their unselfish efforts in making a significant contribution to the enhancement and growth of bridge throughout the world. The Committee of Honour shall not exceed thirteen living members, assuring that at least one representative of each gender is included. Nominations and elections may be held at meetings of the EC with nominations to be made by a minimum of three EC members from three different zones. Election to the Committee shall require the affirmative vote of three-quarters of those entitled to vote who shall include: voting members of the EC, and any of the Presidents Emeritus or existing members of the Committee of Honour who are present. Voting for election to the Committee of Honour shall be by secret ballot. Induction to the Committee shall occur on the occasion of an official ceremony of the particular World Championship at which time the individual shall be presented with a suitable pin designating his election to the Committee of Honour.

Chapter 11

The Committees

Article 46 - The High Level Players Commission

The technical advisor of the WBF regarding matters related to the organisation and the rules & regulations of the bridge competitions is the High Level Players Commission (“HLPC”).

The HLPC consists of not less than seven and not more than nine members, representing at least four ZCs. One member shall be appointed by the WBF Youth Committee and the others are appointed by the EC on the proposal of the President; those appointed by the EC shall include at least two males and two females and must be chosen from among the WBF World Grand or Life Masters who participated in a World Championship in the previous eight years.

At its first meeting of each legislature the HLPC shall elect from among its members a Chairman.

The HLPC shall advise the President and the EC on general matters concerning sport activity and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President and the EC. The HLPC shall elect two of its members, who must be of opposite genders and from different Zones to serve as members of the EC with full voting rights.

The procedure of conduct of the meeting, described for the other WBF Committees, shall apply to the meetings of the HLPC.

Article 47 - Committees

Standing Committees shall be appointed, and Special Committees may be appointed, including their respective Chairman and Secretary, by the President with the approval of the EC.

Save for cases expressly foreseen in the Statutes and By-Laws, the Committees shall consist of not less than five and no more than seven members including the chairman. The WBF President is an *ex officio* member of all Committees without voting rights unless otherwise qualified.

All committees shall keep regular minutes of their meetings and shall report the same to the President and then to the EC at its next meeting.

A quorum for any WBF Committee shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee; provided appropriate notice thereof has been given, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting, or the written approval of a majority of all the members of a Committee without a meeting, shall be sufficient for the approval of any matter within the jurisdiction of such Committee. Each such Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as provided by such rules or by the direction of the EC.

Notice of the meeting must be forwarded by the convener to the WBF President and a budget, if required, must be previously forwarded to the WBF Treasurer for his approval or otherwise.

Article 48 - Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the WBF are:

48.1. Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee shall include the President/s Emeritus and members of the Committee of Honour. The Committee will make known its recommendations to the EC.

48.2. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer, who shall act as Chairman. The function and duty of the Finance Committee

shall be to consider and take account of the financial affairs of the WBF and to formulate the financial policies of the WBF for submission and approval by the EC.

48.3. Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall including members from at least four Zones. The function and duty of the Committee shall be:

- to determine all questions relating to the rights and eligibility of players or entries nominated to participate in any WBF contest: the list of players, as well as non-playing captains, coaches and other representatives in teams events, nominated by a ZC or NBO as entrants for a forthcoming contest shall be furnished to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee or other designated representative as soon as registered and in any case not later than established deadline of the registration provided by the Conditions of Contest.
- to refuse to invite (or to revoke the invitation to) any player, as well as captain or coach or other representative in teams events, to participate in any WBF contest. No reasons need to be given by the Credentials Committee for a refusal to such persons.

To be effective, any refusal or revocation must be approved with the majority of two thirds of the total members, otherwise the case has to be decided by the EC with the majority of two-thirds of the members.

All issues of eligibility to participate in world championship events, as well as in all qualification events which may be run by a Conference Zone or NBO, are governed by regulations to be enacted by the EC that may be amended from time to time.

48.4. Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall include the General Counsel, who shall

serve as Chairman, and the Secretary. The function and duty of this Committee shall be to consider and take account of all matters pertaining to the Constitution and the By-Laws of the WBF and to formulate and recommend to the EC any desirable alterations, amendments or repeals relating thereto.

48.5. Rules and Regulations Committee

The Committee shall include the Honorary Secretary and the General Counsel. The function and duty of the Committee shall be to consider and take account of all matters pertaining to the Rules and Regulations of the WBF competitions and to formulate and recommend to the EC any desirable additions, amendments or repeals relating thereto.

The Rules and Regulations established by the Committee for each contest must mandatorily include that to be eligible for participation in WBF Tournaments, each contestant, as a condition of admission, agrees to abide by the Olympic Charter as well as all applicable Rules and Regulations of the WBF governing the contest, completing and signing the WBF Commitment Form.

The WBF Commitment Form must include the respect and acceptance of all the Laws, Rules and Principle governing the WBF and its activity and notably:

- respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and behave accordingly in the playing areas both at and away from the bridge table;
- refrain from using substances and procedures prohibited by the rules of the IOC, WADA and WBF;
- respect and comply in all respects with the applicable stipulations of the IOC Medical Code as to the non-use of prohibited drugs by contestants;

- consent to the power of the WBF through constituted authority to enforce proper behavior and to discipline an offender;
- agree to resolve any dispute or grievance arising out of any decision of the EC and/or of a Committee or an appellate body established by the WBF, in the event such decision affects or prejudices his rights with regard to his participation and play in a WBF Tournament, through recourse to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with its Statutes and Regulations.

In the event a team or pair refuses to play in any round or match against another team or pair, the match shall be recorded as forfeited and the offending team or pair and/or the NBO or Zone nominating such team or pair shall be subject to referral to the Disciplinary bodies.

48.6. Laws Committee

The Committee shall include members representing at least three Zones. The function and duty of this Committee shall be to consider and take account of all matters relating to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. The Committee shall make whatever changes in the laws it deems appropriate, subject to approval by the EC. The Committee shall interpret the laws; shall periodically review the laws; and at least once each decade shall make a comprehensive study and updating of the entire laws structure. The Laws Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall act as provided by such rules or by direction of the EC.

48.7. Youth Committee

The function and duty of this Committee shall be to consider and take account of all matters relating to Youth Bridge and its development everywhere in the world, to take any appropriate initiative to promote

and support teaching bridge in the schools, to stimulate the participation at the youth championships and events organised by the WBF, to consider important related issues and make recommendations to the EC for implementation.

The activities and the initiatives of the Youth Committee shall be subsidised by the Youth Fund instituted by the WBF. The Committee has to submit to the President and the Treasurer for their approval, on or before the 30 September, the program and the related budget for the coming year.

48.8. Medical & Prevention Commission

The Commission has the following key responsibilities:

1. Supervising the provision of health care and doping control services during the World Championship.
2. Delivering evidence-based education to athletes and their entourage.
3. Developing and promoting the adoption of ethical standards in sports science and medicine.
4. Exploring the potential of new technologies to optimise athletes' health, and preventing their potential damaging effects.
5. Promotion of health and mental activity among the bridge players

Article 49 - Special Committees & Individual Appointments

Special Committees and Individuals may be appointed from time to time, being invested with such powers as the EC may see fit, in particular:

49.1. Organizing Committee

For each championship and tournaments conducted by the WBF, the President shall appoint an Organising Committee. The members of the Committee shall include the President, the Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary, a member of the EC who is a

member of the HLPC and the WBF Operations Director and such other persons as the President may select after consultation with the President of the NBO of the host country. Subject to the approval of the President, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Organising Committee may be designated by the NBO of the host country provided such designation is made in writing to the President at least six months before the scheduled starting date of the tournament.

Subject to approval of the President, it shall be the function and duty of the Organizing Committee to make all necessary arrangements incident to the staging of the tournament. The Organizing Committee will remain in charge until the day prior to the start of the Championship.

49.2. Championship Committee

The President will appoint a Championship Committee which will be in charge from the day before the start of the Championship until the end of it: in this Committee the Host will appoint the On-site Organizer.

The Committee shall include the WBF President, WBF Treasurer, WBF Honorary Secretary, a member of the EC representative of the HLPC, the WBF Operation Director and the Chairman of the Rules & Regulations Committee.

The Committee is the governing authority of the Championship, as per the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and the WBF Rules & Regulations and will provide its managing and running.

The duty of the Committee is also to consider important related issues and make recommendations to the EC for implementation.

49.2. Reviewer

Within any bridge event organised by the WBF a player who receives a ruling from a Tournament Director may ask for the

process that produced the ruling to be reviewed. A Code of Practice shall be established and published for the conduct of reviews.

The President shall appoint such number of Reviewers as are necessary and appropriate for the good running of a Championship.

Article 50 - Removal

With the approval of the EC, any member of the Committees and any individual appointment may be removed or replaced by the President.

Chapter 12 Dispute resolution

Article 51 - Quorum

Except as otherwise required by the Constitution or the By-Laws or by special rules of procedures adopted by a duly constituted body of the WBF a majority of members of any body of the WBF shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present in any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient for the approval of any matter.

Article 52 - Indemnification of Members of the EC and Officers

The WBF shall indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, by reason of the fact that he, or the executor or administrator of his estate, is or was a member of any EC or any officer of the WBF or served another corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, in any capacity at the request of the WBF, to the extent permitted by law. The

WBF may purchase and maintain indemnity insurance to the extent permitted by law.

Article 53 - Notices & Waiver

53.1. Notices

Whenever the provisions of the Constitution or these By-Laws require notice to be given to any member of the EC or Delegate to the Congress or Officer, they shall not be construed to mean personal notice; such notice may be given in writing and transmitted by air mail post paid or electronic mail to the address as shown on the WBF records and the time when same is transmitted shall be the time of giving such notice.

53.2. Waiver

A waiver of any notice in writing signed by an EC member or Delegate, or Officer, whether before or after the time stated in said waiver

for holding a meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to a notice required to be given to any such EC member, Delegate, or Officer.

Article 54 - Amendments

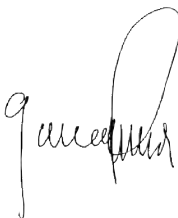
Alterations, amendments or repeal of the By-Laws may be made in accordance with Article 38 of the Statutes.

Article 55 - Interpretation

Whenever the context indicates, the masculine gender shall encompass the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall encompass the plural, or vice versa. The headings are solely for organisation, convenience and clarity. They do not define, limit or describe the scope of these statutes or the intent in any of the provisions.

Certified as the Official By-Laws of the World Bridge Federation, approved by the Executive Council on 24th September 2018, endorsed by the Congress on 27th September 2018 and adopted by the Executive on 28th September 2018 and in effect according to Article 38 of the Statutes from that date

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David R Harris, General Counsel





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GIANARRIGO RONA - *President*

Gianarrigo Rona, from Pavia, Italy, born in Rome on 18th November 1940 and currently living in Milano. A practising lawyer until 2002, for twenty years he was a Board Member of the Order of Lawyers and for eight years (1991-1999) Administrator and then (1998-1999) President Vicarious of the Italian National Lawyers' Pension Fund. He was member of the Association of Lawyers of Italy and America. He played basketball in the Italian First Division, was Member of the Technical Commission for the Italian Motorboat Federation (1982/83). He was elected President of the WBF in September 2009 during the World Teams Championship held in São Paulo, Brazil. In October 2013 in Nusa Dua, Bali, he was unanimously re-elected for a second four-year term and in August 2017 in Lyon, France and for a third four-year term which will thus run until 2022. He is chairman of the Management Committee. He had previously been 1st Vice-President of the WBF since his appointment in 2006 and was a member of the Executive Council since his first election in 1999. He was President of the Italian Bridge Federation – FIGB – from 1986 to 2009 (under his presidency in 2001 the FIGB was recognised by the Italian National Olympic Committee) and President of the European Bridge League from 1999 to 2010. He was elected as EBL President Emeritus in 2010 and awarded with the EBL Gold Medal. He was full member of the Italian National Olympic Committee National Council from 2001 to 2009 and from 2010 in its position of IF President is an invited not voting member. In 2001 he received from IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch the IOC Golden Diploma and in 2006 he was awarded by CONI the Sportive Merit Gold Star. IBPA Personality of the Year in 2003, in 2004 was elected member of the WBF Committee of Honour and awarded the WBF Gold Pin. In 2007 the City of Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, bestowing him the Honorary Citizenship, as well as the City of Opatija, Croatia in 2015. He is member of the Board of the International Mind Sports Federation ("IMSA").



JOSÉ DAMIANI - *President Emeritus*

José Damiani from Paris, France, studies in law and economy, entrepreneur, was unanimously elected as WBF President Emeritus by acclamation in March 2013. He was President of the French Bridge Federation from 1978 to 1983, President of the European Bridge League from 1987 to 1995, when he was awarded with the EBL Gold Medal and was elected as EBL President Emeritus by acclamation.

President of the WBF from 1994 to 2010 when in Philadelphia, following his retirement, was awarded the title of WBF Chairman Emeritus. Prior to his election as WBF President, he was 1st Vice-President and has been a member of the Executive Council since his first election in 1981 (he was proxy in 1979, 1980). During his presidency the WBF in 1996 obtained the patronage of UNESCO for the teaching of bridge in the schools and in 1999 the WBF was recognised by the IOC as International Sport Federation. In 1998 was elected member of the WBF Committee of Honour (whose he is now Chairman) and awarded the WBF Gold Pin. In 2001 he received from IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch the IOC Golden Diploma. He was made IBPA Personality of the Year two times: in 1987 and 2001. He is Founding President of the International Mind Sport Association, by him constituted in Monaco 2005 with the four founding Federations (WBF, FIDE, FMJD & IGF), of which he was President from 2005 to 2013. As bridge player he achieved the title of World International Master. In 2004 he was awarded with the Order of *Officier de la Légion d'Honneur* by the President of the French Republic and with the Gold Medal “*de la Jeunesse et des Sports*”.



ALVIN LEVY - First Vice President

Alvin Levy from Commack, New York State, USA, was elected 1st Vice President in Orlando in 2018. He has been a member of the Executive Council since his election in 2004 and Executive Vice-President from 2010 to 2018. In 2013 in Atlanta he has been awarded the WBF Silver Medal and in 2014 in Sanya he was elected member of the WBF Committee of Honour and awarded the WBF Gold Pin. He has organized and directed the annual World Computer Bridge Championship since its inception in 1997. He is a member of the Management Committee and is Chairman of the Technological Commission.



PATRICK CHOY - Second Vice President

Patrick Choy, a native of Taiwan but born and raised in Hong Kong, Patrick is a citizen of Singapore since early 90's. Having served at various senior positions with Motorola Inc., Patrick retired in July 2003 its Senior Corporate Vice President. Since then, he has been the Chairman and Director of several listed companies. He also served as adviser to a number of major international corporations such as: Motorola, Bunge, Freescale, Temasek, Keppel and Nan Fung. The Chinese Government in 2003 appointed him as a member of the

National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the Upper House of the Chinese Parliament. Patrick thus became the first appointed multinational corporation executive (and non Chinese) as a CPPCC member. Outside of his very busy schedule he still manages to find time in the pursuit of his favourite pastime of playing bridge; coming away with a number of national and regional championship titles. Patrick first demonstrated his skill as an administrator of bridge affairs having successfully organized the inauguration of the Hong Kong Inter City Tournament in 1980, a widely popular annual international event even to this very day. It was also of historic significance as the event earmarked China's initiation into the international bridge scene. Under Patrick's continued guidance, the 1981 Inter City Tournament generated a worldwide news sensation when representatives from Mainland China and Taiwan met for the very first time since 1949. In 1991 he has been elected as a member of the Executive Council and various Committee of the WBF and elected to Vice President in 1998. Additionally, Patrick was largely instrumental in bringing the 1995 and 2007 World Bridge Team Championship to China. This was shortly followed by the First World Mind Sports Games held in Beijing in October 2008. In 2014 WBF elected Patrick to the Committee of Honour awarding him of WBF Gold Pin. Patrick is also a world renowned philatelist and a world stamp juror. During the past decade, Patrick has won no less than twenty Large Gold and Gold medals in three different categories – Traditional, Postal History and Literature at various World Stamps Exhibitions. This indeed is a unique feat.



MARC DE PAUW - *Treasurer*

Marc De Pauw, from Destelbergen, Belgium, where he has been Mayor from 1995 to 2018, was elected as WBF Treasurer in 2010 in Philadelphia, having been a member of the Executive Council since his first election in 2003 in Menton. Elected as a member of the Executive Council of the European Bridge League in 1999 in Malta, he was Treasurer from 1999 to 2010 and is currently the 2nd Vice-President. He was President of the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation from 2009 to 2018 and was awarded the EBL Gold Medal in 2010. In 2014 was elected member of the WBF Committee of Honour and awarded the WBF Gold Pin. He is a member of the WBF Management Committee and is Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Credential Committee. He is Treasurer of the International Mind Sports Federation ("IMSA") since his election in 2013.



JAN KAMRAS - *Honorary Secretary*

Jan Kamras from Gothenburg, Sweden, was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2018. He is member of the Management Committee and Co-chairman of the Championship Committee. He was the Vice-President of the Swedish Bridge Federation for 12 years and elected to the European Bridge League Executive Committee in 2010. He was elected EBL President in 2018. He was NPC for the Swedish national team for many years between 2000 and 2010, and as a player won the Swedish Team Championships in 2010 and the Cavendish Teams in 2013.



DAVID R. HARRIS - *General Counsel*

David R. Harris from London, England, was appointed WBF General Counsel in 2014 in Sanya and reconfirmed in 2018 in Orlando. He joined the Board of the English Bridge Union in 1990, was Vice-Chairman from 1994 to 1998, and Chairman from 1999 to 2002. He was Honorary Counsel to the English Bridge Union from 2006 to 2012, and was appointed as a Vice-President in 2008. He was member of the EBL Executive Committee from 2003 to 2018, being Treasurer member of the Presidential Council from 2010 to 2014. He was a member of the WBF Executive Council from 2012 to 2014. He is Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.



MARCELO CARACCI - *Member*

Marcelo Caracci from Santiago, Chile, was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2015. He was General Director of the Federación Chilena de Bridge in 2007, and elected President in 2009. He has been a member of the board of the Confederación Sudamericana de Bridge since 2009, Vice-President in 2014, then taking over as temporary President, following the death of Ernesto d'Orsi in January 2015 following which he was elected President in May 2015. He is member of the WBF Finance Committee.



ALBERTO (BETO) COHEN - *Member*

Beto Cohen, from Mexico, was elected as member to the Executive Council in 2019.



GIORGIO DUBOIN - Member

Giorgio Duboin, from Torino, Italy, member of the High Level Players Commission since 2010, was elected member of the Executive Council in 2015 and re-elected in 2018, as representative of the HLPs. WBF World Grand Master, he won 3 World Bridge Games, previously Bridge Olympiads (2000, 04, 08), 2 World Teams Championship – Bermuda Bowl (2005 and 2013), 1 World Open Team Championship – Rosenblum Cup (2002), 7 European Teams Championship (1997, 99, 2001, 02, 04, 06, 10), 6 European Champions Cup (2000, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015), 1 European Mixed Teams Championship (2002).



NADER HANNA - Member

Nader Hanna from Toronto, Canada, was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2019. He is the President of the Canadian Bridge Federation since 2009, and is a member of the board of directors of the North American Bridge Federation (NABF). Nader was inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame in 2019, and is a winner of several North American and Canadian championships. He has represented Canada at the world championships on many occasions since 1986, both as a player and as NPC.



ERIC LAURANT - Member

Eric Laurant has been involved in bridge activities for 40 years. He started playing bridge in 1977, being the first student playing at the local club. In the early '80s the Dutch federation (NBB) appointed him as an authorized bridge-teacher and director. In 2002 Eric picked bridge back up again as an official, becoming a member of the Dutch topbridge committee. From 2004-2012 he was a board member of the Dutch Bridge Federation. In 2006 he was appointed captain of the Dutch open team, a position he ended in 2012. From 2008-2012 Eric accepted responsibility of all Dutch topbridge activities, setting up an organization with captains, trainers and supportive personnel of all categories (open, women, juniors, schools, girls) and transforming the open team from part-time amateur players to full professionals. From 2009-2011 he was the chairman of the local organization of the World Bridge Championships 2011 in Veldhoven. In 2011 he also captained the winning Bermuda Bowl team. Eric has been an EBL Executive Committee member since 2012. In 2018 he was elected as EBL treasurer and member of the WBF Executive Council.



EITAN LEVY - Member

Eitan Levy is from Israel and was elected to the WBF Executive Council in 2018. He has held many important positions in the EBL and was President of the Israel Bridge Federation from 2009 to 2015. In 2012 he was awarded the Silver Medal of the EBL for service to Bridge. He was Assistant Chief Tournament Director of the EBL until his election to the Executive Committee of the EBL in 2014. In 2018 he was re-elected, and serves there as the Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee.



NR KIRUBAKARA MOORTHY - Member

N.R. Kirubakaramoorthy, born in 1951 at Tuticorin and living in Chennai, India, manager of the family company founded by his father, has been elected to the WBF Executive Council in 2019. He started to play bridge at 20 and he won several India Major Championship, becoming member of the Open National Team. In 2000 Moorthy was elected President of the Tamil Nadu Bridge Association and then President of the Bridge Federation of India until 2016. He was the organiser of the 42nd World Bridge Teams Championship, the first WBF event hosted in Asia and Middle East and successfully held in Chennai in 2015.



KARI-ANNE OPSAL - Member

Kari-Anne Opsal was born in Gryllefjord, Norway the 10th of May 1967. She's a graduated lawyer and she is living in Harstad where she is the Mayorr. She is a bridge player since 1994 and she was elected President of the Norwegian Bridge Federation in 2016. In June 2018, she was elected member of the EBL Executive Committee and of the WBF Executive Council as well.



BERNARD PASCAL - Member

Bernard Pascal from Cairo, Egypt, was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2009. He was the Vice-President of the African Bridge Federation and has been President of the Africa Zonal Conference since his first election in 2009.



DOUGLAS (KIP) ROTCHELL - Member

Douglas (Kip) Rotchell, was born and educated in London England. He lefts England in 1975, being self employed since the age of 18 and worked in the Middle East from 1975 to 1980, until he married and moved to Saskatchewan Canada in 1980. He finally joined his family in Barbados in 1988 and this has been his home since. He worked with

a Military Company from 2006 to 2010, after which he decides to retire. Kip has five children, two boys and three girls. He was elected member of the Executive Council in 2019. He was the secretary of the Barbados Bridge League for many years back in the 90's and has been on the General Board of Directors in Barbados for the past 4 years, currently holding the positions of Vice President and Chief Tournament Director. He is a joint owner of The King of Hearts Bridge Club in Nerja, Spain.



JANICE SEAMON-MOLSON - Member

Janice Seamon-Molson, from Florida, USA, member of the High Level Players Commission since 2014, was elected to the Executive Council in 2015 and re-elected in 2018, as a representative of the HLPs. She is a WBF World Grand Master, 7th in the WBF Women's Ranking and a 5 times World Champion, Montecarlo 2003, Verona 2006, Beijing 2011, Bali 2013 and Wroclaw 2016. She won the SportAccord Minds Games in 2011 in Beijing.



KHUNYING CHODCHOY (ESTHER) SOPHONPANICH - Member

Khunying Chodchoy (Esther) Sophonpanich, from Bangkok, Thailand, has been elected to the WBF Executive Council in 2019. Esther in 1991 bestowed the Title "Khunying" by His Majesty the King of Thailand. "Global 500" Roll of Honor for Outstanding Environmental Achievements by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in 1987, she was Senator in the Thai Parliament from 2000 to 2006. She was awarded Honorary Doctors of Arts (1991 University of Chiangmai) and Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (1991 Ramkhamhaeng University of Bangkok). Esther was President of the Contract Bridge League of Thailand from 1983 to 1993 and from 2011 to 2015, being elected Honorary President in 2016. She is President of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation since her first election in 1989. Esther was member of the National Women Team of Thailand since 1975. was member of the Thai Mixed Team winning the Gold Medal in 2011 in the 26th South East Asia Games (SEA Games) and the Silver Medal in 2018 in the Asian Olympic Games.



SUZI SUBECK - Member

Suzi Subeck grew up in Chicago, residing today in Glenview, IL, with her husband and bridge partner, Stan. Suzi has two children and five amazing grandchildren. Suzi graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana with a major in French and a split minor in creative writing and

math. Locally, She has been elected to the WBF Executive Council in 2019. Suzi serves on both the ACBL Unit 123 (Chicago) and District 13 (Wisconsin, Chicago, and Upper Michigan) Boards of Directors. She has been a member of the ACBL Board of Directors since 2010, serving as President of the League in 2015. Presently, Suzi is the Chairman of the NABC Review committee as well as the liaison to the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee. She is the Chief Communications Officer of the United States Bridge Federation, editor and author of the USBF daily bulletins at the Championships, and Administrator of the USBF Appeals Panels. Suzi is a member of the North American Bridge Federation Board of Directors. She is member of the WBF Management Committee, being elected In Wuhan in 2019.



BEN THOMPSON - Member

Ben Thompson, a management consultant from Melbourne, Australia, was elected President of the South Pacific Bridge Federation (Zone 7) and a member of the WBF Executive Council in 2018. He has previously been a member of the Australian Bridge Federation Council and Management Committee. A WBF World International Master. He first represented Australia in 1989 at the World Juniors and has since played on numerous Australian teams, regrettably no longer in any of the youth categories. He is Member of the Management Committee, being elected in Wuhan in 2019.



ADAM WILDAVSKY - Member

Adam Wildavsky, born in 1960, grew up in Berkeley, CA and now resides primarily in New York City. A graduate of M.I.T., he pursued a career as a software engineer and in 2013 retired from a position with Google GmbH in Zürich. Adam was elected member of the Executive Council in 2019. Since 1983, Adam has served in administrative positions in the New England Bridge Conference, the Greater New York Bridge Association, ACBL District 17, the ACBL itself, and the USBF. He is a member of the WBF Executive Council, the WBF Credentials Committee, the WBF Laws Committee, and the ACBL Laws Commission. Adam has written articles for a number of publications, including *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today*, and the ACBL Bulletin. He serves as an editor and panellist for the ACBL's appeals casebooks. He was a member of the winning squad in the US Bridge Championships in 2003 and 2009, earning a Bronze medal in the Bermuda Bowl 2003. In bridge and in life, Adam follows the philosophy of Russian-American author Ayn Rand. He has written about the connection between Rand and bridge on his website, www.tameware.com

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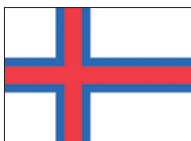
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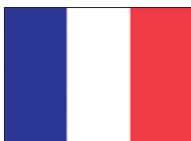
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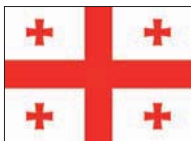
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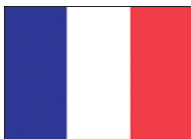
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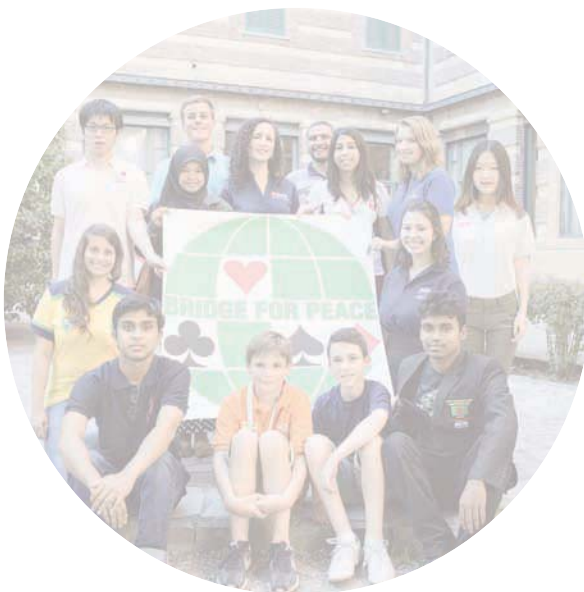


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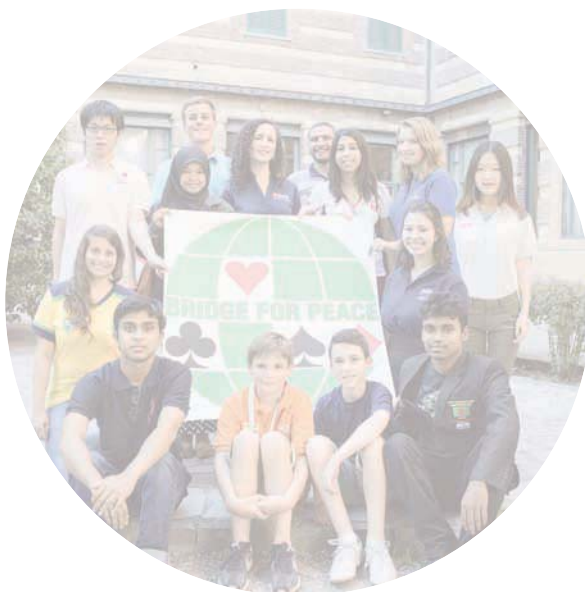
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The WBF Championships

The World Bridge Championships will operate on a four-year cycle.

In the odd-numbered years, the following events are held:

The World Bridge Team Championships

This event includes the Bermuda Bowl, founded in 1950, the Venice Cup, founded in 1974, the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, founded in 2001, the Wuhan Cup, founded in 2019 and the Paul Magerman Trophy - founded in 1997. The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Bowl and Wuhan Cup are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, representing their own countries, qualified from the eight WBF Zonal Conferences. The Paul Magerman Trophy is open, without any qualification, to all teams, national or transnational, which want to participate, according to the conditions of contest.

The World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships

This event includes pairs (started in 1995), teams (started in 2009), individual (started in 1994) and triathlon (started in 1998) is open, without any qualification, to all young

players who want to participate according to the conditions of contest.

In the even-numbered years, the following events are held:

The World Bridge Games

The World Bridge Games (previously up to 2004 Bridge Olympiads, founded in 1960), are held every four years in the Summer Olympic Year (in 2008 and 2012 the World Bridge Games have been incorporated in the World Mind Sports Games - WMSG organised by the International Mind Sport Association - IMSA - and participated by the Mind Sports Federations: Bridge, Chess, Draught, Go and Chinese Chess). The World Bridge Games include National Open Teams for the Vanderbilt Trophy, National Women Teams (since 1960) for the Anna Maria Torlontano Trophy, National Seniors Teams (since 2000), National Mixed Teams (since 2016) and National Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed Pairs (starting 2016). Each WBF NBO is entitled to one national team and unlimited national pairs in each category (in 2008, the 1st edition of the World Mind Sports Games included also World Youth Pairs, Teams and Individual).





José Damiani with Gianarrigo Rona, shows to Jacques Rogge, IOC President, and Mario Pescante, IOC Executive, the system of duplication of the hands in the world events

The World Bridge Series

The World Bridge Series are held every four years in the non summer Olympic year and consists of a series of Championships and subsidiary events which have the World Open Pairs, the World Women's Pairs, the World Knock Out Teams for the Rosenblum Trophy, the World Women's Teams for the McConnell Cup and the World Seniors Teams for the Rand Cup as their centrepiece.

Starting from 2014 the World Bridge Series include Mixed, Open, Women & Seniors Teams and Pairs Championships. All these events are open and transnational, having no national restrictions and quota.

The World Youth Bridge Team Championships

The World Youth Teams Championship includes the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, founded in 1987, the José Damiani Cup, founded in 2004, the Gianarrigo Rona Trophy, founded in 2010 and the Koç University Trophy, founded in 2014.

All these events are for national teams, respectively Under 26 Open & Women, Under 21 and Under 16 representing their own countries, qualified from the eight WBF Zonal Conferences.

THE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS PARTICIPATED BY THE WBF

The SportAccord World Mind Games

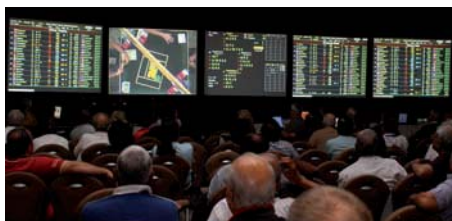
This event, born in 2011 and held annually until 2014, in December in Beijing, China, is organised and managed by SportAccord (Association of the International Sport Federations) with the assistance of BODA (Beijing Olympic City Development Association) and the cooperation of IMSA (International Mind Sport Association). SportAccord World Mind Games are a multi-sport event centered on the gymnasium of the mind and highlighting the great value of the mind sports. The Games, which include the five mind sports members of IMSA (Bridge, Chess, Draughts, Go and Chinese Chess), show some top-level mind games performances with the world's best players. They also showcased the Cultural and Social Program. In addition, an online tournament organised each year extends the event's reach to the worldwide audience.

The University World Team Championships

This event is organised every two years, in the even-numbered, by the International Federation of University Sports - FISU - with the support of the WBF, since the 1st edition in Maastricht 2000.

The University European Team Championships

This event is organised every two years, in the odd-numbered, by the European



The spectacular vugraph during the WBF events

Federation of University Sports - EUSA - with the support of the WBF, since the 1st edition in Opatija 2009.

THE OTHER WBF EVENTS

The World Junior Camp

This event was organised in conjunction with the World Junior Pairs every two years from 1995 to 2003 and the last edition was held 2006 in Piestany, Slovakia, when the WBF decided to leave the Zonal Conferences and the NBOs to organise their own events.

The Par Contest

There was also a special invitation Par Contest featuring some of the world's leading players facing computers, with special hands set by the late Swiss expert, Pietro Bernasconi.

The World Wide Bridge Contest

This is an annual event, born in 1986, with no limit to the number of centres, all playing the same boards across the world.

The contest is open to clubs and other organisations in the territory of every National Bridge Organisation invited by the WBF to participate. Established bridge organisations in territories not yet affiliated to the WBF may be considered for invitation under special conditions.

WBF Year Points are awarded to the leading pairs in the rankings, both overall and for zonal and national rankings. Most NBOs also award their own master points, usually on a scale appropriate to a national simultaneous Pairs.

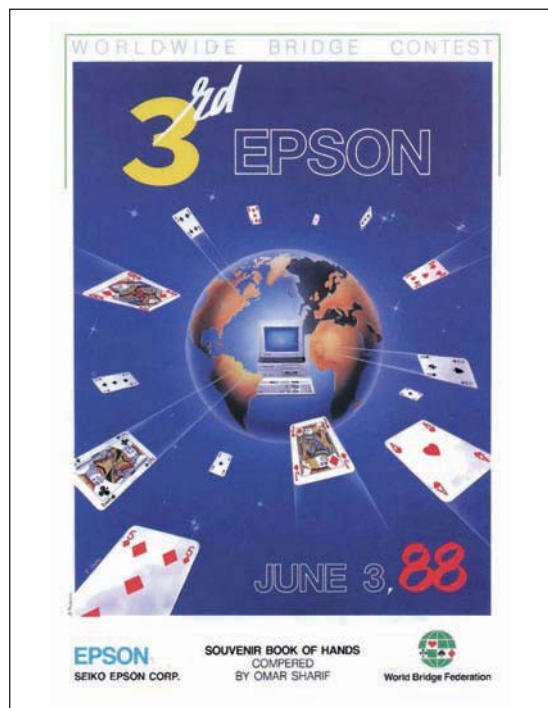
Epson sponsored the event from 1986 to 1995. In 1996 Alcatel was the official sponsor.

In 1987, the Epson World Wide Bridge Contest was recognised as the biggest sporting event of all time and, as such, was published in the Guinness Book of Records. It was mentioned again in both 1988 and 1989.

The poster for the third Epson World-wide Bridge Contest won the first prize in a major sponsorship competition, poster section, in March 1988.

The Pro Youth Simultaneous Tournaments

Four times a year, in March, August, October and December, Simultaneous events were introduced in 2012 to support Youth Bridge - the World Bridge Federation is committed to the development of Youth Bridge.



The World Bridge Games

(previously the World Bridge Teams Olympiad)



The World Bridge Teams Olympiad, today the World Bridge Games, inaugurated in Turin, Italy in 1960 was the first competition to be set up by the WBF itself, the Bermuda Bowl already being well established when the WBF was founded in 1958. Harold S. Vanderbilt, the inventor of modern bridge scoring, endowed the new event with a handsome cup, the Vanderbilt Trophy.

1960, Turin - ITALY

This first Bridge Olympiad was held in Turin, Italy, and was contested by 25 countries. In the Open Series there were actually 29 teams because - on this occasion only - a concession was made to NBOs with large memberships, the USA being allowed to enter four teams and Sweden two. In the Women's Series 14 NBOs were represented, each by one team.

Competing were, Australia (W), Austria (W), Belgium (W), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark (W), Finland, France (W), Germany (W), Great Britain (W), Netherlands (W), Iceland, India, Ireland (W), Italy (W), Lebanon, Philippines (W), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (W), United Arab Republic (W), USA (W), Venezuela. The Open field was divided into three groups, leading to a six-team final. This was won narrowly by France from Great Britain. The Women's Series, a straight round-robin, was won by an Egyptian team representing the



United Arab Republic, who beat France narrowly - the two teams finished level on victory points, UAR taking the crown on IMP quotient.

Open Teams:

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2. GREAT BRITAIN: Jeremy Flint, Nico Gardener, Terence Reese, Albert Rose, Boris Shapiro, Ralph Swimer, Louis Tarlo (NPC).
3. USA: Jay Becker, John Crawford, Norman Kay, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).

Women's Teams:

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2. FRANCE: Mrs. Alexandre, Annie Chanfray, Mrs. Gary, Genevieve Morenas, Esmerian Pouldjian, Mrs. Rouviere, Rene Huni (NPC).
3. DENMARK: Oth Dam, Annelise Faber, Rigmor Fraenckel, Lizzie Schaltz, Gulle Skotte, Sven Halvorsen (NPC).



1964, New York - USA

Following the inaugural event, the Bridge Olympiad became a competition for one Open team and one Women's team from each NBO. In 1964 it was held in New York, USA, with 29 teams in the Open and 15 in the Women's Series. The Open consisted of a round-robin of 18-board matches, with the leading four teams qualifying for a 60-board semi-final and a 60-board final. The Open series was won by Italy. Runners-up were the USA, with Great Britain third and Canada fourth. This was the first of three successive Olympiad victories gained by Italy. The Women's series was a straight round-robin of 36-board matches, won comfortably by Great Britain.

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2. USA: Robert Hamman, Robert Jordan, Donald Krauss, Victor Mitchell, Arthur Robinson, Samuel Stayman, Frank Westcott (NPC).
3. GREAT BRITAIN: Jeremy Flint, Maurice Harrison-Gray, Kenneth Konstam, Terence



Reese, Boris Shapiro, Joel Tarlo, Sidney Lee (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. GREAT BRITAIN: Dimmie Fleming, Fritz Gordon, Jane Juan, Rixi Markus, Mary Moss, Dorothy Shanahan, Harold Franklin (NPC).
2. USA: Agnes Gordon, Muriel Kaplan, Alicia Kemper, Helen Portugal, Stella Rebner, Jan Stone, Paul Hodge (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Suzanne Baldon, Annie Chanfrai, Marguerite De Gailhard, Genevieve Morenas, Marianne Serf, Jose Le Dentu (NPC).



1968, Deauville - FRANCE

The 3rd Bridge Olympiad was held at Deauville, France, with 33 Open teams playing a format similar to that of 1964, but with round-robin matches of 20 boards and semi-finals and final of 80 boards. The event was won by Italy with the same Team as four years earlier, but with Angelo Trancanella as NPC.

Runners-up were the USA, with Canada third and the Netherlands fourth. The 19-team Women's Series was won by Sweden with South Africa second and USA third.

Open Teams:

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Massimo d'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Angelo Trancanella (NPC).
2. USA: Robert Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson, William Root, Alvin Roth, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).
3. CANADA: Gerald Charney, Bill Crissey,



The USA delegation lands in Paris

Bruce Elliot, Sammy Kehela, Eric Murray, Percy Sheardown, Al Lando (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. SWEDEN: Britt Blom, Karin Eriksson, Eva Martensson, Rut Segander, Gunborg Silborn, Britta Werner, Lotty Saaby-Christiansen (NPC).
2. SOUTH AFRICA: Thelma Beron, Gerda Goslar, Rita Jacobson, Petra Mansell, Elfreda Sender, Alma Shnieder, Ralph Mizroch (NPC).
3. USA: Hermine Baron, Nancy Gruver, Emma Jean Hawes, Sue Sachs, Dorothy Hayden, Rhoda Walsh, Margaret Wagar (NPC).



1972, Miami Beach - USA

The 4th Bridge Olympiad was held at Miami Beach, Florida USA, with an Open field grown to 39. By doing without free days it proved possible to maintain the length of the round-robin matches at 20-boards, with 64-board semi-finals and an 88-board final. For the first time, boards were duplicated across the field, including the Women's matches - a popular innovation. The Open was won by Italy again with the same team (which won also four consecutive Bermuda Bowls in 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1969), but once again with a different NPC, Umberto Barsotti. The USA were second, Canada third and France fourth. The Women's Series, playing a straight round-robin, was also won by Italy with South Africa second and USA third of 18 contestants. Italy is the only country to have won both the titles in the same year.

Open Teams:

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Massimo d'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Umberto Barsotti (NPC).
2. USA: Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Michael Lawrence, Paul Soloway, Robert Wolff, Lee Hazen (NPC).



President Julius Rosenblum inaugurates the event

3. CANADA: Gerald Charney, Bill Crissey, Bruce Gowdy, Sammy Kehela, Eric Murray, Duncan Phillips, Al Lando (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. ITALY: Marisa Bianchi, Rina Jabes, Maria Antonietta Robaudo, Luciana Canessa Romanelli, Anna Valenti, Maria Vittoria Venturini, Giovanni Pelucchi (NPC).
2. SOUTH AFRICA: Thelma Beron, Janie Disler, Gerda Goslar, Rita Jacobson, Petra Mansell, Elfreda Sender, Alma Shnieder, Ralph Mizroch (NPC).
3. USA: Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Peggy Solomon, Margaret Wagar (NPC).



The television room

1976, Monte Carlo - MONACO

The 5th Bridge Olympiad was held in Monte Carlo along with the 22nd Bermuda Bowl - the first and only occasion when both were staged in the same year. The double event was needed to bring the timing right for a new scheduling of WBF competitions. The 1976 format was a straight round-robin of 16-board matches between 45 competing nations: there were no semi-finals or final. The last round was dramatic: Italy, who had seemed almost home, lost unexpectedly to Greece 17-3; whilst Brazil, who had seemed headed for fourth place, scored a surprise 'blitz' over Canada, bringing them to the top of the table, Italy was second, with Great Britain third and Poland fourth. Thus the Vanderbilt Trophy went to the Western Hemisphere for the first time, whilst Brazil became the first NBO outside Zones 1 and 2 to win an Open Teams Championship. At the same time, Poland became the first nation from Eastern Europe to achieve prominence in any WBF event. In the Women's Series, Italy retained their crown, finishing ahead of Great Britain and the USA in the 21-nation field.

Open Teams:

1. BRAZIL: Pedro-Paulo Assumpção, Sergio Barbosa, Marcelo Castello Branco, Gabriel Chagas, Gabino Cintra, Christiano Fonseca, Serge Apoteker (NPC).
2. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Pietro Forquet, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Carlo Mosca, Silvio Sbarigia, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).
3. GREAT BRITAIN: Willie Coyle, Jeremy Flint, Toni Priday, Terence Reese, Claude



Rodrigue, Irving Rose, Robert Sheehan (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. ITALY: Marisa Bianchi, Luciana Capodanno, Marisa Baffi D'Andrea, Rina Jabes, Antonietta Robaudo, Anna Valenti, Giovanni Pelucchi (NPC).
2. GREAT BRITAIN: Charley Esterson, Fritz Gordon, Sandra Landy, Rixi Markus, Rita Oldroyd, Nicola Smith (formally Gardener), Graham Cooke (NPC).
3. USA: Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Margaret Wagar (NPC).

1980, Valkenburg - THE NETHERLANDS

The 6th Bridge Olympiad, held in Valkenburg, Netherlands, surpassed all previous attendance records - there were 58 Open teams and half that number of Women's teams. A single round-robin was now impractical and the Open field had to be divided into two groups of comparable strength and geographical representation. This was hard to achieve and the task was made more difficult by the inability, due to government intervention, of a number of teams to play against South Africa. Each of the two groups played a round-robin of 20-board matches. Four teams emerged from each group to contest the semi-finals, again on a round-robin basis, the first and fourth placed teams from one group and the second and third placed teams from the other group being matched. In each semi-final, 32-board matches were played. The finalists proved to be France and USA, France winning the 88-board encounter by 131 IMPs to 111. This performance by France was outstanding, the team losing only one match during the two-week-long event - to Chinese Taipei, in the semi-finals round-robin. Thus the Vanderbilt Trophy returned to France after an interval of 20 years. The Women's Series, a straight



round-robin, was comfortably won by the USA ahead of Italy and Great Britain. USA lost only four of their 28 matches - three of these by a margin of only 11 victory points to 9!

Open Teams:

1. FRANCE: Paul Chemla, Michel Lebel, Christian Mari, Michel Perron, Philippe Soulet, Henri Szwarc, Pierre Schemeil (NPC).
2. USA: Fred Hamilton, Robert Hamman, Mike Passell, Ira Rubin, Paul Soloway, Robert Wolff, Ira G. Jr. Corn (NPC).
3. THE NETHERLANDS: Hans Kreijns, Anton Maas, Andre Mulder, Carol van Oppen, Hans Vergoed, Rene Zwaan, Kees Kaiser (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. USA: Mary Jane Farrell, Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Ruth McConnell (NPC).
2. ITALY: Marisa Bianchi, Luciana Capodanno, Marisa Baffi D'Andrea, Enrichetta Gut, Andreina Martinelli Morini, Anna Valenti, Anna Maria Torlontano (NPC).
3. GREAT BRITAIN: Michelle Brunner, Pat Davies, Sally Horton (formally Sowter), Sandra Landy, Rita Oldroyd, Nicola Smith, Raymond Brock (NPC).



1984, Seattle - USA

The 7th Bridge Olympiad was held in Seattle, State of Washington, USA. The Open was won by Poland from a field of 54, divided into two groups, each of which qualified four teams for the quarter-finals. In these Poland beat Pakistan; France beat Indonesia; Denmark beat Italy and Austria beat the USA. In the semi-finals France beat Denmark 164-149 and Poland beat Austria 147-143.



Poland led throughout the final to win by 236 IMPs to 156. The Women's Series played a complete round-robin, also of 20-board matches. The final was won narrowly by USA. They defeated Great Britain by 109 1/2 IMPs to 99, having started with a carryover of 22 1/2. The losing semi-finalists were France and the Netherlands. 1984 also saw a new competition, the WBF Swiss Plate, for teams that failed to make the semi-finals. New alignments were permitted as long as all the players were from the same country and had competed in either the Open or Women's Series as players or non playing captains. The winners were Sweden.



Open Teams:

1. POLAND: Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Martens, Tomasz Przybora, Jacek Romanski, Piotr Tuszyński, Henryk Wolny, Marian Frenkiel (NPC).
2. FRANCE: Paul Chemla, Felix Covo, Herve Mouiel, Fivo Palladino, Michel

Perron, Henry Szwarc, Pierre Schemeil (NPC).

3. DENMARK: Jens Auken, Knud-Aage Boesgaard, Peter Schaltz, Steen Schou, Stig Werdelin, Jens Kruuse (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. USA: Betty Ann Kennedy, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Judi Radin, Carol Sanders, Kathie Wei, Jim Zimmerman (NPC).
2. GREAT BRITAIN: Pat Davies, Sally Horton, Sandra Landy, Sarah Scarborough, Gillian Scott-Jones, Nicola Smith, Hugh Kelsey (NPC).

1988, Venice - ITALY

The 8th Bridge Olympiad was held in Venice, Italy, which hosted the event in a memorable way, which is still regarded as one of the best in the history of the bridge championships. In the Open USA won this competition for the first time from a field of 57 teams, divided into two groups, each of which qualified four teams for the quarter-finals. In these USA beat Denmark, India beat Greece, Austria beat Great Britain, and Sweden beat Italy. In the semi-finals, the USA beat India and Austria beat Sweden. The USA led throughout the final to win by 289.7 IMPs to 247. The Women's Series was split into three, again qualifying eight teams to the knockout phase. Denmark defeated Great Britain by 178-157 IMPs in an exciting final.

Open Teams:

1. USA: Seymon Deutsch, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Robert Wolff, Dan Morse (NPC).
2. AUSTRIA: Heinrich Berger, Jan Fucik, Alfred Kadlec, Fritz Kubak, Wolfgang Meini, Franz Terraneo, Franz Baratta (NPC).
3. INDIA: Rajesh Dalal, Santanu Ghose, Avinash Gokhale, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Debashish Roy, Jaggy Shivdasani, Veerubhotla Sharma (NPC).



Women's Teams:

1. DENMARK: Trine Dahl, Bettina Kalkerup, Kirsten Møller, Judy Norris, Charlotte Palmund, Dorthe Schaltz, Inger Lindegaard (NPC).
2. GREAT BRITAIN: Michelle Brunner, Pat Davies, Sandra Landy, Elizabeth (Liz) McGowan, Sandra Penfold, Nicola Smith, Grattan Endicott (NPC).
3. BULGARIA: Maria Garvalova, Margarita Halatcheva, Steliana Ivanova, Albena Krasteva, Matilda Popilov, Nevena Senior (formally Deleva), Christo Drumev (NPC).

1992, Salsomaggiore - ITALY

The 9th NEC Inter-Nations World Bridge Teams Olympiad was also played in Italy, but this time at Salsomaggiore Terme. This event, scheduled initially in Brazil was moved just a few months beforehand to Salsomaggiore Terme in what can only be described as very successful organization by the Italian Federation and its President, Gianarrigo Rona, under the guidance of the WBF President Ernesto d'Orsi. The 57 teams in the Open Championship were divided into two groups for the round-robin, with the leading four teams from each qualifying for the knockout stages. In the final France beat the USA 251-171. The runners-up were the same as the team that won in 1988, except that Michael Rosenberg replaced the late Jim Jacoby. The Netherlands took the bronze medal. The 34 teams that contested the Women's series were also divided into two groups but they played a double round-robin. In the final, Austria beat Great Britain 266-218. France took the bronze medal. Norway won the WBF Swiss Plate.

Open Teams:

1. FRANCE: Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Paul Chemla, Michel Perron, Alain Levy, Hervé Mouiel, José Damiani (NPC).
2. USA: Seymon Deutsch, Robert Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Michael Rosenberg, Eric Rodwell, Robert Wolff, Dan Morse (NPC).



3. THE NETHERLANDS: Wubbo de Boer, Enri Leufkens, Bauke Muller, Jaap van der Neut, Marcel Nooijen, Berry Westra, Jaap Trouwborst (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. AUSTRIA: Maria Erhart, Doris Fischer, Herta Gyimesi, Barbara Lindinger, Jovanka Smederevac, Terry Weigkricht, Ernst Pichler (NPC).
2. GREAT BRITAIN: Pat Davies, Michele Handley, Sandra Landy, Elizabeth (Liz) McGowan, Sandra Penfold, Nicola Smith, Mark Horton (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Danielle Avon, Véronique Bessis, Elisabeth Delor, Anne Claude De L'Epine, Sylvie Willard, Philippe Cronier (NPC).



1996, Rhodes - GREECE

The 10th Bridge Olympiad was played in Rhodes, Greece. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Olympic Games, the World Bridge Games registered a record participation with 71 Open Teams and 44 Women's in two series. The fields in both series were divided into two sections, playing a complete round-robin within each section to decide the quarter finalists. The Open Series played four 16-board matches each day, the Women's series three 20-board matches. In the Open final, France retained the Trophy, beating Indonesia by 358-269. Only two members of the 1992 team, Alain Levy and Hervé Mouiel played. The bronze medal went to Denmark. In the Women's final, the USA team beat China by 268-198 with Canada taking the Bronze Medal.

Open Teams:

1. FRANCE: Marc Bompis, Alain Levy, Christian Mari, Hervey Mouiel, Franck Multon, Henri Szwarc, Jean-Louis Stoppa (NPC).
2. INDONESIA: Franky Steven Karwur, Henry Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Santje Panelewen, Denny Jacob Sakul, Giovanni Watulingas.



3. DENMARK: Morten Andersen, Jens Auken, Lars Blakset, Soren Christiansen, Dennis Koch-Palmund, Lauge Shaffer.

Women's Teams:

1. USA: Jillian Blanchard, Juanita Chambers, Lynn Deas, Gail Moss Greenberg, Irina Levitina, Shawn Quinn, Eddie Wold (NPC).
2. CHINA: Gu Ling, Sun Ming, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Zhang Yalan, Zhang Yu, Zhang Wei Li (NPC).
3. CANADA: Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Rhoda Habert, Beverly Kraft, Sharyn Reus, Barbara Saltzman.

2000, Maastricht - THE NETHERLANDS

The 11th Bridge Olympiad was held in Maastricht, the Netherlands, 40 years after the first Bridge Olympiad in 1960. Another record was achieved in the Open Series, where there were 72 competing teams divided into four sections each playing a complete round-robin. For the first time the knockout phase started with a round of 32, followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final. 40 teams competed in the Women's series, being divided into two groups for the Round-robin, which again determined the teams to enter the round of 32. In the closely fought Open teams final, Italy defeated Poland by 269-249 to take, after 28 years, its fourth gold Olympic medal. For the second time in the history of the Olympiad, this was to be the first of three successive Olympiad victories gained by Italy. For the first time, the three countries of England, Scotland and Wales competed under their own flags instead of as Great Britain, with England reaching the bronze-medal play-off where they lost to USA. In the Women's Series, the USA team defeated Canada by 176-144, while Germany took the bronze medal in a play-off against Norway. The World Seniors International Cup was introduced for the first time in Maastricht, alongside the World Teams Olympiad, took place. 24 National Senior Teams participated, and the Cup was won by the USA team. Robert Wolff was a member of the winning team and by doing so became the only player ever to win World Championships in five different events.

Open Teams:

1. ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Dano De Falco, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Giancarlo



Bernasconi (NPC), Carlo Mosca (Coach), Maria Teresa Lavazza (Team Manager).

2. POLAND: Czesław Balicki, Krzysztof Martens, Michał Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Tuszyński, Adam Zmudzinski, Wojtek Siwiec, Jan Rogowski (NPC).
3. USA: David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Steve Garner, George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein, Chip Martel (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. USA: Mildred Breed, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn, Peggy Sutherlin, Robert Hamman (NPC).
2. CANADA: Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Rhoda Habert, Beverly Kraft, Martin Lacroix, Catherine Kathie Thorpe, Jim Green (NPC).
3. GERMANY: Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Katrin Farwig, Barbara Stawowy, Beate (Pony) Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid-Reim, Christoph Kemmer (NPC).

Senior Teams:

1. USA: Dan Morse, Steve Robinson, John Sutherlin, Kit Woolsey, Robert Wolff, John Mohan (PC).
2. FRANCE: Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Claude Delmouly, François Leenhardt, Christian Mari, Jean-Marc Roudinesco (PC).
3. SWEDEN: Lars Alfredsson, Lars Backström, Sture Ekberg, Hans Göthe, Anders Morath, Hans-Olof Hallén (PC).

2004, Istanbul - TURKEY

The 12th Bridge Olympiad was staged in Turkey, and despite some forebodings over the choice of venue, resulted in one of the most successful such events ever held. The Open Series once again had 72 competing teams, and the Women's series saw 43 teams participating. As before, the Open Teams were divided into four sections and the Women's teams into two sections, playing a complete round robin to determine the teams to go through to the Knock Out phase. Italy took the Open title once again, defeating The Netherlands in the Final. Russia defeated China in the play-off to take the Bronze Medal. Winning the World Bridge Games created two new Italian Grand Masters - Fulvio Fantoni & Claudio Nunes. In the Women's series, the surprise of the Championship came when a young Russian team took the Gold Medal defeating the experienced USA team. England took the Bronze Medal, defeating China in the playoff. In the Seniors Teams the entries increased with 29 teams taking part. USA again took the title, although with a completely different team.

Open Teams:

1. ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC), Massimo Ortensi (Coach).
2. THE NETHERLANDS: Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Jan Jansma, Ricco Prooijen, Maarten Schollaardt, Louk Verhees Jr, Antoine van Hoof (NPC), Anton Maas (Coach).
3. RUSSIA: Alexander Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Jouri Khokhlov, Max Khven, Georgi Matushko, Vladimir Rekunov, Boris Sazonov (NPC).

Women's Teams:

1. RUSSIA: Olga Galaktionova, Victoria Gromova, Natalia Karpenko, Maria Lebedeva, Tatiana Ponomareva, Irina Vasilkova, Alexey Efremov (NPC).
2. USA: Marinesa Letizia, Jill Meyers, Randi



Montin, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobin Sokolow, Carlyn Steiner, Jill Levin (NPC), Jan Martel (Coach).

3. ENGLAND: Michelle Brunner, Heather Dhondy, Rhona Goldenfield, Sally Horton, Nicola Smith, Kitty Teltscher, Alan Mould (NPC), Christine Duckworth (Coach).

Senior Teams:

1. USA: Leo Bell, Neil Chambers, Marshall Miles, John Onstott, Jim Robison, John Schermer.
2. THE NETHERLANDS: Willem Boegem, Nico Doremans, Onno Janssens, Wied Polle, Jaap Trouwborst.
3. GERMANY: Hans Humburg, Reiner Marsal, Göran Mattsson, Werner Schneider, Dirk Schroeder, Horst-Dieter Uhlmann.



2008, Beijing - CHINA

After the 29th Summer Olympic Games in August and the 13th Paralympics that followed in September, China was not yet finished playing host to the rest of the world in 2008: at the beginning of October the stage was set for the first edition of the World Mind Sports Games (WMSG), a gathering of some 3000 people from over 140 countries and regions competing in one of five disciplines: Bridge, Chess, Go, Xianqi (Chinese Chess) and Draughts. Media coverage, perhaps building on the standards established at the Olympics and Paralympics, was extensive, with nightly Chinese TV broadcasts and daily newspaper reports. In Beijing the 50th anniversary of the World Bridge Federation was celebrated, and special struck medals were awarded by President José Damiani.



The World Bridge Teams Olympiad assumed its new name of World Bridge Games and was incorporated in the World Mind Sport Games. With approximately 2,000 players from 92 countries participating, Bridge was the main event at the WMSG. The Open and Women's events commenced with six days of round robin competition (16-board matches, IMPS converted to VP) in seeded groups of 16-18 teams to qualify 16 teams for the knockout stage. The 71 teams in the Open series (one short of a perfect 72) were seeded into four groups, each producing four

teams for the Round of 16, the winner of each group earning the privilege of choosing its opponent from the third- and fourth place finishers in its companion group (A with B; C with D). Once those selections were made, the rest of the draw was completed in accordance with a pre-determined formula, so winning the group was, at least in theory, a significant advantage. In the 96 board final a high-scoring first set gave Italy a 16-IMP lead, but the second set was much more dynamic: Italy won it 46-4 to lead by 58 one-third of the way through the match. The young English team fought back with two good sets of their own to cut the deficit to 20 with 32 to play. Italy gained 15 IMPs in Segment 5, and conceded only 5 IMPs over the final 16 boards to win the first WBG Open Teams under the WMSG umbrella, effectively defending the Olympiad Open Team title earned in Istanbul in 2004. The



final margin in the well played final was 30 IMPs. This gave Italy its sixth title in this competition, increasing its impressive record. Norway added the bronze to its remarkable collection of medals. In the Women's event, the final was a match that will be discussed for years. Who knows how great the pressure was on the Chinese women to win the World Championship on their home turf, with the greatest national media coverage the sport had ever received? But in the end England won by 1 IMP! 32 teams entered the Seniors and were seeded into two groups of 16, with half the teams in each round robin group qualifying for the knockouts. The field was very strong at the top. So many matches were like "A Tale of Two Cities" with shades of 'the best of times' and the 'worst of times'. Take this one, for example, in which highly fancied USA came out of the chute like a bull bent on wiping out anyone unfortunate enough to get in its way. The Americans won the first set 60-28 and tacked on 4 and 7 IMPs in the next two to lead by 43 at the end of the first day of play. But the new day brought a dramatic change of momentum: Japan won Sets 4 and 5 by identical 44-12 scores to take a 21-IMP lead into the final stanza.

Open Teams:

1. ITALY: Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Maria-Teresa Lavazza (NPC), Massimo Ortensi (Coach).

2. ENGLAND: David Gold, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett, Artur Malinowski, Nicklas Sandqvist, Tom Townsend, Phil King (NPC), Simon Cope (Coach).
3. NORWAY: Terje Aa, Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Joergen Molberg, Ulf Tundal, Sten Bjertnes (NPC), Inger Hjellemarken (Coach).

Women's Teams:

1. ENGLAND: Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Sally Horton, Anne Rosen, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Martin Jones (NPC), Sandra Penfold (Coach).
2. CHINA: Gu Ling, Liu Yi Qian, Sun Ming, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Zhang Yalan, Ju Chuan Cheng (NPC), Lin Ya Fu (Coach).
3. USA: Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letizia, Sylvia Moss, Judi Radin Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Sue Picus (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).

Senior Teams:

1. JAPAN: Hiroya Abe, Masayuki Ino, Makoto Hirata, Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Kyoko Ohno, Akihiko Yamada, Takashi Maeda (NPC).
2. USA: Grant Baze, Billy Eisenberg, Russ Ekeblad, Matthew Granovetter, Sam Lev, Reese Milner, Jacek Pszczola (NPC), Patty Magnus (Coach).
3. INDONESIA: Michael Hartono, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Ferdy Waluyan, Arianto Djadjanegara (NPC), Tanudjan Sugiarto (Coach).



2012, Lille - FRANCE

The 2012 World Bridge Games were again held under the aegis of the World Mind Sport Games; however on this occasion it was a smaller event as the Junior events which had swelled the number of players so greatly in Beijing were not staged on this occasion. 60 Open Teams, 43 Women's and 34 Senior Teams entered the Games, with the Open Championship seeing a strong Swedish team winning comfortably, beating Poland 371-234; the fancied team from Monaco came third, beating Ireland in the play-off to take the Bronze medal. In the Women's Championship, England retained their title, winning the event by 209-140 against Russia, with Poland beating France and taking the Bronze Medal. In the increasingly popular Seniors Championship, again played with a very strong field, the Hungarian team beat USA in the Final to take the title, with France comfortably taking the Bronze against Sweden in the play-off.

Open Teams:

1. SWEDEN: Krister Ahlesved, Peter Bertheau, Per-Ola Cullin, Fredrik Nyström, Jonas Petersson, Johan Upmark, Mats Axdorf (NPC), Jan Lagerman (Coach).
2. POLAND: Cesary Balicki, Krzysztof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Piotr Zak, Jerzy Zaremba, Adam Zmudzinski, Piotr Walczak (NPC), Marek Wojcicki (Coach).
3. MONACO: Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Frank Multon, Claudio Nunes, Pierre Zimmerman, Jean-Charles Allavena (NPC), Krzysztof Martens (Coach).

Women's Teams:

1. ENGLAND: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan Stockdale, Jeremy Dhondy (NPC), David Burn (Coach).
2. RUSSIA: Svetlana Chubarova, Victoria Gromova, Anna Gulevich, Elena Khonicheva, Tatiana Ponomareva, Olga Vorobeychikova.



3. POLAND: Cathy Baldysz, Eva Banaszekiewicz, Katarzyna Dufirat, Danuta Kazmucha Natalia Sakowska, Justyna Zmuda, Mirosław Cichocki (NPC), Cezary Serek (Coach).

Senior Teams:

1. HUNGARY: Miklos Dumbovich, Mihaly Kovacs, Peter Magyar, Geza Szappanos, Beatrix Nagy, Peter Barany (PC).
2. USA: Neil Chambers, Lew Finkel, Stephen Landen, Sam Lev, John Schermer, Richard Schwartz, Phillip Alder (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Patrick Grenthe, Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt, Patrice Piganeau, Philippe Poizat, Philippe Vanhoutte, Philippe Cronier (NPC), Solange D'Elbee (Coach).



2016, Wrocław - POLAND

The 15th World Bridge Games were staged in Wrocław. There were major changes with the introduction of the National Mixed Teams and the National Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed Pairs. Thanks to the excellent organisation of the Polish Bridge Union, the event was tremendously successful, despite some scoring errors affecting the outcome of the Open and Women's Pairs Championships necessitating rectification of the respective final rankings. The Open Series had 54 competing teams, the Women's series saw 35 teams, while the Seniors and the Mixed had 24 and 23 teams respectively. The Open Teams were divided into three sections, the Women's teams into two sections, both the Seniors and Mixed competed in one section playing a complete round robin to determine the teams to go through to the Knock Out phase. In the Open Teams, the Dutch squad defeated Monaco 155-134. The low-scoring final session featured six straight pushes to end the match. The Bronze went to the Polish team who defeated Spain. In the Mixed Teams, the Netherlands trailed Russia 123-86 with two sets to go but outscored their opponents 97-33 over the final 32 deals to win the first Mixed Teams to be played as a major event at the World Championships. USA collected two gold medals when their Senior team defeated France 194-156. Trailing by 51 going into the final set, France outscored USA 37-0 over the first five boards but could muster only 3 IMPs over the final 11 boards as the Americans scored 24 IMPs. The American women also played France, winners over USA last year in the Venice Cup in Chennai, India. USA won the first set 60-12 and never looked back in winning the rematch 254-180.

Open Teams:

1. NETHERLANDS: Sjoert Brink, Bauke Muller, Bart Nab, Bob Drijver, Bas Drijver, Simon De Wijs, Anton Maas (captain), Ton Bakkeren (Coach).
2. MONACO: Tor Helness, Geir Helgemo, Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Jean Charles Allavena, Krzysztof Martens (captain), Dominik Filipowicz (Coach).
3. POLAND: Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Jacek Kalita, Michał Nowosadzki, Michał Klukowski, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Piotr Walczak (captain), Stanisław Golebiowski (Coach).



Women's Teams:

1. USA: Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson, Sylvia Shi, Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow (NPC).
2. France: Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Nathalie Frey, Vanessa Reess, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Żochowska, Laurent Thuillez (NPC).
3. China: Huang Yan, Liu Yan, Lu Yan, Shen Qi, Wang Nan, Wang Wenfei, Wang Jianxin (NPC), Wang Xiaojing (Coach).



Senior Teams:

1. USA: Bob Hamman, Hemant Lall, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Jeff Meckstroth,

Reese Milner, Petra Hamman (NPC), Jacek Pszczoła (Coach).

2. France: Nicolas Dechelette, Pierre-Yves Guillaumin, Georges Iontzeff, Jean-Jacques Palau, Pierre Schmidt, Philippe Toffier, Eric Gautret (NPC).
3. Denmark: Knud-Aage Boesgaard, Jørgen Hansen, Hans Christian Nielsen, Dorthe Schaltz, Peter Schaltz, Steen Schou, Peter Magnussen (NPC), Jytte Ibsen (Coach).



Mixed Teams:

1. NETHERLANDS: Jan Jansma (PC), Richard Ritmeijer, Aida Jansma, Magdalena Ticha.
2. RUSSIA: Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Andrey Gromov, Alexander Dubinin, Georgi Matushko, Anna Gulevich.
3. BULGARIA: Ivan Nanev, Victor Aronov (PC), Georgi Karakolev, Miriana Mitovska, Diana Damianova, Marta Nikolova.



210 pairs representing 48 Countries played in the Open, 50 from 27 Countries in the Women's, 50 from 19 Countries in the Seniors, 114 from 36 Countries in the Mixed. With so many pairs dropping in to the Pairs after being eliminated from the Teams Championships unfortunately some scoring errors affected the final in Open and Women Pairs and the Championship Committee, after the end of the competitions, adjusted

the ranking resulting in joint winners being declared in both the events.

Open Pairs:

1. Sabine Auken - Roy Welland (Germany).
Ashley Bach - Michel Cornell (New Zealand).
3. Keyzad Anklesaria - Sunit Chokshi (Ind).



Women's Pairs:

1. Hila Levi - Adi Asulin (Israel).
Nikica Sver - Marina Pilipovic (Croatia).
3. Ling Gu - Tao Zhou (China).



Senior Pairs:

1. Goran Sellden - Bjorn Wenneberg (Sweden).
2. John Carruthers - Joseph Silver (Canada).
3. Badal Chandra Das - Aloke Sadhu (India).



Mixed Pairs:

1. Igor Khazanov - Maria Lebedeva (Russia).
2. Marta Sikora - Adam Walczynski (Poland).
3. Anna Kowalska - Marek Tyran (Poland).



The World Bridge Team Championships

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The Bermuda Bowl

National Open Teams World Championship



This contest, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach and took the name from Bermuda where the first World Championship was held in 1950, eight years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. The Bermuda Bridge Federation provided the trophy and generously provides the replicas for the winners on each occasion.

1950, Hamilton - BERMUDA

The first Championship was contested by USA, Europe and Britain. The USA won comfortably, beating Europe by 4,720 points and Britain by 3,660.

- USA: John Crawford, Charles Goren, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor, Sam Stayman.
- GREAT BRITAIN: Leslie Dodds, Nico Gardener, Maurice Harrison-Grey, Kenneth Konstam, Joel Tarlo, Louis Tarlo.



- EUROPE: Gunnar Gudmunsson, Rudolf Kock, Nils-Olof Lilliehöök, Einar Thorfinnsson, Einar Werner, Jan Wohlin.

1951, Naples - ITALY

Starting from 1951, the Bermuda Bowl developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championships. USA defeated Italy and retained the Bermuda Bowl.

- USA: B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).
- ITALY: Paolo Baroni, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Augusto Ricci, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).



1953, New York - USA



In order to bring the timing right in relation to the European Championships, in 1952 there was no contest and in New York in 1953 USA defeated Sweden, the European reigning champion.

- USA: B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, Theodore Lightner, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman, Joseph Cohan (NPC).
- SWEDEN: Gunnar Anulf, Rudolf (Putte) Kock, Robert Larsen, Nils-Olof Lilliehöök, Jan Wohlin, Einar Werner (PC).

1954, Monte Carlo - MONACO

USA once again won the Bermuda Bowl defeating France.

- USA: Clifford Bishop, Milton Ellenby, Lew Mathe, Don Oakie, William Rosen, Douglas Steen, Benjamin Johnson (NPC).
- FRANCE: Jacques Amouraben, René Bacherich, Jean Besse, Pierre Ghestem, Marcel Kornblum, Karl Schneider.



1955, New York - USA



For the first time the Bermuda Bowl was won by a European team, following which Great Britain and USA had to wait for 15 years before again achieving victory in the Bermuda Bowl.

- GREAT BRITAIN: Leslie Dodds, Kenneth Konstam, Adam Meredith, Jordanis Pavlides, Terence Reese, Boris Schapiro, Reginald Corwen (NPC).
- USA: Clifford Bishop, Milton Ellenby, Lewis Mathe, John Moran, William Rosen, Alvin Roth, Peter Leventritt (NPC).

1956, Paris - FRANCE

The home team, France, European Champion defeated USA.

- FRANCE: René Bacherich, Pierre Ghestem, Pierre Jaïs, Roger Lattes, Bertrand Romanet, Roger Trezel, Robert de Nexon (NPC).
- USA: Myron Field, Charles Goren, Lee Hazen, Richard Kahn, Charles Solomon, Samuel Stayman, Jeff Glick (NPC).



1957, New York - USA



In 1957 for the first time Italy won the Bermuda Bowl with the legendary Blue Team, which subsequently won 10 consecutive World Titles and Giorgio Belladonna (picture) won the first of his 13

Bermuda Bowl titles, an extraordinary unbroken record.

- ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- USA: Charles Goren, Boris Koytchou, Peter Leventritt, Harold Ogust, William Seamon, Helen Sobel, Rufus L. Miles Jr (NPC).

1958, Como - ITALY

In 1958 the South American Confederation, which had already held Championships of its own for ten years, competed for the first time.



1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
2. USA: B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Alvin Roth, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone, J.G. Ripstra (NPC).
3. ARGENTINA: Alberto Blousson, Carlos. Cabanne, Ricardo Calvente, Alejandro Castro (Cap.), Marcelo Lerner.

1959, New York - USA

The defending Champions, Italy, competed again against USA and Argentina and won its third title.



1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
2. USA: Harry Fishbein, Sam Fry, Leonard Harmon, Lee Hazen, Sidney Lazard, Ivar Stakgold, Charles Solomon (NPC).
3. ARGENTINA: Alberto Berisso, Ricardo Calvente, Alejandro Castro, Carlos Dibar, Arturo Jacques, Egisto Rocchi, Luis Santa Coloma (NPC).

1961, Buenos Aires - ARGENTINA



In 1960 because of the institution of the Bridge Olympiad, held in Turin, there was no contest. In 1961 in Buenos Aires the competition was enlarged to four teams: the defending Champions, Europe, South America and North America.

Benito Garozzo (picture) joined the Blue Team and won the first of his 12 Bermuda Bowls.

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
2. USA: John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Norman Kay, Peter Leventritt, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor, Frank Westcott (NPC).
3. FRANCE: René Bacherich, José Le Dentu, Claude Deruy, Pierre Ghestem, Roger Trezel, Robert De Nexon (NPC).

1962, New York - USA



1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC) (with Charles Goren in the picture).
2. USA: Charles Coon, Mervin Key, Lewis Mathe, Eric Murray, G. Robert Nail, Ron von der Porten, John Gerber (NPC).
3. GREAT BRITAIN: Nico Gardener, Kenneth Konstam, Tony Priday, Claude Rodrigue, Albert Rose, Alan Truscott, Louis Tarlo (NPC).

1963, St Vincent - ITALY

Eugenio Chiaradia played his last Bermuda Bowl winning it for the sixth time.

1. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).



2. USA: James Jacoby, Robert Jordan, Peter Leventritt, G. Robert Nail, Arthur Robinson, Howard Schenken, John Gerber (NPC).

3. FRANCE: René Bacherich, Gerard Desrousseaux, Pierre Ghestem, Jacques Stette, Georges Theron, Leon Tintner, Robert De Nexon (NPC).

1965, Buenos Aires - ARGENTINA

There was no contest in 1964 because of the Olympiad and once again in 1965 four



teams competed. Forquet-Garozzo (picture) were awarded with the prize for the best pair.

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Sergio Osella (NPC).
2. USA: B. Jay Becker, Ivan Erdos, Dorothy Hayden, Peter Leventritt, Kelsey Petterson, Howard Schenken, John Gerber (NPC).
3. ARGENTINA: Louis Attaguile, Alberto Berisso, Carlos Cabanne, Marcelo Lerner, Egisto Rocchi, Agustin Santamarina, Eduardo Marquardt (NPC).

1966, St Vincent - ITALY

In the 1960s the scope of international bridge was much enlarged. The World Bridge Federation began to arrange its member countries in geographical Zones, the basis for Bermuda Bowl eligibility. This meant that the contest began to take on its present world-wide character. In 1966 the Far East Bridge Federation, represented by Thailand,



joined in. Carlo Alberto Perroux, the Blue Teams founder and legendary Non Playing Captain (with Charles Goren in the picture) led the Italian team for the last time. Robert Hamman played his first Bermuda Bowl and won his first of the 21 World Championship medals.

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
2. USA: Phil Feldesman, Robert Hamman, Sami Kehela, Lewis Mathe, Eric Murray, Ira Rubin, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).
3. VENEZUELA: Roberto Benaim, David Berah, Robbie de Leeuw, Mario Onorati, Roger Rossignol, Francis Vernon, Gut Kramer (NPC).

1967, Miami Beach - USA

In Miami Beach the format was changed. Where previously the placing had been decided by a simple round robin, with two points for a win and one for a tie, now there was to be a round robin in which each team met each other in three separate matches, with 20 victory points at stake in each match; followed by a two-team final over 128 boards. The change proved successful and the old format was never restored.

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Guido Barbone (NPC).
2. USA: Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, William Root, Alvin Roth, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Jean-Michel Boulenger, Jacques Pariente, Jean-Marc Roudinesco, Jacques Stetten, Henri Szwarc, Leon Tintner, René Huni (NPC).



*The Italian team
lands in Miami*

1969, Rio de Janeiro - BRAZIL

There was no contest in 1968 because of the Olympiad, and in 1969 the Championship was hosted for the first time by Brazil. In the final Italy defeated Taiwan, following an extraordinary performance. Walter Avarelli (9 titles), Massimo D'Alelio (10 titles) and Camillo Pabis Ticci (5 titles) played and won their last Bermuda Bowl (picture).

1. ITALY: Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna,

Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Angelo Tracanella (NPC).

2. TAIWAN: Franck Huang, Patrick Huang, C.S. Shen, K.W. Shen, Kovit Suchartkul, Min Fan Tai, C.C. Wei (NPC).

3. USA: Billy Eisenberg, Robert Goldman, Bob Hamman, Edwin Kantar, Sidney Lazard, George Rapee, Oswald Jacoby (NPC).



1970, Stockholm - SWEDEN

In 1970 the late Ira Corn's "Aces" won the right to represent the USA in the Bermuda Bowl in Stockholm. In the absence of Italy's top team, the "Aces" outclassed the field.



This was the first World Championship won by Robert Hamman and Robert S. Wolff (picture), who in later years became the first player to take the Gold Medal in five

different World Championship events - the Bermuda Bowl, the World Teams Olympiad, the World Pairs, the World Mixed Teams and the World Senior Cup - equalled in 2010 by Fulvio Fantoni.

1. USA: William Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Robert S. Wolff, Oswald Jacoby (NPC).

2. TAIWAN: Conrad Cheng, Elmer Hsiao, Patrick Huang, Harry Lin, Min Fan Tai, David Mao (NPC).

3. NORWAY: Erik Hoie, Tore Jensen, Knut Koppang, Bjorn Larsen, Louis Andre Strom, Willy Varnas, Baard Bardsen (NPC).

1971, Taipei - CHINESE TAIPEI

Australia represented the South Pacific Zone for the first time and achieved the bronze medal. The "Aces" retained the title. For the first time since 1957 Italy was not qualified and did not compete.

1. USA: William Eisenberg, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Robert S. Wolff, Oswald Jacoby (NPC).



2. FRANCE: Jean-Michel Boulanger, Pierre Jaïs, Jean-Marc Roudinesco, Jean-Louis Stoppa, Henri Szwarc, Roger Trezel, René Huni (NPC).

3. AUSTRALIA: Jim Borin, Norma Borin, Richard (Dick) Cummings, Denis Howard, Tim Seres, Roelof Smilde, Jessef Rothfield (NPC).

1973, Guarujá - BRAZIL

1. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Bianchi, Pietro Forquet, Giuseppe Garabello, Benito Garozzo, Vito Pittala, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).

2. USA: Mark Blumenthal, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, James Jacoby, Michael

Lawrence, Robert S. Wolff, Ira G. Corn Jr (NPC).

3. BRAZIL: Pedro Paulo Assumpção, Marcelo Castello Branco, Pedro Paulo Castello Branco, Gabriel Chagas, Gabino Cintra, Christiano Fonseca, Adelstano Porte D'Ave (NPC).

1974, Venice - ITALY

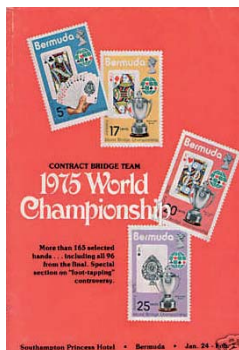


1. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Bianchi, Soldano de Falco, Pietro Forquet, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).

2. USA: Mark Blumenthal, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, Robert S. Wolff, Ira G. Corn Jr (NPC).

3. BRAZIL: Pedro Paulo Assumpção, Marcelo Castello Branco, Pedro Paulo Castello Branco, Gabriel Chagas, Gabino Cintra, Christiano Fonseca, George Vero (NPC).

1975, Hamilton - BERMUDA



This 1975 contest was to be staged where it all began 25 years earlier, on the island of Bermuda. It was the first time that screens and bidding boxes were used in an international competition.

The decision was taken by the WBF Executive Council, after a period of controversy, by six votes to three with two absten-

tions. The change proved successful and the use of screens and bidding boxes became definitive.

1. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Gianfranco Facchini, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Vito Pittala, Sergio Zucchelli, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).
2. USA: William Eisenberg, Robert Hamman, Edwin Kantar, Paul Soloway, John Swanson, Robert S. Wolff, Alfred Sheinwold (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Jean-Michel Boulanger, Michel Lebel, François Leenhardt, Christian Mari, Henri Szwarc, Edmond Vial, René Bacherich (NPC).

1976, Monte Carlo - MONACO

In Monte Carlo, for the first and last time, the Bridge Olympiad and the Bermuda Bowl were played at the same time. In a dramatic and very exciting final, USA defeated Italy. Pietro Forquet, one of the greatest champions in the history of bridge, played his last Bermuda Bowl, becoming the second greatest performer after Giorgio Belladonna with 12 titles.

1. USA: William Eisenberg, Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin, Paul Soloway, Dan Morse (NPC).
2. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Pietro Forquet, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Vito Pittala, Antonio Vivaldi, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).
3. ISRAEL: Julian Frydich, Michael Hochzeit, Sam Lev, Yeshayahu Levit, Pinhas Romik, Eliakim Shaufel, Rueben Kunin (NPC).



1977, Manila - PHILIPPINES

In 1977 the WBF By-Laws introduced a requirement that there should be a Zonal Team Championships for the Bermuda Bowl, which would now be held in odd-numbered years. The USA were allowed to be represented by two teams, who played the final. Robert Hamman won the third of his ten Bermuda Bowl titles.

1. USA II: William Eisenberg, Robert Hamman; Edwin Kantar, Paul Soloway,

John Swanson, Robert S. Wolff, Roger Stern (NPC).

2. USA I: Fred Hamilton, Mike Passell, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin, Ron von der Porten, Jerome Silverman (NPC).
3. SWEDEN: Anders Brunzell, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Hans Göthe, Jörgen Lindqvist, Anders Morath, Per-Olov Sundelin, Sven-Erik Berglund (NPC).



1979, Rio de Janeiro - BRAZIL

The Central American & Caribbean Zone made its debut and six Zones were represented. In another very hard fought final in which the USA defeated their ever-present Italian opponents by 5 IMPs, practically on the last board.

1. USA: Malcolm Brachman, William Eisenberg, Robert Goldman, Edwin Kantar, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Ed Theus (NPC).
2. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Soldano Falco, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Lorenzo Lauria, Vitto Pittala, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).



3. AUSTRALIA: Jim Borin, Norma Borin, Richard (Dick) Cummings, Andrew Reiner, Bobby Richman, Tim Seres, Denis Howard (NPC).

1981, Port Chester - USA

A new Zone was created and was represented by Pakistan, who had just won the inaugural championship of the Bridge Federation of Asia and the Middle East, went on to win the silver medal. Poland played its first Bermuda Bowl winning the bronze medal. Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell captured the first of their several Bermuda Bowl titles.



1. USA: Russ Arnold, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Burt Reinhold, Eric Rodwell, John Solodar, Thomas K. Sanders (NPC).
2. PAKISTAN: Nishat Abedi, Nisar Ahmed, Munir Ata-Ullah, Jan-e-Alam Fazli, Zia Mahmood, Masood Salim, Satta Cochinwala (NPC).
3. POLAND: Alexander Jezioro, Julian Klukowski, Marek Kudla, Krzysztof Martens, Andrzej Milde, Tomasz Przybora, Marian Frenkiel (NPC).

1983, Stockholm - SWEDEN

This was the first Bermuda Bowl played under a new format in which seeded teams from Europe and North America went automatically to the semi-finals, while the number two teams from the zones competed in a double round robin, along with one team from each of the remaining geographical zones, plus the host NBO. Once again the final was played by USA and Italy, and once again the match was dramatically decided at the end when the match seemed to be over with Italy winning the trophy. But because of a very bad slam bid by the Italians, USA recovered and won the title by 5 IMPs. It was the last Bermuda Bowl to see Giorgio Belladonna and Benito Garozzo competing. Giorgio Belladonna left with an incredible record 13 Gold and 3 Silver Medals from his 16 appearances in the



event. Benito Garozzo closed with 10 Gold and 3 Silver Medals.

1. USA: Michael Becker, Robert Hamman, Ron Rubin, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Robert S. Wolff, Joe Musumeci (NPC).
2. ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Soldano Falco, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Lorenzo Lauria, Carlo Mosca, Filippo Palma (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Michel Corn, Philippe Cronier, Michel Lebel, Hervé Mouiel, Philippe Soulet, Henry Szwarc, Pierre Schemeil (NPC).

1985, São Paulo - BRAZIL

1985 saw a further innovation: the Venice Cup was conducted at the same time, with the same format, eligibility and boards. Thus a record total of twenty teams were eligible - ten in each series.

1. USA: Robert Hamman, Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby, Robert S. Wolff, Alfred Sheinwold (NPC).
2. AUSTRIA: Heinrich Berger, Kurt Feichtinger, Jan Fucik, Wolfgang Meinl, Karl Rohan, Franz Terraneo, Franz Baratta (NPC).



3. ISRAEL: David Birman, Julian Frydlich, Michael Hochzeit, Sam Lev, Eliakim Shaufel, Shalom Zeligman, Avrick Peleg (NPC).

1987, Ochos Rios - JAMAICA



1. USA: Robert Hamman, Mike Lawrence, Chip Martel, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby, Robert S. Wolff, Dan Morse (NPC).
2. GREAT BRITAIN: John Armstrong, Raymond Brock, Jeremy Flint, Anthony Forrester, Graham Kirby, Robert Sheehan, Tony Friday (NPC).
3. CHINESE TAIPEI: Chuan-Cheng Chen, Patrick K.H. Huang, Che-Hung Kuo, C.S. Shen, Min-Fang Tai, Chen-Han Wu, Antonio T. Chong (NPC).

1989, Perth - AUSTRALIA

Brazil won its first Bermuda Bowl defeating USA in the final.

1. BRAZIL: Marcelo Castello Branco, Pedro Castello Branco, Carlos Camacho, Gabriel Chagas, Roberto De Mello. Riccardo Janz, Pedro Paulo Assumpção (NPC).
2. USA: Mike Lawrence, Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby, Kit Woolsey, Dan Morse (NPC).
3. POLAND: Cezary Balicki, Julian Klukowski, Krzysztof Martens, Krzysztof Moszczynski, Marek Szymanowski, Adam Zmudzinski, Marian Frenkiel (NPC).



1991, Yokohama - JAPAN

Over the years, there have been many changes in the format of the Bermuda Bowl. The latest philosophy held is that each of the WBF Zones should participate as of right, and that plural representation should be accorded to Zones 1 and 2, which have many more players. However, the seeding of a team from each of these Zones was not universally popular, so the WBF Executive Council approved a new format for use in the NEC Bermuda Bowl staged in Yokohama in 1991. Under the new format (which applied equally to the Venice Cup) Zone 1 was allowed to enter four teams, Zone 2 three teams, Zones 3-6 two teams and Zone 7 (which has only three NBOs) one team. The 16 teams were split into two groups of eight with the top four teams from each group qualifying for the quarter-finals after a double round robin.

In one of the most surprising tournaments ever, for the first time the final was played by two teams which had never before achieved the finals. Iceland squeezed through their semi-final against Sweden and then beat



Poland fairly comfortably 415-376 in the final. Sweden beat Brazil in the bronze medal play-off.

1. ICELAND: Jon Baldursson, Aðalsteinn Jörgensen, Orn Arnthorsson, Gudlaugur Johansson, Þorlákur Jonsson, Gudmundur Arnson, Bjorn Eysteinnsson (NPC).
2. POLAND: Cesary Balicki, Piotr Gawrys, Krysztof Lasocki, Krysztof Martens, Marek Szymanowski, Adam Zmudzinski, Andrej Orlow (NPC).
3. SWEDEN: Sven-Åke Bjerregard, Björn Fallenius, Tommy Gullberg, Anders Morath, Mats Nilslund, Per-Olov Sundelin, Svante Ryman (NPC).

1993, Santiago - CHILE

The Championship in Santiago reflected the surprise results seen in Yokohama, with the



youngest competing teams in Santiago reaching the final where the Dutch Team defeated Norway.

1. THE NETHERLANDS: Wubbo de Boer, Piet Jansen, Enri Leufkens, Bauke Muller, Jan Westerhof, Berri Westra, Jan Trouwborst (NPC).
2. NORWAY: Terje Aa, Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Arild Rasmussen, Jon Sveindal, Runar Lillevik (NPC).
3. BRAZIL: Marcelo Amaral, Jose Barbosa, Pedro Paulo Castello Branco, Carlos Camacho, Gabriel Chagas, Roberto De Mello, Pedro Paulo Assumpção (NPC).

1995, Beijing - CHINA

This event, which was very well organized and hosted by the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, was sponsored by Marlboro. The final was played by two North American teams and USA defeated Canada.

1. USA: Dick Freeman, Robert Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Robert S. Wolff, Edgar Kaplan (NPC).
2. CANADA: Boris Baran, Fred Gitelman, Eric Kokish, George Mittelman, Mark Molson, Joseph Silver, Litvak Irving (NPC).

3. FRANCE: Paul Chemla, Philippe Cronier, Michel Lebel, Michel Perron, Robert Reiplinger, Philippe Soulet, Jean-Paul Meyer (NPC).



1997, Hammamet - TUNISIA

This was the first time the Championship had been hosted in Africa. France, who had won the Teams Olympiad the year before,

confirmed its supremacy defeating USA in the final and winning the Bowl.

1. FRANCE: Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Christian Mari, Hervé Mouiel, Frank Multon, Michel Perron, Jean-Louis Stoppa (NPC).
2. USA II: Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Robert S Wolff, Walter Walvick (NPC).
3. NORWAY: Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Erik Sælensminde, Rolf E. Olsen, Einar Asbjørn Brenne (NPC).



2000 Hamilton - BERMUDA

The 1999 Bermuda Bowl was held in January 2000, in Hamilton Bermuda, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Championship and was sponsored by Orbis Investment Management Ltd. The venue was unsurpassed and the hospitality of the Bermuda Bridge Federation unrivalled. Brazil reached the final to face a very strong challenge from the USA, who won by a large margin, 506-288.

1. USA I: Robert Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Dick Freeman, Nick Nickell, Sidney Lazard (NPC).
2. BRAZIL: Marcelo Branco, Gabriel Chagas, Miguel Villas-Boas, João-Paulo Campos,



- Roberto Mello, Ricardo Janz, Pedro P. Assumpção (NPC).
3. USA II: Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Michael Rosenberg, Neil Silverman, Lew Stansby, Jeff Wolfson, Michael Becker (NPC).

2001, Paris - FRANCE

This event was scheduled initially in Bali (Indonesia), but after the terrorist attack in New York on 11 September, the Championship was moved to Paris in what can only be described as a triumph of organization by the WBF President, José Damiani.

Rose Meltzer was the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl, a feat she achieved on her own birthday. Robert Wolff played his last Bermuda Bowl, with a remarkable record of seven victories.



1. USA: Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby, Peter Weichsel, Jan Martel (NPC), Fred Gitelman (Coach).
2. NORWAY: Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Erik Sælensminde, Einar Asbjørn Brenne (NPC), Rolf E. Olsen (Coach).
3. POLAND: Cesary Balicki, Michal Kwiecien, Marcin Lesniewski, Krzysztof Martens, Jacek Pszczola, Adam Zmudzinski, Boguslav Skuza (NPC), Wojtek Siwiec (Coach).

2003, Monte Carlo - MONACO

1. USA I: Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Sidney Lazard (NPC).
2. ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC), Massimo Ortensi (Coach).
3. USA II: Doug Doub, Stephen Landen, Dan Morse, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Adam Wildavsky, Robert Wolff, Ralph Cohen (NPC), Geoff Hampson (Coach).



2005, Estoril - PORTUGAL

In Estoril, for the first time in a World Championship, all scores were entered directly from the tables using the new Bridgmate machines. This made the scores posted on the side Vu-graph screens much more reliable and cohesive than in the past. Italy won its first Bermuda Bowl title since 1975 with an outstanding performance and during this period held all three of the World Open Team titles: the Bermuda Bowl, the Olympiad and the Rosenblum Cup. The late Paul Soloway played his last Bermuda Bowl with a record of 5 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

1. ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Massimo Ortensi (Coach), Maria Teresa Lavazza



(NPC) - took the title once again, defeating.

2. USA 1: Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Sydney Lazard (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).
3. USA II: Russ Ekeblad, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss, Ron Rubin, Stephen Landen (NPC), Sheri Winestock (Coach).

2007, Shanghai - CHINA

Norway became World Champions for the first time in Shanghai. with an impressive performance, defeating USA 1 334-245.5 to win the Bermuda Bowl.

1. NORWAY: Boye Brogeland, Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Erik Sælensminde, Ulf Tundal, Sten Bjertnes (NPC), Vegard Brekke (Coach).

2. USA: Steve Garner, George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Howard Weinstein, Jan Martel (NPC), Chip Martel (Coach).



3. THE NETHERLANDS: Tom Bakkeren, Huub Bertens, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Bauke Muller, Simon de Wijs, Eric Laurant (NPC), Anton Maas (Coach).

2009, São Paulo - BRAZIL



Bob Hamman (picture) won the tenth Bermuda Bowl of his exceptional career, while Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell captured their fifth.

Once again USA and Italy played the final and USA defeated Italy 285-248. Bulgaria for the first time achieved a medal in the Bermuda Bowl, defeating China for the bronze.

1. USA: Bob Hamman, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Donna Compton (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).
2. ITALY: Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC), Massimo Ortensi (Coach).
3. BULGARIA: Victor Aronov, Diyan Danailov, Kalin Karaivanov, Georgi Karakolev, Julian Stefanov, Roumen Trendafilov, Vladislav N. Isporski (NPC).

2011, Veldhoven - THE NETHERLANDS

The 2011 Championship, sponsored by B.C.'t Onstein and its Chairman Hans Melchers, was organized following the criteria of the highest standards for the comfort of the players and was characterized by the latest technology and media broadcasting. For the first time in a World Championship the Card Reader System was used, operating with cameras registering the bidding and play, thus capturing all the data and providing video-records of the entire match. The Netherlands with an excellent performance won the title, for the second time, 18 years after they first won it in Santiago 1993. In the semi-final the young Dutch team defeated the favourites, the Italian team, 199 to 165 (with a 42-11 finishing stroke in the last 16 boards). Then in the final they had a comfortable win against USA 2, 300-225.



1. THE NETHERLANDS: Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Bauke Muller, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees Jr., Simon de Wijs, Eric Laurant (NPC), Anton Maas (Coach).
2. USA: Kevin Bathurst, Joe Grue, John Hurd, Justin Lall, Joel Wooldridge, Curtis Cheek (NPC), Daniel Zagorin (Coach).
3. ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC), Massimo Ortensi (Coach).

2013, Nusa Dua, Bali - INDONESIA

Twelve years after 2001 when owing the sudden and unforeseen circumstances the WBF had been obliged to move the championship from Bali to Paris, the event finally came back to Bali. The WBF could not have made a better decision. The championship was a tremendous success and all the participants enjoyed an unforgettable event, thanks to the wonderful Indonesian hosts, the warmth of their hospitality, their kindness and organization. Bali will go down in the history of bridge as one of the great championships.

After finishing second in the round robin, behind USA 1, Italy won its 15th Bermuda Bowl very easily defeating, with an impressive performance China (242/146) in quarterfinals, Poland (who withdrew after 4 of the 6 sessions when the score line was 201/79) in semifinal and Monaco (210/126) in the final. The new bridge star Agustin Madala won his first world title and became a World Grand Master. In a very

close match (146/142) Poland defeated USA 1 for the bronze.

1. ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Gianni Medugno (NPC), Giuseppe Failla (Coach).
2. MONACO: Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes, Pierre Zimmermann, Jean Charles Allavena (NPC), Krzysztof Martens (Coach).
3. POLAND: Cesary Balicki, Krzysztof Buras, Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Adam Zmudzinski, Piotr Walczak (NPC), Marek Wojcicki (Coach).



2015, Chennai - INDIA

Chennai hosted one of the best World Championship in the history of the event, thanks to the impressive job done by the Bridge Federation of India in its preparation and organisation and thanks to the magnificent venue, the ITC Grand Chola. The championship will also be remembered for the withdrawal of three teams (Israel, Monaco and Germany) and the revocation of the invitation to one Polish pair (Balicki-Zmudzinski). These were brought about by a major cheating scandal that shocked the bridge world in the weeks immediately before the start of the event.

However, despite the many issues at stake, the bridge was still excellent and in an exciting final Sweden charged into the lead with a huge seventh set, outscoring Poland 70-6 to take a 16.5 IMP lead. In the final set, the momentum swung the other way and Poland earned another title with a 307.5-293 victory. The Polish rising star Michal Klukowski (19 years old) won his second main World Title, after the Rosenblum Cup in Sanya, and is the youngest player ever in the history of bridge to achieve this and become a World Grand Master. The Polish victory also meant that Jacek Kalita and Marcin Mazurkiewicz

became Grand Masters, as did Johan Upmark from Sweden.

1. POLAND: Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Jacek Kalita, Michal Klukowski, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Michal Nowosadzki, Piotr Walczak (NPC), Stanislaw Golebiowski (Coach).
2. SWEDEN: Tommy Bergdahl, Fredrik Nyström, Johan Sylvan, Johan Upmark, Niklas Warne, Frederic Wrang, Jan Lagerman (NPC).
3. USA: Vincent Demuy, Paul Fireman, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, Shane Blanchard (NPC).



2017, Lyon - FRANCE

Thanks to the excellent preparation and organisation provided by the French Bridge Federation and its President Patrick Grenthe, and a superb location at the Cité Centre de Congrès, Lyon hosted a very successful championship that obtained the appreciation from all the participants. Chip Martel won his fourth Bermuda Bowl and Marty Fleisher became World Grand Master.

After a wonderful match that contained many thrilling deals it was USA that emerged beating France for just 2 IMPs. Bulgaria

defeated New Zealand in the Play-off for the bronze medal.

1. USA: Martin Fleisher, Joe Grue, Chip Martel, Brad Moss, Jacek Pszczola, Michael Rosenberg, Jan Martel (NPC).
2. FRANCE: Thomas Bessis, François Combescure, Cedric Lorenzini, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Jérôme Rombaut, Frédéric Volcker, Lionel Sebbane (NPC).
3. BULGARIA: Victor Aronov (PC), Diana Damianova, Georgi Karakolev, Vladimir Mihov, Ivan Nanev, Julian Stefanov, Marta Nikolova (Coach).



2019, Wuhan - CHINA



that, as President Thomas Bach remarked in his welcome message, in Wuhan the 20th anniversary of the recognition by the IOC of the WBF as International Federation was celebrated. Je Zhao (China), Grzegorz Narkiewicz & Krzysztof Buras (Poland) together with Ulf Tundal (Norway) became World Grand Masters. Poland and the Netherlands played a very exciting final, only decided by a tough slam deal just six boards from the end. Norway defeated USA for the Bronze Medal.

1. POLAND: Krzysztof Buras, Bartosz Chmurski, Jacek Kalita, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Michal Nowosadzki, Piotr Tuczynski, Marek Pietrasek (NPC), Marek Wojcicki (Coach).
2. NETHERLANDS: Simon De Wijs, Bob Drijver, Bauke Muller, Bart Nab, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees Jr., Anton Maas (NPC), Ton Bakkeren (Coach).
3. NORWAY: Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Nils Kare Kvangraven, Espen Lindqvist, Allan Livgård, Ulf Haakon Tundal, Christian Vennerød (NPC), Sten Bjertnes (Coach).

The Championships were a great success thanks to the excellent job done by the Chinese Contract Bridge Association and the Local Organising Committee. Wuhan welcomed and hosted the event brilliantly: the playing conditions were splendid and the participants were able to take full advantage of the services which were provided. This edition of the Championship was more important than in the past, because the number of the qualified teams were increased from 22 to 24 for each category and because for the first time in addition to the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy, the Wuhan Cup for Mixed Teams was included: 96 teams, 24 per each category, representing 42 affiliated Federations competed for the titles of World Champions and for the Medals. Another reason to enjoy the championship was



The Venice Cup

National Women's Teams World Championship



Like the older event, the Venice Cup was born out of a challenge match between the women's team from Italy representing Europe and a United States women's team and took the name from the City of Venice where the first edition was held in 1974 and which provided the prestigious trophy awarded to the winners of the World Championship for Women's Teams. The Italian Bridge Federation generously provides the replicas for the winners on each occasion. This contest is of more recent origin than the Bermuda Bowl, but in other respects the development of the two competitions has been remarkably similar.

1974, Venice - ITALY

Italy's claims for the honour of representing Europe in this inaugural contest were strong: their women's teams were at the time the holders of the European Women's Championship and of the World Olympiad Women's Teams. Nevertheless Italy was beaten, albeit narrowly. The margin in the 136-board match was 297 IMPs to 262 in favour of the United States.



Venice Cup Inauguration

- USA: Bette Cohn, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Emma Jean Hawes, Betty Ann Kennedy, Marietta Passell, Carol Sanders, Ruth McConnell (NPC).
- ITALY: Marisa Bianchi, Luciana Canessa, Rina Jabes, Maria Antonia Robaudo, Anna Valenti, Maria Vittoria (Mavi) Venturini, Giovanni Pelucchi (NPC).

1976, Monte Carlo - MONACO

The 2nd Venice Cup took place along with the 'jumbo' series of world championships held that year in Monte Carlo. Europe's representatives on this occasion were Great Britain who earned their place by winning the 1975 European Women's Championship. The victors, however, were again the USA, this time by the wide margin of 395 IMPs to 211 over 140 boards. The USA were represented by four players who had been on the 1975 winning team (Truscott, Hawes, Sanders and Kennedy).



- USA: Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Emma Jean Hawes, Betty Ann Kennedy, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Carol Sanders, Ruth McConnell (NPC).
- GREAT BRITAIN: Charley Esterson, Nicola Smith (formerly Gardener), Fritz Gordon, Sandra Landy, Rixi Markus, Rita Oldroyd, Graham Cooke (NPC).

1978, New Orleans - USA

Having been adopted by the WBF as a fully-fledged world championship, the Venice Cup was staged in New Orleans alongside the World Pairs and World Knock-Out Teams. There were five contestants: the United States as defending champions; Italy as winners of the 1977 European Championship, Argentina, representing South America, Australia, from Zone 7 and the Philippines, representing the Far East. In the second round-robin, the teams finished in that order. In the 64-board final, Italy started by scoring 47 IMPs before the opponents scored but in the end the USA again won decisively, by 229 IMPs to 140. The American pair Emma Jean Hawes & Dorothy Hayden Truscott, registered their third successive victory along with NPC Ruth McConnell.



1. USA: Emma Jean Hawes, Mary Jane Farrell, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell,

Gail Moss, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Ruth McConnell (NPC).

2. ITALY: Marisa Bianchi, Luciana Capodanno, Marisa Baffi D'Andrea, Enrica Gut, Andreina Morini, Anna Valenti, Guido Barbone (NPC), Anna Maria Torlontano (Coach).
3. ARGENTINA: Maria Teresa B. De Diaz, Maria Elena Iacapraro, Adriana C. De Martinez De Hoz, Marta Matienzo, Clara Monsegur, Adolfo Campos (NPC).

1981, Port Chester - USA

The 4th Venice Cup took place concurrently with the Bermuda Bowl held at Port Chester in the State of New York. Using the same deals as the Bermuda Bowl contestants, the five Venice Cup teams played a 15-session round-robin of 32-board matches to qualify two teams for a final. The round-robin was notable for a promising performance by Brazil, who entered the last round only needing to beat Great Britain by 11 IMPs to reach the final - win they did but only by 1 IMP, so they finished third in the standings. In the final, the United States at last surrendered the trophy they had held since it was first contested seven years earlier. Their opponents, Great Britain, started with a 'carryover' from the round-robin of 21 2/3 IMPs and won the 96 board encounter by 160 2/3 to 122.

1. GREAT BRITAIN: Pat Davies, Maureen Dennison, Sandra Landy, Sally Horton



(formerly Sowter), Nicola Smith, Diana Williams, Derek Rimmington (NPC).

2. USA: Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp, Betty Ann Kennedy, Judi Radin, Carol Sanders, Kathie Wei, Chuo Wei-Chi (NPC), Ron Andersen (Coach).
3. BRAZIL: Maria Lena Brito E Silva, Sylvia Figueria De Mello, Agota Mandelot, Maria Elizabeth Murtinho, Susy Powidzer, Alice Saade, Lia Cintra (NPC).

1985, São Paulo - BRAZIL

This Venice Cup was the first to be conducted under the new arrangement, which proved very successful. The full quota of ten teams participated, with Zone 4 - represented by India - taking part for the first time. The women played semi-final and final

matches of 128 boards, compared to 160 and 176 in the Bermuda Bowl. Nevertheless it was a Venice Cup team - the British - that experienced the severest test of stamina in either series, playing 464 boards in the round-robin and then 256 in the last two matches; 720 in all. Horton and Landy actually played 656 deals during the course of the competition - more than any other pair in either series. By contrast, the Brazil and Israel Open teams each played 608, whilst the two Bermuda Bowl finalists, USA and Austria, having been exempted from the round-robin, played only



336 each; and the French Venice Cup team, only 224 boards. France and USA 1, as winners of the Zone 1 and Zone 2 Championships, were exempted to the semi-finals, in the same way as in the Bermuda Bowl. In the semi-finals USA 1 beat Chinese Taipei, playing in their first Venice Cup contest, by 342 to 246; but Great Britain had a stiff task against France, trailing early and taking the lead only at halfway before winning eventually by 276 to 241. Great Britain won the final by 323 to 213, having led from the start. France

defeated Chinese Taipei for the bronze medal.

1. GREAT BRITAIN: Michelle Brunner, Pat Davies, Sally Horton, Sandra Landy, Nicola Smith, Gillian Scott-Jones, Grattan Endicott (NPC).
2. USA: Betty Ann Kennedy, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Judi Radin, Carol Sanders, Kathie Wei, Dan Morse (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Véronique Bessis, Ginette Chevalley, Catherine Saul, Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Fabienne Pigeaud, Sylvie Willard, Alain Levy (NPC).

1987, Ochos Rios - JAMAICA

USA defeated France in the final. Bronze medalists were Italy, who defeated the second USA team in the third place play-off.



1. USA: Cheri Bjerkan, Juanita Chambers, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Judi Radin, Kathie Wei, Carol Sanders (NPC).
2. FRANCE: Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Véronique Bessis, Hélène Bordenave, Ginette Chevalley, Bénédicte Cronier, Sylvie Willard, Gerard Le Royer (NPC).
3. ITALY: Marisa Bianchi, Luciana Capodanno, Marisa Baffi D'Andrea, Carla Gianardi, Gabriella Olivieri, Anna Valenti, Gianarrigo Rona (NPC).

1989, Perth - AUSTRALIA

The Venice Cup was sponsored by NEC for the first time. The USA defeated the Netherlands by 352-318 IMPs after trailing by 23 IMPs with just 13 boards to play. Third were Canada, who defeated Germany in the play-off for the bronze medal.

1. USA: Kitty Bethe Munson, Lynn Deas, Margie Gwozdzinsky, Karen McCallum, Beth Palmer, Kerri Shuman, Dorothy Hayden Truscott (NPC).
2. THE NETHERLANDS: Carla Arnolds, Ellen Bakker, Ina Gielkens, Elly Schippers, Bep Vriend, Marijke van der Pas, Jet Pasman (NPC).



3. CANADA: Gloria Silverman Bart, Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Mary Paul, Sharyn Reus, Catherine (Katie) Thorpe, George Mittelman (NPC).

1991, Yokohama - JAPAN

The final of the NEC Venice Cup saw USA II comfortably repel the challenge from Austria 358-258. Bronze medallists were China, who defeated USA I in the third place play-



off. Lynn Deas won the Venice Cup for the third time.

1. USA: Lynn Deas, Nell Cahn, Stasha Cohen, Sharon Osberg, Nancy Passell, Sue Picus, Kathie Wei (NPC).
2. AUSTRIA: Gabriele Bamberger, Maria Erhart, Doris Fisher, Rosi Spinn, Terry Weigkricht, Britta Widengren, Ernst Pichler (NPC).
3. CHINA: Gu Ling, Sun Ming, Shi Shaomin, Wang Liping, Liu Yiqian, Zhang Yalan, Yi Hougao (NPC).

1993, Santiago - CHILE

USA II retained the NEC Venice Cup, comfortably beating Germany 325.5-272. The Bronze Medal went to Sweden, beating Argentina in the play-off.



1. USA II: Sharon Osberg, Karen McCallum, Jill Meyers, Sue Picus, Kay Schulle, Kerri Shuman, Jo Morse (NPC).
2. GERMANY: Sabine Auken (formerly Zenkel), Daniela von Arnim, Karin Caesar, Marianne Moegel, Beate (Pony) Nehmert, Waltraud Vogt, Klaus Reps (NPC).
3. SWEDEN: Lisa Åström, Pyttsi Flodqvist, Linda Långström, Mari Ryman, Catarina Midskog, Britt-Marie (Bim) Ödlund, Kerstin Strandberg (NPC).

1995, Beijing - CHINA

In this event, sponsored by Marlboro, Germany took their revenge on America, beating them by 312-248. This was the first time a non-American team had won the Venice Trophy since 1987. The Bronze Medal went to France, beating China in the play-off.

1. GERMANY: Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken (formerly Zenkel), Karin Caesar, Marianne Moegel, Pony Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid, Klaus Reps (NPC).
2. USA: Karen McCallum, Kitty Munson, Sue Picus, Rozanne Pollack, Kerri Shuman, Carol Simon, Steve Sanborn (NPC).



3. FRANCE: Véronique Bessis, Claude Blouquit, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio (formerly Saul), Colette Lise, Sylvie Willard, Max Coppolani (NPC), Jean-Christophe Quantin (Coach).

1997, Hammamet - TUNISIA

USA beat a popular young Chinese team in the final by 244-184. USA II took the bronze medal, beating France in the play-off.

1. USA I: Lisa Berkowitz, Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letizia, Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Tobi Sokolow, Sue Picus (NPC).
2. CHINA: Gu Ling, Sun Ming, Shi Shaomin, Wang Liping, Liu Yiqian, Zhang Yalan, Yi Hougao (NPC).
3. USA II: Juanita Chambers, Lynn Deas, Irina Levitina, Beth Palmer, Kerry Shuman, Katherine Wei-Sender, Dan Morse (NPC).



2000, Hamilton - BERMUDA

The 1999 Venice Cup was sponsored by Orbis Investment Management Ltd. and held in Bermuda in January 2000. The final was probably the closest match ever in a World Championship, with The Netherlands beating a very strong USA team by just 0.4 of an IMP, 249.7-249.3 and winning its first Venice Cup. The Bronze Medal went to Denmark, beating Austria in the play-off.

1. NETHERLANDS: Marijke van der Pas, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Martine Verbeek, Bep Vriend, Wietske van Zwol,

Ed Franken (NPC), Chris Niemeijer (Coach).

2. USA: Renee Mancuso, Jill Meyers, Janice Molson, Randi Montin, Shawn Quinn, Tobi Sokolow, Jo Morse & Rita Seamon (NPCs).
3. DENMARK: Anne Katrine Bilde-Kofoed, Dorte Cilleborg, Mette Drogemuller, Bettina Kalkerup, Charlotte Koch-Palmund, Kirsten Steen Møller, Jacob Ron (NPC), Lotte Skaanning-Norris (Coach).



2001, Paris - FRANCE

The 2001 Venice Cup initially scheduled in Bali (Indonesia), was held in Paris because of the terrorist attack on September 11 in New York. In a final of epic proportions, Germany defeated France by 218 to 215.5. The Bronze Medal went to USA II, beating Austria in the play-off.

1. GERMANY: Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Barbara Hackett, Katrin Farwig,

Beate (Pony) Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid, Joerg Fritsche (NPC).

2. FRANCE: Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Catherine Fishpool, Elisabeth Hugon, Sylvie Willard, Patrick Grenthe (NPC), Pierre-Jean Louchart (Coach).
3. USA: Mildred Breed, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn, Kay Schulle, Charlie Weed (NPC).



2003, Monte Carlo - MONACO

Kathie Wei-Sender, the WBF Ambassador for Bridge, played on the victorious USA I team, beating her own students, the Chinese Venice Cup Team, in a close match, the final score being 229.3-210.



The Bronze Medal went to The Netherlands, beating USA II in the play-off. Betty Ann Kennedy and Sue Picus won the Venice Cup for the third time.

1. USA: Betty Ann Kennedy, Jill Levin (formerly Blanchard), Sue Picus, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Katherine Wei-Sender, Kent Massie (NPC).
2. CHINA: Gu Ling, Zhang Yalan, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Zhang Yu & Wang Xiaojing (NPC).
3. THE NETHERLANDS: Carla Arnolds, Marijke van der Pas, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Bep Vriend, Wietske van Zwol, Ed Franken (NPC), Christoffer Niemeijer (Coach).

2005, Estoril - PORTUGAL

For the first time in a World Championship all scores were entered directly from the tables using the new Bridgmate machines. This made the scores posted on the side Vu-graph screens much more reliable and cohesive than in the past. The final was once again France versus Germany: we can be sure that none of these players had forgotten the Venice Cup final in Paris 2001, in which Germany wiped out a 47-IMP French lead in the last session. In Estoril France took its revenge beating Germany 191/136 and winning their first Venice Cup after previously winning two silver and two bronze medals. The Netherlands took the bronze, beating USA I in the play-off.

1. FRANCE: Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Nathalie Frey, Vanessa Rees, Sylvie Willard, Gérard Tissot (NPC).
2. GERMANY: Anja Alberti, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Barbara Hackett,



Beate (Pony) Nehmert, Mirja Scharaverus, Bernard Ludewig (NPC), Nikolas Bausback (Coach).

3. THE NETHERLANDS: Carla Arnolds, Femke Hoogweg, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Bep Vriend, Wietske van Zwol, Ed Franken (NPC), Erik Leufkens (Coach).

2007, Shanghai - CHINA

Germany made it to the final once again, but were defeated by USA I, who won 242-158.6. China took the bronze medal, beating France in the play-off. Jill Meyers won her third Venice Cup, joining several others at the top of the current ranking: Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Emma Jean Hawes, Betty Ann Kennedy and Sue Picus.

1. USA 1: Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Hansa Narasimhan, Debbie Rosenberg, Jo Anna Stansby, Gail Moss (NPC).
2. GERMANY: Anja Alberti, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Barbara Hackett, Beate (Pony) Nehmert, Mirja Schraeverus-



Meuer, Bernard Ludewig (NPC), Michael Yuen (NPC).

3. CHINA: Gu Ling, Liu Yiqian, Sun Ming, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Zhang Yalan, Lin Yafu (Coach).

2009, São Paulo - BRAZIL

In São Paulo, in each of the three main events, the 22 teams played a complete round robin of 16-board matches, three a day for seven days, followed by 96-board quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. This was the first Venice Cup victory for China who had previously taken two silver and three bronze medals. It came in a dominating 220-148 victory over the strong USAI team. China won five of the six sets, losing only the last 19-18 when the issue was just about settled. France took the bronze medal, beating USA I in the play-off.

1. CHINA: Dong Yongling, Liu Yiqian, Sun Ming, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Yan Ru, Lin Yafu (Coach).
2. USA 1: Lynn Baker, Lynn Deas, Irina



Levitina, Karen McCallum, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn (formerly Shuman), Sam Dinkin (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).

3. FRANCE: Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Elisabeth Hugon, Sylvie Willard, Julien Gaviard (NPC), Thomas Bessis (Coach).

2011, Veldhoven - THE NETHERLANDS

France won its second Venice Cup, following their first victory in Estoril 2005, defeating the young Indonesian team 193-103 who had put up an impressive performance to reach the final and win their first world medal.

1. FRANCE: Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, Thomas Bessis (NPC), Romain Tembouret (Coach).
2. INDONESIA: Lusje Olha Bojoh, Fera Damayanti, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Riantini, Julita Grace Tueje, Bert Toar Polii (NPC), Hasyim Arif (Coach).



3. NETHERLANDS: Carla Arnolds, Laura Dekkers, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Bep Vriend, Alex Van Reenen (NPC), Hans Kelder (Coach).

2013, Nusa Dua, Bali - INDONESIA

In the final, which was a very close and exciting match, with the lead changing almost board-by-board and finally decided over the last few boards, USA won its 11th Venice Cup defeating the Champions from Lille, England. Jill Meyers (picture) won her 4th World Teams Championship, a result never achieved in the history of the Venice Cup. Jenny Wolpert and Migry Zur-Campanile (USA) and Fiona Brown and Susan Stockdale (England) achieved the title of World Grand Master. The Netherlands team -



which had easily won the round robin, leading the ranking throughout - were defeated in the semifinal by USA 2 and then won the bronze medal against China.

1. USA: Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jenny Wolpert, Migry Zur-Campanile, Sue Picus (NPC).
2. ENGLAND: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan Stockdale, Jeremy Dhondy (NPC), David Burn (Coach).
3. THE NETHERLANDS: Carla Arnolds, Marion Michielsens, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Meike Wortel, Wietske van Zwol, Alex van Reenen (NPC), Hans Kelder (Coach).



2015, Chennai - INDIA

In a very close and exciting final, fought up to the last board, France defeated USA (179,7-171) and captured its third Venice Cup. Joanna Zochowska achieved the title of Women's World Grand Master.

For the Bronze Medal England defeated Netherlands.

1. FRANCE: Debora Campagnano, Bénédicte Cronier, Elisabeth Hugon, Vanessa Rees, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Zochowska, Laurent Thuillez (NPC).
2. USA: Juanita Chambers, Lynn Deas, Joann Glasson, Beth Palmer, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow (NPC).

3. ENGLAND: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Derek Patterson (NPC), David Burn (Coach).



2017, Lyon - FRANCE

China powered their way to their second Venice Cup title by forcing England to concede after five sessions of what turned out to be a one-sided final. Although Sweden lost three of the five sets against Poland, they never gave up the lead they took in the first one to secure the bronze medals.

1. CHINA: Yan Huang, Yan Liu, Yan Lu, Qi Shen, Nan Wang, Wenfei Wang, Jihong Hu (npc), Xiaojing Wang (Coach).
2. ENGLAND: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Catherine Draper, Sandra Penfold, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith,

Derek Patterson (npc), David Burn (Coach).

3. SWEDEN: Pia Andersson, Kathrine Bertheau, Ida Gronqvist, Emma Ovelius, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Kenneth Borin (npc), Carina Wademark (Coach).

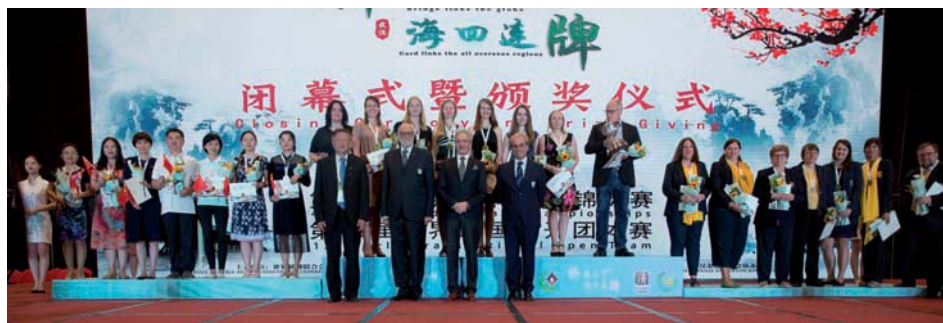


2019, Wuhan - CHINA

The final was a nail-biting affair before Sweden with an exciting last session (plus 27) managed to draw away at the end for a famous victory beating China 189-169. England defeated Netherlands 162-157 for the Bronze Medal with a comeback in the last session. The Swedish rising star Sanna Clementsson (19 years old) won her first World Title, following her Gold Medal won in Portugal in February at the European Mixed Teams Championship. Kathrine Bertheau, Cecilia Rimstedt, Ida Gronqvist, Emma Sjoberg (Sweden), Fiona Brown (England), Nan Wang, Jie Zhao & Qi Shen (China) all became Women World Grand Masters.

Nicola Smith advanced her total of medals to 17. Nicola won her first medal in 1976 and she has since won five world titles, eight silver medals and four bronzes.

1. SWEDEN: Kathrine Bertheau, Sanna Clementsson, Ida Gronqvist, Jessica Larsson, Emma Ovelius, Cecilia Rimstedt, Kenneth Borin (NPC), Carina Wademark (Coach).
2. CHINA: Yan Liu, Yan Lu, Qi Shen, Nan Wang, Wen Fei Wang, Xiaoxue Zuo, Xiaojing Wang (NPC), Xiaojing Wang (Coach).
3. ENGLAND: Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Gillian Fawcett, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Yvonne Wiseman, David Gold (NPC), David Burn (Coach).



The d'Orsi Trophy

National Senior Teams World Championship



Inaugurated in 2001, this new event takes place every odd numbered year in conjunction with the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. In 2005 the event took the name of the WBF Past President Ernesto d'Orsi who presented the Trophy and provided replicas for the winners.

2001, Paris - FRANCE

Eight teams from four Zonal Conferences competed in the first Senior Trophy, which consisted of a double round robin followed by semi-finals and finals.

The Championship was won by USA II who took the crown by defeating Poland. FRANCE took the bronze medal by defeating USA I.

1. USA: Grant Baze, Gene Freed, Garey

Hayden, Joseph Kivel, Chris Larsen, John Onstott.

2. POLAND: Wit Klapper, Andrzej Milde, Jerzy Russyan, Stefan Szenberg, Wlodzimierz Wala, Andrzej Wilkosz, Wlodzimierz Stobiecki (NPC).

3. FRANCE: Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Claude Delmouly, François Leenhardt, Christian Mari, Michael Schneider, Yves Aubry (NPC).



2003, Monte Carlo - MONACO

15 teams representing 7 Zonal Conferences attended the championship and playing a 15-round Swiss event.

1. USA I: Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Garey Hayden, Gaylor Kasle, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey.
2. FRANCE: Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu,

Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt, Christian Mari, Philippe Poizat, Yves Aubry (NPC).

3. USA II: Dennis Dawson, Arnold Fisher, Zeke Jabbour, Clement Jackson, John Mohan, John Sutherlin, Carolyn Lynch (NPC).



2005, Estoril - PORTUGAL

For the first time the event embraced the same format as its parallel Open and Women's Championships with 22 teams competing.

USA I retained the title defeating Indonesia in the final. Garey Hayden won his third consecutive Senior title.

1. USA: Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby, Peter

Weichsel, Jan Martel (NPC), Chip Martel (Coach).

2. INDONESIA: Arwin Budirahardja, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Amiruddin Yusuf, Bert Toar Polii (NPC).
3. DENMARK: Jens Auken, Flemming Dahl, Peter Lund, Kirsten Steen Møller, Steen Møller, Georg Norris, Peter Westrup (NPC).



2007, Shanghai - CHINA

USA and Indonesia once again met in the final and Indonesia withdrew after 80 deals, trailing 205-127 conceding victory to the USA for the fourth consecutive time. Roger Bates and Grant Baze won their third Senior Trophy.

1. USA II: Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Bart Bramley, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby, Kyle Larsen (NPC), Patty Magnus (Coach).
2. INDONESIA. Henky Lasut, Anindra Lubis, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Ferdinand Waluyan, Bert Toar Polii (NPC).



3. USA I: Dan Gerstman, Gaylor Kasle, Dan Morse, Ron Smith, John Sutherlin, Robert Wolff, Donna Compton (NPC).

2009, São Paulo - BRAZIL

In São Paulo, in each of the three main events, the 22 teams played a complete round robin of 16-board matches, three a day for seven days, followed by 96-board quarter and semi-finals. The freshly-minted d'Orsi Senior Trophy final was a two-day 96-deal match.

England had to come back from a serious deficit against their Senior Trophy opponents from Poland. After falling behind 59-1 in the

first set (62.67 including carryover), England knuckled down and played tough the rest of the way, particularly on the Friday, when they surrendered only 47 IMPs over 48 boards to emerge with a 187-163.67 victory. England's win was the first in the history of the event for a non-USA squad. Indonesia achieved the podium for the third consecutive time.

1. ENGLAND: Paul D Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg, Ross Harper, John Holland, David Price, Colin Simpson, Peter Baxter (NPC).
2. POLAND: Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, Włodzimierz Wala (NPC).
3. INDONESIA: Arianto Karna Djajanegara, Michael Bambang Hartono, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Santje Panelewen (NPC).



2011, Veldhoven - THE NETHERLANDS

In Veldhoven the Senior Series was a championship for strong hearts, because of the tremendous emotions lived through and offered to the spectators by the players during both the semi-final and the final. At



the end of two memorable and exciting matches, France won its first Senior title defeating Poland 197-196.3 in the semi-final and USA 2 by 165-160.3 in the final, recovering on the very last board.

1. FRANCE: Patrick Grenthe, Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt, Patrice Piganeau, Philippe Poizat, Philippe Vanhoutte, Philippe Cronier (NPC).
2. USA: Peter Boyd, Neil Chambers, Gaylor Kasle, Larry Kozlove, Steve Robinson, John Schermer, Donna Compton (NPC).
3. POLAND: Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, Andrzej Biernacki (NPC).

2013, Nusa Dua, Bali - INDONESIA

The result of the Championship in Bali was: 1st Germany, 2nd USA, 3rd Poland. Following an accusation of improper behaviour presented by the USA Team against the German Pair Elinescu-Wladow during the Final between Germany and USA, a disciplinary procedure was initiated and with a decision of the Disciplinary Commission, confirmed by the Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal, Michael Elinescu and Entscho Wladow were found guilty of cheating and consequently suspended. The Executive Council in Sanya, October 2014, decided to revoke the title and the medals to the

German Team and enforced the following new ranking:

1. USA: Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passel, Eddie Would, Donna Compton (NPC).
2. POLAND: Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, Włodzimierz Wala (NPC), Andrzej Biernacki (Coach).
3. FRANCE: Patrick Grenthe, Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt, Alain Levy, Philippe Poizat, Philippe Vanhoutte, Philippe Cronier (NPC).



2015, Chennai - INDIA

The final of the d'Orsi Trophy saw a comfortable win for USA1, beating Sweden 263-126.3, giving Hemant Lall the title of Senior Grand Master. Poland also cruised to a comfortable victory over USA2 for the bronze medal.

1. USA: Bob Hamman, Mark Lair, Hemant Lall, Zia Mahmood, Reese Milner, Michael Rosenberg, Petra Hamman (NPC), Jacek Pszczola (Coach).
2. SWEDEN: Svenn-Ake Bjerregard, Per Gunnar Eliasson, Anders Morath, Johnny Ostberg, Goran Sellden, Bjorn Wenneberg, Tommy Gullberg (NPC), Carina Wademark (Coach).

3. POLAND: Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russian, Włodzimierz Wala (NPC), Andrzej Biernacki (Coach).



2017, Lyon - FRANCE

After a tremendous struggle USA finally overcame the resistance of Italy in the final of the d'Orsi Trophy (the seventh time the title has gone to the USA) while Sweden powered past India to collect the bronze.

1. USA. Michael Becker, David Berkowitz, Allan Graves, Neil Silverman, Alan Sontag, Jeff Wolfson, Steve Garner (NPC).

2. ITALY: Andrea Buratti, Amedeo Comella, Giuseppe Failla, Aldo Mina, Ruggero Pulga, Stefano Sabbatini, Pierfrancesco Parolaro (NPC).
3. SWEDEN: Mats Axdorff, Christer Bjaring, Sven-Ake Bjerregard, Bengt-Erik Efraimsson, Anders Morath, Johnny Ostberg, Tommy Gullberg (npc), Carina Wademark (Coach).



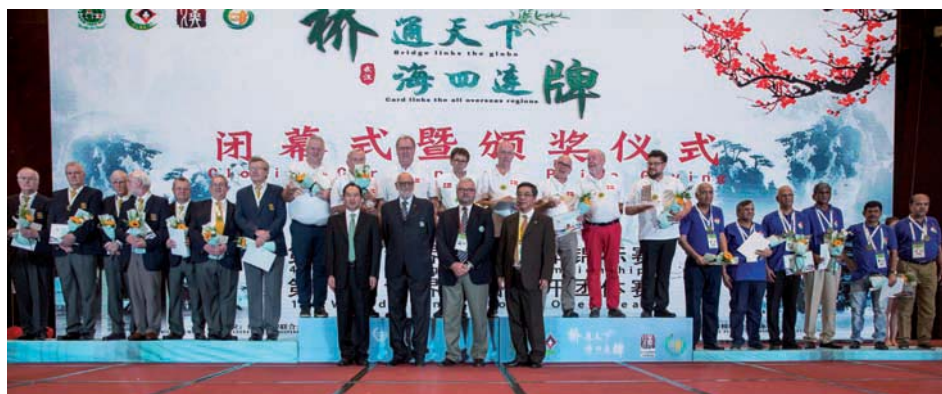
2019, Wuhan - CHINA

In the d'Orsi Trophy, Denmark kept England at bay, winning 194-167, while India defeated Netherlands 160-141 for the Bronze Medals.

1. DENMARK: Knud-Aage Boesgaard, Soren Christiansen, Henrik Norman Hansen, Jorgen Cilleborg Hansen, Hans Christian Nielsen, Steen Schou, Bo Loenberg Bilde (NPC), Jan Nielsen (Coach).

2. ENGLAND: John Holland, David Kendrick, Alan Mould, David Muller, Malcolm Pryor, Trevor Ward, David S Jones (NPC).

3. INDIA: Sukamal Das, Subhash Dhakras, Dipak Poddar, Subrata Saha, Jitendra Solani, Ramamurthy Sridharan, Vinay Desai (NPC), Anal Shah (Coach).



The Wuhan Cup

National Mixed Teams World Championship



Inaugurated in 2019, this new event takes place in conjunction with Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy. The event took the name of the City of Wuhan which presented the prestigious trophy and provided and will provide replicas for the winners in future.

2019, Wuhan - CHINA

The first edition of the Wuhan Cup was very exciting. One of the semi-finals saw a close dramatic match between Russia and Romania. The match ended in a tie (174-174) which meant that Russia made it to final on the basis of having won their direct match in the Round Robin. The final was another nail-biting affair where Russia prevailed against USA 175-170. Romania defeated England 190-166 for the Bronze Medal.

1. RUSSIA: Alexander Dubinin, Alexej Gerasimov, Andrey Gromov, Anna Gulevich, Tatiana Ponomareva, Olga Vorobeychikova.
2. USA: Cheri Bjerkan, Allan Graves, Christal Henner, Uday Ivatury, Jill Meyers, Howard Weinstein, Joe Stokes (NPC).
3. ROMANIA: Mihaela Balint, Marius Ionita, Bogdan Marina (PC), Geta Mihai, Radu Mihai, Marina Stegaroiu.



The World Bridge Series

These Championships have grown in stature and are now the biggest of all events in terms of entries. They began, however, on a modest scale, simply with a World Open Pairs and a corresponding women's event and in the early years, a Mixed event of one kind or another to round out the program.

1962, Cannes - FRANCE



The first official World Pairs Championship was held in Cannes, largely at the initiative of Baron de Nexon, who was President of the French Bridge Federation,

the European Bridge League and the WBF.

The **Open** was contested by 78 pairs, representing 20 nations. Computer-scoring was used for the first time in an official international event and the medalists were:

1. Pierre Jaïs - Roger Trézel (France).
2. Terence Reese - Boris Shapiro (Great Britain).
3. René Bacherich - Pierre Ghestem (France).

The **Women's** medalists were:

1. Fritzi Gordon - Rixi Markus (Great Britain).
2. Fanny Pariente - Marianne Serf (France).
3. Dorothy Hayden - Helen Portugal (USA).

There was in addition a **mixed teams** event, won from a field of 20 by Nico Gardener, Fritzi Gordon, Rixi Markus (picture) & Boris Shapiro (Great Britain).

1966, Amsterdam - THE NETHERLANDS

The Championships, held in Amsterdam, were contested by 29 nations and a Mixed Pairs event was included. An overall trophy was instituted.

The **Open** was attended by 106 pairs and the medalists were:

1. Hans Kreijhns - Cornelius Slavenburg (The Netherlands).
2. Dr John Fisher - Jim Jacoby (USA).
3. B. Jay Becker - Dorothy Hayden (USA).



The bronze medal earned by Dorothy Hayden (then Truscott) remains comfortably the highest ranking ever achieved by a woman in the Open Pairs.

44 pairs contested the **Women's** Championship, where the medalists were:

1. Joan Durran - Jane Juan (Great Britain).
2. Nancy Gruver - Sue Sachs (USA).
3. Mary Jane Farell - Peggy Solomon (USA).

For Jane Juan (Jane Friday) this was the completion of a notable double, as she was already reigning Women's Teams Olympiad champion.

The **Mixed** event was contested by 130 pairs and Mary-Jane Farell and Ivan Erdos (USA) won the gold medal, followed by Joan Durran and Maurice Weissburger (Great Britain).

The **Charles Solomon Trophy** for the best overall performance by representatives of one nation was awarded for the first time at this tournament. It was won easily by the USA, and has been in the possession of the United States ever since.

1970, Stockholm - SWEDEN



The championships were played consecutively with the Bermuda Bowl in

Stockholm. Appropriately - for their country of origin was Sweden - bidding boxes made their first appearance in world championship play. Scoring across the field was used. Computers enabled frequencies to be flashed onto a large screen visible to all the players well before the next round was finished. The ranking followed only a few minutes later.

The **Open** was attended by 158 pairs and the medalists were:

1. Fritz Babsch - Peter Manhardt (Austria).
2. Benito Garozzo - Federico Mayer (Italy).
3. William Saulino - Italo Zanasi (Italy).

In the 72-pair **Women's** event the medalists were:

1. Mary Jane Farell - Marilyn Johnson (USA) (picture).
2. Fritzi Gordon - Rixi Markus (Great Britain).
3. Britt Bloom - Gunborg Silborn (Sweden).

Mary Jane Farell added another title to her already impressive World Championship record.



The **Mixed** event, contested by 228 pairs, saw a remarkable performance by a player who 40 years earlier had contested the very first international contract bridge matches between a Bridge World team and Britain and France, who had been an outstanding player of auction bridge before contract was even invented. Aged 74 and troubled by poor sight, USA's Waldemar von Zedwitz headed the field in the partnership with Barbara Brier (picture). Second was a Great Britain/Switzerland combination, Rixi Markus and Georges Catzefflis. Third were Riva Sinder and Michael Hochzeit of Israel. Von Zedwitz's service to the game of bridge as a player, administrator and theorist was later recognised by his election to WBF's Committee of Honour.

The Mixed event was won by a USA team headed by Bobby Wolff.

1974, Las Palmas - CANARY ISLANDS

These championships were held in Las Palmas, Canary Islands with 40 nations participating.

In the **Open** contested by 192 pairs, the medallists were:

1. Bob Hamman - Bobby Wolff (USA).
2. Adriano Abate - Leandro Burgay (Italy).
3. Federico de Paula - Italo Zanasi (Italy).

Europe's hold on the Open crown was broken by Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff for many years were in the top five ranked players in the world based on WBF master points won. Even today Bob Hamman has more Placing Points than any other player.

The **Women's Pairs** was won by a margin of seven boards, a feat unparalleled in the annals of world competition, by Fritzi Gordon (pic-

ture) - Rixi Markus (Great Britain).

2. Gerda Goslar - Rita Jacobson (South Africa).
3. Emma Jean Hawes - Dorothy Truscott (USA).

This gave the victors the remarkable record of two wins and a second in three World Pairs Championship appearances.

The **Mixed Teams** event was won from a field of 64 by Peggy Lipsitz, Robert Lipsitz, Jo Morse, Steve Parker and Steve Robinson (USA).

The **Mixed Pairs** was won by Tony Trad and Loula Gordon of Switzerland.



1978, New Orleans - USA

The 1978 Championships, held in New Orleans, saw the successful inauguration of a major event: the **World Knockout Teams Championship** for the **Rosenblum Cup**, named in the honour of Julius Rosenblum,



the former WBF President who had died five months earlier. It attracted 64 teams.

The format was based on the repechage principle, borrowed from the sport of rowing. Eliminated teams from the 32-board knockout rounds entered a Swiss teams, run concurrently with the continuing knockout round with the prospect of re-entry to the main Championship.

The three divisions of the knockout, organised on a geographical basis, each produced a semi-finalist. The fourth semi-finalist came as a result of a playoff (Mini knockout) among the three last losers in the knockout and the top five teams from the Swiss.

The three KO-divisions semi-finalists were France, USA and Brazil. Successful in the Swiss was a four-man Polish squad. In the semi-finals Poland beat France and Brazil beat USA.

In the 64-board final, the winners by 164-80 were Marian Frenkiel, Andrzej Macieszczak, Janusz Polec and Andrzej Wilcosz of Poland. The losers were Pedro Paulo Assumpção, Sergio Barbosa, Marcelo Branco, Gabino Cintra, Gabriel Chagas and Roberto Taunay.

Two of the Brazilian players had just won the World **Open Pairs**. The medalists were:

1. Marcelo Branco - Gabino Cintra (Brazil).
2. Eric Kokish - Peter Nagy (Canada).
3. Roger Bates - John Mohan (USA).

In the 74-pair **Women's** Championship, the battle for the title was contested by two pairs who, as team-mates, later posted a



series of outstanding wins in the world events:

1. Judi Radin - Kathie Wei (picture) (USA).
2. Betty Ann Kennedy - Carol Sanders (USA).
3. Claude Blouquit - Elisabeth Delor (France).

The **Mixed Pairs**, dominated by the USA, featured an impressive performance by the late Barry Crane, who some considered the world's most effective pairs player, and Kerri Shuman (now Sanborn). They won the four session contest by more than 3 1/2 boards.

The medallists were:

1. Barry Crane - Kerri Shuman (USA).
2. James Jacoby - Heiti Noland (USA).
3. Lou Bluhm - Carol Sanders (USA).

Also held in New Orleans was the third **Venice Cup** won by the USA. On the team were Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Truscott, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss (now Greenberg), Mary Jane Farell and Marilyn Johnson, with Ruth McConnell as non-playing captain. In the final they defeated Italy (Anna Valenti, Marisa Bianchi, Marisa D'Andrea, Luciana Capodanno, Enrica Gut and Andreina Morini, with Guido Barbone as non-playing captain).

1982, Biarritz - FRANCE

In the World **Open Pairs**, from a record field in the four-session qualifying round, 224 pairs entered a three-session semi-final that reduced the number to 40 for a four-session final, resulting as follows:

1. Chip Martel - Lew Stansby (USA).
2. Anton Maas - Max Rebattu (The Netherlands).
3. Gabriel Chagas - Roberto de Mello (Brazil).

The **Women's pairs** was won, in a great feat of consistency, by a pair narrowly second four years earlier:

1. Betty Ann Kennedy - Carol Sanders (USA).
2. Lynn Deas - Beth Palmer (USA).
3. Sally Horton (now Brock) - Sandra Landy (Great Britain).

For the second running of the **World Knockout Teams** there was a starting field of 129, reducing to 96 via a preliminary round of short matches held on the first afternoon. Some were four-way with three survivors, others three-way with two survivors.

Next came the knock-out stages, together with the Swiss in the same format as that staged in New Orleans, albeit with double



the number of starters. WBF Master Point rankings were used in some degree to help to determine the draw.

After five knockout rounds of 32-board matches, one undefeated team remained in each of the three brackets, captained by Pierre Schemeil (France), Jim Zimmerman (USA), and Luca de Tena (Spain). Together with the winner of the Mini-knockout, captained by Chip Martel, these played off the 60-board semi-final matches, where Martel beat Zimmerman by 189 to 66 and Schemeil beat de Tena by 137 to 98.

1986, Bal Harbour/Miami - USA

The Championships were restructured taking on an intricate, yet at the same time, more unified form and saw the first use of the name “World Bridge Championships” to describe the four-year cycle of WBF events.

Bal Harbour also marked the first step in opening up these contests by enabling a wider group to earn places in main events by entering a preliminary stage. To provide stronger continuity, the various stages of the events were linked more closely by extending the repechage principle.

Another new feature provided additional linkage: high achievement in one event could confer exemption from a preliminary stage of the next.

In the **World Knockout Teams**, the winners (357-207) were the United States,

The final, over five 16-board segments, was close all the way, Schemeil winning for France (picture) by 178-161.

His team members were Albert Faigenbaum, Michel Lebel, Dominique Pilon, and Philippe Soulet. Thus for the second time, this severe test of stamina was won by a four-man team!

Also displaying great endurance on the runner-up team were the World **Open Pairs** winners, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby with Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Ed Mansfield and Kit Woolsey.

Earlier, Canada won its very first World Bridge Championship when Dianna Gordon and George Mittelman, both from Toronto, led home a record field of 450 pairs in the **Mixed Pairs**. Second by half a top were the husband and wife combination, John and Peggy Sutherlin of the USA and third were Mr. and Mrs Viennois (France).



represented by Steve Robinson (Captain), Peter Boyd, Bob Lipsitz, Ed Mansfield, Neil Silverman, Kit Woolsey (picture). The losers of the 128-board final were Pakistan with Zia Mahmood (Captain), Jan-e-Alam Fazli, Nisar Ahmed and Nishat Abedi.

Sweden, with Björn Fallenius (Captain), Magnus Lindkvist, Mats Nilslund and Andrew

Wirgren, finished at the top of the Swiss to take third place overall.

In the **World Pairs**, a limited number of entrants from each nation were able to enter a qualifying round while the regular quota entered the mainstream. Qualifiers were joined progressively by eliminated mainstream pairs. Both streams played the same boards. For the first time, a continuing repechage offered unsuccessful pairs the prospect of climbing back into contention. After 13 sessions of play, not counting the qualifying rounds, a record-breaking field was led home by an American pair whose margin of nearly six boards set another record.

1. Jeff Meckstroth - Eric Rodwell (USA).
2. Heinrich Berger - Wolfgang Meinl (Austria).
3. Stephen Burgess - Paul Marston (Australia).

The **Women's** event went to a newly formed US pair who barely survived the qualifying round. Thereafter, Amalya Kearse and Jacqui Mitchell (picture) steadily raised their game, the win establishing Mitchell as the world's top woman Master Point holder at that time.

1. Amalya Kearse - Jacqui Mitchell (USA).
2. Charlotte Palmund - Bettina Kalkerup (Denmark).
3. Sally Horton (now Brock) - Sandra Landy (Great Britain).

In the curtain-raising **Mixed Pairs** event, USA took the first three places:

1. Pam Wittes - John Wittes (USA).
2. Kerri Shuman - Bob Hamman (USA).
3. Rozanne Pollack - Bill Pollack (USA).

A new four-session event, the WBF **Swiss Plate**, brought down the curtain. Open to all who failed to qualify for the finals of either the Open Pairs or Women's pairs, it was won by George Tornay and Walt Walvick (USA).



1990, Geneva - SWITZERLAND

This marked the first championship to be organised entirely by the WBF under the leadership of José Damiani, while Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus, guaranteed the financial viability of the event.

The opening four sessions were devoted to the **Nestlé Mixed pairs** and yet again the USA proved to be successful with Juanita Chambers and Peter Weichsel winning comfortably.

1. Juanita Chambers - Peter Weichsel (USA).
2. Eva-Liss Göthe - Lars Anderson (Sweden).
3. Walt and Kathie Walvick (USA).

The **World Knockout Teams** sponsored by **Louis Vuitton** had a record 195 teams. Sixteen teams were seeded through to the second round while the remaining teams were split into groups of 11 or 12 teams playing a round robin over two days with seven teams to qualify. For the second stage, the survivors were grouped into eight to play a further round robin with four teams to qualify, reducing the field to 64 teams for the next stage. The third stage was another round-robin reducing the field to 32 teams when the knockout began. Two 32-board matches reduced the field to just eight teams. In the semi-final, the two remaining USA

teams, captained respectively by George Rapée and Mike Moss, had to play each other. Moss won comfortably (176-134). The other match featured Canada against a German team captained by Bernhard Ludewig, a match that went right down to the wire, Germany winning by 3.

In the final the German team of Bernhard Ludewig, Jochen Bitschene, Georg Nippgen and Roland Rohowsky (picture) defeated Moss, Charles Coon, Michael Seamon and Drew Casen by just 13 IMPs.



538 pairs started out on the long road to the **Labatt's World Open Pairs** Championships. After four qualifying and four semi-final sessions, the field reduced to a 72-pair final played over five sessions.

The leading scores were:

1. Marcelo Branco - Gabriel Chagas (Brazil).
2. Peter Nagy - Ralph Katz (USA).
3. Cezary Balicki - Adam Zmudzinski (Poland).

The Labatt's Women's Pairs produced a very tight finish:

1. Karen McCallum - Kerri Shuman (USA).
2. Judi Radin - Kathie Wei (USA).
3. Carla Arnolds - Bep Vriend (The Netherlands).

Other events included the **invitational PAMP World Par Contest**, won comfortably by Benito Garozzo, the **Nestlé Continuous Pairs**, won by Lionel Wright of New Zealand, and the **Paribas World Senior's Pairs**, won by Alan Hiron and Albert Dormer (Great Britain).

1994, Albuquerque - USA



The 1994 NEC World Bridge Championships were held in Albuquerque (USA).

More than 500 pairs entered the six-session **NEC Mixed pairs**. The field was cut to 180 pairs after three sessions.

1. Danuta Hochecker - Apolinary Kowalski (Poland).
2. Sabine Zenkel (now Auken) (Germany) - Bob Hamman (USA).
3. Eva Harasimowicz - Marcin Lesniewski (Poland).

The NEC Women's Pairs attracted 132 entries. The event was run over three stages: a four-session qualifying round, a four-session semi-final, and five-session final, with drop-ins to the main event.

1. Carla Arnolds - Bep Vriend (The Netherlands).
2. Véronique Bessis - Catherine Saul (France).
3. Lynn Deas - Beth Palmer (USA).
3. Mildred Breed - Tobi Deutsch (now Sokolow) - Amalya Kearse - Joyce Lilie - Jacqui Mitchell - Jo Morse (USA).
3. Judy Cody - Shelley Lapkoff - Linda Perlman - JoAnn Stansby - Carlyn Steiner - Claire Tornay (USA).

The **NEC Open Pairs** drew 396 entries, and had the same format as the Women's Pairs.

1. Marcin Lesniewski - Marek Szymanowski (Poland).
2. Bob Hamman - Michael Rosenberg (USA).
3. Eric Kirchhoff - Anton Maas (The Netherlands).

78 pairs entered the **NEC Senior Pairs**.

1. Hamish Bennett - Fred Hamilton (USA).
2. Simon Kantor - Murray Melton (USA).
3. Duncan Philips - Bill Solomon (USA).

48 Women's Teams entered the first **NEC McConnell Cup Teams**. They were divided into 12 groups and played an internal round robin over four days to qualify 16 teams for the direct knockout phase.

1. Jillian Blanchard (now Levin) - Marinesa Letizia - Sue Picus - Rozanne Pollack - Judi Radin - (USA).
2. Karen Allison - Jill Casen - Dori Cohen (now Massimilla) - Joanne Glasson - JoAnn Manfield (now Sprung) - Sally Woolsey (USA).

158 teams entered the **NEC Rosenblum Cup**.

1. Roger Bates - Seymon Deutsch - Gaylor Kasle - Chip Martel - Michael Rosenberg - Lew Stansby (USA).
2. Cezary Balicki - Marek Borewicz - Piotr Gawrys - Krzysztof Lasocki - Edwin Otvosi - Adam Zmudzinski (Poland).
3. Daniel Auby - Tomas Brenning - Tommy Gullberg - Mårten Gustavson (Sweden).
3. Dany Cohen - Avi Kalish - Yeshayahu Levit - Leonid Podgur (Israel).

35 teams entered the **NEC Seniors Teams** won by:

1. Franz Baratta - Karl Rohan (Austria) - Kees Kaiser - Bob Kaiser (The Netherlands) - Moshe Katz - Nissan Rand (Israel).
2. Russell Arnolds - Bill Eisenberg - Fred Hamilton - Zeke Jabbour - Mike Levine - Tom Sanders (USA).
3. Howard Hertzberg - Duncan Phillips - Robert Ryder - Bill Solomon (USA).



1998, Lille - FRANCE

The 1998 Championships were held in Lille, France, and the many different events produced a record attendance and an exceptional tournament. For the first time a Junior Triathlon was included.

The **Jean Besse Par Contest** was won by Michael Rosenberg of the USA, with Bart Bramley (USA) second and Eric Rodwell (USA) third.

Nearly 600 pairs contested the **JM Weston Mixed Pairs** Championship, with 260 going into the final.

1. Enza Rossano - Antonio Vivaldi (Italy).
2. Claude Blouquit - Michel Bompis (France).
3. Sabine Auken - Jens Auken (Denmark).

The remaining pairs were also able to enter the **Zonal Mixed Pairs** Championship.

1. Isabelle Chilaud - Jacques Chilaud (France).
2. Gloria Meng - Harry Lin (Taiwan).
3. Chafika Tak-Tak - Maurice Aujaleu (France).

The **Louis Vuitton Women's Pairs** drew 119 initial entries. The event was run in three stages with a four-session qualifying round, a four-session semi-final, and five-session final, with drop-ins to the semi-finals and final permitted from the main team event.

1. Shawn Quinn - Jill Meyers (USA).
2. Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim (Germany).
3. Véronique Bessis - Catherine d'Ovidio (France).

The **Société Générale Open Pairs** drew a massive 628 entries, with the same format as the Women's Pairs.

1. Michał Kwiecien - Jacek Pszczola (Poland).
2. Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz (USA).
3. Magnus Lindkvist - Peter Fredin (Sweden).

100 pairs entered the **ELF Senior Pairs**. An amazing performance from Boris Shapiro (picture), aged nearly 90, clinched the championship for the British pair.

1. Boris Shapiro - Irving Gordon (Great Britain).
2. Lea Dupont - Benito Garozzo (USA).
3. Burghard von Alvensleben - Walter Höger (Germany).



The **Elf Zonal Open Pairs**. 220 pairs entered this event.

1. Michel Carre - Christian Graglia (France).
2. Mariusz Kita - Boguslaw Lesiecki (Poland).
3. Steffen Holm Pedersen - Lars Pedro Villinger (Denmark).

The **Cara Boutique IMP Pairs** drew 149 entries.

1. Michael Seamon - Russell Ekeblad (USA).
2. Dominique Masure - Marcel Leflon (France).
3. Alexander Ladyzhensky - A Povlov (Russia).

The **Coralia Continuous pairs** ran throughout the two-week championship, with sessions being played in the mornings and evenings.

A new event for the Championships was the **Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon**, which comprised a Junior Pairs Championship, contested by 66 pairs.

1. Tomasz Przyjemski - Marcin Zaremba (Poland).
2. Paolo Marino - Daniele Pagani (Italy).
3. Marcel Lagas - Maarten Schollaardt (The Netherlands).

A **Junior Individual** event, in which 112 players participated:

1. Rafal Jagniewski (Poland).
2. Maarten Schollaardt (The Netherlands).
3. Thomas Carmichael (USA).

And a **Junior Teams** Championship, contested by 29 teams:

1. Intonti (Italy).
2. Madsen (Denmark).
3. Guariglia (Italy).

The overall result of the **Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon** was:

1. Paolo Marino (Italy).
2. Daniele Pagani (Italy).
3. Mik Kristensen (Denmark).

Another innovation was **Tropico Scholars** Championship, which comprised three different competitions for school children.

There were 228 competitors in the three events.

1. A **Minibridge** section for the least experienced (the youngest player was a boy, Aurelien Gerard, aged 8), won by Capucine Mouret and Amelie Imbenotte.
2. A **Minibridge competition**, similar to real bridge without conventions, won by Michael and Marc Soussand.
3. The first **Schools Championship** to be held at a World Championship, won by Piotr Madry & Lukasz Piworowicz of Poland.

The **Elf Zonal Teams** had an entry of 50 teams.

1. Biondic (Croatia).
2. Blumenthal (France).
3. Monballiu (Belgium).

The **Elf Transnational Senior Teams** drew an entry of 38 teams.

1. Rohan: Nissan Rand, Moshe Katz (Israel), Christo Drumev (Bulgaria), Karl Rohan and Franz Baratta (Austria).
2. Szenberg (Poland).
3. Orlow (Poland).



The **Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup for Women's** Teams attracted an entry of 56 teams which were divided into 4 groups, playing a round robin within the group to determine the teams to go through to the knockout stages.

1. Erhart (Austria): Maria Erhart, Terry Weigkricht, Doris Fischer, Sylvia Terraneo.
 2. Auken (Germany): Sabine Auken, Daniela von Amim, Karen Farwig, Barbara Stawowy.
- The losing semi-finalists, Truscott (USA) and Wood (USA) shared the Bronze medal.



The **Vivendi Rosenblum Cup** had a record entry of 234 teams. The field was initially divided into 16 groups playing a round robin within the group to determine the teams to go through to the knockout stages.

1. Angelini (Italy): Francesco Angelini, Antonio Sementa, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Andrea Buratti, Massimo Lanzarotti.

2. Chagas (Brazil): Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco, Miguel Villas-Boas, João Campos.

The losing semi-finalists, Bramley (USA) and Lindkvist (Sweden) shared the bronze medal.

2002, Montreal - CANADA

The 2002 Championships were held in Montreal (Canada) where entries were considerably lower than on the previous occasion in Lille.

434 pairs contested the **Mixed Pairs** Championship with three qualifying sessions, and then the final was played as seven sections of 13 tables, a total of 182 pairs.

1. Becky Rogers - Jeff Meckstroth (USA).
2. Elisabeth Hugon - Jean-Jacques Palau (France).
3. Sabine Auken - Jens Auken (Denmark).

The remaining pairs were able to enter the **Mixed Pairs Plate**.

1. Sylvia Uniwersal - Waldemar Frukacz (USA/Canada).
2. Judy Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis (Canada).
3. Jan Assini - Peter Grover (USA).



Bill Gates and José Damiani at the Press Conference

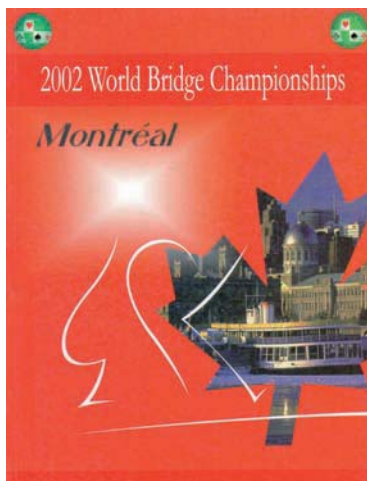
The **Women Pairs** had only 99 participating pairs, with a qualification stage of four sessions resulting in the following winners:

1. Karen McCallum - Debbie Rosenberg (USA).
2. Anne Frédérique Levy - Blandine de Hérédia (France).
3. Kerri Sanborn - Irina Levitina (USA).

The small entry in the Zonal Women's Pairs led to the pairs being integrated into the Zonal Open Pairs Championship. The winners were Val Bloom & Maureen Holroyd from South Africa.

The **Open Pairs** drew 328 entries.

1. Fulvio Fantoni - Claudio Nunes (Italy).
2. Zia Mahmood - Michael Rosenberg (USA).
3. Diego Brenner - Gabriel Chagas (Brazil).



The **Zonal Pairs** was won by Yves Parain & Xavier Dubus (France) and George Cohner & Dirk Schroeder (Germany).

IMP Pairs.

1. Masayuki Ino - Tadashi Imakura (Japan).
2. Nick Sandqvist - David Burn (England).
3. Wojciech Olanski - Wlodek Starkowski (Poland).

72 pairs entered the **Senior Pairs**.

1. Christo Drumev - Ivan Tanev (Bulgaria).
2. Bruce Gowdy - Arno Hobart (Canada).
3. John Mohan - Claude Vogel (USA).

31 **Seniors teams** entered the Seniors teams.

This was Swiss event with four daily matches of 12 boards. After 3 days, the first four teams played a semi final and a final/play off of 32 boards.

The winners were:

1. Diana Holt - Boris Baran - Joe Godefrin - George Mittelman - Ed Schulte (USA/Canada).
2. Gene Freed - Nels Erickson - Lew Finkel - Joe Kivel - Chris Larson - Bernie Miller (USA).
3. Elly Schippers - Jan-Willem Bomhof - Roald Ramer - Henk Schippers (The Netherlands).

Junior Pairs: only 18 pairs entered the event.

The winners were:

1. Olivier Bessis - Godefroy de Tessières (France).
2. Joon Pahk - Susan Doty (USA).
3. Jillian Hay - Tony Num (Australia).

Junior IMP Pairs.

1. Radek Lula - Piotr Swiatek (Poland).
2. Niels de Groot - Sjoert Brink (The Netherlands).
3. Joshua Wyner - Peter Wilsmore (Australia).

160 Open teams entered the Power Rosenblum Cup.

The qualifying stage was 16 seeded 10-team sections, playing a complete round robin of 20-board matches over three days. Following the round-robin segments, 64 teams qualified for the Knock-Out phase. The winners were:

1. Lavazza team: Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC) - Norberto Bocchi - Giorgio Duboin - Guido Ferraro - Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace (Italy).
2. Munawar team: Munawar Sawiruddin (NPC) - Taufik Absi - Franky Karwur - Henky Lasut - Eddy Manoppo - Denny Sacul - Robert Parasian (Indonesia).
3. Cezary Balicki - Leandro Burgay - Michal Kwiecien - Carlo Mariani - Jacek Pszczola - Adam Zmudzinski (Poland).

In the **Zonal Open Teams**, the winners were Morath (Sweden): Anders Morath, Tommy Bergdahl, Bengt-Erik Efraimsson, Tomas Brenning, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Lars Andersson.

36 teams entered the **Women's Teams Championship** for **the McConnell Cup**. The field was divided into four seeded groups of nine to play complete internal



round-robins of 24-board matches over four days, with the top four in each group to qualify for the 16-team knockout stage. The winners were:

1. Lynn Deas - Irina Levitina - Jill Meyers - Randi Montin - Beth Palmer - Kerri Sanborn (USA).
2. Mildred Breed - Rozanne Pollack - Shawn Quinn - Judi Radin - Valerie Weistheimer (USA).
3. Véronique Bessis - Bénédicte Cronier - Catherine d'Ovidio - Sylvie Willard (France).

The **Solomon Trophy** went to the United States Bridge Federation, with Italy second and France third.

2006, Verona - ITALY

For the first time, all events at the World Bridge Championships were transnational. A special dedicated stamp was issued by the Italian Postal Service on the occasion of the event.



Verona, with its monuments, history and tradition hosted a superb event. Magnificent was the Opening Ceremony at Gran Guardia Palace and memorable the Aida, directed by Franco Zeffirelli at l'Arena. The Championship has been attended by several notable people such as Bill Gates, Edma Castro, Antoine Bernheim. The players really enjoyed their stay.

The **Mixed Pairs** attracted a field of 481 pairs, who competed in three qualifying sessions, the top 182 pairs surviving to the three-session final.

1. Karen McCallum & Matthew Granovetter.
2. Jill & Bobby Levin.
3. JoAnna & Lew Stansby.

The remaining pairs (232) were able to enter the **Mixed Pairs** (consolation) **Plate**.

1. Irene Baroni & Enrique Guerra.
2. Danielle Avon & Jean-Michel Voldoire.
3. Catherine Ritter & Sartaj Hans.

The entry of 173 teams in **Rosenblum Cup** was up slightly from the "perfect" 160 in Montreal in 2002. The top 4 teams from





each of 16 groups of 10 or 11 teams would qualify for the 64-team knockout phase.

1. Meltzer (picture): Roger Bates, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Kyle Larsen, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag.
2. Henner-Welland: Peter Bertheau, Peter Fredin, Christal Henner-Welland, Marc Jacobus, Magnus Lindkvist, Fredrik Nyström.
3. Yadlin: Eldad Ginossar, Avi Kalish, Melih Ozdil, Leonid Podgur, Doron Yadlin, Israel Yadlin.

The 39-team for the **McConnell Teams** was slightly higher than the 36 entries in Montreal. It was divided into four seeded nine or ten-team groups to play complete internal round-robins, with the top four in each group to qualify for the 16-team knockout stage.

1. Steiner: Victoria Gromova, Marinesa Letizia, Tatiana Ponomareva, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Carlyn Steiner.
2. Narasimhan: Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Hansa Narasimhan, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby.
3. Katt-Bridge: Kathrine Bertheau, Catharina Midskog, Jenny Ryman, Mari Ryman.

68 teams entered the **Swiss Teams Plate**. This was a one-day Swiss event, scored on Victory Points, open to teams that did not qualify in the round-robins of the Rosenblum Cup and McConnell teams. The medalists were:

1. Angelini Junior: Irene Baroni, Giuseppe Delle Cave, Robin Fellus, Arrigo Franchi, Federico Iavicoli, Matteo Montanari.

2. Drenkelford: Herman Drenkelford, Willem van Eijck, Rene Hermans, Michel Jialal, Fred de Wilde.
3. Rogoff: John Carroll, Tommy Garvey, Barry Rigal, Bruce Rogoff.

There were 42 entries in the **Senior Teams**, a four-day event, with the first two-and-half days devoted to a 10-round Swiss Qualifying stage of 10-board matches. The top eight teams would survive to the knockout phase.

1. Markowicz: Shalom Zeligman, Victor Markowicz, Victor Melman, Jerzy Zaremba, Julian Klukowski, Aleksander Jezioro.
2. Finkel: John Sutherlin, Lew Finkel, Gaylor Kastle, John Mohan.
3. Netherlands 1: Jaap Trouwborst, Willem Boegem, Nico Doremans, Onno Janssens, Nico Klaver, Roald Ramer.

The 178 pairs that entered **IMP Pairs** would be eligible to play four qualifying sessions over two days. The five-session barometer A would be a 72-pair affair, with most participants coming from the qualifying round, the remainder dropping in from the semi-finals of the Open and Women's Pairs. Non-qualifiers from all of the parallel pairs events were eligible to play in the B final (consolation event).

1. Tezcan Sen & Okay Gur.
2. Bobby Richman & Zoltan Nagy.
3. Irina & Alexander Ladyzhensky.

IMP Pair B Final.

1. Sjoert Brink & Bas Drijver.
2. Matt Granovetter & Katherine Wei-Sender.
3. Gordon Campbell & Piotr Klimowicz.

Senior Pairs for the Hiron Trophy attracted a field of 103 pairs. The event was a four-day eight-session play through, with the winners earning the Hiron Trophy.

1. Nico Klaver & Roald Ramer.
2. Julian Klukowski & Aleksander Jezioro.
3. Entscho Wladow & Reiner Marsal.

81 pairs entered the **Women's Pairs**.

A three stage event: a five-session qualifying stage to send 54 pairs to the five-session semi-final, and a four-session barometer final.

1. Irina Levitina & Kerri Sanborn.
2. Wang Wei Fei & Wang Hong Li.
3. Sabine Auken & Janice Seamon-Molson.

The **Open Pairs** attracted a starting field of 336 pairs.

72 pairs from the qualifying event and drop-ins from the late stages of the Rosenblum teams played the five-session barometer final:



1. Zhao Jie & Fu Zhong.
2. Robert Levin & Steve Weinstein.
3. Fulvio Fantoni & Claudio Nunes.

2010, Philadelphia - USA

The Philadelphia Championship was given a new title - the World Bridge Series. The championship was welcomed with a personal message by the US President Barack Obama



The Mixed Pairs attracted a field of 432 pairs

1. Donna Compton & Fulvio Fantoni.
2. Kismet Fung & Brian Glubok.
3. Joan Lewis & Robert Hopkins.



In the Rosenblum Teams: the entry was of 144 teams.

1. Diamond: John Diamond, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss, Brian Platnick.
2. Nickell: Bob Hamman, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell.
3. Zimmerman: Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Frank Multon, Claudio Nunes, Pierre Zimmerman.



31 teams entered for the McConnell Cup.

1. China Ladies Team: Feng Xuefeng, Gu Ling, Lu Yan, Sun Ming, Sun Yanhui, Wang Hongli.
2. The Netherlands: Carla Arnolds, Jet Pasma, Anneke Simons, Martine Verbeek, Bep Vriend, Wietske van Zwol.
3. Fireman: Shannon Cappelletti, Catherine d'Ovidio, Phillis Fireman, Danielle Gaviard, Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva.



The 39 teams in the Rand Senior Cup

1. Hackett: Paul Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg, Garey Hayden, John Holland, Reese Milner.
2. Team Markowicz: Julian Klukowski, Victor Melman, Roald Ramer, Jerzy Russian, Shalom Zeligman, Victor Markowicz.
3. Gabriel UI: Michael B. Hartono, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacu, Munawar Sawiruddin.



The Generali Open Pairs had an entry of 246 pairs, and the medallists were:

1. Robert (Bobby) Levin - Steve Weinstein.
2. Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin.
3. Josef Piekarek - Alexander Smirnov.



The Winners of the Generali World Women's Pairs, which had an entry of 58 pairs, were:

1. Lynn Deas - Beth Palmer.
2. Susan Culham - Kismet Fung.
3. Carla Arnolds - Bep Vriend.



The World Senior Pairs for the Hiron Cup had an entry of 66 pairs and the medalists were:

1. Rich Demartino - Patrick McDevitt.
2. Kyoko Ohno - Akihiko Yamada.
3. Farid Assemi - Edward Wojewoda.



72 pairs qualified for the final of the World IMP Pairs.

1. Wolfe Thompson & Marc Werling (USA).
2. João Paulo Campos & Miguel Villas Boas ((Brazil).
3. Kelley Hwang & John Zilic (USA).

2014, Sanya - CHINA

Held in the wonderful resort of Sanya in Hainan this was a very enjoyable and successful Championships sponsored by Red Bull, normally a champion of extreme sports. Nine players go home with two medals around their necks: Marion Michielsens won two gold medals (Mixed and Women's teams); Meike Wortel, Reese Milner and Hemant Lall won a gold and a silver, as did Kerri Sanborn; Roy Welland and Sabine Auken won gold and bronze; Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati from Indonesia won bronze in both the Women's teams and Pairs. Michal Klukowski is only on his second world title, after the under-20 championship in 2012, but he is only eighteen - by far the youngest Open World Champion ever! Sabine Auken and Zia Mahmoud also won

gold in the mixed teams in 2004: they are the first players to achieve this feat. Kerri Sanborn becomes the first player since 1978 to win two gold medals in the World Mixed Pairs. Wang Liping adds a silver to two bronzes from 2004 and 2012 and becomes the first player with medals from three Mixed Teams World Championships. Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness now have a full set of Rosenblum medals, silver here after gold in Verona and bronze in Philadelphia. Indonesia won its first world title in Bridge. Only Jill Meyers and Tobi Sokolow have won three medals in a McConnell cup, and just one player has two golds: Marinesa Letizia (1994 & 2006). Reese Milner retains the title he won in Philadelphia. He becomes the fifth player to win the event twice.

MIXED TEAMS

89 teams entered for the championship:

1. Salvo: Anita Sinclair (Captain, England), Sabine Auken, Roy Welland (Germany), Zia Mahmoud (USA), Marion Michielsens (Netherlands), Nafiz Zorlu (Turkey).
2. Geely Automobile: Gui Shen Yue (Captain), Dai Jianming, Wang Hongli, Wang Liping, Yang Lixin, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Wen Fei (Coach).
3. =Rossard: Martine Rossard (Captain), Danielle Avon, Jean-Michel Voldoire, Jerzy Romanowski (France), Grazyna Brewiak, Wojciech Gawel (Poland).



3. =SAIC: Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Wang Weimin, Wang Wen Fei, Zhou Yong Mei, Zhuang Zejun (China), Huang Rong (NPC), Hu Jihong (Coach).

MIXED PAIRS



207 Pairs entered for the Mixed Pairs Championship:

1. Kerri Sanborn (USA), Zhao Jie (China).
2. Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Jacek Pszczola (USA).
3. Wang Nan, Zhang Bangxiang (China).

OPEN TEAMS (ROSENBLUM CUP)

123 teams entered for the Rosenblum Cup:

1. Mazurkiewicz: Marcin Mazurkiewicz (Captain), Piotr Gawrys, Stanislaw Golebiowski, Krzysztof Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Wlodzimierz Starkowski (Poland).
2. Monaco: Pierre Zimmermann (Captain), Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes (Monaco).
3. =Diamond: John Diamond (Captain), Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Brian Platnick (USA), Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver (Netherlands).
3. =Ventin: Juan Carlos Ventin Camprubi (Captain, Argentina), Sabine Auker, Roy Welland (Germany), Johan Upmark, Frederik Wrang (Sweden).



OPEN PAIRS

256 Pairs entered for the Open Pairs Championship:

1. Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran (Israel).
2. Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki (Poland).
3. Thomas Bessis, Cedric Lorenzini (France).



WOMEN TEAMS (McCONNELL CUP)

26 teams entered for the McConnell Cup.

1. Baker: Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum (USA), Sally Brock, Nicola Smith (England), Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Cenk Tuncok (NPC).
2. China Red Team: Lu Yan, Ran Jing Rong, Wang Hongli, Wang Wen Fei, Wu Shaoyong, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Xiaojing (Coach).
3. =Moss: Sylvia Moss (Captain), Lynn Deas, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Joann Glasson, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson (USA).
3. =Pertamina Ep: Rury Andhani, Lusje Oha Bojoh, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Conny Sumampouw, Julita Grace Tueje (Indonesia), Veterano Sitompul (NPC).



WOMEN'S PAIRS



55 Pairs entered for the Women Pairs Championship:

1. Liu Shu, Zhou Tao (China).
2. Huang Yan, Gan Lin (China).
3. Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati (Indonesia).

SENIOR TEAMS (RAND CUP)

23 teams entered for the Rand Cup:

1. Milner: Reese Milner (Captain), Hemant Lall (USA), Michel Bessis, Philippe Cronier (France), Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Poland).
2. Sternberg: James Marsh Sternberg (Captain), Neil Chambers, Billy Eisenberg, Arnold Fisher, Fred Hamilton, John Schermer (USA).

3. Hackett: Paul Hackett (Captain), John Holland, John Sansom (England), Christian Mari (France).
Lewis: Paul Lewis (Captain), Ross Grabel, Mark Itabashi, Linda Lewis (USA), Jurek Czyzowicz, Dan Jacob (Canada).



SENIOR PAIRS



43 Pairs entered for the Seniors Pairs Championship:

1. Henky Lasut, Eddy M F Manoppo (Indonesia).
2. Hemant Lall, Reese Milner (USA).
3. Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Poland).

2018, Orlando - USA

The Championship was held at magnificent Marriott Orlando World Center with the participation of 262 Teams and 705 Pairs. The event took on greater than normal significance since it was also the occasion for the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the World Bridge Federation, founded in Oslo in August 1958. Special Medals struck for the Anniversary were awarded by WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and WBF President Emeritus José Damiani to the World Champions during a Celebration Evening.

The role of honour was truly inspiring with so many World Champions present from both this and previous Championships.

Bob Hamman was the undoubted leader of this star-studded field with 12 Open World Championship titles and two Senior Titles as well as 18 silver and bronze medals giving him a very impressive collection of 32. Reese Milner won his third consecutive Rand Cup (2010,14,18) to bring his gold medal tally up to 6. Sally Brock won her 15th World Championship medal including 6 Golds. Beth Palmer won her 11th medal, also the sixth gold of her career.

Piotr Gawrys and Franck Multon have each won seven World titles, Tor Helness five, Michal Klukowski and Pierre Zimmermann four. Franck Multon becomes only the second player to win all four team world titles (Bermuda Bowl, Rosenblum, Vanderbilt and Transnational) in the footsteps of Piotr Gawrys who achieved that particular milestone in 2015. Giorgio Duboin won his tenth medal (five gold) at the World Championship.

Kerri Sanborn has 15 medals including nine World titles, Karen McCallum seven. Irina Levitina has seven world titles, six in bridge and one in chess. Nicola Smith won the 17th medal of her career, a silver this time to add to her five golds putting her joint fifth on the all-time list alongside Pietro Forquet; Véronique Bessis has 13 medals as does Sylvie Willard. There was a second world title for the Rimstedt twins this year. They were on the Swedish Junior team that won the world title in Wuijiang, China two months previously. Sally Brock, Véronique Bessis, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller, Hemant Lall and Franck Multon each won two medals in Orlando, with Multon's both being gold.

Fiona Brown took her second gold medal in the women's teams, while Tatiana Ponomoreva increased her tally of medals to 8 including 2 gold medals after winning bronze. Hemant Lall brought his total of medals to 7 by winning Gold in the Senior Teams, joined by Steve Garner who won his first gold at the Championship, Michal Kwiecien won his second gold of his career, as did Mark Lair. Winning the Senior Pairs gave Marc Jacobus his second career gold, while Mike Passell increased his tally to 6 including 4 gold medals. Mike and Debbie Rosenberg increased their total number of medals to 6 and 4 respectively.

Many other great Champions were recognized during the evening – People like Sabine Auken with 16 medals, Wenfei Wang & Lynn Deas (13 medals) Jill Meyers. Gabriel Chagas and Zia Mahmood (12 medals). Far too many to be named here but making it a truly star-studded occasion!



OPEN TEAMS (Rosenblum Cup)

96 Teams from 43 Countries entered the Championship.

1. ZIMMERMANN: Piotr Gawrys (Poland), Tor Helness (Monaco), Michal Klukowski (Poland), Franck Multon (Monaco), Pierre Zimmermann (Monaco).
2. LAVAZZA: Alejandro Bianchedi (Italy), Dennis Bilde (Denmark), Norberto Bocchi (Italy), Giorgio Duboin (Italy), Agustin Madala (Italy), Antonio Sementa (Italy), Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC) (Italy), Massimo Ortensi (Coach) (Italy).
3. ALLFREY: Alexander Allfrey, Edward Jones, Thomas Paske, Andrew Robson (England).
3. SPECTOR: Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Warren Spector, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, Warren Spector (PC) (USA).



OPEN PAIRS

238 Pairs from 46 Countries entered the Championship.

1. Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt (Sweden).
2. Joe Grue - Brad Moss (USA).
3. Boguslaw Gierulski - Jerzy Skrzypczak (Lithuania).



WOMEN'S TEAMS (McConnell Cup)

17 Teams from 16 Countries entered the Championship.

1. **BAKER:** Lynn Baker (USA), Sally Brock (England), Fiona Brown (England), Irina Levitina (USA), Karen McCallum (USA), Kerri Sanborn (USA), Beth Palmer (NPC) (USA).
2. **SMITH:** Kathrine Bertheau (Sweden), Jessica Larsson (Sweden), Paula Leslie (Scotland), Solvi Remen (Norway), Nicola Smith (England), Yvonne Wiseman (England).
3. **APEROL:** Tatiana Dikhnova (PC) (Russia), Catherine d'Ovidio (France), Victoria Gromova (Russia), Anna Gulevich (Russia),

Tatiana Ponomareva (Russia), Sylvie Willard (France).

3. **BARONI:** Irene Baroni (Italy), Véronique Bessis (France), Anne-Laure Huberschwiller [now Tartarin] (France), Simonetta Paoluzi (Italy).



WOMEN'S PAIRS



67 Pairs from 28 Countries entered the Championship.

1. Véronique Bessis - Anne-Laure Huberschwiller [now Tartarin] (France).
2. Kathy Sulgrove - Candace Griffey (USA).
3. Yan Huang - Nan Wang (China).

SENIOR TEAMS (Rand Cup)

31 Teams from 20 Countries entered the Championship.

1. **MILNER:** Steve Garner (USA), Michal Kwecien (Poland), Mark Lair (USA), Hemant Lall (USA), Krzysztof Martens (Monaco), Reese Milner (USA), Petra Hamman (NPC) (USA), Jacek Pszczola (Coach) (USA).
2. **CHINA EVERTRUST:** Rongqiang Lin, Mingkun Shen, Xiaonong Shen, Ming Sun, Jian Hua Tao (China).
3. **SILVERMAN:** Robert Lebi (Canada), Barnet J Shenkin (USA), Neil Silverman (USA), Fred Stewart (USA).



3. **WOLFSON:** David Berkowitz, Bart Bramley, Bob Hamman, Michael Rosenberg, Jeff Wolfson, Kit Woolsey (USA).

SENIOR PAIRS



105 Pairs from 24 Countries entered the Championship.

1. Marc Jacobus - Mike Passell (USA).
2. Apolinary Kowalski - Jacek Romanski (Poland).
3. Mark Itabashi - Eddie Wold (USA).

MIXED TEAMS

107 Teams from 42 Countries entered the Championship.

1. MANFIELD: Beth Palmer (PC), William Cole, Melanie Manfield, William Pettis, Debbie Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg (USA).
2. WILSON: Sally Brock (England), Richard Ritmeijer (Netherlands), Magdalena Ticha (Netherlands), Ricco van Prooijen (Netherlands), Chris Willenken (USA), Alison Wilson (PC) (USA).
3. FERM: Sjoert Brink (PC) (Netherlands), Simon De Wijs (Netherlands), Bas



Drijver (Netherlands), Barbara Ferm (USA), Christina Lund Madsen (Denmark), Daniela von Arnim (Germany).

MIXED PAIRS



295 Pairs from 46 Countries entered the Championship.

1. Franck Multon (Monaco) - Sylvie Willard (France).
2. Petra Hamman - Hemant Lall (USA).
3. Bénédicte Cronier - Philippe Cronier (France).

The World Transnational Bridge Team Championships

THE PAUL MAGERMAN TROPHY

THE WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

The Paul Magerman Trophy

World Transnational Open Teams

The first World Transnational Open Teams Championship was held in 1997. It is staged during the second week of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and is open to teams containing players from more than one NBO.

1997, Hammamet - TUNISIA

The first edition attracted an impressive field of 74 teams. The winners were an Italy/Poland team with Polish teams taking both the silver and bronze medals.

1. Burgay: Leandro Burgay, Dano de Falco, Krzysztof Martens, Marcin Lesniewski, Carlo Mariani.
2. Jassem: Krzysztof Jassem, Ireneusz Kowalczyk, Piotr Tuszyński, Marce Witek.



3. Gardynik: Grzegorz Gardynik, Michał Kwiecień, Tomasz Przybora, Jacek Pszczola.

2000, Hamilton - BERMUDA

76 teams participated in the second World Transnational Open Teams. The winners were a team from USA and Poland, second was the team Milner from USA and Canada and the third placed team were from Bulgaria.

1. Metzer: Rose Meltzer, Johnson, Peter Weischel, Alan Sontag, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski.
2. Fred Gitelman, Marc Jacobus, Robert Levin, Reese Milner, Brad.



3. Kalin Karaivanov, Vladimir Mihov, Ivan Nanev, July Popov, Jerry Stamatov, Roumen Trendafilov.

2001, Paris - FRANCE

74 teams entered the third edition of this popular event. The winner was Malcolm Brachman's team representing USA and Brazil, the silver medallists were from France with a team from Israel taking the bronze.

1. Eddie Wold, Mike Passell, Michael Seamon, Geoff Hampson, Diego Brenner, Gabriel Chagas.
2. Cyril Bureau (Captain), Danièle Gaviard, Patrick Sussel, Philippe Selz, Vanessa Reess.



3. Yoram Aviram, Michael Barel, Nir Grinberg, Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst, Doron Yadlin, Israel Yadlin.

2003, Monte Carlo - PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO

The entry was again 74 teams. In the final, team Lavazza defeated Zhuang of China with the bronze going to team Jansma from the Netherlands.

1. Leandro Burgay, Andrea Buratti, Carlo Mariani, Guido Ferraro, Massimo Lanzarotti, Mario D'Avossa.
2. Haojun Shi, Jie Zhao, Zejun Zhuang, Zhong Fu, Weimin Wang.



3. Jan Jansma, Bauke Muller, Louk Verhees Jr, Simon De Wijs, Antoine Van Hoof (NPC).

2005, Estoril - PORTUGAL



A record 134 teams with players from every WBF Zone ensured the success of the event in Estoril.

1. Schneider: Peter Schneider, Grant Baze (USA), Piotr Gawrys, Marcin Lesniewski (Poland).
2. Spector (USA): Warren Spector, Bart Bramley, Bjorn Fallenius, Roy Welland, Mark Feldman, Chip Martel.
3. 777 Russia: Sasha Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Jouri Khokhlov, Maxim Khven.

2007, Shanghai - CHINA

Yet another record was achieved in Shanghai with 149 teams competing in the 2007 Championship. The Zimmermann team overcame a 4-IMP deficit on the final deal of their match with Team Russia to win the WTOT 103-99.

The medallist were:

1. Zimmermann: Michel Bessis, Thomas Bessis, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmerman (France/Italy).
2. Russia: Cezary Balicki, Alexander Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Victoria Gromova,



- Tatiana Ponomareva, Adam Zmudzinski (Poland/Russia).
3. Germany Open: Tomasz Gotard, Jacek Lesniczak, Josef Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov.

2009, São Paulo - BRAZIL

68 teams entered the 7th Generali World Transnational Open Teams, which started after the conclusion of the Quarter-finals of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Bowl. In addition to several strong national teams that did not reach the Semi-finals of the main events the field included a selection of new arrivals, including front-line professional teams from America (Welland), Poland (Apreo Logistic), France/Norway/Poland (Zimmermann) and USA/Norway (Mark Gordon). Although Zimmermann was favourite, due in no small measure to a five-and-a-half-IMP carryover cushion, both teams were in good form and featured three strong partnerships. Apreo Logistic Poland took a small lead after winning the first set by 7 IMPs, but lost those IMPs back in Set 2. Apreo Logistic Poland won the final segment by 3 IMPs but the number of tricks taken on the final deal was at issue and it took some time before the official result could be confirmed: Zimmermann by 2.50 IMPs.



The medallists were:

1. Zimmermann: Cezary Balicki (Poland), Geir Helgemo (Norway), Tor Helness (Norway), Franck Multon (France), Pierre Zimmermann (France), Adam Zmudzinski (Poland).
2. Apreo Logistic Poland: Krzysztof Buras, Piotr Gawrys, Jacek Kalita, Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Jacek Pszczola.
3. Deutschland: Michael Gromoeller, Andreas Kirmse, Josef Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov.

2011, Veldhoven - THE NETHERLANDS

A tremendous new record of 151 Teams competed in the 8th World Transnational Open Teams. This Championship, in which strong players from all over the world took part, including among them some of the top ranked WBF players and all the medallists from the previous event in São Paulo, will be remembered for the extraordinary victory of the Israeli Junior Team, holders of the World, European and FISU Junior titles. After a thrilling semi-final won by 7 IMP against the strong USA team of Gordon, the Israeli team defeated the Australian team Oz Open which included the 20 year-old Australian star Nabil Edgtton. The medallists were:

1. Israel Juniors: Alon Birman, Lotan Fisher, Gal Gerstner, Moshe Meyuchas, Dror Padon, Ron Schwartz (PC).



2. Oz Open: Nabil Edgtton, John Paul Gosney, Hugh Grosvenor, Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, George Bilski (PC).
3. Parimatch, Russia: Yury Khiuppenen, Jouri Khokhlov, Vadim Kholomeev, Mikhail Krasnosselski, Georgi Matushko, Andrey Gromov (PC).

2013, Nusa Dua, Bali - INDONESIA

105 Teams competed in the event. Both the matches for Gold and Bronze were very thrilling. At the end of two nail-biting matches, Gordon defeated SAICVW 92-81 and White House defeated PDTIMES 55-51.

1. Gordon: David Berkowitz, Jacek Pszczola, Pratap Rajadhyaksh, Michael Seamon, Alan Sontag, Mark Gordon (PC), Susie Miller (Coach).
2. Saic VW: Dai Jianming, Shao Zi Jian, Yang Lixin, Zhuang Zejun, Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Zhang, Jiangliang (NPC), Cai Longgen (Coach).
3. White House: Jan Jansma, Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha, Gert-Jan Paulissen (PC).



2015, Chennai - INDIA

The Transnational teams proved extremely popular with 137 teams competing in one of the biggest events of its kind. Zimmerman's victory never looked in doubt, as he came 2nd in the Round Robin, then led in all the KO matches.

1. Zimmerman: Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Krzysztof Martens, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann (PC).
2. Bulgaria Open: Diyan Danailov, Rossen Gunev, Valdimir Mihov, Ivan Nanev, Jerry Stamatov, Julian Stefanov, Valdislav Nikolov Ipsorski (NPC).
3. YBM: Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran, Juei-Yu Shih, Ping Wang, Chen Yeh, Yalan Zhang, Chi Hua Chen (NPC), Shu-Ping Yeh Tong (Coach).



2017, Lyon - FRANCE

There was a very close finish to the Funbridge World Transnational Open Teams, attended by 117 teams, which saw Mazurkiewicz hold off a strong challenge by Jinshuo while Percy convincingly won the third place play-off with Zimmerman.

1. Mazurkiewicz: Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Marcin Mazurkiewicz (PC).
2. Jinshuo: Tong Jiang, Chuancheng Ju, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Zeng Jun Shi, Xiaofeng Zhang, Dade Wang (NPC).
3. Percy: Peter Crouch, David Gold, Zia Mahmood, Marion Michielsens, Andrew Robson, Anita Sinclair (PC).



2019, Wuhan - CHINA

119 Teams from 34 Countries entered in the Championship. The title went to China's Shanghailvcheng who defeated their compatriots San Chen Fund. A third Chinese Team Zhejiangqiantang defeated Indonesia for the Bronze Medal. This clearly demonstrates the depth of Chinese bridge, since none of the players in the final have previously won World Championship medals. The team taking the bronze medal had several previous medallists however. Huang Yan won her sixth world medal (she was on the winning Venice Cup team in 2017), and Zhang Yu also won her sixth medal, Dai Jianming his fourth. Yang Lixin has three medals, RanJing Rong two. Zhao Jie (aka Jack) has four medals; he has twice won a World Pairs title, the Open Pairs in 2006 and the Mixed Pairs in 2014 in addition to a silver and a bronze in Transnational Open Teams events.



It was no surprise that one bronze medal match was finally decided on the last board; it happens so often that someone should write a book about it.

1. Shanghailvcheng: Yong Chen, Yong Lian, Yide Luo, Shaolin Sun, Xiaoguang Yu, Shengle Zhang, Lin Zheng (NPC).
2. San Chen Fund: Huibo Jiang, Rui Li, Siyuan Shen, Shangjie Wu, Zhaobin Xie, Guofang Xin, Hongbin Su (NPC).
3. Zhejiangqiantang: Jianming Dai, Yan Huang, Jing Rong Ran, Lixin Yang, Yu Zhang, Jie Zhao, Feilan Zhang (NPC).

The World Transnational Mixed Teams

The World Transnational Mixed Teams was inaugurated in 1996. It was played up to 2012 during the second week of the World Bridge Games (formerly the World Teams Olympiad) and is also open to teams containing players from more than one NBO, playing in Mixed partnerships. Since 2014 the championship is included in the World Bridge Series.

1996, Rhodes - GREECE

86 teams entered the event.

The medallists were:

1. A team from Great Britain and Iceland:
Jon Baldursson, Björn Eysteinnsson,
Heather Dhondy, Elizabeth McGowan,
Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Ragnar
Hermannsson.
2. Team Feldman: Mark Feldman, Sharon
Osberg, Rozanne, Bill Pollack.
3. Christine Nahmens, Alain Nahmias,
Elizabeth Schaufelberger, Pierre Adad.



2000, Maastricht - THE NETHERLANDS

68 teams participated in the second World Transnational Mixed Teams.

The medallists were:

1. Team **"e-bridge"** t: Pinhas Romik (NPC),
John Mohan, Jill Meyers, Irina Levitina,
Piotr Gawrys, Migry Zur Campanile, Sam
Lev.
2. Catherine d'Ovidio, Michel Bessis, Véronique
Bessis, Paul Chemla.
3. Sascha Wernle, Jovanka Smederevac,
Andreas Glover, Martin Schifko.



2004, Istanbul - TURKEY

The Turkish teams turned out in force to make this the largest event of its kind, with

130 participating teams. The victory saw the creation of two new Grand Masters, as Zia Mahmood and Catherine d'Ovidio both won their first world titles.

The medallists were:

1. Team, Auken: Sabine Auken, Paul
Chemla, Catherine d'Ovidio, Zia Mahmood.
2. Team Batov: Vasili Batov, Stiliana Ivanova,
Julian Stefanov, Ralitz Mircheva.
3. Team Zhang: Qinghong Zhou, Ming Sun,
Liping Wang, Zhong Fu, Weimin Wang,
Yan Lu.



2008, Beijing - CHINA

One hundred and twenty teams with players from 23 different countries entered the Transnational Mixed Teams in China.

The medallists were:

1. Yeh Bros Team: Fang-Wen Gong, Seau-Fung Hu, Gloria Meng, Chih-Kuo Shen, Juei-Yu Shih, Chen Yeh.
2. Team Gromov: Andrei Gromov, Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Alexander Dubinin, Svetlana Badrankova.
3. Team Evertrust Holdings: Claudio Cuccorese, Xu Hou, Yan Huang, Gan Lin, Rongxiang Lin, Zheng Jun Shi.



2012, Lille - FRANCE

84 teams with players from 23 different countries entered the Transnational Mixed Teams in China.

The medallists were:

1. Milner: Petra Hamman, Hemant Lall, Reese Milner, Gabriella Olivieri, Jacek Pszczola, Meike Wortel.
2. Canada: Judith Gartaganis, Nicholas Gartaganis, Daniel Korbel, Darren Wolpert, Hazel Wolpert, Linda Wynston.
3. Saic Red: Jianming Dai, Mao Yuan Hu, Yi Qian Liu, Liping Wang, Wen Fei Wang, Zejun Zhuang.



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The World Youth Bridge Team Championships

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The Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

Under 26 Open



1987, Amsterdam - THE NETHERLANDS

The World Youth Teams Championship for the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy which is open to Junior players (under 26) on the previous 31 December - was inaugurated in July 1987. Like the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, it is a contest for national teams representing WBF Zonal Conferences, with the host NCBO also eligible. Here, five teams participated, playing a double round robin of 32-board matches to qualify two teams for an 80-board final. Easy round robin winners were reigning European Junior champions, the Netherlands. Second were France, who had been runners-up in the European event, and who were eligible to play because the Netherlands were doubly qualified. The final went to the last board, introducing a thrilling atmosphere which marked many subsequent editions of this



championship. The winners by 135 IMPs to 127 were The Netherlands:

1. THE NETHERLANDS: Wubbo de Boer, Jan Jansma, Enri Leufkens, Marcel Nooijan, Rob van der Wel, Berry Westra, Cees Sint, Eric Kirchoff (NPCs).
2. FRANCE: Bénédicte Cronier, François Crozet, Alexis Damamme, Christian Desrousseaux, Frank Multon, Jean-Cristophe Quantin, Pierre Schemeil (NPC).
3. USA: Guy Doherty, Jon Heller, Billy Hsieh, Asya Kamsky, Aaron Silverstein, Matt Guagliardo (NPC).

1989, Nottingham - ENGLAND

Eight teams took part, with the Europeans again dominating the round robin with Great Britain leading the field, France in 2nd position and Australia third. Due to an introduced regulation to avoid two teams from the same Zone contesting the final, Great Britain and France had to meet in the semi-final with Great Britain coming out on top, 172 IMPs to 128. Argentina defeated Australia 159-147 in the other semi-final. In the final, Great Britain gradually pulled away to win by 256 IMPs to 157. France beat Australia 134-119 in the play-off for third place.

1. GREAT BRITAIN: John Hobson, Derek Patterson, John Pottage, Andrew Robson, Gerald Tredinnick, Stuart Tredinnick, Raymond Brock (NPC).



2. ARGENTINA: Alejandro Bianchedi, Marcelo Cloppet, Alexis Pejacsevich, Juan Martin Quitegui, Leonardo Rizzo, Claudio Varela, Osvaldo Merdinger (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Alexis Damamme, Christian Desrousseaux, Pierre-Jean Louchart, Frank Multon, Jean-Cristophe Quantin, Pierre Schemeil (NPC).

1991, Ann Arbor - USA

In 1991 the third championship was held in Ann Arbor, USA, but this time it was the Europeans who struggled in the round robin. This time Canada led the field, with USA I, USA II and Australia tying form 2nd place. In the semi-finals USA II had the better of USA I, 211-70, while Canada beat Australia 144-91 and then USA II went on to take the gold:

1. USA: John Diamond, Jeff Ferro, Martha Katz, Brian Platnick, Wayne Stuart, Debbie Zuckerberg, Chip Martel (NPC).
2. CANADA: Mark Caplan, Fred Gitelman, Bronia Gmach, Geoff Hampson, Mike Roberts, Eric Sutherland, John Carruthers (NPC).



3. AUSTRALIA: Robert Fruewirth, Matthew Mullamphy, Peter Newman, John Spooner, Ben Thompson, Jim Wallis, Andrew Reiner (NPC).

1993, Århus - DENMARK

In 1993, the fourth championship was held at Århus, Denmark with 15 teams participating.

The round robin finished: 1. Germany, 2. Norway; 3. USA I; 4. Denmark. In the semi-finals Norway cruised past the USA while Germany beat Denmark by the narrowest possible margin, just half an IMP, but Germany hit more convincing form in the final to win by 254 1/2 - 203:

1. GERMANY: Guido Hopfenheit, Roland Rohowsky, Marcus Joest, Klaus Reps, Michael Gromöller (NPC).
2. NORWAY: Iasse Aasseng, Geir Helgemo, Svein Gunnar Karlberg, Esper Kvam, Joergen Molberg, Kurt-Ove Thomassen, Sverre Johnsen (NPC), Harald Skjaeran (Coach).
3. USA 1: Jeff Ferro, Eric Greco, Leonard Holtz, Richard Pavlicek Jr., Kevin Wilson, Debbie Zuckerberg, Chip Martel (NPC).



1995, Bali - INDONESIA

The 5th World Youth Championship was held in Bali, Indonesia. It was a fantastic welcome and organization by the Indonesian Bridge Federation. The Championship attracted 12 representative teams from five Zonal Conferences of the WBF. There was a round robin qualifying stage to decide the four semi-finalists, of which the two winners went to the final and the losers to a play-off for third place.

1. GREAT BRITAIN: Jeffrey Allerton, Danny Davies, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett, Philip Souter, Tom Townsend, Raymond Brock (NPC), Philip King (Coach).
2. NEW ZEALAND: David Ackerley, Ashley Bach, Ishmael Delmonte, Nigel Kearney, Charles Ker, Scott Smith, Michael Sykes (NPC).



3. DENMARK: Freddi Brondum, Mathias Bruun, Nikolai Kampmann, Lars Lund Madsen, Morten Lund Madsen, Jacob Ron, Jens Kofoed (NPC).

1997, Hamilton, Ontario - CANADA

The 6th World Junior Bridge Team Championship was held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. A very comfortable congress centre and an opportunity for the young players to visit North America. 18 teams entered the championship. The European Teams dominated the event, taking all three of the medals.



1. DENMARK: Freddi Brondum, Mik Kristensen, Lars Lund Madsen, Morten Lund Madsen, Mikkell Bensby Nohr, Jacob Røn, Kirsten Steen Møller (NPC).
2. NORWAY: Boye Brogeland, Thomas Charlsen, Espen Erichsen, Christer Kristoffersen, Bjorn Morten Mathisen, Oyvind Saur, Sten Bjertnes (NPC).
3. RUSSIA: Arseni Chour, Yury Khyuppenen, Jouri Khokhlov, Dmitri Lobov, Alexander Petrunin, Boris Sazonov, Michael Rosenblum (NPC).

1999, Fort Lauderdale - USA

The 7th Youth Teams Championship was staged in Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA with sixteen countries from all the WBF Zonal Conferences participating. As in previous years, there was a qualifying stage to determine the semi finalists, followed by a final and a play off for third place.

1. ITALY: Bernardo Biondo, Mario D'Avossa, Furio Di Bello, Stelio Di Bello, Riccardo

Intonti, Matteo Mallardi, Giampaolo Rinaldi (NPC), Andrea Pagani (Coach).

2. USA 2: Tom Carmichael, Eric Greco, Chris Wiegand, David Wiegand, Chris Willenken, Joel Wooldridge.
3. DENMARK: Gregers Bjarnarson, Anders Hagen, Kasper Konow, Mik Kristensen, Morten Lund Madsen, Mikkell Bensby Nohr.



2001, Mangaratiba - BRAZIL

The 8th Youth Teams Championship was held in Mangaratiba (a small town on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro) Brazil. In Brazil, all the WBF Zonal Conferences took part, with the exception of Zone 4 (Asia & Middle East). The format of the event was a round robin for 17 teams over 7 days. The top four teams in the round robin then played a semi-final and final. Europe has a long tradition of success in the Championship, having won all but one title so far. They were, therefore, likely contenders, together with Canada, China and Argentina. However, in the final USA 1 beat ISRAEL (by 262-157).

1. USA 1: Brad Campbell, Joe Grue, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Kent Mignocchi, Joel Wooldridge, Bob Rosen (NPC), Denis McGarry (Coach).



2. ISRAEL: Yossi Roll, Ranny Schneider, Iron Liran, Michael Barel, Asaf Amit, Yaniv Vax, Aran Warzawski (NPC).
3. DENMARK: Michael Askgaard, Gregers Bjarnarson, Kåre Gjaldbæk, Jonas Houmøller, Andreas Marquardsen, Martin Shaltz, Hans Kristian Sørensen (NPC), Bettina Kalkerup (Coach).

2003, St Cloud - Paris, FRANCE

France was host to the 9th Youth Teams Championship, which was held at the Headquarters of the French Bridge Federation in St Cloud - Paris, France. Six of the eight WBF Zonal Conferences participated, playing in a round robin qualifying event, followed by a semi-final and final with the semi-final losers playing off to determine the bronze medal position. The semi-final between Italy and USA 2 was one of the most exciting matches in the history of bridge. Having started the last quarter ahead by 60.5 IMPs, the Italians had to face a tremendous comeback from the defending champions, the USA2 team. When the Di Bello brothers played in a transfer bid on the penultimate board while USA2 bid and made a grand slam, the lead was down to just 1.5 IMPs. The same Italian pair showed tremendous character in bidding another grand slam on the very next



and final deal to hang onto that lead and reach the final. The Italian Team then took the title, defeating Denmark in the final and USA 2 took the Bronze Medal.

1. ITALY: Stelio Di Bello, Stelio, Ruggiero Guariglia, Fabio Lo Presti, Francesco Mazzadi, Stefano Uccello, Giampaolo Rinaldi (NPC), Andrea Pagani (Coach).

2. DENMARK: Kåre Gjaldbæk, Boje Henriksen, Bjørg Houmøller, Jonas Houmøller, Andreas Marquardsen, Martin Schaltz, Jacob Ron (NPC), Lars Walter Petersen (Coach).
3. USA 2: Kevin Bathurst, Joe Grue, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Kent Mignocchi, Joel Wooldridge, Bob Rosen (NPC), Andy O'Grady (Coach).

2005, Sydney - AUSTRALIA

The 10th Youth Teams Championship was held in Sydney, which hosted a very exciting and well run Championship attended by teams from seven of the eight WBF Zonal Conferences. The final was truly dramatic (renewing the thrilling atmosphere lived in the previous edition in the match between Italy and USA 2) with USA 1 trailing Poland by 30 IMPs going into the last set. At the end, the score had been leveled, and 8 extra boards played to decide the winner of the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy.

1. USA 1: Ari Greenberg, Joe Grue, John Hurt, John Kranyak, Justin Lall, Joel Wooldridge, Bob Rosen (NPC).



2. POLAND: Konrad Araszkiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Jacek Kalita, Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Piotr Madry, Wojciech Strzemecki, Marek Murkowshi (NPC), Leszek Nowak (Team Manager).
3. CANADA: Tim Capes, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Charles halasi, Daniel Lavee, Gavin Wolpert, Jonathan Steinberg (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).

2006, Bangkok - THAILAND

The 11th World Youth Team Championships were held in Bangkok, Thailand. These championships were a tremendous success. They attracted 18 teams - the maximum possible - representing 17 countries and 7 Zonal Conferences. The USA retained possession of the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, symbol of world supremacy in Junior bridge, defending

the title won in 2005 by defeating Italy in another hair-raising match, which seemed a replay of the dramatic match played in Paris in 2003, but with the result reversed. Down by 96 IMPs with just 16 boards to play, Italy made a tremendous comeback and outscored their opponents by 82-1 IMPs over those deals, but it just wasn't enough.



1. USA: Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Justin Lall, Ari Greenberg, Joshua Donn, Jason Feldman, Bob Rosen (NPC).
2. ITALY: Andrea Boldrini, Stelio Di Bello, Francesco Ferrari, Fabio Lo Presti, Alberto Sangiorgio, Matteo Sbarigia, Gianpaolo Rinaldi (NPC).
3. SINGAPORE: Alex Loh, Choon Chou Loo, Kelvin Ng, Hua Poon, Fabian tan, Li Yu Tan, Gang Chua (NPC).

2008, Beijing - CHINA

The 12th World Youth Team Championships were held in Beijing, being incorporated in the 1st Edition of the World Mind Sports Games. 18 teams, representing 6 Zonal Conferences, participated. Denmark showed an impressive superiority throughout the entire competition and won its second title following the victory achieved in 1997 in Hamilton.



1. DENMARK: Dennis Bilde, Anne-Sofie Houlberg, Jonas Houmøller, Emil Jepsen, Lars Kirkegaard Nielsen, Martin Shaltz, Henrik Røn, Kåre Gjaldbæk (NPC).
2. POLAND: Piotr Nawrocki, Michal Nowosadadski, Przemyslaw Piotrowski, Jan Sikora, Artur Wasiak, Piotr Wiankowski,

Marek Markowski (NPC), Piotr Dybicz (Coach).

3. NORWAY: Erik Berg, Ivar berg, Petter Eide, Espen Lindqvist, Allan Livgard, Tor Ove Reistad, Sven Olai Hoyland (NPC), Olav Ellestad (Coach).

2010, Philadelphia - USA

Philadelphia, hosted the 13th World Youth Team Championships. 17 teams representing 6 Zonal Conferences attended the event, which was played alongside the World Bridge Series. Israel was the best ranked in the Round Robin, followed by France and won very easily both the quarter and semi-final, and in a very hard fought final won for the first time the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, for the first time, defeating France in the final.

1. ISRAEL: Eiran Argelazi, Alon Birman, Lothar Fisher, Ron Schwartz, Bar Tarnovski, David Birman (NPC).
2. FRANCE: Thomas Bessis, Christophe Grosset, Nicolas Lhuissier, Cedric Iorenzini, Quentin Robert, Frederic Volcker, Alain Dumesnil (NPC).
3. CHINA: Yichao Chen, Junjie Hu, Zisu Lin, Yinghao Liu, Yinpei Shao, Di Zhuo.



2012, Taicang - CHINA

With 20 teams, representing all the 8 WBF Zones, Taicang hosted the most important event in the youth competitions calendar. Following its tradition of hair-raising matches, Netherlands at the end of an unbelievably exciting final, decided only on the last board, defeated the reigning champions from Israel by 0.7 IMPs. 25 years after its victory in Amsterdam in the first edition of the championship, Netherlands won its second title. The host team China, defeating Australia confirmed the bronze medal won in Philadelphia.

1. NETHERLANDS: Berend van den Bos, Aarnout Helmich, Gerbrand Hop, Joris van Lankveld, Ernst Wackwitz, Chris



Westerbeek, Wubbo de Boer (NPC), Kees Tammens (Coach).

2. ISRAEL: Eyal Erez, Lotan Fisher, Gail Gerstner, Moshe Meyouhas, Dror Padon, Lee Rosenthal, Gilad Ofir (NPC).
3. CHINA: Yichao Chen, Junjie Hu, Yuijie Jiang, Kai Lu, Yinpei Shao, Jianqiu Shen, Xiaofeng Wang (NPC), Xueming Fu (Coach).

2014, Istanbul - TURKEY

The full quota of 22 Junior teams attended the 15th World Youth Teams Championships which was held Istanbul, Turkey, hosted by the prestigious Koç University.

The Final kept up the tradition of close matches, on this occasion between Norway and the defending champions, the Netherlands. The Dutch began the last session 9.5 imps in the lead, but Norway had a very good final set, achieving 63 imps to 10 to triumph by 203 imps to 159.5.

1. NORWAY: Harald Eide, Mats Eide, Kristian Ellingsen, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer

Hegge, Kristian Stangeland, Lars Eide (NPC), Lars Arthur Johansen (Coach).

2. THE NETHERLANDS: Tobias Polak, Joris Van Lankveld, Tom Van Overbeeke, Ernst Wackwitz, Chris Westerbeek, Ricardo Westerbeek, Wubbo De Boer (NPC), Kees Tammens (Coach), Agnes Snellers (Team Manager).
3. POLAND: Maciej Bielawski, Pawel Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Sławomir Niajko, Piotr Tuczynski, Jakub Wojcieszek, Marek Markowski (NPC), Stanislaw Golebiowski (Coach).



2016, Salsomaggiore - ITALY

22 Teams, representing 7 WBF Zones attended the 16th World Youth Team Championships hosted by Salsomaggiore, the Town of Bridge. The Polish Ironclad, carried by the 21-year-old star Michal Klukowski (WBF Grand Master and winner of the Roseblum Cup 2014 and the Bermuda Bowl 2015) dominated the competition and, after closing first the round robin, beat Argentina 152/41 in the quarterfinal, Sweden 145/75 in the semifinal and China 175/92 in the final.

1. POLAND: Marcin Bojarski, Maksymilian Chodacki, Wojciech Kazmierczak, Michal Klukowski, Kamil Nowak, Justyna Zmuda, Marek Markowski (NPC).

2. CHINA: Yanfeng Chen, Sili Liu, Shiyu Sun, Zhi Tang, Yong Tao, Hongji Wei, Jun Ji (NPC), Jun Ji (Coach).
3. SWEDEN: Simon Ekenberg, Mikael Gronkvist, Daniel Gullberg, Simon Hult, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Martin Loeffgren (NPC), Tom Gards (Coach).



2018, Wujiang - CHINA

Once again the full quota of 22 Junior teams attended the 17th World Youth Teams Championships held in Wujiang, China, hosted by the Chinese Contract Bridge Association. In the exciting final, Sweden enjoyed a big fifth session, winning it by 38imps to 19 and taking a 23-point advantage into the concluding 14 boards. Could Singapore stage a third amazing comeback? There was far more scoring in this match, but in the end, Singapore gained only 8imps and lost by 5: 206-201, For the Bronze Medal the Netherlands got past Poland by 116imps to 99.

1. SWEDEN: Ida Gronkvist, Mikael Gronkvist, Simon Hult, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Adam Stokka, Martin Loeffgren (NPC), Tom Gards (Coach).

2. SINGAPORE: Ryan Chan, Peter Haw, Yu Chen Liu, Jazlene Ong, Ming Yang Zhou, Xin Chen Zhu, Yisheng Kelvin Ong (NPC), Choon Chou Loo (Coach).
3. NETHERLANDS: Veri Kiljan, Guy Mendes De Leon, Michel Schols, Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Luc Tijssen, Ricardo Westerbeek, Agnes Snellers (NPC), Wubbo De Boer (Coach).



The José Damiani Trophy Under 21



2004, New York - USA

The first World Youngsters (previously schools) Team Championship for the José Damiani Trophy was held in New York in July 2004. This, the inaugural event, had participation from just two of the WBF Zones, Europe and North America with six teams taking part.

1. POLAND: Marcin Malesa, Piotr Nawrocki, Filip Niziol, Michal Nowosadzki, Przemyslaw Piotrowski, Jan Sikora, Leszek Nowak (NPC), Piotr Dybicz (Coach).
2. ISRAEL: Eliran Argelazi, Eran Assaraf, Alon Birman, Gilad Ofir, Amir Levin (NPC).



3. NORWAY: Petter Eide, Espen Lindqvist, Allan Livgard, Steffen Fredrik Simonsen, Sverre Johan Aal (NPC).

2006, Bangkok - THAILAND



The Youngsters event, played for the first time within the World Youth Teams Championship, was contested by 16 teams from 15 countries and 5 Zonal Conferences, a remarkable improvement over the first edition when 6 teams from 5 countries and 2 zones took part. The first stage was a complete round-robin to qualify the top four teams for the knockout stage. Israel took the lead on the second day of the round-robin and kept it

without difficulty until the end. Poland and Latvia put up very strong performances and qualified to the knockouts together with Australia. With one third of the round-robin still to be played, the four eventual qualifiers were already in place, but they were threatened by Norway and USA. At the end, Australia and Latvia finished in a tie for second place, while Poland secured the last qualifying spot, finishing just ahead of Norway and USA.

1. ISRAEL: Eliran Argelazi, Alon Birman, Dror Padon, Ron Segev, Dana Tal, Bar Tarnovski, Gadi Lebovits (NPC).
2. LATVIA: Jurijs Balasovs, Janis Bethers, Peteris Bethers, Andrians Imsa Martins Lorencs, Aivar Tihane (NPC).
3. POLAND: Piotr Butryn, Bartłomiej Igła, Artur Marek Machno, Maciej Sikora, Joanna Krawczyk, Artur Wasiak, Marek Markowski (NPC).

2008, Beijing - CHINA

The 3rd edition of the Youngsters event, thanks the generous support of IMSA, was attended by all the 18 teams entitled to participate, representing all the 8 Zonal Conferences - an absolute record. Beijing organised the event magnificently and welcomed hosted the contestants. England topped the Round Robin ahead of France, Chinese Taipei, China and Bulgaria. There was a desperate battle in the last round to settle the remaining three places in the knockouts, with USA, Norway and Netherlands making it through. England and France won their quarterfinals comfortably enough, while China won a close one against Norway; the semi-final lineup was completed by Bulgaria, where England and

France achieved the right to play the final. France taking the gold medal and England the silver. Meanwhile, China defeated Bulgaria in the play of third place.

1. FRANCE: Marion Canonne, Pierre Franceschetti, Alexandre Kilani, Aymeric Lebatteux, Nicolas Lhuissier, Cedric Lorenzini, Christophe Oursel (NPC).
2. ENGLAND: Adam Hickman, Edward Jones, Daniel McIntosh, Robert Myers, Benjamin Paske, Thomas Paske, Michael Byrne (NPC), Alan Shillitoe (Coach).
3. CHINA: Simin Chen, Yichao Chen, Chunhui Dong, Junjie Hu, Yujie Jiang, Qi Song, Xueming Fu (NPC), Yixin Zheng (Coach).



2010, Philadelphia - USA

16 teams, representing 5 Zonal Conferences attended the 4th edition of the Youngsters Teams Championship. Poland after difficult time in the round robin played superb KO matches and won its second Ortiz-Patiño Trophy comfortably defeating France, Israel and England in the row.

1. POLAND: Pawel Jassem, Tomasz Maciej Jochymski, Wojciech Kazmierczak, Mateusz Mroczkowski, Adam Smieszko, Piotr Tuczyński, Andrzej Biernacki (NPC).
2. ENGLAND: Daniel McIntosh, Thomas Paske, James Paul, Thomas Rainforth, Graeme Robertson, Shivam Shah, Alan Shillitoe (NPC).



3. THE NETHERLANDS: Rik van Leeuwen, Lotte Leufkens, Vincent Nab, Rens Philipsen, Thijs Verbeek, Ernst Wackwitz, Maarten Shollaardt (NPC).

2012, Taicang - CHINA

17 teams representing 5 WBF Zones attended the event. Poland with a completely renovated team retained the title, winning its third World Championship, defeating USA in the final.

1. POLAND: Michał Gulczyński, Wojciech Kazmierczak, Michał Klukowski, Igor Losiewicz, Andrzej Terszak, Lukasz

Witkowski, Włodzimierz Krysztofczyk (NPC), Stanisław Golebiowski (Coach).

2. USA: Zachary Brescoll, Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Andrew Jeng, Richard Jeng, Adam Kaplan, Tom Carmichael (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Julien Bernard, Ivan Cailliau, Fabrice Chaignon, Baptiste Combescur, Gregoire Lafont, Christophe Oursel (NPC).



2014, Istanbul - TURKEY

16 teams representing 5 WBF Zones attended the event. Sweden, with only four players, dominated the competition since the round robin and smoothly won the championship, reaching for the first time the José Damiani Trophy.

1. SWEDEN: Ida Gronkvist, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Johan Safsten, Per Leandersson (NPC), Tom Gards (Coach).

2. NORWAY: Christian Bakke, Espen Flaatt, Joakim Saether, Marcus Scheie, Lars Eide (NPC), Lars Arthur Johansen (Coach).
3. USA: Nolan Chang, Christopher Huber, Oren Kriegel, Benjamin Kristensen, Cole Spencer, Barry Goren (NPC), Phyllis Harris (Coach).



2016, Salsomaggiore - ITALY

18 Teams (record together with Beijing 2008) representing 6 WBF Zones participated in the Championship. The Home Team Italy won its first world title in the category: first at the end of the round robin, beat USA 169/88 in the quarterfinal, 150/136 China Hong Kong with an exciting comeback in the last session and the Netherlands 217/175 in the final with a remarkable 70/0 in the fifth segment.

1. ITALY: Francesco Chiarandini, Alvaro Gaiotti, Gianmarco Giubilo, Andrea Manganella, Federico Porta, Sebastiano Scatà, Gianni Medugno (NPC), Dario Attanasio (Coach).
2. THE NETHERLANDS: Youp Caris, Pim Dupont, Oscar Nijssen, Sven Overvelde, Leen Stougie, Marc Stougie, Niek Brink (NPC), M. Schollaardt (Coach).

3. HONG KONG: Chris T.H. Chan, Alfred Lam, Niko Man, Jackson Tsang, Sam Tseng, Michael Wu, Hing L.C. Lee (NPC).



2018, Wujiang - CHINA

A record of 22 Teams representing 5 Zonal Conferences participated in the Championship. In the final Israel seemed to be losing heavily but fought back in the penultimate set, scoring 34imps and holding Sweden to 1, then taking an 8-point lead into the last set. That turned out to be very low-scoring. After 11 of the 14 boards, the score was 9-6 to Sweden. On board 12, Sanna Clementsson opened an 11-count and got to a thin four spades. A double-dummy defence would have beaten it, but understandably it made for 10imps and victory for Sweden by 118imps to 112.

France took easily the Bronze Medal beating Italy by 126imps to 66.

1. SWEDEN: Teo Bodin, Sanna Clementsson, Erik Hansson, Castor Mann, Alexander Sandin, Martin Loefgren (NPC), Lars Nilsson (Coach).
2. ISRAEL: Ilai Ilan Baniri, Nir Khutorsky, Tomer Loonstein, Gal Matatyahou, Yonatan Sliwowicz, Aviv Zeitak, Danny Loonstein (NPC).
3. FRANCE: Raphael Basler, Luc Bellicaud, Arthur Boulin, Melic Dufrene, Maxence Fragola, Theo Guillemin, Christophe Ourseil (NPC).



The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy Under 26 Women



2010, Philadelphia - USA

The first World Girls Team Championship for the Gianarrigo Rona Trophy was held in Philadelphia in October 2010. This, the inaugural event, had participation from just four teams, China, France, Poland and USA.

1. POLAND: Ewa Agnieszka Grabowska, Magdalena Holeska, Danuta Kazmucha, Natalia Sakowska, Joanna Krawczyk,

Justyna Zmuda, Miroslaw Cichocki (NPC), Rudolf Borusiewicz (Coach).

2. FRANCE: Marion Canonne, Jessie Carbonneaux, Claire Chaugny, Carole Puillet, Aurelie Thizy, Jerome Rombaut (NPC).

3. CHINA: Xiufen Chang, Xing Li, Yanjiao Liu, Wei Meng, Lulu Peng, Xingxing Shan, Li Xuan Li (NPC), Honghai Lu (Coach).



2012, Taicang - CHINA

10 teams representing 5 WBF Zones attended the event. Netherlands easily won the round robin, but in the final was defeated by Poland, who thus retained the title won in Philadelphia, in a match without any story. Italy defeated France for the bronze.

1. POLAND: Katarzyna Dufurat, Magdalena Holeksa, Danuta Kazmucha, Natalia Sakowska, Kamila Wesolowska, Justyna Zmuda, Mirosław Cichocki (NPC), Cezary Serek (Coach).
2. NETHERLANDS: Natalia Banas, Judith Nab, Jamilla Spangenberg, Sigrid Spangenberg, Magdalena Ticha, Janneke Wackwitz,



Alex van Reenen (NPC), Hans Kelder (Coach).

3. ITALY: Giorgia Botta, Federica Butto, Margherita Chavarria, Margherita Costa, Flavia Lanzuisi, Michela Salvato, Emanuela Capriata (NPC).

2014, Istanbul - TURKEY

13 teams representing 6 WBF Zones attended the event. Italy won the round robin without any problems, but in the semifinal was defeated, at the end of a very exciting match, by France who in the final defeated China winning the world title. Italy won its second bronze medal in the row.

1. FRANCE: Jessie Carbonneaux, Anaïs Leleu, Jennifer Mourgues, Anne-Laure

Tartarin, Aurelie Thizy, Mathilde Thuillez, Jerome Rombaut (NPC).

2. CHINA: Li Chen, Bo Fu, Hanxiao Li, Xinyi Li, Qihao Wu, Bing Zhao, Guoqiang Zhang (NPC), Xueming Fu (Coach).
3. ITALY: Giorgia Botta, Caterina Burgio, Federica Butto, Margherita Chavarria, Margherita Costa, Michela Salvato, Emanuela Capriata (NPC).



2016, Salsomaggiore - ITALY

13 Teams representing 5 WBF Zones attended the championship. After the second place in the round robin, following the Chinese Girls, the Netherlands dominated the competition in the KO stages, beating Singapore 175/106 in the quarterfinal, Norway 181/60 in the semifinal and Australia 228/134 in the final.

1. THE NETHERLANDS: Natalia Banas, Merel Bruijnstee, Magdalena Ticha, Maaïke Van Ommen, Esther Visser, Janneke Wackwitz, Anneke Simons (NPC), Aarnout Helmich (Coach).
2. AUSTRALIA: Jessica Brake, Renee Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Francesca McGrath, Ella Pattison, Ian Thomson (NPC), Justine Beaumont (Coach).

3. NORWAY: Katarina Ekren, Thea Hove Hauge, Thea Lucia Indrebo, Agnethe Hansen Kjensli, Sofie Grasholt Sjodal, Sven Olai Hoyland (NPC), Elisabeth G. Sjodal (Coach).



2018, Wujiang - CHINA

15 Teams participated in the Championship. In the final the host China easily captured the title defeating Poland 245-160. For the Bronze Medal France defeated the Netherlands by a nail biting 129 imps to 120.

1. CHINA: Yijing Cai, Bo Fu, Chengke Hu, Xinyi Li, Xinyi Ni, Yang Yang, Guoqiang Zhang (NPC), Bing Zhao (Coach).
2. POLAND: Zofia Baldysz, Hanna Ciunczyk, Joanna Kokot, Dominika Ocylok, Joanna Zalewska, Anna Zareba, Piotr Dybiczy (NPC), Zuzanna Moszczynska (Coach).
3. FRANCE: Sarah Combescure, Marie-Valentine Coupel, Beryl Dufrene, Emeline Jounin, Anais Leleu, Mathilde Thuillez, Vanessa Reess (NPC).



The Koç University Trophy Under 16



2014, Istanbul - TURKEY

The inaugural, very successful, World Kids Team Championship, for the Koç University Trophy, had participation from eight teams, China, France, India, Israel, Italy, Poland, Sweden and Turkey. Thanks to the generous support of the Koç Holding and other sponsors-friends, all the teams were hosted at the Koç University. France and Poland finished neck and neck at the end of the round robin, but in the final Poland defeated France, winning the gold medal. For the bronze China defeated Sweden.

1. POLAND: Michal Kaleta, Kacper Kopka, Michal Maszenda, Jakub Patreuha, Patryk Patreuha, Tomasz Pawelczyk, Leszek Nowak (NPC), Roland Lippik (Coach).
2. FRANCE: Luc Bellicaud, Theo Guillemain, Romaric Guth, Victor Le Lez, Christophe Oursel (NPC).
3. CHINA: Zhiyu Cheng, Dongke Fang, Baozhuo Jiang, Randy Pan, Jiahe Shen, Zihan Wang, Jichao Hu (NPC), Tong Jiang (Coach).



2016, Salsomaggiore - ITALY

The second edition the Kids Championship registered the participation of 14 Teams from Europe, North America and Pacific Asia, showing the kids movement's impressive and rapid growth in the world and rewarding the great efforts done with passion and dedication by the Zones and the Federations in supporting it. After a neck to neck match both in the final and play-off, Israel won the title beating China in the final, while France defeated Poland for the bronze medal.

1. ISRAEL: Aviv Zeitak, Nir Khutorsky, Gilad Lifshitz, Gal Matatyahou, Tomer Loonstein, Danny Loonstein, Shahar Dank, Gilad Ofir (NPC).
2. CHINA 2: Cheng Deng, Yizhou Liu, Yunpeng Chen, Xinyao Ruan, Penghao

Wang, Ruizhe Wang, Xiaochen Kong (NPC), Liping Wang (Coach).

3. FRANCE: Maxence Fragola, Romaric Guth, Hugo Rabourdin, Clement Teil, Christophe Oursel (NPC), Benoit Deveze (Coach).



2018, Wujiang - CHINA

A record 18 Teams representing 5 Zonal Conferences participated in the 3rd edition of the Championship. After comfortably winning the round robin, China was favourite to take the gold medal and did not disappoint their supporters. Playing France in the 48-board final, they were down by 6

imps after the first quarter and just one at halftime. But China had a good third set to jump ahead by 21 imps. In the last session, they gained another 6 imps to win by 114 imps to 87. In the battle for the bronze, Sweden led by 8 imps at the two-thirds mark, but USA gained 15 imps in the third and last session to win by 7 (95-88).

1. CHINA: Tie Chen, Zanchao Cui, Xihong Dai, Sicheng Liu, Yiping Lu, Zichen Wang, Guoqiang Chen (NPC), Feng Qu (Coach).
2. FRANCE: Romain Bloch, Aurele Gallard, Leo Rombaut, Thibaut Zobel, Benoit Deveze (NPC).
3. USA: Michael Hu, Harrison Anders Luba, Rory Xiao, Michael Xu, Jonathan Yue, Arthur Zhou, Jim Munday (NPC).



The World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships

This is a new concept of massive youth competitions inaugurated in 2009 and held biennially on odd-numbered years. It began in Istanbul in 2009 with the name of World Youth Congress (later re-named as World Youth Open Bridge Championship), the event comprises various competitions, which are held in four series (Juniors, Youngsters, Girls & Kids) if entries permit. From 2017 the series were simply renamed Under 26 Open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16. All young players are eligible to participate according to their age in national or transnational combinations. There are no national quotas. The World Youth Open Championship also included the World Youth Pairs Championship, inaugurated in Ghent, Belgium in 1995 and discontinued after the last edition held in 2006 in Piestany, Slovakia. In 2019 the championship was renamed as World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships.

2009, Istanbul - TURKEY

The 1st edition, held at the Yeditepe University Campus in Istanbul, attracted participants from 29 countries.

SWISS / KNOCKOUT TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

In the 48-board Final Italy started confidently and led by 22 IMPs after two sets. But Japan-Czech Republic again showed its grit by storming back in the last segment to win 95-80 to become the 1st World Youth Congress Swiss/KO Champions. USA-Blue won the playoff for 3rd place with a 86-77 victory over Netherlands-Red.

1. JAPAN-CZECH: Noriaki Koike (Japan, Michal Kopecky (Czech Rep.), Milan Macura (Czech Rep.), Hiroaki Miura (Japan).
2. ITALY RED: Massimiliano Di Franco, Arrigo Franchi, Andrea Manno, Aldo Paparo.
3. USA BLUE: Jason Chiu, Kevin Dwyer, Kevin Fay, Jeremy Fournier, Justin Lall, Matthew Meckstroth, James Marsch Sternerberg (Coach), Howard Weinstein (NPC).



BOARD-A-MATCH (BAM) TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

This was the second World Championship event, open to all new teams or teams already eliminated from the Swiss/KO event. 34 teams participated.

The scoring format is quite exciting, as the target is just to “win the board” against the pair playing against your teammates. There is plenty of strategy involved.

After six sessions, Italy-Green was the winner with 59 boards won.



1. ITALY GREEN: Giuseppe Delle

Cave, Robin Fellus, Eugenio Mistretta, Giuseppe Mistretta.

2. CKIS SKAWINA (Poland): Artur Janezco, Michal Kania, Adam Krysa, Agnieszka Szczypczyk, Lukasz Witkowski, Justyna Zmuda.

3. USA-RED: Zachary Brescoll, Alex Hudson, Adam Kaplan, John Marriott, Cameron Shunta, Howard Weinstein (NPC), Jim Sternberg (Coach), tied with 57, but the tiebreak formula favoured Ckis Skawina who therefore took the Silver Medal.

MATCHPOINT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

94 Pairs entered this event, played over three qualifying sessions and four final sessions.

1. Marion Michielsen - Tim Verbeek (the Netherlands).

2. Justyna Zmuda - Adam Krysa (Poland).

3. Aymeric Lebatteux - Nicolas L'Huissier (France).



IMP PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

36 pairs participated in this four-session event.

1. Magdalena Ticha - Frantisek Kralik (Czech Republic).

2. Antonio Borzi - Andrea Mortarotti (Italy).

3. Cédric Margot - Jérôme Amiguet (Switzerland).

2011, Opatija - CROATIA

The 2nd edition was held at the Congress Centre Tamaris in Opatija.

SWISS / KNOCK-OUT TEAMS

27 teams from 19 countries entered the Swiss/KO Teams. The team Netherlands Juniors had a comfortable victory over the Argentina-Uruguay team, 145-68.

1. NETHERLANDS JUNIORS: Berend van den Bos, Joris van den Lankveld, Aarnout Helmich, Gerbrand Hop, Kees Tammens (NPC).
2. ARGENTINA-URUGUAY: Maximo Crusizio, Rodrigo García da Rosa, Felipe José Ferro, Alejandro Scanavino.



3. Netherlands-Romania: Bob Drijver, Ernst Wackwitz, Marius Agica Radu Nistor.

BOARD-A-MATCH (BAM) TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP



27 teams also competed in the BAM Teams, which was won by Vicky's Vikings in dramatic fashion on the final deal.

1. VICKY'S VIKINGS: Harald Eide, Kristian Ellingsen, Kristoffer Hegge, Kristian Stangeland.
2. USA: Kevin Dwyer, Owen Lien, Roger Lee, Daniel Wolkowitz, Jeremy Fournier, Mitch Towner, Will Ehlers (NPC).
3. NETHERLANDS JUNIORS: Berend van den Bos, Joris van Lankveld, Aarnout Helmich, Gerbrand Hop, Kees Tammens (NPC).

JUNIOR PAIRS

61 pairs took part in the Junior Pairs event. As it turned out the two leading players were playing against each other on the last round. Berend van den Bos and Joris van Lankveld from the Netherlands were 20.28 matchpoints ahead and they outscored Aymeric Lebatteux and Simon Poulat from France by 31.44 mps to 22.56 to take the world title.

1. Berend van den Bos - Joris van Lankveld (Netherlands).



2. Aymeric Lebatteux - Simon Poulat (France).
3. Marius Agica - Radu Nistor (Romania).

YOUNGSTERS PAIRS

1. Poland - Michal Gulczynski, Wojciech Kazmierczak.
2. USA - Adam Grossack, Adam Kaplan.
3. The Netherlands - Luc Severeijns - Chris Westerbeek.



2013, Atlanta - USA

The 3rd edition was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta. For the 3rd World Youth Bridge Teams Championship the regulations required that pairs and teams must consist of members from the same NBO.

YOUTH PAIRS

For the first time the field was split into three series for the Pairs event, Juniors (32 pairs), Youngsters (40 pairs) and Girls (12 pairs).

GIRLS PAIRS



1. Giorgia Botta - Margherita Chavarria (Italy).
2. Karla de Jesus - Adriana Suarez (Venezuela).
3. Julie Arbit - Isha Tharp (USA).

YOUNGSTERS PAIRS



1. Allison Hunt - Asya Laidyzhensky (USA).
2. Andrew - Richard Jeng (USA).
3. Jin Kai - Jin Tianyi (China).

JUNIOR PAIRS



1. Massimiliano di Franco - Gabriele Zanasi (Italy).
2. Erkmen Aydogdu - Akin Koclar (Turkey).
3. Alex Prairie - Sylvia (USA).

The teams event was played in two series, Juniors and Youngsters. USA teams took the gold medal in both events, with teams from Australia, Turkey and China also featuring on the podium.

JUNIOR TEAMS

1. WAR OF ROSES (USA): Kevin Dwyer, Zachary Grossack, Marius, Agica, Adam Kaplan, Owen Lien, Adam Grossack, Michael Rosenberg (NPC).
2. AUSTRALIA: Nathan Howard, Peter Hollands, Lauren Travis, Justin Howard, Ellena Moskovsky, Maxim Henbest, Ishmael Del'Monte (NPC), Alex Smirnov (Coach).
3. TURKEY: Altug Gobekli, Erkmen Aydogdu, Sarper Uslupehlivan, Akin Koclar, Muhammet Ozgur, Berk Gokce.



YOUNGSTERS TEAMS



1. USA JENG: Burke Snowden, Richard Jeng, Andrew Jeng, Oren Kriegel.
2. KRISTENSEN (USA): Ben Kristensen, Brandon Harper, Ryan Miller, Greg Herman.
3. CHINA XNWY: Kai Jin, Felicia Yu, Kaiwen Yu, Yiling Shen, Tianyi Jin, Zhizhou Sha.

BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

The final event in the Youth Open Bridge Championship was the Board-a-Match teams, when all teams joined together playing as Junior Teams.

1. TURKEY: Erkmen Aydogdu, Berk Gokce, Altug Gobekli, Sarper Uslupehlivan, Akin Koclar, Muhammet Ozgur, Umit Tarhan (NPC).
2. AUSTRALIA: Justin Howard, Max Henbest, Ellena Moskovsky, Lauren Travis, Nathan Howard, Peter Hollands.
3. CALIFORNIAN ACES (USA): Anthony Lee, Kevin Rosenberg, Ryan Wessels, Frank Lin.



2015, Opatija - CROATIA

The 2015 Youth Open Bridge Championships were held once again in Opatija, which is proving an excellent and very popular bridge venue. Yet another category was introduced, the Kids event and was a resounding success.

TEAMS

The teams event saw the highest every entry, with a total of 44 participating teams - 16 Junior teams, 7 Girls teams, 8 Youngsters teams and 13 Kids teams.

JUNIOR TEAMS

1. ZLATAN: Simon Ekenberg, Simon Hult, Rodrigo Garcia De Rosa, Giuseppe Delle Cave, Daniel Gullberg, Johan Karlsson, Marshall Lewis (NPC).
2. NORWAY: Christian Bakke, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge, Harald Eide.
3. GRESWE AXON: Ola Rimstedt, Ioannis Oikonomopoulos, Mikael Rimstedt, Adam Kaplan, Giorgos Oikonomopoulos (Coach).



GIRLS TEAMS

1. ITALY: Flaminia Tanini, Agnese Di Mauro, Giulia Scriattoli, Caterina De Lutio, Michela Salvato, Susanna Broccolino, Emanuela Capriata (NPC).
2. SX XHLD: Huiyuan Jin, Aijia Yuan, Yunpeng Chen, Chenyun Ge, Yue Yu, Xinyao Ruan, Weichang Qiu (NCP).
3. CHINA RDFZ GIRLS: Guangli Wendy Liu, Mengqi Hao, Lingyi Ma, Xinyi Luo, Qi Xia, Ling Hu, Jichao Hu (NPC), Tong Jiang (Coach).



YOUNGSTERS TEAMS

1. CHINA: Shiyu Sun, Zhengyang Fang, Zihan Wang, Dongke Fang, Yichen Yin, Hongji Wei, Jichao Hu (NCP), Tong Jiang (Coach).
2. AZS UW WYCESKA: Lukasz Trendak, Stanislaw Maczka, Krystian Baczek, Piotr Jasinski.
3. GERMANY: Sibrand Van Oosten, Philipp Pabst, Florian Alter, Stig Jesse, Leonard Vornkahl, Hartmut Kondoch (NPC).



KIDS TEAMS

1. SX HYSW: Yingqi Wang, Tianle Yao, Siyuan Liu, Renyu Li, Yijun Shang, Yiqin Shao, Wen Cao (NPC), Lin Lin (Coach).
2. CHINA RDFZ1: Zixi Cai, Yuanzhe Ding, Randy Pan, Baozhuo Jiang, Shi Qiu, Haoqing Yu, Jichao Hu (NCP), Tong Jiang (Coach).
3. SX XNWX: Yihong Liu, Wenjie Xue, Ruizhe Wang, Hanyang Dai, Jiaxin Tong, Tiancheng Zhang, Qiwei Li (NPC), Hui Fu (Coach).



PAIRS

Another extraordinarily successful event, with a total of 123 pairs taking part: 38 Juniors, 23 Girls, 21 Youngsters and no less than 41 Kids.

JUNIOR PAIRS



1. Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt (Sweden).
2. Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa (Argentina), Giuseppe Delle Cave (Italy).
3. Sean Gannon, Julie Arbit (USA).

GIRLS PAIRS



1. Jovana Zoranovic, Selena Pepic (Serbia).
2. Giulia Scriattoli, Michela Salvato (Italy).
3. Enrica Raffa, Susanna Broccolino (Italy).

YOUNGSTERS PAIRS



1. Wei Hongji, Sun Shiyu (China).
2. Yin Yichen, Fang Zhengyang (China).
3. Sebastiano Scatà, Andrea Manganella (Italy).

KIDS PAIRS



1. Soren Bune, Christian Lahrman (Denmark).
2. Kacper Kopka, Oskar Trybus (Poland).
3. Wu Zhe, Yuan Zhijie (China).

BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

1. ITALIA JUNIORS: Gianluca Bergami, Alessandro Calmanovici, Margherita Chavarria, Giovanni Donati, Alessandro Gandoglia, Giacomo Percario, Valerio Giubilo (NPC).
2. NETHERLANDS WHITE: Tobias Polak, Michel Schols, Tim Van Den Bos, Tom Van Overbeeke, Anneke Simons (NPC), Kees Tammens (Coach).
3. NORWAY: Christian Bakke, Harald Eide, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge.



2017, Lyon - FRANCE

The 2017 FunBridge World Youth Open Bridge Championship was held at the magnificent Cité Centre de Congrès in Lyon and registered an extraordinary success with a record of 70 teams and 192 pairs participating with a exponential increase in Under 16.

TEAMS

70 teams attended the event: 17 in Under 26 Open, 15 in Under 26 Women, 12 in Under 21 and 26 in Under 16.

Under 26 Open TEAMS

1. USA: Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Christian Jolly, Adam Kaplan, Kevin Rosenberg, Anam Tebha.
2. JAPAN: Takayuki Hino, Eishi Imakiire, Koki Kobayashi, Derek Neo, Sanekata Sonoike, Ryoichi Yamada, Hiroaki Miura (NPC).
3. VILLA FABBRICHE: Christian Bakke, Maximo Crusizio, Guillermo Minutti, Shivam Shah.



Under 26 Women TEAMS

1. SHENGXING TEAM 1: Yunpeng Chen, Chenyun Ge, Yajie Lu, Yijia Lu, Xinyao Ruan, Jiaming Xu, Xiaochen Kong (NPC).
2. FRANCE 1 GIRLS: Helene Besancon, Helene Chelin, Sarah Combescure, Marie-Valentine Coupel, Emeline Jounin, Mathilde Thuillez, Wilfried Libbrecht (NPC).
3. SH XIN JIANGNAN TEAM: Yueling Gu, Shiyi Li, Shiyun Mao, Yanting Mao, Yici Wang, Xiaotong Wu, Yi Xing Lv (NPC).



Under 21 TEAMS

1. FRANCE: Raphael Basler, Luc Bellicaud, Arthur Boulain, Melic Dufrene, Maxence Fragola, Theo Guillemin, Christophe Oursel (NPC).
2. SHENGXING TEAM: Cheng Deng, Yihong Liu, Jiaxin Tong, Zhijie Yuan, Yu Yun, Tiancheng Zhang, Qi Zeng (NPC).
3. CHINA: Zhiyu Cheng, Baozhuo Jiang, Randy Pan, Shi Qiu, Xihao Wang, Haoqing Yu, Jichao Hu (NPC), Bing Du (Coach).



Under 16 TEAMS

1. CHINA RDFZ GALAXY: Zhenhao Cai, Jingfan Chen, Yuanzhe Niu, Zhaofeng Wang, Boxin Zhang, Fangchen Zhao, Jichao Hu (NPC), Jie Li (Coach).
2. SHENGXING VENUS: Haochen Liu, Yizhou Liu, Mingyu Lu, Ruicheng Mao, Tianle Yao, Zhaochen Yu, Gongjun Liu (NPC).
3. SHENGXING SATURN: Licong Cheng, Penghao Wang, Ruizhe Wang, Yingqi Wang, Hao Xu, Jiahao Yang, Qin Liu (NPC).



PAIRS

192 Pairs attended the event: 35 in Under 26 Open, 37 in Under 26 Women, 42 in Under 21 and 78 in Under 16.

UNDER 26 OPEN PAIRS



1. Linus Dahlstroem, Simon Ekenberg (Sweden).
2. Edouard Du Corail, Loic Neveu (France).
3. Julien Bernard, Baptiste Combescure (France).

UNDER 26 WOMEN PAIRS



1. Sarah Combescure, Mathilde Thuillez (France).
2. Yunpeng Chen, Jiaming Xu (China).
3. Yajie Lu, Xinyao Ruan (China).

UNDER 21 PAIRS



1. Cheng Deng, Zhijie Yuan (China).
2. Federico Porta, Gianmarco Giubilo (Italy).
3. Arthur Boulin, Theo Guillemin (France).

UNDER 16 PAIRS



1. Yizhou Liu, Mingyu Lu (China).
2. Ruicheng Mao, Zhaochen Yu (China).
3. Licong Cheng, Penghao Wang (China).

BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

UNDER 26/UNDER 21 BOARD-A-MATCH



1. USA: Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Christian Jolly, Adam Kaplan, Anam Tebha.
2. VILLA FABBRICHE: Guillermo Minutti, Maximo Crusizio (Uruguay), Shivam Shah (England), Christian Bakke (Norway).
3. GERMANY 1: Maximilian Litterst, Viktor Otto, Sibrand Van Oosten, Leonard Vornkahl.

UNDER 16 BOARD-A-MATCH



1. SHENGXING VENUS: Liu Haochen, Liu Yizhou, Lu Mingyu, Mao Ruicheng, Yao Tianle, Yu Zhaochen, Liu Gongjun (NPC).
2. MAGIC EYES THAILAND: Asawanee Chulathammakun, Kittinan Kotha, Phitchaphuek Kuisuwan, Parit Promjan, Kritsakron Sianglio, Theeraphat Sopak, Phanuwit Tor Charoen (NPC), Somchai Baisamut (Coach).
3. SHENGXING SATURN: Cheng Licong, Wang Penghao, Wang Ruizhe, Wang Yingqi, Xu Hao, Yang Jiahao, Liu Qin (NPC).

2019, Opatija - CROATIA

The 2019 World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships were held very successfully once again in Opatija, the House of Bridge. The 2019 edition of the Board-a-Match Youth Championship, attended by 49 teams, was the opportunity to test technology. At each table, the four players were sitting in their regular position, but each one was equipped with a tablet to enter bid and play. In Opatija were reintroduced the Individual World Championship, attended by 256 players (67 Under 26 Open, 24 Under 26 Women's, 66 Under 21 and 99 Under 16) and the Triathlon World Championship.

TEAMS

The teams event saw the second highest entry, after Lyon 2017 (70) with a total of 65 participating teams – 20 Under 26 Open teams, 10 Under 26 Women's teams, 20 Under 21 teams and 15 Under 16 teams.

Under 26 Open Teams

1. SIVY B: Cornelius Duffie, Benjamin Kristensen, Kevin Rosenberg, Sarah Youngquist (USA).
2. NETHERLANDS: Pim Coppens, Guy Mendes De Leon, Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Niels Van Bijsterveldt (Netherlands).
3. NATT: Stephen Kennedy, Shahzaad Natt, Ben Norton, Junyuan Ye (England).



Under 26 Women's Teams



1. SOFIES WORLD: Thea Lucia Indrebo, Agnethe Hansen Kjensli, Ida Marie Oeberg, Sofie Grasholt Sjodal (Norway).
2. SXPEONY: Yunpeng Chen, Chenyun Ge, Yijia Lu, Xinyao Ruan, Jiaming Xu, Wenfei Yu, Ling Wang Captain (China).
3. SCREWDRIVER: Laura Covill (England), Malene Holm Christensen, Esther Visser, Janneke Wackwitz, Bas Van Engelen (NPC) (Netherlands).

Under 21 Teams

1. POLAND: Jakub Bazyluk, Krzysztof Cichy, Tomasz Kielbasa, Kacper Kopka, Marek Markowski (NPC) (Poland).
2. BADOELL: Erik Hansson, Castor Mann (Sweden), Oscar Nijssen, Tim Van De Paverd (Netherlands).
3. THE CANADIANS: Hao Zhen Dong, Bo Han Zhu (Canada), Finn Kolesnik, Harrison Anders Luba (USA).



Under 16 Teams

1. SXMARS: Yanzhuo Fu, Zhuxiongjie Gao, Ningyu Lang, Haotian Shen, Zicheng Wang, Fanfei Yu, Wei Yang Captain, Yihong Liu Coach (China).
2. POLAND: Lucja Ciborowska, Konrad Ciborowski, Lukasz Kasperczyk, Kacper Kufłowski, Franciszek Kurlit, Michal Stasik, Marcin Kufłowski (NPC) (Poland).
3. SXSATURN: Suhang Li, Zhenyue Lu, Tengbo Tang, Zhixian Tian, Yijun Wu, Xuyang Zhang, Hongfeng Zhu Captain, Zhijie Yuan Coach (China).



PAIRS

186 Pairs attended the event with record numbers: in Under 26 Open (49) and in Under 21 (54), and 27 in Under 26 Women & 56 in Under 16.

Under 26 Open Pairs



1. Lior Urman, Amir Ezion (Israel).
2. Jamie Thompson, Matthew Smith (Australia).
3. Hongji Wei, Shiyu Sun (China).

Under 26 Women's Pairs



1. Thea Lucia Indrebo, Ida Marie Oeberg (Norway).
2. Sofie Grashold Sjodal, Agnethe Hansen Kjensli (Norway).
3. Yijia Lu, Chenyun Ge (China).

Under 21 Pairs



1. Kacper Kopka, Tomasz Kielbasa (Poland).
2. Alexander Sandin, Ilai Ilan Baniri (Sweden and Israel).
3. Hao Zhen Dong, Bo Han Zhu (Canada).

Under 16 Pairs



1. Louis Bonin, Clement Bens (France).
2. Egor Stolyarov, Ivan Tatarkin (Russia).
3. Franciszek Kurlit, Kacper Kufłowski (Poland).

The BAM Teams

1. GREISNOR: Christian Bakke (Norway), Amir Ezion, Tomer Loonstein (Israel), Ioannis Oikonomopoulos (Greece).
2. ITALIA U26: Francesco Chiarandini, Giovanni Donati, Alvaro Gaiotti, Giacomo Percario, Roberto Sau, Sebastiano Scatà, Dario Attanasio (cpt), Valerio Giubilo (Coach) (Italy).
3. SXNEBULA: Hanyang Dai, Penghao Wang, Yingqi Wang, Hao Xu, Tianyao Yan, Jiahao Yang, Haihong Gu Captain, Liping Wang (Coach) (China).



Individual

Under 26 Open



1. Mateusz SOBCZAK (Poland).
2. Philip SCHEBERAN (Austria).
3. Matko FERENCA (Croatia).

Under 26 Women's



1. Valentina DALPOZZO (Italy).
2. Aleksandra OVUKA (Serbia).
3. Qiufeng XIANG (China).

Under 21



1. Krzysztof CICHY (Poland).
2. Patryk PATREUHA (Poland).
3. Cheng DENG (China).

Under 16



1. Tianle YAO (China).
2. Tengbo TANG (China).
3. Shuoming MA (China).

Triathlon

Under 26 Open



1. Kevin ROSENBERG (USA).
2. Mateusz SOBCZAK (Poland).
3. Jamie THOMPSON (Australia).

Under 26 Women's



1. Thea Lucia INDREBO (Norway).
2. Yijia LU (China).
3. Chenyun GE (China).

Under 21



1. Kacper KOPKA (Poland).
2. Krzysztof CICHY (Poland).
3. Tomasz KIELBASA (Poland).

Under 16



1. Kacper KUFLOWSKI (Poland).
2. Michal STASIK (Poland).
3. Ningyu LANG (China).

The Generali World Master

This event was organised by the WBF every two years from 1992 to 2008. It was an invitation individual championship reserved for players holding a Zonal or a World title. The same simple World Standard Convention Card was used by all the competitors.



1992, Paris - FRANCE, Automobile Club de France

OPEN: 1. Piotr Gawrys (Poland), 2. Jan Fucik (Austria), 3. Alain Levy (France). WOMEN: 1. Maria Erhart (Austria), 2. Colette Lise (France), 3. Nicola Smith (Great Britain).



1994, Paris - FRANCE, France Hotel Sofitel Sevres

OPEN: 1. Jon Baldursson (Iceland), 2. Christian Mari (France), 3. Jean-Marc Roudinesco (France) & Jan Westerhof (Netherlands). WOMEN: 1. Nicola Smith (Great Britain), 2. Pytsi Flodqvist (Sweden), 3. Bénédicte Cronier (France).



1996, Paris - FRANCE, France Hotel Sofitel Sevres

OPEN: 1. Geir Helgemo (Norway), 2. Franck Multon (France), 3. Robert S. Wolff (USA). WOMEN: 1. Elisabeth Delor (France), 2. Bénédicte Cronier (France), 3. Marijke van der Pas (Netherlands).



1998, Ajaccio - FRANCE, Hotel Campo dell'Oro

OPEN: 1. Paul Chemla (France), 2. Apolinary Kowalsky (Poland), 3. Andrew Robson (Great Britain). WOMEN: 1. Migri Zur Campanile (Israel), 2. Véronique Bessis (France), 3. Sandra Landy (Great Britain).



2000, Athens - GREECE, Zappion Megararon

OPEN: 1. Antonio Sementa (Italy), 2. Piotr Gawrys (Poland), 3. Andrey Gromov (Russia). WOMEN: 1. Bénédicte Cronier (France), 2. Jill Meyers (USA), 3. Martine Verbeek (Netherlands). JUNIORS: 1. Miltos Karamanlis (Greece), 2. Andreas Gloyer (Austria), 3. Kylie Robb (Australia) & Kit Lai (Hong Kong).



2004, Verona - ITALY, Veronafiere Conference Centre

OPEN: 1. Norberto Bocchi (Italy), 2. Andrew Robson (England), 3. Jens Auken (Denmark). WOMEN: 1. Tobi Sokolow (USA), 2. Bénédicte Cronier (France), 3. Nicola Smith (England).



2008, Beijing - CHINA

OPEN: 1. Tor Helness (Norway), 2. Geir Helgemo (Norway), 3. Andrey Gromov (Russia). WOMEN: 1. Catarina Midskog (Sweden), 2. Anne-Frederique Levy (France), 3. Ru Yan (China).



The IOC Grand Prix



Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President and Mark Hodler IOC Vice-President interested spectators in the vugraph room (Italy - Brazil 2000)

*Competitions for the **IOC Grand Prix** were launched in 1998, to support the effort of the WBF to introduce bridge in the Olympic Games. Top class national teams were invited to represent the globe in a competition played annually at the Olympic Museum, in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Grand Prix was usually contested in two series, open and women, but a Junior series was added later. The event was repeated in 1999 and 2000, and then again in 2002 when it took place, for the last time, in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, site of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.*

1998, Lausanne - SWITZERLAND

6 countries participated in the Grand Prix competition organised by the International Olympic Committee: France, Italy, USA, Poland, Brazil and China. The format was a simple Round Robin of 24-board matches which was concluded in 3 days. The top two teams, Brazil and China,



advanced to the 72-board final. After one of the most dramatic finals in the history of bridge, Brazil and China tied. Brazil: Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco, Miguel Villas Boas, Joao Paulo Campos. China: Wang Weimin, Hu Jihong, Dai Jianming, Shi Haiojun, Xu Hongjun, Zhuang Zejun.

1999, Lausanne - SWITZERLAND

6 countries participated in the Open Team event: Brazil, China, France, Italy, The Netherlands and USA. There was also a Women's Contest in which a European Team comprising Auken-vonAmim (Germany), Bessis-d'Ovidio (France), Davies-Smith (Great Britain) and Van der Pas-Vriend (The Netherlands) has faced the North American Team of Breed-Quinn, Goldberg-Pollack, Berkowitz-Sanders and Deas-Palmer. After a 5-day battle the Olympic Grand Prix was concluded with the closing ceremony on



President Samaranch congratulated Italy

Friday 24 September 1999 with the President of the IOC Juan Antonio Samaranch, and the Vice President Marc Hodler present. Italy (Angelini-Sementa, Buratti-Lanzarotti, Lauria-Versace) and Europe's women duly completed the victories that were on the cards the day before. Both our champions were in irresistible form, and they had to be in order to defeat such outstanding opponents as Brazil and North America. France won the play off for third place and that left China fourth.

2000, Lausanne - SWITZERLAND



The 3rd Grand Prix was organized by the World Bridge Federation under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee. Indonesia surprised the world audience winning the 3rd IOC Grand Prix and capturing the Generali Trophy. After finishing second in the qualifying stage, they beat the

powerful USA squad in the semifinals and prevailed over the Olympiad gold medal holders Italy on the penultimate board of the final. The programme of the IOC Grand Prix also included a women's contest which was won by a multi-national European team after a fierce battle – but with a small margin – against a North American team.



2002, Salt Lake City, Utah - USA



In one of the best played and most exciting finals of recent years, Canada, represented by Keith Balcombe, Gordon Campbell, Nicholas Gartaganis, Fred Gitelman, Peter Jones and Joseph Silver defeated Poland's Cezary Balicki, Michal Kwiecen, Jacek Poletylo, Jacek Pszczola, Marek

Wojciki and Adam Zmudzinski, Alicja Kornasiewicz, (Captain) to win the fourth IOC Grand Prix for the Generali Trophy. Italy easily won the third place play-off against Norway. A brilliant display saw France, Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio and Sylvie Willard score an emphatic victory over USA, represented by Mildred Breed, Amalya Kearse, Jill Meyers, Sharon Osberg, Shawn Quinn, Kerri Sanborn, Rose Meltzer and Peter Weichsel (Coach). Third place went to The Netherlands, who defeated Germany. In the Junior Teams Americas, Augustin Madala & Carlos Pellegrini, Joel Wooldridge & John Hurd tied with Europe North, Bas Drijver & Sjoert Brink, Andreas Marquardsen & Martin Schaltz.



Thony Khoury & Mario Pescante, IOC Executives with Marc Hodler IOC Vice President at the Salt Lake City Closing





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