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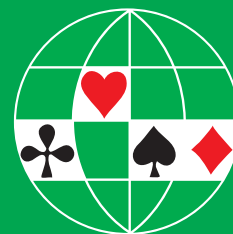


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Purpose



The purpose of the World Bridge Federation shall be to promote, foster, promulgate and develop the sport of Bridge throughout the world; to be in the Olympic Movement, remaining affiliated with International Olympic Committee (IOC) as a recognized International Federation (IF) in conformity with the requirements of the Olympic Charter and to contribute to the achievement of the goals set out in the Olympic Charter, in particular by way of spread of Olympism and Olympic education; to federate National Bridge Organisations in all countries; to devise methods and conduct competitions to award international or world championship titles; to establish standard laws for its contests adopting the International Code and supplementing it as may be required, but not inconsistent with it; to support and encourage the promotion of sports ethics; to dedicate its efforts to ensuring that in bridge contests the spirit of fair play prevails; to fight against doping in sport and to take measures, the goal of which is to prevent endangering the health of bridge players.



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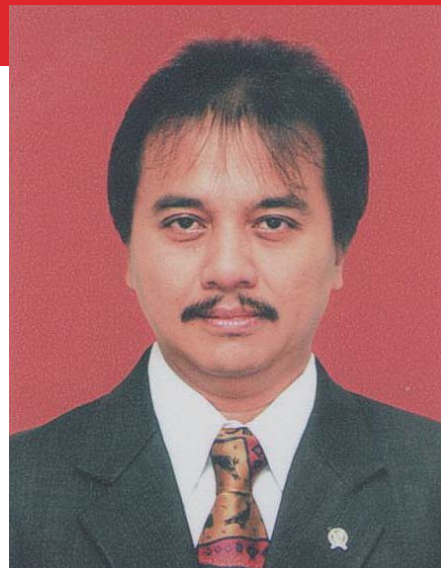
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First of all, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, I would like to express thanks and appreciations to HE Mr. Dahlan Iskan, President of Indonesia Bridge Federation (GABSI) for the successful achievement of our National Bridge Team that has become one of world Bridge Team elites. This achievement contribute significantly to the development of our achievement sports and we really proud of it. This continued good performance is undoubtedly resulted from a good management and able leadership as he always supports generously our National Bridge Team to participate in numerous championships, from regional to international.

Our highest appreciation also goes to the Organizing Committee of the 41st World Teams Bridge Championships 2013 taken place in Nusa Dua, Bali from 16-29 September 2013. The Ministry of Youth and Sports is fully supports the organization of this Championship for competition is the essential part of achievement sports. Besides, hosting an international championship is reflection of the international community's trust to Indonesia. I believe the Organizing Committee would do their best to make this World Championship a success.

As we are all aware, bridge currently is becoming more popular, including in Indonesia. Our Bridge Team has demonstrated its great performance that increase from time to time, from one championship to another. In this juncture, I shall pledge our commitment to support GABSI's program including these 41st World Teams Bridge Championships 2013 that would be our best exercise in organizing an international single event.

Finally, I would also like to welcome all participants of these World Bridge Championships to Bali, Indonesia, and enjoy their stay in Bali. I am confident that they will present their world-class performance so these Championships will craft a golden performance in Bali. I also hope that with its unique ambiance, Bali would help all the participants to strengthen the bridge of friendship so they may build a strong bridge of international friendship. By doing this, I believe bridge would be able to build a common spirit of promoting bridge as potential moda to establish international friendship.

Have a great Bridge performance in a great fantastic venue!!!

KRMT Roy Suryo
Minister of Youth and Sports
Republic of Indonesia



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Warm Greetings from the Indonesia Olympic Committee,

Firstly, let us thank God Almighty for granting us with good health, and through His grace, this Guidebook for “41st World Teams Championships 2013” has been finalized.

We are pleased for the success of Indonesia to receive the appointment from World Bridge Federation (WBF) as the Host of “41st World Teams Championships 2013” which will take place in 16-29 September 2013 at Nusa Dua, Bali. This appointment is also a great honor for Indonesian National Federation of Bridge (PB GABSI). This mandate should not be taken lightly by PB. GABSI, and I hope they will be expending their best efforts to commence this highest and largest event in the Sports of Bridge, to ensure that the “41st World Teams Championships 2013” will be successful, and we also hope that the Indonesian Bridge Team will be able to show their best performance in this event.

To all athletes from 112 WBF member countries which are competing, I wish you the best of luck. Compete with your best sporting spirit, and do not give up until the end of the game. You all must strive to give the best efforts for your country, in your attempt to win the title of World Bridge Champion at this lofty event.

Especially for all members of Indonesia Bridge Team, on behalf of Komite Olimpiade Indonesia (KOI), I hope that our “MerahPutih” Bridge team will show their best performance. We must prove to the world that we are capable to become excellent host for this event, and to achieve a higher prestige for Indonesian Bridge.

Lastly, on behalf of Komite Olimpiade Indonesia (KOI), allow me to personally thank all the parties who had supported the smooth running of this event. May God Almighty bestows His kindness to all of us.

Rita Subowo
President,
Indonesia Olympic Committee
IOC Member



I am very pleased that SportAccord is the patron of the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships taking place from 16-29 September at Nusa Dua Convention Center in Bali. This event has been strongly awaited by Bridge players and fans from around the world. We all look forward to the exciting top-level team performances!

Bridge is one mind sport among several others, which have exceptional qualities that have already been recognised by people centuries ago. They combine the fun of playing games and the enhancement of concentration, logic, memory, literacy, mathematics, learning skills, and social skills, just to name a few. In addition, they are truly global, played passionately in most countries and throughout countless cultures. They bring together people from different backgrounds and age groups.

This year, the third edition of the World Mind Games organised by SportAccord will take place from 12-18 December. Beijing will host the event for the third time and five major mind sports will participate; Bridge, Chess, Draughts, Go, Xiangqi (Chinese Chess). The world's best players will be there for a competition of intellect, strategy, concentration and mental stamina.

The World Mind Games have the potential of reaching nearly half a billion of passionate mind sports players worldwide. New media, games software and information technology let the fans join the event through the online tournament. It is organised for each of the participating mind sports and takes place from September to November. The online tournament of Bridge is already active and its winner will be invited to join the tournament participants in Beijing. Some of the largest international Bridge platforms host our online tournament and this very moment there are tens of thousands of players competing to win the prize! At SportAccord, we are very proud of the support the International Bridge Federation has given to our activities.

I wish all the teams an outstanding competition. I am confident that we will witness some memorable Bridge moments in the upcoming days and I hope to see you in December in Beijing!

Marius Vizer
SportAccord President



Dear Bridge Friends,

It is with great pleasure that both on behalf of ARISF and personally I send you the best wishes for the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships to be held in Nusa Dua, Bali next 16th-29th September.

Sport of all and every kind is an extraordinary tool with which to show those values that are fundamental to peaceful coexistence and is in this spirit that I welcome this event, which brings together people from across the World.

I wish the event every success and I congratulate the World Bridge Federation on the excellent work done in promoting bridge.

Raffaele Chiulli
ARISF President



Dear participants,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful, tropical resort of Bali. The World Bridge Teams Championship carries with it the highest level of tradition and elite play that the Bridge world has to offer and over two weeks there will be a distinct struggle for the ultimate title.

Nevertheless, I am sure that everybody will find time to visit the wonderful sites and participate in the activities that the island of Bali has to offer. The organisers have spared no effort to ensure that your stay will be a pleasant, entertaining, comfortable and calm one.

I wish all the participants a successful stay and competition in Bali!

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
IMSA President



ere we are. Finally.

As you all know, we should have been in Bali in 2001. Unfortunately the terrible events of 9/11 and other tragedies came close to the worst we can imagine and we had to change the venue.

However, our Bridge community appears to have come out even stronger and more united and we are right to believe that our sport is able to overcome all the barriers of race and religion.

The characteristic of a world organization such as ours, the World Bridge Federation, is to bring people together, not to divide them.

That is the reason why it gives me enormous pleasure to welcome you all at long last, to this magical island.

On your behalf I would like to thank all the people involved in the past in the Indonesian Bridge Federation, Amram Zamzani, General Wiranto, Roy Tirtardji, Miranda Goeltom and of course today the President Dahlan Iskan, as well as many others who are all my friends. They all deserve our congratulations for the promotion and development of bridge in this country, through education -an amazing program- and through the fabulous results and medals won by the Indonesian players.

After so many attempts I am glad to see the fruitful cooperation in between the World Bridge Federation, its President Gianarrigo Rona, the whole team and the local organizing committee for achieving what was always in our mind, making this World Bridge Teams Championships in Bali.

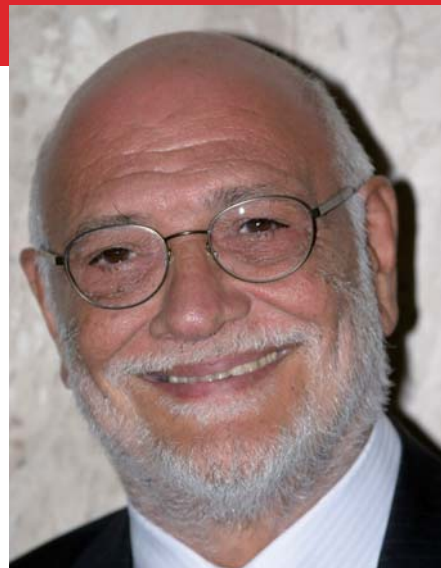
All together, with the support of the zone, they have done a splendid job and I am sure that you will find the venue and ambiance wonderful.

The conditions in this beautiful resort of Nusa Dua will contribute hugely to the success of the event.

I wish you all of you a very successful and enjoyable championship whether you are participating in the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup, the d'Orsi Senior Trophy or the World Transnational Open Teams events.

You will certainly take home some truly special memories through Bridge for Peace.

José Damiani
WBFF President Emeritus



Dear Friends,

Both on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally I am very pleased and proud to welcome all the participants in the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships and the 9th World Transnational Open Teams Championship to Nusa Dua, Bali.

Twelve years have passed since 2001 when owing to sudden and unforeseen circumstances the WBF was obliged to move the Championship planned for Bali to Paris and I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Indonesian Bridge Federation, the Local Organizing Committee and personally to my great friends: President Dahlan Iskan, Chairman Widi Pancono, Onsite Organizer Arnold J. Ladesuv, WBF Liaison Judianto Hasan and to their colleagues who, with their enthusiasm, passion and dedication have made it possible for this event finally to materialise.

I want also to send my special thanks to the President of the Asian Pacific Bridge Federation, Esther Sophonpanich, and to my colleagues Ernesto d'Orsi and Marc de Pauw for the great job they have done in supporting and organising the Championships to offer you the best services and comfort possible, to meet your expectations and to enjoy once again a great unforgettable bridge event.

I am confident that this marvellous land of Bali will welcome and host all of you with great warmth and friendship in accordance with their amazing Balinese tradition, with the colours, scents, flavours and feelings inherent in its long history and natural beauty.

I will be very pleased and honoured to meet all of you in Nusa Dua and to share with you this new and, I am sure, amazing bridge experience.

Un abbraccio

Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President



ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE FEDERATION



On behalf of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF), a very warm welcome to the 41st World Teams Championships here in Bali, organised by the World Bridge Federation and the Indonesian Contract Bridge Association (GABSI). The whole bridge world is certainly looking forward to seeing the world's greatest bridge players here, enthusiastically competing and celebrating their genius and innovations in this great sport.

We would like to especially thank WBF for holding this most prestigious event in our Zone 6... and we proudly congratulate the Indonesian Contract Bridge Association for hosting these Championships in such a wonderful setting. No doubt, all participants and friends will not only be able to play against the best players in the world, but also enjoy the wonderful beaches and the renowned hospitality and culture of the Balinese people.

Wishing you all a wonderful stay in Bali!!!

Esther C. Sophonpanich
APBF President



I am willing to represent the entire fan and performer of Indonesian Bridge to welcome all participants from various countries to compete at The 41st World Teams Championships in Bali.

Bridge and Indonesian tourism collaborate to be the host of World Bridge Championships in Bali, the island of gods, that are sure to be a beautiful memory for all participants.

The ideals of Indonesia to host World Bridge Championships has been reached when World Bridge Federation appointed Indonesia to host The 41st World Bridge Teams Championships 2013. Indonesia remained one step further to reach the bigger second ideals which is becoming the World Bridge Champion in our country.

Actually, this determination has proclaimed in 1996 to be realized in 2001 when Indonesia hosted the World Championships on the same place, Bali. Unfortunately, all the good efforts at that time failed due to the events of Black September in New York that made World Bridge Federation canceled the event in Bali and moved it to Paris.

Bridge is a mind sport game that embodies the elegance and civilization of mankind. Therefore, the popularity of Bridge will contribute to the improvement of the quality of society and civilization. I hope this event will not only have an impact in the development of Bridge in Indonesia, but also realizes world peace through the slogan "Bridge for Peace".

To all participants, have a great competition and enjoy the beauty of Bali, a very well known Island all over the world.

Dahlan Iskan
Chairman
Indonesian Contract Bridge
Association



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Welcome to Bali and Nusa Dua

BALI has developed a world of its own. It captures not only what is special about Indonesia, but also has its own unique charm. There is a great deal to experience in Bali that is unlike anywhere else in the archipelago.

Being one of the most magnificent islands in Indonesia, Bali has become a preferred tourist destination in Asia that offers a wealth of natural beauty and it is, of course, famous for its fabulous white sandy beaches. On arrival, one may feel welcomed by the warm and gracious innate friendliness of the Balinese that will not easily be forgotten.



The Hindu culture is reflected in day-to-day life and can be seen in its numerous ceremonies, festivals, arts and crafts, traditional dance and distinctive music of the gamelan, a traditional

music ensemble, typical of Bali, featuring a variety of instruments such as metallophones, xylophones, drums and gongs; bamboo flutes, bowed and plucked strings.

Balinese Mythology has many fascinating tales - one such is that of Rangda, important in Balinese culture, and performances depicting her struggles with Barong or with Airlangga are popular tourist attractions as well as tradition.

She is depicted as a mostly nude old woman, with long and unkempt hair, pendulous breasts, and claws. Her face is traditionally a horrifying fanged and goggle-eyed mask, with a long, protruding tongue.

Rangda is the demon queen of the leyaks in Bali, according to traditional Balinese mythology. Terrifying to behold, the child-eating Rangda leads an army of evil witches against the leader of the forces of good - Barong. The battle between Barong and Rangda is featured in a Barong dance which represents the eternal battle between good and evil. Rangda is a term in old Javanese that means: 'widow'.





A close up of the magnificent mask worn by Barong is shown on the left, and at the bottom of the page you will find pictures of a traditional Balinese woodcarving and the mast of the Garuda.

The Garuda is a large mythical bird or bird-like creature that appears in both Hindu and Buddhist mythology.

Garuda is the Hindu name for the constellation Aquila and the Brahminy kite and Phoenix are considered to be the contemporary representations of Garuda. Indonesia adopts a more stylistic approach to the Garuda's depiction as its national symbol, where it depicts a Javanese eagle (being much larger than a kite).

In Hindu religion, Garuda is a Hindu divinity, usually the mount (vahana) of the God Vishnu. Garuda is depicted as having the golden body of a strong man with a white face, red wings, and an eagle's beak and with a crown on his head. This ancient deity was said to be massive, large enough to block out the sun.

Bali boasts a magnificent array of architectural temples and palaces - indeed it is known as the "island of a thousand temples". You can't get to see all of them while you're in Bali, but you should try and get to see some of them!

When visiting temples please respect the local customs. Proper dress is encouraged, if you wear long pants or a long skirt you will need a sash tied around the waist. If you are wearing shorts you will need a sarong. These can typically be hired at the temples.



and is nearer to Nusa Dua. Founded in 1007 AD, the temple is well worth a visit.

Pura Ulun Danu Bratan, or Pura Bratan, pictured left, is the second most important temple in Bali after the mother temple Besakih. The temple is found on the shores of Danau Bratan (Lake Bratan) in the mountains near Bedugul. The temple was built in 1926 and is dedicated to Dewi Batari Ulun Danu, goddess of lakes and rivers. Or the Goa Lawah which means 'Bat Cave', is located along the coast of southeastern Bali just west of Candidasa

Monday 16th September

10.00

Registration Desk Open

12.30

Staff Meeting

15.00

Tournament Directors' Meeting with Championship Committee,
Appeals Committee & Disciplinary Commission

17.00

Captains meeting

20.00

Opening Ceremony
Buffet to follow

Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

16-board matches, three matches per day

11.00 - 13.20 • 14.30 - 16.50 • 17.10 - 19.30

Friday 20th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

16-board matches, three matches per day

10.00 - 12.20 • 14.00 - 16.20 • 16.40 - 19.00

Saturday 21st to Monday 23rd September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

16-board matches, three matches per day

11.00 - 13.20 • 14.30 - 16.50 • 17.10 - 19.30

Monday 23rd September

09.30

Transnational Registration Desk Open

19.45

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy Qualified Teams Captains Meeting

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

Quarter Finals - 16-board rounds

11.00 - 13.20 • 14.30 - 16.50 • 17.10 - 19.30

TRANSNATIONAL

Five 10-board matches

10.00 - 11.30 • 11.50 - 13.20 • 14.00 - 15.30 • 15.50 - 17.20 • 17.40 - 19.10

Thursday 26th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

Semi Finals - 16-board rounds

11.00 - 13.20 • 14.30 - 16.50 • 17.10 - 19.30

TRANSNATIONAL

Five 10-board matches

10.00 - 11.30 • 11.50 - 13.20 • 14.00 - 15.30 • 15.50 - 17.20 • 17.40 - 19.10

19.30

Captains Meeting

Friday 27th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

Semi Finals - 16-board rounds

10.00 - 12.20 • 14.00 - 16.20 • 16.40 - 19.00

TRANSNATIONAL

Quarter Finals - 16-board rounds

10.00 - 12.20 • 14.00 - 16.20 • 16.40 - 19.00

NUSA DUA BALI CUP (for Pairs)

Format to be defined

Saturday 28th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

Finals & Play-Off - 16-board rounds

11.00 - 13.20 • 14.30 - 16.50 • 17.10 - 19.30

TRANSNATIONAL

Semifinal - 16-board rounds

11.00 - 13.20 • 14.30 - 16.50 • 17.10 - 19.30

NUSA DUA BALI CUP (for Pairs)

Format to be defined

Sunday 29th September

BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

Finals & Play-Off - 16-board rounds

10.00 - 12.20 • 13.30 - 15.50 (Play-off end) • 16.10 - 18.30

TRANSNATIONAL

Final & Play-off - 16-board rounds

10.00 - 12.20 • 13.15 - 15.35 • 15.55 - 18.15

20.30

Prize Giving - Closing Ceremony

Buffet-dinner to follow

41st World Bridge Teams Championships

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



ARGENTINA



AUSTRALIA



BAHRAIN



BANGLADESH



BELGIUM



BRAZIL



CANADA



CHINA



CHINA HONG KONG



CHINESE TAIPEI



DENMARK



EGYPT



ENGLAND



FRANCE



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INDONESIA



ITALY



JAPAN



MONACO



THE NETHERLANDS



NEW ZEALAND



PAKISTAN



PHILIPPINES



POLAND



SCOTLAND



SOUTH AFRICA



SWEDEN



TURKEY



USA

DRAW

Bermuda Bowl

1	CHINA	12	ENGLAND
2	CHINESE TAIPEI	13	AUSTRALIA
3	ARGENTINA	14	INDIA
4	USA 2	15	JAPAN
5	BAHRAIN	16	INDONESIA
6	BRAZIL	17	MONACO
7	GUADELOUPE	18	NEW ZEALAND
8	GERMANY	19	THE NETHERLANDS
9	POLAND	20	EGYPT
10	CANADA	21	ITALY
11	SOUTH AFRICA	22	USA 1

Venice Cup

1	TURKEY	12	ENGLAND
2	SWEDEN	13	JAPAN
3	POLAND	14	INDIA
4	PAKISTAN	15	USA 2
5	GUADELOUPE	16	BRAZIL
6	THE NETHERLANDS	17	SOUTH AFRICA
7	INDONESIA	18	ARGENTINA
8	FRANCE	19	AUSTRALIA
9	CHINA	20	PHILIPPINES
10	CANADA	21	EGYPT
11	USA 1	22	NEW ZEALAND

d'Orsi Seniors Trophy

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	12	SOUTH AFRICA
2	BRAZIL	13	THE NETHERLANDS
3	BELGIUM	14	USA 2
4	INDONESIA	15	EGYPT
5	DENMARK	16	GUADELOUPE
6	USA 1	17	NEW ZEALAND
7	CHINA HONG KONG	18	JAPAN
8	AUSTRALIA	19	CANADA
9	FRANCE	20	BANGLADESH
10	GERMANY	21	SCOTLAND
11	POLAND	22	INDIA

Bermuda Bowl

ARGENTINA

Gabino ALUJAS
Hector CAMBEROS
Pablo LAMBARDI
Carlos PELLEGRINI
Pablo RAVENNA
Leonardo RIZZO
Maria Angelica HERNANDEZ-ELIZALDE *npc*
Debra HYATT *coach*

AUSTRALIA

George BILSKI
Terry BROWN
Avi KANETKAR
Robert KROCHMALIK
Paul LAVINGS
Matthew THOMSON
Ishmael DELMONTE *npc*

BAHRAIN

Wael BASIONY
Teodoras MACI
Meer Ebrahim NONOO
Tahir Hameed SHAFEEA
Tariq Hameed SHAFEEA
Imran Ali SYED
Shaker ALAFOO *npc*

BRAZIL

Diego BRENNER
Paulo Roberto BRUM
Joao-Paulo CAMPOS
Gabriel CHAGAS
Marco TOMA
Miguel VILLAS-BOAS
Ernesto D'ORSI *npc*

CANADA

Judith GARTAGANIS
Nicholas GARTAGANIS
Daniel KORBEL
Jeff SMITH
Paul THURSTON
Darren WOLPERT
Hazel WOLPERT *npc*

CHINA

Chuancheng JU
Ruoyang LIAN
Haojun SHI
Zheng Jun SHI
Weimin WANG
Bangxiang ZHANG
Xiaofeng WANG *npc*
Gang CHEN *coach*

CHINESE TAIPEI

Allen CHAO
Rong-Jenn CHEN
Chia-Sheng HO
Jia-Dong HO
Jerry HUANG
Nai Jeng SHEN
Chii-Mou LIN *npc*

EGYPT

Ahmed HUSSEIN
Karim NABIL
Sherif NOSHY
Abd El-Salam SAAID
Tarek SADEK
Ahmed SAMIR
Hady AMER *npc*

ENGLAND

Alexander ALLFREY
David BAKHSHI
Tony FORRESTER
David GOLD
Andrew ROBSON
Tom TOWNSEND
Simon COPE *npc*
Ben GREEN *coach*

GERMANY

Joerg FRITSCHÉ
Michael GROMOELLER
Josef PIEKAREK
Martin REHDER
Roland ROHOWSKY
Alexander SMIRNOV
Helmut HAEUSLER *npc*

GUADELOUPE

Rene ARAGONES
Dominique GERIN
Alain KEMPCZYNSKI
Dimitri LASSERRE
Philippe MATHIEU
Jean-Claude PELLETIER *pc*

INDIA

Prabhakar BALAKRISHNAN
Sunit CHOKSHI
Kiran NADAR
Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA
Rajeshwar TEWARI
Kadayam Raman VENKATARAMAN
Sudhir Gopal AGGARWAL *npc*

INDONESIA

Taufik Gautama ASBI
Julius Anthonius GEORGE
Franky Steven KARWUR
Denny SACUL
Robert Parasian TOBING
Ferdinand Robert WALUYAN
MARTHEN SOMPOTAN *npc*
PINARDI *coach*

ITALY

Norberto BOCCHI
Giorgio DUBOIN
Lorenzo LAURIA
Agustin MADALA
Antonio SEMENTA
Alfredo VERSACE
Gianni MEDUGNO *npc*
Giuseppe FAILLA *coach*

JAPAN

Dawei CHEN
Kazuo FURUTA
Masayuki INO
Hiroshi KAKU
Masaaki TAKAYAMA
Tadashi TERAMOTO
Megumi TAKASAKI *npc*

MONACO

Fulvio FANTONI
Geir HELGEMO
Tor HELNESS
Franck MULTON
Claudio NUNES
Pierre ZIMMERMANN
Jean-Charles ALLAVENA *npc*
Krzysztof MARTENS *coach*

THE NETHERLANDS

Sjoert BRINK
Bas DRIJVER
Bauke MULLER
Ricco van PROOIJEN
Louk VERHEES Jr
Simon de WIJS
Onno ESKES *npc*
Ton BAKKEREN *coach*

NEW ZEALAND

Ashley BACH
Michael CORNELL
Peter NEWELL
Martin REID
Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL
Michael WARE
Alan TURNER *npc*

POLAND

Cezary BALICKI
Krzysztof BURAS
Krzysztof JASSEM
Marcin MAZURKIEWICZ
Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ
Adam ZMUDZINSKI
Piotr WALCZAK *npc*
Marek WOJCICKI *coach*

SOUTH AFRICA

Alon APTEKER
Christopher Henry BOSENBERG
Neville EBER
Craig GOWER
Robert STEPHENS *pc*

USA 1

Kevin BATHURST
Kevin DWYER
John KRANYAK
Robert (Bobby) LEVIN
Steve WEINSTEIN
Gavin WOLPERT
Shane BLANCHARD *npc*

USA 2

Martin FLEISHER
Mike KAMIL
Zia MAHMOOD
Chip MARTEL
Michael ROSENBERG
Chris WILLENKEN
Jan MARTEL *npc*

Venice Cup

ARGENTINA

Eleonora ALEGRE
Irene ELKIN
Maria Jose ESPINOSA-PAZ
Florencia HERRERA
Maria Cecilia PREVIDE
Ana Lia SMALINSKY
Maria Isabel BERNASCONI *npc*
Marta TISCORNIA *coach*

AUSTRALIA

Margaret BOURKE
Nevena DJUROVIC
Candice GINSBERG
Elizabeth HAVAS
Sue LUSK
Barbara TRAVIS
Howard MELBOURNE *npc*

BRAZIL

Paula DAVID
Sylvia Figueira DE MELLO
Agota MANDELOT
Heloisa NOGUEIRA
Leda PAIN
Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE
Paulo Roberto BRUM *npc*

CANADA

Sondra BLANK
Karen CUMPSTONE
Ina DEMME
Joan EATON
Sylvia SUMMERS-CALEY
Catherine (Katie) THORPE
Francine CIMON *npc*

CHINA

Xuefeng FENG
Yan LIU
Liping WANG
Wen Fei WANG
Ru YAN
Yu ZHANG
Xiaofeng WANG *npc*
Jihong HU *coach*

EGYPT

Christina AUDICHE
Marguerite HOMSY
Maud KHOURI
Catherine PHILIPPE PASCAL
Hoda SOLIMAN
Nada WATTAR
Hady AMER *npc*

ENGLAND

Sally BROCK
Fiona BROWN
Heather DHONDY
Nevena SENIOR
Nicola SMITH
Susan STOCKDALE
Jeremy DHONDY *npc*
David BURN *coach*

FRANCE

Bénédicte CRONIER
Catherine D'OVIDIO
Danièle GAVIARD
Joanna NEVE
Vanessa REESS
Sylvie WILLARD
José DAMIANI *npc*
Eric REMY *coach*

GUADELOUPE

Solange BRINGOLD
Jacqueline CASSIN
Sophie FABBRICATORE
Anne GARCIA
Christiane THIRION
Chantal BISTOQUET *pc*

INDIA

Meera BAKSHI
Vasanti BAKUL SHAH
Alka KSHIRSAGAR
Asha NARULA
Snehlata SINGLA
Asha SURANA
Kawaljit SINGH *npc*

INDONESIA

Rury ANDHANI
Lusje Olha BOJOH
Suci Amita DEWI
Kristina Wahyu MURNIATI
Conny SUMAMPOUW
Julita Grace TUEJE
Suoth Sartje PONTOH *npc*
Parpar PRIATNA *coach*

JAPAN

Yuki FUKUYOSHI
Natsuko NISHIDA
Michiko OHNO
Makiko SATO
Kyoko SHIMAMURA
Akiko YANAGISAWA
Tadayoshi NAKATANI *npc*

THE NETHERLANDS

Carla ARNOLDS
Marion MICHIELSEN
Jet PASMAN
Anneke SIMONS
Meike WORTEL
Wietske van ZWOL
Alex van REENEN *npc*
Hans KELDER *coach*

NEW ZEALAND

Jan ALABASTER
Linda CARTNER
Jan CORMACK
Shirley NEWTON
Glenis PALMER
Jenny WILKINSON
Kris WOOLLES *npc*

PAKISTAN

Zeenat AZWER
Roshan Ara BOKHARI
Qudsia DOSSA
Rubina Saeed HAI
Fatima RAZA
Rubina AGHA *pc*

PHILIPPINES

Mary Cristy Ann DE GUZMAN
Victoria EGAN
Mylene ENCONTRO
Tina J. DEL GALLEGGO
Faith TISLEVOLL
Gemma TAN *pc*

POLAND

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Danuta KAZMUCHA
Anna SARNIAK
Joanna TACZEWSKA
Justyna ZMUDA
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Cezary SEREK *coach*

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Margi NIEHAUS
Diana ROSSLEE
Ghita SANDLER

SWEDEN

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Catharina FORSBERG
Maria GRONKVIST
Jessica LARSSON
Sandra RIMSTEDT
Emma SJOBERG
Lena KARRSTRAND *npc*
Fredrik ALFREDSSON *coach*

TURKEY

Asli ACAR
Vera ADUT
Belis ATALAY
Serap ELLIALTI
Ozlem OYMEN
Dilek YAVAS
Mustafa Cem TOKAY *npc*

USA 1

Lynn DEAS
Irina LEVITINA
Beth PALMER
Judi RADIN
Kerri SANBORN
Barbara SONSINI
Rozanne POLLACK *npc*

USA 2

Hjordis EYTHORSDDOTTIR
Jill LEVIN
Jill MEYERS
Janice SEAMON-MOLSON
Jenny WOLPERT
Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE
Sue PICUS *npc*

d'Orsi Seniors Trophy

AUSTRALIA

George GASPAR
William HAUGHIE
Simon HINGE
Ron KLINGER
David LILLEY
Zoltan NAGY
Ian ROBINSON *npc*

BANGLADESH

A.K. Feroze AHMED
Syed Sujauddin AHMED
Brig-Gen Azizul HAQUE
Khandakar Muzharul HAQUE
A.T.M. Moazzem HUSSAIN
Mirza Sajid ISPAHANI
Jahirul HAQUE *npc*

BELGIUM

Faramarz BIGDELI
Philippe COENRAETS
Alain KAPLAN
Guy POLET
Jacques STAS
David JOHNSON *pc*

BRAZIL

Sergio ARANHA
Eduardo BARCELLOS
Amilcar MAGALHAES
Mauro MOREIRA
Joao Silva NETO
Ernesto D'ORSI *pc*
Pedro MANDELOT *coach*

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Dan JACOB
Robert LEBI
David LINDOP
George MITTELMAN
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CHINA HONG KONG

Aaron Shiu Cheong CHENG
Roger LING
Edmund TSE
Siu-Kau Samuel WAN
Peter YEUNG
Derek ZEN
Wai Choi LI *npc*

CHINESE TAIPEI

Huan-Kwei LAI
Chii-Mou LIN
Juei-Yu SHIH
Chi-Cheung TSAI
Wei-Wei TSAO
Chen YEH
Chi Hua CHEN *npc*
Shu-Ping YEH TONG *coach*

DENMARK

Thomas BERG
Knud-Aage BOESGAARD
Geert JORGENSEN
Steen MOLLER
Hans Christian NIELSEN
Peter SCHALTZ
Flemming DANIELSEN *npc*
Soren LARSEN *coach*

EGYPT

Amr El ASKALANI
Mohamad Shaker GHAMRAWY
Mohsen Mohamed KAMEL
Marwan KHEDR
Lotfy Abdel SAMIE
Wael WATTAR
Alain AUDICHE *npc*

FRANCE

Patrick GRENTHE
Guy LASSERRE
Francois LEENHARDT
Alain LEVY
Philippe POIZAT
Philippe VANHOUTTE
Philippe CRONIER *npc*

GERMANY

Michael ELINESCU
Ulrich KRATZ
Reiner MARSAL
Bernhard STRATER
Ulrich WENNING
Entscho WLADOW
Kareen R. SCHROEDER *npc*
Karin WENNING *coach*

GUADELOUPE

Christine BAERT
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Patrick GADRAS
Nicole GIRE
Anny TRACOL
Michele ARAGONES *pc*

INDIA

Ashok Kumar GOEL
Sunil MACHHAR
Kamal Krishna MUKHERJEE
Aloke SADHU
Vinod SHARMA
Ramamurthy SRIDHARAN
Arun BAPAT *npc*

INDONESIA

Michael Bambang HARTONO
Memed HENDRAWAN
Henky LASUT
Eddy M.F. MANOPPO
Bert Toar POLII
Munawar SAWIRUDDIN
Tanudjan SUGIARTO *npc*
Parpar PRIATNA *coach*

JAPAN

Hiroya ABE
Tadashi IMAKURA
Shunsuke MORIMURA
Kyoko OHNO
Akihiko YAMADA
Masayuki OHASHI *pc*

THE NETHERLANDS

Onno JANSSENS
Christoffer NIEMEIJER
Loek VERHEES Sr
Bep VRIEND
Koos VRIEZE
Anton MAAS *pc*

NEW ZEALAND

Chris ACKERLEY
Andrew JANISZ
Trevor ROBB
Douglas RUSSELL
Neil STUCKEY
Christine WILSON
Derek EVENNETT *npc*

POLAND

Julian KLUKOWSKI
Apolinary KOWALSKI
Krzysztof LASOCKI
Victor MARKOWICZ
Jacek ROMANSKI
Jerzy RUSSYAN
Wlodzimierz WALA *npc*
Andrzej BIERNACKI *coach*

SCOTLAND

Willie COYLE
Derek DIAMOND
Gerald HAASE
John MURDOCH
Victor SILVERSTONE
Iain SIME
Harry SMITH *npc*
Rhona DIAMOND *coach*

SOUTH AFRICA

Valerie BLOOM
Jackie DORFAN
Gordon DRIVER
Kathleen DRIVER
Anastasia NESTORIDIS
Errol PIETERS

USA 1

Neil CHAMBERS
Allan GRAVES
Bob HAMMAN
Sam LEV
John SCHERMER
Richard SCHWARTZ
Paul STREET *npc*

USA 2

Roger BATES
Garey HAYDEN
Marc JACOBUS
Carolyn LYNCH
Mike PASSELL
Eddie WOLD
Donna COMPTON *npc*

History of the Bermuda Bowl



The early years

WBF By-Laws require that there shall be a Zonal Team Championships for the Bermuda Bowl, to be held in odd-numbered years. This contest, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach, the first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl being held in 1950, eight years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. It was contested by USA, Europe and Britain. USA won comfortably, beating Europe by 4.720 points and Britain by 3.660.

The USA team consisted of John Crawford, Charles Goren, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor and Sam Stayman.

The Bermuda Bowl then developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championship.

1951, Naples - Italy

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

1952

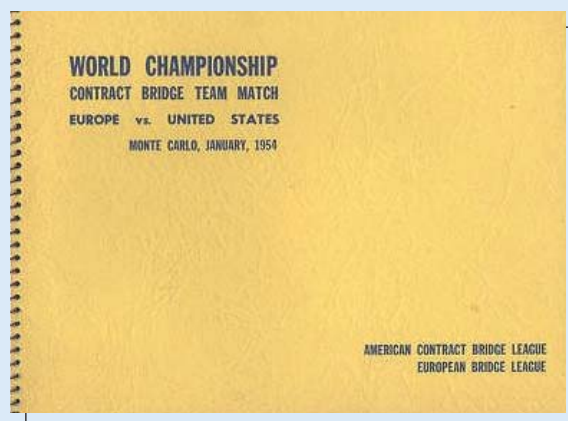
In order to make the timing right in relation to the European championships, no contest was held.

1953, New York - USA

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

1954, Monte Carlo

- Principality of Monaco



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- **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.

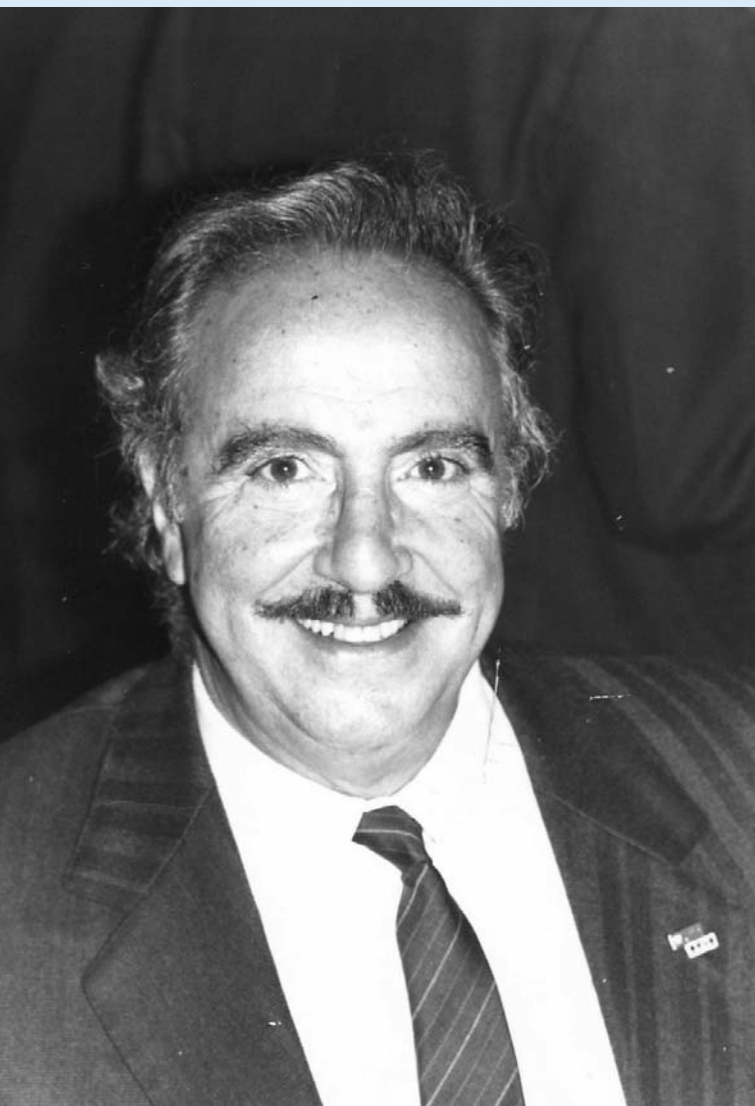
1955, New York - USA

- **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

- **FRANCE:** René Bacherich, Pierre Ghestem, Pierre Jaïs, Roger Lattes, Bertrand Romanet, Roger Trezel, Robert de Nexon (NPC).

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Giorgio Belladonna: 13 Bermuda Bowls won.

- USA: Myron Field, Charles Goren, Lee Hazen, Richard Kahn, Charles Solomon, Samuel Stayman, Jeff Glick (NPC).

1957, New York - USA

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, 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

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- USA: B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Alvin Roth, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone, J.G. Ripstra (NPC).

1959, New York - USA

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- USA: Harry Fishbein, Sam Fry, Leonard Harmon, Lee Hazen, Sidney Lazard, Ivar Stakgold, Charles Solomon (NPC).

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. Now the contest began taking on its present world-wide character. In 1958 the South American Confederation, which had already been holding Championships of its own for ten years, competed for the first time.

In 1966 the Far East Bridge Federation, represented by Thailand, joined in and five years later Australia represented the South Pacific Zone for the first time. The Central American & Caribbean Zone made its debut in 1979.

1960: no contest

1961, Buenos Aires - Argentina

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avalrelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- USA: John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Norman Kay, Peter Leventritt, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor, Frank Westcott (NPC).
- FRANCE.

1962, New York - USA

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- USA: Charles Coon, Mervin Key, Lewis Mathe, Eric Murray, G. Robert Nail, Ron von der Porten, John Gerber (NPC).
- GREAT BRITAIN.

1963, St Vincent - Italy

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- USA: James Jacoby, Robert Jordan, Peter Leventritt, G. Robert Nail, Arthur Robinson, Howard Schenken, John Gerber (NPC).
- FRANCE.

History of the Bermuda Bowl

1964: no contest

1965, Buenos Aires - Argentina

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Sergio Osella (NPC).
- USA: B. Jay Becker, Ivan Erdos, Dorothy Hayden, Peter Leventritt, Kelsey Petterson, Howard Schenken, John Gerber (NPC).
- ARGENTINA.

1966, St Vincent - Italy

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Carl Alberto Perroux (NPC).
- NORTH AMERICA: Phil Feldesman, Robert Hamman, Sami Kehela, Lewis Mathe, Eric Murray, Ira Rubin, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).
- VENEZUELA.

1967, Miami Beach - USA

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Camillo Pabis-Ticci, Guido Barbone (NPC).
- NORTH AMERICA: Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, William Root, Alvin Roth, Julius Rosenblum (NPC).
- FRANCE.

The format was changed in 1967. 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.

1968: no contest

1969, Rio de Janeiro - Brazil

- ITALY: Massimo d'Alelio, Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Angelo Tracanella (NPC).
- TAIWAN: Franck Huang, Patrick Huang, C.S. Shen, K.W. Shen, Kovit Suchartkul, Min Fan Tai, C.C. Wei (NPC).
- NORTH AMERICA.

In 1970 the late Ira Corn's "Aces" won the right to represent North America in the Bermuda Bowl in Stockholm. In the absence of Italy's top team, the "Aces" - consisting of Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence and Robert S. Wolff - outclassed the field. This was the first World Championship won by Robert S. Wolff, who in later years became the only player to have taken the Gold Medal in five different World Championship events - the World Teams Olympiad, the World Pairs, the World Mixed Teams and the World Senior Cup.



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1970, Stockholm - Sweden

- USA: William Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Robert S. Wolff, Oswald Jacoby (NPC).
- TAIWAN: Conrad Cheng, Elmer Hsiao, Patrick Huang, Harry Lin, Min Fan Tai, David Mao (NPC).
- NORWAY.

1971, Taipei - Chinese Taipei

- USA: William Eisenberg, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Robert S. Wolff, Oswald Jacoby (NPC).
- FRANCE: Jean-Michel Boulanger, Pierre Jaïs, Jean-Marc Roudinesco, Jean-Louis Stoppa, Henri Szwarc, Roger Trezel, René Huni (NPC).
- AUSTRALIA.

1972: no contest

1973, Guarujá - Brazil

- ITALY: Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Bianchi, Pietro Forquet, Giuseppe Garaballo, Benito Garozzo, Vito Pittala, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).
- USA: Mark Blumenthal, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, James Jacoby, Michael Lawrence, Robert S. Wolff, Ira G. Corn Jr (NPC).
- BRAZIL.

1974, Venice - Italy

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

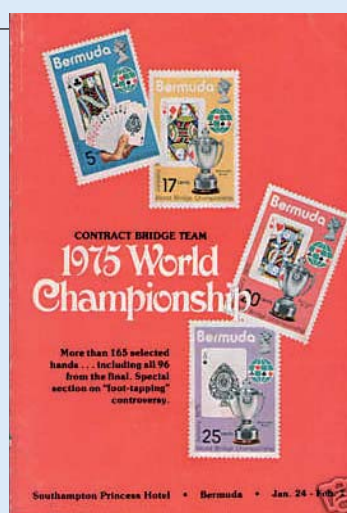
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- **USA:** Mark Blumenthal, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, Robert S. Wolff, Ira G. Corn Jr (NPC).
- **BRAZIL.**

In 1974, after a period of controversy, the WBF Executive Council decided by six votes to three with two abstentions to use screens and bidding boxes in the next Bermuda Bowl.

1975, Hamilton - Bermuda

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



- **ITALY:** Giorgio Belladonna, Gianfranco Facchini, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Vito Pittala, Sergio Zucchelli, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).
- **USA:** William Eisenberg, Robert Hamman, Paul Soloway, John Swanson, Robert S. Wolff, Alfred Sheinwold (NPC).

- **FRANCE.**

1976, Monte Carlo Principality of Monaco

- **USA:** William Eisenberg, Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin, Paul Soloway, Dan Morse (NPC).
- **ITALY:** Giorgio Belladonna, Pietro Forquet, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Vito Pittala, Antonio Vivaldi, Sandro Salvetti (NPC).
- **ISRAEL.**

1977, Manila - Philippines

- **USA II:** William Eisenberg, Robert Hamman, Edwin Kantar, Paul Soloway, John Swanson, Robert S. Wolff, Roger Stern (NPC).
- **USA I:** Fred Hamilton, Mike Passell, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin, Ron von der Porten, Jerome Silverman (NPC).
- **SWEDEN.**

1979, Rio de Janeiro - Brazil

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

In 1981 a new WBF 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.

1981, Port Chester - USA

- **USA:** Russ Arnold, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Burt Reinhold, Eric Rodwell, John Solodar, Thomas K. Sanders (NPC).
- **PAKISTAN:** Nishat Abedi, Nisar Ahmed, Munir Ata-Ullah, Jan-e-Alam Fazli, Zia Mahmood, Masood Salim, Satta Cochinwala (NPC).
- **POLAND.**

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 a double round robin, along with one team from each of the remaining geographical zones, plus the host NBO.

- **USA:** Michael Becker, Robert Hamman, Ron Rubin, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Robert S. Wolff, Joe Musumeci (NPC).
- **ITALY:** Giorgio Belladonna, Soldano Falco, Arturo Franco, Benito Garozzo, Lorenzo Lauria, Carlo Mosca, Filippo Palma (NPC).
- **FRANCE.**

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.

- **USA:** Robert Hamman, Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stanby, Robert S. Wolff, Alfred Sheinwold (NPC).
- **AUSTRIA:** Heinrich Berger, Kurt Feichtinger, Jan Fucik, Wolfgang Meinl, Karl Rohan, Franz Terraneo, Franz Baratta (NPC).
- **BRAZIL and ISRAEL.**

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1987, Ocho Rios - Jamaica

- **USA:** Robert Hamman, Mike Lawrence, Chip Martel, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby, Robert S. Wolff, Dan Morse (NPC).
- **GREAT BRITAIN:** John Armstrong, Raymond Brock, Jeremy Flint, Anthony Forrester, Graham Kirby, Rob Sheehan, Tony Priday (NPC).
- **TAIWAN.**

1989, Perth - Australia

- **BRAZIL:** Marcelo Branco, Pedro Branco, Carlos Camacho, Gabriel Chagas, Riccardo Janz, Roberto Mello.
- **USA:** Mike Lawrence, Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby, Kit Woolsey.
- **POLAND.**

Over the years, there have been many changes in the format of the Bermuda Bowl. The latest philosophy held 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.

1991, Yokohama - Japan

Under the new format (which applies equally to the Venice Cup) Zone 1 may 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 to qualify for the quarter-finals after a double round robin. In one of the most surprising tournaments ever, ICELAND squeezed through their semi-final against Sweden and then beat POLAND fairly comfortably 415-376. Sweden beat Brazil in the bronze medal play-off.

- **ICELAND:** Jon Baldursson, Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Orn Arnthorsson, Gudlaugur Johansson, Thorlakur Jonsson, Gudmundur Arnason, Bjorn Eysteinsson (npc).
- **POLAND:** Cesary Balicki, Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Lasocki, Krzysztof Martens, Marek Szymanowski, Adam Zmudzinski, Andrej Orlow (NPC).
- **SWEDEN.**

1993, Santiago - Chile

- **THE NETHERLANDS:** Wubbo de Boer, Piet Jansen, Enri Leufkens, Bauke Muller, Jan Westerhof, Berri Westra, Jan Trouwborst (NPC).

The Great Winners

Giorgio Belladonna - Italy

1957, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 73, 74, 75

Pietro Forquet - Italy

1957, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 73, 74

Massimo D'Alelio - Italy

1957, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69

Benito Garozzo - Italy

1961, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 73, 74, 75

Robert Hamman - USA

1970, 71, 77, 83, 85, 87, 95, 99, 2003, 09

Walter Avarelli - Italy

1957, 58, 59, 61, 65, 66, 67, 69

Robert S. Wolff - USA

1970, 71, 77, 83, 85, 87, 95

Eugenio Chiaradia - Italy

1957, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63

Camillo Pabis-Ticci - Italy

1962, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69

William Einsenberg - USA

1970, 71, 76, 77, 79

Jeff Meckstroth - USA

1981, 95, 99, 2003, 09

Eric Rodwell - USA

1981, 95, 99, 2003, 09

Paul Soloway - USA

1976, 77, 79, 99, 2003

Nick Nickell - USA

1995, 99, 2003, 09

John Crawford - USA

1950, 51, 53

Dick Freeman - USA

1995, 99, 2003

Robert Goldman - USA

1970, 71, 79

Mike Lawrence - USA

1970, 71, 87

Chip Martel - USA

1985, 87, 2001

George Rapee - USA

1950, 51, 53

Hugh Ross - USA

1976, 85, 87

Guglielmo Siniscalco - Italy

1957, 58, 59

Howard Shenken - USA

1950, 51, 53

Lev Stanby - USA

1985, 87, 2001

Sam Stayman - USA

1950, 51, 53

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- *NORWAY: Terje Aa, Glenn Groetheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Arild Rasmussen, Jon Sveindal, Runar Lillevik (NPC).*
- *BRAZIL.*

1995, Beijing - China

This event was sponsored by Marlboro.

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

1997, Hammamet - Tunisia

- *FRANCE: Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Christian Mari, Hervé Mouiel, Frank Multon, Michel Perron, Jean-Louis Stoppa (NPC).*
- *USA II: Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Robert S Wolff, Walter Walvick (NPC).*
- *NORWAY.*

1999, Hamilton - Bermuda

The 1999 Bermuda Bowl was sponsored by Orbis Investment Management Ltd. and held in January 2000, in Hamilton Bermuda, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Championship.

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.

- *USA: Robert Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Dick Freeman, Nick Nickell, Sidney Lazard (NPC).*
- *BRAZIL: Marcelo Branco, Gabriel Chagas, Miguel Villas-Boas, João-Paulo Campos, Roberto Mello, Ricardo Janz, Pedro P. Assumpção (NPC).*
- *USA II.*

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 organisation by the WBF President, José Damiani.

- *USA II: Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Alan Sontag and Peter Weichsel won the Bermuda Bowl. (Rose Meltzer was the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl, a feat she achieved on her own birthday).*
- *NORWAY: Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness and Erik Sælensminde.*
- *POLAND.*

2003, Monte Carlo Principality of Monaco

- *USA I: Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Sidney Lazard (NPC).*
- *ITALY: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC).*
- *NORWAY.*

2005, Estoril - Portugal

For the first time in a World Championship all scores have been entered directly from the tables using the new Bridgemate machines. This made the scores posted on the side Vugraph screens much more reliable and cohesive than in the past.

Italy won its first Bermuda Bowl title since 1975 with an outstanding performance and currently holds all three of the World Open Team titles: The Bermuda Bowl, the Olympiad and the Rosenblum Cup.

- *ITALY Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Massimo Ortensi (coach) and Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC) - took the title once again, defeating.*
- *USA I: Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Sydney Lazard (NPC) Eric Kokish (coach).*
- *USA II, Bronze Medal.*

2007, Shanghai - China

Norway became World Champions for the first time. In an impressive performance, the Norwegians defeated USA I 334-245.5 to win the Bermuda Bowl.

- *NORWAY: Boye Brogeland, Glenn Groetheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Erik Sælensminde, Ulf Tundal, Sten Bjertnes (NPC) and Vegard Brekke (Coach).*
- *USA I: Steve Garner, George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Howard Weinstein, Jan Martel (NPC), Chip Martel (Coach).*
- *THE NETHERLANDS: Bronze Medal.*

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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 quarterfinals and semi-finals. The Bermuda Bowl final was a 128-board match played over three days.

For the third time in the last four editions USA and Italy played the final and USA recaptured Bermuda Bowl.

The team captained by Nick Nickell stormed back from a 57-1 shellacking in the second set against Italy, built a big lead then turned back every challenge by their opponents to win the most coveted prize in bridge - the Bermuda Bowl. The final score was 285.33-249.

- **USA 2:** Bob Hamman, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Donna Compton (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).
- **ITALY:** Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza (NPC), Massimo Ortensi (Coach).
- **BULGARIA.**

2011, Veldhoven, - The Netherlands

The 2011 Championship, sponsored by Bc '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 Santiago 1993. In the semifinal the Young Dutch defeated the favorite Italian team 199 to 165 (with a 42-11 finishing stroke in the last 16 boards). and then in the final USA 2 with a comfortable 300-225.

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



2011, Veldhoven - The Dutch winning team.



Bob Hamman: first in the Open Category of WBF Grand Masters.



Fulvio Fantoni: first in the WBF Open Ranking.

History of the Venice Cup



The Venice Cup, which was presented by the Italian Bridge Federation, is the trophy awarded to the winners of the World Championship for Women's Teams. 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

First Venice Cup. Like the older event, the Venice Cup was born out of a challenge match between Italy's women's team representing Europe and a United States women's team. 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.

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

1976, Monte Carlo

Principality of 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, Carol Sanders & Betty Ann Kennedy, Gail Moss & Jacqui Michell, Ruth McConnell (NPC).
- **GREAT BRITAIN:** Charley Esterson, Nicola Gardener, Fritzi Gordon, Sandra Landy, Rixi Markus, Rita Oldroyd.

1978, New Orleans - USA

Having been adopted by the WBF as a fully fledged world championship, the Venice Cup was staged in New Orleans along with 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 in a row 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.

- **USA:** Mary Jane Farrell & Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell & Gail Moss, Emma Jean Hawes & Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Ruth McConnell (NPC).
- **ITALY:** Marisa Bianchi, Luciana Capodanno, Marisa d'Andrea, Enrica Gut, Andreina Morini, Anna Valenti.

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 and two-third IMPs and

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won the 96 board encounter by 160 and two-third IMPs to 122. The British pair Maureen Dennison and Diana Williams also played in the round-robin, but not in the final.

- **GREAT BRITAIN:** *Pat Davies, Nicola Gardener, Sandra Landy and Sally Sowter, Derek Rimmington (NPC).*
- **USA:** *Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp, Betty Ann Kennedy, Judi Radin, Carol Sanders, Kathie Wei.*
- **BRAZIL.**

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. 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. Horton and Landy actually played 656 deals during the course of the competition - more than any other pair in either series.

- **GREAT BRITAIN:** *Nicola Smith-Gardener & Pat Davies, Sally Horton-Sowter & Sandra Landy, Michelle Brunner & Gillian Scott-Jones, Grattan Endicott (NPC).*
- **USA:** *Gail Greenberg, Betty Kennedy, Jacqui Mitchell, Judi Radin, Carol Sanders, Kathie Wei.*
- **FRANCE.**

1987, Ocho Rios - Jamaica

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

- **USA:** *Judi Radin & Kathie Wei, Lynn Deas & Beth Palmer, Cheri Bjerkan & Juanita Chambers.*
- **FRANCE:** *Véronique Bessis, Hélène Bordenave, Ginette Chevalley, Bénédicte Cronier, Danièle Gaviard, Sylvie Willard.*
- **ITALY.**

The Great Winners

Lynn Deas - USA

1987, 89, 91

Dorothy Hayden Truscott - USA

1974, 76, 78

Emma Jean Hawes - USA

1974, 76, 78

Betty Ann Kennedy - USA

1974, 76, 2003

Jill Meyers - USA

1993, 97, 2007

Sue Picus - USA

1991, 93, 2003

Daniele Allouche-Gaviard - France

2005, 11

Sabine Auken - Germany

1995, 2001

Benedicte Cronier - France

1995, 2001

Pat Davies - Great Britain

1981, 85

Catherine D'Ovidio - France

2005, 11

Sally Horton - Great Britain

1981, 85

Sandra Landy - Great Britain

1981, 85

Jill Levin - USA

2003, 2007

Karen McCallum - USA

1989, 93

Jacqui Mitchell - USA

1976, 78

Gail Moss - USA

1976, 78

Beate Nemeth - Germany

1995, 2001

Sharon Osberg - USA

1991, 93

Andrea Rauscheid - Germany

1995, 2001

Kerry Shuman - USA

1989, 93

Nicola Smith Gardener - Great Britain

1981, 85

Tobi Sokolow - USA

1997, 2003

Daniela Von Arnim - Germany

1995, 2001

Kathie Wey-Sender - USA

1987, 2003

Sylvie Willard - France

2005, 11

History of the Venice Cup

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.

- **USA:** Kitty Bethe & Margie Gwozdzensky, Karen McCallum & Kerri Shuman, Lynn Deas & Beth Palmer, Dorothy Hayden Truscott (NPC).
- **THE NETHERLANDS:** Carla Arnolds, Ellen Bakker, Ina Gielkens, Elly Schippers, Bep Vriend, Marijke van der Pas.
- **CANADA.**

1991, Yokohama - Japan

The final of the NEC Venice Cup saw USA II comfortably repel the challenge from Austria 358-258. China beat USA I.

- **USA II:** Lynn Deas & Stasha Cohen, Sue Picus & Sharon Osberg, Nell Cahn & Nancy Pasell, Kathie Wei (NPC).
- **AUSTRIA:** Gabriele Bamberger, Maria Erhart, Doris Fisher, Rosi Spinn, Terry Weigkricht, Britta Widengren.
- **CHINA.**

1993, Santiago - Chile

USA II retained the NEC Venice Cup, comfortably beating Germany 325.5-272.

- **USA II:** Sharon Osberg & Sue Picus, Jill Meyers & Kay Schulle, Karen McCallum & Kerri Sanborn, Jo Morse (NPC).
- **GERMANY:** Karin Caesar, Marianne Moegel, Daniela von Arnim, Beate Nehmert, Waltraut Vogt, Sabine Zenkel.
- **SWEDEN.**

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.

- **GERMANY:** Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Karin Caesar, Marianne Moegel, Beate Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid.
- **USA:** Karen McCallum, Kitty Munson, Sue Picus, Rozanne Pollack, Kerri Sanborn, Carol Simon.
- **FRANCE.**

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.

- **USA I:** Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Tobi Sokolow, Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letizia, Lisa Berkowitz, Sue Picus (NPC).
- **CHINA:** Gu Ling, Sun Ming, Shi Shaomin, Wang Liping, Liu Yiqian, Zhang Yalan, Yi Hougao (NPC)
- **USA II.**

1999, 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 .4 of an IMP, 249.7-249.3. The Bronze Medal went to Denmark, beating Austria in the play-off.

- **THE NETHERLANDS:** Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol, Bep Vriend, Marijke van der Pas, Martine Verbeek, Chris Niemeijer & Ed Franken (NPCs).
- **USA:** Shawn Quinn, Jill Meyers, Tobi Sokolow, Randi Montin, Renee Mancuso, Janice Molson, Jo Morse & Rita Seamon (NPCs).
- **DENMARK.**

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.

- **GERMANY:** Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Andrea Rauscheid, Pony Nehmert, Katrin Farwig, Barbara Hackett.
- **FRANCE:** Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine Fishpool, Elisabeth Hugon, Catherine d'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard.
- **USA II.**

2003, Monte Carlo

Principality of 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.

- **USA I:** Jill Levin (formally Jill Blanchard), Betty Ann Kennedy, Sue Picus, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Katherine Wei-Sender, Kent Massie (NPC).
- **CHINA:** Gu Ling, Zhang Yalan, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Zhang Yu & Wang Xiaojing (NPC)
- **THE NETHERLANDS.**

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2005, Estoril - Portugal

For the first time in a World Championship all scores has been entered directly from the tables using the new Bridgemate machines. This made the scores posted on the side Vugraph screens much more reliable and cohesive than in the past. 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.

- **FRANCE:** *Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Nathalie Frey, Danièle Gaviard, Vanessa Rees, Sylvie Willard, Gérard Tissot (NPC)*
- **GERMANY:** *Anja Alberti, Sabine Auken, Barbara Hackett, Pony Beate Nehmert, Mirja Scharaverus, Daniela von Arnim, Bernard Ludewig (NPC), Nikolas Bausback (coach).*
- **THE NETHERLANDS.**

2007, Shanghai - China

Germany made it to the final once again, but were defeated by USA1, who won 242-158.6.

- **USA 1:** *Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Hansa Narasimhan, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby, Gail Greenberg (NPC).*
- **GERMANY:** *Anja Alberti, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Barbara Hackett, Pony Beate Nehmert, Mirja Schraverus-Meuer, Bernard Ludewig (NPC) Michael Yuen (Coach).*
- **CHINA.**

2011, Veldhoven - The French winning team.



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 quarterfinals and semi-finals. The final was a two-day 96-deal matches. This was the first Venice Cup victory for China who have been runners-up twice and taken the bronze medal twice. This time they had a dominating 220-148 victory against a strong American team USA2. China won five of the six sets, losing only the last 19-18 when the issue was just about settled.

- **CHINA:** *Dong Yongling, Liu Yiqian, Sun Ming, Wang Hongli, Wang Wenfei, Yan Ru, Lin Yafu (Coach).*
- **USA 1:** *Lynn Baker, Lynn Deas, Irina Levitina, Karen McCallum, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn, Sam Dinkin (NPC), Eric Kokish (Coach).*
- **FRANCE.**

2011, Veldhoven - The Netherlands

France won its second Venice Cup, after the first title in Estoril 2005, defeating 193-103 the Indonesian team which with an impressive performance achieved the final and for the first time won a world medal.

- **FRANCE:** *Danièle Allouche Gaviard, Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, Thomas Bessis (NPC), Romain Tembouret (Coach).*
- **INDONESIA:** *Iusje Olha Bojoh, Fera Damayanti, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Riantini, Julita Grace Tueje, Bert Toar Polii (NPC), Hasyim Arif (Coach).*
- **THE NETHERLANDS:** *Carla Arnolds, Laura Dekkers, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Bep Vriend, Alex Van Reenen (NPC) Hans Kelder (Coach).*

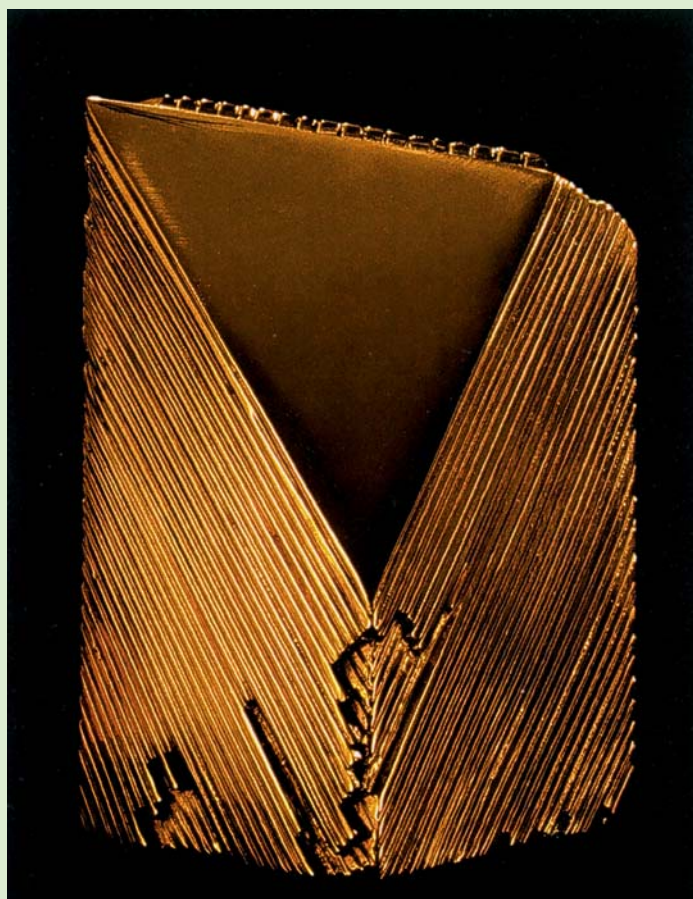
Catherine d'Ovidio: first in the WBF Women Ranking.



Jill Meyers: first in the Women Category of WBF Grand Masters.



History of the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy



*The d'Orsi trophy created by the great Brazilian plastic artist Maria Bonomi, is a abstract reference to the playing cards.
All the replicas to be given to the winners are numbered and signed by the artist.*

Inaugurated in **2001 in Paris**, this new event will take place every odd numbered year in conjunction with the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

The first Seniors Bowl competition was won by a team representing North America. USA II comprising Grant Baze, Gene Freed, Garey Hayden, Joseph Kivel, Chris Larsen & John Onstott took the crown by defeating POLAND, who were represented by Wit Klapper, Andrzej Milde, Jerzy Russyan, Stefan Szenberg, Wlodzimierz Wala & Andrzej Wilkosz, NPC Wlodzimierz Stobiecki. FRANCE took the bronze medal by defeating USA I.

2003, Monte Carlo **Principality of Monaco**

The Seniors Bowl was a 15-round Swiss event.

The winning team was USA I, Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Garey Hayden, Gaylor Kasle, Steve Robinson & Kit Woolsey; the French team of Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt, Christian Mari, Philippe Poizat and Yves Aubry (NPC) were runners up, with USA II coming third.

2005, Estoril - Portugal

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

- **USA I:** Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby, Peter Weichsel, Jan Martel (NPC) Chip Martel (coach) took the title defeating Indonesia:
Henry Lasut, Freddy Jacob Sacul, Amiruddin Yusuf, Arwin Budirahardja.
- **Bronze Medal:** DENMARK.

2007, Shanghai - China

22 teams competed.

- **USA 2:** Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Bart Bramley, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby, Kyle Larsen (NPC), Patty Magnus (Coach).
Indonesia withdrew after 80 deals, trailing 205-127.
Henky Lasut, Anindra Lubis, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Ferdinand Waluyan.
- **Bronze Medal:** USA 1.

History of the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy

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 quarterfinals and semi-finals. The freshly-minted d'Orsi Seniors Trophy final was two-day 96-deal matches. England had to come back from a serious deficit against their opponents from Poland. After falling behind 59-1 in the first set (62.67 including carryover), England knuckled down and played tough bridge 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. For the first time since the birth of the Championship in 2001 USA did not win the gold medal.

- *ENGLAND: Paul D Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg, Ross Harper, John Holland, David Price, Colin Simpson, Peter Baxter (NPC).*
- *POLAND: Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, Włodzimierz Wala (NPC).*
- *INDONESIA.*

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 Seniors 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.

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



2011, Veldhoven - The French winning team.



Julian Klukowski: first in the WBF Seniors Ranking.

History of the 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 and Venice Cup and is one of the few WBF Championships 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: Leandro Burgay, Dano de Falco, Krzysztof Martens, Marcin Lesniewski and Carlo Mariani. Jassem (Poland) were second and Gardynik (Poland) were third.

2000, Hamilton - Bermuda

76 teams participated in the second World Transnational Open Teams. The winners were a team from USA and Poland: Rose Meltzer, Peter Weischel, Alan Sontag, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski. Second was the team Milner from USA and Canada, and in third place was the team Mihov from Bulgaria.

2001, Paris - France

74 teams entered the third edition of this popular event. They competed in a 15-round Swiss, with the top four qualifying for 32-board semi-finals, the winner going on to the 48-board final.

Malcolm Brachman's team representing USA and Brazil, Eddie Wold, Mike Passel, Michael Seamon, Geoff Hampson, Diego Brenner and Gabriel Chagas, defeated France in the final, captained by Cyril Bureau with Danièle Gaviard, Patrick Sussel, Philippe Selz and Vanessa Reess.

2003, Monte Carlo Principality of Monaco

The entry was again 74 teams; the event was Swiss Teams, with the top 8 playing a quarter final, leading to a semi final and thence to a 48 board final.

In the final, the team Lavazza defeated Zhuang of China; the bronze medal went to the team Jansma from the Netherlands.

2005, Estoril - Portugal

134 teams (a great success) competed in a 15-round Swiss of 10 boards matches to determine the eight quarter finalists.

Schneider got off an excellent start, winning the first set, 38-5. The second set in the same direction, 37-32, and although Spector came back in the final stanza, 33-18, there were no more boards to be played and Schneider prevailed 93-70.

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

A record: 149 teams competed 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.

1. *Zimmermann: Michel Bessis, Thomas Bessis, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann (FRA/ITA).*
2. *Russia: Cezary Balicki, Alexander Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Adam Zmudzinski (POL/RUS).*
3. *Germany Open: Tomasz Gotard, Jacek Lesniczak, Josef Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov.*

2009, São Paulo - Brazil

68 teams entered this 7th Generali World Transnational Open Teams, which started after the conclusion of the Quarter-finals of the three main events. In addition to several strong national teams that did not reach the Semi-finals 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**). The teams played a 15-round Swiss of 10-board matches to qualify 8 teams for the Knock-out stage.

Although Zimmermann was considered favourite, in no small measure due 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.

History of the World Transnational Open Teams

1. *Zimmermann Team: Cezary Balicki (POL), Geir Helgemo (NOR), Tor Helness (NOR), Franck Multon (FRA), Pierre Zimmermann - Pc (FRA), Adam Zmudzinski (POL).*
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, contested by strong players from all over the world,

including the best ranked players of the WBF list and all the players winning a medal in the previous event in São Paulo will be remembered for the extraordinary victory of the Israeli Junior Team, holder of the World, European and FISU title. After a very thrilling semi-final won by 7 IMP against the strong USA team of Gordon, Israel defeated the Australian Oz Open Team which included the new 20 years old Australian star Nabil Edgtton, in the final.

1. *Israel Juniors: Alon Birman, Lotan Fisher, Gal Gerstner, Moshe Meyuchas, Dror Padon, Ron Schwartz.*
2. *Oz Open Australia: George Bilski, Nabil Edgtton, John Paul Gosney, Hugh Grosvenor, Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn.*
3. *Parimatch Russia: Andrey Gromov, Yury Khiuppenen, Jouri Khokhlov, Vadim Kholomeev, Mikhail Krasnosselski, Georgi Matushko.*

2011, Veldhoven - Israeli Juniors winning team.





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