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Bermuda Bowl goes Dutch as Venice Cup stays in America

* Medals for Norway, Brazil, Germany & Sweden in 1993 NEC World Championships

Joy and celebration at the end of the 1993 World Championships matched the great success of the young Dutch national team to keep the Bermuda Bowl in Europe. They had just finished ahead of the world's best teams which competed in Santiago, Chile, representing all geographical areas of the globe. Norway came second winning the silver medal, while the bronze went to 1989 champion, Brazil.

In the women's series, the United States successfully defended their world title and scored a major triumph by retaining the Venice Cup which they have won continuously since 1987, and overall 7 times out of 9! However, the European teams also did well here: Germany finished second and Sweden, the reigning European women's champions, third.



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This issue is full of reports from successful international championships that have taken place since July, and of tournaments scheduled for the forthcoming months. It is a row of events whose frequency and quality is consistent with the ever growing path of international bridge in general, and of European bridge in particular.

Among the various tournaments contained in this issue, events especially concerning young players occupy a prominent place.

Junior bridge differs substantially from activities designed for other particular groups of players. Whereas the latter mainly aims at servicing those who belong to the group, junior bridge is essentially an *investment* in the future of the game: an investment with a twofold anticipated return, in terms of both quantitative and qualitative development.

Europe has shown the way. A quarter of a century has passed since the introduction of the European Junior programme in the late sixties, and the results are obvious and quite satisfactory. Our membership is growing continuously at a steady healthy rate. At the same time, the quality of the game is also improving, in theoretical and practical fields.

The contribution of junior bridge to the quality of the game was clearly demonstrated in the recent *Bermuda Bowl* competition. More than half of the members of the two top teams started their careers as participants in the Junior Camps and Championships we regularly hold.

The progress achieved so far provides courage and motivation for future initiatives. *School* bridge is EBL's new venture - as outlined by the President - which will be launched with the first Championship next July.

The stage has also been set for Junior bridge development worldwide. Together with North America, where recent progress is substantial, Europe should and will help other zones to enjoy the enormous benefits we were fortunate - and prudent - to have.

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David Bardach

Honourary Secretary, European Bridge League President, Israel Bridge Federation

The Honourary Secretary of the *European Bridge League*, **David Bardach** of Israel, died from a heart attack, 17 July 1993.

David Bardach served bridge in Israel and international bridge for many decades. As Chairman and recently President of the *Israel Bridge Federation*, he helped in the development of the International Festival held in Tel Aviv every year, which is now one of the biggest tournaments in the EBL member countries.

In 1979 he was elected Honourary Secretary of the *European Bridge League* by the Congress in Lausanne. He was re-elected to the same post in 1983 (Wiesbaden) and again in 1987 (Brighton) and 1991 (Killarney). Besides his duties as Secretary, he served on various Committees like the *Finance & Budget*, *Philip Morris Competitions, Protocol*, etc.

He was a member of the Executive Council of the *World Bridge Federation* and European delegate since 1981, and contributed to the work of the WBF *Admissions & Zoning, Finance*, and *Master Points* Committees.

With David Bardach's passing international bridge loses a loyal officer, and his colleagues a dedicated friend.

Tournament round-up

The *Monte Carlo* Team Tournament will take place 18-20 November 1994.

The **28th** *Israel* **International Bridge Festival** will take place at the *Israel Convention Centre* in Tel Aviv, 10-19 February 1994.

The Festival programme includes Mixed Teams, Men & Women Pairs, IMP Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Open Pairs, Swiss Teams and Regional Simultaneous Pairs competitions. There is also an International Invitational Tournament, the Rixi Markus Cup, for top class players.

Computer dealt hands will be used throughout. The entry fee is 35 shekels per session and the total prize money \$20,000.

For information, contact *David Birman*, 50 *Pinkas Street, IL-62261 Tel Aviv, Israel.* **2** 972-3-605 8355, **972-3-546** 5582.

The **53rd International Bridge Tournament of Saint Moritz**, Switzerland, will take place, 10-21 January 1994.

Bridge Clubs throughout the world are invited to take part in the 1994 Charity Challenge Cup simultaneous pairs contest which will be played on Thursday 17 March. Entry is by donation (minimum £2.30 or equivalent per player). To enter, club secretaries should contact David Parry, P.O.Box 3096, London N14 7BZ, Great Britain (& & 44-81-749 4352), by 6 February 1994.

The 14th annual Marbella Bridge Festival will be held at the Casino & Hotel Andalucia Plaza, 27 January-6 February 1994.

There is a variety of tournaments, including the *Costa del Sol* Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs, *Barclays Bank* Teams and the *Marbella Trophy* Open Pairs.

Only one session will be played every day, starting at 4.30 pm. For information, contact *Lillian Mathews, Apartado 90, San Pedro de Alcantara, E-29670 Marbella, Spain.* & & 34-52-882 922.





MIXED TEAMS

Format

Teams may comprise 4, 5 or 6 players (playing in mixed partnerships); they will play 12 rounds of Swiss followed by a semifinal and a final for the four leading teams and 3 more rounds of Swiss for the other teams, with 10 boards per match.

Programme

Tuesday 22 March 2 rounds
Wednesday 23 March 6 rounds
Thursday 24 March 4 rounds
Friday 25 March 3 rounds
Friday 25 March semifinals/final

Entry Fee

SFr 750 (swiss francs) per team

Prizes

Will be given to the first 25 teams. First team: SFr 10,000. Total prize money: SFr 50,000.

Accommodation

Hotel Princesa Sofia***** (see next column)

MIXED PAIRS

Format

The tournament will be played in four sessions, ending with a *championship final* and a *consolation final*.

Programme

Friday 25 March 1 session Saturday 26 March 2 sessions Sunday 27 March 1 session

Entry Fee

SFr 200 (swiss francs) per pair

Prizes

Will be given to the first 50 pairs of the final and 20 pairs of the consolation. First pair: SFr 5,000. Total prize money: SFr 40,000

Accommodation

Hotel Princesa Sofia*****

Double room with breakfast: Pt 15,000 Reservations: Mrs Tatiana Loaiza Capriles,

34-1-564 7704

<u>34-1-564 6859</u>

Hotel Princesa Sofia, Barcelona, Spain • 22-27 March 1994

French & Danes win 19th PHILIP MORRIS Simultaneous Pairs

With over 20,000 players participating in 600 clubs across Europe, the annual *PHILIP MORRIS Simultaneous Pairs* competition was once again a great success.

The 1993 event, held on Friday, November 19, was won by **Betti-Molinier** of France and **Novrup-Thomsen** of Denmark. In the smaller *Howell* section, **Demirel-Sen** of Turkey placed first.

Playing *North-South*, **Betti-Molinier** scored 74.92%. They were followed by another French pair, **Marganne-Thomazet**, who achieved 73.88%, and the Greek

pair **Altinis-Zozis** finished third with 72.67%

The Danish winners of the *East-West* direction are hardly unknown. **Svend Nov-rup** is a top bridge author and journalist, while 25-year old **Jesper Thomsen** won the 1993 *European Junior Pairs Championship* with partner *Jesper Dall* (see report on page 11). As a pair, Novrup-Thomsen achieved a very high score (77.44%) and easily won first place, ahead of Turks **Assael-Yalman** (73.70%) and Italians **Grattirola-Parolaro** (73.33%).

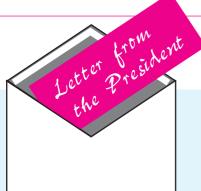
In a few clubs, small *Howell* heats were

held with a separate overall classification. First in this category came the Turks **Demirel-Sen** who scored 65.96%, and **Kowalski-Ziach** of Poland finished second with 63.96%

The best international performance was undoubtedly that of the Franco-Italian combination of **Barone-Ferraro**, who placed fourth in the East-West direction after scoring 70% in a heat in Israel.

High participation percentages were recorded in *Israel* (35% of its total membership competing), *Turkey* (30%) and *Iceland* (20%).





would like to say how happy and proud I was to be associated with the launching of bridge in school in Italy, after France has shown the way.

President Gianarrigo Rona and his team must be thanked and congratulated for this initiative, which brought together the leaders of both the Ministry of Education as well as the provinces; the group met in the great halls of the Italian Olympic Committee in Rome. This is a strong indication that this country, considered the cradle of civilization, recognizes what bridge can engender in matters of intellectual, moral and human instruction.

Much like music, bridge is the universal language. And it is its privilege to see, seated at one and the same table. a father and son, a man and a woman, an employer and his employee, a doctor and a workman, an Australian and an Icelander, a Chinese and an American, an African and a European.

I am sure you will agree, therefore, that bridge deserves to be developed and perpetuated. Obviously, it is through **teaching bridge in school** that this will come about.

To start with, it was necessary to convince a number of doubters in our ranks; playing parents were scared of seeing a normal practice of bridge transform itself into a devastating passion. I, myself, had to fight for years to prepare the ground for the remarkable feat achieved by *J.C.Beineix* and *R.Beurtey*, in France, over the last four years.

In fact, our modern society is more or less ruled by the laws of statistics and I see no reason, either here or elsewhere, why it should introduce any particular deviationist tendencies. Many young people practise other sports or various activities and each can show a special interest in one or other activity simply for pleasure without any ambition to become a champion, which is not our purpose either in this field.

Nevertheless, it is possible to create diverse parallel careers and, through them, to find a way of offering a certain

1994 with bridge in schools

number of jobs, which is not to be ignored in view of the present economic crisis with which we are faced. Already a large number of people make a living from bridge, as teachers, directors, instructors or even players, writers and journalists. And this is only a small facet of the beneficial aspect which the teaching of bridge in school will bring.

Effectively, this intellectual sport has proven to be extraordinarily formative for the young today. It encourages observation and concentration, which are followed, after deduction, by a number of decisions. It is like a doctor who, in order to reach a diagnosis, carries out analyses before reaching a synthesis.

Over and above the aspect of play, bridge is a very convivial activity which brings together partners and opponents in a competitive dialogue. Isn't this a marvellous preparation for active life, for greater social harmony, as opposed to the solitary and passive pleasure of too much television? If bridge can pride itself on being the precursor of interactive software, it is also the perfect example of communication, a major preoccupation in our time.

Finally, I would add that bridge seems to me to be the game with is nearest to the psychology of the passage from the 20th to the 21st century; one which has truly integrated the 'probability' side of

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many aspects of our life. Bridge, is the best prop of the calculation of probabilities and prepares us, as nothing else can, to the gains and losses which each of us in his life must garner or assume.

This explains the interest bankers and insurers have for bridge players, such as

Fridge, like music, is the universal language

Banco del Lavoro and Generali in Italy.
This collection of recognized qualities

has opened the way for the teaching of bridge in school in some countries.

The French are probably ahead at present with 500 school establishments housing 1,000 instructors who have already trained 15,000 students. To make a success of such a challenge, they needed a definite consistency between the mini-bridge taught to students and a complete teaching system of training for the instructors. *René Beurtey* has already had the opportunity, in Amsterdam and Rome, to describe the rigorous methods used to obtain the magnificent results which the French Bridge Federation shares with the sponsors I have associated with this operation: BP France, Tropico and Larousse Diffusion.

In **Holland**, a similar approach has given excellent results and, if the aim is much more far-reaching than the formation of future champions, the fact remains that the new world champions Leufkens and Westra were taught bridge in school.

The **Poles** succeeded in setting up a schools' championship with more than 3,000 finalists, contributing to the progress the EBL is making in its project for organizing a junior championship for the under-20s in the near future.

It is clear that bridge presently is helping China to achieve a transition from collectivity to a certain form of social liberalism, as desired by *Deng Xiao Ping* who encouraged the latest generation to learn and practise our sport.

If chess, or other sports, have unfortunately been used in the *Kriegspiel* (the art of war), I am certain that these teaching programmes will contribute to this marvellous 'bridge for peace' which will make up the world of bridge players.

Bridge for peace is the creed I wish to share with your future students, and I have no doubt that each of the 40 member countries of the EBL will include bridge in school in their development programme. This is my hope in wishing you a happy and peaceful 1994.



José Damiani



Programme

- Sep. 16 Opening Ceremony
 - 17-19 Mixed Pairs
 - 17-21 Continuous Pairs (1st segment)
 - 20-21 Par contest
 - 20-27 McConnell Women's Teams

In the second fortnight of September, **Albuquerque**, the capital of the State of New Mexico, will become the centre of international bridge, as thousands of players from all over the world will gather there to take part in the **9th** *NEC* **World Championships**.

This is the most celebrated event of the tournament calendar. It takes place every four years and includes competitions of all kinds and for all players. the *New Mexico State Fair*. It is widely regarded as one of the better state fairs held in the U.S. and it comes complete with rodeo, midway, carnival rides, horse races and a lot of entertainment.

Albuquerque (pop. 480,000) lies on the banks of *Rio Grande* and the foothills of the *Sandia* mountains, at the same latitude as Tokyo, and its terrain resembles parts of Greece and Spain. Its



9th NEC

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A. 17 September - 1 October 1994

20-28 Rosenblum Open Teams

22-24 Zonal Teams* (open & women)

22-26 Continuous Pairs (2nd segment)

24-27 Senior's Teams (swiss)

25-1/10 Open Pairs

25-1/10 Women's Pairs

27-28 Zonal Pairs* (open & women)

27-1/10 Continuous Pairs (3rd segment)

28-1/10 Senior's Pairs

29-1/10 America Cup (swiss teams)

Oct. 1 Prizegiving

* fon non-qualifiers only

Especially for the Europeans, the forthcoming Championship presents a first class opportunity for visiting a mostly unknown but nevertheless quite interesting area of the United States. With air fares over the Atlantic being as competitive as they are and with rock bottom hotel rates, one can hardly afford to miss the country of *Santa Fe* and *Billy the Kid* - and site of one of the most exciting top class bridge tournaments.

All championship events will be played in the Albuquerque *Convention Center*. Besides the main tournaments, there is a variety of competitions for all players, including the *Continuous Pairs* and an american-style *Regional* with tournaments running all day long.

The Championships are sandwiched between two other premier events in Albuquerque. The *International Hot Air Balloon Festival* begins October 1 and there will be over 300 balloonists from all over the world competing in various ballon races. Just before the Championships, Albuquerque will be the scene of

high altitude results in a mild, dry climate, with summer temperatures averaging about 31°C and humidity at 43%. The sun shines 259 days a year.

Hotels & Rates

(double room per night)

Hyatt Regency \$94
La Posada \$83-93
Double Tree \$87
Plaza Inn \$55-60
Friendship Inn \$30-45

Reservations

(\$100 deposit required)

Albuquerque Housing Bureau Attn.: Valerie Anzalone, WBF P.O. Box 26866 Albuquerque, NM 87125, U.S.A.

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Norway

L.Aaseng, G.Helgemo, S.Kalberg, E.Kvam, J.Molberg, K.Thomassen, S.Johnsen (npc)



United States

Chip Martel (npc), Eric Greco, Kevin Wilson, Debbie Zuckenberg, Leonard Holtz, Jeff Ferro, Richard Pavlicek

Denmark: a Universal Example

Your country has been very unlucky in losing several major internationals by tiny amounts, the smallest being the half IMP by which your junior team lost the semifinal of the recent World Championships held in your own country. How can a country with a population of only 5 million stage a World Championship?

We had the ideal venue in the Sports school in Århus, and we have 17,000 individual members who supported the project. **Ib Axelsen** was Onsite Organizer with 50 volunteers and we were very proud of the result.

What is the history of the Danmarks Bridgeforbund?

Before the war there were two organizations both of which started around 1932. They began to cooperate in 1939 so we had only one of each national championship, but it was not until 1963 that they formally merged to create the *Danmarks Bridgeforbund*. We held a European Championship in 1948 in Copenhagen, and a Junior European there in 1975. In 1977 the Europeans were held in Helsinor, and then the World Juniors this year in Århus.

What is the structure of the Danmarks Bridgeforbund, and your part in it?

We have 11 districts who elect a Council which meets once a year. The Council chooses a Board of Directors who are responsible for running the organization. By 1970 we were big enough to justify the purchase of a headquarters, which we still have now in Hillerød near Copenhagen. I worked as Editor of the *Danish Bridge Magazine* which goes free to every member, and in 1983 I also became the Secretary, in charge of the office. We have six full time staff, including myself.

Interview with



Ib Lundby
Secretary of
Danmarks Bridgeforbund
by Patrick Jourdain

Do you have government support?

Recently we have made a breakthrough, after a long struggle.

There was enough political pressure to persuade the *Danish Sports Organization* to change its rules and create a new *mindsports* section which contains chess and bridge. This change was greatly assisted by the increased income due to the success of our National Lottery.

The mindsports section starts formally in December 1993, and should lead to us receiving a grant each year of anything up to 2 million Danish kroner (about \$300,000).

How is your membership going?

We have 350 affiliated clubs. Their combined 22,500 members must be registered as members of the DBF. (As people belong to more than one club, we actually have some 17,000 individual members.)

Inspired by the *EBL Promotion Week* in Amsterdam a couple of years ago, we decided to double our club membership from what was then 20,000 with a target of 40,000 by the year 2000. We call it '*Plan 2000*'. It has these key elements:

(a) A *Bridge Teachers Organizatio*n with 400 members who receive a course by mail and a weekend course at our centre, in teaching a standard system (a natural system based on strong notrump);

(b) A scheme to encourage all people learning bridge to become *members* of the DBF - they pay half the normal subscription and in the first year receive two of our standard textbooks (which are themselves worth more than the fee), and the bridge magazine, which now has 8 pages aimed at beginners, to their home address;

(c) A *youth* scheme which is aimed at schools and colleges.

How good is publicity for bridge?

The leading newspapers all have bridge columns with hands and tournament news. We have not yet succeeded with television programmes but for just over a year we have had four pages on teletext which are very popular.

Is there anything special about your national championships?

We have all the usual championships and a very successful National League. The League is stratified, and the top Division of 12 teams is a major influence on the selection of our national teams, as we do not usually hold trials.



Germany

Klaus Reps Guido Hopfenheit Roland Rohowsky Marcus Joest Michael Gromöller (npc)



Europe recaptures World Junior title

After the 1991 disaster, Europe succeeded in regaining the world supremacy in the field of Junior bridge. In the 4th World Junior Championship, held in Århus, Denmark, 3-12 August 1993, the European representative teams, spearheaded by Germany, captured three of the four top positions including the gold and silver medals. The only other semifinalist was the United States, the defending champions, who ended up in third place. The Championship was very well organized by Danmarks Bridgeforbund, and was played in a particularly warm atmosphere.

All zones of the *World Bridge Federation* were represented in the fourth event of the series which was initiated as a biennial event in 1987. Europe and North America were entitled to participate with three teams each, the other zones with two, and the host country with one. Asia and South America sent one team each, but the rest filled their quota, making the event the best attended ever.

The format of the competition was a round robin of 20-board matches, acting as qualifier for the 64-board semifinals and playoff and the 96-board final - all played as knockout matches.

After the opening ceremony which took place during a reception given by the Mayor of Århus - Denmark's second largest city - the tournament went under way. USA 1 took an early lead which they kept until halfway in the round robin. The second half was a battle between Germany and Norway for first place, and a struggle for Denmark, threatened by Australia and China, to make it to the semifinals. At the end, Germany qualified first on split tie, while the host country succeeded over the Chinese.

Germany picked Denmark to play in the semifinal, thinking that this was the easiest opponent. The result was a most exciting and incredibly close match; the final margin will surely go on record as the smallest ever recorded: ½ IMP! - in *Germany*'s favour. At the

same time, *Norway* started well against USA 1 and never looked back.

The final was less exciting. After two rather flat sets, Germany struck building up a considerable lead which they lost in the fifth set making the match a close one. The last set went heavily to **Germany** who captured the *Ortiz-Patiño Trophy* despite playing for 10 days with only four players. **USA 1** had no difficulty beating Denmark in the playoff for third place.

The Championship was splendidly organized by *Danmarks Bridgeforbund*, thanks to the efforts of President *Bent Hæstrup*, Secretary *Ib Lundby*, onsite organizer *Ib Axelsen* and a staff of some 50 volunteers. *Idrætshøjskolen* proved an excellent venue for the event; it gave the young players many opportunities for mixing up - and they lost none! The well-planned outings to *Legoland* and *Skanderbog* offered rest, interest and room for closer contact, while the 'night of the nations', where all delegations performed entertaining numbers, added a most welcome cosy dimension.

International bridge clearly showed its keen interest on Junior bridge: the tournament was attended by WBF President *Bobby Wolff*, the President Emeritus *Jaime Ortiz-Patiño* and EBL first Vice President *André Boekhorst*.

All in all, Å*rhus '93* was a wonderful tournament that will be remembered for long.

RESULTS

FINAL & PLAYOFF

Germany - Norway 254½ - 203 **USA 1** - Denmark 173 - 137

SEMIFINALS

Germany - Denmark 103½ - 103 **Norway** - USA 1 208½ - 93

ROUND ROBIN

1	Germany	283
2	Norway	283
3	USA 1	269
4	Denmark	250 ½
5	Chinese Taipei	2471/2
6	China	245
7	Italy	242
8	Canada	221
9	Australia	2201/2
10	Central America 2	2111/2
11	New Zealand	211
12	USA 2	200
13	Argentina	177
14	Central America 1	1681/2
15	Pakistan	146





Wubbo de Boer Piet Jansen Enri Leufkens Bauke Muller Jan Westerbof Berry Westra Henk Schippers (npc) Jaap Trouwborst (npc)

4 medals for Europe in

fter a fine performance, European teams succeeded in winning four of the six available medals at the 1993 *NEC* World Championships held in *Santiago*, Chile, 29 August-10 September.

Thanks to the **Netherlands**, the *Bermuda Bowl* - symbol of world bridge supremacy - remained in Europe; and so did the silver medal, won by **Norway**. The bronze medal went to **Brazil**.

In the women's series, the **United States** once again retained the *Venice Cup*, but Europe won the other medals thanks to **Germany** and **Sweden**.

The NEC Bermuda Bowl

16 teams took part in the open series, representing all WBF zones. Europe fielded the four top teams of the recent Championship in Menton: *Poland, Denmark, Norway* and the *Netherlands*.

The competing teams were split into two groups and played a double round robin to decide four quarter-finalists from each group. Matches thereafter were knockout.

There were no surprises at the *quali-fying* stage. USA 2, the Netherlands, Poland and Brazil from one group -

and China, Norway, Denmark and USA 1 from the other, made it to the *quarterfinals*.

Then, the situation became more tight. 1989 champion Brazil outscored China, and Norway beat Poland decisively. The other two matches were sensational: Denmark was leading USA 2 for most of the 96-board match, while USA 1 had the best of the ups and downs against the Dutch. However, both losing teams came from behind to win their matches at the very end.

The excitement continued in the *semifinals*. The matches were very close and the results were determined by the same incredibly small margin of 3 IMPs! When the smoke cleared, the scene had been set for an all-European final between Norway and the Netherlands.

The *final* was hard-fought all the way. The Dutch led most of the time but suffered a great loss near the end, which reduced their lead to 15 IMPs with 5 boards to go. At the end, however, all was well for the Netherlands who won their first *Bermuda Bowl* ever, thanks to a very young team (average age just over 32 years). It is worth mentioning that their Norwegian opponents were also quite young (average age 34 years; the team included **Geir Helgemo** aged 23).

At the same time, Brazil beat USA 2 in the *playoff* and won the bronze medal.

2. Norway 3. Brazil





World Championships

The NEC Venice Cup

The women's series was played under exactly the same format, and once again Europe was represented by Menton top performers: *Sweden, France, Italy* and *Germany*.

The first surprise was the elimination of France at the *round robin* qualifying stage. The other European teams did well to make it to the quarterfinals: Sweden, USA 2, Germany and Argentina advanced from one group; Chinese Taipei, Canada, USA 1 and Italy from the other.

In the *quarterfinals*, it was Italy's turn to leave the competition, being outscored by USA 2. In the other matches, Sweden narrowly beat Canada and Germany eliminated USA 1 without difficulty. The fourth semifinalist was Argentina who had the better run against Chinese Taipei.

Argentina had already cheered local fans when they were defeated by USA 2 in the first *semifinal* match. In the other, Sweden developed what was initially considered to be a 'healthy lead' against Germany; this was gradually reduced and subsequently reversed, giving Germany a spectacular victory.

The 128-board *final* started with a small carryover in favour of USA 2. Some points won and then lost left the American advantage almost unchanged at half-way. At the beginning of the second half, however, USA 2 scored well and moved ahead. Germany fought back and recovered some of the losses, but it was not enough. At the end of the day, the United States were worthy winners of the world women's title, which they have had continuously since 1987. Meanwhile, Sweden had no difficulty getting the bronze medal in the playoff.

Splendid Tournament

The 1993 *NEC* World Championships had some additional winners: the *South American Federation*, the *Bridge Federation of Chile* and *Roberto Gracia*, the Chief Organizer.

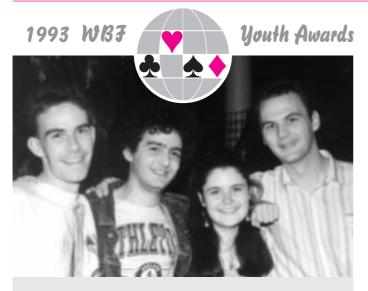
They all worked hard for a long time to present a magnificent tournament, and there is no doubt that they fully succeeded.

Thanks to the support of numerous sponsors, the government of Chile and the authorities of Santiago - but mainly thanks to the numerous local volunteers who worked seemingly tirelessly throughout - they were able to provide an exceptionally warm hospitality and a splendid tournament for which they have every reason to feel most proud.

Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Sharon Osberg Sue Picus Kerri Sanborn Kay Schulle Jo Morse (npc)

2. Germany 3. Sweden





Brian Powell (Great Britain)

"... In a quiet way, he has become someone everyone knows, testifying to his ability to make friends with all nationalities, and every type of character".

Panos Papadopoulos (Greece)

"... A man with an immediate friendliness and openness towards even the most complete stranger..."

Ruth Sorel (Israel)

"... She has a gentle, quiet, almost shy demeanour which hides a strong determination to help others".

Marco Pengov (France)

"... If you ask for his assistance, you can be sure that nothing is too much trouble. And even of you don't ask, you can expect an offer".

• The WBF Youth Awards are given every two years to participants at the EBL Junior Camps who distinguish themselves in aptitude, diligence and friendly behaviour rather than performance at the bridge table.

Great success of European Junior Camp

The 10th European Bridge Junior Camp, which took place in Oberreifenberg, Germany, 19-25 July 1993, was yet another successful event of the series instituted in 1976 for the benefit of non-champion young players.

130 Juniors from 13 countries gathered in a picturesque youth hostel in Taunus' national park, and enjoyed a weeklong bridge holiday which gave them the opportunity to make new friends and renew older relationships.

The programme of a typical day at the Camp includes lectures in the morning, sports in the afternoon and a bridge tournament in the evening. However, there are many other organized activities, and the Juniors are free to arrange things between them at all other times.

Traditionally, the Camp starts with an individual tournament. This is an excellent opportunity for the participants to get to know each other at the bridge table. It also helps them to arrange their partnerships for the other tournaments, where one of the few Camp rules applies: no one is allowed to play with a partner of his own nationality.

This rule reflects well the Camp's objective, which is to create friendly relationships among young Europeans and improve international understanding rather than provide yet another competition.

The Juniors enjoyed the Camp tremendously. This was evident throughout, and was especially visible during the *campfire*, the *treasure hunt* and the *outing* to the Rhine area, arranged by Dirk & Kareen Schroeder.

As always, the last night was unforgettable. Each delegation performed live to entertain the others; the games, songs, numbers, etc. were quite humorous and innovative. The only serious moment was when the *WBF Awards* winners were announced. The warm applause was another optimistic sign from the young generation.



Amir Levin of Israel, 20, winner of the Youth Cup for the best performance with a variety of international partners



Student Championship launched

The **1st European University Bridge Championship** was held in *Antwerp, Belgium*, 30 August-4 September 1993.

Representative teams from 10 member countries of the European Union and Israel took part. The format was a round robin qualifier, followed by semifinals and a final.

After a poor start, Germany just managed to advance to the semifinals where they defeated Israel by a small margin. At the same time, Great Britain had an easy game against the Netherlands. The final was close for most of the time, but Germany had their day and became the first University champions thanks to 5 IMPs. The final rankings were:

1. **Germany**, 2. Great Britain, 3. Israel and the Netherlands, 5. France, 6. Greece, 7. Italy, 8. Portugal, 9. Denmark, 10. Belgium, 11. Spain.

The Championship, organized by the University of Antwerp with the support of the *International University Sports Federation* (FISU) and the *European Community Bridge League* (ECBL), was a great success. It is believed that the stage has now been set for future events of the series.



Denmark triumphs in European Junior Pairs

- Medals for Poland & Norway
- Honours for France

Thanks to Jesper Dall, 22, and Jesper Thomsen, 25, Denmark scored a major triumph by winning the gold medal at the 2nd European Junior Pairs Championship, held in Oberreifenberg, Germany, 16-18 July 1993.

The Polish brothers Mariusz, 23, and Tomasz Puczynski, 25, fell just short of the first place and won the silver medal, while Tore Skoglund, 21, and Ole Torhaug, 25, of Norway placed third.

France shared the honours with 19-year olds *Laurent Bouscarel* and *Jérôme Rombaut*, who were the best 'under-20s' pair of the competition.

This was the second event of the series initiated in 1991 in *Fiesch, Switzerland*, as a biennial tournament. 100 pairs from 19 countries took part, playing four sessions without qualifiers and final over a weekend.

First to take the lead after the first session were Dutch internationals *Berg-Vis* who scored 63.71%. They were followed by *Skoglund-Torhaug* and *Geitner-Fonteneau* of France.

The second session was won by the Slovenian pair *Gantar-Kranjc*, but high scores were also achieved by *Brogeland-Kristiansen* of Norway, *Bryder-Jacobs-son* of Sweden and the *Puczynski* brothers.

The Swedes Bostrom-Gustavsson fin-



Happy medal winners: Skoglund-Torhaug (Norway), Dall-Thomsen (Denmark), Puczynski-Puczynski (Poland)

ished ahead of the field in the third session, followed by *Dall-Thomsen* who combined their good scores to top the overall classification. However, *Skoglund-Torhaug* and the *Puczynski*'s were close behind.

As expected, the battle of the fourth session was tough. *Dall-Thomsen* had a rather shaky start; then things got a little better, but the final word was not to be written until the very last board. Playing 7NT, one declarer had to guess whether to play for the drop or finesse against a Jack. When he opted for the finesse, Jesper Dall was happy to win the Jack and the gold medal!

The Netherlands & France win Junior Regional

The Dutch Junior team won the 1993 **Channel Trophy**, the annual regional competition for Juniors arranged between and held in turn in *Belgium, France, Great Britain* and *the Netherlands*.

The winning team consisted of *Timo van den Berg, Rico van Prooijen, Jean Paul Vis & Simon de Wijs. Kees Tammens* was the non-playing captain.

The Dutch beat all their opponents and finished comfortably ahead of Great Britain, the runners-up. Belgium and France followed.

In recent years, a new series has been added to the competition, for players up to 20 years old.

The winner in this series was the team of **France**, consisting of *Laurent Bouscarel*, *Félicien Daux*, *Eric Esposito*, *Dominique Fonteneau*, *Julien Feitner* and *Jérôme Rombaut*, under the captaincy of *Jean-Christophe Quantin*.

Great Britain was once

again the runner-up, followed by France and Belgium.

The Channel Trophy is one of the well established regional competitions for young Europeans. Other such events designed to keep the Juniors in close contact are: the European Community Championships, the Nordic Championships, the Mediterranean Cup, the Alps Cup, etc. An effort to setup a competition for East European Juniors has yet to materialize.

Results

Dall-Thomsen	DEN	58.60
Puczynski-Puczynski	POL	58.15
Skoglund-Torhaug	NOR	57.73
Mauberquez-Oursel	FRA	57.50
Chmurski-Wyszynski	POL	56.94
Helgemo-Molberg	NOR	56.07
Bryder-Jacobsson	SWE	55.38
Markovic-Ramondt	NTH	55.33
Filios-Matziaris	GRE	55.27
Brogeland-Kristiansen	NOR	55.20
Bruun-Ron	DEN	55.07
Berg-Vis	NTH	55.07
Borgesson-Knijff	SWE	54.92
Bouscarel-Rombaut	FRA	54.84
Gerdin-Stattin	SWE	54.66
Bakker-Brulleman	NTH	54.63
Dumenil-Prospert	FRA	54.49
Berg-Olsen	NOR	54.46
Aplund-Westermark	SWE	54.25
Doussot-Harari	FRA	54.19
Joest-Reps	GER	54.11
Busacchi-Intoni	ITA	54.04
Gantar-Kranjc	SLO	53.93
Prooijen-Wijs	NTH	53.59
Kierulff-Nohr	DEN	53.44
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FACTFILE

- Born 1965 in Bavaria
- EC Womens Pairs winner in Bordeaux
- European champion 1989 Turku
- Moved to America 1989, became Life Master in 8 weeks
- Options trader on Chicago Exchange
- Venice Cup silver medal 1993 Santiago

Sabine Zenkel

Patrick Jourdain interviews Germany's rising bridge star

Sabine, congratulations on the silver medal you won in Santiago. Are you disappointed to have missed the world title?

The team was so thrilled to have made the final, after being well behind to Sweden in the semis, that we were not depressed by the ending. It just wasn't our year to win.

Can we start with something about your family in Germany?

I was born in Bavaria and am an only child. My father has worked for many years in the Purchasing Department of *Bosch*, and my mother is employed by a health organisation.

When did you start bridge?

At the age of 14, and my parents didn't approve! I was in the same class as *Michael Gromöller*, who in August won the world title captaining the German Junior team. His father was a bridge-player; in a quiz he asked 'what is bridge?' I was the only one who knew and Mr Gromöller was so pleased that he taught me with Michael. We were soon playing at the local club in Bamberg. I left school in 1984 and went to Augsberg University, but by then was already playing in many tournaments.

When did your international career begin?

I partnered Michael in the Juniors at the EC Championships in Ostend. Then in 1983, partnering *Anne Möller*, won the EC Womens Pairs in Bordeaux. We tried, with *Daniela von Arnim* and *Pony Nehmert*, for the German womens team for the 1984 Olympiad in Seattle but were not selected. I started my

partnership with Daniela the next year. We were never selected for the Junior team, but went to Miami for the Womens Pairs in 1986, and were very pleased to finish 7th overall.

This was your first visit to the States?

Yes. I remember, in the 'never ending Swiss' we played against the American, **Ron Andersen**. He was very impressed by a lead of mine (knowing partner had no entries against 3NT I led the ace from AQxx, and seeing Jx in dummy, followed with the queen ... and partner held 10xxx). Three years later when I moved to the States we became regular partners.

What came after Miami?

From then on we were in the German women's team. We came 5th in Europeans in Brighton in 1987, and in 1989, won in Turku. We went to the *Venice Cup* in Perth but lost to the Dutch in the semi-finals. Daniela and I had one of the most publicised disasters ever in bridge when, after a misunderstanding, we played 44 doubled in a 2-1 fit!

1989 was a big year for you, then?

Yes. As well as becoming European champion, I left University and moved to the United States. I had, and still have, a job as an Options trader on the Chicago Exchange.

You made a sensational start, by breaking the record for becoming a Life Master set by Jeremy Flint?

Yes. Almost at once I played in the ACBL Nationals. I was given special permission to play in the Lifemaster Womens Pairs with *Rhoda Walsh* and we won it. I became a Life Master in 8 weeks, a record which still stands.

How do you compare European bridge with American?

American organisation is very good. European standard varies more from event to event. The Americans have the best knockout events, but for a Round Robin I like the European Womens teams where you meet all the different nations. American Nationals are becoming more international in nature, which I like, of course.

If you had a magic wand, and could change something about world bridge, what would it be?

Womens bridge should be taken more seriously. In the Salsomaggiore Olympiad it was very noticeable that we had second class treatment. In Germany we don't feel we get the support we deserve from the home organization, and the German press give very little attention to bridge.

What about the future?

I love my partnership with Daniela, and want to continue representing Germany. We are all very good friends in the German team, and this helps us get over the difficult times.

Would you like to end with any message for the bridge world?

Yes. Don't give partner a hard time! We all try our best, and all have disasters. You need to help your partners over these, not make their a life a misery.



Ladies Jamboree: an event for all women players

The *Ist Ladies Jamboree* was organized in Budapest by the *European Bridge League* and staged by the *Hungarian Bridge Federation*. Over 300 ladies from many different European countries joined us in Hungary for 5 days of excellent bridge and a lovely holiday. Most of those who attended asked us to repeat the event and the Ladies Committee, together with the *Italian Bridge Federation* and the *Ketty Fazio Organization*, very much look forward to extending a warm welcome to Lady players from all over Europe.

Programme

- Tuesday 31 May
 Opening Cocktail Reception at Hotel La
 Residenza Dinner
- Wednesday 1 June
 Morning free for shopping Individual tournament
- Thursday 2 June
 Special one-day excursion
- Friday 3 June
 Morning free Pairs tournament
 (sessions 1 & 2)
- Saturday 4 June
 Morning free Pairs tournament (session 3)
 - Victory banquet with prizegiving ceremony
- Sunday 5 June
 Departure after breakfast

The international rules for *smoking* will be followed. There will be optional *rubber bridge* available after dinner, each evening.

Accommodation

The venue for the Jamboree will be the Hotel *La Residenza* and special rates have been arranged for the whole period. Accommodation is available in the following hotels:

• Hotel Palatium ****

46 de luxe rooms and suites. Air-conditioning - hydromassage, sea water swimming pool. *La Scogliera* restaurant. All kinds of water sports. Boats to rent. Private descent to the beach. Baby

sitting facilities on request. Bus and taxis free of charge every 15' to the fabulous *Piazzetta* from where 5' walk is the venue *La Residenza*.

For 6 days and 5 nights, the cost of a double room will be Lit (Italian Liras) 1,300,000.

This

will be a wonderful tournament,
a full-day excursion,
sunbathing and swimming, most interesting
and convenient shopping,
warm hospitality, friendship,
6 unforgettable days on one of
the most beautiful islands in
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cludes breakfast buffet and dinner, wine and mineral water free of charge, welcome cocktail reception (*Residenza* Hotel), a full-day excursion with lunch included, a very special Victory Banquet and prizegiving that will be held in the Hotel *Palatium*.

• Hotel La Residenza****

Venue of the Jamboree. Hospitality/Registration/Tourist desks. The package will be the same as in *Palatium* and the price is Lit 1,200,000 in a double room with a surcharge of Lit 200,000 for single occupancy.

• Hotel La Certosa***

Distance from the venue 50m. The same package will be offered at a price of 1,000,000 for persons sharing a room, or Lit 1,100,000 for single occupancy. The meals must be taken at the Hotel *La Residenza*.

Cheaper Hotels

Lit 600,000 (double room) - Lit 700,000 (single occupancy). The price includes 5 nights and breakfast. The full-day excursion with lunch is included as is the welcome cocktail. The victory banquet is *not* included in the package and the cost for participants is Lit 100,000.

Entries

Entries must be made to the Hotel *La Residenza* no later than **1 May 1994**. Late entries can only be accepted if there is sufficient accommodation available in the hotels. For Hotel reservation and any further information please contact:

Roberto Fiorentini, Hotel La Residenza, Via F.Serena B116, I-80073 Capri (NA), Italy.

2 39-81-837 0833 **3** 39-81-837 7564

For any reservation you must send a deposit for at least 30% of the package or of the total amount in the cheaper hotels. The deposit will be refunded for cancellations made until 20 May 1994.

Fees and Prizes

The entry fees per player are Lit 25,000 for the Individual tournament (1 session) and Lit 60,000 for the Pairs (3 sessions).

Marvellous prizes in kind - *objects d'* art and other luxury goods - will be awarded to the first 3 places of the Individual and the Pairs, the first 6 places of the combined classification and the Jamboree Champion.

Side games will be arranged for husbands, friends, etc., provided there are sufficient numbers.

There will be a partnership desk for the convenience of all participants.





Master Points update

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5	PERRON Michel	FRA	136
-	ZMUDZINSKI Adam	POL	136
7	GAWRYS Piotr	POL	128
-	LASOCKI Krzysztof	POL	128
9	AUKEN Jens	DEN	115
10	KOCH Dennis	DEN	113
11		NOR	112
12	BOER Wubbo de	NTH	111
-	MULLER Bauke	NTH	111
14	WESTRA Berry	NTH	106
15	LEUFKENS Enri	NTH	104
16	SCHALTZ Dorthe	DEN	103
17	FISCHER Doris	AUT	101
-	WEIGKRICHT Terry	AUT	101

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New Grand Masters

The EBL Master Points Secretary Paul Maris reports:

Eight European players - four men and four women - were promoted to the rank of *Grand Master* during the 1992-93 season, which ended 30 June. They are:

Men

- Hervé MOUÏEL (France)
- Cesary BALICKI (Poland)
- Adam ZMUDZINSKI (Poland)
- Anders MORATH (Sweden)

Women

- Danielle GAVIARD (France)
- Véronique BESSIS (France)
- Carla ARNOLDS (The Netherlands)
- Beb VRIEND (The Netherlands)

To attain the rank of *Grand Master*, a player must have won a European or a World Championship. In addition he/she needs a minimum number of *European Master Points* (EMPs), which is 500 for men players and 300 for women.

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April

- 1-4 Easter Bridge Festival London, Great Britain
- 13-17 9th International Festival Cascais-Estoril, Portugal
- 24-30 2nd International Festival Istanbul, Turkey
- 29-3/5 EBU Spring Foursomes
 Stratford-on-Avon, Great Britain

May

- 6-19 45th International Festival
 Juan-les-Pins, France
- 14-22 South of Ireland Congress Killarney, Ireland
- 26-29 22nd International Tournament Portoroz, Slovenia

June

- 3-5 International Festival Carta Mundi Ostend, Belgium
- 4-5 Gold Cup Cino del Duca Paris, France
- 10-11 9th EPSON Bridge Contest Clubs Worldwide

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