



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

6<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Daily Bulletin



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## WELKOM IN OOSTENDE

### Welcome from the EBL

Dear Bridge Friends:

A big welcome to Ostend for the 6th European Open Bridge Championships!



You are coming from 48 countries, and the participation of players from all eight zones of the WBF shows the growing popularity and success of these championships with players around the world.

My congratulations go to the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation, its President Marc de Pauw and the entire Organizing Committee led by Bart Magerman for their great efforts to organize a championship of the highest quality.

The EBL is constantly working on offering high standards of competition, technology and ethics to the participants of the EBL Championships.

Coming to Ostend allows you to live your passion for our sport, but also to find in Ostend a warm and friendly atmosphere in an attractive town for tourist, cultural and gastronomic experiences.

I am confident that your enthusiastic participation will make these Championships a great success.

Yves Aubry  
President of the European Bridge League

### A message from Marc De Pauw

Dear friends:

I bid all of you a very warm welcome in the nice city of Ostend. Awaiting the sun and higher temperatures, I trust that you have found a comfortable accommodation. After many months of preparation, we finally have arrived at the start of these Championships. In close cooperation between the European Bridge League and the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation, our staff is ready to serve a high standard competition to the participants.

To all participants, I wish good results and a very pleasant stay in this marvelous seaside city. Please do not forget that, after bridge, life does not stop at eight o'clock. The many pubs and restaurants will be more than happy to open their doors for you.

Welcome again and have a nice stay.

Marc De Pauw, President of the RBBF



### Schedule for Saturday, June 15

First Session 09:45-11:30

Other Sessions 11:45, 14:00, 15:45, 17:30 (1.5 hrs each)

**Mixed Pairs Qualification** at "Delvaux" on 2nd floor (tables 11-95) and "Hall of Honour" on 3rd floor (tables 101 and up). Starting positions will be posted at the entrance.

**Side events, MP Pairs and BAM Teams**, at the entrance hall on the ground floor.

Session times may be altered if necessary depending on number of entries.



# Important News From EBL

## Review of ruling

The European Bridge League is sufficiently confident with the process for producing rulings following infractions that it has decided that there will be no Appeals Committee in these Championships. As a safeguard against the process not being conducted properly, a Review of Ruling will be available. It is expected that players will normally accept that a ruling that is provided is a fair ruling which is arrived at after a proper process has taken place.



Jens Auken, Reviewer

Any player who receives a ruling may ask for the process that produced the ruling to be reviewed. The procedure for requesting a review is subject to the same time limits that applied to Appeals previously. The request for a review of the process should be made to the TD who provided the ruling. The player seeking a review is entitled to write a short statement setting out why and how they believe the process was flawed. The Reviewer will examine the process that resulted in the ruling to ensure that it was conducted properly and that the ruling that was given was within the bounds of reasonableness. If the Reviewer concludes that the process was not followed in a material way, the Chief TD will be asked to vary the ruling accordingly. Any request for a review that is without merit may lead to a sanction being imposed in IMPs or VPs as appropriate.



Grattan Endicott, Reviewer

More info: <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/130Ostende/Microsite/Information.htm#Conditions>

## New Mobile Device Policy

Please take note that we are using a new policy for mobile phones at these championships. It **is allowed** to bring your mobile phones to the table provided they are completely **switched off** at all times. When going to the rest rooms however, they **must** be left at the table or with the person escorting you to the restrooms. Any breach of these rules (such as a phone ringing or vibrating) will be penalized in accordance with the General Conditions of Contest (available at <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/130Ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneral-CoC2013.pdf> ).



Such **penalties are automatic** and compulsory **for the first offense**.

## More important information

Here follows some important items that, although some of them appear in the Conditions of Contest, deserve special mention.

### Smoking, alcohol, pets

Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the building (which includes the tent and the toilets). So called “electronic cigarettes” are not allowed in the playing area or toilets. Violations will be penalized as per the General Conditions of Contest (available at <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/1300ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf> ).

Such penalties are **automatic, mandatory and apply from the first offense**.

Bringing alcoholic beverages to the playing area is prohibited.

Pets are **not** allowed in the playing area.

### Side Events

Non-qualifiers from the qualifications for the medal events have the right to play a side event the following day free of charge. However, **they must register** for that side event the night before (best done right after the end of play). For those not registered, it is assumed that they do not intend to play! Drop-ins **may** be accepted if convenient. If such a player wishes to play with a different partner, the new partner must pay his/her part of the entry fee (i.e. EUR 35 per day).

**Winners of the side events are asked to stay at their playing area for a few minutes after the results are known in order to be photographed and to collect their certificates.**

## Other bits and pieces.

### BBO transmissions

Starting with the Mixed Pairs finals on Monday June 17 there will be daily (except Wednesday June 26) transmissions on BBO. The schedule will be announced as soon as known.

### Partnership Desk

There is no formal partnership desk, but there is a board in the tent next to the registration where one can search for partners/team-mates.

### Internet access

There is free wifi in the whole building, including the tent and its immediate vicinity. The network name is ebl-bridge-1 or ebl-bridge-2. No password is necessary..

### Payment at the registration desk

We accept cash or *Credit Cards* **with a chip**.

### Master Point Races

For the first time, we will have Master Point races, with cumulative standings being published daily in this space. There will be two separate classifications, one over-all and one for Master Points collected in side events only.

The respective winners will be honoured with commemorative plaques.

### Spectators

Spectators are welcome at the table (except at the BBO tables) subject to the limitations imposed by the Tournament Directors. Spectators must enter at the start of a playing session, may not move to another table during that session (i.e. may not follow an EW pair in a pairs event) and must not sit so as to view both sides of the screen. If leaving before the end of a session they may not return during that session.

### Food and beverages

There is a stand selling sandwiches, soups and beverages in the tent, open at least until the start of the final playing session each day. A more substantial but quickly served lunch will be available at special attractive prices at the Aqua del Mar and Ostende Queen restaurants. The latter is also providing a specially priced dinner menu for our participants.

# Bridge Loses Two Figures

## Robert (Bobby) Richman

Robert (Bobby) Richman, one of Australia's leading players for more than three decades, died on June 7 during the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships in Hong Kong. Richman was competing as a member of the team captained by Ron Klinger in the Seniors, vying for a spot in the



World Bridge Championships in Bali later this year.

Believed to be the only Australian Bridge Federation player to win every major ABF event at least once, Richman surpassed the 10,000 mark in ABF masterpoints four years ago.

His best showing in international competition was in the Bermuda Bowl in 1979, when his team came in third behind Italy and USA.

The following was posted on the ABF website under the Captains Log entry for June 7:

"He was a friend to many, a marvelous player and an entertaining raconteur and commentator. He will be missed. Understandably, his team withdraws from their two scheduled matches for today. Who could play after losing a teammate, especially one whose presence was so large?"

## Seymon Deutsch 1935–2013

Two-time world champion Seymon Deutsch died June 13. Deutsch, of Laredo TX, was widely known as one of the most affable personalities in the world of top-level bridge, a distinction that was formally acknowledged in 2007 when he was named the recipient of the Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award.

In addition to two world championships (the 1994 Rosenblum Teams and the 1988 World Team Olympiad), Deutsch was a five-time North American champion with wins in the Grand National Teams Championship Flight (1986), the Spingold Knockout Teams (1991) and the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams (1994, 1996, 2006).



### GRATIS CARDS

Those with very tight economy can apply for a number of used EBL cards free of charge at the bookstall on the Mezzanine level. New and old EBL cards are also sold cheaply.

### DUPLIMATE DISCOUNTS

The new dealing machines used at this event are sold with same warranties as new units for € 2,350 as long as stock lasts. Place your order at the bookstall on the Mezzanine level.