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## EDITORIAL

This issue of **EBL Junior Review** covers a whole year, and gives a useful overview of a most fruitful period for Junior bridge.

Last July, **Great Britain** kept the *Ortiz-Patiño Trophy* in Europe winning convincingly at the **World Junior Team Championship**.

One month later, we opened our established **Junior Pairs Championship** and **Junior Camp** to the rest of the world. The two events, held in Ghent, were most successful, with **Norway** winning the gold and silver medals in the Pairs.

Ghent attracted participants from all over the globe, including no less than 50 Juniors from North America who had a wonderful time. As a result, another Camp will be held this summer in Florida, and Europe will gladly reciprocate with the presence of some of our best Juniors there.

Back home, the most important event will be the Youth Championships in Cardiff '96 which will establish the Schools series and prove once again the popularity of our Junior competition.

## EBL Junior Review

*EBL Junior Review*, published biannually, is the official medium of the European Bridge League for matters concerning young players.

# GREAT BRITAIN WINS WORLD JUNIOR TEAMS

**GREAT BRITAIN**, the reigning European Junior champions, had an easy time capturing the *Ortiz-Patiño Trophy* at the **5th World Junior Teams Championship**, held in Bali, Indonesia, 8-17 July 1995.

The Championship attracted 12 representative teams from five geographical zones of the World Bridge Federation. There was a round-robin qualifying stage to decide the four semifinalists, of which the two winners went on to the final and the losers to a playoff for 3rd place.

The British team consisting of **Jeffrey Allerton, Danny Davies, Jason & Justin Hackett, Phil Souter** and **Tom Townsend** with **Raymond Brock** as non-playing captain, started the qualifying stage well and soon took the lead which they never relinquished.

Behind them, a fierce battle took place for a position in the semifinals. **DENMARK, NEW ZEALAND** and **CANADA** were successful; **ITALY** and **CHINA** disappointed.



**GREAT BRITAIN** continued their advance beating

**CANADA** in one semifinal, while **NEW ZEALAND** had the better run against **DENMARK** in the other. The final was an easy affair for the European champions, and **NEW ZEALAND** actually withdrew before the end. At the same time, **DENMARK** beat **CANADA** to earn the bronze medal.

The Championship was splendidly organized on the legendary island of Bali, and all players, officials, members of the staff and journalists enjoyed the warm hospitality offered by the Indonesian Bridge Federation.

## Henrik Røn joins Youth Committee



**Henrik Røn** of Denmark is the new member of the EBL Youth Committee.

A Junior until recently, Henrik has already been very active in Junior bridge and was one of the WBF Award winners in Ghent. He is interested in continuing working for the promotion of the game among young people.

Welcome to the Committee, Henrik - and good luck!



• International team prepares for the treasure hunt: an educational and recreational stroll in the streets of the old town.

# WORLD JUNIOR CAMP

a sensational experience!



• WBF President Emeritus **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño**, a keen supporter of Youth bridge, gave a lecture and played with the Juniors in Ghent.



• Camp Lecturer **Patrick Jourdain** and Juniors sailing during an organized outing to places of interest.

The **1st World Junior Camp** thrilled some 170 youngsters from 20 countries and five continents, who had the opportunity to taste what their European counterparts have been enjoying for 20 years now.

**WBF**



**Andrei MIHAILESCU**  
(Switzerland)

• The WBF Youth Awards, established in 1989, aim at rewarding aptitude, diligence and international spirit shown at the Camps. The winners earn the honour of enabling their countries to have a free and ex quota place in the next event.

## YOUTH



**Shelley UNGER**  
(Austria)



**Henrik RØN**  
(Denmark)



**Tony SETO**  
(USA)

## AWARDS 1995



### Halasi wins Youth Cup

**David Halasi** (16) of Canada was the winner of the Youth Cup which is presented to the player scoring best at Camp tournaments with a variety of international partners.



## SCANDINAVIANS COLLECT ALL MEDALS AT 1st WORLD JUNIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Capturing the two top medals, **NORWAY** emerged as the great winner of the first World Pairs Championship ever to be organized for Junior players. **DENMARK** followed in third place, thus turning this historical event into a Scandinavian affair.

The first World Junior Pairs champions are **Boje BROGELAND**, a talented youngster with great potential, and Junior veteran **Geir HELGEMO** who chose this way to end his career as a young player. Besides numerous successes as Junior, Helgemo was a member of the Norwegian team which ended second in the 1993 *Bermuda Bowl*.

The Championship, held at the University of Ghent, Belgium, 12-14 August 1995, was a resounding success, having attracted an entry of 154 pairs from 25 countries, representing Europe, North and Central America, Africa and Australia. It is to be established as a biennial event in the world competition calendar.

### FINAL CLASSIFICATION

|    |                                  |            |              |
|----|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1  | <b>BROGELAND B. - HELGEMO G.</b> | <b>NOR</b> | <b>61.74</b> |
| 2  | CHARLSEN T. - ERICHSEN E.        | NOR        | 59.13        |
| 3  | KRISTENSEN M. - MADSEN M.L.      | DEN        | 58.97        |
| 4  | MIECHOWICZ P. - PAZUR B.         | POL        | 58.82        |
| 5  | BORGESSON T. - KNIJFF M.         | SWE        | 58.06        |
| 6  | BUSACCHI G. - PRIMAVERA F.       | ITA        | 57.70        |
| 7  | RAMONDT V. - ZWERVER F.          | NLD        | 57.00        |
| 8  | JONES M. - TOWNSEND T.           | GBR        | 56.98        |
| 9  | BAREL M. - PERLMUTTER A.         | ISR        | 55.94        |
| 10 | SAETRE J.E. - SKOGLUND T.        | NOR        | 55.88        |
| 11 | JOHANSSON T. - VIKLUND R.        | SWE        | 55.57        |
| 12 | ANDREASSON H. - SUNDSTROM L.     | SWE        | 55.48        |
| 13 | JEUNEN F. - LABAERE A.           | BEL        | 55.28        |
| 14 | POLLACK F. - WOLPERT D.          | CAN        | 55.26        |
| 15 | AASEN H. - SVERDUP U.            | NOR        | 55.07        |
| 16 | HANSEN T. - OSTERGAARD A.        | DEN        | 55.01        |
| 17 | DOWLING-LONG H. - O'KEEFE R.     | IRL        | 54.93        |
| 18 | CHMURSKI B. - PUCZYNSKI M.       | POL        | 54.91        |
| 19 | HALASI D. - LEE C.               | CAN        | 54.90        |
| 20 | JAGNIEWSKI R. - MICHALIK K.      | POL        | 54.72        |
| 21 | KOLBAEK J. - SCHRODER M.         | DEN        | 54.69        |
| 22 | GROMOV A. - KHIOPPENEN J.        | RUS        | 54.67        |
| 23 | SKOULARIKIS P. - FILIOS A.       | GRE        | 54.63        |
| 24 | CARROLL J. - GARVEY T.           | IRL        | 54.62        |
| 25 | LIBBRECHT W. - SOUDAN L.         | GDL        | 54.46        |

It's been 20 years since the *EBL Youth Committee*, headed by the late **André Boekhorst** and including **Dirk Schroeder**, initiated what was to become a major tool in the development of Junior bridge in Europe: the **Junior Camp**.

Since then, thousands of young players have started their bridge careers in the Camps and met their first bridge friends there. The Camps grew stronger and

stronger, and spread to many individual countries who saw the benefits of holding their own national events.

Last summer, the European Camp opened its doors to the rest of the world and was incorporated into a much wider effort: the promotion of bridge worldwide.

As expected, the experiment was most successful. Juniors - mainly from Europe and North America but also from other parts of the globe - used bridge

as the common means for getting together, making new friends and surviving in an international environment. When they left, a Camp at the other side of the Atlantic was in the planning for this summer - and prospects for the 1997 event in Europe looked bright.

It's an on-going process with great benefits for everybody involved. Let us preserve and enhance what we have achieved.

The 1996 **European Youth Championships** will be hosted by the *British Bridge League* at the University of **Cardiff**, Wales.

All member countries of the EBL are invited to participate in this prestigious event with their national team in each of the two series: the **Schools** (for players born in 1976 or later) and the **Juniors** (for players born in 1971 or later).

Both series will be played as simple round robins of 20-board matches. The *Opening Ceremony* is to take place at Cardiff's town hall on **Friday 19 July**. Play in the Junior series will start the same day, while the Schools are scheduled to begin on **Monday 22 July**. Both series will finish on **Sunday 28 July** when the prize giving banquet will take place.



Cardiff  
Great Britain  
19-28 July 1996

**C**ARDIFF, the capital of Wales, has one of the most attractive civic centres in Europe. It is easily accessible either by direct flights from major European cities or via London which is a 2-hour train ride away.

The **University of Wales** lies at the heart of the city facing the civic centre. It has excellent sport facilities and will provide single-room accommodation to all contestants. Rates range between £28 and £33 per day, full board.

The Championships will be played with table screens, and in accordance with the **EBL Systems Policy** (category 3). There will be a **Vugraph** show on every round, and a **Daily Bulletin**. Preliminary entries are due by **30 April**.

## European Juniors to attend Camp in Florida

After last year's great success in Ghent, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) is to organize another Junior Camp this summer in Florida.

The Camp will take place on 12-18 August 1996 at

*Marriott's Macro Island Resort*, a wonderful tropical holiday spot located some 150km west of Miami, on the Gulf of Mexico.

Europe will reciprocate the visit of the American Juniors to the Camp in Ghent with 30 participants to the Florida Camp. The EBL will cover the

travel cost of the European Juniors to the Camp, and will select the participants preferably from among those who have attended Camps in the past showing good sportsmanship and international spirit.