

Bridge Internet



The Internet was quite instrumental in the popularization and development of bridge especially during the last decade.



This is mainly due to:

- >Internet availability in all parts of the world
- > Faster connection speeds
- >Computers in (almost) every home



Concerning the sport of bridge, internet is effectively utilized in:

- 1. Information & Communication
- 2. Administration
- 3. Play & Tournaments
- 4. Training & Education



1. Information & Communication

Official NBO website can be used for public announcements, news

releases,





1. Information & Communication event information,

52ND EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Our 52nd European Team Championships will be held in Opatija, Croatia, in 2014 from Saturday 21st June to Wednesday 2nd July. It is the first time that Croatia organises a large European event.

In the photo during the final discussions in Opatija, from left to right:

Maurizio di Sacco (EBL Technical Director), Josef Harsanyi (EBL), David Harris (EBL Treasurer), Ivo Dujmic (Mayor of Opatija), Yves Aubry (EBL President), Jurica Carić (President of the Croatian Federation) and Göran Grguric (President of the Opatija Bridge Club).



1. Information & Communication

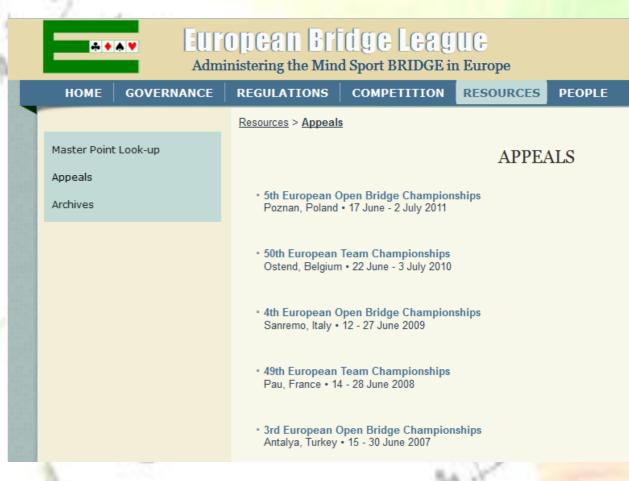
tournament results, MP ranking lists,

Y	'ear	Event	Venue	Winners		
4				Open	Women	Seniors
2	012	51	Dublin, Ireland	MONACO	ENGLAND	FRANCE
2	010	50	Ostend, Belgium	ITALY	FRANCE	POLAND
2	800	49	Pau, France	NORWAY	FRANCE	TURKEY
2	006	48	Warsaw, Poland	ITALY	FRANCE	GERMAI
2	004	47	Malmo, Sweden	ITALY	SWEDEN	DENMAR
2	002	46	Salsomaggiore, Italy	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE
2	001	45	Tenerife, Spain	ITALY	ENGLAND	POLANE
1	999	44	Malta, Malta	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN	FRANCE
1	997	43	Montecatini, Italy	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN	FRANCE
1	995	42	Vilamoura, Portugal	ITALY	FRANCE	POLANI
1	993	41	Menton, France	POLAND	SWEDEN	
1	991	40	Killarney, Ireland	GREAT BRITAIN	AUSTRIA	
1	989	39	Turku, Finland	POLAND	GERMANY	
1	987	38	Brighton, England	SWEDEN	FRANCE	
1	985	37	Salsomaggiore, Italy	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	
1	983	36	Wiesbaden, Germany	FRANCE	FRANCE	
1	981	35	Birmingham, England	POLAND	GREAT BRITAIN	
1	979	34	Lausanne, Switzerland	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN	
1	977	33	Elsinore, Denmark	SWEDEN	ITALY	
1	975	32	Brighton, England	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN	
1	974	31	Herzliya, Israel	FRANCE	ITALY	
1	973	30	Ostend, Belgium	ITALY	ITALY	
1	971	29	Athens, Greece	ITALY	ITALY	
1	970	28	Estoril, Portugal	FRANCE	ITALY	
	969	27	Oslo, Norway	ITALY	FRANCE	
1	967	26	Dublin, Ireland	ITALY	SWEDEN	



1. Information & Communication

general info database, technical literature, etc





1. Information & Communication

The NBO can conduct all local and international communication through the medium of internet.





E-mail or alternative modes of communication (Facebook, Twitter, etc) are available



1. Information & Communication

It is of vital importance to facilitate the internet media in English language as well as the local language, otherwise...



1. Information & Communication





2. Administration

The internet allows NBO's to pursue fast local and international communication to obtain reliable information and possibly reach quicker decisions.



2. Administration

It is easier to post administrative documents such as statutes, conditions of contest, laws; announce committee members, nominees for posts, award winners etc.



2. Administration

The internet allows NBO's to operate in a smoother and cost-effective fashion.

It is possible to hold internet-meetings by using software such as Skype, reducing travel costs and saving time





2. Administration

On-line tournament registration systems save time and paperwork.

The software is commercially available from various sources.



3. Play & Tournaments

NBO's are strongly recommended to promote bridge play and tournaments on the internet.

This can easily be done through the use of freely available software such as BBO, Ourgame etc.



3. Play & Tournaments

The NBO can boost participation in such events by awarding masterpoints (like in ACBL North America) to top-ranked pairs or players.

Such tournaments can also be a source of income for the NBO if a reasonable entry fee is applicable.



3. Play & Tournaments

Internet play and tournaments may also encourage newcomers or beginners to participate in live tournaments, register for bridge club memberships, attract possible sponsorhips etc.



4. Training & Education

The internet can be used for training and education purposes extremely

efficiently.

Players can meet on-line with a coach for bridge education at various levels.





4. Training & Education

Possible purposes could be:

- Teaching bridge to beginners
- Improving bridge skills of intermediate/advanced players by on-line play while several others can watch



4. Training & Education

- Self-education through following vu-graph shows
- Training of national teams for international events by professional coaches



Efficient and widespread use of the internet will help popularize the sport of bridge further, and the local NBO's and bridge players will definitely benefit from the positive outcome that will, no doubt, be reached.



Thank you & Good Luck!

