



# 8th EBL NBO Officers' Seminar

## Websites and Newsletters

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## WHAT IS THE EBL FOR?

- Who should it be communicating with?
- Who needs to know?
- Can NBOs be relied upon to communicate with their members?

## **WHAT INFORMATION?**

- Regulations
- Policies
- News
- Tournament arrangements
- Archive

## **MEANS OF COMMUNICATION**

Website

News briefings (Are there any? If so, who gets them?)

NBOs – who knows?

## **EBL NEWS**

How do players find out what the EBL is doing?

Is it the EBL's responsibility to inform players?

How easy is it to find information?

What sort of information might players want?

Is communication with NBOs adequate?

Do NBOs pass on EBL information to members?

Is EBL news easily accessible on website?

(Would a fortnightly or monthly news sheet help?)

## **NEWS BRIEFINGS**

- 1- or 2-page summary of news items in web and .pdf formats
- At least monthly, preferably weekly
- Brief summary of each news item, with link to fuller information
- Sent to NBOs for distribution to players, but should also be available by a direct link from the EBL home page and by email subscription.

**e.g.**

EBL VP scale changed. We have changed the VP scale to make scoring fairer, with less disparity between the values of IMPs. For more information see [\[link\]](#).

Player consultation. We would like players' views on championship venues, and which factors make them good or bad. For example, were the catering facilities adequate? Was there enough circulation space? Was the layout suitable? Please let us know what you think at [\[link\]](#)

Cheating. In light of the recent cheating allegations, we welcome players' views on the processes and procedures for receiving, evaluating and ruling upon such allegations. There is a form at [\[link\]](#) for you to make your views known.

Latest results: Outer Transylvania wins European Super-Senior Cup [\[link\]](#)

Brobdignagian pair wins Infants' Beaker [\[link\]](#)

(but with proper formatting, and preferably a few illustrations to break up the text.)

Do we want to know about Sr. Bigwig's being awarded a long-service medal?

# WEBSITE



## European Bridge League

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### EBL NEWS

#### 1st European Winter Games



The European Bridge League and the Federation Monegasque de Bridge are proud to announce the first edition of the European Winter Games in Monaco from 5th to 11th of February 2016.

The Tournament will be sponsored by Pierre Zimmermann with substantial cash prizes. [Click here](#) to watch the interview with Pierre Zimmermann.

The [Registration Page](#) is now open! All entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically via the EBL Website (not by email).

#### 2nd Information Letter 1st European Winter Games

Official Website of the Event: <http://www.wintergames.bridgemonaco.com/>

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#### Budapest 2016



The 53rd European Bridge Team Championships will be held in Budapest from the 16th to 25th of June while the 16th European Women's National Pairs Championships from the 16th to 18th. The Venue will be the same for both events: the Groupama Arena, a multi-purpose stadium, home of the Ferencvárosi TC.

### Future Events

-  **8th EBL NBO's Seminar**  
Rome, Italy  
28 - 31 January 2016
-  **10th EBL Main TD's Course**  
Prague, Czech Republic  
3 -7 February 2016
-  **1st European Winter Games**  
Monaco  
5 -11 February 2016
-  **16th European Women's National Pairs Championships**  
Budapest, Hungary  
16 -18 June 2016
-  **53rd European Team Championships**  
Budapest, Hungary  
16 -25 June 2016
- 13th European**

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## EUROPEAN NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first **European Teams Championships** (ETC) were held in 1932, as the first international championships to be established in Europe. They were conducted under the auspices of the International Bridge League (IBL), the forerunner of the World Bridge Federation, which organised all pre-war European Championships. The ETC were halted during the war and resumed in 1948 under the auspices of the European Bridge League (EBL), which had replaced the IBL in the meantime.

Originally established as an annual event for national teams in one category only (*Open*, i.e. allowing teams of any gender/age composition), a *Women* category was added in 1935. In 1960 it was decided not to hold the ETC in leap years in order not to compete with the World Team Olympiad. In 1975 the competition became biennial, held every odd-numbered year. In 1995 a *Seniors* category was added. In 2002 the ETC were moved to even-numbered years to make room for a new event, the European Open Championships.

The ETC also act as the qualifier for the World Team Championships, whereby the top teams in the *open*, *women* and *seniors* categories qualify to represent Europe in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl respectively.

Click on the *Event* number below for the tournament website, on the *Venue* for final rankings and on the *Winner* for the team members.

European Championships

National O/W/S Teams

Mixed Teams

Youth Teams

Open Pairs

Women Pairs

Seniors Pairs

Mixed Pairs

Youth Pairs

European Champions' Cup

European Open Championships

Categories

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Year	Event	Venue	Winners		
			Open	Women	Seniors
2014	52	Opatija, Croatia	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND
2012	51	Dublin, Ireland	MONACO	ENGLAND	FRANCE
2010	50	Ostend, Belgium	ITALY	FRANCE	POLAND
2008	49	Pau, France	NORWAY	FRANCE	TURKEY



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## MEDALS

Medal	Awarded	Name	Country
Gold Medal	1975	Geoffrey BUTLER	England
	1983	Jaime ORTIZ-PATINO	England
	1987	Nils E. JENSEN	Sweden
	1994	David BARDACH	Israel
	1995	Jose DAMIANI	France
	1999	Anna Maria TORLONTANO	Italy
	1999	Bill PENCHARZ	England
	2002	Paul MAGERMAN	Belgium
	2003	Jose Manuel de OLIVEIRA	Portugal
	2006	Radoslaw KIELBASINSKI	Poland
	2008	Yves AUBRY	France
	2010	Jean-Claude BEINEIX	France
	2010	Marc DE PAUW	Belgium
	2010	Ton KOIJMAN	Netherlands
2010	Micke MELANDER	Sweden	
2010	Gianarrigo RONA	Italy	
Silver Medal	1977	Nils E. JENSEN	Sweden
	1977	Gunnar ZABEL	Denmark
	1979	Marc HODLER	Switzerland
	1979	Jut KRAMER	Netherlands
	1985	Reuben KUNIN	Israel
1989	David BARDACH	Israel	

# OTHER WEBSITES

The screenshot shows the website for the Association of Ireland (CBAI) since 1932. The navigation menu includes Home, About, Membership, Education, Competitions, I.B.U., Bridge Shop, Contact Us, and Bridge Holidays. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large article titled "President's Merit Award 2015" with a sub-headline "Anne Howard receiving the 2015 President's Merit Award from President Freda Fitzgerald". Below the article is a photo of Anne Howard receiving the award from President Freda Fitzgerald. A dropdown menu is open over the "Competitions" link, showing options for "CBAI and IBU Fixtures", "Calendar", "Results", "Past Congress Results", and "National Competitions". To the right of the main content is a section titled "Upcoming Events" with a calendar view showing events for January and February.

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## President's Merit Award 2015

Anne Howard receiving the 2015 President's Merit Award from President Freda Fitzgerald

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## President's Merit Award 2015

By Fionuala Gill On January 21, 2016 - Add Comment

Congratulations to Anne Howard, Tallaght & St. Judes' Bridge Clubs in Dublin South Region, who was honoured...

### Upcoming Events

Month	Date	Day	Event
JAN	22	Fri	Cork Congress @ Maryborough Hotel
JAN	29	Fri	Ennis Congress
FEB	1	Mon	CBAI Simultaneous Pairs
FEB	5	Fri	IBU Ladies Trials (1)
FEB	13	Sat	Wexford Congress @ White's Hotel
FEB	19	Fri	IBU Burke & O'Connor Trophies
FEB	19	Fri	Novice & Intermediate Congress



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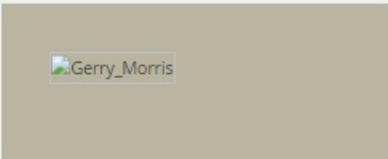
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Lady Milne team selected



## WBU HOME

The Welsh Bridge Union (WBU) is a membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also the National Bridge Organisation for Wales recognised by, and affiliated to the World Bridge Federation and the European Bridge League.

**Team WBU** currently placed second after the first Camrose weekend

Explore the Welsh Bridge Union Web Pages using the WBU Web Portal links below



## THREE NEW WBU CLUBS!



PARTNERS WITH THE WBU.

Cardiff Bridge Tutors, CBT-LG  
WBU Club Number 005001  
Mid-Glamorgan, MG-LG  
WBU Club Number 005002  
Barrivale, BV-LG  
WBU Club Number 005003

[Partners with the WBU Link](#)



## Aanstaand weekend finale Meesterklasse

maandag 18 januari 2016

De NBB nodigt alle bridgeliefhebbers uit om zondag 24 januari naar NDC den Hommel in Utrecht te komen voor de slotdag van de finale van de Meesterklasse viertallencompetitie. De twee sterkste clubs van Nederland, Het Witte Huis en BC 't Onstein, strijden dan om de landstitel.



Linkerfoto BC 't Onstein: Bauke Muller, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees, Simon de Wijs.  
Rechterfoto Het Witte Huis: Berry Westra, Vincent Ramondt, Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink.

De spellen worden zondag vertoond op vugraph en het commentaar daarbij wordt gegeven door Marion Michiels en Wubbo de Boer. Het is erg leuk, en leerzaam, om deze voorstelling bij te wonen. Aan het einde van de middag zullen onder het genot van een hapje en een drankje de kampioenen en de medaillewinnaars van de EK's en WK's 2015 gehuldigd worden, alsmede de winnaars van de Transfer Race en het Talent van het Jaar.

De finale wordt beide dagen (23 en 24 januari) op BBO uitgezonden.

Systeemkaarten Het Witte Huis 1: Brink-Drijver, Ramondt-Westra

Systeemkaarten BC 't Onstein 1: Muller-De Wijs, Van Prooijen-Verhees

Klik hier voor meer informatie over het programma en klik hier voor de uitslagen/results.

NK gemengde paren 2016

Zoek nu een  
bridgepartner



Zoek een  
club



Mijn  
gegevens



Online  
Bridge



Berry's  
Internet Club



In het  
Bridgeblad



Bridgeshop



# L'espace grand public

Rendez-vous sur : [www.ffbridge.fr](http://www.ffbridge.fr)

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## A la Une

Vendredi 22 janvier 2016

### Le portail du bridge évolue...



Découvrez le nouvel espace dédié au grand public pour présenter le bridge sur [www.ffbridge.fr](http://www.ffbridge.fr)

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### ♣ Sélection senior : finale Schmidt-Rocafort en direct sur BBO

Rendez-vous mardi 26 janvier à partir de 13h pour assister, en direct sur BBO, à la finale de la sélection senior entre les équipes Schmidt et Rocafort. L'équipe de France issue de la sélection participera aux championnats d'Europe à Budapest en juin prochain et aux World Bridge Games à Wroclav en septembre 2016.

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### Rondes - Super Rondes

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- ♣ Rondes
- ♣ Les Super
- ♣ Questions Réponses



## Find a Tournament



Select from any of the search criteria and click "Search" to find tournaments, and click "Reset" to start a new search.

Also note that you can sort results by clicking on the column name.

Month:

Year:

State/Province:

City:

Category:

- All Categories -
- All Categories -
- NABC
- Regional
- Sectional
- GNT/NAP
- Special Date
- Other

Type:

Unit:

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Dates	City	State	Info	Results	District	Unit	Category	Type
Dec 26, 2015-Jan 1, 2016	STaC D11		<a href="#">Info</a>	<a href="#">Results</a>	11	227	Sectional	STaC
Dec 28, 2015-Jan 3, 2016	Myrtle Beach	SC	<a href="#">Info</a>	<a href="#">Results</a>	7	0	Regional	Open
Jan 4-10, 2016	Monterey	CA	<a href="#">Info</a>	<a href="#">Results</a>	21	0	Regional	Open
Jan 4-10, 2016	Lake Buena Vista [Orla...]	FL	<a href="#">Info</a>	<a href="#">Results</a>	9	240	Regional	Open
Jan 4-10, 2016	STaC D1		<a href="#">Info</a>	<a href="#">Results</a>	1	194	Sectional	STaC

# WBF



Look up info at [People Finder](#)

## High Level Players Commission



Following the first meeting held in Chennai, during the World Championship, a meeting of the HLPC was held at the 2015 Fall NABC in Denver, USA, attended by Philippe Cronier (as acting Chairman), Ishmael Del'Monte, Heather Dhondy (via Skype conference call), Giorgio Duboin, Chip Martel, Marion Michielsens, Kirubakara Moorthy, Tarek Sadek, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jackie Thompson, Kit Woolsey, Fu Zhong (members), Simon Fellus (secretary). Excused Ata Aydin, Agustin Madala and Wang

WenFei (who attended the meeting in Chennai).

During the meeting Giorgio Duboin was unanimously elected as a Member of the WBF Executive Council, representing the High level Players, joining Janice Seamon-Molson, who was elected in January 2015.

The HLPC also unanimously approved the election of Ata Aydin as Chairman Emeritus, Philippe Cronier as Chairman and Ishmael Del'Monte as Vice Chairman.

In the same meeting the HLPC approved the institution, starting from 1st January 2016 of the HLPC Express Line ([to read it click here](#)) to enable concerns regarding possible unethical behaviour to be reported confidentially.

Any WBF registered member may report suspicious occurrences or activities, related to unethical behaviour, which may materially infringe the Laws, Rules and Regulations of Bridge and the WBF Disciplinary Code. The Report will be in the form of an Unethical Behaviour Report.



## Scientific paper published by Members of the WBF Medical Commission

A paper published by Bruno Federico, Paolo Walter Gabriele and Giovanni Capelli of the WBF Medical and Prevention Commission on the use of medicines and dietary supplements among Bridge players in two world-class tournaments has been published and is available for free download until 30th January 2016. [Click here to download it.](#)

The paper was published in the journal "Performance Enhancement & Health". The study found that professional Bridge players' demographic and health-related characteristics indicate to a different pattern of drug use than "physical" athletes normally considered under the World Anti-Doping Code.



42nd Bermuda Bowl | 20th Venice Cup | 8th d'Orsi Trophy | 10th Transnational Open Teams

## 42nd WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy  
10th World Transnational Open Teams Championship

- [The Online Bulletins from the Championship](#)

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## WBF Press Conferences

- [The first press conference is available here](#)
- [The closing press conference can be viewed here](#)
- [Statement from the WBF President](#)

## as defined in the WBF's Anti-Doping Rules.

### Zonal & other Championships

#### 2016

ACBL North American Spring Championships  
Reno NV  
10 - 20 March 2016  
APBF Congress  
15 - 24 April 2016  
Ditan Gymnasium, Beijing  
European Team Championships  
Venue: Ferencvárosi Torna Club  
Budapest, Hungary  
Open Teams: 16 - 25 June 2016  
Women's/Senior Teams: 19 - 15 June 2016  
ACBL North American Summer Championships  
Washington DC  
21 - 31 July 2016  
ACBL North American Fall Championships  
Orlando FL  
24 November - 4 December

#### 2017

ACBL North American Spring Championships  
Kansas City MO  
9 - 19 March 2017  
European Open Team Championships  
Venue: TBA  
10 - 24 June 2017  
ACBL North American Summer Championships  
Toronto ON  
21 - 31 July 2017  
ACBL North American Fall Championships  
San Diego CA  
23 November - 3 December

#### 2018

Commonwealth Nations Bridge

## **TOURNAMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Is information about future tournaments easy to find?

Are members (regular participants) consulted about venues?

Does the EBL encourage feedback?

At some point in each EBL event, every player should be issued with a questionnaire asking for their views on:

Host town (general, facilities, hotels, hotel prices, accessibility etc.)

Venue (accessibility from hotels, layout, facilities, access for disabled people etc.)

Catering

Playing rooms and playing conditions

Staffing - were there enough helpers? Was the hospitality desk hospitable?

Registration

Line-up arrangements [hopeless in Opatija]

IT

Bulletins

Social events ...

\*Do players want an opening ceremony? If so, what form should it take, how long should it be and when should it happen?

\*Do they want a closing ceremony? Ditto

\*Do they want the goodie bag? If so, what do they want in it? Do they really want packs of EBL cards? Do they really want yet another EBL shoulder-bag?

\*Local hospitality: were they aware of events laid on by the local organisation or the town itself? Did they enjoy them? [I refer in particular to the wonderful outdoor buffet put on by local businesses in Opatija, which many players shunned because the EBL did not explain what form it was to take or the fact that there would be hot food and seating.]

Players should also be consulted about other things, such as proposed policy changes and new regulations. At a minimum, every player who has played in the previous championships and whose contact details are available should be invited to express a view.

## **BROCHURES AND HANDBOOKS**

Tournament booklets

Costs

Format

Local information

Hotels

## **2-WAY STREET**

- Feedback
- Complaints
- Concerns
- Suggestions
- Response?