

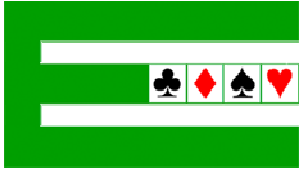
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Introduction

Sevinç Atay

Chair EBL Women's Committee.





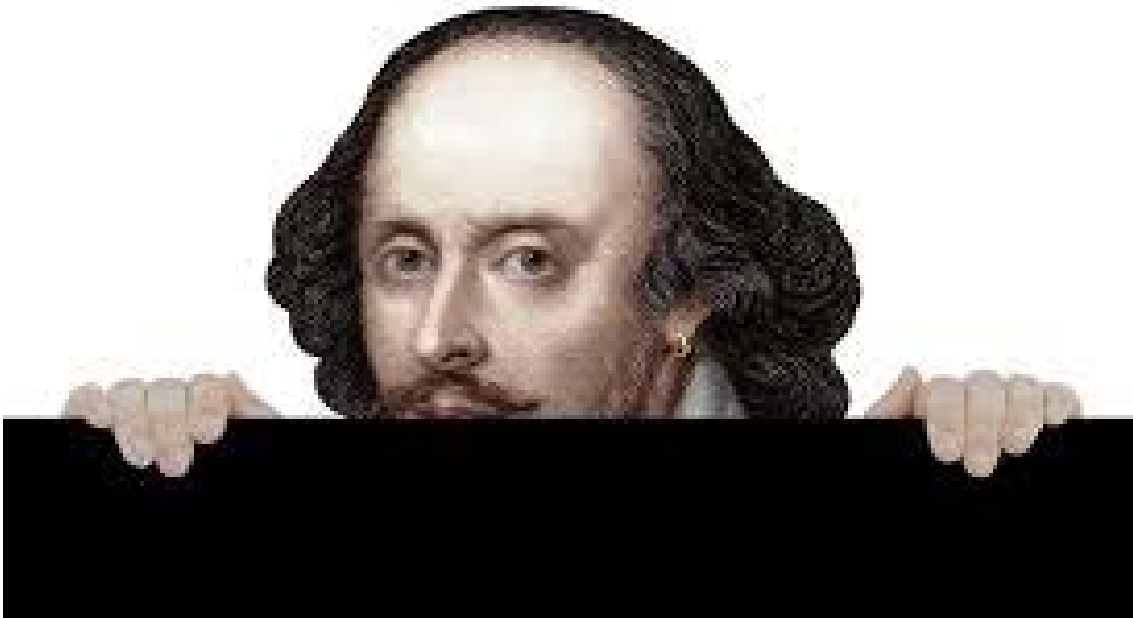
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Women's Bridge



Mary Kelly-Rogers.

Quotation



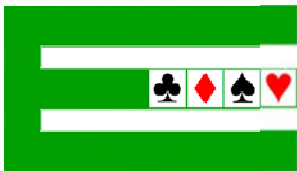
To be, or not to be, that is the question.

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Talking about life and death

And what it means:

To be alive.



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LAST 9 EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001-2016



Last 9 Europeans

In Women's Bridge (on average)

Only **23** Women's teams compete

In the Opens

36 teams compete

13 countries don't send a women's team

But send an open team

Some countries send no team.

Where are the Women?

Were women to be found on open teams, rather than in women's teams?

- Estimates as low as 5%, as high as 10%

Why are some countries sending only Open teams?

Some play in the Seniors

Women play Mixed in Open Championships

Conclusion:

All is not well in Women's Bridge.

Women Players talking

“Women’s Bridge has been neglected.
Women players are regarded as second class members .
. . If women played only in the Open,
it would not do much for their confidence . . ”

Top Young Players.

Top Player

“Anyone who wants to become as good as they can be,
must compete against the best,
and the best are to be found in the Open Series . . .” .

“ There should be women’s events if there are enough women wanting to play in them . . . Any achievement in this category will **not be** regarded as a comparable achievement in the Open category . . . ” .

‘ . . . the reason there are fewer good women players is that they have a hard road in the bridge world.

Women cannot devote the time to bridge that men can because of raising a family etc. ‘ .

Why would we want to eliminate women's bridge altogether – while that may be the best way to improve women's bridge in general?

The Way Forward?

Is it to **scrap** the women's category?

Segregate totally, as in most physical sports

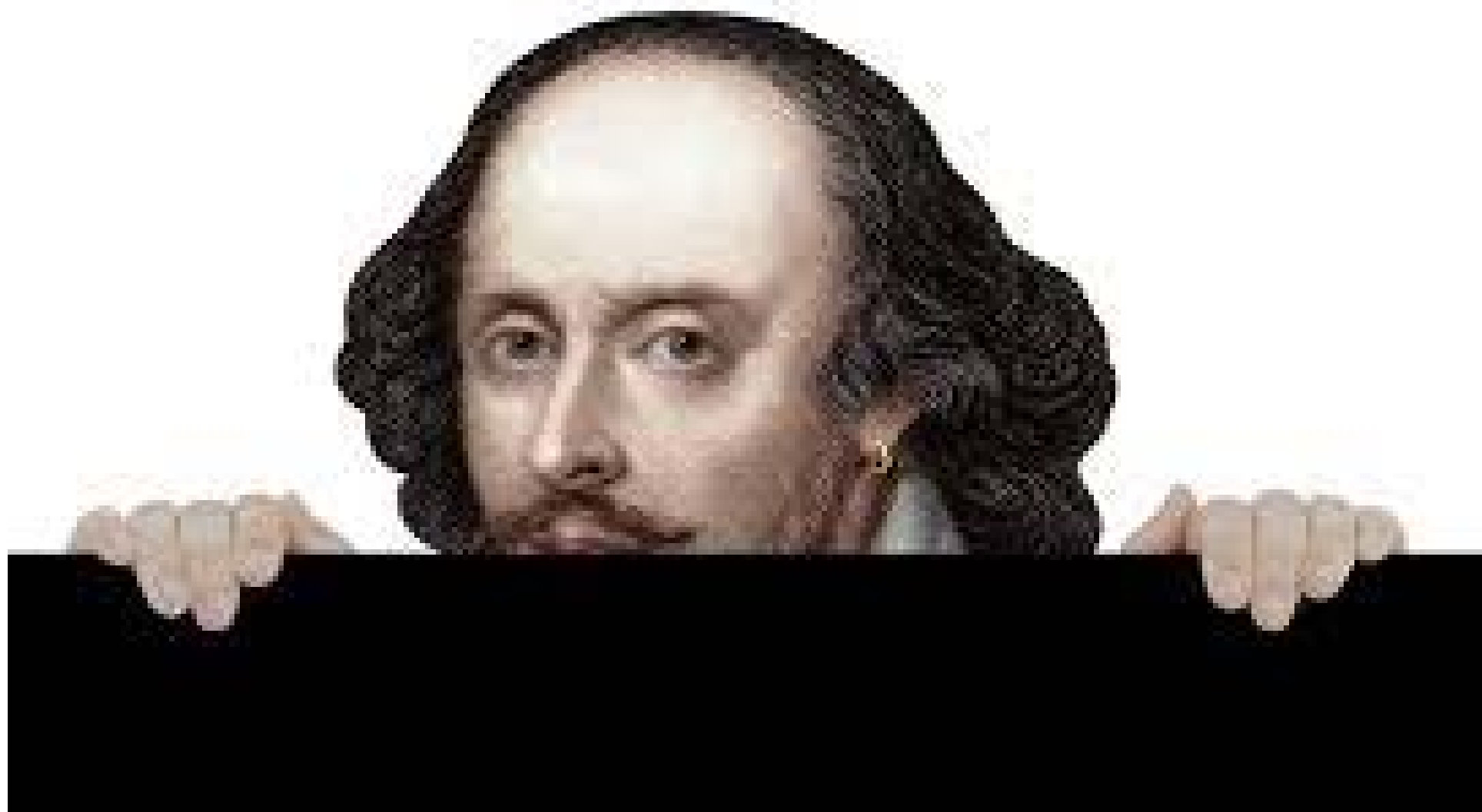
Or keep the **status quo** . . . where women can choose
Open or Women's

Scrapping might halve women's international
involvement

Segregation prevents women playing against some of
the top players

Keeping it as it is allows women to choose.

BUT Is it Alive?





Anna Maria Torlontano

In 1985 founded the Women's Committee
so that

**'women...would not only have full participation in
Bridge**

**... but ' be active on Executive Bridge Unions
throughout Europe'**

33 years ago

Framework

Framework

1	

Framework

1	2

Framework

	3
1	2

Framework

4	3
1	2

1. Choose a person in each NBO.



To look after Women's Bridge.



2. Each NBO to create a database of women players.





3.

Each National Promoter

Inform Women

Encourage participation
in European and World events

Network

Help **develop** Women's international game

Use Training tools, such as BBO

- Practice matches within NBOs
- NBOs v NBOs
- Women v Stars - (Men or Women!)
- Training tools - teaching/bidding tables.





‘...be active on executive Bridge Unions
throughout Europe ’

**4. Encourage, Support, Propose and Elect Women
to NBO and EBL Executives.**



OSTEND



JUNE 2018.



10th EBL Women's National Pairs

8th EBL Seniors' National Pairs



Wed to Sat, June 6th-9th 2018
Kursaal Oostende (Sea Promenade)
Ostend, Belgium

Holders
2016



PAST WINNERS Women's National Pairs

2016	Budapest, Hungary	Hila LEVI (ISR) Adi ASULIN (ISR)
2001	Tenerife, Spain	Daniela VON ARNIM (GER) Sabine AUKEN (GER)
1999	Malta, Malta	Elisabeth LACROIX (FRA) Catherine POULAIN (FRA)
1997	Montecatini, Italy	Daniela VON ARNIM (GER) Sabine AUKEN (GER)
1993	Menton, France	Carla ARNOLDS (NED) Bep VRIEND (NED)
1991	Killarney, Ireland	Danielle AVON (FRA) Ginette CHEVALLEY (FRA)
1989	Turku, Finland	Eva-Liss GOTHE (SWE) Madeleine SWANSTROM (SWE)
1987	Brighton, England	Nevena DELEVA (ENG) Matilda POPLILOV (ISR)

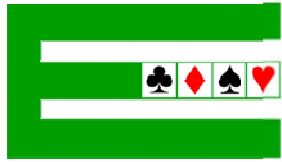
Both National Pairs
will take place
BEFORE the
54th European Bridge Team Championships
and the teams will take place at same venue
June 6th to 16th 2018



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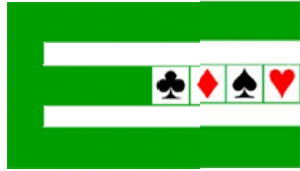
WOMEN'S BRIDGE



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Discussion: Do You Agree?

1. Women's Bridge: Alive or Dead?
2. Development through Competition or Structure?
3. Developing the Structure:
National Promoter (NP)
Database
Work of NPs
Women on Committees
4. Ostend.



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Thank you for participating in the Women's Bridge Workshop.

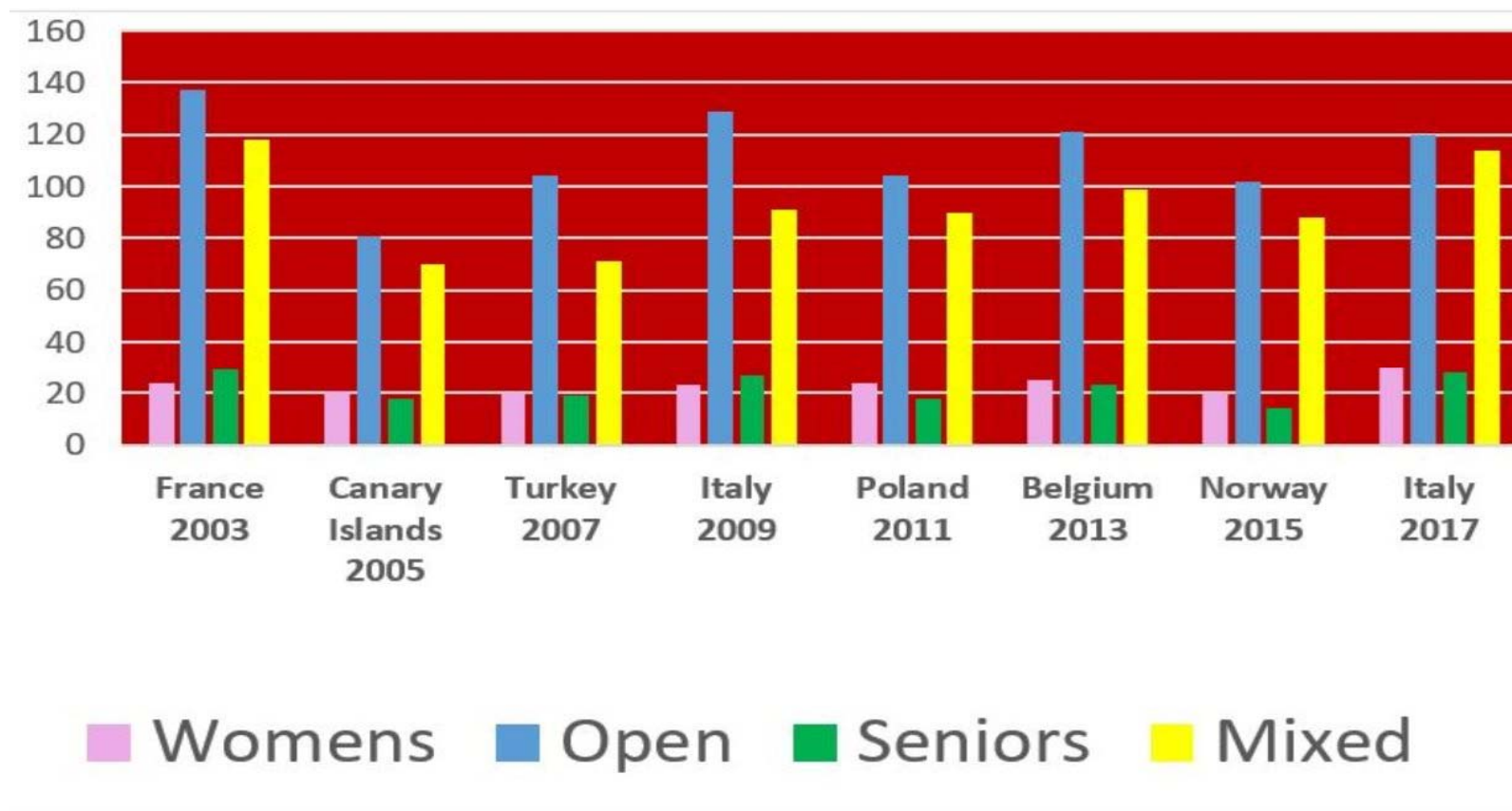
In order to be representative of your opinions at the Synopsis of Workshops at 3pm we would appreciate if you would answer a few questions. Please feel free to make comments anonymously or signed if you wish. Thank you 😊

- Do you think we can work together to develop Women's Bridge? Yes No
- Will you say YES to appointing a National Women's Bridge Promoter? Yes No
- Do you have a National Database of Women players? Yes No
- Would you be willing to setup a National Database of Women Players? Yes No
- Do you agree a Framework is needed to build the future of Women's Bridge? Yes No

Comments:- _____

Women **were** to be found in **Open** Championships in Mixed but did **not** stay to play **Women's**

Team Categories WOSM



Player said 'I think that women will do better in the women's game if they raise their expectations. They need to play in some tough open events and see what it's all about, and then come back to the women's game stronger. Perhaps encouraging more mixed events would help.'



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Suggested Framework Building Blocks

<p>4. NBO Encourages Supports, Propose and Elects women to NBO and EBL Executive</p>	<p>3. NP using database Informs Helps Develop Women's Bridge</p>
<p>1. NBO selects National Promoter (NP)for Women's Bridge</p>	<p>2. NBO helps NP setup a Women's Database</p>



OUR GOAL
 A Women's team
 from each NBO to
 European Bridge Team
 Championships

**Building blocks
 for the future of
 Women's Bridge
 1. 2. 3. 4.**

