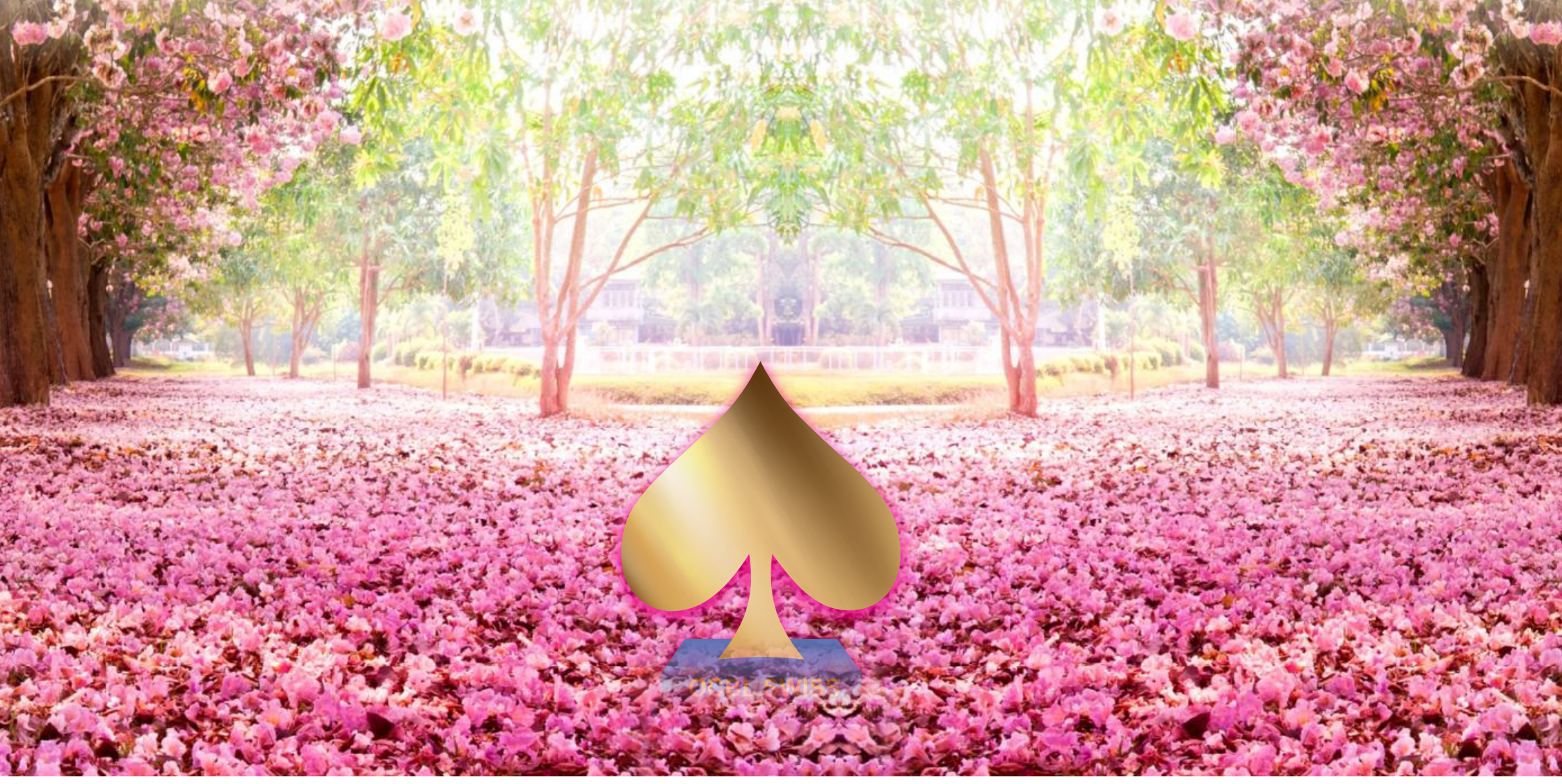
Online Contract Bridge League

OCBL JOURNAL

Issue N. 165. Tuesday, 26 April, 2022

WELCOME BACK!



SCHEDULE TODAY

All the tables will be closed to kibitzers, but the matches will be broacast on Vugraph. The show will be delayed by 15 minutes.

Round 1. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Black	VS	New Amateurs
Seligman	VS	Harris
Flyfalcon	VS	Greenspan
Cider	VS	Pigot
Fredin	VS	Netbridge
Rippey	VS	Scorway
Team Bici	VS	Onstott
Nadel	VS	Danes

Round 2. 17.15 CEST / 11.15 a.m. EDT

Round 3. 18.30 CEST / 12.30 p.m. EDT

Round 4. 19.45 CEST / 1.45 p.m. EDT

Round 5. 21.00 CEST / 3.00 p.m. EDT

It has been more than a month and a half since the last OCBL event. Some of you have been in Salsomaggiore few weeks ago for the World Championships.

Face-to-face Bridge has almost completely resumed, but online games keep playing a big role in teams' training and competitive fun.

16 top level teams registered to the TUE-WED Swiss. They will be playing 10 Rounds x 8 boards.

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!

Check out the new OCBL tool!

Would you like to know who was the best declarer in this event?
Or top defenders?
Or the best overall?

Statistics are available!
https://public.tableau.com/views/OCBL2022TopDeclarersandDefenders/Topdeclarersanddefenders?:language=en-US&publish=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link%3AshowVizHome=no#2

Online Contract Bridge League

OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY CUP
10 - 13 May, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

JUNE CUP
7 - 9 June, 2022

	CET	EST
12 Rounds x 10 boards		
Tuesday, 7 June R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 8 June R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 9 June R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

MON - TUE SWISS
11 - 12 July, 2022

	CET	EST
10 Rounds x 8 boards		
Monday, 11 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Tuesday, 12 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

SEPTEMBER CUP
13 - 16 September, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 13 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 14 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 15 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 16 September	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

https://www.ocbl.org/registration/

Bridge NEWS

The 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships were held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, from March 27th to April 9. Congratulations to the Winners!

FROM THE WBF WEBSITE:

BERMUDA BOWL

1.SWITZERLAND: Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Piotr Gawryś, Michał Klukowski, Fernando Piedra, Pierre Zimmermann, Krzysztof Martens (coach).
2.NETHERLANDS: Simon de Wijs, Bauke Muller, Berend van den Bos, Joris van Lankveld, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees Jr, Gert-Jan Ros (npc), Ton Bakkeren (coach).
3.NORWAY: Terje Aa, Christian Bakke, Boye Brogeland, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Allan Livgård, Tolle Stabell (npc), Sten Bjertnes (coach).
3. USA1: Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Nick Nickell, Steve Weinstein, Jill Levin (npc), Eric O. Kokish (coach).

The final was one of the most thrilling on record, with the lead repeatedly changing hands. The outcome was in doubt until the end, only being decided when the Netherlands stopped short of a makeable game on the last board leaving Switzerland ahead 167-164.

Of the 24 semi-finalist players this year, 13 had already won a Bermuda Bowl in the past, and 2 had won two, and Nick Nickell four. The final determined whether Piotr Gawryś or Bauke Muller would join the select club of 25 winners of three or more Bermuda Bowls.

Geir Helgemo is the recordholder among current players, with a total of 18 World Championship medals. Tor Helness only has 17 – he scored his first one in 1980, but Helgemo caught up with two Junior ones. Piotr Gawryś has 14 medals. Michał Klukowski already has 10, and that includes only three junior events. Pierre Zimmermann is also already up to a medal tally of ten. Bas Drijver now has 9 medals, 3 of them gold. All but one (the 2003 junior pairs) came with Sjoert Brink who consequently has 8 medals, 3 of them gold.

Nick Nickell won his eighth medal, all but one (silver in the Rosenblum) in the Bermuda Bowl. After his 4 golds and 2 silvers, he now has a complete set of Bermuda Bowl medals.

Boye Brogeland also has 8 world medals, three of them in junior play. Bauke Muller has eight medals, Simon de Wijs seven. Terje Aa has won his sixth medal, 5 in Bermuda Bowls, one in the World Games. He claims he has never finished lower than fourth, but then again, he has never been on a winning side. Eric Greco also has six medals, two of them in Junior teams. So has Geoff Hampson, but his Junior team medal came as a representative of Canada. Ralph Katz and Bobby Levin also have six medals. Ricco van Prooijen has won a gold and four silver medals. Louk Verhees also has 5, but there is a bronze next to his 1 gold and 3 silvers. Christian Bakke also has five medals, all previous ones from Junior events. Allan Livgård is up to his fourth bronze medal, two of them from Youth events. Berend van den Bos scored his first Medal at the senior level. He won three world titles in the Juniors, all together with Joris van Lankveld, who has an extra silver from the Junior teams in 2014. Strangely enough, this is Steve Weinstein's first team medal, but he does have a gold and a silver from the World Open pairs.

These are not the first medals for Switzerland. Pierre Zimmermann himself scored his first two on Transnational teams while representing his native country, and Jean Besse played on the European Bermuda Bowl team of 1954.

VENICE CUP

1.SWEDEN: Kathrine Bertheau, Sanna Clementsson, Louise Hallqvist, Ylva Johansson, Jessica Larsson, Emma Övelius, Tobias Törnqvist (npc), Carina Wademark (coach).
2.TURKEY: Özlem Kandolu, Serap Kuranoğlu, Eren Özan, İrem Özbay, Hatice Özgür, Dilek Yavaş, Belis Atalay (npc), Halil Atalay (coach).
3.ENGLAND: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Gillian Fawcett, Nevena Senior, David Burn (npc).
3.POLAND: Cathy Bałdysz, Sophia Bałdysz, Katarzyna Dufrat, Danuta Kazmucha, Anna Sarniak, Joanna Zalewska, Mirosław Cichocki (npc).

After four of the six session Sweden led by 30 IMPs and they pulled away over the last two to retain the title they won in Wuhan in 2019.

Kathrine Bertheau, Jessica Larsson, Emma Övelius and Sanna Clementsson were members of the winning team in 2019. Kathrine had three prior medals, Jessica, Emma and Sanna one (Venice Cup bronze in 2017). Sanna Clementsson because a Women's World Grand Master.

Sally Brock took her medal tally at World Championships to 16. Nevena Senior now has eight medals (one of them representing Bulgaria). Heather Dhondy has seven medals, Fiona Brown six, Catherine Draper five. Cathy Bałdysz previously won a bronze on the Women's team in 2012. Her daughter Sophia won a silver on the Girl's team of 2018. Danuta Kazmucha, Katarzyna Dufrat and Joanna Zalewska were also on that Girls' team, with the first two also winning a Women's team bronze in that same year. Danuta has an additional Girls team gold from 2010. Turkey had previously won a silver and a bronze at Junior level, with one individual (Nafiz Zorlu) getting a gold as part of a transnational Mixed team.

THE D'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

1.POLAND: Apolinary Kowalski, Michał Kwiecień, Victor Markowicz, Krzysztof Moszczyński, Jacek Romański, Włodzimierz Starkowski, Włodzimierz Wala (npc).
2.INDIA: Rajesh Dalal, Sukamal Das, Ashok Kumar Goel, Anil Padhye, Subrata Saha, Ramratnam Krishnan (pc & coach).
3.DENMARK: Klaus Adamsen, Jørgen Cilleborg Hansen, Dennis Koch-Palmund, Dorthe Schaltz, Peter Schaltz, Steen Schou, Bo Loenberg Bilde (npc).
3.FRANCE: Michel Abécassis, Marc Bompis, Alain Levy, Philippe Marill, Dominique Pilon, Philippe Soulet, Guy Lasserre (npc), Solange D'Elbée (coach).

In the d'Orsi Trophy, Poland outscored India on each of the first three sets of the final and maintained their advantage to the end, winning 239-194.

Apolinary Kowalski took his ninth World Championship medal, his third gold after the Mixed pairs in 1994 and the Senior teams in 2014. Jacek Romański is up to eight medals, it is his third gold after the Olympiad in 1984 and the Senior teams in 2014. Michał Kwiecień now has seven medals, also including three golds (Open pairs in 1998 and Senior teams in 2018). Victor Markowicz is also up to seven medals, all of them at Seniors events. It is only his second gold. Alain Levy has six medals, including three Open team golds. Philippe Soulet has five, including two Open team golds (1980 and '82). Steen Schou is up to four medals, including gold in the d'Orsi Trophy two years ago.
Dorthe Schaltz has three medals, with gold in the Women's team Olympiad in 1988 and bronze at Senior teams in 2016. Peter also has three medals, bronze in the Open teams in 1984 and the two Senior teams together with his wife. Marc Bompis now has a full set, after gold in Open teams in 1996 and silver in the Mixed Pairs in 1998. Rajesh Dalal previously won bronze in the Open teams in 1988. Sukarnal Das and Subrata Saha were on the Indian team that won bronze in the d'Orsi Trophy in 2019. Jørgen Hansen won gold in the d'Orsi Trophy in 2019. He also won bronze in the Senior teams at the World Games in 2016. Dominique Pilon previously won gold in the open teams in 1982. Dennis Koch-Palmund won bronze in the Open team Olympiad in 1996. Włodzimierz Starkowski previously won the Open teams in 2014. Krzysztof Moszczyński had a bronze in the Open teams of 1989.
This is India's first-ever silver medal, they previously won four bronzes.

WUHAN CUP

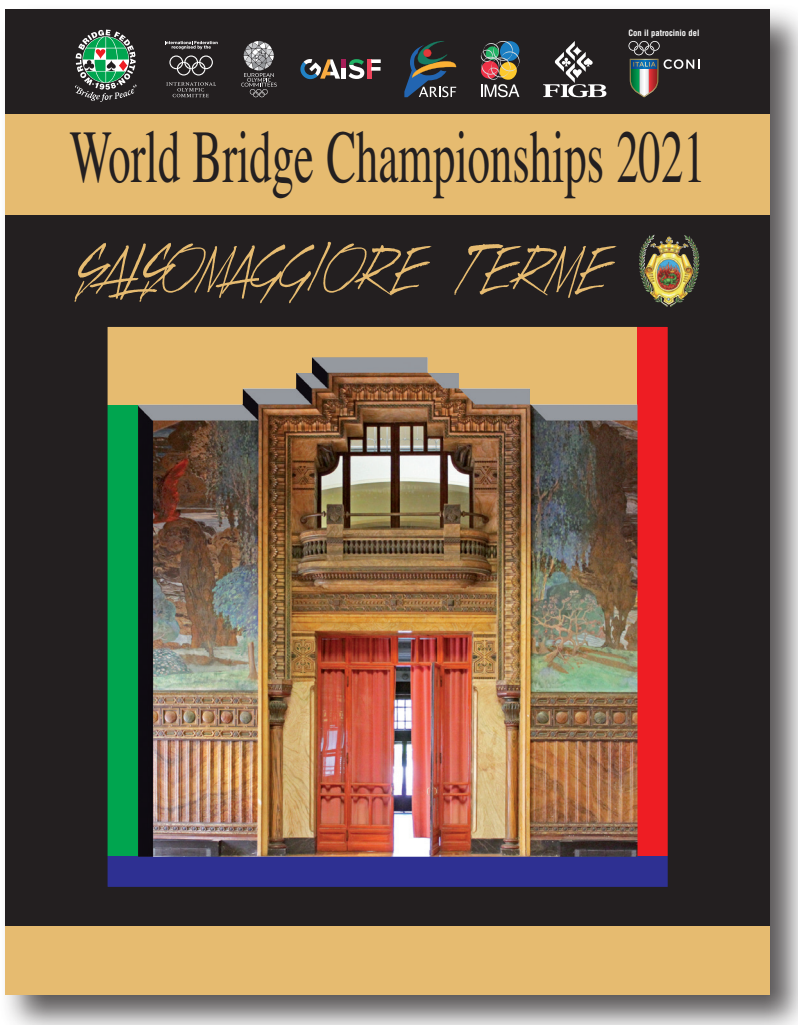
1.FRANCE: Bénédicte Cronier, Philippe Cronier, Vanessa Reess, Pierre Schmidt, Lionel Sebbane, Joanna Zochowska, Laurent Thuillez (npc), François Combescure (coach).
2.USA1: Dana Berkowitz, Eldad Ginossar, Debbie Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenthal, Chris Willenken, Migry Zur-Campanile, Jeff Aker (npc).
3.GERMANY: Marie Eggeling, Anne Gladiator, Michael Gromöller, Paul Grünke, Helmut Häusler, Daniela Von Arnim, Max Weiss (npc), Monika Luy (coach).
3.ITALY: Dario Attanasio, Irene Baroni, Leonardo Cima, Barbara Dessi, Alessandro Gandoglia, Gabriella Manara, Luigina Gentili (npc).

After four sessions of the final France led by 25 IMPs and they kept their opponents at bay winning 199-163.

Bénédicte Cronier gained her 16th medal. Five of those are gold. Apart from a Mixed Pairs bronze in 2018, all the others were in the Women's series. Philippe has five medals; next to the two mixed medals he won with his wife, he has two Open team bronzes and a Senior team gold (2014). Vanessa Reess has won three medals on Women's teams, she also has a bronze from the 2001 Transnational. Joanna Zochowska has four medals, also including two Venice Cup wins. Pierre Schmidt has a silver from the 2016 Senior teams.

Debbie Rosenberg is up to five medals, two golds and a silver in Women's teams and a gold in the 2002 Women's Pairs. Migry Zur-Campanile has three medals, including a gold in the 2000 Transnational Mixed teams. Chris Willenken gains his second silver in Mixed teams, he has another silver from the 1999 Junior teams. Eldad Ginossar previously won an Open team gold (representing Israel). Irene Baroni won her second bronze medal after the 2018 McConnell. Alessandro Gandoglia adds a bronze to his 2015 Junior team gold. Michael Gromöller won bronze in the 2009 Transnational Open teams. Daniela Von Arnim won her 10th medal, which includes two Venice Cup wins.

The details of the Championships (results, bulletins, photographs etc.) are available at:
http://db.worldbridge.org/Repository/tourn/salsomaggiore.22/microSite/Results.htm



WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 BOOK

The official book of the World Championships in Salsomaggiore will be released on or before the start of the World Bridge Series later this year.

It will comprise approximately 300 full colour pages. The principal contributors will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Mark Horton, Marek Wojcicki, Daniel Gulyas & Ron Tacchi.

The book will include many photographs from the championships, a full list of results and extensive coverage of the major championship events.

The official retail price will be £25, US$35 and €30. The book will be distributed by Master Point Press and available from bridge suppliers around the world. Please order from your local bridge supplier, andnot from MPP, which will not be handling individual orders.

Bridge NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS FACE TO FACE

55th European National Team Championships Women/Seniors Pairs
Funchal, Madeira Island, Portugal - 12/22 June, 2022

28th European Youth Team Championships
Veldhoven, Netherlands - 19/26 July 2022

2022 Summer NABC
Providence, USA - 14/24 July 2022

7th World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships
Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy - 7/14 August, 2022

16th World Bridge Series
Wroclaw, Poland - 19 August/3 September 2022

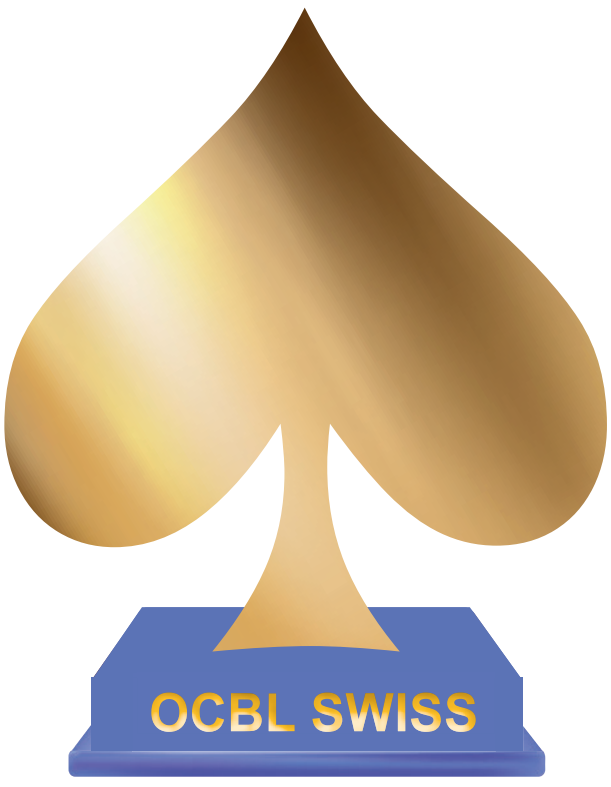
The World Bridge Federation confirmed that the 2022 World Bridge Series will be held at Centennial Hall in Wroclaw, Poland, from 19th August to 3rd September 2022.

The Schedule of Play is published on the Championship Pages and more information will be posted there as it becomes available:

http://championships.worldbridge.org/wroclawws22

STARTING TODAY!

OCBL TUE - WED SWISS



FORMAT

10 Rounds x 8 boards

USEFUL LINKS

Line-Up
http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/18

Results
https://ocbl.org/2022-ocbl-tue-wed-swiss-04/#results

BBO Links & Handrecords
https://ocbl.org/2022-ocbl-tue-wed-swiss-04-records/

Journal
https://ocbl.org/ocbl-journal/

ROSTERS

BLACK
Black A. (boggis)
Hallberg G. (rerack)
McIntosh A. (mcintosh)
Hult S. (hultahult)
Gold D. (dagold)
Paske T. (thomas1000)

CIDER
Setton H. (Ldase)
Franceschetti P. (gewd)
Bessis T. (malpaluche)
Lorenzini C. (pierced)
Robert Q. (ptit)

DANES
Werdelin S. (stigw)
Lauge Pedersen S. (sigurdlp)
Boesgaard K. (kaab_5)
Nielsen H. (HC_DK)
Norris M. (meretev)
Norris J. (pumpumpum)

FLYFALCON
Wilson A. (flyfalcon)
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Gronkvist I. (Halko)
Gronkvist M. (Mike_G)
Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos)
Mendes De Leon G. (guymdl)
Kiljan V. (Vkill)
Tijssen L. (luctijs)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)
Apteker A. (alonap)
Becklen J. (Janb)
Andersson T. (skalman)
Benett J. (jbennet)
Gottlieb G. (Garybrook)
Ostergaard H. (Honning)

GREENSPAN
Greenspan B. (BernieG)
Schenker F. (jbcoyle)
Bacon J. (breach21)
Creager M. (mjcreager)
Ma S. (suelanma)
Kranyak K. (kranko2013)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
Gold M. (marusab)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)
Isporski V. (smileyv)
Tiholov T. (polborta)
Gross S. (sgross)

NADEL
Nadel J. (juliejoy)
De Boer W. (bukkum)
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
Van Den Bos B. (Berendbs)
Snellers A. (asnellers)
Van den Bergh R. (rvdb)
Van Den Bos T. (Timvdb)

NETBRIDGE
Van Den Hoek J. (janonline)
Bremer A. (arisbreem)
Bouwen K. (kebosporto)
Zomer M. (mczo)
Drijver Tom (tdrijverrr)
Verhoeve N. (slin55)
la Haye M. (martenha)
Van der Starre M. (martin001)
Huber M. (marijnhu)

NEW AMATEURS
Lo A. (aitail)
Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu)
Yang D. (hyang)
Chechelashvili D. (Dato)
Wang W. (rosewwf)
Kwok-fai Mak (Kfmak)

ONSTOTT
Onstott J. (dogger)
Morgan J. (Jpmnbr)
Roeder R. (rickrock)
Busby M. (flying8)
Parker H. (tiger bait)
Turgeon T. (Ticket man)

PIGOT
Pigot P. (ppiglett)
Glynn E. (lahinch)
Keaveney G. (gaykeav)
Coyne C. (ciaran)
Walsh D. (dodge31)
MacAonghusa D. (donalmac)
O'Gorman D. (derekog6)
O'Brien B. (bjoboru)

RIPPEY
Rippey M. (radiators)
Nowak K. (kamiln)
Wiankowski P. (vifon_e)
Nawrocki P. (nawrot)
Marcinowski P. (Dyplomata)

SCORWAY
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Brekka G. (kaninen)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Spears B. (Spears)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Olsen J. (Janaolsen)

SELIGMAN
Seligman M. (mseligman)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)
Pszczola J. (pikolo)
Starkowski W. (wstarkowsk)

TEAM BICI
Cima L. (100dog)
Bianchi E. (inter2018)
Donati G. (Giova007)
Percario G. (giacomopr)
Gandoglia A. (gandalf15)
Fruscoloni L. (frusco)

World Bridge Tour
THIS IS HOW WE PLAY

Online Contract Bridge League

OCBL MAY CUP

10 - 13 May, 2022

Qualification + Knockout

Qualification:

9 Rounds x 14 Boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG