ALT-OCBL GRAND FINAL BULLETIN

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READY FOR THE GRAND FINAL!

Welcome to the 10 Teams who will contend for the title of the ALT-OCBL Grand Final - 2023 Edition.
Welcome to the spectators (certainly thousands), the Tournament Directors and Tournament Operation Managers.
We are proud to host yet another World Class event to celebrate the end of 2023 and the beginning of a New Year!

RESULTS, LINE-UPS, BULLETINS:

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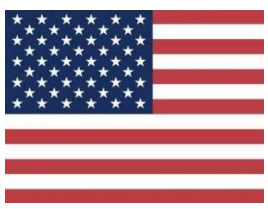
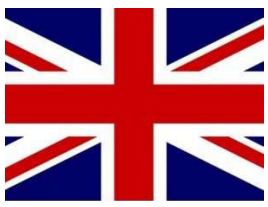
Registered Teams

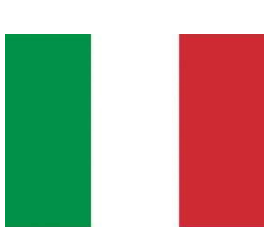


SELIGMAN
Seligman M. (mseligman)
Pszczola J. (pikolo)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)
Starkowski W. (wstarkowsk)

NETBRIDGE
Van Den Hoek J. (janonline)
Bouwen K. (kebosporto)
Bremer A. (arisbreem)
Been M. (bendezz)
de Haas O. (olliebol)
Verhoef N. (nicotest)
la Haye M. (martenha)
Zomer M. (mczo)
Gaillard V. (Vincent80)
Verhoeve N. (slin56)

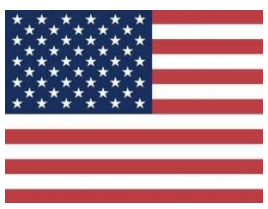


HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
Gold M. (marusab)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)
Isporski V. (smileyv)
Tiholov T. (polborta)
Gross S. (sgross)

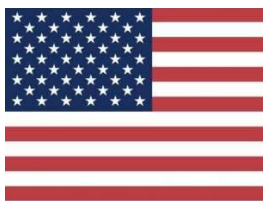


POMODORO
Setton H. (Ldase)
Franceschetti P. (gewd)
Lorenzini C. (pierced)
Versace A. (nevaio)
Sementa A. (ilaria75)

ULI
Schuster W. (Schustmozz)
Schuster U. (chrispe1)
Zanasi G. (Zanna9)
Olivieri G. (ollina)
Primavera F. (Fulldire)



PIONEERS
Han Y. (ynh)
Yang T. (tcyang)
Mou W. (wmou)
Fang J. (lakers1)
Yang H. (planoyang)
Song Y. (yan3505)
Liu E. (arrows)



GREENBERG
Greenberg T. (Ted Greenb)
Tokay M. (tokay1975)
Edis E. (Elvanedis)
Edis T. (Timuredis)

UKRAINE
Chumak Y. (yul)
Dragan V. (vdragan)
Karlykov P. (petrokar)
Lukke Y. (yurets)
Shukhmeyster B. (boris__s)
Trifonov K. (doubler73)
Zuban V. (vitaly_ua)

COCONUT
Difan Wang (difanwang)
Xiaojing Deng (eve8392)
Jiang Gu (jiang_gu)
Nina Huang (xscrab)
Leung Sam (2200)

INTERNAZIONALE
Camerini L. (Kiddd)
Zoranovic J. (Jovana_jjz)
Kazmucha D. (Dana_5)
Schroeder Patricia (Paty I)
Sada Ninfa (Ninfa1209)
Burillo Jorge (Jorge007)
Ives Robert (Tigger8)

Format

ROUND ROBIN, 8 ROUNDS
SEMIFINALS
FINAL

CARRY OVER

Seligman	4 VP
Netbridge	3,5 VP
Harris	3 VP
Pomodoro	2,5 VP
Uli	2 VP
Pioneers	1,5 VP
Greenberg	1 VP
Ukraine	0,5 VP
Coconut	0 VP
Internazionale	0 VP

SCHEDULE

27 December 2023

CET / EST	
16:00 / 10:00 am	Round 1
17:30 / 11:30 am	Round 2
19:00 / 1:00 pm	Round 3
20:30 / 2:30 pm	Round 4

28 December 2023

CET / EST	
16:00 / 10:00 am	Round 5
17:30 / 11:30 am	Round 6
19:00 / 1:00 pm	Round 7
20:30 / 2:30 pm	Round 8

29 December 2023

CET / EST	
16:00 / 10:00 am	SF1
17:30 / 11:30 am	SF2
19:00 / 1:00 pm	F1
20:30 / 2:30 pm	F2

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Bridge NEWS

European Winter Transnational Championship

From the European Bridge League Website

After four successful editions of the Winter Games, the European Bridge League (EBL) has decided to upgrade the event's status. Starting in 2024, it will become the European Winter Transnational Championship, and is scheduled to become an annual event in the European bridge calendar. The inaugural edition of this new tournament will take place in Alpe d'Huez, France, from April 15 to 21.

Eric Laurant, President of the European Bridge League, conveys his excitement: "We are delighted to bring the championship to Alpe d'Huez, a location renowned for its stunning views. Our commitment is to host the event with the highest standards of gameplay available today. We will provide digital bidding boxes, cameras, and complete sets of boards at each table to maximize comfort for all participants. The event's format, including full-day playoff rounds, is designed to foster the most competitive environment. We anticipate the presence of many of the world's top players and are equally enthusiastic about offering special opportunities for amateur players to join and engage in our event."

The tournament format will feature two days of qualification, with the top 16 teams advancing to the playoffs, while the others will have the opportunity to participate in a second event – the BAM Trophy, sponsored by the Les Etincelles group. Teams eliminated from the playoffs can also join the BAM event. Ultimately, four teams will compete for EBL medals and titles, and the remaining teams will share € 20,000 in prize money, generously provided by the Les Etincelles group for the BAM event.

Hosted in one of the largest ski resorts in the French Alps, Alpe d'Huez, the event promises a genuine winter atmosphere, despite taking place in April. Participants will benefit from exclusive hotel rates, available at https://etincelles.com using the promo code: EBL2024. Guests at these hotels will enjoy complimentary airport shuttles (from/to Lyon/Geneva) and special rates for ski equipment rental.

Registrations for the event should be made on the http://winterbridge.org website. The entry fee is € 400 per player, but EBL offers an exceptional deal for amateur players. Teams comprised entirely of players without EBL or WBF titles are eligible for a 75% discount, reducing their fee to only € 100 per player. The deadline for registration is April 12, 2024.

Changes to the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

From the World Bridge Federation Website

Laws 73 and **89** have been revised and will come into effect on **1st January 2024**. The revisions are here:
http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Laws-73-and-89-Amendments.pdf
and are now contained within the online 2017 Laws which can be downloaded here in Word or PDF format.

These amendments are being implemented in an effort to promote fair and consistent play across all WBF-sanctioned bridge events

- Law 73 concerns Communication, Behaviour, Tempo and Deception
- Law 89 concerns Prohibited Behaviour and Reprehensible Conduct

WBF Online Women's Teams

From the European Bridge League Website

The WBF WOMEN'S TEAMS ONLINE on RealBridge February 16 to 18, 2024 is being run by the WBF Women's Committee so that women from across the globe can play competitively without the potential limitations of cost and travel. The Worldwide WBF Teams Online will come with all the entry requirements and rules as if this was a live championship. Registration deadline is Jan 16th, 2024.

Online
Contract
Bridge
League

OCBL JANUARY CUP

16 - 18 January, 2024

12 Rounds x 8 Boards

Tuesday, 16 January
R1 - R4
CEST 16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30
EDT 10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

Wednesday, 17 January
R5 - R8
CEST 16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30
EDT 10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

Thursday, 18 January
R9 - R12, SF/F
CEST 16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30
EDT 10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

To follow:

FEBRUARY CUP

27 - 29 February, 2024

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2024

8 - 11 January 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
12 - 15 February 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
4 - 7 March 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
8 - 11 April 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
13 - 16 May 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
10 - 13 June 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
8 - 11 July 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
12 - 15 August 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
9 - 12 September 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
7 - 10 October 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
11 - 14 November 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**
16 - 19 December 2024	**Alt Event - TBA**