





WELCOME MESSAGE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION





Dear players, officials, and friends of bridge,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you all to Herning, Denmark, for the 47th World Bridge Teams

Championships — a truly special edition of our premier event, as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl, the most prestigious title in our sport.

Since its beginnings in 1950, the Bermuda Bowl has grown into a symbol of excellence and a cornerstone of international bridge, bringing together generations of world-class players in the spirit of competition, respect, and camaraderie. This year's championship is not only a tribute to that proud legacy, but also a celebration of the global

bridge community that continues to grow and thrive.

Alongside the **Bermuda Bowl**, we are also proud to host the **Venice Cup**, **d'Orsi Trophy**, and **Wuhan Cup**, each one representing the strength and diversity of our sport across categories and generations. These events showcase the very best of bridge and the enduring passion of its players.

Herning offers us an excellent setting to honor this legacy — a welcoming city with outstanding facilities and a deep appreciation for international sport, and, most important, for our sport.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Danish Bridge Federation, the local organizing committee, our staff and volunteers, and all those whose hard work has made this event possible. Your dedication ensures the continued success and growth of our game.

To all the teams competing, I wish you fair play and unforgettable memories. Let us celebrate not only the champions we will crown, but also the values and community that make bridge such a remarkable game.

Happy 75th, Bermuda Bowl — and welcome to Herning!

Yours sincerely,

Franck Riehm

President World Bridge Federation

WELCOME MESSAGE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE





Dear Participants,

I am delighted to welcome you to the World Teams Bridge Championships 2025.

The World Bridge Federation is a valued partner of the IOC and we are proud to recognise your promotion of the Olympic Values: Excellence, Respect and Friendship. As a mind sport, Bridge fosters strategy, discipline and international cooperation, and also has a role to play in education, inclusion and global understanding. We look forward to seeing the players come together from across the globe and epitomise these attributes.

The IOC is inspired by your commitment to fostering cooperation and your dedication to reaching younger generations. The 19th World Youth Bridge Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, this July offered an opportunity for young players to engage in international competition whilst supporting their intellectual growth and development through sport and fair play.

Furthermore, congratulations to the World Bridge Federation as you celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl at the 47th World Bridge Championships in Herning, Denmark. This is a prestigious event that honours the sport's long-standing tradition and global reach.

I would like to express our appreciation to the international bridge community's dedication to promoting lifelong learning and cross-cultural engagement, as well as to acknowledge the shared values of excellence and unity that Bridge and the Olympic Movement embody.

I wish you every success at the World Teams Bridge Championships.

Irina Gladkikh

Associate Director, IOC Winter & Recognised Sports and IF Relations

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ASSOCIATION OF IOC RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS





Dear Bridge Friends,

On behalf of the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), it is with great honour that I extend the High Patronage of ARISF to the World Bridge Federation (WBF) for its two major international events in 2025. This distinction reflects WBF's commitment to the development of sport and its dedication to the values we collectively uphold.

ARISF unites the 40 International Federations recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and together, through our members, we

represent hundreds of millions of athletes and supporters across the globe. Guided by the Olympic values, ARISF works to promote integrity, innovation, and inclusion throughout the international sporting community.

We are proud to count the WBF among our valued Members, as Bridge truly reflects the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect. Bridge is a mind sport that cultivates strategic thinking, patience, and effective communication. Its universal appeal across generations and cultures brings players together, reflecting the values ARISF upholds and the spirit of the Olympic Movement.

Guided by these shared values, it is with great pleasure that we extend our High Patronage to both the 19th World Youth Bridge Championships and the 47th World Bridge Team Championships.

The 19th World Youth Bridge Championships, taking place from 11 to 17 July in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, reflects the WBF's vigorous commitment to youth development and education. Encouraging young people to engage in international competition fosters not only cognitive

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growth but also a sense of global citizenship, values profoundly aligned with the Olympic philosophy and the role of sport in building a better world.

As the 47th World Bridge Team Championships take place from 19 to 31 August in Herning, Denmark, we warmly congratulate the WBF on celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl, the oldest of the four major events. Alongside it, the Venice Cup, the d'Orsi Senior Trophy, and the Wuhan Cup, these prestigious events showcase the WBF's devotion to diversity, inclusion, and sporting excellence.

It is with great pride that ARISF stands alongside the World Bridge Federation in celebrating these two championships, as both organisations are united by a steadfast commitment to excellence, inclusion, and the promotion of friendship across cultures and generations. Together, we champion the power of sport, not only as competition but as a universal language that brings people closer.

We look forward to continuing our shared journey in advancing these values within the international sporting community and beyond.

Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the success of these two outstanding championships and for the continued growth and inspiration Bridge brings to communities worldwide.

Raffaele Chiulli

President, ARISE

WELCOME MESSAGE DANISH BRIDGE FEDERATION





Welcome to Denmark and welcome to Herning.

It is a great pleasure for both the Danish Bridge Federation and our Bridge Club in Herning to be able to welcome you all to the World Championship 2025.

For the second year in a row, we are hosting an international bridge event. Last year it was the European Championship, and this year it is the World championship. Where do we go from here to score a hattrick? I don't know, but suffice to say, we are very proud and anxious to live up to the trust bestowed in us by the World Bridge Federation.

Denmark is the land of Hans Christian Andersens fairy tales, and as an ugly duckling Herning has grown from

a lonely spot on the moor into a beautiful swan – the vibrant hub for major events in Denmark, hosting international concerts, world class sporting competitions, trade fairs, and cultural fairs. And today we open the competition between the best bridge players in world.

For you as one of these bridge players, I hope Herning is a good choice because the playing venue, hotels and restaurants are so well connected. As a player, you can get around to it all in a very short time. We are looking forward to follow your action at the bridge tables – live as well as online. Championships like this are a celebration of the best bridge has to offer. As Danes, we are of course rooting for the Danish teams to do well. But even more so, we are rooting for all the participants to play to the best of their ability and have an exciting and successful tournament.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our club players to get a taste of international bridge championships, and we have therefore arranged several side tournaments during the championships.

This event would not be possible without the contributions from many parties. Let me mention just a few: Thanks to the Municipality of Herning, who also celebrate the event with the many welcoming flags all over the city and the entry-roads. Thanks to Herning Bridge Club, who is leading the volunteer activities. More than 150 individual persons have registered to cover the 500 voluntary shifts more than 5 hours a piece. Volunteers have joined from the whole of Denmark but most markedly from the area around Herning. Thank you to you all.

Looking forward to seeing you in Herning.

Helle Simon Elbro

President, Danish Bridge Federation

WELCOME MESSAGE HERNING MUNICIPALITY





On behalf of Herning Municipality, it is a true pleasure to welcome you to our city. Thank you for placing your trust in us.

We hope you enjoy your time in Herning. We've been eagerly anticipating this exciting event and will do everything we can to make you feel at home.

I wish each of you the very best of luck in the championships.

Once again, a warm and heartfelt welcome to Herning!

Dorte West

Mayor, Herning Municipality

LINKS

FULL SCHEDULE

Click on the button below for the full official schedule.

While the Open, Women, Senior and Mixed Team Championships are unlikely to change, the Transnational and BAM events are still subject to confirmation. Please check this page for updates.



FULL SCHEDULE

BROADCAST

For each round, 4 matches (a total of 8 tables) will be on broadcast.

The platform in use is LoveBridge.

Click on the button below to check the Broadcast Schedule.

For technical and logistical reasons, frequent updates are expected, so make sure to reload the page often.

In addition, some Semifinal and Final matches will be featured on Twitch with live commentary.







MICROSITE

Find results, rankings, list of participants, etc. here.



MICROSITE

CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

Find information on Travel, Accommodation, Systems, Anti-Doping, etc.



CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

BIDDING WITH THE TABLETS

In all categories, bidding will be entered using tablets. Find both text and video instructions on tablet bidding at this link.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- ARGENTINA	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	
AUSTRALIA	™ OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	™ MIXED
AUSTRIA			SENIOR	
BANGLADESH	OPEN		SENIOR	
BELGIUM	OPEN	WOMEN		
BERMUDA				MIXED
S BRAZIL	OPEN	WOMEN		™ MIXED
CANADA CANADA	● OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	™ MIXED
CHINA	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED
TOTAL DENMARK	₩ OPEN	WOMEN	₩ SENIOR	⊞ MIXED
EGYPT			SENIOR	
ENGLAND	■ OPEN	WOMEN	■■ SENIOR	EE MIXED
FRANCE	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED
GERMANY			SENIOR	
GUADELOUPE	OPEN			
HONG KONG, CHINA		* WOMEN	SENIOR	* MIXED
HUNGARY		WOMEN		MIXED
INDIA	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	■ MIXED
ISRAEL	◯ OPEN			 ■ MIXED
ITALY	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED
JAPAN WORLD 7			• SENIOR	■ MIXED
KOREA	OPEN			
MOROCCO			SENIOR	
- NETHERLANDS		WOMEN	SENIOR	
NEW ZEALAND	™ OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED
## NORWAY	₩ OPEN	₩ WOMEN	₩ SENIOR	
■ © PAKISTAN		WOMEN		
POLAND		WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED
REUNION				MIXED
ROMANIA				MIXED
SERBIA				MIXED
SOUTH AFRICA	≥ OPEN	≥ WOMEN		≥ MIXED
+ SWEDEN	── OPEN	■ WOMEN	→ SENIOR	■ MIXED
SWITZERLAND	+ OPEN			
© CHINESE TAIPEI	OPEN		SENIOR	
TUNISIA	OPEN	WOMEN		
TURKIYE		© WOMEN		
■ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES				■ MIXED
USA1	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED
■ USA2	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR	MIXED

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Tuesday, 19th August

10:00 - 18.00 17:00

18:30

Registration for Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed Teams Captains' meeting Opening Ceremony



NOTES FOR PLAYERS

These notes are for the convenience of players and captains They do not substitute for the obligation to know and follow the Conditions, Regulations and Policies of the WBF covering this event.

GENERAL

- Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the venue building, including in the toilets, and in the outside smokers must stay at least five meters away from the entrances. Leaving the table during play in order to smoke is strictly forbidden and leads to severe, automatic VP penalties, and you risk expulsion (warning first, then yellow card, then red card). Smoking inside the building causes an immediate yellow card and a red comes at second offence. The use of electronic devices to smoke is subjected to the same penalties and disciplinary measures.
- The same measures as for smoking are applied to the consume of alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- Coming to the playing area under the effect of alcohol and/or drugs leads to immediate expulsion.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and placed in the screen's pouch at all times, i.e. they may not be brought to the toilets and never switched on during play sessions. Random checks will be made.
- All participants at the Championship venue must visibly wear their official identification badge.
- Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team or pair that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be subject to VP penalties.
- At the table, whether play is actually taking place at the moment or not, players (and NPCs) may converse only in English unless both pairs (and/or captains) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. TD adjudication will be in English only.
- During the period of play players should avoid discussions or arguments with partner or opponents. In case of a dispute a player's proper recourse is to a TD (or to the Captain of the team).

BIDDING TABLETS WILL BE IN USE: PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Calls will be made by selecting the appropriate keys on the tablet.
- Requests for explanations of calls and play, and the responses thereto, shall be made either through tablets or in writing.
- TDs should be summoned using the appropriate button ONLY, and not raising hands or calling by voice.
- Please make reference to the dedicated section of the Conditions of Contest for further details.
- Please take note that written defences against multi 2◊(2♣) are NOT allowed anymore.

DURING AND AFTER PLAY

- The opening lead must be made before the screen aperture is opened and only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.
- Each card should be played towards partner in a consistent manner and placed on the table in the same position each time. Once played, the player should not vary the orientation of the card.
- Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player, evenly overlapping and at an equal distance from the previous card.
- If a player finds an opponent not following any of these rules, even after a warning, the proper recourse is to call a TD
- If a pair should claim that the responsibility for the slow play is with their opponents, they will do so by calling a TD. TDs are authorized to remove boards when play has not finished in the allotted time or when slow play may lead to play not being finished in time. Law 86B may apply to cancelled boards.
- If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorised information he should call a TD. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made.
- Declarer enters the score on the tablet and both defenders confirm the score. After confirming the score on the last board played players should leave the playing room as quickly and quietly as possible.
- Players are strictly forbidden to watch play at any table.
- The time for a request for a TD ruling ends 30 minutes after the end of the match.
- As for asking for a review, or a score change, please make reference to the appropriate section of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.
- If you want to make a change in a system, you should seek the approval of Laurie Kelso (Head TD and System coordinator) or, would he not be ready available, Maurizio Di Sacco (Operations Director)

DRAW

BERMUDA BOWL - OPEN

- il. **FRANCE**
- USA1 2.
- 3. **NEW ZEALAND**
- **SWITZERLAND**
- 5. **SWEDEN**
- . **ISRAEL** 6.
- 7. **SOUTH AFRICA**
- 8. **INDIA**
- 9. USA₂
- 10. **ENGLAND**
- 11. 💌 **CANADA**
- 12. **KOREA**
- **ITALY** 13.
- **ARGENTINA** 14.
- 15. **NORWAY**
- 16. **AUSTRALIA**
- **BRAZIL** 17. •
- 18. **DENMARK**
- 19. **CHINA**
- 20. **BELGIUM**
- 21. **TUNISIA**
- 22. **GUADELOUPE**
- 23. **BANGLADESH**
- 24. **CHINESE TAIPEI**

VENICE CUP - WOMEN

- 1. **NORWAY**
- HUNGARY 2.
- USA1
- **BELGIUM**
- **ENGLAND** 5.
- 6. **BRAZIL**
- 7. **FRANCE**
- 8. **AUSTRALIA**
- 9. **SWEDEN**
- 10. **CHINA**
- **→** DENMARK 11.
- 12. ITALY
- **ARGENTINA** 13.
- CANADA 14.
- **NETHERLANDS** 15.
- 16. HONG KONG, CHINA
- INDIA 17.
- MEW ZEALAND 18.
- USA2 19.
- **TURKIYE** 20.
- 21. **POLAND**
- PAKISTAN 22.
- SOUTH AFRICA 23.
- **TUNISIA**

D'ORSI TROPHY - SENIOR

- **AUSTRIA**
- **DENMARK**
- 3. **ENGLAND**
- 4. **FRANCE**
- 5. **GERMANY**
- 6. **ITALY**
- 7. **NETHERLANDS**
- 8. **NORWAY**
- 9. HONG KONG, CHINA
- 10. **SWEDEN**
- 11. **CANADA**
- 12. **JAPAN**
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- **INDIA** 16.
- **CHINA** 17.
- 18. **NEW ZEALAND**
- 19. **POLAND**
- USA₁ 20.
- 21. USA₂
- 22. **CHINESE TAIPEI**
- **BANGLADESH** 23.
- **MOROCCO**

WUHAN CUP - MIXED

- **HUNGARY**
- **INDIA**
- 3. HONG KONG, CHINA
- 4. **SWEDEN**
- 5. **ROMANIA**
- 6. **CHINA**
- 7. **FRANCE**
- 8. **ENGLAND**
- 9. **POLAND**
- . **CANADA** 10.
- 11. **SERBIA**
- **BRAZIL** 12.
- USA1 13.
- 14. **ISRAEL**
- 15. JAPAN
- **NEW ZEALAND** 16.
- 17. USA2
- 18. **ITALY**
- 19. **AUSTRALIA**
- 20. **DENMARK**
- **SOUTH AFRICA** 21.
- 22. **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**
- **BERMUDA** 23.
- 24. **REUNION**



ROSTERS – BERMUDA BOWL

ARGENTINA

Alejandro Bianchedi, Marcelo Cloppet (captain), Agustin Madala, Carlos Pellegrini, Javier Alejandro Popowsky, Leonardo Rizzo

AUSTRALIA

Sophie Ashton, James Coutts, Joachim Haffer, Phil Markey, Liam Milne, David Wiltshire, Michael Doecke (captain), Jenny Thompson (coach)

BANGLADESI

Md Alauddin, Shah Zia-ul Haque, Md. Zahid Hossain, Mirza Sajid Ispahani, A H M Kamruzzaman, Md. Moshiur Rahman, Md Rashedul Ahasan (captain), Mohammad Monirul Islam (coach)

BELGIUM

Geert Arts, Sam Bahbout, Steven De Donder, Steve De Roos, Bernard Dehaye, Clovis Dehaye, Herve Huntz (captain), Dominique Stuyck (coach)

BRAZIL

Joao-Paulo Campos, Mauricio Figueiredo, Adriano Rodrigues, Marcos Toma (captain), Miguel Villas-Boas

CANADA

Jason Feldman, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Daniel Miles, Frederic Pollack, Jeff Smith, Darren Wolpert, Marc-Andre Fourcaudot (captain)

CHINA

Yang Cai, Jie Li, Ruoyi Lian, Yong Lian, Gang Sun, Yongge Zhang, Hongjin Yang (captain), Xu Hou (coach)

DENMARK

Michael Askgaard, Dennis Bilde, Kasper Konow, Christian Lahrmann, Andreas Plejdrup-Meister, Martin Schaltz, Morten Bilde (captain), Palle Reimann (coach)

ENGLAND

David Gold, Ben Handley-Pritchard, Ben Norton, Andrew Robson, Stefano Tommasini, Tom Townsend, Paul Barden (captain), Claire Robinson (coach)

FRANCE

Thomas Bessis, Baptiste Combescure, Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Jerome Rombaut, Leo Rombaut, Herve Fleury (captain), Olivier Desages (coach)

GUADELOUPE

Frederic Dufau, Charles Garnier, Dominique Gerin, Philippe Mathieu, Luc Soudan (captain), Olivier Tolza

INDIA

Kaustubh Bendre, Sayantan Kushari, Sumit Mukherjee, Kaustabh Nandi, Sagnik Roy, Rajeshwar Tewari, Debasish Ray (captain), Sundarram Srinivasan (coach)

⇒ ISRΔFI

Alon Birman, Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst, Dror Padon, Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir, Alon Lazar (captain)

I ITALY

Massimiliano Di Franco, Giovanni Donati, Andrea Manno, Giacomo Percario, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Valerio Giubilo (captain)

KOREA

Seongseok Kang, Daehong Kim (captain), Soo Ik Lee, Seungjin Roh, Daniel Puerto (coach)

NEW ZEALAND

lan Berrington, Matthew Brown, Brian Mace, Malcolm Mayer, Graeme Tuffnell, Michael Whibley, Jonathan Westoby (captain)

NORWAY

Christian Bakke, Boye Brogeland, Tor Eivind Grude, Geir Helgemo, Nils Kare Kvangraven, Ulf Haakon Tundal, Tolle Stabell (captain), Sten Bjertnes (coach)

SOUTH AFRICA

Alon Apteker, Noah Thomas Apteker, Neville Eber, Hennie Fick, Craig Gower, Robert Stephens (captain)

SWEDEN

Per-Ola Cullin, Marion Michielsen, Fredrik Nystrom, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Johan Upmark, Fredrik Kronmarker (captain)

SWITZERLAND

Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Jacek Kalita, Michal Klukowski, Michal Nowosadzki, Pierre Zimmermann, Fernando Piedra (captain)

CHINESE TAIPEI

Ching-Chieh Chou, Edward Yu-Chang Huang, Li-Hsiang Kuo, Teng-Kai Kuo, Yung-Ping Lee, Ho-Yee So, Hsin-Lung Yang (captain, coach)

TUNISIA

Wissem Bellazreg (captain), Moez Fourati, Mohamed Anis Ghodhbane, Ahmed Meddeb, Omar Meddeb, Anas Mestiri

USA1

Kevin Bathurst, Adam Grossack, John Hurd, Adam Kaplan, Finn Kolesnik, Eddie Wold, Bob Morris (captain)

USA2

Eldad Ginossar, Zachary Grossack, Michael Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenthal, Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Robert Barrington (captain)



ROSTERS – VENICE CUP

ARGENTINA

Eleonora Alegre, Josefina Bello, Maria Jose Espinosa-Paz, Florencia Herrera, Camila Nunez, Maria Cecilia Previde (captain)

AUSTRALIA

Renee Cooper, Therese Demarco, Ella Jacob, Sue Lusk, Dagmar Neumann, Jodi Tutty, Axel Johansson (captain), Karen McCallum (coach)

BELGIUN

Sylvie Cauwels, Antonella Couteaux, Nicole Marechal, Marie-Francoise Stas, Burcu Uskup, Caroline Vandenbossche, Herve Huntz (captain), Peter Meurrens (coach)

BRAZIL

Aline Biondillo, Lucia Doria, Maria Teresa Falk, Lis Regina Alves Ferreira, Lucia Menezes, Ana Carolina Vidigal, Federico Alfredo Kladt (captain)

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Yimei Cao, Lisa Chen, Weijun Chen, Yuan Chen (captain), Jingyuan Gong, Xia Hong

CHINA

Ke Guo, Zhengjiang Liao, Jian Wang, Nan Wang, Xuefang Yuan, Xiaoxue Zuo, Yujun Guo (captain), Xin Li (coach)

DENMARK

Dorte Cilleborg Bilde, Lone Bilde, Anita Buus Thomsen, Helle Rasmussen, Ella Rosthoej, Julie Marina Sigsgaard, Rico Hemberg (captain), Palle Reimann (coach)

ENGLAND

Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Helen Erichsen, Diana Nettleton, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, David Burn (captain)

FRANCE

Marion Canonne, Donatella Halfon, Margaux Kurek Beaulieu, Anais Leleu, Carole Puillet, Anne-Laure Tartarin, Stephane Garcia (captain), David Harari (coach)

HONG KONG, CHINA

Christine Nicolle Booth, Pui Yi Pearlie Chan, Kwai Yin Cheung, Suet Yu Zoe Li, Sau Yin Joyce Tung, Hoi Ning Yeung, Pik-Kin Tony Lau (captain)

HUNGARY

Szilvia Csipka, Julia Hegedus, Orsolya Hegedus (captain), Eszter Tichy, Agnes Zalai

INDIA

Priya Balasubramanian, Puja Batra (captain), Bharati Dey, Bindiya Kohli, Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Arvind Vaidya (coach)

ITALY

Margherita Chavarria, Margherita Costa, Cristina Golin, Simonetta Paoluzi, Claudia Pomares y de Morant, Elena Ruscalla, Valerio Giubilo (captain)

NETHERLANDS

Merel Bruijnsteen, Judith Duursma, Magdalena Ticha, Doris van Delft, Wietske van Zwol, Martine Verbeek, Jacco van Egdom (captain), Aarnout Helmich (coach)

NEW ZEALAND

Jan Alabaster, Andi Boughey, Christine Gibbons, Jenna Gibbons, Audrey Jane Lennon, Carol Richardson, Kris Wooles (captain)

₩ NORWAY

Ann Karin Fuglestad, Liv Marit Grude, Marianne Harding, Torild Heskje, Bodil Nyheim Oigarden, Gunn Tove Vist, Anne-Lill Hellemann (captain), Leif-Erik Stabell (coach)

PAKISTAN

Rubina Agha, Shanaz Mickey Bamboat, Rubina Saeed Hai, Fatima Raza (captain), Samina Raza, Rehana Saigol, Momina Ghalib (coach)

POLAND

Cathy Baldysz, Sophia Baldysz, Aleksandra Jarosz, Ewa Morawska, Anna Sarniak, Joanna Zalewska, Miroslaw Cichocki (captain), Piotr Koluda (coach)

SOUTH AFRICA

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Asli Acar, Berrak Erkan, Irem Ozbay, Olgu Seker, Pinar Tekir Dogan, Dilek Yavas, M. Gokhan Yilmaz (captain), Zeynep Yilmaz (coach)

USA

Lynn Baker, Emma Kolesnik, Amber Lin, Debbie Rosenberg, Olivia Schireson, JoAnna Stansby, Joe Stokes (captain), Sam Dinkin (coach)

USA2

Jill Meyers, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson, Sylvia Shi, Susan Zhang, Migry Zur-Campanile, Joshua Donn (captain)



ROSTERS – D'ORSI TROPHY

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AUSTRALIA

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BANGLADESH

Sayeed Ahmed, Dewan Mohammad Hanzala, Jahirul Haque, Khandakar Muzharul Haque, Md Azizul Haque, ATM Moazzem Hussain, Md Alauddin (captain)

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Roy Hughes, Dan Jacob, Piotr Klimowicz, Michel Lorber, Zygmunt Marcinski, David Turner, Michael Yuen (captain)

CHINA

Jianwei Dai, Qingliang Li, Yixiong Liang, Jianqiang Weng, Yixin Zheng, Songhe Zhou, Jian Zhai (captain), Yi Xing Lv (coach)

DENMARK

Soren Christiansen, Jorgen Cilleborg Hansen, Jan Nicolajsen, Dorthe Schaltz, Peter Schaltz, Steen Schou, Peter Magnussen (captain), Leise Hemberg (coach)

FGYPT

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MOROCCO

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DENMARK

Nadia Bekkouche, Signe Buus Thomsen, Flemming Danielsen, Johan Hammelev, Peter Jepsen, Camilla Bo Krefeld, Bo Loenberg Bilde (captain), Leise Hemberg (coach)

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FRANCE

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HONG KONG, CHINA

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HUNGARY

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ITALY

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USA1

Giorgia Botta, Vincent Demuy, John Kranyak, Stewart Rubenstein, Anam Tebha, Jenny Wolpert, Harrison Anders Luba (captain), Christina Parker (coach)

USA2

Kevin Dwyer, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Joe Grue, Shan Huang, Joan Millens, Sandra Rimstedt, Alex Hudson (captain)



Editor's Log Mark Horton

In times gone by Jean-Paul Meyer and I would sometimes speculate about the potential winners of the championships we were about to report on. Here are my speculations about the events in Herning.

In the Bermuda Bowl, the reigning champions Switzerland will be the favourites, but there are several teams that cannot be discounted, especially France, Italy, Norway and USA 1.

In the Venice Cup the current champions are Israel, but at last years European Championships they concentrated on the Mixed Teams and did not qualify to defend their title. There are many contenders, especially Türkiye, Poland, Norway, Sweden, China and both teams from the United States.

The current d'Orsi Tropy holders are our hosts, Denmark, and it will be fascinating to see how they react to being at home – will it be a boost or a burden. France, Poland and Sweden should be contenders, but the main threat may come from the teams representing the USA.

The Wuhan Cup for Mixed Teams is the hardest to predict. The current champions are USA 2, but France, Israel, Poland, Sweden, China and USA 1 will surely be in contention.

In 2022 In Salsomaggiore Terme, European teams captured all four titles, and took three in Marrakech in 2025. This time the United States has a strong hand in all four events, but can they, or the representatives of any of the other Zones resist the strength in depth of Europe's representatives?

Jean Paul would always select one team in each event as what I would call a dark horse. I assumed that the French equivalent would be a cheval noir, but Ron Tacchi reliably informs me that the correct word is outsider (looks English I know, but there it is).

My four outsiders are Denmark (BB), England (VC), Austria (DT) and Romania (WC).

So far 23 squads have registered for the Transnational Teams, and they contain many World, European and National Champions. They will be joined by many, if not all, of the teams who fail to qualify for the knockout phase of the championships.

I usually take a walk during the day. Wandering through the grounds of the hospital in Shrewsbury I spotted this:



Where exactly did the signwriter imagine subterranean water might be?



This year we are delighted to welcome a new contributor to the Bulletin in the guise of Associate ACBL Editor Amy Casanova. Amy joins a distinguished list of North American contributors to the Bulletin, including Alan Truscott, Henry and Dorthy Francis, Brent Manley, John Carruthers and Barry Rigal. Like David Bird and Brian Senior, she is working remotely.

If you are feeling energetic you can seek out the famous Herning Doors, which form part of HEART's Socle du Monde 2021. The route consists of a total work of art of 21 doors in cast aluminum by the Spanish contemporary artist Jaume Plensa. The doors are spread through Herning, and make up the work "Herning's Doors".

As you discover the 21 aluminum doors, you can read the articles from the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was adopted in 1948, emphasizing that human rights apply to all human beings at all times.

The route starts at HEART museum, Bitten and Aage Damgaards Plads 2 and door no. 2 is at Herning Folk High School. (These two are the hardest to find – and a decent walk away from town.)

Door no. 3 and the start of the route can be found at Herning Station by the bicycle parking. Then you continue to Fonnesbechgade 4 - be careful when crossing the road. Next, you must continue to MCH - Herning Kongrescenter, where you will find door no. 5.



Then you continue to DGI Huset on Kousgaards Plads, where door no. 6 adorns the Stairwell down to the parking basement. Door no. 7 is located on the opposite side of the road at North Camp.

Now it's time to find door no. 8, which sits at Herning Music School in Kulturgården, Nørregade 7. Door no. 9 is found by crossing the road and the parking lot to get to the newly constructed Tinghus Passage at Østergade 7A. From here, you must take a small detour down the Library's passage - and notice the sound. Down at the end you will find door no. 10.

Now take the same way back again and continue to Bredgade 4, where door no. 11 is located in the passage into the City Hall Courtyard. Continue along the pedestrian street until you reach the passage at Bredgade 10. Here you will find door no. 12.

Continue through the passage and up to Ungdomshuset Kontrast in Bethaniagade's car park. On the gable you will find door no. 13.

Continue around Kontrast and out into the passage to Skolegade. Straight ahead, you will find a small passage at Bredgade 23-25 between Thiele and Slagter Theilgaard. Here is door no. 14.

Now continue along Bredgade until you reach the passage at Bredgade 24. Inside the black wall you will find door no. 15. Continue across the parking lot and up to Bethaniagade. Here you take a turn right and continue until you reach Smallegade and Fermaten's forecourt. Here is door no. 16.

From here, you continue down to Føtex's façade in Jyllandsgade. On the white wall is door no. 17. Make a U-turn on foot and now continue down Bredgade Vest. On the right side you will find Bredgade 42, where door no. 18 is located in the passage.

A little further down the road on the opposite side, you will find the passage at Bredgade 55. Here is door no. 19. At the end of Bredgade Vest you will find door no. 20 at Bredgade 54. This is the last stop in the pedestrian street before the tour goes towards the Textile Museum, Vestergade 20, where inside the museum's courtyard you will find the last door on the route - no. 21.

The semifinals and finals of the Bermuda Bowl will be streamed on Twitch, the live streaming service. You will be able to see the players in both rooms, and the commentators.

You can view live or via video on demand and you can also download the app onto your phone and PC.

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VM i bridge samler verdens bedste spillere i Herning

1.100 deltagere fra 39 forskellige lande tørner sammen i MCH Herning Kongrescenter 20.-31. august, hvor VM i bridge udspiller sig. Mesterskabet realiseres ifølge formand i Herning Bridgeklub Fin Hüttel i et passioneret samarbejde mellem netop den lokale bridgeklub, MCH A/S og hele Herning by.

Det var allerede historisk, da EM i bridge 2024 blev afviklet i MCH Herning Kongrescenter, og nu skrives der så yderligere historie samme sted, når det lige straks gælder verdensmesterskaberne i det berømte kortspil. En udvikling, der ikke nødvendigvis lå i kortene.

- Der har aldrig været afholdt VM i bridge i Danmark før, og alligevel er det nu lykkedes os at hive mesterskabet til Herning. Det er kæmpestort, og det har kun kunnet lade sig gøre, fordi vi lykkedes med at arrangere et vellykket EM sidste år. Danmarks Bridgeforbund er ikke ret stort, så det kræver, at en god klub træder til og driver projektet sammen med forbundet, og det har vi så gjort - og vi er da enormt stolte af, at begivenheden udspiller sig i Herning og ikke i eksempelvis Aarhus eller København, udtaler Fin Hüttel, formand i Herning Bridgeklub, og uddyber:



- Min oplevelse er, at både vi i Herning Bridgeklub, MCH A/S og hele Herning by som sådan løfter opgaven med hjertet. Brandingværdien er stor ved at huse et verdensmesterskab, og derfor går alle involverede parter dedikeret til værks. Samtidig hviler vores indsats i vid udstrækning på et sundt frivillighedsprincip, der er helt afgørende for, at det hele overhovedet kan hænge sammen økonomisk.

For Herning Bridgeklubs vedkommende er håbet desuden, at mesterskabet kan generere flere medlemmer og generelt udbrede kendskabet til bridge.

Vandt værtskabet over Macao og Las Vegas

Da VM 2025-lokaliteten skulle findes, trak Herning det længste strå i konkurrence med Macao i Kina og Las Vegas i USA, og nu er håbet fra arrangørens side naturligvis, at alt klapper, når det går løs med først åbningsceremonien 19. august og derefter selve turneringen 20.-31. august.

- Jeg håber og forventer, at vi laver et godt arrangement, som både deltagere, officials, de frivillige og hele byen er tilfredse med. Det er også mit håb, at de folk, der ellers aldrig ville være kommet til Herning, synes om byen og får en god tid, lyder det fra Fin Hüttel, der fremhæver kvaliteten i, at alt ligger inden for gåafstand af kongrescentret - hoteller og spisesteder eksempelvis.

Et års forberedelse nærmer sig sin kulmination, og Fin Hüttel glæder sig med egne ord "rigtig meget". Verdens bedste spillere indfinder sig i Herning, og med i alt cirka 1.100 deltagere er det forestående VM cirka 10 procent større end sidste års EM.

VM i bridge 2025 i tal

- 1.100 deltagere fra 39 forskellige lande
- 59 officials
- 225 frivillige
- 12.000 overnatninger
- 36.000 måltider

VM i bridge finder sted i MCH Herning Kongrescenter 20.-31. august 2025 med åbningsceremoni 19. august. Læs mere på **www.vmbridge2025.dk**



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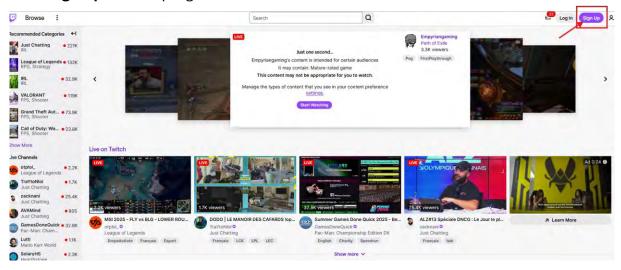


Twitch Tutorial - How to Create an Account, Watch a Live Stream, and Chat

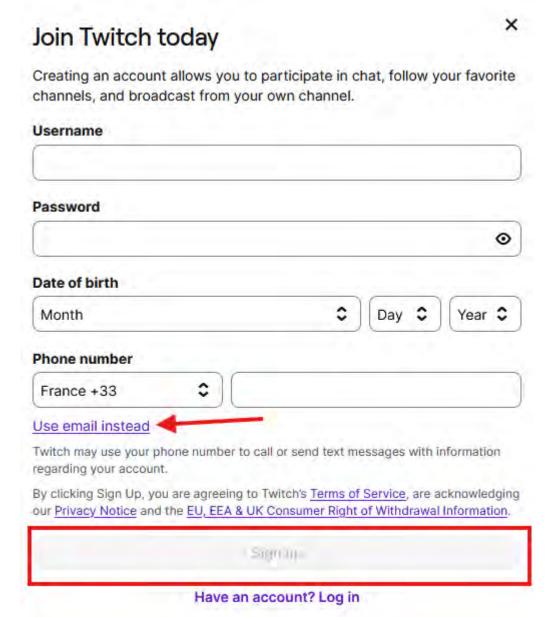
Twitch is a live streaming platform where you can watch real-time broadcasts and interact with the hosts via chat. While it's widely known for gaming, it also features live shows on many other topics — including bridge!

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- 1. Go to https://www.twitch.tv.
- 2. Click Sign Up in the top-right corner.



- 3. Fill in the required information:
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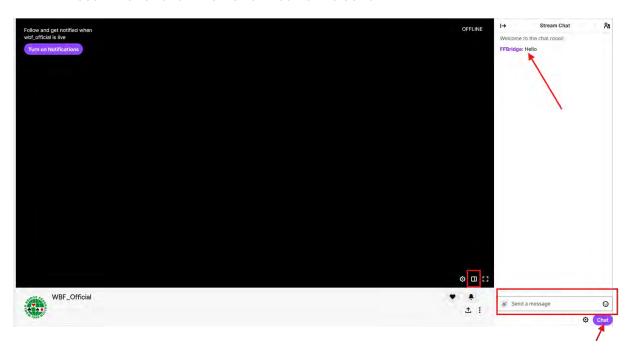


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- 1. Use the chat box on the **right-hand side** of the stream to type your message.
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