



WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two teams of expert bridge players will be representing England in the world championships for duplicate bridge taking place from 16th to 29th September 2013 in Bali, Indonesia

England's Women's Team, currently European and Olympic champions, will be competing for the coveted world champion's Venice Cup. They have an excellent chance of winning the trophy which would make them the greatest women's team in the world.

England's Women's Team are:

Susan Stockdale & Fiona Brown
Nicola Smith & Sally Brock
Nevena Senior & Heather Dhondy
NPC: Jeremy Dhondy
Coach: David Burn

England's Open Team already hold the Camrose Trophy 2013 which is played for between England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The team played extremely well in the European Championships held last summer in Dublin and qualified to compete for the Bermuda Bowl, the open world championship trophy.

England's Open Team are:

David Gold & Tony Forrester
Andrew Robson & Alexander Allfrey
Tom Townsend & David Bakhshi
NPC: Simon Cope
Coach: Ben Green

The World Bridge Team Championships is biennial contest organized by the World Bridge Federation in odd years. There are three main events, the World Team Championships for national teams in three flights: Open, Women, and Seniors. Those are commonly called Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, and d'Orsi Senior Trophy after the trophies awarded to the winners.

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What are the World Bridge Team Championships?

Initiated by the British former international player Norman Bach, the Bermuda Bowl was first contested in 1950 in Hamilton, Bermuda; the Venice Cup and the Senior Bowl were integrated as part of the championships in 1974 (in Venice, Italy) and 2000 (in Southampton, Bermuda) respectively. The Senior Bowl, subsequently named the d'Orsi Senior Bowl, has been one of three concurrent World Team Championships throughout its history but the Venice Cup was originally contested less frequently than the Bermuda Bowl and it was once contested alone in a different year (1978). The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup have always run concurrently since 1985.

What is Bridge?

Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Further information on bridge can be found on the Media section of our website, please view: <http://tinyurl.com/nz28d5b>

Who Plays Bridge?

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, tennis legend Martina Navratilova, actor Omar Sharif and the world's top investor, Warren Buffett...to name just four. In this country an estimated 300,000 people play bridge regularly in hundreds of clubs in cities, towns and villages up and down the land.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union was formed on 23 May 1936 and is a non-profit making membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/nz28d5b>