



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Gianarrigo Rona
President

Milan, 10th January 2011

Information Letter n.1

Dear President and Friend,

40th WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Senior Bowl
8th WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Organised by the World Bridge Federation
In cooperation with the Nederlandse Bridge Bond

We are very pleased to confirm that the 40th World Bridge Team Championships and the 8th World Transnational Open Teams Championship will be held at

NH CONFERENCE CENTER KONINGSHOF
VELDHOVEN, The Netherlands
15th – 29th October 2011

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Senior Bowl

Format of the Championships

All three Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the first best ranked teams will be admitted to the knock-out stages. Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final KO matches will be played. The Quarter Finals for each of the events will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams, thus enabling players eliminated from the main Championships to participate Transnational Championship.

Timetable

- Teams Registration Saturday 15th October 10.00 - 18.30 hrs.
- Captains meeting Saturday 15th October at 16.00
- Opening Ceremony Saturday 15th October at 19.30
- Round Robin 1st Match Sunday 16th October at 10.15
- Round Robin Last Match Saturday 22nd October at 17.15
- Captains Meeting Saturday 22nd October at 20.00
- Quarter-final Sunday 23rd – Monday 24th October
- Semi-final Tuesday 25th - Wednesday 26th October
- Final & Play-Off Women & Senior Thursday 27th – Friday 28th October
- Final Open Thursday 27th – Friday 28th – Saturday 29th
- Play-Off Open Thursday 27th – Friday 28th October
- Prize-giving & Closing ceremony Saturday 29th at 19.30 hrs.



Right to enter

Zonal Qualified teams for all three championships (in addition to the Host Teams):

- Zone 1 – 6 teams
- Zone 2 – 3 teams
- Zone 3 – 2 teams
- Zone 4 – 2 teams
- Zone 5 – 1 teams
- Zone 6 - 3 teams
- Zone 7 – 2 teams
- Zone 8 – 2 teams

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6. Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

Every proposed player must, along with other criteria, satisfy the Credentials Committee that:

- a. he is nominated by the NBO of the country of his birth or the NBO of which such nominated player first became a member, and has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years, represented a different NBO in any WBF competition or any zonal or intra-zonal competition; or
- b. he is nominated by the NBO of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence and has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years, represented a different NBO in any WBF competition or any zonal or intra-zonal competition; and
- c. to participate in the senior series a player must be at least 60 years of age or attain the age of 60 during the calendar year of the Championship

8th World Transnational Open Teams Championship

The 8th World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 24th October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The Quarter Final will start on Thursday 27th October late afternoon, the Semi Final will be played on Friday 28th October and the Final will end on Saturday 29th October.

The World Transnational Open Teams Championship is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vu-graph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of September 2011. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin and Quarter-final of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D'Orsi Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge provided they enter as a complete team.



General Information

Registration of Teams for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Senior's Bowl

All entries to the Championships **must be submitted electronically** (the pages will be available from 1st April 2011), **via the WBF website (not by email)** at

<http://www.worldbridge.org/competitions/11Veldhoven/Information.htm>

by 15th June 2011. It is very important that this deadline is respected.

Registration of Players' Names

Registration of players and NBO Delegation members **must be sent by 15th July 2011 via the WBF website (not by email)** at

<http://www.worldbridge.org/competitions/11Veldhoven/Information.htm>

Registration of Teams for the Transnational Open Teams Championship

Registration of teams should be made before 1st October 2011 wherever possible. Entries will be accepted later provided there is sufficient space at the venue. Entries from teams eliminated from the main Championship events may be made on site. All entries are subject to approval by the Credentials Committee.

Entry Fees & Payment

- Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup € 3.200 before or on 1st July
- D'Orsi Seniors Bowl € 3.200 before or on 1st July
- World Transnational Open Teams € 1.200 before or on 1st September

Players eliminated from the Round-Robin and Quarter-final of the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Open teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.

In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows

- A team with four new players & one or two eliminated players: € 1.200
- A team with three new players & up to three eliminated players : € 960
- A team with 2 new players & up to four eliminated players : € 640
- A team with 1 new player & up to five eliminated players : € 320

The entry fees must be paid by bank transfer to WBF. Bank information will be forwarded to NBOs and published on the WBF and ECatsBridge Web Sites.

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation and the Disciplinary Code, and the Dress Code will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website from 1st April 2011.



Systems Registration

Systems for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D'Orsi Senior Bowl **have to be registered with the World Bridge Federation Systems Administrator by 31st July 2011** to:

anna@ecats.co.uk

The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration. No HUM, or Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted at any stage of the Round Robin in either the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup nor will they be permitted at any stage of the Senior Bowl.

Pairs wishing to register Brown Sticker systems for use in the KO phase must register these, together with the relevant BS forms, by 31st July 2011. No extension to this deadline will be accepted. BS or HUM will lose their seating rights.

The Venue

NH Conference Center Koningshoop in Veldhoven is situated in an area of natural beauty, five kilometers south of Eindhoven and near Eindhoven Airport. The biggest Congress Hotel of the Benelux is situated in the beautiful surroundings of the "Brabantse Kempen" which creates a different atmosphere every season. Upon arrival you will immediately encounter the famous Brabant hospitality. NH Conference Center Koningshoo offers 509 rooms, all situated in a quiet environment and overlooking the forest or the patio gardens of the hotel. The Koningshof has a swimming pool, sports hall, squash courts, solarium and saunas, fitness room, restaurants and bars, and outdoor all-weather tennis and beach volleyball court. The Genderstein golf club is just a five-minute walk away. The buses – which stop in front of the hotel – can take you to Eindhoven city center.

Eindhoven. As the largest city in the south of the Netherlands, the Eindhoven region has over 725.000 inhabitants. The Dutch capital Amsterdam is only 125 km away.

Eindhoven offers a wide range of facilities in the areas of shopping, nightlife and performing arts. The cultural climate in the Eindhoven region is diverse - the Van Abbe museum is internationally recognised for its modern art collection. Eindhoven is sometimes called the 'City of Light', that's not surprising because Eindhoven is closely linked to Philips. Eindhoven ranks among the world's top cities in first-rate technology, design, lighting and sports. A number of international top companies work together at the state-of-the-art High Tech Campus, the Netherlands' very own Silicon Valley. Design from Eindhoven has also achieved world fame. Students from all corners of the globe come to study at the Design Academy and at the Industrial Design department of the University of Technology. Eindhoven is dedicated to excellence.

Brainport Eindhoven. Top technology region Brainport Eindhoven is a breeding ground for innovation and the home base for many companies, and world-class knowledge and research institutes. Brainport devises and manufactures the technology of the near future, the technology that contributes to a safe, green, and caring society and to the sustainable economic development of the Netherlands. Among the numerous innovative and renowned knowledge and research institutes are: Philips, DAF, ASML, FEI Company, TomTom, University of Technology, TNO, Design Academy, High Tech Campus.



Hotel Accommodation & Booking

The Main Hotel of the Championship will be the

NH Conference Centre Koningshof

Locht 117

5504 RM Veldhoven, The Netherlands

The Organising Committee has arranged the following special rates for participants with the Hotel (including breakfast and free parking and excluding Tourist Tax €0.60 per person per night):

Standard Double Room	€ 109
Standard Single Room	€ 95
Superior Double Room*	€ 129
Superior Single Room*	€ 115

(*According to availability)

For booking please contact:

NH Conference Centre Koningshof

Mrs. Paula Duim

Tel. 00-31-(0)40-2581825

p.duim@nh.hotels.com

For further information please contact

Mr. Just Van Der Kam

Organising Committee

NBB@bridge.nl

We strongly recommend making your room reservations as soon as possible in order to ensure that you obtain the required accommodation.

Travel

You are advised to book a direct flight from major European cities to International Airport Eindhoven. When you travel from outside Europe to the Netherlands it is likely you will arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. Schiphol station is situated directly below the airport. It takes 1 hour and 32 minutes from Schiphol to Eindhoven by train.

The organisers will be happy to arrange your transfer from Eindhoven station or Eindhoven Airport to NH Conference Centre Koningshof.

Further Information

For further information contact

WBF President's Secretariat

secretariat@worldbridgefed.com

Being sure of your support and cooperation. We are confident we will enjoy once again all together another great bridge event.

Yours sincerely,

Gianrigo Rona
WBF President

Ernesto D'Orsi
Championship Committee Chairman