



# EBL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE INFORMATION MAY - JUNE 2019



**COME JOIN US**

EBL Women Team  
Practice Matches  
Online –  
Top Teams



## WOMEN ONLINE MATCHES ON

Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Scotland, Poland, Israel, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Germany, Hungary and France have been taking part in Practice matches Online each week; for some an opportunity to practice for the Venice Cup. These matches finish on May 28<sup>th</sup> and will re commence in October after the Worlds in China.

The format is to suit players. The schedule is for each Tuesday 20.00 CET but Team Co Ordinator's may arrange a date and time to suit both teams and decide the number of boards to play. Analysis can happen with coaches afterwards.

One Co Ordinator wrote '... Thanks a lot ...Now we have a lot of boards to play against the best teams in Europe!'

This is deemed a useful tool so if you wish to participate next October let us know at [eblwomen@gmail.com](mailto:eblwomen@gmail.com)

New and aspiring  
teams to  
international  
Bridge

We started matches for this second group a couple of weeks ago with Cyprus and Israel showing interest. This is to help teams prepare for playing internationally and we hope Women Bridge Co Ordinator's (WBC)s of which we have 28 and all NBOs will consider this project for developing Women's Bridge in their countries. It is also a form of networking. Again, please contact us for information at [eblwomen@gmail.com](mailto:eblwomen@gmail.com)

## EBL WOMEN TO WORLDS

EBL Womens  
Teams playing for  
the Venice Cup at  
the



Wishing All the Best to the 8 Teams representing the EBL he World Championships in China this September. Here are the teams that qualified from the 54<sup>th</sup> European Team Championships in Ostend last year.



44<sup>th</sup>  
WORLD  
BRIDGE  
TEAMS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

1	<u>POLAND</u>	313.92
2	<u>SWEDEN</u>	300.03
3	<u>NORWAY</u>	275.10
4	<u>DENMARK</u>	273.24
5	<u>ENGLAND</u>	272.54
6	<u>NETHERLANDS</u>	266.08
7	<u>SCOTLAND</u>	263.68
8	<u>FRANCE</u>	257.75

# All the Best in Venice Cup



Pictured here are the

Medallists at the 54th European Bridge Team Championships Ostend 2018.

Gold Poland  
Silver Sweden  
Bronze Norway

..and they will be joined by Denmark, England, Netherlands, Scotland and France to compete for the Venice Cup at the



44<sup>th</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In Hubei Province, China  
14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019



WOMEN TEAMS, 1<sup>st</sup>: POLAND - Cathy Baldysz, Zofia Baldysz, Katarzyna Dufurat, Danuta Kazmucha, Anna Samiak, Justyna Zmuda, Mirosław Cichoński npc



WOMEN TEAMS 2<sup>nd</sup>: SWEDEN - Catharina Ahlesved, Kathrine Bertheau, Ida Gronkvist, Maria Gronkvist, Jessica Larsson, Cecilia Rimstedt, Kenneth Borin npc, Carina Wademark coach



WOMEN TEAMS 3<sup>rd</sup>: NORWAY - Ann Karin Fuglestad, Liv Marit Grude, Marianne Harding, Torild Heskje, Bodil Nyheim Oigarden, Gunn Tove Vist, Tormod Roren npc, Jon-Egil Furunes coach



## 9th European Open Championships



June 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June

**\*\*Soon\*\***

9th European Open Championships

Istanbul, Turkey

Venue: Green Park Pendik Hotel and Convention Center

Links to microsite:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/19Istanbul/microsite/information.htm>

<http://www.eurobridge.org/calendar/european-championships/>



<http://championships.eurobridge.org/partnership/partnership-desk>



### A note from EBL Women's Committee

Sevinç Atay  
Chairwoman



Dear Women Players,

I look forward to welcoming you to my country and to Istanbul for these Championships.

Istanbul is steeped in history and I hope you will enjoy all that it has to offer.

'.... Istanbul is a major city in Turkey that straddles Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait. Its Old City reflects cultural influences of the many empires that once ruled here. In the Sultanahmet district, the open-air, Roman-era Hippodrome was for centuries the site of chariot races, and Egyptian obelisks also remain. The iconic Byzantine Hagia Sophia features a soaring 6th-century dome and rare Christian mosaics.'

....even if you have only a day there is much you can see and do.

Please say Hello to me and be assured our Hospitality Desk will help you in any way they can.

*Sevinç*



Dear Women Players,

The University of Stirling in Scotland has launched the international 'Keep Bridge Alive' CrowdFunder to establish the Sociology of Bridge and to communicate messages about the benefits of bridge beyond the bridge world. This emerging academic field explores interactions within the mind sport, well-being, healthy ageing and social connection as experienced in the bridge community. The key goals of this research are to transform the image of bridge, to increase participation and enhance the sustainability of the mind sport. The Keep Bridge Alive (KBA) campaign aims to attract new players to our game via innovative and collaborative approaches (including targeted resources aimed at children, young people, families as well as policy-makers, employers and teachers). Keep Bridge Alive is about taking action to share best practice, pool resources and develop an evidence-base to re-brand and grow the bridge world. This as an excellent opportunity to do something different and create momentum for change within the bridge community.

Part of the Keep Bridge Alive initiative is to build a network with countries who are interested in being part of the ongoing research and/or in developing the work further. Part of that process is to find out what is happening in different parts of the world regarding the promotion of bridge, in particular what countries see as the key issues that they face including barriers and opportunities.

We have 350 donors from over 30 countries so far. We're keen to get the number of donors to over 400 so every ten euro donation really does make a difference.

**See links: -**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/u5c0e5e7810869>

<https://sociologyofbridge.wordpress.com/home/keep-bridge-alive/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Best wishes,

*Sam*

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## Keep Bridge Alive Campaign

by University of  
Stirling in Bridge Of  
Allan, Scotland, United  
Kingdom

### Message from Sam

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# LADIES SWISS TEAMS

at



## The Young Chelsea Bridge Club

**LONDON**  
**23-24 November**



The Young Chelsea Bridge Club  
is delighted to announce its third

### Ladies Swiss Teams

Date: 23-24 November 2019

Location: 54 Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA

Format: 10 x 10 board matches

Start time 10:30am on Saturday, finishing at 4:30pm on Sunday

Entry fee: £300 per team (FREE for junior teams)  
includes a buffet lunch on both days and drinks after play on Sunday.  
Good cash prizes for top 3 teams and top junior team.

Holders: Nisha Gokhale, Irene Gutschke, Steve Adams and Nigel Rowlands

You can enter at [www.ycbc.co.uk/events](http://www.ycbc.co.uk/events)

or e-mail Paula Leslie at [paula2012leslie@gmail.com](mailto:paula2012leslie@gmail.com)

Visit [www.ycbc.co.uk](http://www.ycbc.co.uk) for updates

Dear Bridge Players

My name is Paula Leslie and I am organising a Ladies Swiss teams tournament at the **Young Chelsea Bridge Club** in London over the weekend of **23-24 November 2019**. This is the third time that we are running the event. Last year we had 20 teams with players from Poland (including two of the European gold medallists from Ostend), Norway (including four of the European bronze medallists from Ostend), Denmark, the Netherlands, France, England, Scotland and Wales. It was a mixture of top women players and other less experienced ones played in a very good spirit.

The entry fee is £300 per team and includes a buffet lunch on both days and a drinks reception at the end of play on the Sunday. This year we're also planning an optional dinner on the Saturday night to give the players a chance to socialise together.

We would love to have some more teams from all over Europe. There will be good cash prizes for the top 3 teams - prizes are dependent on number of entries and last year's first prize was £1,400. There is no entry fee for junior teams and there is also a special prize for the top junior team. A copy of the poster for the event is attached with further details.

If you have any queries, please do contact me. I hope to see you in November.

Regards  
*Paula*

You can enter at [www.ycbc.co.uk/events](http://www.ycbc.co.uk/events)

or e-mail Paula Leslie at [paula2012leslie@gmail.com](mailto:paula2012leslie@gmail.com)

Visit [www.ycbc.co.uk](http://www.ycbc.co.uk) for updates



## 44<sup>th</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Message from Anna Gudge. WBF Communications Manager

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Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Mixed Teams

12<sup>th</sup> WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Organised by the World Bridge Federation in cooperation with the Chinese Contract Bridge Association Wuhan International Convention Center Wuhan, Hubei Province, China 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The Transnational Open Teams is a really enjoyable and challenging event, giving players a chance to meet some of the leading world players and to enjoy the excitement of the closing stages of the World Teams Championships as the leading teams battle it out for the chance to raise the Trophy. For more information please go to : <http://championships.worldbridge.org/wuhanwt19>

For additional information contact

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# WE HAVE A FRIEND FOR WOMEN'S BRIDGE – HAVE YOU?

Friend to  
Women's Bridge

Thank you

Mark Horton



The Women's Committee is working to bring alive the vision of our founder Anna Maria Torlontano. A powerful tool for us has been the press in the person of Mark Horton with articles in EBL Championship Bulletins and in NEW BRIDGE MAGAZINE. Mark has promoted the revival of the National Women's Pairs in Budapest 2016, Ostend 2018 and EBL Open Championships. He has published reports for us and along with one of NEW BRIDGE MAGAZINE contributor and Women's Gold Medallist, Sally Brock, provided information for our presentation at the NBO Seminar in Belfast last year.

We consider Mark a 'friend' to Women's Bridge and wish to say 'Thank You Mark'!

Do you have a media friend in Bridge? Do let us know us know and let them know about us!

You can subscribe to **A NEW BRIDGE MAGAZINE** for free.

Here is the link <http://www.newbridgemag.com/>

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