

## WORLD BRIDGE SERIES MIXED PAIRS

The first editions of the European/World Mixed Pairs Championships were played in a non-official way and many of them have lost track. The first ever World Pairs Championship can be seen as the one organized by the legendary Ely Culbertson in 1932 under the name "World Bridge Olympic" which was won by the Norwegians outsider: Isak Nielsen and Otto Krefthing.

1937 in Budapest during the European/World championships a Mixed Pairs Championship was organized which may be regarded as the first World Mixed Pairs Championship.





The first World Pairs Championships organized by the WBF had the characteristic of an Olympiad and was held in Cannes in 1962 for only three categories: Open and Women Pairs and Mixed Teams.

The Team Championship was repeated in 1974 and then from 1996 moved into the Olympic games.

In 1966 was Mixed Pairs was added and in 1978 the *Rosenblum Cup* was born.

In 1990 the Senior Category was introduced and in 1994 the *Mc Connell Cup* joined.

Today, each even non-leap year, the World Bridge Federation is organizing the World Pairs Championships for every category, often accompanied by ancillary events that engage players eliminated in the final stages.

1937 - BUDAPEST (Hungary) – 56 pairs + World Championship		
1. SWEDEN DENMARK	 	Elna Friberg - Otto Kaalund Jørgensen
2. YUGO- SLAVIA		Mrs. Fischer – Dr. Lav Singer
3. HUNGARY		Alice Berger – László Décsi



**1966 - AMSTERDAM (Netherlands) - 130 pairs**




1. USA		Mary Jane Farell - Ivan Erdos
2 GREAT BRITAIN		Joan Durran - Maurice Weissberger
3. ITALY		Nuccia Zeppegno - Vito Pittalà





**1970 - STOCKHOLM (Sweden) - 228 pairs**




1. USA		Barbara Brier - Waldemar von Zedwitz
2. GREAT BRITAIN SWITZER- LAND	 	Rixi Markus - Georges Catzefflis
3. ISRAEL		Riva Sinder - Michael Hochzeit





**1974 - LAS PALMAS – CANARY ISLANDS (Spain)**

1. UAR SWITZER- LAND	 	Loula Gordon - Tony Trad
2. USA		Jacqui Mitchell - Jimmy Cayne
3. FRANCE		Nadine Cohen - Edmond Vial

1978 - NEW ORLEANS (USA) - 316 pairs		
1. USA		Kerri Sanborn - Barry Crane
2. USA		Heitie Noland - Jim Jacoby
3. USA		Carol Sanders - Lou Bluhm





1982 - BIARRITZ (France) - 450 pairs		
1. CANADA		Diana Gordon - George Mittelman
2. USA		Peggy Sutherlin - John Sutherlin
3. FRANCE		Isabelle Viennois - Jean Louis Viennois
9. GERMANY		Lore Tolsdorff – Helmut Häusler






1986 - BAL HARBOUR - MIAMI BEACH (Florida - USA)		
1. USA		Pam Wittes - John Wittes
2. USA		Kerry Sanborn - Bob Hamman
3. USA		Rozanne Pollack - Bill Pollack





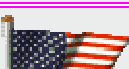

1990 - GENEVE (Switzerland)		
1. USA		Juanita Chambers - Peter Weichsel
2. SWEDEN		Eva-Liss Göthe - Lars Anderson
3. USA		Kathie Walvick - Walt Walvick
5. GERMANY		Heidemari Klein – Matthias Goll

1994 - ALBUQUERQUE (New Mexico - USA) - 480 pairs		
1. POLAND		Danuta Hocheker - Apolinary Kowalski
2. USA GERMANY	 	Bob Hamman - Sabine Auken
3. POLAND		Ewa Harasimowicz - Marcin Lesniewski


1998 - LILLE (France) - 598 pairs		
1. ITALY		Enza Rossano - Antonio Vivaldi
2. FRANCE		Claude Blouquit - Marc Bompis
3. DENMARK GERMANY	 	Jens Auken - Sabine Auken

2002 - MONTREAL (Canada) - 434 pairs			
1. USA		Becky Rogers - Jeff Meckstrooth	
2. FRANCE		Elisabeth Hugon - Jean Jacques Palau	
2. GERMANY DENMARK			Sabine Auken - Jens Auken

2006 - VERONA (Italy) - 482 pairs			
1. USA		Matthew Granovetter - Karen McCallum	
2. USA		Jill Levin - Bob Levin	
3. USA		Joanna Stansby - Lew Stansby	
16. GERMANY USA			Sabine Auken – George Jacobs

2010 - PHILADELPHIA (USA) - 432 pairs			
1. USA ITALY			Donna Compton - Fulvio Fantoni
2. USA CANADA			Kismet Fung - Brian Glubok
3. USA		Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins	
50. GERMANY		Yasmin Basegmez – Michael Gromöller	

2014 (10-25 october) SANYA (China) - 130 pairs		
1. USA CHINA	 	Kerri Sanborn – Jie ZHAO
2. USA NETHER- LANDS	 	Jacek Pszczola – Meike Wortel
3. CHINA		Nan WANG – Bangxiang ZHANG
5. GERMANY		Sabine Auken – Roy Welland

2018 (21 Sept. - 6 Oct.) ORLANDO (USA) - 231 pairs		
1. FRANCE MONACO	 	Sylvie Willard – Franck Multon
2. USA		Petra Hamman – Hemant Lall
3. FRANCE		Bénédicte Cronier – Philippe Cronier
37. GERMANY		Barbara Gotard – Tomasz Gotard

## WORLD BRIDGE GAMES

For the first time 2016 players eliminated from the Team Championships in the Round of 16 and the Quarter-finals may drop-in into the Pairs Championships, in the national appropriate category.

2016 (3 – 17 september) – WROCLAW (Poland) – 114 pairs		
1. RUSSIA		Maria Lebedeva – Igor Khazanov
2. POLAND		Marta Sikora – Adam Walczynski
3. POLAND		Anna Kowalska – Marek Tyran
12. GERMANY		Claudia Vechiatto – Hartmut Kondoch