

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seniors Bowl (Ernesto d'Orsi Cup)



This event first started in 2000 as an exhibition contest before growing into a World Seniors Championship in 2001. It is contested every odd-numbered year and in 2009 was renamed "*Ernesto d'Orsi Cup*". Prior to 2005 all members of each team had to be at least 55 years old. The World Bridge Federation (WBF) has decided that, as from 2005, the minimum age for a player to be recognized as *Senior* will be increasing one year by year until it reaches 60 years in 2010.

Until 2009, the only winners of the competition had been the United States of America who won the inaugural event, 2001 in Paris (France), 2003 in Monte Carlo (Monaco), 2005 in Estoril (Portugal) and 2007 in Shanghai (China).

In *São Paulo '09*, England broke this record and became the second country in five contests to win the *d'Orsi Senior Bowl*.

2001 - PARIS (France) - 8 teams		
1. USA		Grant Baze, Gene Freed, Garey Hayden, Joseph Kivel Chris Larsen, John Onstott
2. POLAND		Wit Klapper, Jerzy Russyan, Stefan Szenberg Wlodzimierz Wala, Andrzej Wilkosz Wlodzimierz Stobiecki (pc)
3. FRANCE		Maurice Aujaleu, Claude Delmouly, Francois Leenhardt Christian Mari, Michael Schneider, Pierre Adad Yves Aubry (npc)

2003 – MONTE CARLO (Monaco) - 18 teams

1. USA 1		Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey, Roger Bates, Grant Baze Gaylor Kastle, Garey Hayden
2. FRANCE		Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Francois Leenhardt Guy Lassere, Christian Mari, Philippe Poizat Yves Aubry (npc)
3. USA 2		Dennis Dawson, Arnold Fisher, Clement Jackson Zeke Jabbour, John Mohan, John Sutherlin Carolyn Lynch (npc)

2005 - ESTORIL (Portugal) - 22 teams

1. USA		Garey Hayden, Rose Meltzer, Roger Bates, Alan Sontag Lew Stansby, Peter Weichsel Jan Martel (npc), Chip Martel (coach)
2. INDONESIA		Arwin Budirahardja, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Amiruddin Yusuf
3. DENMARK		Flemming Dahl, Jens Auken, Peter Lund, Georg Norris Kirsten Steen-Møller, Steffen Steen-Møller Peter Westrup (npc)
13. GERMANY		Göran Mattsson – Hans Humburg (pc) Ulrich Kratz – Bernhard Sträter Reiner Marsal – Dirk Schroeder

2007 – SHANGHAI (China) – 22 teams

1. USA		Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Bart Bramley, Rose Meltzer Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby Kyle Larsen (npc), Patty Magnus (coach)
2. INDONESIA		Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Ferdinand Waluyan Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin, Anindara Lubis
3. USA		Dan Gerstman, Gaylor Kastle, Dan Morse, Ron Smith John Sutherlin, Bobby Wolff Donna Compton (npc)
17. GERMANY		Göran Mattsson – Hans Humburg Ulrich Kratz – Bernhard Sträter Reiner Marsal – Dr. Entschow Wladow Dr. Josef Harsanyi (npc), Michael Yuen (coach)

2009 - SAO PAULO (Brazil) - 22 teams		
1. ENGLAND		Paul Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg, Ross Harper John Holland, David Price, Colin Simpson Peter Baxter (npc)
2. POLAND		Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russian Wlodzimierz Wala (npc)
3. INDONESIA		Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Munawar Sawiruddin Denny Sacul, Arianto Karna Djajanegara Michael Bambang Hartono Santje Panelewen (npc)

2011- VELDHOVEN (Netherlands) - 22 teams		
1. FRANCE		Guy Lasserre, Philippe Poizat, François Leenhardt Patrice Piganeau, Philippe Vanhoutte, Patrick Grenthe Philippe Cronier (npc)
2. USA		Peter Boyd, Neil Chambers, Steve Robinson Gaylor Kastle, Larry Kozlove, John Schermer Donna Compton (npc)
3. POLAND		Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russian Wlodzimierz Wala (npc), Andrzej Biernacki (coach)
5.- 8. GERMANY		Dr. Karl-Heinz Kaiser, Herbert Klumpp, Ulrich Kratz Reiner Marsal, Bernhard Sträter, Ulrich Wenning Jörg Schinze (npc)

After the disqualification of the German Seniors Team 13 October 2014 in Sanya (China) the WBF Executive Council decided following final ranking in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy.

2013 (16-29 September)- BALI (Indonesia) - 22 teams		
1. USA		Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold Donna Compton (npc)
2. POLAND		Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Jerzy Russian Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Julian Klukowski Wlodzimierz Wala (npc), Andrzej Biernacki (coach)
3. FRANCE		Patrick Grenthe, Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt Alain Levy, Philippe Poizat, Philippe Vanhoutte Philippe Cronier (npc)

2015 (26 September - 10 October) - CHENNAI (India) - 22 teams

1. USA		Bob Hamman, Mark Lair, Hemant Lall, Zia Mahmood Reese Milner, Michael Rosenberg Petra Hamman (npc), Jacek Pszczola (coach)
2. SWEDEN		Sven-Åke Bjerregård, Göran Selldén, Anders Morath Johnny Östberg, Björn Wenneberg, Per Gunnar Eliasson Tommy Gullberg (npc), Carina Wademark (coach)
3. POLAND		Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Jerzy Russian Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romański, Julian Klukowski Włodzimierz Wala (npc), Andrzej Biernacki (coach)

2017 (12 - 26 August) - LYON (France) - 22 teams

1. USA		Michael Becker, David Berkowitz, Neil Silverman Alan Graves, Alan Sontag, Jeff Wolfson Steve Garner (npc)
2. ITALY		Andrea Buratti, Amedeo Comella, Giuseppe Failla Aldo Mina, Ruggero Pulga, Stefano Sabbatini Pierfrancesco Parolaro (npc)
3. SWEDEN		Sven-Åke Bjerregård, Max Axdorph, Anders Morath Johnny Östberg, Christer Bjaring, Bengt-Erik Efraimsson Tommy Gullberg (npc), Carina Wademark (coach)