

WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR PAIRS (Hiron Trophy)

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 Norwegian outsiders: Isak Nielsen and Otto Krefting

In subsequent years there were various tournaments similar to a World Pairs Championships, but, unfortunately, the information is lost.


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

In 1990 Senior Category was introduced and in 1994 the *McConnell Cup*.

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.

1990 (31 August - 16 September) – GENEVA (Switzerland)		
1. GREAT BRITAIN		Albert Dormer - Alan Hiron
2. NETHER- LANDS		Kees Kaiser - Jacob Kokkes
3. AUSTRIA		Franz Baratta - Karl Rohan

1994 (17 September - 1 October) - ALBUQUERQUE (New Mexico USA) - 78 pairs		
1. USA		Hamish Bennett - Fred Hamilton
2. USA		Simon Kantor - Murray Melton
3. USA		Duncan Phillips - Bill Solomon

1998 (21 August - 4 September) - LILLE (France) - 100 pairs

1. GREAT BRITAIN		Boris Schapiro - Irving Gordon
2. USA		Lea Dupont - Benito Garozzo
3. GERMANY		Burghard von Alvensleben – Dr. Walter Höger



2002 (16 - 31 August) - MONTREAL (Canada) - 72 pairs

1. BULGARIA		Christo Drumev - Ivan Tanev
2. CANADA		Bruce Gowdy - Arno Hobart
3. USA		Narayan Mohan - Laurie Vogel
8. GERMANY		Hans Humburg – Göran Mattsson

2006 (9 - 24 July) - VERONA (Italy) - 102 pairs


1. NETHER- LANDS		Nico Klaver - Roald Ramer
2. POLAND		Julian Klukowski - Aleksander Jezioro
3. GERMANY		Dr. Entscho Wladow - Reiner Marsal

2010 (1 - 16 October) - PHILADELPHIA (USA) - 37 pairs			
1. USA IRELAND			Rich Demartino - Patrick McDevitt
2. JAPAN			Kyoko Ohno - Akihiko Yamada
3. USA			Farid Assemi - Edward Wojewoda

2014 (10 - 25 October) - SANYA (China) – (33) pairs			
1. INDONESIA			Henky Lasut – Eddy M F Manoppo
2. USA			Hemant Lall – Reese Milner
3. POLAND			Apolinary Kowalski – Jacek Romanski

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) – 50 pairs			
1. SWEDEN			Göran Selldén – Björn Wenneberg
2. CANADA			John Carruthers – Joseph "Joey" Silver
3. INDIA			Badal Chandra Das – Alope Sadhu
8. GERMANY			Claus Daehr – Berthold Engel