

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venice Cup



Like the Bermuda Bowl, the *Venice Cup* was born out of a challenge match between the women's team from Italy representing Europe and a United States women's team and took the name from the City of Venice where the first edition was held in 1974 and which provided the prestigious trophy awarded to the winners of the World Championship for Women's Teams. The Italian Bridge Federation generously provides the replicas for the winners on each occasion. This contest is of more recent origin than the Bermuda Bowl, but in other respects the development of the two competitions has been remarkably similar.


1974 - VENICE (Italy) - 2 teams		
1. USA		Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Carol Sanders, Bette Cohn Betty Ann Kennedy, Emma Jean Hawes, Marietta Passell Ruth McConnell (npc)
2. ITALY		Marisa Bianchi, Maria Antonietta Robaudo, Rina Jabes Luciana Canessa, Mavi Venturini, Anna Valenti Giovanni Pelucchi (npc)

1976. MONTE CARLO (Monaco) – 2 teams		
1. USA		Dorothy Hayden Truscott – Emma Jean Hawes Carol Sanders – Betty Ann Kennedy Gail Greenberg Moss – Jacqui Mitchell Ruth McConnell (npc), Peter Pender (coach)
2. GREAT BRITAIN		Charley Esterson, Nicola Gardener (Smith) Sandra Landy, Rixi Markus, Fritzi Gordon, Rita Oldroyd Graham Cooke (npc)

1979. RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil) – 5 teams		
1. USA		Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Emma Jean Hawes Mary Jane Farrell, Marilyn Johnson Gail Greenberg Moss, Jacqui Mitchell Ruth Mc Connell (npc), Peter Pender (coach)
2. ITALY		Marisa Bianchi, Anna Valenti, Lucia Capodanno Marisa D'Andrea Baffi, Enrichetta Gut, Andreina Morini Guido Barbone (npc), Anna Maria Torlontano (coach)
3. ARGENTINA		Maria Teresa De Diaz, Maria Elena Iacapraro Adriana De Martinez de Hoz, Marta Matienzo Clara Monsegur Adolfo Campos (npc)


1981. PORT CHESTER (NY. USA) - 5 teams		
1. GREAT BRITAIN		Pat Davies, Maureen Dennison, Nicola Gardener (Smith) Sandra Landy, Sally Sowter (Brock), Diana Williams Derek Rimington (npc)
2. USA		Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp Freilich, Carol Sanders Betty Ann Kennedy, Katherine Wei-Sender, Judy Radin Chuo Wei Chi (npc), Ron Andersen (coach)
3. BRAZIL		Agota Mandelot, Sylvia Figueira de Mello, Susy Powidzer Alice Saade, Maria Elizabeth Murtinho Maria Lena Brito E Silva Lia Cintra (npc)

1985. SAO PAULO (Brazil) - 10 teams		
1. GREAT BRITAIN		Pat Davies, Nicola Gardener (Smith), Sally Horton (Brock) Sandra Landy, Michelle Brunner, Gillian Scott-Jones Grattan Endicott (npc)
2. USA		Gail Greenberg, Jacqui Mitchell, Betty Ann Kennedy Carol Sanders, Judi Radin, Katherine Wei-Sender Dan Morse (npc)
3. FRANCE		Véronique Bessis, Sylvie Willard, Ginette Chevalley Danièle Allouche (Gaviard), Fabienne Pigeaud Catherine Saul (d'Ovidio) Alain Levy (npc)

1987. OCHO RIOS (Jamaica) - 10 teams		
1. USA		Judi Radin, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Cheri Bjerkan Katherine Wei-Sender, Juanita Chambers Carol Sanders (npc)
2. FRANCE		Bénédicte Cronier, Hélène Bordenave, Sylvie Willard Ginette Chevalley, Danièle Allouche (Gaviard) Véronique Bessis Gerard Le Royer (npc)
3. ITALY		Marisa Bianchi, Anna Valenti, Luciana Capodanno Marisa D'Andrea Baffi, Carla Gianardi, Gabriella Olivieri Guido Resta (npc)





1989. PERTH (Australia) – 10 teams		
1. USA		Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas, Kitty Munson (Cooper) Margie Gwozdzinsky, Karen McCallum, Kerri Shuman (Sanborn) Dorothy Hayden Truscott (npc)
2. HOLLAND		Ellen Bakker, Ine Gielkens, Carla Arnolds, Bep Vriend Marijke van der Pas, Elly Schippers-Bosklopper Jet Pasma (npc)
3. CANADA		Dianna Gordon, Sharyn Reus, Mary Paul Francine Cimon, Gloria Silverman Bart, Katie Thorpe George Mittelman (npc)
4. GERMANY		Sabine Zenkel (Auken) – Daniela von Arnim Karin Caesar – Marianne Mögel Kareen Schroeder – Waltraud Vogt

1991. YOKOHAMA (Japan) - 16 teams		
1. USA		Lynn Deas, Stasha Cohen, Sharon Osberg Sue Picus, Nell Cahn, Nancy Passell Katherine Wei Sender (npc)
2. AUSTRIA		Maria Kirner (Erhart), Gabriele Bamberger, Doris Fischer Terry Weigkricht, Britta Widengren, Rosi Spinn Ernst Pichler (npc)
3. CHINA		Ling GU, Sun MING, Shi SHAOMIN, Liping WANG Liu YIQUIAN, Yalan ZHANG Yi HOUGAO (npc)
6. - 8. GERMANY		Sabine Zenkel (Auken) - Daniela von Arnim Karin Caesar - Marianne Mögel Beate Pony Nehmert - Waltraud Vogt Hans-Herman Gwinner (npc)

1993. SANTIAGO (Chile) - 16 teams		
1. USA		Kay Schulle, Jill Meyers, Kerri Shuman (Sanborn) Karen McCallum, Sharon Osberg, Sue Picus Jo Morse (npc)
2. GERMANY		Daniela von Armin - Sabine Zenkel (Auken) Karin Caesar - Marianne Mögel Beate Pony Nehmert - Waltraud Vogt Klaus Reps (npc)
3. SWEDEN		Mari Ryman (Lindblom), Lisa Åström, Bim Ödlund Pyttsi Börgesson (Flodqvist), Linda Långström Catharina Midskog, Bim Ödlund Kerstin Strandberg (npc)

1995. BEIJING (China)		
1. GERMANY		Sabine Auken – Daniela von Arnim Marianne Mögel – Karin Caesar Beate Pony Nehmert – Andrea Rauscheid-Reim Klaus Reps (npc)
2. USA		Kerri Shuman (Sanborn), Carol Simon, Sue Picus Karen McCallum, Rozanne Pollock, Kitty Munson Steve Sanborn (npc)
3. FRANCE		Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Claude Blouquit Sylvie Willard, Colette Lise, Catherine Saul (d'Ovidio) Max Coppolani (npc), Jean Christophe Quantin (coach)

1997. HAMMAMET (Tunisia) - 18 teams		
1. USA 1		Lisa Berkowitz, Marinesa Letizia, Mildred Breed Randi Montin, Tobi Sokolov, Jill Meyers Sue Picus (npc)
2. CHINA		Ling GU, Yan LU, Ming SUN, Yalan ZHANG Yu ZHANG, Wen Fei WANG Ji Jong HU (npc)
3. USA 2		Juanita Chambers, Beth Palmer, Irina Levitina Kerri Shuman (Sandborn), Katherine Wei-Sender Lynn Deas Sue Sachs (npc)
9. GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim Beate Pony Nehmert - Andrea Rauscheid-Reim Anne Gladiator – Waltraud Vogt

(1999) 2000. HAMILTON (Bermuda) - 20 teams		
1. HOLLAND		Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol Martine Verbeek, Bep Vriend, Marijke van der Pas Ed Franken (coach), Chris Niemeijer (npc)
2. USA		Renee Mancuso, Jill Meyers, Randi Montin Shawn Quinn, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow Jo Morse (npc), Rita Seamon (coach)
3. DENMARK		Trine Bilde-Kofoed, Dorte Cilleborg Mette Drogmüller, Bettina Kalkerup Charlotte Koch-Palmund, Kirsten Steen-Møller Lotte Skaaning-Norris(npc), Jacob Røn (coach)
6. - 8. GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim Beate Pony Nehmert - Andrea Rauscheid-Reim Katrin Farwig – Barbara Stawowy Klaus Reps (npc)

2001. PARIS (France) – 18 teams		
1. GERMANY		Sabine Auken – Daniela von Arnim Andrea Rauscheid-Reim – Beate Pony Nehmert Katrin Farwig – Barbara Stawowy (Hackett) Jörg Fritsche (npc), Cristoph Kemmer (coach)
2. FRANCE		Catherine Saul (d'Ovidio), Sylvie Willard Catherine Fishpool, Elisabeth Hugon Bénédicte Cronier, Véronique Bessis Patrick Grenthe (npc), Pierre-Jean Louchart (coach)
3. USA		Joan Jackson, Petra Hamman, Mildred Breed Shawn Quinn, Robin Klar, Kay Schulle Charles Weed (npc)

2003. MONTE CARLO (Monaco) - 18 teams		
1. USA		Kathie Wei-Sender, Betty Ann Kennedy, Jill Levin Sue Picus, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow Kent Massie (npc)
2. CHINA		Yu ZHANG, Yulan ZHANG, Hongli WANG Ling GU, Wen Fei WANG Xiaojing WANG (npc)
3 HOLLAND		Jet Pasma, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol Carla Arnolds, Bep Vriend, Marijke van der Pas Ed Franken (npc), Chris Niemeijer (coach)
5. GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim Andrea Rauscheid-Reim - Beate Pony Nehmert Ingrid Gromann – Elke Weber Christoph Kemmer (npc), Michael Yuen (coach)

2005. ESTORIL (Portugal) - 22 teams		
1. FRANCE		Catherine Saul (d'Ovidio), Sylvie Willard Bénédicte Cronier, Nathalie Frey Vanessa Réess, Danièle Allouche-Gaviard Gérard Tissot (npc)
2. GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim Beate Pony Nehmert - Barbara Hackett Mirja Schraeverus-Meuer - Anja Alberti Bernard Ludewig (npc), Nicolas Bausback (coach)
3. HOLLAND		Jet Pasma, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol Carla Arnolds, Bep Vriend, Femke Hoogweg Ed Franken (npc), Enri Leufkens (coach)

2007. SHANGHAI (China) – 22 teams		
1. USA		Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Joanna Stansby Hansa Narasimhan, Debbie Rosenberg Gail Greenberg (npc)
2. GERMANY		Sabine Auken – Daniela von Arnim Beate Pony Nehmert – Barbara Hackett Mirja Schraeverus-Meuer – Anja Alberti Bernard Ludewig (npc), Michael Yuen (coach)
3. CHINA		Ling GU, Yi Qian LIU, Ming SUN, Hongli WANG Wen Fei WANG, Yalan ZHANG

2009. SAO PAULO (Brazil) - 22 teams		
1. CHINA		Yi Qian LIU, Ming SUN, Hongli WANG, Wen Fei WANG Ru YAN, Yongling DONG Chuan Cheng JU (npc), Ya Fu LIN (coach)
2. USA		Lynn Baker, Lynn Deas, Irina Levitina Karen McCallum, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn Sam Dinkin (npc)
3. FRANCE		Catherine d'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard Bénédicte Cronier, Danièle Allouche-Gaviard Véronique Bessis, Elisabeth Hugon Julien Gaviard (npc), Thomas Bessis (coach)
5/8 GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim Beate Pony Nehmert - Barbara Hackett Annaig Della Monta - Ingrid Gromann Bernard Ludewig (npc), Dr. Josef Harsanyi (coach)

2011. VELDHOVEN (Holland) – 22 Teams		
1. FRANCE		Catherine d'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard, Véronique Bessis Bénédicte Cronier, Danièle Allouche-Gaviard, Joanna Nève Thomas Bessis (npc), Romain Tembouret (coach)
2. INDONESIA		Lusje Olha Bojoh, Fera Damayanti, Julita Grace Tueje Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Liem Riantini Bert Toar Polii (npc), Hasyim Arif (coach)
3. HOLLAND		Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Carla Arnolds Bep Vriend, Marion Michielsen, Laura Dekkers Alex van Reenen (npc), Hans Kelder (coach)
9. GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim Beate Pony Nehmert - Barbara Hackett Annaig Della Monta – Cristina Giampietro Michael Yuen (npc)

2013. BALI (Indonesia) – 22 teams		
1. USA.		Hjördís Eythórsdóttir, Jill Levin, Migry Zur Campanile Jill Meyers, Janice Seamon Molson, Jenny Wolpert Sue Picus (npc)
2. ENGLAND		Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan Stockdale Jeremy Dhondy (npc), David Burn (coach)
3. HOLLAND		Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Carla Arnolds Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel, Wietske van Zwol Alex van Reenen (npc), Hans Kelder (coach)

2015. (26 September - 10 October) - CHENNAI (India) – 22 teams		
1. FRANCE		Debora Campagnano, Bénédicte Cronier, Vanessa Réess Elisabeth Hugon, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Zochowska Laurent Thuillez (npc)
2. USA.		Juanita Chambers, Lynn Deas, Joann Glasson Beth Palmer, Janice Seamon Molson, Tobi Sokolow David Sokolow (npc)
3. ENGLAND		Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy Catherine Draper, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith Derek Patterson (npc), David Burn (coach)

2017. (12 – 26 August) - LYON (France) – 22 teams		
1. CHINA		Yan HUANG, Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN Nan WANG, Wen Fei WANG Jianxin WANG (npc), Xiaojing WANG (coach)
2. ENGLAND.		Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Sandra Penfold Catherine Draper, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith Derek Patterson (npc), David Burn (coach)
3. SWEDEN		Pia Andersson, Kathrine Bertheau, Emma Ovelius Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Ida Grönkvist Kenneth Borin (npc), Carina Wademark (Coach)

2019. (14 – 28 September) - WUHAN (China) – 24 teams		
1. SWEDEN		Kathrine Bertheau, Sanna Clementsson, Ida Grönkvist Jessica Larsson, Emma Ovelius, Cecilia Rimstedt Kenneth Borin (npc), Carina Wadmark (coach)
2. CHINA		Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN, Nan WANG Wen Fei WANG, Xiaoxue ZUO Xiaojing WANG (npc + coach)
3. ENGLAND		Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Gillian Fawcett Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Yvonne Wiseman David Gold (npc), David Burn (coach)