

WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN'S PAIRS

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 Krefting.

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




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 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.



1962 - CANNES (France)		
1. GREAT BRITAIN		Rixi Markus - Fritzi Gordon
2. FRANCE		Fanny Pariente - Marianne Serf
3. USA		Agnes Gordon - Helen Portugal

1966 - AMSTERDAM (Netherlands) - 44 pairs		
1. GREAT BRITAIN		Joan Durran - Jane Juan (Priday)
2. USA		Sue Sachs - Nancy Gruver
3. USA		Mary Jane Farell - Peggy Solomon




1970 - STOCKHOLM (Sweden) - 72 pairs





1. USA		Mary Jane Farell - Marilyn Johnson
2. GREAT BRITAIN		Rixi Markus - Fritzi Gordon
3. SWEDEN		Britt Blom - Gunborg Silborn





1974 - LAS PALMAS – CANARY ISLANDS (Spain)





1. GREAT BRITAIN		Rixi Markus - Fritzi Gordon
2. SOUTH AFRICA		Gerda Goslar - Rita Jacobson
3. USA		Emma Jane Hawes - Dorothy Hayden Truscott

1978 - NEW ORLEANS (Louisiana - USA) - 74 pairs

1. USA		Katherine Wei Sender - Judi Radin
2. USA		Betty Ann Kennedy - Carol Sanders
3. FRANCE		Claude Blouquit - Elizabeth Delor

1982 - BIARRITZ (France) - 140 pairs		
1. USA		Betty Ann Kennedy - Carol Sanders
2. USA		Lynn Deas - Beth Palmer
3. GREAT BRITAIN		Sally Horton (Brock) - Sandra Landy
36. GERMANY		Lore Tolsdorff – Ruth Füssel

1986 - BAL HARBOUR - MIAMI BEACH (Florida - USA)		
1. USA		Amalya Kearsse - Jacqui Mitchell
2. DENMARK		Charlotte Palmund - Bettina Kalkerup
3. GREAT BRITAIN		Sandra Landy - Sally Brock
7. GERMANY		Sabine Zenkel (Auken) – Daniela von Arnim

1990 - GENEVE (Switzerland)		
1. USA		Karen McCallum - Kerri Shuman (Sanborn)
2. USA		Kathie Wei-Sender - Judi Radin
3. NETHER- LANDS		Carla Arnolds - Bep Vriend
18. GERMANY		Gerda Heinrichs – Karin Wenning

1994 - ALBUQUERQUE (New Mexico - USA) - 132 pairs


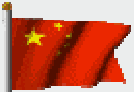


1. NETHER- LANDS		Carla Arnolds - Bep Vriend
2. FRANCE		Véronique Bessis - Catherine Saul (d'Ovidio)
3. USA		Lynn Deas - Betty Palmer
35. GERMANY		Karin Caesar – Marianne Mögel




1998 - LILLE (France) - 120 pairs

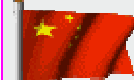
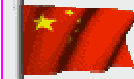
1. USA		Jill Meyers - Shawn Quinn
2. GERMANY		Sabine Auken - Daniela von Armin
3. FRANCE		Véronique Bessis - Catherine Saul (d'Ovidio)

2002 - MONTREAL (Canada) - 99 pairs

1. USA		Karen McCallum - Debbie Rosenberg
2. FRANCE		Anne-Frederique Levy - Blandine Bajos de Heredia
3. USA		Kerri Shuman (Sanborn) - Irina Levitina
40. GERMANY		Sabine Auken – Beate Pony Nehmert


2006 - VERONA (Italia) - 102 pairs		
1. USA		Irina Levitina - Kerri Sanborn
2. CHINA		Wei Fei WANG - Hongli WANG
3. GERMANY USA	 	Sabine Auken - Janice Seamon-Molson

2010 - Philadelphia (USA) - 58 pairs		
1. USA		Lynn Deas - Beth Palmer
2. CANADA		Kismet Fung - Susan Culham
3. NETHER- LANDS		Carla Arnolds - Bep Vriend

2014 - SANYA (China) – (38) pairs		
1. CHINA		Shu LIU – Tao ZHOU
2. CHINA		Yan HUANG – Lin GAN
3. INDONESIA		Susi Amita Dewi – Kristina Wahyu Murnati

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./2. ISRAEL CROATIA		Hila Levi – Adi Asulin
		Marina Pilipović – Nitica Šver
3. CHINA		Gu LING – Zhou TAO
5. GERMANY		Elke Weber – Anne Gladiator