

WORLD TEAM OLYMPIAD

New name 2008: World Bridge Games

The *World Team Olympiad*, inaugurated in 1960, was the first competition to be set up by the WBF itself; the *Bermuda Bowl* already being well established when the WBF was founded in 1958.

Harold S. Vanderbilt , the inventor of modern bridge scoring, endowed the new event with a handsome cup, the *Vanderbilt Trophy*. His generosity continues to provide replicas for each member of the winning team.

The first Olympiad was held in 1960 in Turin , Italy and from the second in 1964, the two events (Open & Women) have practically the same format as in nowadays. A third series, reserved for senior players (55 [now 60] or older) was introduced in 2000. A national Mixed Teams series were introduced 2016.

Every member country of the WBF is entitled to participate with one representative (national) team in each of the four series of the competition.

Following the fashion of the Olympic Games, the World Team Olympiad is held on leap years only.

In 2008, the World Team Olympiad was incorporated in the World Mind Sports Games, under the new title World Bridge Games.





The player who won the Olympics for the greatest number of times is the American [Gail Greenberg](#), she was able to boast three times and is also the longest Olympic champion having won three titles over 14 years.


The English player [Nicola Gardener Smith](#) has participated in nine editions of the Olympics by putting together a period of 32 years: two gold, four silver and two bronze medals !

Women teams

| 1960 (April 23 – May 4) - TORINO (Italy) - 14 teams | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. EGYPT |  | Helen Camara, Aida Choucry, Samiha Fathy, Loula Gordon Josephine Morcos, Suzanne Naguib Sergio De Polo (npc) |
| 2. FRANCE |  | Annie Chanfray, Genevieve Morenas, Nadine Ansay Annie Esmerian Pouldijan , Mieto Rouviere, Sabine Gary René Huni (npc) |
| 3. DENMARK |  | Annelise Faber, Otti Damm, Rigmor Fraenckel Lizzie Schaltz, Gurle "Gulle" Skotte Sv. Halvorsen (npc) |
| ?. GERMANY |  | Carola Cullmann, Elisabeth Gotthelf, Lotte Kojemann Irmgard Neher, Ursula Nitz, Erna Reimann Dr. Heinz von Rotteck (npc) |

| 1964 (May 1 – 12) - NEW YORK (NY - U.S.A.) - 15 teams | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. GREAT BRITAIN |  | Fritzi Gordon, Dimmie Fleming, Rixi Markus, Mary Moss Dorothy Shanahan, Jane Juan (Friday) Harold Franklin (npc) |
| 2. USA |  | Agnes Gordon, Muriel Kaplan, Alicia Kempner, Jan Stone Helen Portugal, Stella Rebner Paul Hodge (npc), John Gerber (coach) |
| 3. FRANCE |  | Marianne Serf, Genevieve Morenas, Marguerite de Gailhard Annie Chanfray, Suzanne Baldon, J. Velut José le Dentu (npc) |






| 1968 (June 5 – 21) - DEAUVILLE (France) - 19 teams | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1. SWEDEN |  | Britt Blom, Karin Eriksson, Eva Mårtensson, Rut Segander Gunborg Silborn, Britta Werner Lotty Saabye Christiansen (npc) |
| 2. SOUTH- AFRICA |  | Thelma Beron, Gerda Goslar, Rita Jacobson, Petra Mansell Alma Shnieder, Elfreda Sender Ralph Mizroch (npc) |
| 3. USA |  | Hermine Baron, Emma Jean Hawes, Nancy Gruver Sue Sachs, Rhoda Walsh, Dorothy Hayden (Truscott) Margaret Wagar (npc) |
| ? GERMANY |  | Margot Flohr, Ulla Nitz, Erna Reimann, Lore Tolsdorff Lotte Zenz, Charlotte Sanden Dr. Heinz von Rotteck (npc) |

| 1972 (June 9 – 24) - MIAMI (FL - USA) - 18 teams | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. ITALY |  | Mavi Venturini, Luciana Canessa Romanelli, Rina Jabes Maria Antonietta Robaudo, Anna Valenti, Marisa Bianchi Giovanni Pelucchi (npc) |
| 2. SOUTH- AFRICA |  | Thelma Beron, Gerda Goslar, Rita Jacobson, Petra Mansell Alma Shnieder, Janie Disler |
| 3. USA |  | Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Marilyn Johnson Jacqui Mitchell, Peggy Solomon, Dorothy Hayden Truscott Margaret Wagar (npc) |

| 1976 (May 9 – 22) – MONTE CARLO (Monaco) - 21 teams | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. ITALY |  | Maria Antonietta Robaudo, Rina Jabes, Anna Valenti Marisa Bianchi, Lucia Capodanno, Marisa D'Andrea Giovanni Pelucchi (npc) |
| 2. GREAT BRITAIN |  | Charley Esterson, Nicola Gardener (Smith), Fritzi Gordon Sandra Landy, Rixi Markus, Rita Oldroyd Graham Cooke (npc) |
| 3. USA |  | Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Marilyn Johnson Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Dorothy Hayden Truscott Ruth McConnell (npc) |
| 14. GERMANY |  | Renate Hanken, Joanmarie von Richthofen, Kareen Schroeder, Irene Schwenkreis, Vita Prinzessin zu Waldeck Helga Werner Bert Hanken (npc) |

| 1980 (September 27 - October 11) - VALKENBURG (Netherlands) - 29 teams | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1. USA |  | Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss (Greenberg), Dorothy Truscott Ruth McConnell (npc) |
| 2. ITALY |  | Anna Valenti, Enrichetta Gut, Andreina Martinelli Lucia Capodanno, Marisa D'Andrea, Marisa Bianchi Anna Maria Torlontano (npc) |
| 3. GREAT BRITAIN |  | Michelle Brunner, Pat Davies, Nicola Smith Gardener Sandra Landy, Rita Oldroyd, Sally Sowter (Brock) Raymond Brock (npc) |
| 16. GERMANY |  | Ruth Füssel, Renate Hanken, Kareen Schroeder Lore Tolsdorff, Waltraud Vogt, Helga Werner Dr. Heinz von Rotteck (npc) |

| 1984 (October 27 – November 10) - SEATTLE (WA - USA) - 15 teams | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1. USA |  | Gail Greenberg Moss, Judy Radin, Kathie Wei Sender Betty Ann Kennedy, Carol Sanders, Jacqui Mitchell Jim Zimmerman (npc) |
| 2. GREAT BRITAIN |  | Sally Horton (Brock), Sandra Landy, Sarah Scarborough Pat Davies, Gillian Scott-Jones, Nicola Gardener Smith Hugh Kelsey (npc) |
| 3. NETHER- LANDS |  | Petra Kaas, Laura van der Brom, Marijke van Mechelen Elly Schippers, Marijke van der Pas, Bep Vriend |
| 7. GERMANY |  | Karin Caesar, Sylvia Euskirchen, Marianne Mögel Kareen Schroeder, Waltraud Vogt, Bianca Wiegink Peter Splettstößer (npc), Jeff Easterson (coach) |

| 1988 (October 8 – 22) - VENEZIA (Italy) - 37 teams | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. DENMARK |  | Trine Dahl, Bettina Kalkerup, Kirsteen Steen Møller Judy Norris, Charlotte Koch Palmund, Dorthe Schaltz Inger Lindegard (npc) |
| 2. GREAT BRITAIN |  | Michelle Brunner, Pat Davies, Sandra Landy, Liz McGowan Sandra Penfold, Nicola Gardener Smith Grattan Endicott (npc) |
| 3. BULGARIA |  | Maria Garvalova, Margarita Halatcheva, Albena Krastova Steliana Ivanova, Matilda Lorer (Popillov) Nevena Deleva (Senior) Christo Drumev (npc) |
| CANADA |  | Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Mary Paul, Sharyn Reus Gloria Silverman, Katie Thorpe George Mittelman (npc) |
| 9./10. GERMANY |  | Daniela von Arnim, Karin Caesar, Marianne Mögel Kareen Schroeder, Waltraud Vogt, Sabine Zenkel (Auken) Peter Gondos (npc) |

| 1992 (August 22 – September 5) - SALSOMAGGIORE TERME (Italy) - 34 teams | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. AUSTRIA |  | Maria Erhart, Jovanka Smederevac, Doris Fischer Herta Gyimesi, Barbara Lindinger, Terry Weigkricht Ernst Pichler (npc) |
| 2. GREAT BRITAIN |  | Pat Davies, Michele Handley, Sandra Landy, Liz McGowan Sandra Penfold, Nicola Gardener Smith Mark Horton (npc) |
| 3. FRANCE |  | Sylvie Willard, Véronique Bessis, Elisabeth Delor Colette Lise, Danièle Avon, Anne Claude de L'Epine Philippe Cronier (npc) |
| 4. GERMANY |  | Daniela von Arnim, Karin Caesar, Marianne Mögel Beate Pony Nehmert, Waltraud Vogt, Sabine Zenkel (Auken) Peter Splettstößer (npc) |

| 1996 (October 19 – November 2) - RODOS (Greece) - 43 teams | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1. USA |  | Gail Greenberg, Jill Blanchard (Levin), Juanita Chambers Shawn Quinn, Irina Levitina, Lynn Deas Eddie Wold (npc) |
| 2. CHINA |  | Ling GU, Ming SUN, Wenfei WANG, Hongli WANG Ya-Lan ZHANG, Yu ZHANG Wei Li ZHANG (npc) |
| 3. CANADA |  | Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Rhoda Habert Beverly Kraft, Barbara Saltsman, Sharyn Reus George Holland (npc) |
| 5./8. GERMANY |  | Sabine Auken, Anne Gladiator, Ulrike Schreckenberger Beate Pony Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid, Daniela von Arnim Klaus Reps (npc) |

| 2000 (August 26 – September 9) - MAASTRICHT (Netherlands) - 44 teams | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. USA |  | Mildred Breed, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson Chaterine Klar, Swan Quinn, Peggy Sutherland Bob Hamman (npc) |
| 2. CANADA |  | Francine Cimon, Diana Gordon, Rhoda Habert Beverly Kraft, Martine Lacroix, Catherine Thorpe Jim Green (npc) |
| 3. GERMANY |  | Beate Pony Nehmert, Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim Andrea Rauscheid (Reim), Barbara Stawowy (Hackett) Katrin Farwig Christoph Kemmer (npc) |

| 2004 (October 23 – November 6) - ISTANBUL (Turkey) - 44 teams | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. RUSSIA |  | Olga Galaktionova, Victoria Gromova, Natalia Karpenko Maria Lebedeva, Tatiana Ponomareva, Irina Vasilkova Pavel Vorobei (npc) |
| 2. USA |  | Toby Sokolow, Janice Seamon Molson, Jill Meyers Randi Montin, Marinesa Letizia, Carlyn Steiner Jill Levin (npc), Jan Martel (coach) |
| 3. ENGLAND |  | Kitty Teltscher, Michelle Brunner, Heather Dhondy Sally Brock, Rhona Goldenfield, Nicola Gardener Smith Alan Mould (npc), Christine Duckworth (coach) |
| 9./10. GERMANY |  | Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Beate Pony Nehmert Andrea Reim, Ingrid Gromann, Elke Weber Matthias Schüller (npc) |

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| 2008 (October 3 – 18) - BEIJING (China) - 54 teams | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. ENGLAND |  | Sally Brock, Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper Anne Rosen, Nevena Senior, Nicola Gardener Smith Martin Jones (npc), Sandra Penfold (coach) |
| 2. CHINA |  | Ling GU, Yi Qian LIU, Ming SUN, Hongli WANG Wenfei WANG Yalan ZHANG Chuancheng JU (npc), Ya Fu LIN (coach) |
| 3. USA |  | Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letizia, Sylvia Moss, Judi Radin Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow Sue Picus (npc), Eric Kokish (coach) |
| 19./21. GERMANY |  | Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Annaig Della Monta Ingrid Gromann, Barbara Hackett, Beate Pony Nehmert Bernhard Ludewig (npc), Ulrike Müller (coach) |

| 2012 (August 9 – 23) - LILLE (France) - 43 teams | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. ENGLAND |  | Sally Brock, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Fiona Brown Nicola Gardener Smith, Susan Stockdale Jeremy Dhondy (npc), David Burn (coach) |
| 2. RUSSIA |  | Olga Vorobeychikova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Anna Gulevich Svetlana Chubarova, Victoria Gromova, Elena Khonicheva |
| 3. POLAND |  | Justyna Żmuda, Natalia Sakowska, Danuta Kazmucha Katarzyna Dufurat, Ewa Banaskiewicz, Cathy Baldysz Miroslaw Cichocki (npc), Cezary Serek (coach) |
| 19./21. GERMANY |  | Susanne Bohnsack, Marie Eggeling, Cristina Giampietro Yevgeniya Khanukova, Claudia Lüssmann, Gisela Smykalla Julius Linde (npc) |

2016 (3 – 17 September) - WROCLAW (Poland) - 35 teams

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| 1. USA |  | Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn, Sylvia Shi Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow David Sokolow (npc) |
| 2. FRANCE |  | Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Natalie Frey Vanessa Rees, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Żochowska Laurent Thuillez (npc) |
| 3. CHINA |  | Yan HUANG, Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN Nan WANG, Wen Fei WANG Jianxin WANG (npc), Xiaojing WANG (coach) |
| 9/16 GERMANY |  | Claudia Lüssmann, Gisela Smykalla, Anne Gladiator Ingrid Gromann, Elke Weber, Karin Wenning Klaus Appelt (npc), Ulrich Wenning (coach) |