



ITALY RETAINS EUROPEAN TITLE



GREAT BRITAIN WINS WOMEN SERIES

Sixteen years after their last similar success, **GREAT BRITAIN** won the European Ladies Teams title, finishing ahead of the 24-nation field at the 1997 *GENERALI* European Teams.

Second place went to **FRANCE** and third to **ISRAEL**. These teams will be joined by fourth-placed **GERMANY** and **The NETHERLANDS** who finished fifth, in trying to defend the World Women's title in Tunisia, and keep the *Venice Cup* in Europe. The reigning champions are **GERMANY**.

ITALY scored its second successive victory at the *GENERALI* European Team Championships, held in Montecatini Terme of the victorious country, 14-28 June 1997.

Competing among 35 nations who took part in the record-breaking tournament, **ITALY** went ahead after round 7 and never left this comfortable position.

The silver medal was won by **POLAND** while the bronze went to **NORWAY**.

These three teams have qualified to represent Europe in the 1997 World Zonal Championship - the *Bermuda Bowl* - which is scheduled to be held in Tunisia in October, together with the fourth and fifth ranked teams, **DENMARK** and **FRANCE**.

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

GERMANY KEEPS EUROPEAN LADIES PAIRS TITLE - SWEDEN WINS WORLD JUNIOR PAIRS

Sabine Auken and **Daniela von Arnim** of Germany succeeded in winning the European Ladies Pairs title for the second time in a row. The 6th event of the series took place in Montecatini Terme, just before the start of the Womens' team series. This year's event was supported by *GENERALI*, and attracted the record entry of 148 pairs from 17 countries. **Golin-Olivieri** of the host country and **Cohen-Zuccarelli** of France took the other medals.

The **2nd World Junior Pairs Championship**, held in *Sportilia* Sports Academy, Italy, July 11-13, 1997, was won by **Stefan Solbrand** and **Olle Wademark** of Sweden who ended up on top of a field comprising 156 pairs from 27 countries and five WBF zones. **Mette Drøgemüller** of Denmark and **Sebastian Reim** of Germany finished second, followed by Norway's **Boye Brogeland** and **Trond Hantveit**.

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In the first half of 1997, the EBL was fortunate enough to score a number of undeniable successes.

The European Pairs Championships, held in March in The Hague, was a test case of what the EBL can do without **PHILIP MORRIS**, the traditional sponsor of the tournament. Entries were high, and so was the organization, thanks to the support of the Dutch Bridge Federation.

The biennial European Teams and Ladies Pairs were held in Italy's Montecatini Terme, in June. Again, the success was obvious: a record entry of 36 nations, a wonderful organization due to **GENERALI** and the Italian Federation's resources, and a lovely location according to the taste of Giuseppe Verdi and many bridge players.

A little later, the EBL organized the World Junior Pairs and Camp which attracted more young players than ever before and offered unforgettable moments high on Italy's Apennines mountains.

All seems well, therefore - but it *will* be well if we can safeguard our prosperity despite the lack of sponsors, and without sacrificing (on the contrary, expanding) our services to the member countries - especially those who mostly need it.

The EBL will soon be discussing in detail questions about the future of European bridge. Perhaps we should all start thinking of the right answers.

Pauw Gerrootpauw

TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

The Forbo-Krommenie International

The **5th Forbo-Krommenie International Bridge Tournament** took place at the Scheveningen *Kurhaus*, The Hague, The Netherlands, 21-23 February 1997.

It seems that this event is tailor-made for **Italy**. Following last year's success, this time they were not content winning the *Nations' Cup* by a margin, but they also finished at the top of the International Teams competition, ahead of *Mahmood* and *France*. The Italian team comprised **Norberto Bocchi, Andrea Buratti, Massi-**

mo Lanzarotti and **Alfredo Versace** - all European champions - with **Giancarlo Bernasconi** as npc.

One more event was organized on the sidelines: the *Friendship Cup* open to politicians, the Parliamentary Press and business friends of the *Forbo-Krommenie* company.

The Cup was won by **Kawur-Panelewan** of Indonesia. The Parliamentary Press team beat the politicians 55-46, while the best journalist pair were **Heyman-Harren** with 57.79%.

Mind Sports Olympiad

The **1st Mind Sports Olympiad** will take place at the Royal Festival Hall, London, Great Britain, 18-24 August 1997.

The Olympiad comprises tournaments for more than 30 different games and mental skills, including chess, draughts, go, Othello, scrabble, backgammon, mastermind, etc. - and, of course, bridge.

There will be four **bridge** tournaments at the Olympiad, with £9,500 of prize money, medals for the best adults and juniors, and *English Bridge Union* Master Points awarded to the winners.

A pairs tournament will run from Monday to Thursday, August 18-21, with over £5,000 of prize money.

There will also be three one-day tournaments, each with a total prize money of £1,400: Swiss Pairs, Friday 22 August; Swiss Teams, Saturday 23; and Teams on Sunday 24 August (2-session event).

The Mind Sports Olympiad is supported by *Skandia*, the financial services and insurance giant, thanks to whom a total prize fund of £100,000 has been raised.

The Olympiad is open to everyone. **Entries** should be addressed to: Mind Sports Olympiad, P.O.Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF, Great Britain.

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1999 European Championships to be held in Turkey

The **44th GENERALI European Teams Championships** will be held in Izmir, Turkey.

The EBL Executive Committee accepted a proposal by the *Turkish Bridge Federation* and preparations are already underway for organizing the League's top competition at an International Convention Center in Izmir, 3-17 July 1999.

5th EUROPEAN MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS**EUROCONGRESS, AACHEN, GERMANY****28 MARCH - 3 APRIL 1998****PRIZE MONEY:****1st PAIR - SF 5,000 / 1st TEAM - SF 10,000**



I have just returned home from the **43rd GENERALI European Bridge Championships** which took place in Montecatini Terme during the last two weeks of June. The championships were hosted with great style and panache by the *Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge (FIGB)*.

The English word for *Gioco* is sport, of course. Four years ago the Italian Federation added the word *Gioco* to its name to mark the belief that Bridge is indeed a sport.

The Italian Bridge Federation is affiliated to the *Italian Olympic Committee (CONI)* and is permitted to use the five linked Olympic rings as part of its Logo.

In the **Open Series** of the **43rd GENERALI European Bridge Championships** each team played 34 matches of 24 boards; a total of 816 boards. The concentration, the self discipline, the mental and the physical effort of the participants over the fortnight of the Championships was truly remarkable.

And the 552 Boards played over ten days in the Ladies Series was a feat of similar proportions.

Truly, Bridge is a sport. A mind sport, and a great sport.

All great sports need their Champions; their heroes and heroines; their role models;

statistics of the performance, are set out on pages 6-7 of this issue.

Second, using the EBL Master Points System as its base, we have introduced a current **Ranking List** of European Bridge Players. The *Ranking List* is based on EBL Master Points won over the last four years, with

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

their stars. Stars bring glamour, excitement and enhanced competition to a sport. Stars wax and wane and we can all follow the successes (and failures) of our favourites.

The European Bridge League has introduced two innovations so that the stars of the Bridge firmament can shine more brightly and be seen more clearly.

First, the **Butler Scoring** of all Pairs competing in the European Teams Championships has been extended to the Ladies Series. The running scores were reported each day in the Daily Bulletin and the leading three Pairs in both the Open and the Ladies Series have been invited to represent the EBL in the **2nd MARLBORO China Cup** which will be held in China at the beginning of September. The names of the leading pairs, with the

those won four years ago depreciated by 75%, those won two years ago by 50% and those won one year ago by 25%. The list will be updated on a regular basis and consequently in order to stay in *The Ranking* a player will have to participate regularly and achieve high finishing positions frequently. The Secretary of the *EBL Master Points Committee*, **Paul Maris**, has devised the *Ranking List* and has updated it following the **43rd GENERALI European Bridge Championships**. The up-to-date list will be published in the next edition of the *EBL Review*.

To all of you - from the brightest of stars to us mere mortals - I send my best wishes.

Bill Pencharz
Bill Pencharz

Sabine Auken joins EBL Executive Committee Kielbasinski & Oliveira re-elected - Johannsson retires

At the meetings of the EBL Congress in Montecatini, **Sabine Auken** of Germany was elected member of the Executive Committee of the League for four years.

Mrs Auken filled the position left vacant after the retirement of **Helgi Johannsson** of Iceland. Mr Johannsson was elected in 1993, but did not seek re-election at the end of his 4-year term.

At the same meetings, **Radoslaw Kielbasinski** of Poland and **José Soares de Oliveira** of Portugal sought re-election at the end of their 2-year term as members of the Executive Committee - and both were re-elected by the Congress to serve further 4-year terms.

The EBL Congress meets regularly every two years, during the European Teams Championships.

INTERVIEW WITH



- 1964: Born 10th July in Munich
- 1985: EEC Teams, bronze medal
- 1989: European Ladies Team Champion
- 1991: European Ladies Team silver medal
- 1993: *Venice Cup* silver medal
- 1995: *Venice Cup* Champion, European Ladies Pairs Champion
- 1997: European Ladies Pairs Champion

DANIELA VON

ARNIM

Daniela, congratulations on the wonderful achievement of you & Sabine Auken in retaining your title as **GENERALI European Ladies Pairs** champions. Please tell us something about yourself.

I have two sisters. My father worked in German TV as a cameraman, and when I was five months old, he was sent to Hong Kong. The family was there five years, and I learned English and a little Chinese! We returned to Germany in 1969, and since then I have lived mostly near Wiesbaden.

How did you learn bridge?

My mother played bridge at a club. My father also played though just at home. When I was 15 years old I learned and partnered my mother at the local club.

What about your education?

I went to Mainz University to study chemistry, but did not like it, and switched to Frankfurt to study Computer Information Systems. I was a student until 1993!

When did your international bridge career begin?

In 1985 I partnered Pony Nehmert in the EEC teams in Bordeaux with Sabine Auken & Anna Moller as team-mates, and we won the bronze medal. In the same year Sabine & I won the German Junior Championship, and we played

together the following year in Miami where we came 7th in the Ladies Pairs. We have been bridge partners ever since.

What are your main successes since then?

In 1987 I was on the German team in the Brighton Europeans. We came about sixth, and in the 1988 Olympiad did not qualify for the knockouts. However, the same German team won the Europeans in Turku in 1989, beating the Netherlands. When both went to Perth for the *Venice Cup*, the Netherlands had their revenge, knocking us out in the semi-finals, and we then lost the play-off by 3imps to Canada.

In 1991 we came second in the Killarney Europeans. In Yokohama, in the *Venice Cup*, we lost to Austria in the quarter-finals by 6imps. We won every set except one, where we lost almost a hundredimps! We also lost in the semi-finals of the 1992 Olympiad to Great Britain, and again we lost the play-off, this time to France.

In 1993 in Menton at the Europeans I became friendly with a member of the German Open team, Klaus Repp. The Ladies just qualified in fourth place for the *Venice Cup* and we went to Santiago with Klaus as captain for the first time. We won the silver medal losing to the USA in the final.

1995 was our big year. At the Vilamoura Europeans Sabine & I won the Ladies Pairs and the team took silver. We went to Beijing with Repp as captain and won the *Venice Cup*. We beat France in the semi-final easily. In the final against the USA we were actually down going into the last set, but won this big to become world champions. Klaus at the age of 25 became the youngest person to captain a world champion team. We married the following year.

In the 1996 Olympiad in Rhodes we lost to Canada in the quarter-final. In Montecatini Sabine & I retained the Ladies Pairs title, and the team came fourth, so we qualify for Tunisia.

What is your job?

I got a job with a bridge-player, Georg Nippgen, in Karlsruhe. I do software development in the field of Company Consultants.

If you had a magic wand, what would you change about bridge?

If bridge had the coverage in the media of tennis or golf, I could give up my job and become full-time bridge ... and have some real holidays!

Patrick Jourdain



ITALY RETAINS OPEN TITLE

The *Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge* played host to the 43rd *GENERALI* European Bridge Championships, held from 14 to 28 June 1997.

The venue was located in the heart of *Tuscany*, in the spa town of *Montecatini*, a favourite of *Verdi*, who came often to relax and take the cures.

OPEN SERIES

1	ITALY	674.5
2	POLAND	653.5
3	NORWAY	650
4	DENMARK	630
5	FRANCE	616
6	NETHERLANDS	610
7	GREAT BRITAIN	609.5
8	SWEDEN	605.5
9	SPAIN	600
10	ICELAND	599.5
11	GREECE	565.5
12	RUSSIA	554.5
13	BELGIUM	550.5
14	IRELAND	545.5
15	FINLAND	537.5
16	HUNGARY	531
17	LEBANON	530
18	GERMANY	512
19	TURKEY	510.5
20	BULGARIA	507
21	AUSTRIA	502
22	ISRAEL	502
23	CROATIA	490
24	PORTUGAL	466
25	YUGOSLAVIA	463
26	ROMANIA	451
27	UKRAINE	449.5
28	ESTONIA	449
29	CZECH REP.	445
30	SAN MARINO	442.5
31	SWITZERLAND	440
32	BELARUS	436.5
33	LIECHTENSTEIN	425
34	SLOVENIA	361.5
35	LITHUANIA	339

The competitors, who represented 36 countries, were in close proximity to the renowned attractions of Florence, Pisa, Sienna and Lucca.

A record number of thirty-five countries contested the *Open* series. Remarkably, only seven, *Italy*, *France*, *Great Britain*, *Poland*, *Sweden*, *Austria* and *Hungary* have won this Championship which started in 1932 in *Scheveningen*, the *Netherlands*.

Many of the worlds outstanding players were taking

part, but no team could match the skills of the host nation, *Italy*. They took the lead after seven rounds and were never headed, going on to record their fourteenth victory.

It was a second successive triumph for **Andrea Buratti**, **Massimo Lanzarotti**, **Lorenzo Lauria**, **Alfredo Versace** and npc **Carlo Mosca** and a first for their colleagues **Norberto Bocchi** and **Giorgio Duboin**.

The silver medals went to *Poland*, the bronze to *Norway*. These three teams

The Championships on Internet

As has become the norm, the event was reported in depth, not only by the Daily Bulletin, but also by the outstanding *World Bridge Federation* site, which is located at www.bridge.gr. So quickly did they update their pages that they received an e-mail message from bridge mad Iceland confirming that they had beaten the local media in providing the results! The WBF site information was mirrored on a number of other sites worldwide.

The event was also reported daily at the FIGB site in Italian, while the Dutch firm *Bridge Plaza* (www.bridgeplaza.com) carried the Vugraph match shortly after it was played.

have qualified to represent Europe in the *Bermuda Bowl* in *Hammamet, Tunisia* in October, together with the sides finishing fourth and fifth, *Denmark* and *France*.

The last named, the reigning Olympic Champions, appeared to have forfeited their chance to add the World title to their collection when they could only defeat the new European Champions, *Italy*, 16-14 in the last round. They needed *Great Britain* to inflict a heavy defeat on the *Netherlands*.

The sporting nature of the contest and the camaraderie between the players was illustrated when it became clear that *Great Britain* had scored a decisive victory and **Paul Chemla** promptly embraced the **Hackett** twins.

A *French* official told the British players, 'Now *Trafalgar* and *Waterloo* are forgiven!'

Twenty-four teams contested the *Ladies* series and by a remarkable coincidence, again only seven countries have tasted the

LADIES SERIES

1	GREAT BRITAIN	434
2	FRANCE	422
3	ISRAEL	419.5
4	GERMANY	403
5	NETHERLANDS	401
6	ITALY	396
7	AUSTRIA	392
8	POLAND	389
9	SWEDEN	379.5
10	SPAIN	379
11	CZECH REP.	361
12	BELGIUM	346
13	SWITZERLAND	329
14	RUSSIA	314.5
15	HUNGARY	309.5
16	ICELAND	303.5
17	GREECE	295.5
18	FINLAND	292.5
19	DENMARK	290.5
20	MONACO	285
21	PORTUGAL	281
22	IRELAND	268
23	CROATIA	255.5
24	TURKEY	230



BRITAIN WINS WOMEN

cup of victory, namely, *Austria, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Italy, Sweden and Germany*.

Great Britain swept to victory, their twelfth in all and the first since 1981.

Nicola Smith and **Sandra Landy** were winning for the fourth time, **Pat Davies** for the second, whilst **Michele Handley, Liz McGowan** and **Heather Dhondy** were celebrating a first European title.

Second place went to *France* and *Israel* was third.

The holders, *Germany*, and the *Netherlands* join these three in Europe's pursuit of the *Venice Cup*.

During the Championships, Andrzej Orlow, the President of the *Polish Bridge Union* and Dr Ernst-Otto Renth, the President of the *German Bridge Federation* signed a bridge related agreement between the two countries in the presence of the EBL President, Bill Pencharz.

It provides for broad co-operation between the two countries and is the first such agreement to be recognised by the governments of both countries.

In both the major team championships, the performance of each pair was monitored using the *Butler* method of scoring.

The running totals were reported in the *Daily Bulletin* and the leading three Pairs in both the *Open* and the *Ladies Series* have been invited to represent the EBL in the **2nd MARLBORO China Cup**, which will be held in China at the beginning of September.

The invited pairs from the *Open* series are *Italy's Buratti & Lanzarotti, Poland's Baliński & Zmudzinski* and *Denmark's Blakset & Christiansen*.

In the *Ladies*, the invitees are from *France, Saul & Bessis*, from *Germany, von Arnim & Auken*, and from *Great Britain, Landy & Handley*.

A magnificent closing ceremony and medal presentation brought the Championships to a close. Everyone vowed to meet again in two years time in *Izmir*, when *Turkey* will be the hosts.

Mark Horton



FRANCE WINS EUROPEAN SENIORS

The second European Seniors Teams Championship was contested for the second time, following its successful introduction in Villamoura, Portugal, in 1995.

Transnational teams are permitted to compete but the title was captured by a powerful *French* squad, **Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Claude Delmouly** and **Jean Marc Roudinesco**, which would not have been disgraced had it represented *France* in the *Open* series.

Nuno, the **Portuguese Bridge Federation** is one of the smaller Federations in Europe, but it has achieved some very big things. Please tell us something about them.

In 1993 we hosted the *European Union Championships* in Montechoro.

The President at the time, **José Soares de Oliveira**, was most successful in finding sponsors. This gave us the confidence to apply to host the main European Championships in Vilamoura in 1995. In between we organized the University Championships in Lisbon.

How did you raise the finance for such undertakings?

We obtained grants from the government in two areas: Sports & Tourism; as well as sponsorship from several commercial bodies. This was more than enough to cover our obligations at the Championships.

I have enjoyed attending your Annual Congress in Estoril. Please tell us something about the structure of the Federation.

We have just over a thousand members, identified individually, from a population of 10 million. The members belong to 39 affiliated clubs grouped into seven regions.

We have a Board elected every four years by the members. We have a quarterly magazine for members and a small office inside a Lisbon Bridge Club.

Interview with
the President of the
Portuguese Bridge Federation
by *Patrick Jourdain*



**NUNO
MATOS**

Later this year, with a grant from the government, we are expecting to move into our own Headquarters. We have one full-time employee, *Cristina João*, who does the administrative work. She has a part-time assistant who does the book-keeping

and helps with national tournaments.

How is bridge teaching in Portugal?

We have a list of approved teachers. Some of these have a special licence

agreed with the Ministry of Education to teach bridge in schools for up to two hours per week. We already have 17 schools in the scheme.

Next year we launch a Schools Team Championship to join the existing School Pairs event.

Has Portugal had any major success in international bridge?

We had a silver medal in the Junior Europeans and fifth place in the European Open, but this seems a long time ago.

Please tell us something about yourself.

I became President in April 1996 after José Soares de Oliveira was elected to the EBL Executive Committee.

My job is in data communications. I am a board member of *Telepac*, a company ranked in the top 150 in Portugal. It is owned by *Portuguese Telecom*.

I am a single man and my main hobbies other than bridge are tennis and the cinema.

I have represented Portugal in the Europeans in Elsinore, and I have won the Portuguese National Pairs twice.

Nano, we hear that you are organising a major Congress next June to coincide with the World Exposition to be held in Lisbon. We look forward to being there. Thank you for your time.





GOLDEN MOMENTS FOR POLAND AND FRANCE

The outstanding organizational skills of the Netherlands Bridge Federation were very much in evidence at the **9th European Open Pairs Championship** and the **4th Seniors Pairs Championship** which both took place in The Hague.

They had the advantage of being able to stage the event in an outstanding venue, The Hague's Congress centre.

Historians and students of literature were quick to point out that the centre was located on Johan de Witte laan, named after a famous Dutchman who was featured in the well known Alexander Dumas novel *The Black Tulip*.

In the field of technology, the hosts excelled themselves, supplying state-of-the-art equipment for the scoring team and the people working to send news of the tournament round

the world via the Internet, now an integral and essential service at all major bridge events.

After three days of qualifying in both events, the fields were divided, with the leading 112 pairs playing a three session semi-final from which the top 40 pairs qualified for the final. A repechage system allowed four lucky pairs to fight their way back into the final, so the field chasing glory comprised 44 pairs. It was a major surprise that their number did not include the reigning champions, Poland's **Piotr Gawrys** & **Krzysztof Lasocki**. An unfortunate illness saw their score in the first session of the semi-final plummet to an almost unbelievable 33.96%, and there was no way back. Those who did make it had three sessions of all play all, in which to stake their claim for the gold medals.

The final featured *barometer*

scoring, where all the players play the same boards at the same time. This enables the scoring team to produce an up to the minute result table at the end of each round, enabling every pair to see it's exact position all the way through - and if necessary change their tactics accordingly. It also enables the spectators to concentrate on the leading pairs, although with no viewgraph in operation it was standing room only at every table.

After two sessions where the players jockeyed for position, the *Open* event witnessed one of the most fluctuating and exciting final sessions in the history of these Championships. It was like a horse race where the winner comes through on the rails at the very last moment. For a time it looked as if the French pair, **Quantin-Abecassis**, who won in 1991 and 1993, would capture the title for the

third time, but in a photo-finish they were pipped at the post by the previously unheralded Polish pairing of **Roman Kierznowski** & **Krzysztof Lukaszewicz**. Third place went to Sweden's **Peter Fredin** & **Magnus Lindkvist**.

There was similar drama in the *Seniors* event where the long time leaders, Germany's **Goran Mattson** & **Hans Humburg** were overtaken by the French Women **Nadine Cohen** & **Marie-France Renoux**, who thus achieved the distinction of being the first women to capture a European Pairs Championship (other than women's pairs.)

It is a remarkable fact that since the inception of the Open Championships in 1976, the winners have come exclusively from just two countries, France & Poland. Will this tradition be maintained in 1999?

Mark Horton

1997 EUROPEAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN	1	Kierznowski - Lukaszewicz	POL
	2	Quantin - Abecassis	FRA
	3	Fredin - Lindkvist	SWE
	4	Gotard - Holowksi	GER
	5	Mari - Levy	FRA
	6	van Cleeff - Jansma	NTH
	7	Abate - Morelli	ITA
	8	Romanski - Kowalski	POL
	9	Cronier - Willard	FRA
	10	Gierulski - Henclik	POL
	11	Oltmans - Oltmans	NTH
	12	Nahmias - Bitran	FRA

SENIORS	1	Cohen - Renoux	FRA
	2	Humburg - Mattson	GER
	3	Riise - Satterod	NOR
	4	Hall - Lind	SWE
	5	Gwis - Polek	POL
	6	Nowak - Stobiecki	POL
	7	Serf - Tintner	FRA
	8	Sanglier - Delmouly	FRA
	9	Dan - Masur	ISR
	10	Katz - Rand	ISR
	11	Golick - Golick	ISR
	12	van Bezouw - Laas	NTH

MASTER POINTS

- New EBL Master Points regulations are being worked out and will soon come into effect.
- In particular, a European *Ranking List* will be maintained based on Master Points won over the last four years, depreciated by a percentage depending on the date the points were won.
- **Paul Maris** of the Netherlands is the EBL Master Points Secretary. NCBOs are encouraged to contact him for any matter regarding Master Points, the EBL scheme of awards, etc.



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TOP HOLDERS / OPEN

1	Paul CHEMLA	1129	G	FRA
2	Michel PERRON	1005	G	FRA
3	Piotr GAWRYS	981	G	POL
4	Hervé MOUIEL	904	G	FRA
5	Anton MAAS	869	G	NTH
6	Alain LÉVY	847	G	FRA
7	Cezary BALICKI	836	G	POL
8	Jens AUKEN	832	L	DEN
9	Krzysztof MARTENS	809	G	POL
10	Adam ZMUDZINSKI	803	G	POL
11	Michel LEBEL	802	G	FRA
12	Christian MARI	723	G	FRA
13	Jan FUCIK	714	G	AUT
14	Per Olof SUNDELIN	711	G	SWE
15	Marcin LESNIEWSKI	699	G	POL
16	Franz TERRANEO	663	G	AUT
17	Tommy GULLBERG	642	G	SWE
--	Krzysztof LASOCKI	642	G	POL
19	Hans GÖTHE	622	G	SWE
20	Anders MORATH	608	G	SWE
21	Marek SZYMANOWSKI	604	G	POL
22	Heinrich BERGER	593	G	AUT
23	Wolfgang MEINL	591	G	AUT
24	Dennis KOCH	588	L	DEN
25	Lars BLAKSET	570	L	DEN
26	Lorenzo LAURIA	566	G	ITA
27	Kurt FEICHTINGER	564	G	AUT
--	Philippe SOULET	564	G	FRA
29	Henri SZWARC	558	G	FRA
30	Jacek ROMANSKI	554	G	POL
31	Berry WESTRA	551	G	NTH
32	Sven-Olov FLODQVIST	546	G	SWE
33	Tony FORRESTER	543	G	GBR
34	Tor HELNESS	542	L	NOR
35	Jón BALDURSSON	539	G	ICE
36	Tomasz PRZYBORA	536	G	POL
37	Helmut HÄUSLER	531	L	GER
38	Apolinary KOWALSKI	528	G	POL
39	J-C. QUANTIN	518	G	FRA
40	Björn FALLENIIUS	509	G	SWE
41	Peter SCHALTZ	508	L	DEN
42	Geir HELGEMO	506	L	NOR
43	Steen MØLLER	504	L	DEN
44	David BIRMAN	503	L	ISR
45	Enri LEUFKENS	498	L	NTH
46	Fritz KUBAK	495	L	AUT
--	Peter SPLETTSTÖSSER	495	L	GER
48	Piotr TUSZYNSKI	475	L	POL
49	Adalsteinn JÖRGENSEN	471	L	ICE
50	André MULDER	470	L	NTH

TOP HOLDERS / WOMEN

1	Bep VRIEND	850	G	NTH
2	Marijke van der PAS	719	G	NTH
3	Sabine AUKEN	629	G	GER
4	Elly SCHIPPERS	604	G	NTH
5	Sylvie WILLARD	583	G	FRA
6	Sandra LANDY	576	G	GBR
7	Daniela von ARNIM	557	G	GER
8	Nicola SMITH	541	G	GBR
9	Maria ERHART	536	G	AUT
--	Véronique BESSIS	536	G	FRA
11	Sally BROCK	479	G	GBR
12	Gabriele BAMBERGER	451	G	AUT
13	Claude BLOUQUIT	446	G	FRA
14	Karin CAESAR	444	G	GER
15	Marianne MÖGEL	436	G	GER
16	Beate NEHMERT	433	G	GER
17	Bénédicte CRONIER	424	G	FRA
18	Catherine SAUL	421	G	FRA
19	Pat DAVIES	414	G	GBR
20	Marisa d'ANDREA	412	G	ITA
21	Ginette CHEVALLEY	409	G	FRA
22	Carla ARNOLDS	403	G	NTH
23	Danielle GAVIARD	396	G	FRA
24	Elisabeth DELOR	384	G	FRA
25	Luciana CAPODANNO	368	G	ITA
--	Waltraud VOGT	368	G	GER
27	Charlotte PALMUND	362	G	DEN
28	Colette LISE	359	G	FRA
29	Dorthe SCHALTZ	355	G	DEN
30	Terry WEIGKRICHT	339	G	AUT
31	Bettina KALKERUP	289	L	DEN
32	Doris FISCHER	281	L	AUT
33	Migri ZUR-ALBU	271	L	ISR
34	Andrea RAUSCHEID	260	L	GER
35	Gabriella OLIVIERI	254	L	ITA
36	Danièle AVON	245	L	FRA
37	Nadine COHEN	240	L	FRA
--	Ruth PORAT-LEVIT	240	L	ISR
39	Fabienne PIGEAUD	237	L	FRA
40	Kareen SCHROEDER	235	L	GER
41	Jet PASMAN	228	L	NTH
42	Valérie POLET	223	M	BEL
43	Ellen BAKKER	220	L	NTH
44	Ine GIELKENS	218	L	NTH
45	Elizabeth McGOWAN	214	L	GBR
46	Kirsten MØLLER	209	L	DEN
47	Carla GIANARDI	206	L	ITA
48	Catherine GUILLAUMIN	205	L	FRA
49	Anneke SIMONS	204	L	NTH
50	Britt-Marie ÖDLUND	202	L	SWE
51	Monica CUZZI	199	L	ITA
52	Enrichetta GUT	198	L	ITA
53	Anna VALENTI	193	L	ITA
54	Pia ANDERSSON	187	L	SWE
55	Marisa BIANCHI	186	L	ITA
56	Sandra PENFOLD	179	M	GBR

Lists correct as at 1 April 1997



AUKEN-VON ARNIM RETAIN EUROPEAN LADIES PAIRS CROWN

Sabine Auken & Daniela von Arnim, representing Germany retained the Ladies Pairs Championship. They defended the title they had captured two years ago in Vilamoura. It confirmed their status as the worlds leading women's pair. The runners-up were Italy's Cristina Golin & Gabriella Olivieri, whilst the bronze medals went to France in the shape of Nadine Cohen & Helene Zuccarelli.

1997 EUROPEAN LADIES PAIRS FINAL

1	AUKEN	von ARNIM	GER	1207.5
2	Golin	Olivieri	ITA	1180.9
3	Cohen	Zuccarelli	FRA	1178.9
4	Azzimonti	Gentili	ITA	1171.6
5	Rosetta	de Lucchi	ITA	1156.3
6	Vriend	van der Pas	NTH	1152.0
7	Caesar	Nehmert	GER	1143.9
8	Marczona	Kasa	HUN	1141.4
9	Barber	Barness	ISR	1134.6
10	Rigney	Dowling	IRE	1131.0
11	Vanuzzi	Caspani	ITA	1128.0
12	Gromova	Volina	RUS	1103.0
13	Driessens	Polet	BEL	1093.3
14	Macieszczak	Siwek	POL	1091.8
15	Das	Blouquit	FRA	1088.7
16	Penfold	Teshome	GBR	1076.9
17	Banaszkiewicz	Krogulsska	POL	1074.2
18	Stathacopoulou	Karamanli	GRE	1066.5
19	Hirchenaut	Allouche	FRA	1062.8
20	Vellutini	Masotti	ITA	1057.3
21	Pasman	Simons	NTH	1053.7
22	Svobodova	Pokorna	CZE	1051.9
23	Forti	Buratti	ITA	1051.9
24	De Serafini	Dei Poli	ITA	1040.1
25	Erdeova	Bajelova	CZE	1023.4
26	Rovera	Gianardi	ITA	1015.0
27	Viotto	Faller	ITA	975.6
28	Aysen	Gul	TUR	974.8



From

Anna Maria Torlontano

2nd Vice President EBL
Chairman, EBL Ladies Cmte

*I am very pleased to be able to report on the great success of our venture with **GENERALI** Insurance, which meant that we were able to contact individually all the lady bridge players in many European Countries, sending them a letter about our activities and giving them the opportunity to learn more about the work that we do. I wish to thank the countries that co-operated so wholeheartedly in this venture, because without all the work that they did we would not have succeeded. **GENERALI** Insurance sponsored us in this venture and I am delighted to have the opportunity to thank them publicly for their generosity and assistance.*

Ladies Bridge in Europe is gaining momentum, with more women joining the game and playing in our events. I hope that by the time you read this you already know that we held a very successful Ladies Pairs Championship in Montecatini, followed, of course, by the Ladies Teams Championship.

*Our next venture is in 1998 when we plan to organise a **Ladies Jamboree** in Budapest. The programme will, of course, be quite different to that of the first Jamboree held in Hungary. Full details of this wonderful holiday of bridge will be available soon, and if you would like them sent to you, please contact your NCBO or write to **Anna Gudge**, Secretary to the Ladies Committee, at The Old Railway Station, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9HN, Great Britain.*

I would like to thank the many of you who have supported our efforts in the past, and look forward to receiving your future co-operation.

JULY



11-13 2nd World Junior Pairs Championship / Santa Sofia, **Italy**

14-22 2nd World Junior Camp / Santa Sofia, **Italy**

24-31 White Nights International Bridge Festival / St. Petersburg, **Russia**

OCTOBER

2-5 24th Tallinn International Bridge Festival *Vilnius Cup '97* / Vilnius, **Lithuania**

11 Kroegen Tournament / Amsterdam, **The Netherlands**

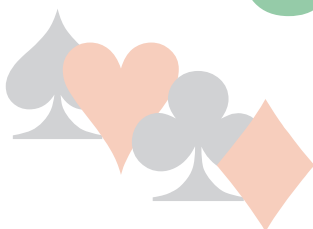
17-19 EBU Autumn Congress / Bournemouth, **Great Britain**

19-November 2 33rd Bermuda Bowl / Hammamet, **Tunisia**

19-November 2 11th Venice Cup / Hammamet, **Tunisia**

28-November 2 1st Transnational Open Teams / Hammamet, **Tunisia**

COMPETITION CALENDAR



26-August 3 2nd Swedish Open Teams Cup / Skövde, **Sweden**

30-August 4 14th International Summer Bridge Tournament / St. Moritz, **Switzerland**

NOVEMBER

7-9 EBU Seniors' Congress / Coventry, **Great Britain**

7-9 Monte Carlo Team Tournament / Monte Carlo, **Monaco**

7-9 12th International Bridge Tournament *Puerto de la Cruz* / Tenerife, **Spain**

16-23 3rd Red Sea International Bridge Festival / Eilat, **Israel**

20-23 Winter Lake Balaton Festival / Lake Balaton, **Hungary**

20-23 19th International Bridge Festival *Brasov* / Polana Brasov, **Romania**



AUGUST

3-9 29th International Bridge Week / Loiben, **Austria**

4-13 6th World Junior Team Championship / Hamilton, Ontario, **Canada**

6-10 7th Viru Bridge / Vosu Beach, **Estonia**

15-24 EBU Brighton Summer Congress / Brighton, **Great Britain**

21-27 Lake Balaton Bridge



Festival / Lake Balaton, **Hungary**

30-September 4 36th International Bridge Festival / Pula, **Croatia**

SEPTEMBER

5-13 12th International Bridge Festival / Mamaia, **Romania**

11-14 8th International Bridge Festival *'Minsk Cup'* / Minsk, **Belarus**

DECEMBER

7-9 English Bridge Union Year End Congress / London, **Great Britain**

Mark your diary...

5th EUROPEAN MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aachen, Germany
28 March - 3 April 1998

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