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# Junior Review

**ANDREAS GLOYER**, 23, and **BERND SAURER**, 25, of Austria are the winners of the **3rd World Junior Pairs Championship**, which was held at the *Nymburk Sports Centre*, Nymburk, The Czech Republic, 9-11 July 1999.

With an average of 58.61%, the winners prevailed over France's **FELICIE N DAUX**, 22, and **JULIEN GEITNER**, 23, who were runners-up with 58.46% A little behind came **BERNARDO BIONDO**, 24, and **FRANCESCO MAZZADI**, 23, of Italy who averaged 58.37%

The new World Champions were among the 186 pairs from 28 countries that took part in the biggest international Junior event ever staged in the history of the game.

The tournament was played in four sessions, scored with the *barometer* system, whereby running scores are published frequently during play.

The first session saw a transnational pair, **Nathalie Frey** of France and **Monika Kümmel** of Austria, taking an early lead with 67.52% Other good scores were achieved by Sweden's **Nyström-Strömberg** and the de Groot brothers from The Netherlands.

After the second session, another Dutch pair, **Drijver-de Wijs**, had climbed to third, while **Nyström-Strömberg** remained second. The tournament had new leaders, however. They were **Andreas Gloyer** and **Bernd Saurer** of Austria who had captured first place intending to keep it for good!

**Drijver-de Wijs** had a good third session, after which they were placed second, just behind the Austrians who nevertheless had built up a very comfortable lead of 2.2%. The third position, however, was occupied by a pair that was new at the top: **Buras-Kapala** of Poland.

With one session to go, **Gloyer-Saurer** seemed fairly certain to win, but the finish proved to be a thrilling one. Throughout the game, the Austrians saw their lead getting smaller and smaller - but, fortunately, not too small! The margin of 0.15% was a distant reminder of their earlier impressive lead, but it had one



## AUSTRIA WINS WORLD JUNIOR PAIRS FRANCE AND ITALY COLLECT OTHER MEDALS AT RECORD EVENT

important advantage: it was achieved at the right moment, i.e. at the end of the game. So the Austrians were the new World Champions.

The two positions behind them were filled by two pairs who had not been seen at a top place at the end of any session. Choosing the right moment, **Daux-Geitner** of France and **Biondo-Mazzadi** of Italy, outscored all other earlier leaders and ended up in medal positions. At the same time, the Americano-Canadian combination of **Josh Heller** and **Joel Wooldridge** ended up in 7th place which was enough to earn them the special prize of the best *Schools* pair (up to 20 years) in the competition.

**Gloyer-Saurer** is the second Austrian pair to win the Junior Pairs title. Their compatriots **Seidel-Wodniansky** were the first winners of the tournament when it was introduced as a European event in 1991. Two years later, the winners were **Dall-Thomsen** of Denmark. Norway's **Broge-Helgemo** prevailed at the first world event in 1995, while **Solbrand-Wademark** of Sweden were the 1997 winners and reigning champions until **Nymburk**.

### FINAL RANKINGS

1	GLOYER - SAURER	AUT	58.61
2	DAUX - GEITNER	FRA	58.46
3	BIONDO - MAZZADI	ITA	58.37
4	KUCHARSKI - LUTOSTANSKI	POL	58.19
5	HALLDORSSON - HARALDSSON	ICE	57.99
6	NYSTRÖM - STRÖMBERG	SWE	57.94
7	HELLER - WOOLDRIDGE	CAN/USA	57.66
8	CZECZKO - WITTENBECK	POL	57.40
9	BURAS - KAPALA	POL	57.32
10	KONOW - MADSEN	DEN	57.18
11	DRIJVER - DE WIJS	NTH	56.60
12	BURGHOUT - HASPER	NTH	56.59
13	GREEN - HAZEL	GBR	56.54
14	GINDA - PILCH	POL	56.53
15	COLDEA - RÔTARU	ROM	56.49
16	CLARSON - McCORMAC	IRE	56.17
17	HOFFMAN - LALOUCHE	ISR	56.06
18	PIASECKI - PIONTKE	POL	56.00
19	TESSIÈRES - TESSIÈRES	MAR	55.75
20	FERRANDO - RÔMBAUT	FRA	55.72
21	BALSCHUN - LINDE	GER	55.62



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The **3rd World Junior Bridge Camp** was held in Nymburk, The Czech Republic, 12-20 July 1999. A wonderful venue, a rich programme, an excellent atmosphere and lots of fun was all that was needed by the 105 participants from 20 countries to enjoy their time at the Camp and leave with happy memories - and many new friends.

The Camp followed immediately after the Junior Pairs Championship. All participants were lodged under the same roof and followed a daily programme which provided many activities but also lots of free time.

Camp mornings were usually devoted to physical sports, and tournaments were held in soccer, volleyball and basketball. After lunch, the Camp's two lecturers divided the field and spoke on various bridge subjects suitable for weaker and stronger players. Afternoons varied, but every night there was an organized bridge tournament in which the standard Camp rule applied: participants were not expected to play with a partner from their own country. The tournaments were followed by a midnight snack, and then most Juniors preferred to continue their day - some with more bridge and others socializing.

Participants spent an unforgettable day in Prague, courtesy of the Czech organizers. However, time passed too soon. At the closing ceremony, the WBF Award winners were announced, and the appointment for the next Camp was renewed with the traditional festivities of the various groups.

## Steve de Roos wins Youth Cup

**Steve de Roos**, 18, of Belgium is the 1999 winner of the *Youth Cup*.

Established in 1987 by **Dirk Schroeder** of Germany, the Youth Cup is awarded every two years to the Camp participant with the best results over three Pairs events in which he played with three different partners from three different countries, excluding his own.

In Nymburk, **de Roos** captured the Cup, finishing ahead of Ionut Coldea of Romania and Miltos Karamanlis of Greece in a close race.





## WBF YOUTH AWARDS 1999



**Josh Heller**  
Canada

*This award goes to a young man who despite - or perhaps because - of his controversial personality breathes life into Junior Bridge wherever and whenever he participates at whatever level. His boundless enthusiasm has helped to advance the cause of bridge both in his home country, his zone and worldwide. His colourful nature has sometimes taken him to the brink but he has the spirit that is required in the camp. Aged 19, he recently finished High School and is going to study commerce at Queens University.*



**Monika Miroslaw**  
Germany

*The second award goes to a 21-year-old who is already a camp veteran. She has an outgoing personality that enables her to make newcomers to the camp feel welcome. Sometimes described as the 'Good Samaritan' of Junior Bridge she always finds the time to help both her fellow campers and the organizers. Her first consideration is the enjoyment of others. She hopes to take a course in hotel management in or around Frankfurt. Warmest congratulations to Germany's Monika Miroslaw.*



**Kathrine Stensrud**  
Norway

*This is another young lady who has an international character that combined with her charming personality enables her to make friends easily. Her ability to organize all manner of fun packed activities has endeared her to everyone and typifies the spirit of the camp. She has that rare quality that enables her to get along with the wide range of people that participate in junior events. Her wonderful spirit has spread all over the camp. At 24, she is currently relaxing after obtaining her Master's degree in Mathematics.*



**Thomas Schønfeldt**  
Denmark

*This is a 22-year old young man who exemplifies the WBF award scheme. He is enthusiastic and is one of those rare people who light up a room when they enter. The warmth of his personality is infectious and puts everyone at ease. His courteousness, generosity and helpful nature have endeared him to everyone. He was nominated in considerable numbers, clear evidence of the remarkable impression he has made. He is studying to be technical engineer and teaches 'oldies' bridge.*



## EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

The University Championship - the first to embrace all EBL member countries - starts in Weimar, Germany, on Monday 9 August, and will be concluded on Sunday 15 August.

The venue is Mon Ami, a magnificently renovated youth centre in Goetheplatz. Weimar is Europe's 1999 cultural capital.

The tournament will be played under the FISU (International University Sports Federation) rules as a simple round-robin. There will also be a sightseeing tour and other attractions.

## JUNIORS GET READY FOR WORLD TEAMS EUROPE REPRESENTED BY ITALY, DENMARK, ISRAEL & NORWAY

Everything is ready for the **7th World Junior Teams Championship** which gets under way in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, on Monday 9 August. 17 teams from all over the world will spend the next nine days contesting the *Ortiz-Patiño* Trophy, symbol of supremacy at Junior bridge. The new world champion will be crowned by the WBF President Emeritus at the closing ceremony on Wednesday 18 August.

Taking part in the competition are representative teams from all geographical zones of the *World Bridge Federation*, selected in many cases after tough trials. This year, the following will be lined up at the start:

- Zone 1: **Europe**  
*Italy, Denmark, Israel, Norway*
- Zone 2: **North America**  
*USA 1, USA 2, Canada 1, Canada 2*
- Zone 3: **South America**  
*Argentina, Brazil*
- Zone 4: **Asia, Africa & Middle East**  
*Egypt, Pakistan*
- Zone 5: **Central America**  
*Colombia-Martinique-Venezuela*
- Zone 6: **Pacific Asia**  
*China, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei*
- Zone 7: **South Pacific**  
*Australia*

The tournament consists of a round-robin qualifying round, where each team will face all the rest in 16-board matches. After an intense week, the top four teams will advance to the 64-board semifinals. The winners of the semifinals will play the 96-board final that will decide the new world champion, while the losers will be involved in a playoff to decide the bronze medal.

Players failing to qualify will have the opportunity to play in a 2-day Swiss Pairs contest in which transnational partnerships will be allowed and any Junior player may take part.

Besides bridge, a special programme has been arranged to ensure that the young players will take a taste of Florida back home.

Europe has high hopes of retaining a title it has almost always won in the past.



## EUROPEAN JUNIORS TO ATTEND 2000 ACBL CAMP

The **3rd ACBL Junior Bridge Camp** will take place next summer in Southern California.

The venue of the Camp will be **Pitzer College** in Claremont, California, which is situated just outside of Los Angeles. Pitzer College offers a beautiful campus and excellent accommodation, in addition to its convenient location which is close to Los Angeles' famous attractions.

The Camp will get under way with the opening ceremony on **Wednesday 2 August**, and will be concluded one week later. The departure is on **Thursday 10 August**.

The Camp's programme is familiar to those who have attended Camps before, and includes such regular features as physical sports, bridge lectures and many tournaments.

However, the organizers plan to take advantage of the unique attractions of Southern California and are considering adding a fun-filled day at Disneyland, an excursion to Hollywood's Universal Studios, a day trip to the beach, etc.

Once the Camp is over, participants will have the opportunity to take part in the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) which will be held in Anaheim (practically part of Greater Los Angeles), 10-20 August 2000. The NABC is considered one of the best bridge tournaments in the world and attracts a galaxy of bridge stars from all over the globe. The 10-day program includes bridge sessions for all tastes and levels, while the main championship events are covered on Vugraph.

As on previous occasions, the *European Bridge League* is going to support a number of European Juniors to attend the ACBL Camp. Other Juniors may also attend at their own expense. In any case, the consent of the participant's NCBO is necessary.

The EBL arranges a delegation of European Juniors to the ACBL Camp, to reciprocate for the group of American and Canadian Juniors who regularly attend the Camp in Europe, and in order to help the ACBL establish their own Junior Camp tradition. The Juniors who receive EBL support are ambassadors of European youth bridge, and for this reason their selection is made on the basis of previous Camp experience, the good behaviour they have shown, internation-

al spirit, etc. The level of play is not important. Participants should preferably be 17-23 years old, but older Juniors may also be considered. Naturally, EBL support concerns the Camp only; Juniors who decide to stay on for the NABC will be on their own.

Details are yet to be announced, but the Youth Committee invites Juniors of the EBL member countries who feel that they have the quality qualification described above, to express their interest in being part of the European delegation to the 2000 ACBL Junior Camp.

Next year, Juniors will be people born in 1975 or later. Those interested should contact the Youth Committee at the electronic mail address: [youthcmte@bridge.gr](mailto:youthcmte@bridge.gr) before **31 October 1999**.