

World Bridge Federation
Zone 5 (Caribbean & Central America)
Ladies Committee Report

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Bridge Participation/Membership in Our Zone has been on the decline and the Ladies Category is no exception. In the last decade the highest number of entrants for the CACBF Ladies Team Championships was eight in 2005; the average six.

This year, eight Ladies teams participated. Cuba, who became a WBF member in 2010, entered a Ladies Team; Jamaica entered after a six year absence and Panama after more than ten years. Although this is a sign of improvement we urgently need ideas for getting the 21st Century Women to the Bridge table.

Ladies Bridge clubs have been disappearing and those that do exist in my own "home towns" of Trinidad and Barbados tend not to participate in NCBO activities. They feel intimidated by the competition. The fact is that there are no Ladies National tournaments in our zone and Ladies pairs/team awards are generally given to the best Women's pair/team in an Open Event.

The Role I anticipate on this Committee is to get advice, ideas and support for re-developing Ladies Bridge in Our Zone, which was once very active and competitive.

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