

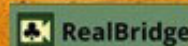
African Bridge Federation

13th ♠♥♦♣

African Bridge Championships

Online - 2025

From April 27th To May 10th



Bulletin 0

Sunday 27th April

Editor Ron Tacchi

A Welcome Message From Your President

Dear Competitors, Dear Officials, Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome to you to the 13th Zonal Championships held on “RealBridge” Platform.

On behalf of our ABF Management Team (Chafika Taktak, Helen-Kruger, Samina Esmail and Jean-Claude Cador), I am grateful to you (Players and NBOs) for having supported us in organizing this Continental Event, for the third time, on-line.

We cannot start our Zonal Trials without remembering the sad passing of our esteemed WBF President, Jan Kamras, who left us on March 17th, this year. To this end, I will be asking all players, at the beginning of each week of the competition, to stand up for a minute of silence to honor his memory. May he rest in eternal peace.

So, what happens next at the WBF level ? The following is “article 28 – Vacancy” of the WBF Statutes :

“Should the position of President become vacant for any reason or the President is unable as a result of incapacity to fulfill his duties, the first Vice President will provisionally fulfill the functions of the President. Should the vacancy or incapacity be permanent, a new President shall be elected at the next ensuing Executive Council meeting for the remainder of the four year term of the former President”

Therefore, on May 16th, the Executive Council will elect a new President who will preside the WBF until the end of 2026. And, towards August 2026, the Executive Council will meet again to elect a new President for the 2027-2030 term.

Currently, it is our Board member, Ben Thompson, first Vice President, who presides the WBF Board. Ben is Australian.



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With regards to the “All Africa Open Pairs” that was supposed to be held on 25th & 26th of April, we owe an apology to all registered players for being forced to cancel the event due to a very low number of entries. We are (and will be) open for suggestions in order to attract a much larger number of entries in the future

Our friends from Zone 4 “BFAME” have just ended their Zonal trials last week and the Indian ogle won three gold medals plus one silver medal and qualified their four teams for the Herning World Teams Championships. The United Arab Emirates was able to win the gold medal in the Mixed category.

On Thursday, April 24th, our CTD, Waleed El Menyawi, organised a “test session” opened specifically to all participants at our trials, in order to let them get used to RealBridge Platform. We were happy to host 16 tables and are happy to congratulate the Pair “Lily Khalil and Sherif Helmy” for leading this amicable event. We were less happy to notice the sudden disappearance of about 5/6 pairs, from one location, three rounds from the end, and without any mark of respect towards our CTD and other participants, which disrupted an organization aimed at helping players to get accustomed to the RealBridge platform. We thank all other players who completed this session

As to the World Teams Championships which will take place in Herning, Denmark, from 20th to 31st of August this year, with registration and an opening ceremony to be held on August 19th, I would like to remind the eight qualified teams of the following : Play will commence on August 20 with a new “6+6” schedule. The qualifying round robins will be played over 6 days (4 matches per day except the 6th day). The 2-day schedule reduction is a step in the WBF efforts to ease the cost of participating in Representative events; a wish expressed by many of member NBOs

Our CTD and Director of Operations, “Jack of all trades”, **Waleed El Menyawi**, brings us the comfort of orchestrating, once more, 2025 Zonal trials. Thank you for your continuous dedication to Zone 8 dear Waleed. We also thank Waleed’s team of Directors : Raad Ootom, from Jordan, and Roland Ponzini, from Tunisia

We also insist on thanking monitors in each country for dedicating their time to oversee the strict & proper conduct of the local organisation

Effective now, through this first bulletin, and through the following ones, you will be able to read, every day, updates, news, results and many other subjects Ron Tacchi is concocting for you, and we thank him for it.

Now, and to all participating Teams, you are about to confront with our best continental players so be ready to enjoy, fight and win. I look forward to congratulating the four Teams who will qualify for Herning, Denmark, at the end of week one, for the Seniors and Mixed, and, by end of week two, for Ladies and Open.

Good luck to all and thank you for making this event a friendly and competitive one.

Bernard Pascal

This message from Bernard Pascal is repeated in French on the back page.





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GMT TIME

Senior Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 09H00			Match (02), 12H30			Match (03), 15H20		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 27	1	1 MOR	x	6 --	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	4 REU
	2	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 --	x	4 REU	5 KEN	x	3 RSA
	3	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	6 --	x	2 EGY
R.R (01)		Match (04), 09H00			Match (05), 12H30			RR(02) Match (01), 15H20		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 28	1	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	6 --	x	1 MOR
	2	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 --	5 KEN	x	2 EGY
	3	5 KEN	x	6 --	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	3 RSA
R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00			Match (03), 12H30			Match (04), 15H20		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 29	1	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3 RSA
	2	4 REU	x	6 --	3 RSA	x	5 KEN	2 EGY	x	4 REU
	3	3 RSA	x	2 EGY	2 EGY	x	6 --	6 --	x	5 KEN
R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00			RR(03), Match (01), 12H30			Match (02), 15H20		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 30	1	2 EGY	x	1 MOR	1 RANK 01	x	6 RANK 06	5 RANK 05	x	1 RANK 01
	2	6 --	x	3 RSA	2 Rank 02	x	5 RANK 05	6 RANK 06	x	4 RANK 04
	3	5 KEN	x	4 REU	3 RANK 03	x	4 RANK 04	2 Rank 02	x	3 RANK 03
R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00			Match (04), 12H30			Match (05), 15H20		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 1	1	1 RANK 01	x	4 RANK 04	3 RANK 03	x	1 RANK 01	1 RANK 01	x	2 Rank 02
	2	5 RANK 05	x	3 RANK 03	4 RANK 04	x	2 Rank 02	3 RANK 03	x	6 RANK 06
	3	6 RANK 06	x	2 Rank 02	5 RANK 05	x	6 RANK 06	4 RANK 04	x	5 RANK 05
FRI & SAT 2,3 May		Semi-Final and Final								
09H00 GMT =		EGY +3		KEN +3		MOR +1		REU +4		RSA +2
12H30 GMT =		12H00		12H00		10H00		13H00		11H00
15H20 GMT =		15H30		15H30		13H30		16H30		14H30
		18H20		18H20		16H20		19H20		17H20
										10H00 AM
										13H30 PM
										16H20 PM





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Mixed Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

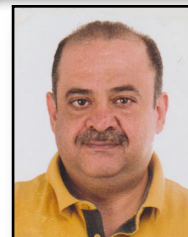
R.R (01)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H20			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
SUN 27	4	1 EGY	x	6 KEN		5 REU	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	4 MOR	
	5	2 TUN	x	5 REU		6 KEN	x	4 MOR		5 REU	x	3 RSA	
	6	3 RSA	x	4 MOR		2 TUN	x	3 RSA		6 KEN	x	2 TUN	
R.R (01)		Match (04), 09H00				Match (05), 12H30				RR(02) Match (01), 15H20			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
MON 28	4	3 RSA	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	2 TUN		6 KEN	x	1 EGY	
	5	4 MOR	x	2 TUN		3 RSA	x	6 KEN		5 REU	x	2 TUN	
	6	5 REU	x	6 KEN		4 MOR	x	5 REU		4 MOR	x	3 RSA	
R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00				Match (03), 12H30				Match (04), 15H20			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
TUE 29	4	1 EGY	x	5 REU		4 MOR	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	3 RSA	
	5	4 MOR	x	6 KEN		3 RSA	x	5 REU		2 TUN	x	4 MOR	
	6	3 RSA	x	2 TUN		2 TUN	x	6 KEN		6 KEN	x	5 REU	
R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00				RR(03), Match (01), 12H30				Match (02), 15H20			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
WED 30	4	2 TUN	x	1 EGY		1 RANK 01	x	6 RANK 06		5 RANK 05	x	1 RANK 01	
	5	6 KEN	x	3 RSA		2 Rank 02	x	5 RANK 05		6 RANK 06	x	4 RANK 04	
	6	5 REU	x	4 MOR		3 RANK 03	x	4 RANK 04		2 Rank 02	x	3 RANK 03	
R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00				Match (04), 12H30				Match (05), 15H20			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
THU 1	4	1 RANK 01	x	4 RANK 04		3 RANK 03	x	1 RANK 01		1 RANK 01	x	2 Rank 02	
	5	5 RANK 05	x	3 RANK 03		4 RANK 04	x	2 Rank 02		3 RANK 03	x	6 RANK 06	
	6	6 RANK 06	x	2 Rank 02		5 RANK 05	x	6 RANK 06		4 RANK 04	x	5 RANK 05	
FRI & SAT 2,3 May		Semi-Final and Final											
		EGY +3		KEN +3		MOR +1		REU +4		RSA +2		TUN +1	
09H00 GMT =		12H00		12H00		10H00		13H00		11H00		10H00 AM	
12H30 GMT =		15H30		15H30		13H30		16H30		14H30		13H30 PM	
15H20 GMT =		18H20		18H20		16H20		19H20		17H20		16H20 PM	





Championship Information

Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:



The Followings are some important information from your Head TD which need to be carefully read by each member, captain or coach of any team, please refer to the [Conditions of Contest](#) for full details.

1. Play Format: Open, Women, Seniors & Mixed teams

1. Three Complete RR (15 Matches X 16 Boards each; in 5 days)
2. The top four teams will qualify to the Semi-final stage, the first ranked team will choose its opponents from between teams ranked 3rd or 4th.
3. Semi-Final will be five Segments of 16 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the [CoC](#) for tie-breaks).
4. For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:
 5. - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in segments 3 & 5 in the Semi-final.
 6. - The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in segments 2 & 4 in the Semi-Final.
 7. - The 1st Segment will be blind line up.
 8. - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in segment 3 in the Final or Play-off.
 9. - The team ranked lower will be the Home team in Segment 2 while segment 1 will be blind.
10. The Final will be three Segments of 14 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the [CoC](#) for tie-breaks).
11. The first 2 RR will be home and away line-ups.
12. The last Round Robin shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played 2 rounds and will be a blind line-up.

2. Teams Events ... Last RR

The last Round Robin for all categories shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played rounds.

3. Please click the link below for instructions

[Alert Procedures - Undo Procedures - General Instructions](#)

Note that : « Systems Policy Change: Please note that as of January 1st 2025 the use of a written defence against the Multi 2 Diamonds (or 2 Clubs) is no longer permitted in WBF events

5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

A. When you log on to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team





name written in one of the Tables.

B. All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

C. In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)

D. The visiting team has to sit first at their table (Pairs NS and EW) and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

6. Request a review

1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD

2. Second step is apply for an official review by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.

3. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.

4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the ABF monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100 (or the equivalent in Euro)

5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

7. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

8. Home & Visiting teams

- When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.
- All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.





- In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)
- NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs NS and EW), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

9. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

- It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play
- Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.
- Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.
- You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD.

10. Kibitzers

- Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at 1) the playing venue, 2) RealBridge online playing room.
- All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.
- All the matches will be broadcasted via RealBridge kibitzer website...

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

- At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.
- For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

11. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

- Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.
- Eating (even if only biscuits)
- Drinking Alcohol
- Smoking
- Going to the WC without permission
- Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense.





RealBridge Training Session

A training session was organised for Thursday evening for competitors to practise using RealBridge. Thirty pairs sat down to play sixteen boards. As usual the sometimes boring looking boards provide some interest. The first board may well fall into this category

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠	—	♠	K872
♥	KQJ1093	♥	A86
♦	J83	♦	Q1092
♣	10942	♣	Q3
♠	AQ96543		
♥	75		
♦	A6		
♣	87		

At fourteen of the tables North opened a weak heart bid or a weak multi Two Diamonds. All but two pairs played in spades, seven made nine tricks and six made ten tricks. The question is what should the result be? On the lead of the king of hearts can declarer make his contract? He can but he must take the first trick with the ace otherwise North can defeat him as I will demonstrate shortly. Having taken the first trick declarer then draws trumps and exits with a heart. North is now in a bind, if he exits with a heart then that eliminates the suit for declarer which allows a club exit to eventually force the defence to open up the diamond suit to their disadvantage. If he exits with a club then South is now thrown in and as he does not have a heart with which he can exit so he too must open up the diamond suit. So if declarer ducks the first trick then an astute North could switch to a club and when South takes two tricks there is still a heart in his hand to use as an exit card and now declarer must tackle the diamond and of course he must lose a trick and so only come to nine tricks.

To beat the contract North has to find the unlikely lead of a club, only people with long necks or divine powers would find that diabolical defence

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 102		
♥ AQ73		
♦ 10975		
♣ A62		
♠ 953		♠ Q74
♥ J542		♥ —
♦ A832		♦ QJ84
♣ 83		♣ KQJ754
	♠ AKJ86	
	♥ K10986	
	♦ K	
	♣ 109	

One pair had an unfortunate misunderstanding and played in Six Diamonds by North, a flagrant breach of Burn's law. The remainder played in hearts and though no one played in slam my first impression of the deal was that there were chances. If West is of the mind to cash the ace of diamonds then indeed twelve tricks can be garnered and it is certainly a plausible line to take. Ruffing the diamond continuation declarer takes a top trump in dummy exposing the 4-0 split and now to succeed in this delicate contract declarer will need five spade tricks and another diamond ruff in hand. So his first action is to take the spade finesse, should it succeed then he has chances. When the ♠10 holds the trick declarer ruffs another diamond in hand – taking care with the heart pips – and draws trumps with the aid of a finesse against the jack and repeats the spade finesse giving him five spades, four hearts, two diamond ruffs and a club trick and so collects his slam bonus.

Any lead of a club or trump would defeat the contract. The club because it removes an entry to dummy and a trump as when a diamond is ducked another round can be played and that prevents declarer from ruffing two diamonds and having the appropriate transport between the two hands.





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Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 107		
♥ —		
♦ A98763		
♣ K8643		
♠ Q854	♠ 963	
♥ Q6432	♥ AKJ109875	
♦ 54	♦ KQ	
♣ 72	♣ —	
	♠ AKJ2	
	♥ —	
	♦ J102	
	♣ AQJ1095	

A lot depended on what East opened, surprisingly it seemed easier for the opposition when East found a Four Hearts opening bid, in general South doubled, North responded 4NT to which South replied Five Clubs and then West would chirp in with Five Hearts and North would go on to the minor-suit slam. Two times out of three East would save in Six hearts which because of the kind spade distribution is only two off. It is a good slam as it only requires the diamond suit to come in for the loss of only one trick, I calculate about 65%. One pair were a trifle lucky in that they played in Six Diamonds, fortunately by North so South was not tested on a club lead and ruff by East.

Local Time

All times quoted within the Bulletins are GMT:

Morocco and Tunisia are one hour ahead.

South Africa is two hours ahead.

Egypt and Kenya are three hours ahead and

Reunion is four hours ahead.

So at 2.00 p.m. it is 3.00 p.m. in Morocco and Tunisia, 4.00 p.m. in South Africa, 5.00 p.m. in Egypt and Kenya and 6.00 p.m. in Reunion.

All information can be found on the website:

www.bridgewebs.com/abf/





Roster - Senior Teams

Egypt

Captain
Ayman Azzam
Amr Farrag
Ayman Azzam
Khaled Abaza
Ahmed Zein
Mohamed El Baz
Ashraf Wahdan

Kenya

Captain
Bhanumati Shah
Bhanumati Shah
Saleem UD Deen
Samina Ismail
Vimla Virjee
Sumitra Shah

Morocco

Captain
Abdellatif Belkouch
Abdellatif Belkouch
Pierre Sibony
Jean Hayet
Guy Cambournac
Hayat Hachimi
Med Said Berrada

Reunion

Captain
Philippe Lagache
Philippe Lagache
Jean-Marc Breslaw
Geneviève Vigna
Catherine Aouate
Narguis Huseinali
Christian Giraud

South Africa

Captain
Brian Pincus
Brian Pincus
Larry Chemaly
Diniar Minwalla
James Grant
Nicky Bateman
Val Bloom

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*Registration and Opening Ceremony on 19 August





Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt

Captain

Baher Ahmed (NPC)

Manal Sallam

Rita Ghosn

Farida Botrous

Moaz Hammam

Hany Dagher

Ahmed Nayer

Kenya

Captain

Sejal Shah

Sejal Shah

Warren Stanley

Kamal Shah

Karima Popat

Raksha Shah

Paresh Shah

Morocco

Captain

Tazi Abderrahim

Tazi Abderrahim

Rokia Hamamsi

Fatim Lahlou

Elie Levy

Lamia Benyahia

Richard Bitton

Reunion

Captain

Patrick Hamel

Patrick Hamel

Régine Wan Hoi

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

Denise Bauquier

Jean-Luc Neulat

South Africa

Captain

Imitiaz Kaprey

Imitiaz Kaprey

Diana Rosslee

Gregory Hingle

Lorraine Weers

Chris Child

Anton Der Kinderen

Tunisia

Captain

Mohamed Rebai (NPC)

Halima Mejri

Jalila Ghodhbane

Maissa Farhani

Mohamed Ali Lakdhar

Moez Fourati

Anis Ghodhbane





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain

Yehia El Shazly

Walid El Ahmady

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Aly El Selehdar

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Yousry

Kenya

Captain

Sejal Shah

Sejal Shah

Kamal Shah

Punam Shah

Bijal Shah

Bhanumati Shah

Warren Stanley

Morocco

Captain

Khalil Bensouda

Khalil Bensouda

Andre O'Hana

Said Badri

Mohammed A Ammor

Tariq Sbili

Said Sbili

Reunion

Captain

Christian Giraud

Christian Giraud

Philippe Lagache

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

South Africa

Captain

Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Noah Apteker

Neville Eber

Tunisia

Captain

Wissem Belazreg

Wissem Belazreg

Anas Mestiri

Omar Meddeb

Ahmed Medeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Moez Fourati





Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain

Ayman Azzam (NPC)

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Nadia Taymour

Nessreine Hamdy

Nada Moussa

Christina Kiami

Kenya

Captain

Samina Ismail

Samina Ismail

Sumitra Shah

Samira Soni

Rupal shah

Vina Verjee

Trupti Haria

Morocco

Captain

Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Samira Teber

Graziella Nabil

Salwa Ayad

Khadija Marrakchi

Marie Claire O'Hana

South Africa

Captain

Tas Nestoridis

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Vanessa Armstrong

Carol Stanton

Lotte Sorensen

Tas Nestoridis

Tunisia

Captain

Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Ferdous Trabelsi

Jalila Ghodhbane

Maissa Farhani

Halima Mejri

Najeh Linda





RealBridge Playing Instructions

First : Log in , Lobby, at the table and Settings

1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a **LINK**

2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24

AND you might also receive it by mail.

3. Click the link and you will be redirected to the log on page of our game which looks like the next figure ...

Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and mic volume showing that it works.

4. If you can't see your video then you need to allow your browser to use your cam and mic, do as follows to allow it

5. From Goggle Chrome and just before the address bar, press the lock icon

6. Allow cam and allow mic.

7. Write your name in the required field and press login – nothing else is to be done- **NO ID number will be used, (leave it blank)**

8. When you logged in you will see the lobby which almost looks like the following figure (**but this figure includes extra buttons for TDs**)

Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat

- For important announcements





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9. Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
10. Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.

Volume control for your partner.

Table 1
Rd 1 / 3
6m

WEST
12

Stephen Peterkin

Sam Punch

Volume control for left-hand opponent. You have a separate volume control for each player. This only affects what you hear.

Private chat with left-hand opponent. You can chat privately only with the opponents, not partner

Volume control for right-hand opponent.

Private chat with right-hand opponent.

Disable/enable your video.

Disable / enable your microphone. Use this when you're on the phone!

Hide / unhide the other players' videos. Use this if you have a poor connection.

Redial. Restarts audio and video connections. Use it if the connection fails, or if your video or audio gets out of sync.

Alert

Last trick Undo
Auction Director
Claim Leave

Andy Bowles

Settings

"Detailed cards" shows pictures of cards; "Simplified cards" are schematic and have larger symbols

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are defending.

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are declaring.

Choose the way you make bids and plays. With "Two taps", the first tap selects the card, then the second tap confirms. "Double click" means that you make two fast clicks.

Display style

- ☒ Detailed cards
- ☐ Simplified cards

As defender, see dummy

- ☐ Facing declarer
- ☒ Facing me

As declarer, see dummy as

- ☐ Vertical suits (facing declarer)
- ☒ Horizontal hand

Input style

- ☒ One click or tap
- ☐ Two taps (tablet)
- ☐ Double click (mouse)

Deal animation

Slide

Animation duration

This controls how a new hand arrives at the beginning of each deal. Choose an effect, or set to "None" to have the hand simply appear.

If you have an animation enabled, use the slider to control how long the animation lasts.

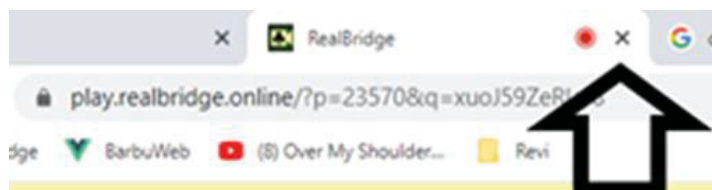
OK Cancel





11. After we play all boards



Leave RealBridge, close the tab. See the small X? just click it.



12. Can Use and Can't use

Can Use	Can't use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows laptop Windows desktop MacBook or another Apple laptop iMac or another Apple desktop Chromebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smartphone Old iPads, older than 2018.

You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

Can Use ü	Can't use û
<p>Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – exactly as below. If it looks different, you are using an out-of-date version. <i><u>If you are choosing amongst your browsers, we advise that you chose something other than Firefox.</u></i></p>	<p>Internet Explorer (notice the gold band) The old EDGE (see shape of the e)</p>
	

Second : Bidding, Play, Alert and System

13. **At the start** of any session, All the team members are required to be seated at the same table (Table with the **team name label**), the system will automatically move the EW pairs to the opponents table when we start the session **and will send them back to their home table when both tables finish playing the boards.**

14. **Private chat and Table chat**

- It is strongly recommended to use the chat rather than the vocal chat; the TDs will not take into consideration any vocal explanation if you have any case.
- I will show you now, 2 figures and will appoint to you where to find the table chat (where the 4 players can see your chat) and where to find the private chat where you can chat privately with one of your opponents (not your partner of-course 😊).

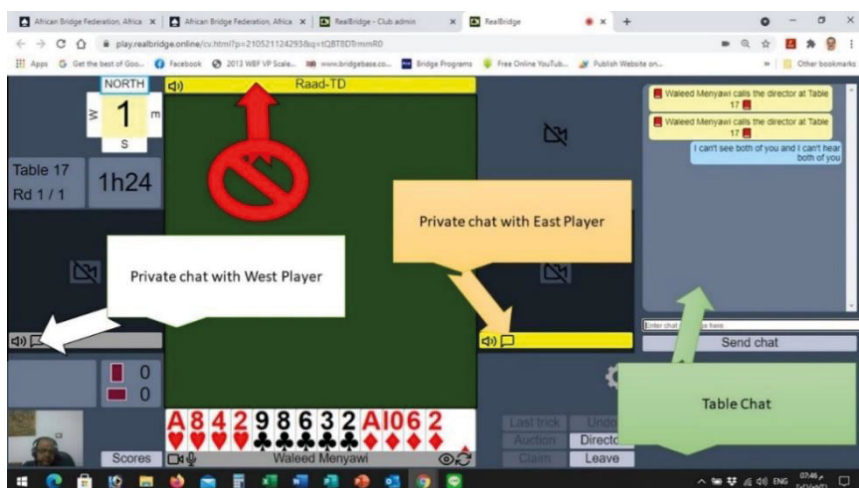




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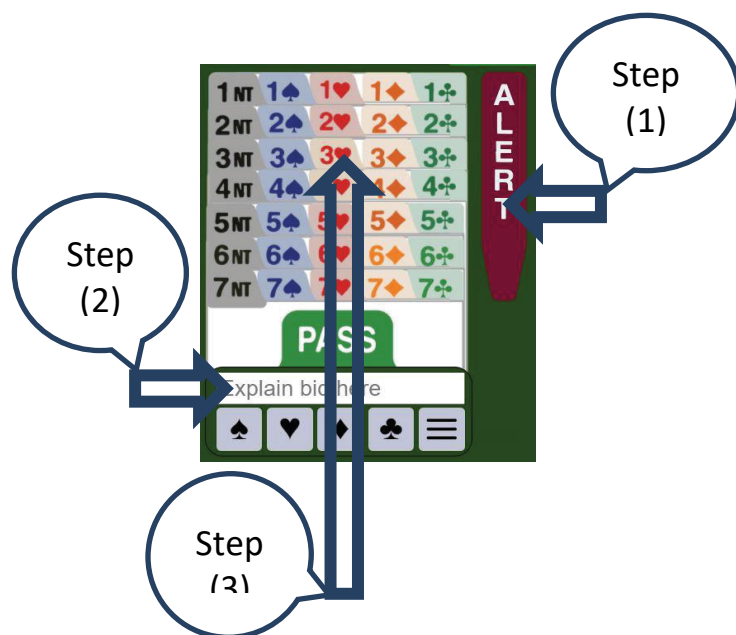
When you are at Full Screen mode



When you are at normal view (NOT Full Screen mode

15. Self-alert and self-explanation proper procedure:

1. Click alert (if required)
2. Write / Put in explanation
3. Make bid





How to load your system card (convention card)

Step 1

Copy the link to your system card/convention card from where it is on the web, like this:

Team	Link to card	Added/Updated	Copy link
CALEDONIA	CC Sam Purnch & Jan Middleton.pdf	18 Apr 2025 21:24	Copy link
CALEDONIA	McQuaker-McGowan WBF 2025.pdf	8 Apr 2025 21:13	Copy link
CALEDONIA	adamson mlina wbf Feb 2025.pdf	5 Apr 2025 17:08	Copy link
CASTELS	Hoja de convenciones Maria Mansilla- Laura Castells 20240109.pdf	16 Apr 2025 11:07	Copy link

- Find your card.
- Click the **Copy Link** button next to the system card name.

Step 2

When sitting at the table, click the System Card/Convention Card icon to the right of your grey name-band at the bottom of the window.

This box appears:



Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- On Windows, right-click in the box. Then do **Paste**.
- On a Mac, hold down **Ctrl** and click in the box. Then do **Paste**.
- On an iPad, long-press in the box. Then do **Paste**.

Click OK.





Un Message d'Accueil de Bernard Pascal

Chers joueurs, chers officiels, chers amis,

Je vous souhaite la bienvenue à la 13ème édition des Championnats d'Afrique (Zone 8) qui se tient sur la plateforme «RealBridge».

Au nom de notre équipe de direction ABF (Chafika Tak-tak, Helen Kruger, Samina Esmail et Jean-Claude Cador), je vous remercie (joueurs et NBO) de nous avoir soutenus dans l'organisation de cet événement continental, pour la troisième fois, en ligne.

Nous ne pouvons entamer nos éliminatoires sans nous souvenir du triste décès de notre estimé Président de la WBF, Jan Kamras, qui nous a quittés le 17 mars dernier. À cet égard, je demanderai à tous les joueurs, au début de chaque semaine de compétition, de se lever pour une minute de silence en son honneur. Que son âme repose en paix éternelle.



Quelles sont les prochaines étapes au niveau de la WBF ? Voici l'« article 28 – Vacance » des Statuts de la WBF :

Si le poste de président se trouve vacant pour une raison quelconque ou si le président n'est pas en mesure, en raison d'incapacité, d'accomplir ses fonctions, le premier vice-président assumera provisoirement les fonctions de président. Si la vacance ou l'incapacité est permanente, un nouveau président sera élu lors de la prochaine réunion du Conseil exécutif pour le reste du mandat de quatre ans de l'ancien président

Par conséquent, le 16 mai prochain, le Conseil exécutif élira un nouveau Chef qui présidera la WBF jusqu'à la fin de 2026

Et, vers août 2026, le Conseil Exécutif se réunira à nouveau pour élire un nouveau Président pour le mandat 2027-2030. Actuellement, c'est notre membre du Conseil, Ben Thompson, premier Vice-Président, qui préside le Conseil de la WBF. Ben est Australien.

En ce qui concerne les « All Africa Open Pairs » qui devaient se tenir les 25 et 26 avril, nous devons présenter nos excuses à tous les joueurs inscrits d'avoir été contraints d'annuler l'événement en raison d'un nombre très faible d'inscriptions. Nous sommes (et serons) ouverts aux suggestions afin d'attirer un nombre beaucoup plus important d'inscriptions à l'avenir.

Nos amis de la Zone 4 « BFAME » viennent de terminer leurs éliminatoires la semaine dernière et l'ogre indien a remporté trois médailles d'or ainsi qu'une médaille d'argent et a qualifié ses quatre équipes pour les Championnats du Monde par Équipes de Herning. Les Émirats Arabes Unis ont réussi à décrocher la médaille d'or dans la catégorie Mixte.





Le jeudi 24 avril, notre CTD, Waleed El Menyawi, a organisé une « session test » ouverte spécifiquement à tous les participants aux éliminatoires afin de leur permettre de se familiariser avec la Plateforme RealBridge. Nous étions heureux d'accueillir 16 tables et félicitons le duo « Lily Khalil et Sherif Helmy » pour avoir remporté cet événement amical. Nous étions moins heureux de constater la soudaine disparition d'environ 5/6 paires, de la même ville, trois tours avant la fin, sans aucune marque de respect envers notre CTD et les autres joueurs, ce qui a perturbé une organisation visant à aider les participants à s'habituer à la plate-forme RealBridge. Nous remercions tous les autres joueurs qui ont complété cette session.

Quant aux Championnats du Monde par Équipes qui se tiendront à Herning, au Danemark, du 20 au 31 août de cette année, avec des inscriptions et une cérémonie d'ouverture prévues le 19 août, je tiens à rappeler aux huit équipes qualifiées ce qui suit : Les jeux commenceront le 20 août avec un nouveau programme « 6+6 ». Les tours de qualification seront joués sur 6 jours (4 matches par jour sauf le 6e jour). La réduction du programme de 2 jours est une mesure résultant des efforts de la WBF pour alléger le coût de participation aux championnats mondiaux ; un souhait exprimé par de nombreuses Fédérations (NBOs).

Notre CTD et Directeur des Opérations, « notre Joker », **Waleed El Menyawi**, nous procure le confort d'orchestrer, une fois de plus, ces éliminatoires 2025. Merci pour ton dévouement continu à la Zone 8, cher Waleed. Nous remercions également l'équipe de Arbitres de Waleed : Raad Ootom, de Jordanie, et Roland Ponzini, de Tunisie. Nous tenons également à remercier les surveillants, dans chaque pays, pour avoir accepté de consacrer leur temps à superviser une conduite fluide mais rigoureuse de l'organisation locale.

À partir de maintenant, par le biais de ce premier bulletin, et des suivants, vous pourrez lire, chaque jour, des mises à jour, des nouvelles, des résultats et de nombreux autres sujets que Ron Tacchi a concoctés pour vous, et nous le remercions pour cela. Enfin, à toutes les équipes participantes, vous vous apprêtez à affronter nos meilleurs joueurs continentaux, alors préparez-vous à en profiter, à vous battre et à gagner. J'ai hâte de féliciter les quatre équipes qui se qualifieront pour Herning, au Danemark, à la fin de la première semaine, Seniors et Mixtes, et, à la fin de la deuxième semaine, les quatre autres équipes Dames et Open. Bonne chance à toutes et à tous et merci de faire de cet événement un grand moment amical et compétitif

Bernard Pascal

