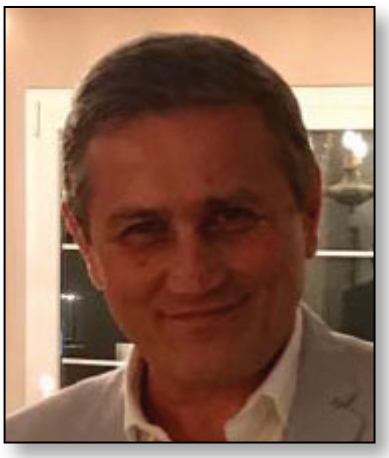
Bulletin 0 | Friday 4th September | Editor Ron Tacchi

A Welcome Message From Your President



Dear Competitors, Dear Officials, Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome to you to the 14th Zonal Championships held on "RealBridge" Platform.

On behalf of our ABF Management Team (Chafika Taktak, Samina Esmail, Moez Fourati and Jean-Claude Cador), I am grateful to you (Players and NBOs) for having supported us in organizing your Continental Event, for the fourth time, on-line. Uganda, our newest ABF member, does not participate in this event but I am sure they will compete next time once they have formed a good team. On your behalf, I congratulate them for having joined the ABF and hope they will be following our great event on RealBridge

I have just returned from Katowice, Poland where the elections of the three members, from the floor, were held during our Congress. Alas, having three candidates from our Zone was certainly not in our best interest. The only consolation was the election of Zone 4 candidate, Prasad Keni, President of the Indian Bridge Federation and the candidate from Zone 3, Fernando Lema, President of the Argentinian Bridge Federation, both being aligned on our long-term ambitions.

Following these elections, on the next day, the WBF Board members gathered to elect our new President for the 2027-2030 new term and I am also pleased to communicate that Franck Riehm has been (re) elected as new WBF President. Franck has been exteremely keen on developing Bridge worldwide during the last twelve months and I am sure that a new momentum will be seen and felt amongst all NBOs in the area of Development.

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14th African Bridge Championships

With regards to the "All Africa Open Pairs" that was supposed to be held on 3rd & 4th of September, once again, we owe an apology to all registered players for being forced to cancel the event due to a very low number of entries. It seems that Zone 8 players are not really interested in this sort of event anymore despite the fact that we lowered the « per player » entry fee significantly. We owe special thanks to our South African community who had 15 registered pairs out of 17.

Our 14th "Zone 8 Trials» edition has changed : (1) it is held in September instead of May or June like we used to (2) it is held almost one year before the final stage (of the World Teams Championships) instead of being held the same year as we used to (3) the format has slightly evolved since we do not play semi-finals and finals like we used to.

The above is the result of a survey that was carried out towards the last part of 2025 where all NBOs have decided to modify the way things were and I thank them for their contribution.

Our qualified Teams will represent us at the World Teams Championships which will take place in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 24th of August until 4th September next year, with registration and an opening ceremony to be held on August 23rd

Our CTD and Director of Operations, "Jack of all trades", **Waleed El Menyawi**, brings us the comfort of orchestrating, once more, 2026 Zonal trials. Thank you for your continuous dedication to Zone 8 dear Waleed. We also thank Waleed's team of Directors : **Tarek Abdelrahman**, from Egypr, **Mehdi Ben Abdallah,** from Tunisia**,** and **Carol Stanton**, from South Africa.

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 Bridgetown, Barbados, at the end of week one, for the Seniors and Mixed, and, by end of week two, for Women and Open.

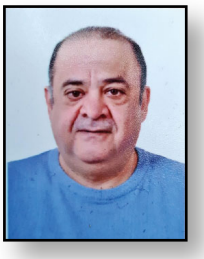
Good luck to all and thank you for making this event a friendly and competitive one.

Bernard Pascal

This message from Bernard Pascal is repeated in French on the back page.
Ce message de Bernard Pascal est répété en français sur la page arrière.

Championship Information

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



Head Tournament Director's Notice

All team members, captains, and coaches are required to read these regulations carefully. For comprehensive rules, please refer to the official Conditions of Contest (CoC).

1. Competition Format and Qualification

The tournament will be played over 5 days of Round-Robin (RR) play. Each match consists of **16 boards**, with a time limit of **2 hours and 15 minutes** per match.

- **Round-Robin Structure:**
  - **5 or 6 teams:** 3 complete Round-Robins.
  - **3 or 4 teams:** 5 complete Round-Robins.
- **Qualification:**
  - The team ranked **1st** at the end of the RR stage is the Champion and qualifies for the World Bridge Championship.
  - **2nd and 3rd Place Qualification:**
    - If the difference between the 2nd and 3rd placed teams is **20 VPs or more (** ⩾ 20), the 2nd placed team qualifies directly for the World Bridge Championship.
    - If the difference is **less than 20 VPs**, a **Knockout Mini-Final** match will be held on **Day 6**.
    - **Mini-Final Format:**
    - 4 segments of 14 boards to determine the 2nd place, each segment has a time limit of **2 hours**.
    - Carry-over, the calculation of a carry-over will be based on all IMPs accumulated during their « head-to-head » encounters.
    - If the resulting IMPs difference is in favor of the Team who finished second, then a carry-over of 50% (of that difference) will be awarded in their favor but cannot exceed 28 IMPs.
    - if the resulting IMPs difference is in favor of the team who finished third, then a carryover of 33,33% will be awarded in their favor but cannot exceed 28 IMPs.
    - If needed, the Head TD can add a fraction to the Carry-Over before the start of first segment, to avoid any ties at the end

2. General Play Procedures & Line-ups

- **Seating:** Upon logging into the RealBridge platform, teams will find their designated tables.
- **Home vs. Visiting:** The schedule identifies the Home team (listed first) and the Visiting team (listed second).
- **Line-up Protocol:** No pre-submitted line-ups are required. Visiting teams must be seated at their tables (NS and EW) at least **10 minutes** before the official start time. Home teams may then observe the visiting line-up and seat their pairs accordingly.

3. Requests for Ruling & Appeals

1. **Initial Ruling:** All concerns must first be addressed with the TD in charge.
2. **Official Review:** If a team wishes to contest a ruling, a formal Request for Review must be submitted via the TD in charge of the case.
3. **Timeframe:** Requests must be lodged within **30 minutes** of the official score posting for the session in which the board was played.
4. **Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of **€100** (or equivalent in Euro) must be paid to the ABF monitor upon submission.
5. **Review Process:** The Reviewer will verify that the TD gathered necessary evidence, applied the correct Law, and consulted appropriate colleagues. Rulings based on sound judgment will not be overturned simply because the Reviewer might have reached a different conclusion.

4. Technical Standards & Regulations

- **Time Delay & Hesitation:** TDs utilize analytical tools to monitor board-by-board timing and total session duration. Penalties will be issued based on these automated reports. Players are advised to exercise caution regarding hesitations; denials will be cross-referenced against technical data.
- **Audio/Headphones:** Although the use of personal headphones/earphones is **mandatory** for all players, but vocal chat is strictly unrecommanded; all communication must occur via table or private text chat. Unauthorized information exchanged via chat may result in an adjusted score.
- **Noise & Unnecessary Talking:** Talking without a valid reason, discussing hands out loud, or general noise/discussions inside the playing venue are strictly prohibited, **Penalties will be applied immediately.**
- **Kibitzing:** Kibitzing is strictly prohibited at the playing venue and within the RealBridge online environment. All matches are broadcast via the **RealBridge Kibitzer Website** with a **30–45 minute delay** for security.
- **Conduct and Forbidden Items:** Players must maintain “live” tournament decorum. The following are strictly prohibited during play:
    - Mobile phones and electronic devices (these will be collected/monitored).
    - Eating (including snacks/biscuits) and drinking alcohol.

- Smoking.
- Leaving the table for the WC without explicit permission.
- Audible complaints regarding partner's bidding, play, or defence.

5. Alerts & Explanations Protocol:

- Players must use the correct procedure for alerting and explaining bids whenever required by regulations.
- **In case of disputed facts, unwritten or verbal alerts will not be considered valid by the TDs under any circumstances.**
- You must explicitly alert **ANY** agreed-upon convention or bid, **no matter how standard or obvious you believe it to be.**

Unacceptable Justifications: The Tournament Directors (TDs) will **NOT** accept any subjective justifications from players for failing to alert or explain a bid (e.g., claiming a bid is *"standard," "obvious," "self-explanatory," "clearly non-natural,"* or any similar arguments).

For further instructions regarding Alert and Undo procedures, please refer to ABF website

www.bridgewebs.com/abf/ABFalertingpolicy.pdf

www.bridgewebs.com/abf/ABF Trials CoC 2026.pdf

Your Editor Beseeches You

Unfortunately I cannot be present at any of the locations where the bridge is being played and so will not have personal interaction with players or officers. This means I will not be aware of any interesting stories, plays, coups or other exciting news. Please, please send me anything that might be of interest, amusing or informative during this championship. You can send me an email at abf@vaupillon.com. If need be I can 'hide' the name of my informant, but most people like seeing their name in the bulletin. Thank you in advance.

Ron Tacchi

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 and Egypt, 5.00 p.m. in Kenya and 6.00 p.m. in Reunion.

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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), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
SAT 05-Sep	3	1 RSA	x	6 --		5 KEN	x	1 RSA		1 RSA	x	4 MOR	
	4	2 REU	x	5 KEN		6 --	x	4 MOR		5 KEN	x	3 EGY	
	5	3 EGY	x	4 MOR		2 REU	x	3 EGY		6 --	x	2 REU	

R.R (01)		Match (04), 09H00				Match (05), 12H30				RR(02) Match (01), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
SUN 06-Sep	3	3 EGY	x	1 RSA		1 RSA	x	2 REU		6 --	x	1 RSA	
	4	4 MOR	x	2 REU		3 EGY	x	6 --		5 KEN	x	2 REU	
	5	5 KEN	x	6 --		4 MOR	x	5 KEN		4 MOR	x	3 EGY	

R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00				Match (03), 12H30				Match (04), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
MON 07-Sep	3	1 RSA	x	5 KEN		4 MOR	x	1 RSA		1 RSA	x	3 EGY	
	4	4 MOR	x	6 --		3 EGY	x	5 KEN		2 REU	x	4 MOR	
	5	3 EGY	x	2 REU		2 REU	x	6 --		6 --	x	5 KEN	

R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00				RR(03),Match (01), 12H30				Match (02), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
TUE 08-Sep	3	2 REU	x	1 RSA		1 Team #1	x	6 Team #6		5 Team #5	x	1 Team #1	
	4	6 --	x	3 EGY		2 Team #2	x	5 Team #5		6 Team #6	x	4 Team #4	
	5	5 KEN	x	4 MOR		3 Team #3	x	4 Team #4		2 Team #2	x	3 Team #3	

R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00				Match (04), 12H30				Match (05), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
WED 09-Sep	3	1 Team #1	x	4 Team #4		3 Team #3	x	1 Team #1		1 Team #1	x	2 Team #2	
	4	5 Team #5	x	3 Team #3		4 Team #4	x	2 Team #2		3 Team #3	x	6 Team #6	
	5	6 Team #6	x	2 Team #2		5 Team #5	x	6 Team #6		4 Team #4	x	5 Team #5	

THU 10-Sep — **Possible KO between 2nd & 3rd**

	EGY +3	KEN +3	MOR +1	REU +4	RSA +2	TUN +1
09H00 GMT/UTC =	12H00 PM	12H00 PM	10H00 AM	01H00 PM	11H00 AM	10H00 AM
12H30 GMT/UTC =	03H30 PM	03H30 PM	01H30 PM	04H30 PM	02H30 PM	01H30 PM
15H30 GMT/UTC =	06H30 PM	06H30 PM	04H30 PM	07H30 PM	05H30 PM	04H30 PM

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Senior Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
SAT	1	1 EGY	x	4 REU		3 RSA	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	2 MOR	
05-Sep	2	2 MOR	x	3 RSA		4 REU	x	2 MOR		3 RSA	x	4 REU	

R.R (02)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
SUN	1	4 REU	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	3 RSA		2 MOR	x	1 EGY	
06-Sep	2	3 RSA	x	2 MOR		2 MOR	x	4 REU		4 REU	x	3 RSA	

R.R (03)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
MON	1	1 EGY	x	4 REU		3 RSA	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	2 MOR	
07-Sep	2	2 MOR	x	3 RSA		4 REU	x	2 MOR		3 RSA	x	4 REU	

RR (04)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
TUE	1	4 REU	x	1 EGY		1 EGY	x	3 RSA		2 MOR	x	1 EGY	
08-Sep	2	3 RSA	x	2 MOR		2 MOR	x	4 REU		4 REU	x	3 RSA	

R.R (05)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
WED	1	1 Team #1	x	4 Team #4		3 Team #3	x	1 Team #1		1 Team #1	x	2 Team #2	
09-Sep	2	2 Team #2	x	3 Team #3		4 Team #4	x	2 Team #2		3 Team #3	x	4 Team #4	
THU 10-Sep	**Possible KO between 2nd & 3rd**												

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12H30 GMT/UTC =	03H30 PM	03H30 PM	01H30 PM	04H30 PM	02H30 PM	01H30 PM
15H30 GMT/UTC =	06H30 PM	06H30 PM	04H30 PM	07H30 PM	05H30 PM	04H30 PM

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Open Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 09H00			Match (02), 12H30			Match (03), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 14-Sep	1	1 RSA	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	4 MOR
	2	2 TUN	x	5 REU	6 KEN	x	4 MOR	5 REU	x	3 EGY
	3	3 EGY	x	4 MOR	2 TUN	x	3 EGY	6 KEN	x	2 TUN

R.R (01)		Match (04), 09H00			Match (05), 12H30			RR(02) Match (01), 15H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 15-Sep	1	3 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	2 TUN	6 KEN	x	1 RSA
	2	4 MOR	x	2 TUN	3 EGY	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	2 TUN
	3	5 REU	x	6 KEN	4 MOR	x	5 REU	4 MOR	x	3 EGY

R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00			Match (03), 12H30			Match (04), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 16-Sep	1	1 RSA	x	5 REU	4 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 EGY
	2	4 MOR	x	6 KEN	3 EGY	x	5 REU	2 TUN	x	4 MOR
	3	3 EGY	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), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 17-Sep	1	2 TUN	x	1 RSA	1 Team #1	x	6 Team #6	5 Team #5	x	1 Team #1
	2	6 KEN	x	3 EGY	2 Team #2	x	5 Team #5	6 Team #6	x	4 Team #4
	3	5 REU	x	4 MOR	3 Team #3	x	4 Team #4	2 Team #2	x	3 Team #3

R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00			Match (04), 12H30			Match (05), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 18-Sep	1	1 Team #1	x	4 Team #4	3 Team #3	x	1 Team #1	1 Team #1	x	2 Team #2
	2	5 Team #5	x	3 Team #3	4 Team #4	x	2 Team #2	3 Team #3	x	6 Team #6
	3	6 Team #6	x	2 Team #2	5 Team #5	x	6 Team #6	4 Team #4	x	5 Team #5

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15H30 GMT/UTC =	06H30 PM	06H30 PM	04H30 PM	07H30 PM	05H30 PM	04H30 PM

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Women Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 09H00				Match (02), 12H30				Match (03), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
MON 14-Sep	4	1 TUN	x	6 --		5 REU	x	1 TUN		1 TUN	x	4 EGY	
	5	2 RSA	x	5 REU		6 --	x	4 EGY		5 REU	x	3 MOR	
	6	3 MOR	x	4 EGY		2 RSA	x	3 MOR		6 --	x	2 RSA	

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TUE 15-Sep	4	3 MOR	x	1 TUN		1 TUN	x	2 RSA		6 --	x	1 TUN	
	5	4 EGY	x	2 RSA		3 MOR	x	6 --		5 REU	x	2 RSA	
	6	5 REU	x	6 --		4 EGY	x	5 REU		4 EGY	x	3 MOR	

R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00				Match (03), 12H30				Match (04), 15H30			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
WED 16-Sep	4	1 TUN	x	5 REU		4 EGY	x	1 TUN		1 TUN	x	3 MOR	
	5	4 EGY	x	6 --		3 MOR	x	5 REU		2 RSA	x	4 EGY	
	6	3 MOR	x	2 RSA		2 RSA	x	6 --		6 --	x	5 REU	

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THU 17-Sep	4	2 RSA	x	1 TUN		1 Team #1	x	6 Team #6		5 Team #5	x	1 Team #1	
	5	6 --	x	3 MOR		2 Team #2	x	5 Team #5		6 Team #6	x	4 Team #4	
	6	5 REU	x	4 EGY		3 Team #3	x	4 Team #4		2 Team #2	x	3 Team #3	

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	5	5 Team #5	x	3 Team #3		4 Team #4	x	2 Team #2		3 Team #3	x	6 Team #6	
	6	6 Team #6	x	2 Team #2		5 Team #5	x	6 Team #6		4 Team #4	x	5 Team #5	

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Roster - Senior Teams

Egypt
Captain Ayman Azzam
Ayman Azzam
Walid El Ahmady
Tarek Sadek
Ahmed Zein
Mohamed Fadel
Mohamed Tanboli

Morocco
Captain Abdellatif Belkouch
Abdellatif Belkouch
Mohammed Said Berrada
Pierre Sibony
Jean Hayet
Cambournac Guy
Raphaël Guenoun

Reunion
Captain Philippe Lagache
Philippe Lagache
Régine WAN Hoi
Geneviève Vigna
Michel Lemarinel
Denise Bauquier
Anne-Marie De Paux

South Africa
Captain Brian Pincus
Brian Pincus
James Grant
Larry Chemaly
Diniar Minwalla
Paul Reynolds
Erica Zimet

Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt
Captain **Cherif Noshy**
Farida Botrous
Dina El Awady
Rita Ghosn
Ahmed Nayer
Omar El Geddawi
Hany Dagher

Kenya
Captain **Bijal Shah**
Bijal Shah
Rakesh Sharma
Bhanumati Shah
J K Haria
Sejal M Shah
Hemendra Modi

Morocco
Captain **Khalil Bensouda**
Khalil Bensouda
Lamia BenYahia
Stéphane Dahan
Cathy T'KINT De Roodenveke
Pierre T'KINT De Roodenveke
Fatim Lahlou

Reunion
Captain **Patrick Hamel**
Patrick Hamel
Catherine Aouate
Marie-Thérèse Boyer
Patrick Schilli
Narguis Huseinali
Christian Giraud

South Africa
Captain **Glen Holman**
Glen Holman
Michelle Alexander
Carol Stanton
Lorraine Weers
Imitiaz Kaprey
Kevin Smith

Roster - Open Teams

Egypt
Captain **Moaz Hammam**
Moaz Hammam
Amr Farrag
Ahmed Omran
Ahmed Monir
Ahmed Samir
Reda Amiry

Kenya
Captain **Bijal Shah**
Bijal Shah
Kamal Shah
Rakesh Sharma
Karima Popat

Morocco
Captain **Adnane Ammor Mohammed**
Adnane Ammor Mohammed
Mohamed Benali
Mohammed Chraibi
Chaouki Bensaid
Said Badri
Tariq Sbili

Reunion
Captain **Christian Giraud**
Christian Giraud
Narguis Huseinali
Patrick Hamel
Philippe Lagache
Marie-Thérèse Boyer
Patrick Schilli

South Africa
Captain **Robert Stephens**
Robert Stephens
Neville Eber
Hennie Fick
Alon Apteker
Craig Gower
Jude Apteker

Tunisia
Captain **Faycel Bouksiaa**
Monia Klibi
Ahmed Kchaou
Anis Ghodhbane
Mehdi Klibi
Hedi Ben Chedly
Moez Fourati

Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain **Alain Audiche**
Hoda Soliman
Nadia Taymour
Nessrine Hamdy
Dina El Awady
Christina Audiche

Morocco

Captain **Abderrahim Tazi**
Leila Sekkat
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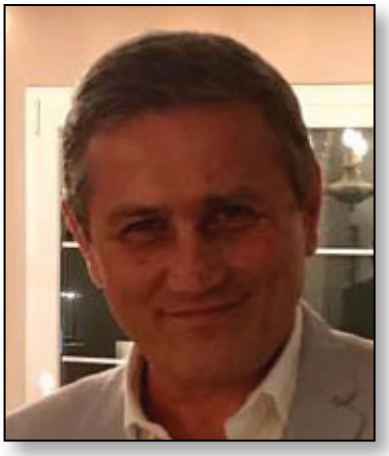
Un Message d'Accueil de Bernard Pascal



Un accueil très chaleureux à vous pour les 14eme Championnats de Zone qui se tiennent sur la plateforme "RealBridge"

Au nom de notre équipe de direction de l'ABF (Chafika Taktak, Samina Esmail, Moez Fourati et Jean-Claude Cador), je vous suis reconnaissant, à vous les joueurs et les Fédérations Nationales, d'avoir soutenu l'organisation de cet événement continental, pour la quatrième fois, en ligne

L'Ouganda, notre plus nouveau membre de l'ABF, ne participe pas à cet événement, mais je suis sûr qu'il concourra la prochaine fois dès qu'il aura constitué une bonne équipe. En votre nom, je les félicite pour avoir rejoint l'ABF et j'espère qu'ils suivront notre bel événement sur RealBridge

Je reviens tout juste de Katowice, en Pologne, où les élections des trois membres « issus de l'assemblée » se sont tenues lors de notre Congrès. Malheureusement, avoir trois candidats de notre Zone n'était certainement pas dans notre meilleur intérêt. La seule consolation a été l'élection du candidat de la Zone 4, Prasad Keni, Président de la Fédération Indienne de Bridge, et du candidat de la Zone 3, Fernando Lema, Président de la Fédération Argentine de Bridge, tous deux alignés sur nos ambitions à long terme.

À la suite de ces élections, le lendemain, les membres du Conseil de la WBF se sont réunis pour élire notre nouveau Président pour le mandat 2027-2030, et je suis également heureux de vous annoncer que Franck Riehm a été (ré) élu nouveau Président de la WBF. Franck s'est montré extrêmement déterminé à développer le bridge dans le monde entier au cours des douze derniers mois, et je suis certain qu'une nouvelle dynamique sera visible et ressentie parmi toutes les Fédérations Nationales dans le domaine du Développement.

Concernant le « All Africa Open Pairs » qui devait se tenir les 3 et 4 septembre, une fois encore, nous devons des excuses à tous les joueurs inscrits pour avoir été contraints d'annuler l'événement en raison d'un nombre d'inscriptions très faible. Il semble que les joueurs de la Zone 8 ne soient plus vraiment intéressés par ce type d'événement, malgré le fait que nous ayons considérablement réduit les frais d'inscription « par joueur ». Ceci étant dit, nous devons de chaleureux remerciements à la communauté de bridge Sud Africaine qui avait inscrit 15 paires (sur 17)

Notre 14eme édition des « qualifications de la Zone 8 » a évolué:

1. elle se tient en septembre au lieu de mai ou juin comme auparavant
2. elle a lieu presque un an avant la phase finale des Championnats du Monde par Équipes au lieu de se dérouler la même année
3. le format a légèrement changé puisque nous ne jouons plus de demi-finales et de finales comme avant.

Ce qui précède est le résultat d'une enquête menée vers la fin de l'année 2025, au cours de laquelle toutes les Fédérations Nationales ont décidé de modifier le fonctionnement de ces championnats. Je les remercie pour leur contribution.

Nos équipes qualifiées nous représenteront aux Championnats du Monde par Équipes qui se dérouleront à Bridgetown, à la Barbade, du 24 août au 4 septembre de l'année prochaine, avec enregistrement et cérémonie d'ouverture prévus le 23 août.

Notre Directeur Technique et Directeur des Opérations, « Joker », Waleed El Menyawi, nous apporte le réconfort d'orchestrer, une fois encore, les sélections zonales 2026. Merci pour ton dévouement continu à la Zone 8, cher Waleed. Nous remercions également l'équipe d'arbitres de Waleed: Tarek Abdelrahman, de Egypte, Mehdi Ben Abdallah, de Tunisie, et --- Carol Stanton, d'Afrique du Sud.

Nous tenons également à remercier les moniteurs de chaque pays pour avoir consenti de consacrer leur temps à superviser le bon déroulement et la rigueur de l'organisation locale.

À partir de maintenant, à travers ce premier bulletin et les suivants, vous pourrez lire chaque jour des mises à jour, des actualités, des résultats et bien d'autres sujets que Ron Tacchi vous prépare, et nous l'en remercions.

Et maintenant, à toutes les équipes participantes : vous allez affronter nos meilleurs joueurs continentaux, alors préparez-vous à prendre du plaisir, à vous battre et à gagner. J'ai hâte de féliciter les quatre équipes qui se qualifieront pour Bridgetown, à la Barbade, à la fin de la première semaine pour les Seniors et le Mixte, et, à la fin de la deuxième semaine, pour les Dames et l'Open.

Bonne chance à toutes et à tous et merci de faire de cette compétition un événement à la fois convivial et compétitif.

Bernard Pascal