

The World Bridge Federation

On August 25 there was founded in Oslo, during the European Bridge Championships, a totally new organisation: The World Bridge Federation.

This influential body consists of:

- Honorary President: *General Alfred Gruenther*, the distinguished soldier who, in his early days, was a Tournament Director of note in the U.S.A.
- President: *Baron Robert de Nexon*, President of the European Bridge League.
- Secretary: *Alvin Landy*, Executive Secretary of the American Contract Bridge League.
- Members of the Board: *Charles Goren*, eminent bridge writer and player.
Charles Solomon, President of the American Contract Bridge League.
M. J. Sullivan, Chairman Designate of the Australian Bridge Council.
E. Heldring, Secretary of the European Bridge League.
G. L. Butler, Chairman of the British Bridge League.

This Federation will hold four-yearly Olympics, the first of which will be held in April, 1960, either in Rome or Monte Carlo.

It has divided the world into «zones», each of which will send a team to compete in the Olympic matches. These zones are: Europe, North America, South America, Australia—New Zealand, India—Pakistan, South Africa, the Far East, and the South Mediterranean.

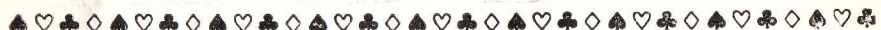
Harold S. Vanderbilt, who was largely responsible for creating the game of Contract Bridge, has offered a Trophy, to be endowed after his death in perpetuity under his will, for this four-yearly World Championship.

It is formally announced, however, that this new Federation will affect the present arrangements neither of the European Championships, nor of the World Championship for the Bermuda Bowl. The next World Championship, it is announced, will be a triangular contest between the Champions of Europe, the Champions of North America and the Champions of South America. This will be held in New York in February, 1959.



Souvenir number

in honour of the winning teams
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Since there has been no official bulletin during this Championship, our magazine wishes to give all the players and guests here in Oslo a little souvenir of this tournament. We sincerely hope that you have all had a good time in Norway; and you may all be sure of a hearty welcome from Oslo and from the bridge-players of Norway whenever you return.

AASMUND ENGEN. WILLIAM B. HERSETH.



WINNERS OF THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



From the left: Mr. Walter Avarelli, Mr. Guglielmo Siniscalco, Mr. Piero Forquet, Mr. Carl Alberto Perroux (non-playing captain), «Il Professore» (Eugenio Chiaradia), Mr. Giorgio Belladonna, and Mr. Massimo D'Alelio.

1ST ROUND OPEN:

Austria—Egypt	51—63
Belgium—The Netherlands	37—53
Denmark—France	41—61
Sweden—Ireland	49—32
Germany—Iceland	49—54
Spain—Finland	59—54

2ND ROUND OPEN:

Norway—Ireland	51—50
Great Britain—Egypt	52—41
Belgium—Iceland	65—29
Italy—France	35—60
Sweden—Finland	51—33

3RD ROUND OPEN:

2nd Round open:	
The Netherlands—Norway	43—45
Egypt—Denmark	58—48
Ireland—Belgium	38—41
France—Great Britain	37—41
Iceland—Sweden	30—56
Finland—Germany	59—77

4TH ROUND OPEN:

Ireland—The Netherdands	59—30
Austria—Great Britain	45—58
Iceland—Norway	49—51
Egypt—Italy	29—99
Finland—Belgium	38—49
France—Spain	80—22

5TH ROUND OPEN:

Great Britain—Denmark	57—24
The Netherlands—Iceland	48—41
Italy—Austria	84—34
Norway—Finland	42—50
Spain—Egypt	34—82
Germany—France	48—58

6TH ROUND OPEN:

Iceland—Ireland	64—40
Denmark—Italy	35—83
Finland—The Netherlands	40—44
Austria—Spain	57—40
Egypt—Germany	48—32
France—Sweden	50—34

6. Norway	12 569—602	9. Iceland	9 522—655
7. Great Britain	11 614—609	10. Finland	8 586—714
8. Austria	11 597—664	11. Germany	6 524 682

I have pleasure in thanking you on behalf of the Norwegian Bridge Association for taking part in this very sporting competition, which I hope you have all enjoyed. We are really glad to have the honour of being the hosts to such charming and excellent players; and we hope that you will return to your countries with the memory of good bridge and of the friendly atmosphere in which it was played. In my view that is the real proof of the international friendship amongst the bridge players of the world. At this moment, when the World Bridge Federation has just been brought to birth, I think that this is a sentiment not to be forgotten.

R. HALLE.

The bridge correspondents of many countries, assembled in Oslo for the European Bridge Championships, yesterday founded the *European Bridge Press Association*.

It is hoped — and expected — that the Association will be in full operation for the European Championships in 1959.

The European Bridge Press Association held two meetings today. At the first, Mr. van den Borre was elected Secretary, and a working Committee for the first year was elected: Herman Filarski (The Netherlands), Harold Franklin (Great Britain), Bajos Irene de Heredia (France), William B. Herseeth (Norway), Eric Jannersten (Sweden), Guy Ramsey (Great Britain).

At the second meeting the Working Committee elected Guy Ramsey, of The Daily Telegraph, London, as Chairman. Herman Filarski was appointed Assistant Secretary.

This song, which will be sung for the first time tonight, has been specially written for the *European Bridge Championship 1958*.

The words have been written by Arild Feldborg, who directs the *Bridge programs on the Norwegian radio*; and the music by Leif Nielsen, a member of the Norwegian team.

Good - bye to

SPADES — HEARTS - DIAMONDS and CLUBS

paper and pencils - cigarette-stubs,

and all those

JACKS - QUEENS - ACES and KINGS

who do the most embarrassing things!

Neither doublecrossing «two»s

nor too-late-remembered coups

shall bring us

LOSS - BLAME - SUCCESS of FAME -

.... until tomorrow's game!



From the left: Mrs. Rigmor Fraenckel, Miss Mis Nyholm, Mrs. Gerda Ljungberg, Mrs. Annelise Faber, Mrs. Otti Damm.

1ST ROUND LADIES:

France—Ireland	51—60
Austria—Finland	64—45
Norway—Denmark	74—51
Great Britain—Iceland	74—43
Germany—Sweden	54—65

2ND ROUND LADIES:

Finland—Belgium	85—48
Ireland—Norway	46—43
Iceland—Austria	66—57
Denmark—Germany	85—56
Sweden—Great Britain	76—39

3RD ROUND LADIES:

Norway—France	48—36
Belgium—Iceland	89—43
Germany—Ireland	43—46
Austria—Sweden	50—93
Great Britain—Denmark	56—85

4TH ROUND LADIES:

Iceland—Finland	76—49
France—Germany	59—29
Sweden—Belgium	44—48
Ireland—Great Britain	59—48
Denmark—Austria	66—42

5TH ROUND LADIES:

Germany—Norway	51— 62
Finland—Sweden	53— 73
Great Britain—France	52— 77
Belgium—Denmark	57—105
Austria—Ireland	56— 44

6TH ROUND LADIES:

Sweden—Iceland	69—41
Norway—Great Britain	55—74
Denmark—Finland	82—48
France—Austria	70—45
Ireland—Belgium	53—70

7TH ROUND LADIES:

Great Britain—Germany	70— 32
Iceland—Denmark	41— 66
Austria—Norway	85— 57
Finland—Ireland	45—100
Belgium—France	83—83

8TH ROUND LADIES:

Denmark—Sweden	51—74
Germany—Austria	80—81
Ireland—Iceland	63—59
Norway—Belgium	51—77
France—Ireland	49—70

9TH ROUND LADIES:

Austria—Gr. Britain	63—79
Sweden—Ireland	49—68
Belgium—Germany	86—31
Iceland—France	95—74
Finland—Norway	57—70

10TH ROUND LADIES:

Ireland—Denmark	33—75
Great Britain—Belgium	57—67
France—Sweden	46—33
Germany—Finland	76—63
Norway—Iceland	59—64

11TH ROUND LADIES:

Belgium—Austria	64—74
Denmark—France	92—47
Finland—Great Britain	71—56
Sweden—Norway	61—50
Iceland—Germany	54—55

TOTAL RESULTS:

1. Denmark	17	739—537
2. Sweden	17	637—500
3. Belgium	14	709—626
4. France	13	592—547
5. Ireland	13	583—556

7TH ROUND OPEN:

Italy—Great Britain	49—36
Ireland—Finland	38—62
Spain—Denmark	33—66
Germany—Austria	43—48
Sweden—Egypt	85—32
Belgium—France	43—62

8TH ROUND OPEN:

Finland—Iceland	78—22
Great Britain—Spain	59—53
Denmark—Germany	60—43
Austria—Sweden	49—57
France—Norway	41—53
Egypt—Belgium	42—69

9TH ROUND OPEN:

Spain—Italy	55—63
Germany—Great Britain	38—65
Sweden—Denmark	52—33
The Netherlands—France	34—89
Belgium—Austria	61—43
Norway—Egypt	43—44

10TH ROUND OPEN:

Italy—Germany	52—21
Great Britain—Sweden	66—56
France—Ireland	49—37
Denmark—Belgium	39—46
Egypt—The Netherlands	45—39
Austria—Norway	40—51

11TH ROUND OPEN:

Germany—Spain	99—42
Sweden—Italy	25—71
Iceland—France	34—72
Belgium—Great Britain	49—73
Ireland—Egypt	33—78
Norway—Denmark	44—39
The Netherlands—Austria	68—43

12TH ROUND OPEN:

Spain—Sweden	41—48
France—Finland	50—34
Italy—Belgium	59—46
Egypt—Iceland	59—45
Great Britain—Norway	83—22
Austria—Ireland	34—54
Denmark—The Netherlands	56—51

13TH ROUND OPEN:

Sweden—Germany	67—25
Belgium—Spain	46—61
Finland—Egypt	53—55
Norway—Italy	40—51
Iceland—Austria	31—25
The Netherlands—Great Britain	31—56
Ireland—Denmark	47—38

14TH ROUND OPEN:

Germany—Belgium	35—41
Spain—Norway	61—45
Austria—Finland	62—34
Italy—The Netherlands	68—44
Denmark—Iceland	56—48
Great Britain—Ireland	38—43

15TH ROUND OPEN:

Belgium—Sweden	59—37
Norway—Germany	51—42
The Netherlands—Spain	56—40
Finland—Denmark	46—66
Ireland—Italy	39—56
Iceland—Great Britain	38—53

16TH ROUND OPEN:

Egypt—France	42—36
Sweden—Norway	50—57
Germany—The Netherlands	35—69
Spain—Ireland	58—36
Great Britain—Finland	36—24
Italy—Iceland	44—67

17TH ROUND OPEN:

Norway—Belgium	51—64
France—Austria	57—36
The Netherlands—Sweden	16—60
Ireland—Germany	54—65
Iceland—Spain	47—66
Finland—Italy	42—77



TOTAL RESULTS:

1. Italy	30	892—570
2. Great Britain	30	769—550
3. France	29	791—534
4. Sweden	24	727—594
5. Egypt	24	715—709
6. Belgium	23	707—660
7. Norway	19	646—705
8. The Netherlands	10	626—714
9. Denmark	16	636—722
10. Finland	15	647—728
11. Ireland	15	600—713
12. Spain	15	665—839
13. Germany	14	651—768
14. Austria	14	617—735
15. Iceland	13	596—762



No doubt you recognise them all!

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