

SAO PAULO 2009
INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL – FROM AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 12 –
BERMUDA BOWL, VENICE CUP, ERNESTO D’ORSI SENIOR BOWL
WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

HEADQUARTERS AND PLAYING AREA: HOTEL TRANSAMERICA

Opening ceremony: August 29th – to be held at the “teatro alfa” (Connected to the hotel); the ceremony will be followed by a musical show at the theatre and by a cocktail/dinner at the hotel.

The **Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl:** The Round Robin for all three Championships will start on Sunday 30th August and finish on Saturday 12th September, with the final knock-out stages starting on Sunday 6th.

The Quarter Finals for each of these events will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams, thus enabling players eliminated from the main Championships to participate Transnational Championship

The World Transnational Open Teams Championship

The **7th World Transnational Open Teams Championship** is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vugraph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2009. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge if they enter as a complete team.

The **World Transnational Open Teams** will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 7th September. The **format** will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The **Quarter Final** will start on Thursday late afternoon, the **Semi Final** will be played on Friday 11th September and the **Final** will end on Saturday 12th September.

Registration

Registration of Teams

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| - Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup | 15 th May |
| - E. d'Orsi Senior Bowl | 15 th May |
| - World Transnational Open Teams | until the start of the Championships,
subject to availability |

Registration of players names

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| - Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup | 1 st June |
| - E. d'Orsi Senior Bowl | 1 st June |
| - World Transnational Open Teams | until the start of the Championships,
subject to availability |

Payment of Entry Fees

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| - Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup | US\$ 4 000 | 1 st July |
| - E. d'Orsi Senior Bowl | US\$ 4 000 | 1 st July |
| - World Transnational Open Teams | US\$ 1 500 | |

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Open teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.

In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows:

- A team with four new players & one or two eliminated players: 1,500
- A team with three new players & up to three eliminated players : 1,200
- A team with 2 new players & up to four eliminated players : 800
- A team with 1 new player & up to five eliminated players : 400

Registration of Systems

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl 7th July

Entries must be sent to:

The World Bridge Federation
40, rue François 1er
75008 Paris - France
email: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

Systems

For Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl

The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration, but players should note that it will be a requirement that all systems are registered in advance via e mail to Anna Gudge: anna@ecats.co.uk

No HUM, or Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted at any stage of the Round Robin in either the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup nor will they be permitted at any stage of the Senior Bowl.

Pairs wishing to register Brown Sticker systems for use in the KO phase must register these, together with the relevant BS forms, by 7th July 2009. No extension to this deadline will be accepted.

BS or HUM will lose their seating rights.

THE VENUE

SAO PAULO is one of the biggest cities in the world, having over 17 million inhabitants, and it is the most important Brazilian city..

Quite often São Paulo intimidates people because of its size, its constant pedestrian and vehicle traffic, ethnic and cultural multiplicity. But it is this very “city-in-a-hurry” tempo that makes the city entertaining attractive, diversified and unique.

To think of São Paulo as merely a business destination, although the largest in Latin America, would be inaccurate. After all, what business capital has 280 movie theatres, more than 70 shopping malls and 12 thousand restaurants featuring every sort of international cuisine. Feel like seeing a Broadway-style play? This is the place. Or would you rather max out your credit card at some charming street boutiques? São Paulo has so many of them, from the simplest and cheapest to the most sophisticated and expensive ones.

As for art – the offerings are many and varied, including “MASP” The Art Museum of São Paulo, the Museum of Brazilian Art, the Museum of Modern Art to name just three; in addition there are also important architectural works.

The Championships will take place at the Transamerica Hotel, a wonderful de-luxe five-star hotel, located near the most important business, shopping, and gourmet areas of the city. The hotel has free internet access (wifi and intranet) and offers, together with very comfortable and well equipped rooms: two restaurants, one bar, tennis courts, soccer field, three-hole golf course, jogging lane, fitness center, heated pool, dry sauna and steam rooms, pool tables, etc.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Transamerica

Double-room (single or double occupancy): US\$180.00 (tax included) per night, breakfast-buffet included. 3 nights payment in advance is required for reservations, refundable for cancellations only until June 30.

A 5% discount is offered if reservations are made for 12 or more nights, paid totally in advance, with no reimbursements in the event of an early checkout.

Suites can be reserved at prices to be consulted with the hotel.

Reservations can be made directly with the hotel: Group Sales Department by e-mail: grupos@transamerica.com.br or phone (+55 11) 5693-4092/5693-4098/5693-4972
Hotel web-site: www.transamerica.com.br

Economic alternative Hotel: TRANSAMERICA FLAT NACOES UNIDAS

Located at 4 km (2.5 miles) distance from the main hotel (shuttles will be provided)
Double-room (single or double occupancy): US\$110 (tax included) per night, breakfast-buffet included. triple room, with rollaway bed, subject to availability: US\$140 (tax included) per night.
3 nights in advance required for reservations, refundable for cancellations only until June 30.

Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by e-mail:

rsnunidas@transamericaflats.com.br or phone (+55 11) 5187-2955/5693-4952

Hotel web-site: www.transamericaflats.com.br

Alternatively, reservations can be made directly with the organization by e-mail:

contact@brazilbridge2009.com.br

CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL SITE: www.brazilbridge2009.com.br

Zonal Qualified teams for BB, VC and E. d'Orsi SB

Zone 1 - 6

Zone 2 - 3

Zone 3 - 3

Zone 4 - 2

Zone 5 - 1

Zone 6 - 3

Zone 7 - 2

Zone 8 - 2

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second one to Zone 6