

In a remarkable repeat of two years earlier the nations defending their titles in Malta for the Open, Ladies and Seniors, were all successful. Italy retained the Open with a match to spare without its Rosenblum champions.

Great Britain, in an ending that no script-writer would dare pen, kept the title that it cannot defend again, for from next year the European Bridge League is to recognise the Home Unions of England, Scotland and Wales as separate Federations. Rising on the last day from fourth place to lead for the first time after the last deal of 500, and then by a single IMP and half-a-victory point: what odds against that! (How fitting Britain keeps the Jensen Trophy in perpetuity, how sad the last Ladies match was not on Viewgraph.)

But perhaps most moving of all, the victory of the French Seniors, again the holders, with our friend and IBPA member Jean-Marc Roudinesco, just recently in a fight for his life against leukaemia. The silver medal went to the team containing the WBF President, José Damiani, Paul Chemla and Omar Sharif. This was Sharif's first medal in an European or World Bridge Championship. No-one questioned his right to play for France.

The nations qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl, in order, are: Italy, Sweden, Norway, Bulgaria, France and Poland. For the Venice Cup an exceptionally strong group: Britain (yes, the WBF has confirmed the team will continue to be that in Bermuda), Austria, France, Netherlands, Germany and Denmark. And, for the first World Seniors equivalent of the Bermuda Bowl: France.

Malta, and the organisers Mario Dix and Margaret Parnis-England, can be proud of what they achieved. The venue worked, and the island proved a pleasant home for two weeks. The Championships was a success. A record 37 nations in the Open, a high quality (though low quantity) field in the Ladies, and a Seniors with many famous names, rightly earning treatment as a serious European Championship.

The medallists in the Ladies Pairs were France, France, and Great Britain.

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The WBF, José Damiani, 40 Rue Francois Premier, 75001 Paris  
to be received the by the end of September.

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The Generali Trophy, for overall performance in European events over the last two years, went to France. Results were: 1. France 548; 2. Italy 513; 3. Poland 461; 4. Sweden 400; 5. Norway 321; 6. Israel 255; 7. Denmark 244; 8. Netherlands 216; 9. Bulgaria 205; 10. Great Britain 195; 11. Russia 190.

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The trials for the USA second team for the Bermuda Bowl were won by:

**Jeff Wolson**, Neil Silverman, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Zia Mahmood, and Michael Rosenberg.  
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*Patrick Jourdain - Editor*

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Malta, though bottom, won 5 of its 36 matches beating Croatia, Cyprus, Luxemburg and Iceland, the 1991 world champions.

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## OPEN TEAMS MEDALS

Second place: **Sweden**

Lars Andersson, Bjorn Fallenius, Peter Fredin, Tommy Gullberg, Magnus Lindkvist, Mats Nilstrand, npc Daniel Auby, coach Ulf Nilsson.

Third place: **Norway**

Tor Helness, Jon-Egil Furunes, Jon Sveindal, Arild Rasmussen, Erik Saelensminde, Boye Brogeland, npc Einar Asbjoern Brenne.

## LADIES TEAMS MEDALS

Second place:

### AUSTRIA LADIES

**Maria Erhart**, McConnell Cup in Lille 1998, Generali Ladies Individual, European Ladies teams 1991, European Mixed Pairs 1996. Works for her husband, a medical doctor.

**Sylvia Terraneo** McConnell Cup, silver in European Mixed with husband Franz in 1990, runs computer courses.

**Terry Weigkricht** McConnell Cup and 1992 Olympiad, 1991 European Ladies teams, a teacher.

**Andrea Feichtinger** silver in European Mixed with husband Kurt in 1994; promotion agency.

**Doris Fischer** 1998 and 1992 world champion, 1991 European; a teacher.

**Gambrielle Bamberger** 1991 European and silver medal in Venice Cup later with Fischer, Weigkricht & Erhart; works for a publisher.

Third place: **France**

Danielle Avon, Veronique Bessis, Benedicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Christine Lustin, Sylvie Willard.

## SENIOR TEAMS MEDALLISTS

The winners were:

**Pierre Adad**, a retired senior army officer who was in the French team which won the Olympiad 1992 with the same partner...

**Maurice Aujaleu**, a retired IBM commercial engineer.

**Claude Delmouly** an Olympiad champion at Turin in 1960 who is a bridge teacher, and...

**Jean-Marc Roudinesco**, an IBPA member and distinguished author, who just two weeks before retaining his title had been fighting for his life against leukemia. He was European Champion in Estoril in 1970.

Second place went to President Emeritus (Fra):

Paul Chemla, Pierre Chidiac, José Damiani, Omar Sharif, Jean-Louis Stoppa, Henri Szwarc

And third place also to France:

Nadine Cohen, Roger Hassan, Lewis Kaplan, Edmond Vial.



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