



# WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

YOUTH COMMITTEE

## 6th WORLD JUNIOR BRIDGE CAMP

NYACK, NEW YORK, USA • 17-24 July 2004

It has been nearly a decade since the introduction of the World Junior Camp, and the WBF Youth Committee is proud to announce that the sixth event of the series will differ from all previous editions in that it will take place in North America. It is the first World Junior Camp to be held outside of Europe.

This development comes as the result of the need to expand Junior bridge all over the world. Camps are particularly useful in that respect. Holding a Junior Camp in Europe (in conjunction with the World Junior Pairs) and another one in North America (in conjunction with the World Junior Individual) balances the world programme and provides one World Junior Camp every year.

Junior Bridge Camps have existed in Europe for over a quarter of a century, and played a very important role in the development of the game among young people. Camps do not mainly address the champion players but the lesser mortals; they aim at helping young people make new friends, and strengthen ties already developed between older friends, under the umbrella of their common hobby. In the Camps there are very few rules, but many possibilities open to those who wish to take them. Many great players, including some of today's World Champions, started their careers as shy participants at the European Camps where the rule has been that whoever joined once, came back again and again.

The WBF is happy that, thanks to the *American Contract Bridge League*, the World Junior Camp in North America becomes a reality. We hope that all Zones and NBOs will back the event by advocating it to their Junior players and by supporting them, financially and otherwise, to participate. It may not be obvious, but as the concept of the Junior Camp spreads around the world, so will bridge itself!

### • VENUE

The Camp will be held at **Nyack College**. Founded in 1882, *Nyack College* is located on a hillside overlooking the broad Hudson River and the Tappan Zee Bridge, only 37 km (23 mi) from New York City. The campus consists of 26 hectares (64 acres) and 25 college-owned buildings including three major residence halls.

The campus neighbors the Village of **Nyack**, a charming and secluded community known for its restaurants, antique and specialty shops.

**NYACK** has many services, programs, and facilities to offer to its students and summer program attendants including a fitness center, the

Bowman Gymnasium with attached Field House, and athletic fields. The World Bridge Camp is not a function of Nyack College.

**ALL** Camp participants will be housed in double rooms in one of the dormitories on the Nyack campus. Rooms will include linens. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served at the dining hall on campus.

Free **transportation** will be provided from the site of the World Junior Individual Championship and JFK airport to the Camp site and vice versa, at the beginning and end of the Camp respectively.

## • PROGRAM

The Opening Ceremony will take place on **Saturday 17 July** at 5 pm. Dinner and the first tournament will follow. The Camp will be closed with the traditional festivities on the night of **Saturday 24 July**. Participants are expected to leave on Sunday 25 July, after breakfast.

The daily program includes **lectures** (for weaker and stronger players) on various bridge subjects to be given by acknowledged teachers. Certain hours will be devoted to physical **sports**. In the numerous **bridge** tournaments, the mixing-up of nationalities will be systematically encouraged. There will be at least one organized **outing** to places of interest nearby. Naturally, participants will have plenty of **free time** to spend as they wish within the framework of the Camp.

## • QUALIFICATION

Junior Camps are not primarily for champion players but for the anonymous mass of lesser mortals. Therefore, the level of play should **not** be regarded as a qualification.

Participants should, in general, be **17-23** years old. This is a guideline rather than a strict limit. NBOs wishing to enter people who are one or two years *younger*, will be advised to send a group leader whose primary function will be to take special care of these young people. On the other hand, the Youth Committee is prepared to allow *older* participants, nominated by countries where Junior Bridge is not highly developed. In any case, the standard age limit of 25 years (*born on or after 1 January 1979*) cannot, of course, be exceeded.

## • COST

All participants will be lodged in the venue.

The cost of full-board accommodation for eight nights is **US \$425** (four hundred and twenty five dollars), payable upon arrival. There are no other costs involved, apart from the usual personal ones.

Naturally, participants must make and pay for their own travel arrangements, either directly or through their NBO.

## • ENTRIES

Entries should be made through the NBOs and the Zones, **not** directly to the WBF by interested individuals.

Zones/NBOs should apply to the *WBF Youth Committee* no later than **15 June 2004**, by filling out the relevant electronic form available through the WBF website at:

<[www.worldbridge.org/tourn/  
NewYork.04/CampReg.asp](http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/NewYork.04/CampReg.asp)>

Juniors who need a **visa** to enter the US are *strongly* advised to apply as soon as possible.

## • YOUTH AWARDS

The WBF Youth Awards aim at rewarding aptitude, diligence and international spirit shown by participants at the Camps.

The winners do not receive any material prize, but earn the honour of enabling their countries to have a free place in the next Junior Camp.

As the result of their nationals winning the 2003 **WBF Youth Awards**, Denmark, England, Greece, and USA are entitled to one free place in the 2004 Camp.

## USEFUL ADDRESSES

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### • OFFICIAL INTERNET SITE

[www.worldbridge.org/tourn/  
NewYork.04/Camp.htm](http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/NewYork.04/Camp.htm)

### • ENTRIES (from 1 April to 15 June 2004)

[www.worldbridge.org/tourn/  
NewYork.04/CampReg.asp](http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/NewYork.04/CampReg.asp)

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### • VENUE

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