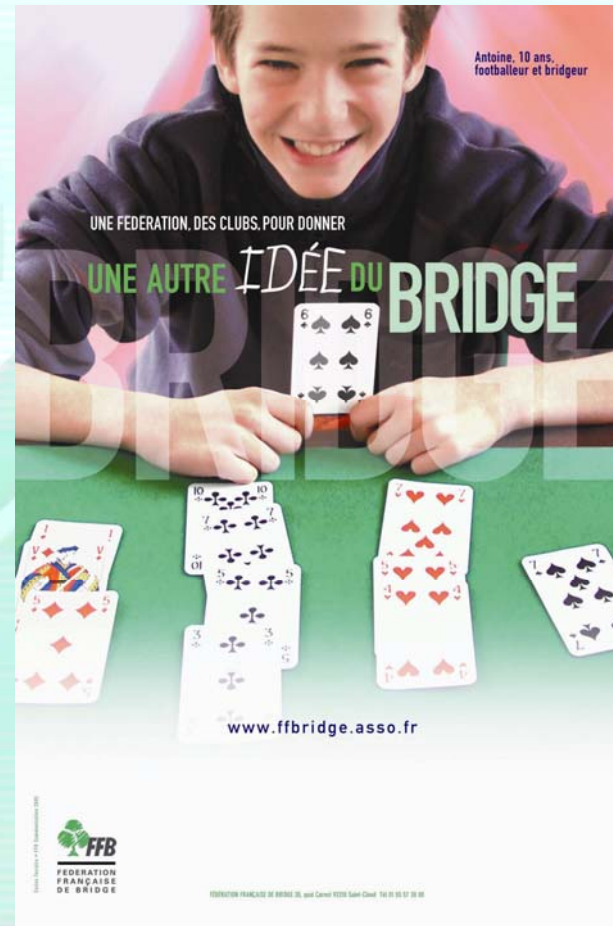


TEACHING BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS

**5th EBL NBO Officers' Seminar
2009 Rome, Italy**

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SCHOOL BRIDGE IN FRANCE



♠ **1989** Educational
Experimental Bridge
Program

♥ To introduce teaching
bridge in schools

♠ **2008**

♥ 6137 school members

♥ 560 school clubs

♥ 959 voluntary
initiators



Bridge develops specific qualities

♥ Logic

- ♣ Observation – Analysis – Imagination

- ♣ Deduction and logical decision-making

♥ Communication

- ♣ Codes between partners (bidding and play)

♥ Socialization

- ♣ Youth social mixing

- ♣ Qualities – Characters – Respect

♥ Decision

- ♣ Adjusted risks

♠ Specific pedagogy for teaching bridge in schools



Bridge facilitates social blossoming

- ♠ Conviviality
 - ♥ Integration into a group
 - ♣ Acceptation of common law
- ♠ Respect of others
 - ♥ Listening to them
 - ♥ Decision with partner
 - ♣ Acceptation of errors



Development of intellectual facilities

- ♥ Reflection
- ♥ Concentration
- ♥ Memorizing
- ♥ Mental Arithmetic
- ♥ Strategy
- ♥ Anticipation



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School Bridge in France

♠ FFB 2008

- ♥ 104 300 members
- ♣ 1 208 clubs
- ♣ 29 regional committees

- ♥ 3 500 registred TD's
- ♥ 2 900 registred teachers

♠ SCHOOL BRIDGE 2008

- ♥ 6 137 members (6%)
- ♣ 560 school clubs
- ♣ 29 school regional delegates
- ♥ 959 voluntary initiators



Schools having a bridge activity

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|---|-----|
| ♥ Elementary schools | 24% |
| ♣ 9-10 years old pupils | |
| ♥ Colleges | 70% |
| ♣ 11-14 years old pupils | |
| ♥ Secondary schools | 3% |
| ♣ 15-16 years old pupils | |
| ♥ Miscellaneous (Youth center in clubs) | 3% |

♠ Colleges represent 2/3 of total and the number of pupils who begin or continue after is still low (better integration in junior clubs)



Organisation of teaching in school

♠ The Bridge University

- ♣ Department of French Bridge Federation in charge of teaching for bridge in all form
- ♣ National Teaching Commission
 - ♦ Programs – documents
- ♣ Management of school bridge
 - ♦ Initiation teaching program
 - ♦ Material to play
 - ♦ French school championships
- ♣ Communication for school bridge
 - ♦ « The link » News Bulletin
 - ♦ Internet forum - Inquiries



Organisation of teaching in school

♠ The Regional School Delegate

- ♣ 29 Regional committees
⇒ 29 Regional school delegates

♥ Experienced initiators

- ♣ managing and training initiators
- ♣ local management of school budget
- ♣ organisation of school competition
- ♣ relation with headmasters, medias, local partners



Organisation of teaching in school

♠ The Initiator

♥ about 1 000 voluntary initiators

♣ 40% are state educational staff

♥ Generally

♣ one hour lesson per week

♣ team of two or three initiators

♣ in charge of 8-10 pupils

♥ Since 2007

♣ Bridge can be integrated in the system of educational accompaniment set up in all schools and colleges of France



A Bridge lesson or how do we teach Bridge at school

♠ In the FFB document you can find

♥ General Information

- ♣ Premices
- ♣ Schedules
- ♣ Number of participants
- ♣ Frequency and duration of lessons

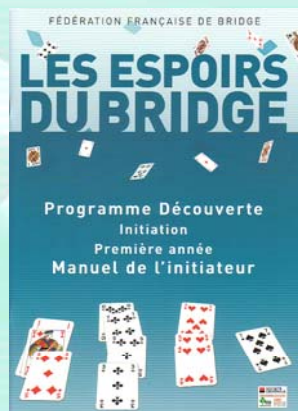
♥ The course of a lesson

- ♣ Knowledge control
- ♣ Lesson of the day
 - ◆ Theoretical part 5'
 - ◆ Practical part 15'
 - ◆ Free expression 30'



Material provided to school initiators

Teaching documents



Initiator Bag



Decision tables

Material to play



- Table carpets
- Flexible boards
- Card decks
- Bidding Boxes
- Specific lesson cards



TABLE DE DÉCISION

POINTS D'HONNEURS

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|-------|---|
| AS | 4 |
| ROI | 3 |
| DAME | 2 |
| VALET | 1 |

37 points Niveau 7 (13 levées)

34-35-36 points Niveau 6 (12 levées)

31-32 points Niveau 5 (11 levées)

28-29 points Niveau 4 (10 levées)

26 points Niveau 3 (9 levées)

24 points Niveau 2 (8 levées)

21-22 points Niveau 1 (7 levées)

POINTS DE DISTRIBUTION

A l'atout en cas de fit

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|-----------|---|
| DOUBLETON | 1 |
| SINGLETON | 2 |
| CHICANE | 3 |

2 points pour le 7ème atout
1 point par atout à partir du 10ème.

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School Bridge Program

♠ Elementary Schools and 2 first years of college

♥ Book: I play bridge at school or college



A method adapted to young people including in addition to the teaching document, pupil cards, exercices, and 3 mini tournaments

♠ At the college and secondary school



Book 1 The Discovery Initiation Program

20 sessions divided into 6 topics. 4 exemple boards per session



Book 2 The Discovery Improvement Program

17 lessons and 76 exemple boards



Bridge at school

A Sport like the others

♠ 3 categories for school bridge competitions

♥ 1st year Discovery – Initiation

Contracts according Decision Table

♥ 2nd year Improvement

Competitive Bidding

Useless levels

Penalty doubles

Sacrifice bids

♥ 3rd year Basic Bridge



Competitions only for Schools

♠ Local and regional competitions

- ♥ Mini-bridge meetings

♠ French Championships of School Bridge

♥ Regional eliminating heats

- ♣ Children are grouped according level and age
- ♣ Meeting with the parents
- ♣ About XXXX pupils in France

♥ National final

- ♣ 2 sessions of 2 hours
 - ♦ Play 11:00/13:00 & 14:00/16:00
- ♣ 3 levels and special final for elementary school
- ♣ About XXX children

Organization of national school final

- ♥ *A week-end of June*
- ♥ *FFB Head-quarter in St Cloud*
- ♥ *On Saturday*
 - ♣ *Some are playing team matches*
 - ♣ *FFB and Société Générale Bank offers activities*



- ♦ *Museum, Versailles castle*
- ♦ *Cruising on the Seine*
- ♦ *Visit of «Stade de France»*
- ♦ *Invitation to the 1st league Rugby championship final*

♥ *On Sunday*

- ♣ *Welcome breakfast & lunch*
- ♣ *Prize giving Trophies for winners and gifts for everybody*



Internet for school bridge

- ♠ Experimental project this year
 - ♥ Managed par Lyon regional committee
 - ♣ Private club on BBO (adoclub)
 - ♣ Maximal security (youth on internet...)
 - ♣ 8 board every Wednesday, from 18:00 to 19:00, 40 weeks by year – Selected boards by level
 - ♣ Initiators “assist” at tables of their pupils
 - ♣ Only pupils from school bridge can play
 - ♣ Every pupil registered received before playing a mini DVD from organisation with access and identification logins
- ♠ With FFB support, extension in September 2009 to voluntary regional committees
 - ♣ We expect 10 of 29 of them representing 50% of pupils of school program



The « Club » Ranking

♣ is the symbol of FFB

Pupils accumulates ♣ which enables them to obtain a ranking.

At the beginning they are white ♣ and then progress in the ranking according a scale similar of Judo (White, Yellow, Orange, Green, Blue, Brown and Black)

All school competition are giving ♣. Results are immediately transferred by Internet on FFB database. Pupils can consult every day evolutive classification (ranking ♣)



France U21 World Champions

Beijing 2008



- ♥ 4/6 world champions began by school bridge and 2 have no bridge player in their family
- ♥ 3/6 are teaching bridge in school or junior club this year
- ♥ Alexandre Kilani in Le Havre make promotion in his previous college and he is teaching bridge with 2 others initiators for 80 new pupils



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