

1998 World Computer Bridge Championship

1998 - The 2nd Annual World Computer Bridge Championship, sponsored by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies and OKbridge, was held in Chicago, Illinois, at the ACBL's 1998 summer NABC. The champion was won by GIB, with Q-Plus Bridge second.

Summary of the 1998 World Computer Bridge Championship

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<http://ny-bridge.com/allevy/Montreal/1998wcbc.html>

This year's championships, held at the Chicago NABCs, were sponsored by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies and OKbridge. Participants representing seven programs came from around the world to compete.

Tomio and Yumiko Uchida, from Japan, entered Micro Bridge 8
<http://www.threeweb.ad.jp/~mcbridge>.

Hans Leber, from Germany, entered Q-plus Bridge.

Michael Whittaker, from England, entered Blue Chip Bridge
<http://www.bluechipbridge.co.uk/>.

From the USA, Rodney Ludwig entered Meadowlark Bridge
<http://rrnet.com/meadowlark>,

Don Farwell entered Bridge Baron 8
<http://www.bridgebaron.com/>,

Matt Ginsberg entered GIB
<http://www.cirl.uoregon.edu/ginsberg/gibware.html>,

and Rolf Wilson entered Bridge Genii.

All rules, conditions of contest, and formats of competition were discussed and agreed upon in advance by all the participants. Official conditions of contest included the types of computers to be used and computer 'thinking' time allowed per deal. Also, all Convention Cards were exchanged in advance. I acted as the official Coordinator during the week long activities, coordinating conditions of contest, schedules of events, and overseeing all activities. Sol Weinstein was the Director, supplying all the hand records in a new computer file format that was specifically created for this contest and will be the standard for future activities. A three-judge panel, consisting of Chip Martel, John Solodar, and Kit Woolsey, was established to settle all 'appeals' that might arise.

The contest began on July 24th with a 10-board/match round robin scored on a 20 Victory Point scale, with the top four programs advancing to the semifinals.

The four programs surviving the round robin were:

GIB	95
Q-plus Bridge	78
Bridge Baron 8	71
MicroBridge 8	60