

Summary of the Software Programs Competing Since 1997

History of the ACBL's Annual World Computer Bridge Championship

In 1996 the American Contract Bridge League established an official World Computer-Bridge Championship, to be run annually at a major bridge activity.

The **1st Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, sponsored by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies, was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the ACBL's 1997 summer North American Bridge Championship (NABC). The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy. The inaugural World Computer-Bridge Championship was won by Bridge Baron, with Q-plus Bridge second.

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, July 23 through August 2, 1998. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy. The champion was won by GIB, with Q-Plus Bridge second.

The **3rd Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, sponsored by Orbis Investments, was held in Bermuda at the World Bridge Federation's (WBF) 1999 Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup (January 2000). GIB repeated as champion, with Wbridge5 second. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy.

The **4th Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, sponsored by Microsoft Network Gaming Zone, was held in Maastricht, The Netherlands, at the WBF's 2000 Bridge Olympiad. Meadowlark Bridge was crowned champion, defeating Q-Plus by 2 IMPs in the finals. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy.

The **5th Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, sponsored by FunBridge.com, was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, at the ACBL's 2001 summer NABC. The championship was won by Jack, defeating Micro Bridge in the finals. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy.

The **6th Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, was held in Montreal, Canada, at the WBF's 2002 World Bridge Championships. Jack repeated as champion, defeating Wbridge5 by 1 IMP in the finals. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy.

The **7th Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, was held in Menton at the European Bridge League's first Open Championship. Jack was crowned champion for the third year in a row, defeating Bridge Baron in the finals. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy.

The **8th Annual World Computer Bridge Championship**, was held in New York City, New York, at the ACBL's 2004 summer NABC. Jack was crowned for the fourth year in a row, defeating Bridge Baron in the finals for the second year in a row. The organizer of this event was Mr. Alvin Levy.

Summary of the Results for the Annual World Computer Bridge Championships

Software	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Blue Chip Bridge			6 th	6 th	6 th	6 th	7 th	6 th
Bridge Baron	1 st	4 th	7 th	5 th	5 th		2 nd	2 nd
Bridge Buff			4 th	7 th				
Bridge Genii		7 th						
GIB		1 st	1 st			5 th		
Jack				3 rd	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
Meadowlark Bridge			8 th	1 st		7 th	8 th	7 th
Micro Bridge	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	9 th	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd	4 th
Oxford Bridge				7 th			6 th	
Q-Plus Bridge	2 nd	2 nd	5 th	2 nd	4 th	4 th	5 th	5 th
Sabrina							9 th	8 th
Wbridge5			2 nd	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd