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2012 SPRING NABC

55th Spring North American Bridge Championships

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Four added to Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame



The Canadian Bridge Federation Hall of Fame will induct four new members May 1 at the Canadian Bridge Championships in Montreal. The new members are, from left, William Anderson, Boris Baran, Mark Molson and Peter Nagy.

By John Carruthers

This year, the Canadian Bridge Federation will induct William Anderson, Boris Baran, Mark Molson and Peter Nagy into the CBF Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Canadian Bridge Championships in Montréal on May 1.

William Anderson

Bill Anderson may be the least-known member of the CBF Hall of Fame, but he has been the most influential. It is no exaggeration to say that Bill has influenced every single bridge player in the world. He did this through his development of the distributional point count for Charles Goren. In the mid-Forties, Charlie came to Bill, a long-time friend and brilliant mathematician, and asked Anderson to undertake the mathematical research needed to prove whether a hand's trick-taking potential could be totally evaluated for suit bidding as well as notrump bidding, on a point-count basis. The problem with

the 4-3-2-1 Work point count was that it was fine for notrump bidding with balanced hands, but was notoriously inaccurate for suit evaluation. At the time, nearly all players still used the Culbertson honor-trick method of evaluating their hands for suit bidding.

Bill spent two years working on the problem. His first task was to verify whether the Work point count method was accurate – he discovered that, although it could be bettered slightly mathematically, the combination of its simplicity and accuracy could not be improved upon. He then set about resolving Goren's main issue – how to evaluate hands for suit bidding. Bill thus developed the 3-2-1 point scheme for evaluating hands with voids, singletons and doubletons respectively.

Goren paid homage to Anderson in his book "Point Count Bidding in Contract Bridge" (Simon & Shuster, 1949). From the Introduction to that work:

"It required a great deal of study and

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WBF President Rona invites players to Lille



Since he took over as World Bridge Federation president at the end of 2010, Gianarrigo Rona has shown himself to be a man full of ideas. One of his latest is a two-pronged effort aimed at

promoting youth bridge while also helping smaller national bridge organizations with their funding.

In the fall of this year, Rona said, the WBF plans to begin daily online bridge games for WBF masterpoints, the proceeds going to support efforts to recruit more Junior players — and to provide financial assistance to smaller bridge federations.

"There are many small countries with dedicated people," he said, "but they don't have resources."

He said he hopes more players will participate in the online WBF games if they know that the entry fees are going to the two worthy causes. *

Rona has been in Memphis conducting meetings of the WBF management committee, and he took time on Wednesday to discuss the venue for the 2nd World Mind Sports Games, of which bridge will be a part, has been determined for 2012.

The tournament will be in Lille, France, and will feature the World Transnational Mixed Teams – open to all comers – in addition to the Open, Women's and Senior Teams.

Each of the three latter events will be open to one representative of each WBF member country, but the mixed teams will be open to any player in good standing with his national bridge organization.

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Gabay, McDevitt win Mixed Pairs

Boston-area players Sheila Gabay and Pat McDevitt paired two solid games in the final of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs to win the contest by just over half a board. It was the first NABC title for Gabay, making her a Grand Life Master. In national events, she has three previous third-place finishes and four seconds, including the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs earlier this week.

McDevitt is a three-time NABC champion and is the reigning World Senior Pairs champion.

Gabay said, "My partner was unbelievable! I was just there for the ride. He was perfect!"

The winners, who qualified in 17th place for the final, scored 60.11% in the first final and 58.92% in the second. Their four-session total was 2955.13 (top was 90).

The runners-up were Bernace De Young and Richard Reitman who scored 2888.52.

Nickell, Strul fall in Vandy

Several high-seeded teams were sidelined in yesterday's round of 32 in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, including perennial powerhouses led by Nick Nickell and Aubrey Strul.

Nickell (the No. 2 seed) was ousted by Juan Carlos Ventin's team (No. 34) 176-107. Strul (No. 5) was defeated by Phyllis Fireman and company (No. 28) 133-115.

Other upsets include Warren Spector (No. 10) who was beaten by the No. 23 seed led by Mike Levine 163-106, and John Kranyak's No. 13 team who fell to Peter Bertheau's No. 20 seed, 169-122.

Play continues today in the round of 16.



Young players concentrate in the Card Rook Pairs Wednesday morning. Sixty-four young players from three schools took part. See page xx for more. Photo by Peggy Kaplan.

**Attendance
6240 Tables
thru Wednesday evening**

Change in Vanderbilt start times
Beginning with today's Round of 16 in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, starting times will be noon and 7 p.m. Screens will be in use.

* Vedere traduzione in italiano del testo evidenziato

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Friday, March 23

11:30 pm-2 am **Women's Team Trials meeting.** (Marriott, Boardroom)

Sunday, March 25

11 am-5:30 pm **Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph.** (Room TBA)
8 pm **Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph.** (Room TBA)

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

All speaker events will be held on Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level of the Convention Center.

Thursday, March 21

9:15 a.m. Lisa Berkowitz *Play to Trick One*
6:45 p.m. Barry Harper *A Short List of Conventions You Need*

Friday, March 22

9:15 a.m. Haig Tchamitch *Support Doubles*
6:45 p.m. Ellen Kent *"Panic-ville: This is Not a Zynga Game"*

Saturday, March 23

9:15 a.m. Michael Huston *Doing it with Finesse*
6:45 p.m. Jeff Roman *Look Beyond Your High-Card Points*

HOSPITALITY

Afternoon food is served at 1:30 p.m. on the Convention Center Mezzanine
Late-night snacks are served at 10:30 p.m. in the Marriott Ballroom.

Thursday, March 22

1:30 p.m. Turkey sandwich with chips
10:30 p.m. Turkey sandwich with chips

Friday, March 23

1:30 p.m. Cheeseburger with chips
10:30 p.m. Cheeseburger with chips

Saturday, March 24

Coffee and pastries will be served at the start of morning games in the Exhibit Hall and Daylight Pairs playing area
10:30 p.m. Cookies and brownies

Be nice!

Players are reminded that the Hospitality treats available at 1:30 p.m. are for participants in the morning or morning/afternoon games **only.**

Hospitality food for participants in afternoon/evening games will be available after the evening session is complete.

The Insider

The hotel and convention center now understand that after coffee, diet drinks are the beverage of choice during bridge play for our players. After a brief outage yesterday morning, the Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi pipelines have been restored and will flow for the rest of the NABC. This is another example of no matter how often the meeting planners tell the local businesses something, they sometimes don't believe it until they see it. The planners tell the local restaurants to expect a rush around 4:30 or 5:00, but many don't open early. The planners tell the hotel the bar will be jammed at 11:30, but many still send half their staff home at 10 p.m. because business is slow. The planners tell the city to notify the cab drivers to hang out at specific times, but you can still walk out to the cab line at 5:00 and there may not be a cab in sight. The planners tell, tell, tell, but the hotels don't hear, don't hear, don't hear. The planners will keep trying and someday hope to find the magic to make themselves heard.

Insider quick tips. Rizzo's Café: small but awfully good for dinner. The Fire Museum: one hot museum that was designed by the same guys who worked with ACBL to do the Horn Lake masterpiece. The National Ornamental Metal Museum: one of the best-kept secrets in Memphis. The National Civil Rights Museum: moving. Rehab: a bar with a demographic quite a bit younger than the ACBL, but what a great name for a club. And, a walk along the river through Tom Lee Park with a great view of the "M" bridge. (Memphians still call it the new bridge even though it is has been there for 40 years or so.)

The SC and SC2B had a policy disagreement today. As expected, the SC prevailed. The bone of contention? What is the optimum number of retired Navy Seals one should have on one's payroll? While agreeing that an SC should always have at least four on duty 24 - 7, the SC felt that a total of 28 was an underbid, maintaining that 36 was the bare minimum. SC2B thought this was a waste of money. After trying to explain to the SC what the phrase "waste of money" means, SC2B finally had to agree with the SC, who had calmly explained what the phrase "Do you really want to work here?" means. So following a toast of single malts, the two of them headed to the Corner Bar at the Peabody with a combined entourage of 14 Seals.

Rona

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The United States Bridge Federation will determine U.S. representatives in the Open, Women's and Senior events. Canadian teams will be selected by the Canadian Bridge Federation.

The Mixed Teams is a transnational event, meaning teams can be composed of players from different countries.

Rona said the Mixed Teams will begin on Friday, Aug. 17, with Swiss qualifying to the round of 16, with knockout format to the conclusion on Aug. 23.

Lille, Rona said, is an interesting city with a mild climate – high temperatures in the low 70s – and inexpensive hotels and restaurants. He said that for North Americans planning to attend the tournament, the best plan is to fly to Paris (Charles De Gaulle Airport) and take a 45-minute trip on a fast train to Lille. The city is in northern France on the border with Belgium. Brussels is also about 40 minutes away by rail.

Besides planning for the new online tournaments, Rona said the WBF is in the process of redesigning the website with the assistance of ACBL Board Member Al Levy and Kitty Cooper.

Rona said the WBF Technology Committee, chaired by Levy, is always on the lookout for ways to make the bridge experience better for the players and spectators. An example was the new system of card-reading cameras placed on a select number of tables at the world championships in Veldhoven, Netherlands, last fall. Spectators could follow the play card by card, and the video record of the bidding and play made certain rulings at the table easier. The plan is to have such cameras on all tables at future championships.

Notice to players regarding chits for food discounts

The chits given to players for food discounts at the convention center may not be reproduced in any way. Photocopied chits will not be honored by vendors, and players presenting duplicated coupons will be asked to surrender them as well.

Collect your prizes

Section top and overall prizes are available at the Prize Desk at the Convention Center, and Ed Davis, who is manning the desk, says few have picked up their prizes so far.

The desk is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Snack Bar Info

There are two Snack Bar locations near the playing areas:

- Mezzanine Level of the Cook Convention Center. Hours: 9 am to 6 pm
- 2nd Floor of the Cook Convention Center. Hours: 8:30 am to 9 pm

This and most other issues of the Daily Bulletin have been put together by none other than Kathy Stemley, who will be forgiven if she is a bit distracted today as the Buckeyes of her alma mater (Ohio State) take on Cincinnati in the NCAA men's basketball tournament (March Madness). Come what may, Kathy promises to expertly produce another Daily Bulletin for you tomorrow.



Book signing

Brent Manley, chief editor of the 7th edition of the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, will be joined by co-editors Barry Rigal and Tracey Yarbrow in signing copies of the book at 7 p.m. today at the Convention Center book stall. Manley will also sign copies of Precision Today, the book he wrote with David Berkowitz.

Vugraph operator needed

One vugraph operator is needed for Bridge Base Online broadcast of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams starting Wednesday. If you are interested, contact Jan Martel at marteljan@gmail.com.

Parking

Parking at the Convention Center is \$10 a day – no in-and-out privileges. The entrance is located on the Front Street side of the building.



27/03/2012

Istruttore: Michele Leone

BBO

Con Bridge Base Online è possibile giocare gratuitamente e fare pratica di gioco (utilissima la sala di allenamento), con giocatori reali (e non contro il PC).

Potete assistere in diretta a tutti i campionati e/o tornei nazionali e internazionali. Un vero spettacolo!

Ogni giorno, migliaia di partite, duplicati e tornei, un volume di fuoco eccezionale a disposizione di nuove (e vecchie) generazioni di bridgisti.

BBO può piacere o non piacere, ma di certo è uno strumento didattico indispensabile per chi vuole imparare il bridge, utilissimo anche per gli insegnanti (numerose le lezioni online settimanali).

Ora BBO fa comodo

Come già da anni ha intuito ACBL, tramite BBO si possono acquisire punti federali e in futuro anche dalla WBF... in cambio di money. Un'idea non del tutto nuova quindi. Spennare i bridgisti in cambio di punti federali o bond argentini (con tutto rispetto!). I bridgisti italiani, in questo campo, sono ben addestrati e sicuramente detengono il record mondiale. Speriamo almeno che il raccolto venga ben utilizzato.

Tornei WBF in BBO

(Traduzione della zona evidenziata nel Bollettino N. del 22 marzo 2012 emesso dalla ACBL durante i recenti campionati USA di Memphis).

Da quando ha preso in mano la presidenza della World Bridge Federation (WBF) a fine 2010, Gianarrigo Rona si è dimostrato di essere un uomo pieno di idee. Una delle sue ultime è un duplice sforzo volto a promuovere il bridge tra i giovani ma anche ad aiutare le organizzazioni nazionali di bridge più piccole con i loro finanziamenti.

Nell'autunno di quest'anno, ha detto Rona, la WBF ha intenzione di lanciare ogni giorno dei tornei di bridge online con punti WBF, i cui proventi andranno a sostenere gli sforzi per reclutare i giocatori più giovani - e fornire sostegno finanziario alle federazioni bridge più piccole.

"Ci sono molti piccoli paesi con persone apposite", ha detto, "ma queste non hanno risorse". Ha detto che spera più giocatori parteciperanno ai giochi online della WBF se sanno che le quote d'iscrizione stanno andando a due cause meritevoli.
(fine traduzione)

NOTE

1. Si fa presente che già da molti anni l'American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) effettua tornei online a pagamento in accordo con Bridge Base Online (BBO) - Vedere formule e orari dei tornei in allegato. Successivamente BBO ho aggiunto altri tornei.

Tornei ACBL su BBO

Bridge Base Online è autorizzata da American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) ad organizzare tornei ACBL su BBO. Programmazione attuale è mostrata qui sotto - Tutti i tornei iniziano si basano sull'orario di New York City, NY tempo (EDT / est.) I tornei ACBL sono aperti a tutti i giocatori BBO qualsiasi livello di abilità. La tassa di iscrizione è di \$ 1,00 a persona. Si applica la Convenzione Card standard.

Tutti i tornei ACBL-BBO sono diretti da direttori ACBL certificati.

Per giocare i tornei ACBL è necessario inserire il vostro numero di codice FIGB (non è richiesta l'iscrizione all'ACBL).

2. Nel 2008, BBO Italia in accordo con la FIGB mise a punto una procedura per consentire anche ai bridgisti italiani di ottenere punti federali tramite i tornei online (dettagli della procedura sono in allegato). Tutto era pronto, poi in ultima analisi il progetto venne bocciato dai più alti vertici della FIGB.

La FIGB in tutti questi anni, per i ben noti motivi, ha quasi sempre osteggiato BBO (escluso il Wugraph ovviamente).

Domanda:

In considerazione della sinistrata situazione giovanile italiana possiamo anche noi sperare di ricevere fondi dalla WBF?



ACBL Sanction Tournaments on BBO

Bridge Base Online is authorize by American Contract Bridge League ([ACBL](http://www.acbl.org)) to offer sanctioned tournaments on BBO. Current schedule shown below - all tournaments start times are based on New York City, NY time (edt/est.) ACBL tournaments are open to all BBO players and skill levels. Entry fee is \$1.00 per person. General Convention Chart applies.

All BBO ACBL tournaments are directed by ACBL Certified Tournament Directors.

ACBL membership is NOT required to play in any open game, however you must put your ACBL membership number on record if you want to play in ACBL 299ers game.

Current Schedule (est/edt)

Time	Type	Pairs	Individual	Boards/Rounds	Minutes/ Round	Eligibility
11am	IMP	x	x	12/6	8	Open
1pm	MP	x	x	12/6	8	Open
3pm	IMP	x	x	12/6	8	Open
5pm	MP	x	x	12/4	7	Open
6:30pm	IMP	x	x	12/4	7	Open
8pm 299ERS	MP	x		12/6	8	0-299 ACBL Masterpoints
8pm	MP	x	x	12/6	8	Open
10:15pm	IMP	x	x	12/6	8	Open
12am	MP	x	x	12/6	8	Open
2am	IMP	x	x	12/6	8	Open

General Convention Chart, Zero Tolerance, All BBO Players are welcome

ACBL Membership

Open to people from ALL countries, please visit www.acbl.org to join.

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ISCRIZIONE AI TORNEI FIGB

Dalla Lobby cliccare su

"Clicca per giocare a bridge o guardare!"

Bridge Base Online - Versione 5.0.3

Amalfi Coast (Italy) - Grand Hotel Tritone
2nd - 8th June 2008

Clicca per giocare a bridge o guardare!

Aiutami a trovarlo

Altre attività di bridge

Vugraph (trasmissioni live con commento) Trasmissione live in corso! Tr

Tornei ACBL con Masterpoint

Edita il tuo profilo e le opzioni personali

Buy BBS -- used for ACBL entry fees, renting robots, etc.

Il nostro Negozio Online

Link utili e informazioni

Masterpoint Races

FIGB	Username	Points
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sybarra	000YH	01xyzz
vincenzo	000ZBART	02blue
vugraph200	001toz	02mouni
Vugraphh1	00789aaa	035baci
Vugraphh2	00000	03dinar
00000	007ed	03SAHM48
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0_7_erk	00bob	07_arp
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00002222	01carie	0Marie
0000_11	01Drunkart	0ngmoi
0001qsh	01fourless	0p0fruit
0007kaya	01kriss	0sandra
000aab	01megit	0tucio

Opzioni 7320 Giocatori
6579 Visualizzato

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e poi su

"Tornei BBO con masterpoint"

Bridge Base Online - Gioca!

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Gioca!

1138 Tavoli 5007 Giocatori

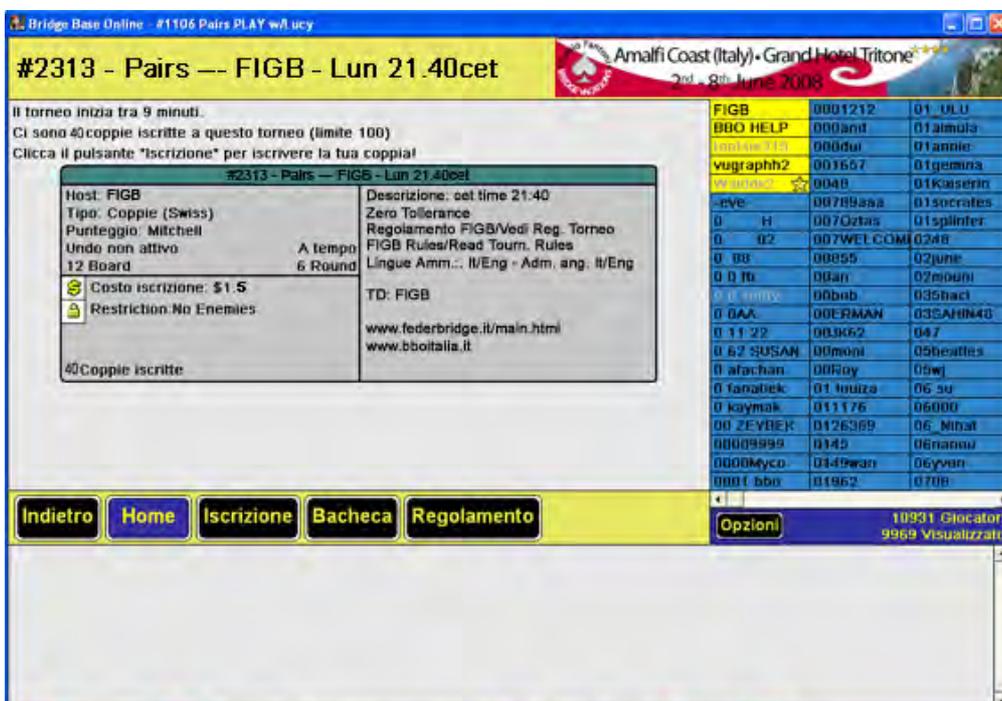
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Tornei BBO con Masterpoint	41	170	Vugraphh1	000ZBART	02mouni
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Apparirà la lista di tutti i tornei presenti su BBO e gestiti dalle varie organizzazioni autorizzate. I tornei federali saranno facilmente riconoscibili in quanto nella prima colonna "HOST" comparirà la scritta: FIGB e, in corrispondenza della seconda colonna ("TITOLO"), sarà visualizzato sempre la tipologia di torneo (individuale o coppie), la scritta FIGB e l'orario di inizio del torneo (es: **Pairs --- FIGB - LUN 21.40**).



Cliccare sul titolo in corrispondenza del torneo al quale si desidera iscriversi



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MODALITA' DI TESSERAMENTO FIGB

Tutti i tesserati FIGB (ordinari, agonisti, allievi, cadetti, juniores) possono automaticamente partecipare ai tornei federali su BBO; per tutti gli altri giocatori è prevista a partire dal 2008 una forma particolare di **tesseramento ("FIGB ONLINE") al costo annuale di Euro 25** che consente di partecipare **ESCLUSIVAMENTE** ai tornei federali su BBO (la tessera "FIGB ONLINE" non consente di partecipare ai tornei presso le associazioni sportive). Per potersi tesserare "FIGB ONLINE" è necessario rivolgersi direttamente alla Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge e seguire la seguente procedura:

1) Effettuare il bonifico di Euro 25 intestato a: FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GIOCO BRIDGE, con la causale "TESSERA FIGB ONLINE" alle seguenti coordinate bancarie:

Banca Commercio e Industria
Piazza Tricolore 112 Milano
Cod. IBAN: IT16 T050 4801 6340 0000 0000 941

oppure alle seguenti:

Banca Popolare di Sondrio
Via Santa Maria Fulcorina - Milano
Cod. IBAN: IT11 S056 9601 6000 0000 4547 X21

2) Inviare via email ad anagrafico@federbridge.it la ricevuta del bonifico insieme ai seguenti dati:

Dati obbligatori: Cognome e Nome; Indirizzo; CAP; Città; Codice Fiscale; Data di nascita; Luogo di nascita
Dati Facoltativi: E-mail; Num. Telefono; Nick-name usato su BBO

Per eventuali chiarimenti potete inviare una mail a figb@federbridge.it

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ASSEGNAZIONE DEI PUNTI FIGB E DEI PREMI

ASSEGNAZIONE DEI PUNTI FIGB

Tutti i tornei a pagamento su BBO prevedono l'assegnazione di "BBO-MASTERPOINTS" che sono validi sia per la classifica generale di BBO sia per [la classifica specifica riservata ai tornei federali](#). **I tornei FIGB su BBO sono gli unici tornei di BBO che prevedono la assegnazione di punti federali.** Moltiplicando i BBO-MASTERPOINTS acquisiti nei tornei federali per il fattore "4" ed approssimando il valore all'intero superiore si ottengono i corrispondenti punti FIGB che andranno a sommarsi ai punti FIGB acquisiti nei tornei federali disputati al tavolo presso le associazioni sportive. **Sarà possibile acquisire su BBO annualmente un punteggio massimo pari alla propria franchigia di categoria.**

Esempio: in un torneo federale su BBO un giocatore vince 1,20 BBO MASTERPOINTS.
 $1,20 * 4 = 4,80$ Al giocatore saranno assegnati 5 punti FIGB. Il giocatore in questione è 3 categoria quadri; in questo caso non potrà acquisire su BBO più di 150 punti FIGB (pari alla franchigia della terza categoria quadri).

ASSEGNAZIONE DEI PREMI

In tutti i tornei, oltre alla attribuzione di punti federali, è previsto, per i primi classificati, il rimborso della quota di iscrizione.

Inoltre:

- Ai vincitori delle classifiche mensili sarà rilasciato un certificato
- I primi 5 giocatori della classifica annuale saranno esonerati dal pagamento della quota relativa al tessera ordinaria FIGB per l'anno successivo.