

# bridge club "dr.jurica tomljenović"



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## goodmorning bridge

Hello again!

It is quite unbelievable how time passes here so fast. We didn't start yet (my clothes are still packed) and we are coming to the main part of the tournament. Well it is great to have two most interesting events in front of us, but still it is sad that only in 4 days it will be all over. Today is a big day for Pula tournament as, for the first time ever, we are going to broadcast our tournament on BBO so players all around world can watch it. A slight problem might be that we still have troubles with internet connections, but I am sure we gonna solve it, and everything will turn out fine. Once again I would like to thank all the great BBO officials that come from Poland to do the broadcasting.

Yesterday, was kind of free day with only mixed and men's pairs in the evening. You took that very literally so there was very difficult to find a bridge player around. Where

have you all go However I hope you had a good time. Certainly, weather serves us fine, and it is one of the warmest and sunniest (what a word!) weeks of the year. We certainly promise we will arrange the same for the next year.

In mini teams tournaments 73 teams gathered, and the winner is.....team **Olimp: Hristov Marinovski Ikov Dobrodolski**. Look how beautiful they are! Congratulations to our friends from Bulgaria! In mixed pairs we had 126 pairs, with **Nikica & Dubo** – Croatia took the first place. For Dubo it is definitely not for the first time, he won with Marina few years ago, so he is on the list of most favorable mixed partners here. Congrats!!! 76 pairs played Mans event, **Marjai - Szabo** from Hungary, winning. **Well done!** Next year maybe even some lady would like to play with you.



For the rest of you who are still not winning anything, it's time to get serious as the main evens are starting. If you still didn't find a team (or a partner) for the rest of the tournament, please put yourself on partnership list (at Registration desk) as soon as possible.

If you would like to thank your sponsor, or to congratulate something to someone, or to give us an interesting hand, please report to Press room. We are waiting for you here!

**Have fun & play well!**

## RESULTS

### MINI TEAMS – BAM TOP 30/73

1	Olimp	
	Hristov Marinovski Ikov Dobrodolskii	57
	Tesla	
	Tesla E.Kulović Brouer Bruggemann	54
	Niko	
	Zipovski Vlajnić N.Šver M.Pilipović	53
2	Bridge + 1	
	Vanchev Ivanchev Tsonchev Stamatov	53
3	Batman	
	Stefanov Batov Popova Gunev	52
	Garp	
	Swiatkowska Harasimowicz Kusion Swiatk	50
4	Pacyfik	
	Tacicu Kowalski Nariewicz Pilch	50
	Novi Sad	
	Slipčević Radišić Parežanin Đuričić	50
5	Juka	
	Michalek Cios Lichawski Stworzewicz	49
6	Rakvere	
	Kalma Linnamagi Maastik Strandberg	49
7	R.A.G.	
	Chodorowska Chodorowski Gorzynski Milasze	48
8	Trzynastka	
	Biel Wegner Majdarinski Kazmierczak	48
9	Pumas	
	Paesold Wernle Smederevac Schifko	48
10	Aborygeni	
	Strzemedi Razik Szutowicz Jaworski Zajaczko	47
11	Mina	
	Juhas Vučić Pećina S.Ruso	47
12	Bridge + 2	
	Karakolev Zahariev Karaivanov Trendafilov	47
13	Tutu	
	Zsa'k Gelle'r Cseho Ga'l	47
14	Gutek	
	Araszkiewicz Grzelak Pasternak Szelka	47
15	Fenix	
	Popov Ilieva Hristov Tcherniakov	46
	Muc	
	Vagi Weisz Stroescu Lena	45
16	Zelenograd	
	Tatarkin Andreev Domoroshiiv Shanurin	45
17	Lucky	
	I.Matijević J.Carić H.Khandelwal R.Khandel	45
18	Van Helsing	
	Babsch Hansen Bieder Leitner	45
19	Vito	
	Nanev Mihov lochev Roussev	44

20	Marjai	
	Marjai Dombi Szabo Lindermann	44
21	BBE Gero	
	Gero Bartis Nikolits Marjai	44
27	Piast	
	Maczynski Pudlik Lyskawa Gorski	44
28	Danka	
	Kuczynski Gelberg Kniga-Leosz Potynski	44
29	Pula	
	Simić Kauzlaric Ivanov Jakupović	43
30	Hotel	
	Polski Banek Rajkowicz Rajkowicz Niedbata	43

### MIXED PAIRS TOP 30/126

1	101 N Sver-D Diklic	63.60
2	203 K Jazdryk-T Filaber	63.20
3	451 M Pasternak-K Araszkiewicz	63.01
4	415 D Georgieva-S Georgiev	61.97
5	354 X Mitovska-X Marinovski	61.38
6	410 I Chodorowska-J Chodorowski	61.07
7	208 V Gudac-P Gudac	60.99
8	353 A Swiatkowska-J Swiatkowski	60.56
9	254 N Karavanova-I Tsonchev	60.32
10	266 E Solntsev-M Semenova	60.14
11	352 S Ruso-X Durcic	59.85
12	155 O Dienes-K Vass	58.80
13	256 E Chukhrarva-A Shun	58.73
14	263 H Alfejeva-V Gonca	58.01
15	160 T Brkljacic-J Stamatov	57.44
16	113 P Magyar-S Csipka	57.15
17	251 M Pilipovic-J Stefanov	57.12
18	360 A Zalai-P Gal	57.06
19	460 M Comesi-F Cedolih	56.88
20	107 X Mihora-I Nanev	56.11
21	401 R Hansen-A Babsch	55.87
22	102 X Kumpar-Z Petrovic	55.71
23	207 M Ilieva-H Hristov	55.52
24	405 G Terraneo-A Mikic	55.40
25	213 E Skopinska-P Witkowski	55.39
26	358 L Caklovic-N Caklovic	55.25
27	210 J Kovacs-G Szonyi	55.24
28	106 L Panina-M Rosenblum	54.98
29	162 J Kuklinska-B Kuklinski	54.89
30	154 F Terraneo-S Terraneo	54.88

### MENS PAIRS TOP 10/76

1	G Marjai-C Szabo	62.49
2	555 J Gackev-J Petersson	62.30
3	657 R Bruggemann-K Brokwer	61.02
4	451 A Lindermann-M Schifko	60.97
5	561 X Simic-A Horvat	60.50
6	557 A Ivanov-A Ivanov	59.57
7	656 B Dobrodolski-H Ikov	59.46
8	405 G Dumitrasciuc-G Tamas	58.93
9	607 Z Balasy-P Gal	58.71
10	651 J Michalek-J Stworzewicz	57.89

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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by Sandra Ruso

### OPEN TEAM

Today we shall start with the Queen of all events here in Pula. Big open team tournament surely deserves to get that title. Since our numbers are really improving my prediction is that we might have over 100 teams today which is really very respectable number. I am sure that nobody here wants to miss that atmosphere and opportunity to play against really famous names (at least some of us will have that luck). Even if you can participate only as a spectator I can guarantee you a great time.

Here is orientation timetable to help you in your plans.

Wednesday, 14.9.

15:00 – 16:05 1st round (Round Robin)  
16:20 – 17:25 2nd round (RR)  
17:40 – 18:45 3rd round (RR)

21:00 – 22:05 4th round «A» i «B» section (Danish)  
22:20 – 23:25 5th round (D)  
23:40 – 00:45 6th round (D)

Thursday 15.9.

15:00 – 16:05 7th round «A» i «B» section (D)  
16:20 – 17:25 8th round (D)  
17:40 – 18:45 9th round (D)

21:00 – 22:05 10th round A», «B» & n consolidation sections\* (D)  
22:20 – 23:25 11th round (D)  
23:40 – 00:45 12th round (D)

\* number of consolidation sections depends on number of teams and we have prizes of course for every section, so until the end of the tournament you can still win the prize.

The only new thing from rules and regulations that has to be taken in to consideration is that in the first three sessions of Round Robin maximum score is 10:00 (instead of 12:0).

The home team must register the result, signed by the both captains and solely on the official card, five minutes after the expiration of playing time at the latest. Visiting team is obligated to check the result.

Match played on the same lines will be registered 4:4 (each team will be punished by 2VP)

Let me introduce you winners from the past four years:

### 2004

**Kamel** Pasternak Araskiewicz Zurakowski Cichocki  
**Opty** Gierulski Narkiewicz Szyrak Pilch  
**Terraneo** Terraneo C. Terraneo F. Umshaus Lindermann Weigkricht

### 2003

**Witas** Kowalski Vainikonis Miszewska Rawislak Olanski Krzeminski  
**Astra** Ivanov Jochev Trendafilov Karaivanov  
**Royston** Hajdu Hegedus Kelen Kemeny

### 2002

**BBE HornToth**, Bartis, Aczel, Varga  
**Vitas** Vainikonis, Kowalski, Araskiewicz, Pasternak, Olanski  
**Ivica VI** Diklić, Miladin, Szabo, Szilagyi

### 2001

**MODFOKA'S** Chmurski, Jurek, Grzejdzia, Kielichowski  
**VIT** Roussev, Trendafilov, Soloukov, Karaivanov  
**BLACKSEA** Nanev, Borisov, Mihov, Teonchev

### 2000

**CTHULHU** Bieder, Unger, Babsch, Umshaus  
**KROWA** Buze, Laszczak, Gorzynski, Milaszewski, Kowalczyk, Wittek  
**SI-MI** Minarik, Marclona, Kasa, Kasa

I am expecting that Witas will be on our list of winners for this year again. I hope that they didn't decide to change the name of the team, but for the names of the players I would put my money on the bet and sleep very calmly. Of course that I do not want to underestimate no one and I am pretty anxious to see the final battles on Thursday.

If anybody needs help or assistant of any kind to find the team and participate on the tournament please come on time to the enrolment desk and we shall try to do our best. Looking forward to see you and to play behind the screens against you.

### PAIRS TOURNAMENT

There are lot of new things about main pairs tournament. As always we will play two sessions, one on Friday evening and the other on Saturday afternoon. Pairs will be divided into N sections of 10 pairs each. Every session will consist of 3 "mini-sessions" of 10 boards. After 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> board there will be break of 15 minutes, and there will not be allowed to leave the table during the "mini session". All sections will play the same boards in the same time. After every mini-session results and personal scores will be announced.

We hope you gonna enjoy this new way of playing main MP tournament.

## TDs CORNER

By Frano

### LANGUAGE ISSUES

During yesterday's Mix team event an interesting situation happened. Misinformation was given after alert and tournament director exercised his right to adjust result which caused appeal from - non offending side.

<p>N (vuln)</p> <p>♠ K 10 9</p> <p>♥ K Q 9 4 3</p> <p>♦ A Q 9</p> <p>♣ 8 6</p>	<p>E (dealer)</p> <p>♠ J 5</p> <p>♥ 10</p> <p>♦ Q J 6 4 3</p> <p>♣ A Q 10 5 4</p>
<p>W</p> <p>♠ A 7 4 3 2</p> <p>♥ A 6</p> <p>♦ 8 2</p> <p>♣ K J 7 3</p>	<p>S (vuln)</p> <p>♠ Q 8 6</p> <p>♥ J 8 7 5 2</p> <p>♦ K 10 5</p> <p>♣ 9 2</p>

East opened 2NT which was alerted. After inquiry it was explained as weak two suiter in majors. West bid 3 clubs which closed the auction. Opening lead was made face down and East told to opponents that they are misinformed because he has two suiter in minors. 10 tricks were made by declaring side after which TD was called.

North objected that he would overcalled 3 hearts if he knew that minors are behind him. West explanation wasn't intentional, but a language problem. TD decided to adjust contract to 3 hearts one down, which is -100. There are two points worth considering:

- a) should West call 4 clubs – since this call could push opponents into making game (if clubs are divided 3-1) this is not clear cut call.
- b) How spades will be played – after East reported two suiter hand in minors it would be obvious to take finesse against West.

North appealed to decision saying that he will push 10 of spades through East to induce him to play spade jack. Appeal committee (Stamatov, Kowalsky and Gal) decided that defensive error is not so likely and backed TD decision. Please fill your convention card to skip this kind of problem if you are not fluent in English. Although there are several languages which are more pleasant to your ear don't spoil fun without CC and not being able to explain your calls correctly.

One ruling question from TD. South is playing a spade contract in presented position. West plays a spade on which South drops ace of clubs (!?) and claims. How many tricks are awarded at the end to NS pair?

- a) 3 tricks
- b) 2 tricks
- c) 1 trick
- d) none

	North	
	-	
	-	
	4 3 2	
	-	
West		East
7		6
-		-
-		-
5 4		3 2
	S (vuln)	
	A K	
	-	
	-	
	A	

We would like all of you to remember that Pula is a friendly tournament where in spite of a strong competition you will often play against opponents that play for the first time together, or against players that play social bridge, so please keep that in mind, and try to keep atmosphere at the table as friendly as possible.

## TWILIGHT ZONE

### PREZLE

BY Schtsch

*So, Pula is rolling on the river, some tournaments already finished, main events are yet to come, alcoholic beverages are consumed in enormous amounts, and after all, there are some funny situations on the bridge table so I can write this article and Titi won't cut my balls off.*

Let us start with some amazing bidding sequences that took place on this tournament. First board shows us that trump fit could be found even on very high levels. This is a bidding sequence Yello demonstrated at the table:

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1♥ - 1♠  
 3♥ - 4NT  
 5♦ - 7♦

Very nice. Diamonds were first bid at the seventh level (except for the blackwood response) and it became a final contract. Well, when your opponents bid two suits and finish playing grand in a third suit which nobody bid before You probably don't expect a disaster. So, what happened?

♠ AJ  
 ♥ AKJ10xx  
 ♦ xx  
 ♣ Axx

♠ Q109xx  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ AKQ10xx  
 ♣ xx

On a diamond lead this funny slam had only one chance that hearts are running after one ruff because of the lack of entries in hand. When queen of hearts was third there was no problem. Ouch, this hurts....

On the following deal I demonstrated my estimation skill and there wasn't much to demonstrate.

Playing board a match I held this hand vulnerable against non:

♠ A7xxx  
 ♥ A732  
 ♦ K10  
 ♣ Kx

Partner passed, RHO opened 1♠ and I passed. Now LHO bid 1NT and partner doubled. My quick estimation was that 1NT would probably go down for 300, and it seemed we could have a heart game. So I bid it. LHO doubled and that was the final contract.

♠ x  
 ♥ Q 9 x  
 ♦ A J x x  
 ♣ Q J x x x

♠ K x                      ♠ Q J 10 x x  
 ♥ K J 8 x x              ♥ 10  
 ♦ Q x x                    ♦ x x x x  
 ♣ x x x                    ♣ A x x

♠ A 7 x x x  
 ♥ A 7 3 2  
 ♦ K 10  
 ♣ K x

W	N	E	S
	p	1♠	p
1NT	X	p	4♥
X	all pass		

Lead: ♠K

Well, this is no beauty. I managed to go one off for a nice loss on the board. Yippee....

The final board for this edition is probably a result of my lessons in previous edition where I demonstrated safety play for going down in a cold contract. Mixa told me that I have to write about him and his son Niko, so I have to stress that again playing board a match we played against team Niko where Niko was NPC telepathically linked with Mixa who had to go in Zagreb on work. Ha, loser...

♠ x x x  
 ♥ A x  
 ♦ A x x  
 ♣ Q x x x x

♠ A 10 x	♠ K J x x x
♥ J 10 x x x	♥ x
♦ x	♦ K J x x x
♣ A x x x	♣ x x

♠ Q x  
 ♥ K Q 9 x x  
 ♦ Q 10 8 x  
 ♣ K J

In our room East opened 3♠ as spade and a minor which was passed out. South led the ♥K and switched to a low trump. declarer thought for a moment, put the ten and led a diamond from dummy. North took the ace of diamonds and returned a trump and it was all over. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a heart ruffed a diamond, played the ♥J and pitched a club on it eventually coming to nine tricks.

In the other room bidding was a bit different:

W	N	E	S
		2♠	3♥
3♠	X	all pass	

Again South led the ♥K and switched to low trump. Declarer playing the doubled contract now took a different view on this layout and decided to put the ♠A claiming afterwards that he needed the ♠10 for an entry in dummy. Now when he played a diamond and North took the ace and returned a trump he made a trump finesse which was enough for one off. Nicely played...

So much for now. It's 2.30 AM now and I'm still not drunk so it's bar time. At least Titi won't cut my balls of for not writing an article. Cheers...

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WHO HAS THAT DAMNED ACE?

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## By Srfa

It must be that God has created playing cards just to torture us.

Board 9  
Dealer  
vul EW

	NORTH	
	♠ A J 7 6 5 4	
	♥ Q 9 7 3	
	♦ 3	
	♣ J 4	
WEST		EAST
♠ K Q 9 8		♠ T
♥ T 8 5 4		♥ J
♦ J 8		♦ A K Q 9 5 2
♣ Q 8 7		♣ K T 9 3 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ 3 2	
	♥ A K 6 2	
	♦ T 7 6 4	
	♣ A 6 5	

North	East	South	West
2 ♠	3 ♦	pass	3 NT
pass	pass	pass	

Maybe its wrong to open weak two bid having four cards in other major, but this time I felt like doing it. East overcalled 3 diamonds, and optimist in west seat decided to shoot into 3 NT.

Maybe it's wrong not to lead from your longest and strongest suit, but I felt like trying a "surprise" heart lead, especially as bidding passed without any of opponents showing any interest for hearts.

Maybe it's wrong to play 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> leads against no trump contracts, but that is method I have agreed with my partner, so I have to lead seven of hearts. Partner wins with king, and not surprisingly she is not able to read a lead. So, she switches to spades, declarer plays a king and I duck and encourage with smallest spade, in an effort to retain communication with my partner, that way establishing two spade tricks when/ partner gains a lead. Declarer, already established as incurable optimist, does not run diamonds to escape for two down, but plays a club to the king and partner's ace. Partner still does not see that hearts are ready to be cashed for us, so she plays her last spade thru declarer, and I won a jack.

And now, a key question, who has ace of hearts? If declarer has it, quite possible and likely on bidding, hearts return may easily surrender a trick, that might mean expensive overtrick for declarer, in case that diamonds are running for him, or could even give him tempo to make a contract, in case of partner being able to stop diamonds once (my jack of clubs could also create annoyance for declarer). So, I decide to cash a spade ace, in hope that partner will make a discard that will help me decide what to do. Partner, playing standard Lavintahl signals, discards six of clubs. Five, and eight of clubs are not yet visible. Damned six, you never now is it high or low! It's seems like a genuine guess. Tricks played till now seems to be consistent with declarer holding up heart ace from ATx(x), especially as it is proven till now that he has double stopper in spades.

But, could it be that partner has ace of hearts?. Aha, maybe in that case, she would be so kind to cash it before playing back her last spade, that way sparing me from this awful guess?

Maybe it's wrong to play back a spade to ecstatic declarer, who is happy possessor of jack of diamonds, so he claims his contract. Especially, it is proven to be wrong when you realize that heart return would net three more heart tricks to defense, marking miserable finish of an overly optimistic contract

Maybe it's wrong to assume that any God has anything to do with our gift of misjudging☺

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## INTERVIEW

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By Zrile

### Jerry Stamatov

I have been talking to one of the top bridge players in Bulgaria Jerry Stamatov. Whith a cup of coffee in hotel Histrina I must say it was a very pleasant conversation.

GM: Can you tell us something about your bridge history?

Jerry: I have started playing competitive bridge some time in 1987, and my first appearance in the national team was in 1999 in Malta, and we have finished 4<sup>th</sup> qualifying for Bermuda Bowl.

GM: And how many big championships have you participated in?

Jerry: I've been to 3 European championships (we have always finished 4<sup>th</sup> qualifying) and 2 Bermuda Bowls. On the last Bermuda Bowl we played in quarter finals.

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GM: For how long have you been coming to Pula?

Jerry: I came to Pula for the first time in 1997, and I have been coming here almost every year, since.

GM: Why do you keep coming back? What is so great about Pula bridge festival?

Jerry: Well, I think it's a high level tournament, it has brilliant organization, and Pula is a great place for holidays, the weather is great, and I usually come here with my family.

GM: What about Bulgarian bridge players, do they like coming to Pula?

Jerry: The first time I came here, there was only me and my partner, and this year 20 pairs came from Bulgaria. I'm a kind of ambassador for the Pula bridge festival, and I hope I will bring even more Bulgarian pairs next year. And since the numbers are increasing you could say that Pula is becoming popular among Bulgarian bridge players.

GM: What advice would you give to young bridge players like me?

Jerry: If you want to be a high level bridge player, you have to put everything else aside, and one of the most important things is having a steady partnership.

GM: And what is, in your opinion, important for the good partnership?

Jerry: You have to have time to practise, to sit down to write and learn your system, and play in competitive environment. I personally don't like social bridge. Oh, yes patience is of the most importance.

GM: What about your partnership?

Jerry: I have had three steady partnerships during all these years, and I have been playing with my current partner, Tonchev, for two years now.

GM: Are you satisfied with your partner?

Jerry: Of course I am, he's a very good player and he has a very nice behaviour, I am defiantly a bad guy in our partnership.

GM: Who is in your national team?

Jerry: There are Trendafilov, Karaivanov, Tonchev and me, and from this year we have a new pair Zaharjev and Karakolev, they were a part of our Olympic team some years ago.

GM: How much does it cost to play with you?

Jerry: For Tihana it's free, but I play for money with wimen ☺.

GM: What do you think about Croatian bridge players? Is there any hope for us?

Jerry: I appreciate Bark's skills very much, he is one of the best players in this area, and Dubo and Ivica are, in my opinion, a very successful pair. There are many more I'm sure.

GM: What are your plans for this year?

Jerry: First I'm going to Dubai, than I am playing New Years Eve in Madras (India), then Alexandria, maybe Japan, and so on, it depends on sponsors.

GM: Is it hard to find a sponsor in Bulgaria?

Jerry: Yes it is very hard, vita the rise of the standard it is getting a bit easier now, but it is still difficult, mainly because there is no tax deduction for sports sponsorship in Bulgaria, and big companies don't have any interests in it. From the year 2000, we went to Bermuda Bowl and European championships due to financial help from Angel Vanchev. He is one of our main sponsors.

GM: Have you noticed any interesting hand in Pula this year?

Jerry: Actually I have noticed one interesting hand, it looks like this

	N	
	♠ 10 8 7 x x	
	♥ x	
	♦ J x	
	♣ K 10 x x x	
W		E
♠ K J x		♠ -
♥ x x x		♥ K Q 10 9 x x
♦ K x x x		♦ A Q x
♣ A Q J		♣ 9 x x x
	S	
	♠ A Q 9 x x	
	♥ A J x	
	♦ 10 x x x	
	♣ x	



dealer E, none

The bidding goes:

N	E	S	W
	1♥	1♠	3NT
4♠	pass	pass	dbld
all pass			

The lead was small ♥ to the W Q, and declarers A, small ♣ to the W A, 2 rounds of ♦, followed with a ♥, ruffed in dummy, K♣, S discarded a ♥, followed by the ♣, and ♦ cross ruffs, and finally small ♠ to the 9. Having pulled trumps in 10<sup>th</sup> trick, poor W had nothing better than to give up, 4♠ doubled only one off.

GM: And finally what are your results so far in this years Pula bridge festival?

Jerry: Nothing worth mentioning except 4<sup>th</sup> place in Mini team.

GM: But it is only the beginning of the Pula bridge festival, and I am sure it won't stop with that result.

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