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goodmorning bridge

Hello everyone!

It is still just the beginning of the festival, it is sunny, it is fun, and we hope everyone is having a good time.

We forgot to mention players from **Slovakia** in the last issue, actually we didn't know they were coming as they were undercover, but our special agents discovered them. So if you are from country we didn't mention don't try to hide – we will find you anyway.

208 pairs played in the IMP tournament and 57 mixed teams. Both these are records turnouts. This beats 2002 which previously was the hugest.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the IMP Pairs tournament: **Sandra Ruso and Branislav Duricic**. It was Sandra's birthday yesterday and this was a great way to celebrate it. And Mixed Teams winners: **Franck: M.Pilipovic, T.Scepanovic, S.&D.Havlicek**. Sorry doctor.

I am predicting we will not beat the record in the Mini-teams Board-a-Match, as the number of players participating in this tourney is directly proportional to the quantity of rain falling on the day it is played. Mini teams is a funny event. People just can't seem to make up their minds if they love it or hate it. Some people must like it, but nobody will admit it is their favourite event. In fact almost everyone has some complaint about it. Yet it attracts decent turnout. We conclude from this that BAM is something like soap operas, people who like it are kind of ashamed to admit it (ah, BAM, it is not real bridge... with this weird scoring). It is also a great way to start communication with someone you don't know. You just talk about disadvantages of BAM,

although this technique might not work with hitchhikers.

This bulletin is for you, so if you have any requests for features or news, let us know and we will try and include it. We like hands which you, or your opponents have played well, or better still if you have humiliated yourself in an unusual or funny way.

Bridge Books for Sale, copies of Linczmayers defence book, Opasni Protivnik, and the current World Championship book are for sale priced E20 Kn150, from the enrolment desk before play starts.

For a lot of people this bulletin might be the only time they read a newspaper for days, so here are a few brief snippets of news.

Abbas and Olmert agree to meet.

China and EU are to meet for trade talks.

The 5th anniversary of 9.11 is today, there are a variety of events marking this around the world.

Sharapova and Federer win at Flushing Meadow
Schmacher is to quit Formula 1 at end of season.

Finally. A Sudanese man has been forced to take a goat as his "wife", after he was caught having sex with the animal.

The goat's owner, Mr Alifi, said he surprised the man with his goat and took him to a council of elders.

They ordered the man, Mr Tombe, to pay a dowry of 15,000 Sudanese dinars (\$50) to Mr Alifi.

It is not known if he was just trying to find out the goats view on Board-a-Match.

For those of you who actually like BAM It starts at 3pm tomorrow.

RESULTS

Imp results TOP 30/208

- 1.Sandra Ruso - Branislav Duricic
- 2.Jerzy Gober - Janusz Kowalewski
- 3.Milorad Radojevic - Danijel Likar
- Gabor Sztos - Csaba Czimer
- 5.Bogumil Wegner - Ryszard Laskowski
- 6.Andrzej Aleksandrak - Jan Grygier
- Peter Gal - Zoltan Zsak 62
- 8.Jovanka Smeredevac - Sascha Wernle
- 9.Helena Alfejeva - Vladimir Gonca
- 10.Adam Esnekier - Jan Swiatkowski
- 11.Marek Jaworski - Kazimierz Zajaczkowski
- 12.Tamas Nikolits - X Benedek
- 13.Wit Klapper - Zbigniew Piwowonski
- Asok Lean - Martin Jentsch 54
- 15.David Radojcic - Dominik Mokni
- Boguslaw Gierulski - Jerzy Sukov
- 17.Wlodzimierz Buze - Andrzej Gelberg
- 18.Paolo Marchetto - Marco Catellani
- 19.Tihana Brkljacic - Zoran Simec
- Predrag Caklovic - Drazen Martinovic
- 21.X Golda - X Nemolovsky
- 22.Lajos Linczmayer - Laszlo Szilagyi
- Lucjan Taciuc - Grzegorz Narkiewicz
- 24.Jukka Makinen - Seppo Niemi
- Zdzislaw Chrustowski - Antoni Zoltanski
- Edward Kulus - Marek Wichtowski
- X Gotthard - Miklos Dumbovich
- 28.Gal Hegedus - Zsolt Balasy
- 29.Steliana Ivanova - Tony Russev
- 30.Tomasz Klukowski - Piotr Ilczuk
- Tolja Orac - Sasa Jesenicnik



Mixed teams results – 17/57



- 1.Franck**
I.Tomljanović S.Havliček M.Pilipović T.Šćepanović
- 2.Chass**
A.Muliar P.Steiner S.Wernle J.Smederevac
- 3.Praha**
Bahnik Bahnikova Svoboda Svobodova
- 4.Van Helsing**
Hansen N.Šver A.Babsch J.Stomatov V.Kovachev
- 5.Lota**
B.Protega I.Petrović A.Gromoller R.Muller Gromollner
- 6.Peti**
S.Csipka J.Sandor P.Magyar Szocs
- 7.BulRom**
R.Mihai G.Mihai S.Ivanova T.Russev
- 8.Bez lucka**
E.Kozyra E.Kater L.Ohrysko P.Jurek
- 9.Bulind**
H.& R. Khandelwal M.Ribarska S.Dazakchiev
- 10.Agressor**
D.Prokhorov E.Solntser M.Semenova M.Malkova
- 11.Ri-Wa**
H.Alfeeva E.Skopinska V.Gonca P.Witkowski
- 12.Malopolska**
M.Nowowiejski M.Lankosz A.Ferrer-Lopez A.Machno
- 13.Irish Windmills**
R.Verdonk P.Spil L.Dekker M.Pel
- 14.Pecs**
G.Vagi M.Bari J.Bari P.Komor
- 15.Ando**
L.Sztyrak D.Sawicka Z.Sawicki A.Sarniak
- 16.Heidy**
P.Parolaro M.Catellani B.Delle-Coste V.Bianchi
P.Marchetto
- 17.Ukraine**
V.Danilyuk T.Danilyuk D.Nedozym K.Zaliznyak

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Sandra Ruso

Mini Teams – board-a-match

We have finished with two great days and two great events . I have impression that time is flying but fortunately we will be here for almost a week more and we still have 4 events in front of us. Today we shall play something what we like to call mini team. Mini because it lasts only for one day and we are playing only six boards per match, and teams, because it is teams. Lot of matches, lot of fun and unpredictable results. Why not to take a chance and try to play impossible, totally crazy contract since you can lose only two points? Join us and you will not regret, trust me.

Let's take a look at the mini teams results for the last five years:

2004

Vito Roussev Naney Mihov Karaivanov

Niko Du.Diklić N.Šver Tesla M.Pilipović

Dumbovich Dumbovich Winkler Szilagy Honti

2003

Kalida Turant Kaczanowski Stepinski Razik Brudka

Antas Antas Budzik Walczak Pochron

Koeno Brouwer Dienes Kasa Bruggemann

2002

1. **R.A.G.** Milaszewski, Zarzecki, Gorzynski, Kus

2. **Jopa** Pavičić, Mokni, Kauzlarić, Poldrugač

3. **BBE** Gero Marjai, Gero, Siba, Kovacs

2001

1. **Gosia** Pasternak, Krzeminski, Avasikiwic, Santowior

2. **Tallinn** 1 Lond, Kobolt, Sester, Sula, Triškin, Karpov

3. **Hopper** Hajdu, Szots, Balasy, Hegedus



2005

Olimp Hristov Marinovski Ikov Dobrodolskii

Tesla Tesla E.Kulović Brouer Bruggemann

Niko Zipovski Vlajnić N.Šver M.Pilipović

Here is some info for those who haven't encountered Board-a-match yet.

It is like match point scoring. On each board a team can win:

- 2VP for a better result then the opponents (430 is better then 420●)
- 1VP for the same result
- 0VP for a worse result then the opponents

Since we are playing 6 boards per match you can win a maximum of 12 victory points.

Here is orientation timetable:

03:00 – 03:50 PM 1st round (Swiss) 09:00 – 09:50 PM 5th round (Danish)

04:05 – 04:55 PM 2nd round (S) 10:05 – 10:55 PM 6th round (D)

05:10 – 06:00 PM 3rd round (S) 11:10 – 12:00 PM 7th round (D)

06:15 – 07:00 PM 4th round (S)

Tomorrow we shall continue with

Mixed pairs

Tournament starts at 20,30. You have whole day to rest, enjoy sea and sun. After 57 mixed teams and some ladies more (I heard that some of ladies missed the mixed team event, shame on you) we are expecting really big and great tournament with at least 120 pairs. Please, please register on time and help us to win another record. The rules and regulations are the same as for any other pair event except that ladies should sit East and South.

Lets look again at the past.

2005

- 1 101 N Sver-D Diklic
- 2 203 K Jazdrzyk-T Filaber
- 3 451 M Pasternak-K Araszkiwicz
- 4 415 D Georgieva-S Georgiev
- 5 354 X Mitovska-X Marinovski

2004

1. Mezei Honti
2. Chodorowska I. Chodorowski
3. N.Šver Du.Diklić
4. Nanev Pilipović
5. S.Probst D.Blaženčić

2003

1. Fischer Schifko
2. Pellicaoni Kuhar
3. Zagajšek Refi
4. Weigkict Vikor
5. Krifther Simon

2002

1. Zekewich Perekhrest
2. Welker Lowasy
3. Pasternak Araskiewicz
4. Zagajšek Refi
5. R.Müller Grahek

2001

1. Pilipović Du.Diklić
2. Krogulska Wilkosz
3. Juuri-oja Juuri-oja
4. Minarik Vikor
5. Marczona Minarik



I can not write this article and not mention that I would place my bet on Dubo (Dubravko Diklić). But he will not be here this year since he became The father a weak ago. Congratulations to Mirna and Dubo. (now you can understand why Brk is smiling all the time).

Unfortunately we still have more men then women. For those unlucky guys we shall organize men tournament. Last year we had around 50 men pairs which is promising number for good time too and for some nice prices. Please come to the enrollment desk, we will do our best to help you to play either one of those events.

You would like
to play mixed PAIRS
but you have
noone to play with???

Just come to **Registration desk**
as early as possible
and put yourself on
partnership list!

INTERVIEW

OUR JUNIORS

The World open junior championship was held in July in Slovakia. Croatia was represented by six junior pairs and the best pair by far was Matej Ivančić and Vjekoslav Žepić. I have decided to talk to them, to make all of you aware of the bright future of bridge in Croatia.

GM: For how long have you been playing bridge?

Matej & Vjeko: It will be three years next October. We have attended the same beginner's course.

GM: When did you start playing together?

Matej & Vjeko: We have played our first tournament together in October 2004 by pure accident. We haven't had anyone to play with, so we have arranged to play one tournament together, and that one we won, so we agreed to play together some more and that is the way it started.

GM: What is your best result so far?

Vjeko: 20th place on a World junior championship in Slovakia.

Matej: I will add the 1st place in Croatian junior championship and the 1st place on teams club competition on Mondays. And that is about it. ☺

GM: Are you satisfied with the result you have achieved on junior championship in Slovakia?

Vjeko: Objectively it is a huge success, but like after any other tournament, there are regrets about few mistakes that could have been avoided. Subjectively I think we could have done better.

Matej: I would have signed for 20th place before the beginning of the tournament.

GM: Did the winning of the two girls surprise you?

Vjeko: No! I think in junior bridge there are fewer differences between male and female bridge.



Matej: No!

GM: Do you have any interesting boards from the junior championship?

Matej: Besides Vjekos 7♣ for which we have appeared in the bulletin, I have none. Well there is one more that I liked. It was against one Slovakian pair, where one of them made 4♠, against 5-2 spade break, for a pair zero. They had 6♣ on the board, but they haven't found it because Vjeko has put his head on the table and in vulnerable against non vulnerable opened 3♥ with ♠xx ♥Q109xxxx ♦Kx ♣Kx. Idiot!!!

Vjeko: I like the board in which I hold ♠AQ ♥Axxx ♦AJxxx ♣xx and as a dealer I have opened 1♦, then comes 3♠, pass, pass back to me, I said 3NT and made 12 tricks, for a pair top, because they have forgotten to cash their 6 club tricks (by the way 4♥ can be made on that board).

Matej & Vjeko: We might stop talking about the boards, because it might seem that our good result was made by pure luck. ☺

GM: There were some roomers that you should have played for national open team this year, how do you comment on that?

Matej & Vjeko: We have attended camps for open team, but for personal reasons couldn't come on the last camp, and that disqualified us. Because we couldn't fulfil all the criterias we think there is no room for us in national open team yet.

GM: Do you think you have matured enough for the national open team?

Matej & Vjeko: No! The competition is still too good for us.

GM: Have you had any bigger disagreements in your partnership so far?

Vjeko: I don't know if that can be called disagreement, but we have some minor disagreements about the bidding approach. Some times we go my way, some times we go Matej's way, but the main point is that we always manage to agree, and we both play the same system (although some might say that we don't ☺)

Matej: I think that our disagreements so far haven't been so big that we should talk about them. All the arguing is done on the battle field, and everything is resolved peacefully afterwards.

GM: What are your plans for the future?

Matej: From tournament to tournament...

Vjeko: Every board is the first board ☺

GM: How many times have you attended Pula bridge festival?

Matej & Vjeko: We have attended two 1st may Pula festivals and this is the first fall Pula for us.

GM: What is your opinion about it?

Matej: Love it!

Vjeko: Everything positive, ask me more about it after the festival.

GM: What is your opinion about the quality of junior bridge in Croatia?

Matej: Comparing to world competition we are pretty pathetic, but we have hope...



Vjeko: I think there is much more room for improvement in junior bridge, and with some hard work we can improve enough to make some significant result.

GM: A European junior championship will be played in a year, what result are you expecting?

Vjeko: It depends on the preparations, and the amount of work anyone playing for a team is ready to invest in himself. I think that if the cards lay right we might reach 5th place, and the world junior championship. That by it self should be our goal.

Matej: It seems to me that Vjeko has some inborn capability of making plans and goals for us, but I agree that our goal shouldn't be 15th-18th place. I sincerely hope that we can make something big, but it won't be easy at all, on the contrary...

GM: Do you have some roll models in bridge?

Vjeko: I personally like the Meckwellis because in every interview I have read they have a healthy approach to bridge, as well as the winning mentality.

Matej: No, but Brane Ananijev is a very simpatihic character (my God how much can that one drink ☺)!

GM: Thank you for a great conversation, and lots of luck in the future competitions.

After this talk all I can say is watch out for them, Croatian juniors are coming. They might be modest, but their future awaits. We all have such great hopes for them, and we do not need a crystal bowl to see that with their approach to the game our hopes will be fulfilled. Remember them...

BRIDGE IS FUN

By Eddie Kantar (from his webpage)

I ask my friend John Levinson for a tip. He says he never preempts against weak players because it takes away all those level that they could be using to confuse themselves.

Playing with Mike Lawrence we arrive at 6C. The clubs in the dummy are Q10xx and I have Axx. We are also off a cashing ace. When the opponents aren't looking, Mike sort of asks me if I have a play. "Yes Mike, I say aloud, if the KJ9 sixth of clubs are singleton."

I have a lady in my class who loves voids. Once she had only 12 cards including a spade void. I come over to the table and find the SA under the table and give it to her. "Now you've gone and ruined my whole hand", she tells me.

I give a lesson on Stayman. Next week a student overcalls a 1D opening bid with 2C holding: A10xx KQxx xxx xx. I ask him what he is doing. He answers, "I was making a Stayman."

Lady picks up 7 diamond and 6 clubs and doesn't know how to bid the hand. She solves the problem by putting one suit in one hand and the other in the other; a new way to show 7-6.

WELCOME

Simple things that make Croatia better

By Marko Kobas & Tihana

When someone will try to describe gastronomic values of Croatia, he will have a lot to talk about. At least three different cuisines give variety of different tastes, various ingredients and the ways you make them. In the Dalmatian and Istrian cuisine you have mostly fish, olive oil and pasta, while in the Continental cuisine delicious dishes out of meat and mushrooms are being made, with richer and stronger flavours. The ones who want to meet Istrian traditional cuisine should drive for around 20 minutes from Pula by car, and be ready for a whole new gastronomic experience.

But here, we will not talk about famous truffles, Mediterranean specialties, turkeys, smoked ham, delicate vines, but just about things you can buy in local supermarket, and which represent our every day lives. It is not the best of Croatia, but just the things that absolutely everyone in Croatia consumes more or less often.

Bread - avoid light white foamy breads, try Mavrovic, he's the best.

With your delicious bread you want some Gavrilovic paste or **Gavrilovic** meat breakfast. For every Croatian kid Gavrilovic is indispensable part of its growing up. When mummy is too busy, putting the wallpapers, to prepare a decent dinner, a slice of bread with gavrilovic paste will do. It is also a necessary part of every basket that we bring to the beach, and it goes great with fresh tomatoes or paprika.

If you are more of a sausage-type-of-person try **Poli**, Parizer or **Cajna**, they go well with **Zvijezda** mayonnaise.

But if you are a vegetarian, you would like **ABC or Zdenka cheese**. ABC with mild taste and texture and pure white, and Zdenka yellowish melted cheese that tastes a bit sour. Both delicious.

If you are more into fish, in your local supermarket you can buy all kinds of canned tuna, anchovy,

salmon and sardine, with vegetables, in sauce or plain and simple. Stick to plain and simple - **Eva sardine**, with the best tv-commercial, would be our choice.

Now when we are full, time to drink something.

Cedevita - it is an instant drink (take orange taste, don't try the light version). Most of us can't really afford buying a few litres of refreshments every day, and Cedevita is great because from 1 kilo you can make gallons of beverage.

Karlovacko pivo, Ozujsko pivo - they are best served cold in half-litre bottle, also known as construction worker's beer. Beer goes best with Smoki - nobody knows what it is, but it is not expensive and tastes good. It's worth a try.

Vines.

Red vines - Babic or Kastelet, the main suspect of most of ours first and many further hangovers. If you wish, mix it with water. No gas.

White vines - Grasevina mix it with Jamnica sparkling water to create the unique local beverage - gemist. Gemist is served in 2dcl glasses, and average amount of gemist drank per bridge session is 20-25 glasses.

If you are not too drunk by now, maybe you would like to eat some desert. Let's see what do we have here.

Domacica keksi (chocolate biscuits)- there is a special way to eat them. You have to find two of the same shape and put them together - chocolate on chocolate. This way you will not make your fingers dirty, and you will have the feeling that you have eaten only 1 instead of two.

Cokoladna Tortica - It must be chocolate, because there are some strange new ones.

Cokoladna bananica - a little chocolate treat with spunch banana inside.

Kiki, Bronhi and 505 bonbons. As kids we couldn't get enough of these and that's why they ensured the living of many dentist families. Careful, they can have laxative nature.

Hard liquers.

Badel Brandy - for morning alcoholics :). No taste, just alcohol. Popularly known as "Mirogojček". Mirogoj is cemetery in Zagreb, the capital.

Pelinkovac - bitter liquer, some say it's poisonous, but it's an old woman's tale. Go for the Maraska Pelinkovac, genuine one, the most bitter of all.

That's about all you need to know to survive 7-10 days in Croatia, although we survived for years.

Bon appetit!

From the table

The unlucky guy

by GeO Tislevoll, Norway

One and the same person, a good player from Germany (Alex Gavrilciuc, born in Romania) was really punished during a short period of the butler pairs. Firstly, he had to hit the right lead with this hand.

West

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ Q 8 3
♦ 10 6 5
♣ Q 9 6

South opened 1 club, strong and artificial, and north responded 1NT showing four controls (ace is two, king is one control). South bid 2 diamonds, natural, and north supported the suit. Later south showed both spade and clubcontrols, and north showed heartcontrol, before they landed in 6 diamonds. What would you lead, suppose you don't remember the board from Saturday night!) (hand no 6)

North

♠ A
♥ A J 7 2
♦ 8 7 3 2
♣ 10 5 4 2

West

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ Q 8 3
♦ 10 6 5
♣ Q 9 6

East

♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ K 6 5 4
♦ 9
♣ K J 8 3

Syd

♠ K J 10 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A K Q J 4
♣ A 7

Our unlucky friend at west's seat led a trump with no success. Declarer had no problems setting up two extra hearttricks since the 8 dropped. Winning the slam gave north/south 10 imps.

A club lead easily defeat the contract, which means 10 imps the other way, a swing of 25 imps! Not much later came this hand, another leading problem (hand no. 3)

North

♠ J 10 7 5
♥ Q 2
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ 7 6 3

North could hear west opening 1 spade and East responding 2 clubs, game force and natural. West jumped to 3 spades, and over East's 4 spades west jumped to 6 spades! What would you lead (again supposing you don't remember the hand).

North

♠ J 10 7 5
♥ Q 2
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ 7 6 3

West

♠ A K Q 9 4 3
♥ A 6
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ 2

East

♠ 8 6
♥ K 9 6 3
♦ J 10
♣ A K Q 9 4

South

♠ 2
♥ J 10 7 5 4
♦ Q 8 7
♣ J 10 8 5

This time the unlucky guy was declarer. I like north's offensive lead against the slam, a small diamond. Still the contract was alive. After registering the bad news in trumps declarer could discard two diamonds on the clubhonours. Then he could ruff a club setting up the fifth club, and the contract would have made if north had been the one with four clubs, since declarer would have had time to get rid of all his diamondlosers. But north could ruff over the club and cash the setting trick in diamonds. 6 spade was a nice contract, to be made if trumps behave, if north is not hitting the diamond lead, or if the opponent with four trumps also have four clubs. But, no! The unlucky guy had to go one down, and that was 13 imps the wrong way, instead of 12 imps the right way if the contract makes, 25 imp in swing! He still smiled, and commented he was happy the bridgefestival was just started.

You won a tourney ?

Come to Press room or you will not be winning again soon ☺ !

We invite the winners of all tournaments to visit us in Press room.

We will not force you to write if you don't want to but photos need to be taken.

You didn't win a tourney ?

?HOWCOME?

...you must come to Press room and tell us all about it...