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goodmorning bridge

Hello everyone!

The official festival starts today, but I have been here for two days already. And I am not alone! Reflecting on my bookings, lots of you came earlier, some even week(s) ago, frightening threats in our brochure concerning early arrivals obviously do not bother you. Well, it looks that everything turned out great, and that we will have a marvelous week of bridge and fun.

According to my bookings we have even more visitors than we had last year, so we might break some records.

First, I would like to welcome new country visiting us for the first time: welcome Albania! Sure, I am happy that players from so many countries are here again: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and USA. Almost half of countries begin with S!?! This list is not as long (only 28) as I had hoped, so if you are coming from a country that is not mentioned here, please let me know.

Don't forget that all our staff are fully at your disposal for this week. So, if you have any questions, or you need someone to help you with something, don't hesitate to contact them (they might even wear some lovely orange T-shirts, and in that case you really can't miss them).

For those who are here for the first time, here is how it works. Everything concerning bridge happens in hotel Histria. When you enter you go to the left and

you will see a bar, but you don't stop there, but proceed a little further and there they are our girls on Registration desk. Right behind Registration desk there is a Press room, and on the right side of registration desk there is main playing area. At Registration desk you enter for all tournaments. For team tournaments you pay entry fee at the desk, and for the pairs tournaments you just register there, and pay at the table, please make sure you have the exact amount of money to put in the envelope at the table. Just next to Registration desk there is a Partnership desk. If you are in a need for a partner or team mates, just go there, fill in the form, and wait for a soul-mate to appear. At Registration desk you can pick up a little present for yourself, and in the Press room you can use free computer and internet when there is a free one (please don't take too long, there are lot of people who need it).

BBO will broadcast Open team tournament, so call home and let everyone know. Thanks BBO & Roland! We receive great help for this festival (as usual) from our friends from Poland who bring lot of devices that are necessary for successful tournament. Thank you!

A new innovation at this festival are bridge mates that will be in use in every tournament, except MP open pairs (we don't have so many). If you don't know - bridge mates are automates for scoring results (instead of writing them on the forms). I guess about half of you know how it works, but for the rest there is description in "upcoming events", there will be about 10 persons available to help you, and if you are really anxious you can even try it before the tournament, there will be a desk in the lobby where hostesses will show you how it works. Don't worry, it is really easy-to-use machine.

So, good luck everyone & cheers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Sandra

IMP = TODAY!

Hi, nice to see you again. Schedule is pretty the same every year, but for those friends who are for the first time here in Pula we have to repeat all important details regarding each tournament to help them with registration and participation.

Today we shall start with IMP tournament, in Croatia popularly called Butler. **Beginning** is at 9 p.m. sharp. The only way to start on time is to ask you for your cooperation. **How can you help us?** Easy – all you have to do is to come at the **registration desk** (ground floor of hotel Histria, right in the front of playing area). We shall warmly welcome you and give you small paper on which you will write your names. Entry fee should be paid at the table (for all pair tournaments, nice envelopes will wait for you at the table). Make your entries before 8 p.m., but please do it as early as possible.

Another important thing is to try to coordinate with your partner and register only once. Double entries might cause some organisation problems unless you are able to play on two tables at the same time. We shall play 13-15 rounds, 2 hands per round.

Now I would like to introduce something that we didn't have before in Pula and maybe something new for some players. On most tournaments we will score the results not only with pen and paper but also with small machine called **Bridge mate**. It is smart little machine which will enable us to track scores and results almost in the same second in which you will enter them. Please do not ask me how that is technically possible. Only thing which I can promise is that they are very easy to handle with and that you will love it, you do not have to be afraid or suspicious. Everything will be explained before the tournament starts. There will be a lot of staff around at your disposal for any question you might have regarding entering the result. If you make mistake during entering the score it can be easily corrected by a director. And of course we shall have score sheets on which we will also write the result. That will enable us to check the results after the tournament and to correct some of them, if necessary. But this will also enable us to have results published in almost no time after the tournament is finished.

The player sitting N will use small buttons to enter the contract, declarer (N, S, E or W), number of tricks and the result for NS (+ or -). After that player sitting E will check what was entered and confirm it. S will write all that on the score sheet and W will check what S wrote.

☺ Finally we find the way to make you all very busy at the table. That will stop you from leaving the playing area, running for hidden place where you can steal a smoke.

This will save you from severe penalty since smoking during the tournament is strictly forbidden.

At the moment I can't remember any unmentioned detail but if you have any question at all you can always come to registration desk and ask us for assistance, or you can simply stop anyone wearing staff badge. We are here to help you.



Here are the last years winners:

2006

Ruso Đuričić
Gober Kowalewski
Sztos Czimer
Radojević Likar
Wegner Laskowski

2005

Biel Wegner
Ilieva Hristov
Panina Rosenblum
Turczynowicz Rafalski
Andreev Krashennikov

2004

Razik Szutowicz
Schneider Appelt
Janowski Lucko
Lyskawa Lassota
Gierluski Sukow

2003

Weigkricht P.Vikor
Brouwer Bruggemann
Tomic Tesla
Bahnikova Bahnik
Stankowski Skakavci

MIXED TEAMS – TOMORROW - SUNDAY

Mixed team is a team of 4-6 players (minimum 2 men and minimum 2 women). Every partnership at the table should consist of one woman and one man. Ladies should sit South and East.)

The tournament starts at 3 p.m. sharp of course, so please make your entries at Registration desk before 2 p.m., but do it as soon as possible. Just to confuse you a bit for this enrolment we shall ask you to pay at the moment when you register. It is possible to pay in Kuna and in EUR, but the exchange rate is not the best on the Adriatic coast. We are not accepting cards – yet.

We are going to play 6 rounds, 8 boards per round. First 3 rounds Swiss movement, second 3 rounds Danish movement.

Orientation time table:

1st round: 15:00-16:05
2nd round: 16:20-17:25
3rd round: 17:40-18:45
(dinner break)
4th round: 21:00-22:05
5th round: 22:20-23:25
6th round: 23:40-00:45

A team may introduce a substitute, a pair or player, after half of the match, but only in the open room.

A team may not enter later than 18:45, first bye (unplayed round) will be awarded 4VP (-7imps), and every additional unplayed round 5VP (-3imps). I have to mention that it would be at least strange to choose to join as at the end of 3rd round and that you need to have the chief's (Brk) permission to do so, but it is possible.

In the case of an identical number of Vps, the standing will be determined as follows: total imps, number of Vps won in the last 3 rounds, number of imps won in the last 3 rounds, vps won in the head-on matches, imps won in the head-on matches, equally placed shared places and awards.

After getting friendly with our Bridge mates on Butler tournament you will find them on the tables again. Scoring will be done the same way, probably with less questions and problems and more joy. But (there is always but in life, sorry) you will still have to fill out official score card, check it with the opponents, sign it and bring it to the score desk.

Last years winners are:

2006

1. Franck – S.Havliček, I. Tomljanović, M.Pilipović, T. Šćepanović



2. Chass – A.Muliar, P.Steiner, S.Wernle, J. Smederevac
3. Praha – Bahnikova, Bahnik, Svobodova, Svoboda
4. Van Helsing – R.Hansen, N.Šver, A.Babsch, J.Stomatov, V.Kovachev
5. Lota – I.Petrović, B.Protega, R.Müller, A. Gromoller, M. Gromoller

2005

1. Terraneo F.Terraneo S.Terraneo Kriftner Franzel
2. Queens of Hearts Georgjeva Mihova Georgjev Nanev
3. Losie Kozyra Ohrysko Narkiewicz Szewczyk
4. Ri-Wa Alfejeva Skopinska Gonca Witkowski
5. Nicola Martini Matteucci Zeccini Paolini

2004

1. Reasonables - Protega I.Petrovic T.Brkljacic Terraneo
2. Nicola - Matteucci Zecchini Paolini Martini
3. Niko - N.Šver Tomic M.Pilipovic Du.Diklic
4. Independent - Chodorowska Chodorowski Pasternak Araszkiwicz
5. Pulowniki - Jarota Mscisz Jazdrzyk Filaber

2003

1. Marvin - Loncar, Zagajšek, Filjar, Refi
2. Baby - Furdzik, Lepiarczyk, Stankowski, Kusion, Dudzik
3. Belan - R. Muller, I. Matijevic, A. Mixich, J. Caric, Grahek
4. PALS - Viktor, Daehr, Babsch, Weigkricht
5. Cecylia - Chodorowski, Latala, Chodorowska, Rimon

Let me mention that mixed team and mixed pair are probably the most relaxing tournaments on our schedule, so you should not miss them. You can't tell me that getting rid of your partner, sitting opposite a nice lady/gentleman who is smiling at you all the time and have the opportunity to change your everyday routine is something you can afford to miss. It is nice to make a new friend, practice a foreign language or body language, if it is necessary. If you are lucky maybe you will even find the soul which will understand all gossips about your regular partner, his/her mistakes and your ingeniousness. And how you will find such soul (if you do not have one already) – easy of course. You will come to the registration desk and ask for our assistance. We are here to help you, remember.

I wish you to come in the first five and give me the opportunity to misspell your name next year (my spelling is really terrible, this is the way to ask forgiveness from those who are wrongly named already). Most of all I wish you nice time and lot of good hands.

**You would like
to play mixed teams
but you have
noone to play with???**
Therefore we have
PARTNERSHIP DESK
(next to registration desk)

YOUR HANDS

By M. Pel, Netherlands,

written at the end of lasts year festival

With a group of bridgefriends from Amsterdam we visit a foreign bridgètournament every year. After Palermo, Mamaia and Tenerife we came this year to Pula. We are with a group of 8, some with more serious ambitions, others just for recreation, and playing in changing combinations. Even the more serious couples split up in the small hours when we play in our apartment, making incredible redoubled contracts.

So far we played in the mixed teams and in the BAM. One team with some serious ambition attained a 13th place in the mixed teams. As my partner Louis is partly Irish, we went for the prize of the best international team and called ourselves the Irish Windmills. Alas, for international team prize you should have at least 2 Croatians in your team*.

Tournament direction would neither accept a change of names from Dekker & Pel to Dkk & Pelic. To make up for this, my partner Louis arranged a Croatian partner for me for tonight in the mixed pairs.

In the BAM, Louis found a nice defense against 5♠. We palyed against Boris, who had partnered one of us in the mixed teams. Louis opened 2♣ (strong or weak 2♦). As I had only 4 HCP I expected a strong hand and bid the relay, 2♦. Boris doubled and Louis passed. So, no strong hand, and possible slam for the opps. Indeed, RHO bid 3 diamonds. Time to come into action and I bid 5♦. Boris doubled, Louis passed, and RHO thought for some time and than went for 5♠, LHO thought for a long time, but eventually all passed.

Let's view the board from Louis' position:

Boris
 ♠ K J 7 2
 ♥ A Q 3 2
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ K J 5

Louis
 ♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ T
 ♦ Q T 9 8 5 2
 ♠ A T 9

I lead ♦6 (1,3,5 leads) for the A of declarer. Declarer lead ♠A, (T from me), and small spade to the dummy, and he saw me discarding ♦3. Declarer pulled a face (always annoying if the logical play is not rewarded by the logical distribution) and played the ♠K. He discarded a small club on the ♦K, played ♥Ace and a small heart to the K, on which Louis discarded a diamond, and put Louis in the lead with the ♠Q.

Dummy
 ♠ J
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ -
 ♣ K J 5

Louis
 ♠ -
 ♥ -
 ♦ Q T 9
 ♣ A T 9

Louis decided to play me for the ♣Q (otherwise there would be no problem for declarer) and played ♠10 for the J. Declarer was locked in dummy and had to lose a club and a heart for -1.

Complete deal:

Maria	
♠ T	
♥ J 8 7 4	
♦ J 9 6 3	
♣ Q 8 6 3	
Declarer	Boris
♠ A 8 6 5 3	♠ K J 7 2
♥ K 9 6 5	♥ A Q 3 2
♦ A	♦ K 7
♣ 7 4 2	♣ K J 5
Louis	
♠ Q 9 4	
♥ T	
♦ Q T 9 8 5 2	
♣ A T 9	

In the end, declarer was still rewarded: our team mates ended up in 6 and went -2. So 2 points for Boris'team after all!

** from this year we introduced new categories so International pair is pair of two persons with different nationality, while Cro-International pair is a pair consisting of one Croatian and one foreign player.*

YOUR HANDS

COUNT ON ME

By Srfa

Counting is cultivated habit and could help you in many aspects of your life, but also in bridge. Have a look to this educative example:

NORTH	
♠	Q92
♥	KT9
♦	KT53
♣	AKQ
EAST	
♠	875
♥	653
♦	8642
♣	853

You are sitting East.

Opponents have just produced elegant 1 NT – 6 NT sequence.

Partner leads jack of clubs...

...and dummy comes down.

You know your duties: it's counting time! Routinely, you start with counting honor points in dummy. While doing that, you are annoyed with that particular dummy featuring so many picture cards.

But you are an expert so, lo and behold, you figure out that partner has 6-8 HP's. And your hard work is immediately awarded as winning defense becomes obvious - you will just follow suits in tempo! And of course that declarer will misguess queen of hearts to go one down!

At the end of match, you will not be surprised that your thoughtful defense based on meticulous counting had earned a slam swing to your team. Apparently, in closed room, opponent holding your cards got too relaxed and forgot to count, so your teammate declaring 6 NT duly guessed that he does not have queen of hearts!

Well, I can feel your excitement, but don't be carried away with this example. Just be patient, do your counting and collect your occasional rewards!

At the end, please check out those few useful counting tips:

Count your winners. This will immensely improve your self-confidence!

Count your losers. It's better to have some losers than nothing!

Count opponent distribution. If you don't have full count, assume that opponents are distributed - one on your left, one on your right!

And finally, crucial one that brings guaranteed dividends immediately: Count on your partner!

THE IDIOT

By SchTsch

Individual tournaments usually tend to practice EHAA methods, especially at MPs. You never know who the opponent across the table is and what idiotic moves you can expect from him in order to destroy your chances for a good result.

BBO tourneys are even worse, you cannot judge your partner by the looks, the way he dresses, the amount of make-up or a quantity of alcoholic beverages in his eyes. Even the skill level in his profile can be pretty deceiving as some people tend to overrate their capacities.

So, you get to the table as North with your new idiot...er...partner for the round and pick up nice 16 balanced points: Q10 AKx xxxx AQJ10. A nice way to start the board as 1NT opening will very likely get you to declare, and not the idiot across the table. But, no luck today. Your partner in the first position opens 1NT. Blasphemy! You grind your teeth desperately thinking about methods to put the contract in your hand but soon you realize there is no future in that. Will you investigate the possibility of a minor suit slam and how? No way. That could easily get you to a neat 3♠ contract in 2-2 fit. So, no investigation, just a brute force. You bid 6NT hoping that all the finesses are onside and that even a complete moron will be able to bring this contract home.

Your LHO leads ♥Q and now you are able to see the board from the declarer's point of view:

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

Definitely not a beauty, the idiot opened an offshape 1NT preventing you from declaring, but at least your spade stopper has not been devastated yet by the first trick misguess or ♠KJ over ♠Q10.

But even a heart lead does not make you calm as with 3-2 hearts you still need a diamond finesse to bring this one home. Partner takes the lead with ♥A, crosses to ♦A and plays ♥9. West covers with ♥10, partner takes ♥K and East pitches a spade.

4-1 hearts look like a disaster but you can try to comfort yourself that the field might be in 6♥ making your score an average. Partner thinks for a while and then starts the speed play. A diamond finesse holding West pitching a spade, a club to the 10 and a diamond finesse again, West pitching another spade. ♣K to the ♣A, and then two high clubs from dummy discarding two hearts from the hand. On the second club there seems to be some light at the end of a tunnel as West needs to make a discard that is not very comfortable.

Assuming that he holds one spade honor a spade guess will bring this contract home. A small pause before the West's last discard was enough for your bloodthirsty partner to make the final move. West discards a heart, partner plays a heart to throw West in and he exits with a small spade.

To conclude his declaring performance your partner plays the dummy's ♠Q in a split second and when that held the contract was home for a pure 100% via strip squeeze.

Here is the whole deal:

♠ Q 10	
♥ A K x	
♦ x x x x	
♣ A Q J 10	
♠ K x x x x	♠ J x x x
♥ Q J 10 7	♥ x
♦ x	♦ Q x x x
♣ x x x	♣ x x x x
♠ A x	
♥ 9 8 x x x	
♦ A K J 10	
♣ K x	

Well, I've learned something today. Although I always get an idiot across the table playing individual tournaments, sometimes an idiot can bring you a top via some squeeze. As Dostoevsky would say: You are always an idiot until proven otherwise.



The company Franck d.d. was established in 1892 in Zagreb, as part of the German multinational company "Heinrich Franck Sohne". The name Franck has been retained throughout the company's entire history. Through privatisation, which was carried out in 1992, it became a joint stock company in a 100 % private ownership.

Up until World War II, the core business of Franck was the production of coffee substitutes, while over the last five decades, the focus has shifted to coffee, and also includes teas, snack products, seasonings, baking condiments, sugars and side dishes: an assortment becoming of a market leader! In over 115 years of operations, despite changing political maps of the world and stringent competition from foreign and domestic companies, Franck has succeeded in preserving its name and image, and in defending its position as leader on the Croatian market for coffee, tea, snack and other food products.

Franck products are well known and recognized all over Croatia and Europe. They have developed by the knowledge acquired through generations, by highly developed technology, equipped with a contemporary design and accompanied by a special marketing approach. For a number of years, Franck has been systematically implementing the programme of transformation in all its segments, from technical and technological upgrading, increase of its production quality, expansion of the assortment of products, improvements to design, media presentations, inner organization improvement, information support technology, ensuring business information is up-to-date, strong financial discipline in cost control, payment of suppliers and particularly in collecting receivables.

The excellent quality of Franck products is crowned with a long-standing cooperation of the company Franck with its consumers, which was confirmed with numerous awards and recognitions, including the assigning of three "Croatian Quality" marks to Franck products.

Thanks for sponsoring the festival!

Meet the Croats

By Kobas

Once you've arrived to Croatia, if you're lucky enough, you'll meet some of 4 million Croats that live in Croatia. Depending on your destination, you will meet the members of one of two major groups of Croats: the Coastal-Croats and the Inland-Croats.

Coastal-Croat's representative male is 1,90 m high, and weights around 110 kg, while woman are a bit smaller 1,85 m high, and weights 75 kg. Coastal male is loud, but patient and can sit in the kitchen for hours, while his female gets him all the food he can eat. Coastal-Croats usually talk about what they were like when they were young (outstanding sportsman, playboys, excellent drivers..etc), or how beautiful their birthplace is, which they btw. left for unknown reasons.

Inland-Croats are smaller: 1,75 m, but not less heavy than Coastal, weighting around 105 kg. They are usually very quiet, but generally fight with all their relatives and neighbours. You will easily recognize them, their faces and arms are sunburnt, and the rest of the body is milky-white. They build their own houses and drink home-brewed white wine, which is toxic. They cannot swim and they only eat meat and bread.

Now, what do Croats have in common? First of all, we all live on loans, meaning that we pay our credit-card bills with another credit-card, and that we all drive cars and live in flats that are bought on loan.

Further, every town in Croatia is crowded with people taking walks, shopping or just having coffee between 10 and 14 o'clock (remember, that's when the rest of you guys in the world work). That, of course, doesn't stop us from complaining about hard working and strict bosses. It is very common sight, to see two women leaving supermarket with bags completely full, things falling out of them, sighing and despairing over their poor financial situation.

Common to all Croats is also passionate support of Croatian national teams and athletes. Especially when they are winning. We all jump with Blanka Vlasic, we ski with Janica, score goals with Eduardo and Modric, we won Wimbledon with Goran, we dictate game tempo with Ivano Balic. But if they lose, then Šuker (winner of Golden Shoe in 1998 World

Cup) is the worse footballer in the world, Kukoc is national-traitor, and all officials should be sacked. That's how it goes.

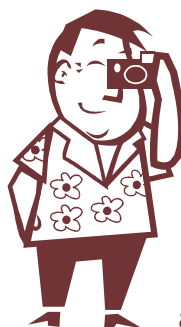
What about bridge in Croatia? We have 650 registered players in 22 clubs. Not so much, but more than Bulgaria, and also less than Trieste. Quantity isn't important, right? Yet, Croatian women's team is participating 16th Venice cup this year in Shanghai, that is the biggest Croatian bridge achievement so far. We are still waiting for National team to reach Bermuda Bowl. Bulgarians did it. Quantity, remember?

Quantity or quality, you'll find it all here. If you visit the Tournament in search of a sport challenge, you'll find competitive Croats ready to take all your IMPs or MPs, and if bridge is only cover for you, and you wish to meet new country and people, Croats will be great hosts, and you will find country very beautiful. So, dig in!

Your bridge stinks? Win prizes nevertheless!

Aha. I want to announce a contest for the best article on the theme: *why do I like it here*.

Article should contain 300-500 words, and you can use computer in Press room to type it. It can be a description of your whole time here, but also it can be just a record of a fabulous meal or well played hand, any great thing that happened here.



Second contest is for those keen on photography. So, on the same topic you should take a photo, and bring it in electronic format to Press room. Every person should bring at most 3 photos for this contest.

Special secret committee of editorial board of Goodmorning bridge will rate all articles and photos. In the last bulletin on Friday 14th we will pronounce winners of both contests and they will receive prize at prize giving ceremony.

Report – playing cards

Playing cards emerged in 9th century China. Ancient Chinese "money cards" have four "suits". It is believed that the first cards may have been actual paper currency which were both the tools of gaming and the stakes being played for.

In the late 14th century, the use of playing cards spread rapidly throughout Europe. Documents mentioning cards date from 1371 in Spain, 1377 in Switzerland, and 1380 in many locations including Florence, Paris, and Barcelona.

The earliest cards were made by hand, like those designed for Charles VI; this was expensive. Printed woodcut decks appeared in the 15th century.

In the 15th century in Europe, the suits in playing cards varied; typically a deck had four suits, although **five suits were common** and other structures are also known. In Germany, hearts, bells, leaves, and acorns became the standard suits and are still used in Eastern and Southeastern German decks today for Skat and other games. Italian and Spanish cards of the 15th century used swords, batons, cups, and coins. The Tarot, which included extra trump cards, was invented in Italy in the 15th century.

The four suits (spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs) now used in most of the world originated in France in approximately 1480. Also in the 15th century, Europeans changed the court cards to represent European royalty and attendants, originally "king", "chevalier", and "knave" (or "servant"). In a German pack from the 1440s, **Queens replace Kings in two of the suits as the highest card**. Fifty-six-card decks containing a King, Queen, Knight, and Valet were common.

In early games the kings were always the highest card in their suit. However, as early as the late 14th century special significance began to be placed on the nominally lowest card, now called the Ace, so that it sometimes became the highest card and the Two, or Deuce, the lowest. This concept may have been hastened in the late 17th century by the French Revolution, where games began being played "ace high" as a symbol of lower classes rising in power above the royalty. The term "Ace" itself comes from a dicing term in Anglo-Norman language, which

is itself derived from the Latin as (the smallest unit of coinage).

Corner and edge indices enabled people to hold their cards close together in a fan with one hand (instead of the two hands previously used). For cards with Latin suits the first pack known is printed in 1693, but were commonly used only at the end of 18th century.

Until the middle of 19th century, the lowest court card in an English deck was officially termed the Knave, but its abbreviation ("Kn") was too similar to the King ("K"). However, from the 1600s on the Knave had often been termed the Jack, a term borrowed from the game „All Fours“ where the Knave of trumps is termed the Jack. „All Fours“ was considered a low-class game, so **the use of the term Jack was considered vulgar**. The use of indices changed the formal name of the lowest court card to Jack.

This was followed by the **innovation of reversible court cards**. Reversible court cards meant that players would not be tempted to turn upside-down court cards right side up. Before this, other players could often get a hint of what other players' hands contained by watching them reverse their cards.

During the French Revolution, **the traditional design of Kings, Queens, and Jacks became Liberties, Equalities, and Fraternities**. The radical French government of 1793 and 1794 saw themselves as toppling the old regime and a good revolutionary would not play with Kings or Queens, but with the ideals of the revolution at hand. This would ultimately be reversed in 1805 with the rise of Napoleon.



In the 19th century, a type of card known as a transformation playing card became popular in Europe and America. In these cards, an artist incorporated the pips of the non-face cards into an artistic design (see picture).

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WEATHER BROADCAST FOR PULA

*Most beautiful day in near future will be Tuesday
when we are free until 8.30 p.m.*

Saturday IMP clearing	Sunday mixed Teams partly cloudy	Monday BAM teams clearing	Tuesday mixed pairs sunny
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**Your friend / partner / relative
Is celebrating a birthday or anniversary ?
You want to thank a sponsor?**

**Come to the Press room and we will
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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...

Working hours

Registration Desk

Saturday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Partnership Desk

Saturday: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 1a.m.

Bridge mate help desk: Saturday: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tournament shop: every day one hour before tournament

Working hours for the following days will follow.

IMPORTANT

- 1.REMEMBER WE ARE USING BRIDGE MATES! Get familiar with them - today at 5pm-8pm at Histria lobby.
- 2.CONVENTION CARDS ARE OBLIGATORY! You can get your copy at Registration desk.
- 3.AT REGISTRATION DESK YOU CAN REGISTER FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE DO IT!
- 4.Entries for pairs tournaments are paid at the table. PLEASE PREPARE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY. Otherwise you will receive your change at the registration desk the next day.

Please register in advance!

FESTIVAL RULES

- ♠ Always be on time!
- ♠ Make your registration in advance!
- ♠ For both pair and team games you should register at Registration desk at least one hour before tournament starts, but please do it as soon as possible.
- ♠ Open pairs MP is limited to 350 pairs, so make your registration TODAY!
- ♠ For teams tournaments you should pay your entry fee at Registration desk at the time of registration
- ♠ For pairs tournaments you should pay entry at the table in the first round (please prepare exact amount of money in advance). In case you do not put exact amount of money in the envelope we will return the change next day at Registration desk.
- ♠ Slow play will not be tolerated
- ♠ Remain seated until the change is announced!
- ♠ Bridge mates will be used at all events except open pairs.

- ♠ The use the stop card is obligatory!
- ♠ The convention card is obligatory! Please fill free to take a copy at Registration desk.
- ♠ Make your opening leads faced down
- ♠ Leave the boards, the bidding boxes and the score sheets on the table.
- ♠ Be nice to your partner, opponents, officials of the tournament and others...only together we can make this tournament friendly and convenient place for all.
- ♠ Follow the ALERT procedure!
- ♠ 1 NT opening bid, if not 15-18 balanced variety must be alerted!
- ♠ 1NT opening bid less then 10 Hcp is not allowed
- ♠ 1NT opening bid tolerates singleton A/K
- ♠ 1NT opening with small singleton (Q or lower) is not allowed unless it is part of the system in which case it should be alerted.
- ♠ HUM and brown stickers are not allowed (please check with TD if you are not sure about conventions you use)
- ♠ Do not alert after 3NT
- ♠ Psychics in strong openings are not allowed

How well we are doing? Here is the scheme of number of units in every tournament since year 2000. We are hoping to beat some records! Can we cross this border of 300 pairs at MP?

