

# bridge club "dr.jurica tomljenović"



## goodmorning bridge

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To: all welcome

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Dear friends,

Congratulations to the winners of IMP tournament! In a field of 217 pairs best were (again) Nanev and Mihov of Bulgaria. At mixed teams tournament tim Erhart of Austria was celebrating. Congrats!



After the starting crises the tournament is going quite well now, but let me explain what hit us on Saturday... Do you know? Is it possible that someone doesn't? On Saturday, about 5 p.m. Czaja notebook decided that it is time to go to sleep... or die... if there is a difference except from the duration of each...

Well, that would be just another regular problem (*like discovering that almost all bridgemates need extra batteries and that our supply of 224 batteries is hardly enough, or finding a huge unmovable painting on the wall where we used to project messages previous*

*years, or pens that are writing continuously for no more than 30 seconds, or....*) if that notebook was not the only storage of all programs to run the tournament. We spent few hours trying to wake it up, and in the meanwhile another laptop followed its manners, and denied obedience too. Computer shops in Pula work till 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and at that point of time (about 7 p.m.) we already called everyone who might know anyone who has something to do with computers and lives in Pula or its surroundings, in order to borrow, buy or steal the device we needed to recover. When it was almost certain that we will have to give up almost all technical support and rely on pen and papers, unexpected help came from Mr Dean of Pula, the one that knows everything. Thank you so much!

Yes, another thing was the temperature. Completely occupied with problems disclosed above, we obviously didn't pay enough attention to the fact that yesterday in whole Croatia was extremely hot day (we call it *thermal impact* in Croatian, Google and dictionary search did not produce adequate English expression, so if you are coming from southern country you know what I am talking about, but if you are from North – well, you know what is blizzard or storm... so: thermal impact is diametrically opposed phenomena, but equally unpleasant. So we didn't talk early enough to a technician guy of the hotel to add extra air-conditioning, and when we realized (at the moment thermometer exploded) that the temperature ran out of control, was clearly too late. We apologize, it was really not our intention to cook you.

We hope you are already having good time, and that you will enjoy the rest of your stay.

# Upcoming events

(by Sandra)

## Mini Teams – Board-a-match

Today we shall play something what we like to call mini team or BAM.

BAM because there is a lot of situations in which you will just BAAAAAAM your opponents (and partner) and try to play impossible contract. You can't lose much – only 2 VP.



Easy scoring rules:

When you are better you will score 2 points (and 430 is much better than 420 – possible baaaam situation). When you are exactly the same like your opponent you will have to split the points 1:1.

When you have reversed first situation you just put a nice smiley face in your score sheet (to comfort yourself).

We will play six boards every round so your maximum is 12 VP.

Collect the numbers not the smiles.

We are always talking about numbers, records, we would like to predict things and winners. Maybe you are bored already, but I simply have to say that we had 95 BAM teams last year and I really would like to break that 100 finally. Join us and you will not regret, trust me, it is fun. Quick, short rounds, enough time

for cigarette and beer and lot of interesting situations to comment afterwards.

### Here is an orientation timetable:

03:00 – 03:50 PM 1<sup>st</sup> round (Swiss)

04:05 – 04:55 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> round (S)

05:10 – 06:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> round (S)

06:15 – 07:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> round (S)

Dinner - yummmmy

09:00 – 09:50 PM 5<sup>th</sup> round (Danish)

10:05 – 10:55 PM 6<sup>th</sup> round (D)

11:10 – 12:00 PM 7<sup>th</sup> round (D)

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

### 2007

Juls - Stefanov Mihov Naney Gunev

Garry - Gierulski Michalek Skrzypczak Stworzewicz

Anna Kurnikova - Kater Kozyra Czezko Ohrysko

### 2006

RKK - G.Tislewoll O.Berset R.Kristiansen A.Gavricivc

Pacific - Taciuc Buras Pilch Narkiewicz

Garry - J.Michalek B.Gierulski J.Stwozewicz J.Sukow

### 2005

Olimp - Hristov Marinovski Ikov Dobrodolski

Tesla - Tesla Kulovic Brouer Bruggemann

Niko - Zipovski Vlajnic Šver Pilipovic

### 2004

Vito - Roussev Naney Mihov Karaivanov

Niko - Diklic Šver Tesla Pilipovic

Dumovich - Dumovich Winkler Szilagyi Honti

### 2003

Kalida - Turant Kaczanowski Stepinski Razik Brudka

Antas - Antas Budzik Walczak Pochron

Koeno - Brouwer Dienes Kasa Bruggemann

Tomorrow we shall continue with

## Mixed pairs

Tournament starts at 08:30 PM. You have whole day to rest, enjoy sea and sun.

If you do not have a partner already you can try your luck at the partnership desk. Maybe you will find ideal partner for the rest of your life. We are insinuating that possibility for years now and I've never heard that something like that happened. That is so sad. It would be so romantic that we have at least one love story from this tournament. If there is any please let me know.

Besides romantic that lady/gentleman combination is a nice opportunity to have very polite evening. No rude words, no jelling, no misbehaving in any way, no disobeying the rules. We are even thinking to give the night off to the directors.

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

N Sver-D Diklic  
K Jazdrzyk -T Filaber  
M Pasternak-K Araszkiewicz  
D Georgieva-S Georgiev  
Mitovska- Marinovski

### 2004

Mezei Honti  
Chodorowska I. Chodorowski  
N.Šver Du.Diklic  
Nanev Pilipovic  
S.Probst D.Blažencic

### 2003

Fischer Schifko  
Pellicaoni Kuhar  
Zagajšek Refi  
Weigkict Viktor  
Krifther Simon



## Men's pairs

Unfortunately we still have more men then women. That is really a natural disaster by itself.

I have editors restriction to publish explanation or any details about that natural disaster. I believe that you are able to figure it out yourself and the details we can share in private.

Not only that they are not able to invite a lady to join them in such perfect place as Pula is (teach her bridge if necessary), they even expect that we shall organize men tournament for them.

### 2007

Susanne Kriftner - Jorg Fritscher  
Zahatra Katnić - Marijan Katnić  
Steliana Ivanova - Petar Darakchiev  
Renata Muller - Vladimir Mihov  
Urlike Schreckenberger - Michael Gromoeller

### 2006

Ewa Miszewska - Apolinary Kowalski  
Vera Gudac – Pero Gudac  
Izvorka Petrovic - Bato Protega  
Jovanka Smeredevac - C Paesold  
Agnes Zalai – Gal Hegedus

### SPECIAL CONTEST

Me, myself and I (Tihana) am looking for a partner for mixed pairs. All (if any) interested should come to the Press room on Sunday or Monday (during the break between sessions or after the tournament). Special committee (Kobas and SchTsch) will talk to you decide between (if any) candidates.

Candidates must be prepared to take a part in some sort of Reality show during interviewing and must know that they might be asked all sorts of questions, and that they are supposed to be funny and amusing.

I (we) am waiting for you!

## How to avoid experts...

Marko & Tihana

When the bridge tournament ends, many bridge players wonder around with printed diagrams of played boards, and look for an innocent or less innocent victim to share their good or bad hands with. Those are very dangerous times, because in a second you're spending your night nodding and sighing with some disappointed, or even worse thrilled expert, instead of drinking, flirting, dancing or just having fun.

How to avoid spending your night in the vast emptiness of good and bad decisions?

Well, there is only one answer. When you are approached by half-drunk expert, holding diagrams and score card, being asked a question like: "what do you bid now?" or "what do you lead?" you should guess the correct answer, and run for your life. If you give the wrong answer, you will be trapped in hours of convincing and arguing, and you will be lost for the night. If you guess right, you might be spared.

But how to give correct answer? In this article you will find some good advices and techniques how to always guess right.

First of all, we should define the correct answer. The correct answer is the one, that your collocutor thinks is the right one. To guess right you should anticipate his actions, or actions he thinks that should have been done.

Second, look carefully who is asking you the question:

- *half-drunk loser.* He is desperate, some times eyes full of tears, swearing and cursing. He wants you to blame his partner for the bad hands, and to despair over his opponents luck. You should do that, otherwise he will lecture you for hours, he will be disappointed with you not knowing simple basis of modern bridge, and the story will never end.
- *half-drunk winner.* He is thrilled, self-confident and prepared to share with you his winning methods. He is prepared to teach you for hours, and to point out to you what do you do wrong, and why you are not winning, like he is.

We want to avoid both of them. If you give the right answer, you would not be interesting, and they will look further to do their thing.

To guess the right answer, you should listen the question carefully. There are only few types of questions, and it is good to know them:

- what do you bid now? (modifications: What would you never bid?, What do you think my partner bid?)
- what do you lead? (Well, after that auction, what do you think that #?\*& led?, What is the most stupid lead that comes to your mind?)

When questions are asked in a negative form it is a very dangerous field, so try to convert them to positive. Don't try to guess the most unbelievable bid: if you guess it right immediately - they will feel like it's obvious – like this bid is your real choice, and if you try with really most improbable bids (usually starting from 7NT and slowly going backwards), they will be annoyed that there are so many bids even more improbable than the one chosen by their partner. This type of question is made to enchain communication (*they would laugh hysterically while you are supposed to guess the unbelievable bid*), and that is one thing that you don't want to. So reformulate the question: I would bid/lead... (read the following advices)

What's with the leads? First of all, how is it being asked? Witty or dull and serious.

If he is smiling and looking clever and mysterious, try for some unusual lead, like doubleton queen, or try to avoid your partner's suit, even if he made the call being vulnerable.

If he is serious and sad go for the safest lead. Lead your partner's suit, or the ace from AKQx.

If you are to bid, ask for the whole hand, as if you have forgotten it, and listen.

- If your expert gives you the cards like tens and nines, for example: "you hold AK108x J109 AQ8 97" you should overbid the hand. If he gives you the same hand like "AKxxx xxx AQx xx" you should heavily underbid.
- If he points out that you are balanced, you should underbid, and if he says: "you have nice 5521 hand" you should overbid. Simple?
- If they give you 14 or more cards (that will happen much more often that you may think), you should ask them to give the hand again, but the overcard suit is definitely the one you should treat with special attention (bid it, pretend you have a stopper in it). However, if they give you only 12 cards, that you should more less ignore the forgotten suit. With 14+cards you should tend to play in no trump contracts, while 12- usually indicates good ruffing potentials.

- Whenever they mention match points you should bid some amount of notrumps, and avoid obvious games or slams, and whenever they mention IMPs you should take double attention on minor suit games, and mostly forget on no trumps at all. Accordingly, whenever they do not mention any scoring, try to act contrary to the above advice. *For heaven sake don't ask directly weather it was MP or IMP ?! Try with deceptive: " Was it today?" " Or when did you play that?" If they say something like: "Today, but does it matter?", or "Y, I think it was today"... you have them!*

- If they start with vulnerability, special modifications are needed. Vulnerable, you should overestimate your cards, bid nebulous games, and double them madly with 0,3 trump tricks. Not vulnerable you should sacrifice whenever you have at least 3-3 fit, and no more than 5 cards in their suit.

- Beginning with "partner passed" strongly implies that passed hand can not have more than 4 high card points and maximum 3 card suit. Bid accordingly.

- Comments like "we had a good scores so far" strongly suggests that you should be as conservative as possible, while "we had a terrible match" indicates that you should look for impossible leads or bids.

Let's see an example:

AKxxx  
K4x  
Axx  
J9(x)

North East South West  
1♦ pass 1♠ pass  
2♥ pass?

Expert: not vulnerable you have a balanced AK fifth in spades, third King of hearts (with 4), A small, small in diamonds, and jack, nine three times of clubs.

So the auction goes...

Partner opens one diamond, you bid one spade, partner bids two hearts... what do you bid...(hesitation while you think seriously) ... you are playing match points.

You: I think you gave me 14 cards...

Expert: hmmm (thinks and repeats), oh yes: J9 in clubs.

You: A-ha. (hesitation) Do you play 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing?

Expert: Sure, why do you ask?

You: Oh, no reason, just checking....

Expert: 2 spades wouldn't be forcing (!!?)

You: And three spades would be invitational?

Expert: Sure, now you are thinking.

You: (well we we not tell you, you should find the bid yourself)

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## Your bridge stinks? Win prizes nevertheless!

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Aha. I want to announce a contest for the best article on the theme: I met an interesting person(s) here.

Article should contain 300-500 words, and you can use a computer in the Press room to type it. It can be a story from a bridge table, but it doesn't have to deal with bridge at all. You should just write what is so special about the person you met, and why you find him/her interesting. It can, but it does not need to, contain names.



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 the Press room. Take a photo of a person or a group of new friends you met at the Festival.

Special secret committee of the editorial board of Goodmorning bridge will rate all articles and photos. In the last bulletin on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> we will announce the winners of both contests and they will receive a prize at the prize giving ceremony.

**Your friend / partner / relative  
Is celebrating a birthday or anniversary ?  
You want to thank a sponsor?**

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publish your advertisement!

## Results



### IMP tournament / first 20 of 218

1 V Mihov-I Nanev	77.00
2 D Popova-R Gunev	74.00
3 T Latos-M Gi za	73.00
4 I Adum-I Tomlj anovi c	63.00
5 Z Chrustowski -A Zol tanski	62.00
6 A Jarmoci k-W Buze	60.00
7 K Kuj awa-W Maryni owski	59.00
8 Marj ai -F Zol d	58.00
9 B Gi erul ski -L Sztyrak	56.00
10 Schul l er-M Gromoel l er	55.00
11 D Marti novi c-I Novosel	52.00
12 L Sados-A Goly gowski	51.00
13 S Csi pka-K Mezei	51.00
14 S Kowal czyk-J Sucharki ewi cz	51.00
15 K Buras-P Jurek	49.00
16 W Dol ny-J Mi chal owski	48.00
17 D Si el ski -M Grabowski	48.00
18 K Dautbegovi c-A Horvat	47.00
19 A Banek-R Pi echota	46.00
20 Nal batska-Kostadi nov	46.00

### Mixed teams tournament / first 10 of 57

1 ERHART: Jan Fucik Maria Erhart Franz Terraneo Sylvia Terraneo	AUT	60
2 BORISs: Dessy Popova Elena Mihova Rosen Gunev Ivan Nanev	BUL	52
3 PETRA Guerrino Saina Ileana Saina Drazen & Zeljka Martinovic	CRO	51
4 CORINNA Balazs Kotanyi Bibor Riesz Judith Sandor Gabor Szto	HUN	50
5 KUL KA Ntaradi Gergely Kozyra Wajdowicz, Kusion Lech Ohrysko	POL	48
6 BATMAN Julian Stefanov Vasil Batov Marina Pilipovic Nikica Sver	CRO	47
7 LARA Lara Ruso Tihana Brkljacic Matej Ivancic Ben Pritchard	CRO	47
8 MOOO Slavica Martinovic Ogi Stanicic Sandra & Richard Probst Alex Hydes	GBR	46
9 TIM Barbara Lesiecka Andrzej Kozak Barbara Kulawik Marek Paradowski	POL	46
10 EWA Ewa Kater Lukasz Brede Joanna Brede Jerzy Brede	POL	45

## Your hands

By Ben

♠ K J 10 4 3 2  
♥ 10 5 3  
♦ A K 4 2  
♣ -

♠ 7 6  
♥ K Q  
♦ Q 7 6 5 3  
♣ A 10 7 5

♠ A 8  
♥ A J 9 4 2  
♦ 10  
♣ K J 9 4 3

♠ Q 9 5  
♥ 8 7 6  
♦ J 9 8  
♣ Q 8 6 2

North	East	South	West
			pass
1♠	2♠	pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	pass	5NT
Pass	pass	Dbl	6♣
Pass	pass	Dbl	all pass

We'd been playing quite well in the IMP pairs – a few more good boards and we might have a chance of a prize despite not being a regular partnership and only discussing six sequences beforehand. So I was delighted when my partner made a Michaels cuebid over North's One Spade bid – here was a chance to display my brilliant bidding skills and push us closer to the leaders. It was hot, really hot, but that would suit our young bodies and minds as everybody else would struggle to fight the conditions.

I started with 2nt, asking about my partner's hand. Three Hearts he replied. Slightly curious, I wasn't certain what this meant...but I have such nice cards as a passed hand. I bid Three Spades. What this means I don't know but hey, we'll work something out. Four Clubs was his reply. Ok, hold on a minute, what are trumps? Was that a cuebid? Natural? Gerber? So, obviously I bid Four Spades. What this means I don't know but hey, we'll work something out.

Four No Trumps he bids. Well, that must be Blackwood right? What are trumps? What Blackwood do we play again? I tried Five Clubs, let's see what happens.

Five Diamonds. A drop of sweat drops onto my collection of spade bids on the table. The realisation that I have absolutely no idea what cards my partner has or what he thinks I have has dawned. My worried eyes catch a look at my partner. He's got the same look as I have: 'I will try to look cool, look like we know what we're doing'. We both know better, I can see sweat on his forehead.

FIVE NO TRUMPS. Well, you've just got to don't you?

It's my favourite bid – Bid something partner, bid the right slam, we'll make it, we'll look brilliant, we'll get in the bulletin.

He passed it. He PASSED it? He's ruined my fantasy. I feel totally humiliated. The hero on my right doubles it. Who can blame him? He's got a couple of queens, and he's playing against two people who think bidding boxes are way too much fun. Five No Trumps is completely cold. But what's the fun in that? You get more points for a slam, right? So i bid Six Clubs. The hero, licking his lips, doubles, and leads a spade.

Six clubs is of course cold too. I knew what I was doing all along. The hero must have the Queen of clubs, so declarer plays the Jack of clubs. When this wins, a club to the 10 and three rounds of hearts allow a spade to be thrown from dummy. Ruff a Spade, draw trumps, six clubs made. Why didn't I redouble? Unfortunately, having been exposed to my circus act with the bidding box, having two minutes to play due to our long tortuous auction, and no longer feeling confident and youthful, he played the King of Clubs first and there is no recovery. One down, total embarrassment all round, but at least we made it to the bulletin.

## Your hands

Rob Jagroop  
Anneke van der Meer  
Netherlands

In the last round of the mixed teams we had some nice hands.

N:

♠ Axx  
♥ A9xx  
♦ AQJ10x  
♣ x

My partner opened 1 diamond with this hand. I had a nice 7 card spades and bid 1 spade:

S:

♠ KJxxxx

♥ KQx

♦ x

♣ xx

Now west bid 2 clubs, followed by double with my partner, support or values.

No scientific bidding from here: 4 spades, 6 spades.

What else do we need to know?

A nice contract, as spades were nicely spread 2-1. I have to admit I spoiled a game before and maybe the 6 spades was a bit of a frustration macho bid. But that is part of the game in the mixed.

Same table, an even more interesting hand:

N:

♠ AKJxx

♥ Q

♦ Ax

♣ Q9xxx

S:

♠ xx

♥ AKxxx

♦ xxx

♣ AKJ

It is a quite safe 7 club slam, but how to reach it? We reached 6 clubs, still nice.

The bidding:

North	South
1 spade	2 heart (game forcing)
3 clubs	3 diamond (asking)
4 clubs (serious)	5 clubs (after thinking)
5 diamond	5 heart
6 clubs	

I had the south hand and had a difficult bid after 4 clubs.

I knew my partner had no minimum, but I was not sure of the diamond control.

4 heart was a possibility, but I was not sure it was forcing. So after thinking: 5 clubs.

My partner could see that I should have nice clubs, because I had no points in diamond, maximum 2 spades and lots of heart values, he would not stop below 6 clubs.

As he had not showed the diamond cue, he did it at the 5 level (first control). I could have bid 7 now, but chickened with 5 heart, followed by 6 clubs.

Plus one. Good enough. Unluckily opponents called the tournament director, because of my thinking. Score turned back to 5 clubs plus 2.

I remember a (male) player at the tournament in Loiben this year, playing the mixed pairs with a t-shirt with the text: "thinking helps".

I wish it was that easy.

## Happening in Pula on Monday morning (before mini teams) ...

**08.09.** Pula, 10.00 - 14.00 Giardini



At Giardini, in the very center of Pula there will be stands with five caterers, three winemakers, two olive growers and one family of honey makers offering their products to visitors.

The caterers will prepare Istrian food, both fish and meat dishes, offering them at promotional prices. The price of a portion sold at stands that will be open from 10 am to 2 pm will be 20 kunas. A glass of wine will cost 8 kunas, and both olive oil and honey will be sold at promotional prices.

To add a local touch to the entire event, students of the Music school 'Ivan Matetić Ronjgov' will play traditional Istrian instruments.

Istriafest 08 is a good reason to come to the center of Pula on Monday and experience the tastes and sweet smells of our city.

In case of rain the presentation will be held the following day.

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT (is

it the exercise, being fit, living healthily, finding a good partner, knowing the system well, relaxing, visualizing, having winning spirit, loving it,...?)

by Slavica

A day like any other day, you get up when you are irritated enough with the noise from outside the apartment. Why can't those people just sleep, and let me sleep, it's like 12.30. and they are all perky already.

Every day another battle, so rise and shine! It is again time to fight for bathroom, and hunt and gather some food. Basic survival procedure. Oh oh, there are still some leftovers from yesterday's lunch. Perfect! Next mission: coffee. Any coffee. I can smell it, I follow the fragrance in the air and it leads me to the coffee shop across the street. Yes, suddenly I am feeling a bit more alive. Aj, I should have been at work already. Run Slavica! Run! But they will surely understand me being five minutes late, I'll just tell them the truth. Brain needs some time to heat up and start processing, a person cannot just wake up fully aware of reality. Anyway, here I am. I'll match you with someone, that's what I do. You looking for a world class player, or just an easygoing person for a casual game of bridge? Oh you need two easygoing people, for the teams, right. I had two, if I could now only remember how they looked like. Aj aj aj. Mission impossible, but let's try, they were male, caucasian, hmmmmm, there were two of them.... No, I just have to admit to myself that I am braindead for today, and try to cope with the situation. Concentrate, keep your eye on the ball, the partnership desk needs you! Poor partnership desk Ok, another coffee please. Thank you very much....

It is one hour before the tournament, now it will get crowded, but I feel better. I put on the smile number three, and the situation seems to be under control. An hour later we have matched three pairs and two teams successfully, and I can see the light at the end of the tunnel because someone has just yelled: TAKE YOUR SEATS PLEASE! Yessssssss, finally we are going to play, finally some peace and quiet, and I don't have to think about anything. Ummmmmmmmmm, who am I playing with today, which day is it btw? Oh, with him, that's good, with him I have some system.

It was three weak twos I think. START PLAYING PLEASE! Music to my ears.

Did I maybe drift apart from the subject a bit? It should have been about preparations.

If I recapitulate my preparations: I didn't wake up at the last moment, I woke up early enough to give my brain time to start. I then had quality home-cooked meal. After that I took some time for myself to get in touch with my inner bridge player (that was when I was having my first coffee), and after that I was working a bit (doing something constructive to get one's mind off of the possible pressure of playing an important event, you can also read or babysit for the same effect). At all times I was keeping out of sun and wind, so that those don't burn or blow away my brain. And, as the peak of my efforts: I even know the system!

What self discipline. So do I deserve to win or not?

### **Your want to thank a sponsor?**

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### **IMPORTANT**

- 1.REMEMBER WE ARE USING BRIDGE MATES!
- 2.CONVENTION CARDS ARE OBLIGATORY! You can get your copy at the Registration desk.
- 3.AT THE 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.

## FESTIVAL RULES

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- ♠ Always be on time!
- ♠ Make your registration in advance!
- ♠ For both pair and team games you should register at the 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 the 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 the 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 of the stop card is obligatory!
- ♠ The convention card is obligatory! Please fill free to take a copy at the 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!

### 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 if 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...

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## A word from tournament manager

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A word from the Tournament Manager.

Dear bridge players,

I feel it is my duty and obligation to apologise to all guests for the huge delay of the start of the IMP pairs and for the extremely hot playing conditions.

However, I hope that we will stay at the usual technical level with help from Czaja, and that there will be no more problems. Since it looks like the weather is going to cool down we hope that playing conditions will improve. We are still expecting a new record in the number of pairs/teams but it will be hard to beat the high numbers from previous years.

I wish you a pleasant stay and lots of success!

Sincerely,  
Brk