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goodmorning bridge

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Dear friends,

Open teams are over. We had a huge number of 106 teams which is the record so far. In that serious competition first place took team from: Hungary, team GERO: Bartis Gal Gero Jakab

Congratulations!



Today we are starting with Open Pairs tournament, we will be playing in 2 sessions (one today evening and

other tomorrow afternoon), every session consisting of 3 rounds of 10 boards.

Tomorrow evening we will have victory ceremony (brochure says it starts at 9 p.m. – but you learned so far Croatian timing is kind of flexible, so we will probably be about half an hour later). After the ceremony you are all invited to the party that will take place in Kavana opposite the main Reception of Histria hotel. We will be singing, dancing, and having fun whole night - so get prepared!

Since this is the last bulletin, I wish you all safe trip back home and hope to see you again next year. For those who can afford it – there will be four more days of additional tournaments – so you are invited to prolong your stay.

We are still not sure when the Festival will start in 2009 (well, first half of September, for sure), but we will have brochures ready and information posted at www.crobridge.com/pula/eng by the end of the year.

We remind you to make your bookings on time, it is easy –

just e-mail me what type of accommodation you prefer and I will confirm it.

See you soon, enjoy!

Upcoming events

(by Sandra)

OPEN PAIRS

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Dear friends, we are in front of our main and last event on this Festival. Open pairs. We really had great time, lot of fun and sun and food and wine – BUT - I am sad, again, repeating that every year. I feel like summer is ending right now. Autumn is here as a symbol for serious work and serious life for next 11 months. In the meantime we will be older one year. Those lucky ones will attend some other tournaments or events. But for me it is like the year ends here in Pula not in some cold December. So lets celebrate it together joining this really marvelous tournament.

Play will start at 20:30 on Friday and 13:00 on

Saturday. Unfortunately it is not possible to play only on Friday or only on Saturday. It is two days lasting tournament.

During last two years you probably became familiar with our playing system for this event, but repetitium est mater studiorum.

We will play 3 rounds each day, 10 boards per round. After every round there will be a small break (10-15 minutes) which we can use for smoking (I am not promoting smoking, I just want to stress that there will be no real need to smoke during the sessions) and Caja will calculate the results. In next round we will change positions and section. Those changes will be written on the big papers everywhere around the hole. Please listen to the instructions carefully to avoid delays and complications. During the next round you will receive personal scores from the previous round and you will be able to track your results.

History:

2007

1. Harangozo - Szalay



2. Froeland – Lund
3. Magnusson – Haraldson
4. Majdanski – Kazmierczak
5. Szulejewski - Ciechomski

2006

1. Stefanov - Mihov
2. Nanev - Gunev
3. Canesi - Cedolin
4. Schifko - Viktor
5. Karakolev - Zahariev

2005

1. Trendafilov – Karaivanov
2. Ivanov – Ivanov
3. Grzelak – Szelka
4. Fischer – Saurer
5. Zahariev - Karakolev

2004

1. Popov – Tcherveniakov
2. Šver - Pilipovic
3. Babsch – Bieder
4. Mihov - Nanev
5. Szutowicz - Szczepanski

2003

1. Krzeminski - Olanskil
2. Mihov - Nanev
3. Czajer - Kowalczyk
4. Gierulski - Szttyrak
5. Fucik – Stojanovic

Some instructions and warnings:

In this event rules should be strictly obeyed, TDs will not have mercy even if you are their friend, spouse or more. The most important is - Please do not leave the playing area during the "mini" session. Smoking is absolutely out of the question and any player who leaves the table without a reason will be penalized. Really people it is not so difficult to sit and play 10 boards without that poison. I am a smoker too so you can't full me. Please leave your mobile phones at home. Even only one tone from your beauty can be very expensive.

Always alert – even if you are not sure whether it is necessary or not.

Take some time to fill in the convention card if you don't have one already.

Any breach of this regulation will be immediately penalized. I told you in the beginning that TDs are merciless and strict but fair.

I have to warn you once again that we have a limited number of pairs so please hurry up. We have already

enrolled more than 250 pairs and you might have a problem if you come too late. It is not just a sentence without consequence. Since we are playing in a lot of small sections it is not possible to have indefinite number of pairs. At the end situation is always like – now you have to wait and if n more number of pairs will enroll then you can play. So you don't want to be one of those who has to wait until the last moment not knowing whether you will play or not. There is no reason for such situation. You do not have to have your valet to enroll. Just fill the paper when you are passing by the registration desk or just ask us and we will fill it for you.

One reminder more – you know that after Saturdays afternoon session we will have victory ceremony in the evening. It will start at 9,00 pm. We hope that you will join us during the victory ceremony to pick up your rewards, to celebrate the winners of all tournaments and to help us end this Pula Festival with joy and dignity. After the ceremony we will have a party in hotel Histria – Kavana. We will organize some snack but also Karaoke. It is amusing how many songs we can ruin during one night. But also laugh and dance. My experience can promise you really good party till early morning hours.

Have a nice time and a good luck!

All results from the festival, personal scores, bulletins and photos at www.crobridge.com/pula/eng

Your bridge stinks? Win prizes nevertheless!

No one is responding to any of my requests, contests, prayers whatsoever.

So, I am giving you one last chance, in this years last bulletin. So, once you return home from Festival, and you start to tell your friends stories about it, you may as well write one for the next years bulletin. Just send your tale to tihana@pilar.hr.



Also, if you have any interesting photos that you have taken during the Festival, please share it with others. Send it to the same e-mail, and I will put it on the tournament web page (www.crobridge.com/pula/eng).

Special secret committee of the editorial board of Goodmorning bridge will rate all articles and photos. The best one will receive a prize when they arrive to 48th Pula bridge festival in September next year.

Your hands

♠ Importance of the Jacks

By Georgy Szalay

All we know, that Work-like 4-3-2-1 calculation is often wrong: Jacks and Queens are overvaluated and Aces underrated. Generally, of course. But look this hand from Teams, 2. round:

All vulnerable, North is the dealer

We have as South:

♠ A K Q 6 5
♥ Q T
♦ A K 5 3
♣ J 3

He opens with 1H (at least 5card, limited to 15 HCP). Lets suppose we ask and force him few times, at we know after his 3C bid:

shape is 2524, 11.15 hcp.

We decide to start Hs as trumps (temporaly, et least), and his response to 3H is 3N what says:

'I have 11-13 HCP, but 0 or 3 keycards as Hs as trumps.'

We are very clever guys, so we know he can't have 0 KC, so he has AK of Hs and A of Cs, and at most 2 points, so 1 Queen or 2 Jacks, at most.

Not so tough to decide, that for good GRAND we need both major Jacks: without J of Ss or prospect in any grand are so low, and missing of J of H is very bad grand yet. So what to do? If I cant ask it, I wd bid the prosaic small slam...but if u play Scan relays, u can have solution. In this version of the follow up after RKC, 1st bid asks about Queen of trumps, 2nd about specific Kinngs, 3rd about Queens, and yes, 4th relay (4N here, cause 4H is natural) is about Jacks, the order is H-C-S-D now. He says: 5D: 'c'I have J of H, but not C'. WQe ask 1 more with 5S, and 6C response promises J of S as well. Bingo!

Every child wd say 7N now, dont u think?

Which slam to bid?

By Andras Babsch

Partner opens 1 heart and you have this beautiful collection:

♠ A K Q J 8
♥ A J x x
♦ A K J x
♣ -

You certainly want explore the grand, but your bidding methods are not really scientific.

The best you can think of is to try with 5 NT asking for honors in hearts. Partner advances with 6 diamonds showing one heart honor.

You don't really like biding a grand in a suit where honor is missing, no trump doesn't seam appealing with a void, so you try with 7 spades.

Partner looks confused for a moment, but after a while she passes hoping I didn't pull the wrong bid from the bidding box.

So this lovely dummy comes down...

♠ 6
♥ Q 10 x x x
♦ Q x x x x
♣ A K

Spades behaving, you easily make your grand although the king of hearts if offside.

For this adventure you are awarded with modest 3 imps, since opponents in the other room had no problems in making 6 hearts redoubled.

PARTY AFTER THE VICTORY CEREMONY

**Don't forget we will have all night party at
KAVANA (opposite the Reception of hotel
Histria) on Saturday night.**

Results

Open teams (group A, first 3 in B and winners of all groups)

GROUP A		
1	GERO HUN Bartis Gal Gero Jakab	110
2	GIERULSKI POL Gardynik Gierulski Szttyrak Tutka	102
3	SZALAY HUN Gulyas Harangozo Szalay Szegedi MOO YORK NIX CR/GB	95
4	Brkljacic Martinovic Stanicic Tesla Townsend	95
5	NEFKA POL Brede Kater Kozyra Ohrysko Olech	94
6	JULS BUL Aronov Danailov Stamatov Stefanov	93
7	CONSUS POL Beling Filipowicz Lewaciak Niedzielski Zadroga	92
8	FREDIN A/S/U Fredin Fisher Gottlieb Simon	91
9	SAINA IT/SR Milutinovic Miric Saina Saina	90
10	JURAS EZI LAT Klidzeja Maurins Samolchev Veksha	73
GROUP B		
	ZDZICHU POL	
1	Buras Chmurski Ingielewicz Jurek Narkiewicz Zmudzinski	92
2	OLPP POL Dolny Kujawa Maryniowski Michalowski NORD-SUD ROM	92
3	Feher Kovacs Magyarossy Silvasanu Stavache Stavache	92
GROUP C		
1	ATU ROM Briciu Gradinaru Marina Stegaroiu	90
GROUP D		
1	EURO-AGRO POL Buze Kowalewski Laszczak Laszczak Rutkowski	84
GROUP E		
1	KRASNICKI POL Cieslak Krasnicki Owczarek Teleszynski	89
GROUP F		
1	RASE CRO Blazevic Rase Sasek Zeljko	77
GROUP G		
1	HARINKA POL Jaros Krasowska Mierzwa Swiech Wojcik Zdanowicz	77
GROUP H		
1	ZMAJ CR/SR Martinovic Vujcic Novosel Radojevic	81
GROUP I		
1	FALANGA CRO Caklovic Mokni Perkovic Postic	72
GROUP J		
1	MAGAR H/R/C Alfiev Jevremovic Mavar Wer	65
GROUP K		
1	NOR AND NED NO/HO Iversen Jagroop Meer Ness Sivertsvik	66

FESTIVAL RULES

- ♠ 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!
- ♠ 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!

All results, personal scores, bulletins and photos will be available at:

www.crobridge.com/pula/eng

Please share your Pula photos with us: just send link or photos to: tihana@pilar.hr.

Interesting facts....

... during this festival around 32.000 boards will be played... 32.000 contracts bid, 32.000 leads made, 32.000 dummies put at the table, approximately 320.000 bids (taking average of 10 bids per board) put out of the bidding boxes... and now you are worried about one single lead or bid.

... 1115 team matches were played and 2230 score sheet written

... in this 8 days everyone of us spent about 48 hours playing if he played all the tournaments. All players together spent about 20.000 hours playing... imagine we were doing something more useful – we could have built a city or two.

... our caddies carried over about 8000 boards, if they carried 4 board at once, and walked 20 meters every time, it comes to 40.000 meters .