

bridge club "dr.jurica tomljenović"



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goodmorning bridge

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the 48th Pula Bridge Festival!

You came from all over the Europe, and even from some countries outside its borders to join us in this great week of bridge and holidays.



So, this year we welcome our friends from: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, India, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and USA. If I failed mentioned your country, please let me know and you will receive a little present to apologize for that mistake.

We would like to thank Arenaturist, and specially Mr Reli Slonim for sponsoring Open Teams tournament (did you notice increase in the first place prize?), and T-shirts for the tournament.

We thank Ms Ada Bogovic for her patience that combined with her professional skills makes her ideal partner to work with.

Mr Radek Kielbasinski, the president of Polish bridge federation, and Slawek Latala, our chief TD, for helping us again with bridgemates and other equipment for the tournament.

Again, Teams tournament will be broadcasted by BBO, so thanks to Roland and his team.

Finally, special thanks go to all TD-s, Registration desk ladies, Press-office members, technical support, caddies and staff team. We just couldn't run this tournament without your help.

For any information or help you need, you can always turn to officials at Registration desk or in the Press room, Tournament directors, or anyone who wears Tourney ID card. These people are here to help you and they should do it with a smile ☺. We prepared presents for you, and the easiest way to collect them is to register in advance. In that case, you will receive wonderful festival T-shirts.

Considering BBO broadcasting, unfortunately we will overlap with Bermuda Bowl this year, so we are in desperate need for commentators. If you know any good bridge player who speaks decent English and would like to comment Open Team broadcast please let me know.

This little bulletin will be issued every second day, so there will be 4 of them during the tourney. You can get your free copy at the Enrolment desk, approximately every odd-dated day, at approximately any time.

I hope you will come to visit me in Press and write something for the bulletin. It can be bridge related, but we will also publish any interesting story. If your friend is celebrating a birthday or you want to thank sponsors, or you want to promote bridge tournament in your country, just come to Press and we will arrange it.

Good Luck to all of you!

PROGRAMME

| DAY | TIME | TOURNEY | SESSIONS | SCORING | ENTRY FEE |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Saturday, September 5 th | 21:00 | OPEN PAIRS | single session | IMP | 15 Eur per player |
| Sunday, September 6 th | 15:00 | MIXED TEAMS | 1 st session | IMP/VP | 60 Eur per team |
| | 21:00 | MIXED TEAMS | 2 nd session | IMP/VP | |
| Monday, September 7 th | 15:00 | OPEN MINI-TEAMS | 1 st session | board-a-match | 60 Eur per team |
| | 21:00 | OPEN MINI-TEAMS | 2 nd session | board-a-match | |
| Tuesday, September 8 th | 20:30 | MIXED PAIRS | single session | MP | 15 Eur per player |
| | 20:30 | MENS PAIRS | single session | MP | |
| Wednesday, September 9 th | 15:00 | OPEN TEAMS | 1 st session | IMP/VP | 130 Eur per team |
| | 21:00 | OPEN TEAMS | 2 nd session | IMP/VP | |
| Thursday, September 10 th | 15:00 | OPEN TEAMS | 3 rd session | IMP/VP | |
| | 21:00 | OPEN TEAMS | 4 th session | IMP/VP | |
| Friday, September 11 th | 20:30 | OPEN PAIRS | 1 st session | MP | 30 Eur per player |
| Saturday, September 12 th | 14:00 | OPEN PAIRS | 2 nd session | MP | |
| | 20:30 | VICTORY COCKTAIL & PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY | | | |
| Sunday, September 13 th | 20:30 | ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT | | | 50 Kn or 7 Eur per player |
| Monday, September 14 th | 20:30 | ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT | | | 50 Kn or 7 Eur per player |
| Tuesday, September 15 th | 20:30 | ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT | | | 50 Kn or 7 Eur per player |
| Wednesday, September 16 th | 14:00 | ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT | | | 50 Kn or 7 Eur per player |
| | 18:00 | MINI COCKTAIL | | | |

! VERY IMPORTANT !



Entering Events

For every event a pair or a team has to enroll at least one hour before the play starts. In the next half hour registration is still possible but with double entry fee.

For every event you may enroll at any time when the Enrolment desk is open, so please do it in advance!

Entries for all events can be paid in Kunas or Euros but we suggest paying in Euros, because our exchange rate is not so favorable. For pair events entry fees will be paid at the table, by putting the money in the envelope provided; for teams events entry fees are paid at the time of registration. Please prepare exact amount of money to avoid delays.

Delays & leaving the playing area

Always come to the playing room on time! Try to avoid delays and slow play, as those who are repeatedly late will be penalized. During all tournaments remain seated until the round is over. Please don't leave the playing area in order to smoke.

Alert procedures

The Alert procedure is as follows:

- 1NT opening bid, if not 15 – 18 balanced variety must be alerted;
- strong two-s & any "multi" opening bids must be alerted;
- weak two-s (6-10 Hcp & 6 cards in bidden suit) shouldn't be alerted;
- most players in Croatia play 1♣ opening as 2+ cards in clubs (only two clubs are possible when 4-

4-3-2). Because it is so common in Croatia, it shouldn't be alerted. All other opening bids that don't guarantee at least 4 cards in bidden suit must be alerted;

- one in major shouldn't be alerted if it shows 4 or 5 cards, however if you play canapé, it should be alerted;
- jump bids that are not invitational should be alerted (1♠-pass-3♠ - if this is preempt or game force should be alerted);
- all negative doubles must be alerted;
- 4th suit forcing should be alerted;
- if screens are not used, do not ALERT after 3 NT.

Other

- Use the STOP card always or never! (same as your partner)
- Make your opening leads face down.

Bidding Rules

- **Highly artificial systems** and "Brown Sticker" conventions **are not allowed** in any part of the tourney! Please contact TD for additional information if needed.
- RULE 18 (the sum of cards in two longest suits and the number of HCP must be at least 18 to open the hand) is applied in all pair games in first and second seat only! Strong opening bids may not be psyched in any MP or IMP games, and 1NT is considered as a strong opening bid.
- 1NT opening bid is allowed with singleton only if it is A or K. 1 HCP tolerance is allowed.

Upcoming tournaments

by Sandra Ruso



UPCOMING EVENTS

By Sandra

Dobar dan i dobro došli (Hello and welcome).

I am absolutely thrilled when I am starting with this article. This article means that Pula is near. I am almost there. We shall meet again, we shall play some bridge and have wonderful time. For me it is really feeling which makes my soul sing and fly (trust me you wouldn't like me to sing in public so lets keep it in my soul. No one deserves that kind of punishment.).

Lets skip romantic and bad humor and start with relevant information and rules which will be part of our life in the next 10 days.

Near left entrance of the hotel Histria we have installed registration desk. Purpose of the registration desk is TO REGISTER (sounds unbelievable I know). So please do it - REGISTER. Registration is essential for us to start or even to hold a tournament. So if you would like to play and finish today's tournament today (and not tomorrow) when you pass by that desk you just have to pick a pan (nice present waiting for you, they are even fulfilling their purpose this year, you will be able to use them and actually write with them) and enrollment form(s) and put down your names. It shouldn't be so difficult. It seems that every 5 years old kid should be able to do so. But unfortunately for some players it is still a huge problem. Please people, lets do it on time for once. We even have staff who will write down your names for you if you prefer spelling over writing. Can you imagine our IMP tournament starting at 9 pm. Sharp. Can you?! Maybe we'll be able to see flying frogs or some other miracle. Lets do it for once.

No one will even ask you for money. For any pair tournament enrollment fee you will pay at the table. It would be nice of you to bring along the exact amount (EUR 15 for adults – adult means over 26, not mentally adult). In the case that we have to return the change that will be done next day at the registration desk.

Here are a lot of us called 'staff' – more or less important, with our different roles, but with one common target - we are here at your disposal and we will try to make this Festival pleasant. Do not hesitate to come and ask for assistance for anything which you might need help for.



Last year winners, Mihov - Nanev of Bulgaria

IMP = TODAY!

So today we shall start (on time) with imp pair tournament – Butler. It starts at 9 pm. That means you should and will register until 8.30 at the latest (thank you). Entry fee will be paid at the table.

We will play 13-15 rounds, 2 hands per round and score the results with Bridgemates.

Smoking and leaving the playing area during the tournament is strictly forbidden and disobeying this rule can cost you a serious number of match points. Don't forget to fill in a convention card. You can find your copy at the Partnership desk. I think this will be all for the moment, I just have to introduce the last year's winners to you:

2008

Mihov Nanev
Popova Gunev
Latos Giza
Adum I.Tomljanović
Chrustowski Zoltanski

2006

S.Ruso Đuričić
Gober Kowalewski
Sztos Czimer
Radojević Likar
Wegner Laskowski

2004

Razik Szutowicz
Schneider Appelt
Janowski Lucko
Lyskawa Lassota
Gierlowski Sukow

2007

Vikor Gal
Hansen Vist
Nanev Gunev
Tcherveniakov Hristov
Grabowski Sielski

2005

Biel Wegner
Ilieva Hristov
Panina Rosenblum
Turczynowicz Rafalski
Andreev Krashennikov

2003

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

MIXED TEAMS = SUNDAY

3 p.m. sharp!

Mixed team is a team of 4-6 players (minimum 2 men and minimum 2 women). Every pair at the table for each round should consist of one woman (sitting East or South) and one man (guess – sitting North or West).

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

Orientation time table:

Morning session:

1st round: 15:00-16:05
2nd round: 16:20-17:25
3rd round: 17:40-18:45

(dinner break)

Evening session:

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 at the end of the 3rd round and that you need to have the chief's (Brk) permission to do

so, but it is possible. We shall score with Bridgemates again. So if your result matches the one on the big screen you should do nothing, but if it doesn't you should go to the computing desk and they will solve the problem.

If you have any problem in finding a team or pair we have organized a partnership desk (next to the registration desk). There are some nice staff members who will help you to find a perfect partner or a team to play with.

Last year's winners are:

2008

Erhart – Erhart, S. Terraneo, Fucik, F.Terraneo
Boris – Mihova, Popova, Gunev, Nanev
Petra – Ž.Martinović, I.Saina, D.Martinović, G.Saina

2007

Big Slick – E.Kater, E.Kozyra, R.Czeczek, L.Ohrysk
Ctr+Alt+Del – Juhas, Pećina, S.Ruso, Parežanin, Đuričić, Brouwer

Lara – L.Ruso, T.Brkljačić, B.Pritchard, Ma.Ivančić

2006

Franck – S.Havliček, I. Tomljanović, M.Pilipović, T.Šćepanović
Chass – A.Muliar, P.Steiner, S.Wernle, J. Smederevac
Praha – Bahnikova, Bahnik, Svobodova, Svoboda

2005

Terraneo - F.Terraneo S.Terraneo Kriftner Franzel
Queens of Hearts - Georgjeva Mihova Georgjev
Nanev

Losie - Kozyra Ohrysko Narkiewicz Szewczyk

2004

Reasonables - Protega I.Petrović T.Brkljačić Terraneo
Nicola - Matteucci Zecchini Paolini Martini
Niko - N.Šver Tomić M.Pilipović Du.Diklić

2003

Marvin - Lončar, Zagajšek, Filjar, Refi
Baby - Furdzik, Lepiarczyk, Stankowski, Kusion, Dudzik
Belan - R. Muller, I. Matijević, A. Mixich, J. Carić, Grahek

Since you already know that I am repeating myself all the time I'll do it again. Please BE ON TIME. Have fun and interesting hands which you will tell us about afterwards. Maybe even write an article for next bulletin. You can ask how to do it in the press room or at one of our desks – partnership or registration.

Last year winners, Team Terraneo of Austria



You won a tourney ?

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

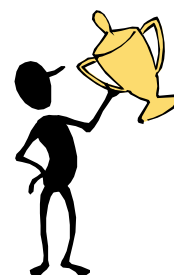
We invite the winners of all tournaments to visit us in Press room.

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...



**Register in advance
For upcoming tournaments**

And get a T-shirt!

SPAM

By Srfa

While skating on cheap skates, I'm continuously thinking how to improve our bidding. In moments of inspiration, I see how to improve some sequences which might seem unimprovable.

Let's have a look to this everyday bidding problem. Playing sort of Standard American system, you pick up:

♠KJx
♥Kxxx
♦KJx
♣KJ

You count your points and open 1 NT. Partner responds 3 NT. You start to concentrate to make best of this game contract. Suddenly you discover that ace of diamonds was hiding under king. You are proud to see that your hand has improved significantly! So, you're real hand turns out to be:

♠KJx
♥Kxxx
♦AKJx
♣KJ

What do you do now? You pass? Or bid 6NT? Obviously it's a guess. But with good bidding system, you could get your partner involved in assessing new situation. It's time to introduce you to **SPAM** convention! Spam stands for 'Sorry Pard, Again Miscounted'. It applies to all standard sign-off sequences, when you are normally expected to pass. Here is it how it works. Basic situation is:

You-bid - partner-bids-signoff in same denomination - ?

Most common continuation now should be a pass. Meaning of pass is: "Everything OK pard, I do have a hand that I have bid in 1st round". To be on safe side, you should alert this pass, especially if you are playing with partner that miscount frequently. Opponents are entitled to know that with this pass, partner has acknowledged his first bid was at least plausible!

But, if you have miscounted to level of full playing trick, say ace or king, you could conventionally bid one more in your denomination! In our previous example, bidding should go: 1 NT - 3 NT-4NT*(SPAM), Partner duly alerts and, if asked for explanation, states: 'Partner is spamming for around one additional playing trick'. He is also reasonably well placed to make his further move. In our previous example, if partner has mediocre 10-count, he will pass. With bit more he could invite, or bid slam. In fact, he gets for free one more chance to rectify a count of his own hand, thus further improving preciseness of partnership bidding! Please don't confuse this technique with 'rectifying a count' in squeeze terminology. Form of rectification we are talking about in this example is coming far more frequently!

So far, so good. But, if you could miscount your points, you certainly could mess-up your distribution, aren't you? Not to worry, again SPAM is here for rescue. Let's see how it works in this by know classical example; 1 NT – 3 NT! Let's suppose that you have initially mixed two small hearts into diamonds. Your real hand might be something similar to:

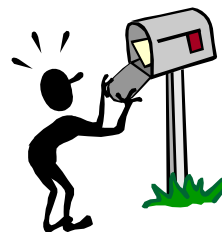
♠Kx
♥KJTxxx
♦Ax
♣KJx

Playing SPAM, you still have possibility to steer partnership to possibly better game, 4 hearts. Just bid it! Partner will probably know what to do, and, to be on safe side, it's anyway unlikely that he is carrying a gun to bridge session.

To make situation more complex, we will take into account one of worst possible situations you can find yourself in bidding. Back to our '1NT-3NT-?' example. First free bidding step, in this case 4 clubs, is having special artificial meaning. Basically, it states: I forgot our system and my previous bid does not have any resemblance with my real hand. Based on that useful information, partner is encouraged to use his imagination. He should reason on following lines: "What confused this moron on other side this time? Maybe he thought that 1 NT was unusual in this sequence, showing both minors? AHA! ...and he places final contract accordingly!

**LOOKING FOR A PARTNER or TEAM-MATES ?
- we have Partnership Desk – just register there!**

**IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR OWN,
PLEASE BRING IT TO THE PRESS ROOM.**



Interesting Facts about Croatia

Did you know...

- That the Dalmatian dog from the film "101 Dalmatians" was named after Dalmatia, in which most of the Croatian Adriatic is located.
- That the first public theatre in Europe was opened in 1612 on the island of Hvar, in the town which "Conde Nast Traveler Magazine" entered at the fifth place on its Top Ten list of best island towns in the world.
- That by the end of the third century AD, the Roman emperor Diocletian decided for construction of his palace the place where the city of Split is located today. The Palace of Diocletian is one of the best known integral architectural and cultural constructions in the world, which, due to its preservation and beauty, UNESCO entered in its registry of World Cultural Heritage in 1979.
- That in the small town of Trogir, 30 km away from Split, founded in 3rd century BC, there is one of the best preserved Romanesque-Gothic complexes in the world. Trogir is an excellent example of a medieval town built on and conforming with the layout of a Hellenistic and Roman city and it is therefore also on the World Cultural Heritage list of UNESCO.
- That, before Newton's discovery, the town of Dubrovnik, which has been on the World Cultural Heritage list of UNESCO since 1979, owned a telescope which was constructed by Marin Getaldic (1568-1626), the greatest Croatian scientist of that time.
- That the necktie has its origin in Croatia (in Croatian: Kravata, English: Cravat, French: Cravate, German: Krawatte, Italian: Cravatta, Spanish: Corvatta) and that the word "cravat" came from the word "Croat" (Hrvat in Croatian); so called because worn by Croats in the French army during the Thirty Years' War. In their own way, with the cravat, the Croats have started conquering the world from the coasts of the Adriatic Sea from 17th century. The consequences of that conquering are today felt around the necks by 600 million businessmen worldwide.
- That Marco Polo (1254-1324), an adventurer, merchant and one of the best known world travelers, whose book "The Travels of Marco Polo" is the first tourist book in the world, comes from Korcula on Korcula island in Croatia.
- That in 1458 Benko Kotruljevic from Dubrovnik wrote one of the first books on world economic literature, "On Trading and the Perfect Merchant", and that he was the first to establish the basis of modern double-entry book-keeping.
- That Shakespeare's Twelfth Night was staged in Dalmatia.
- That the writer Vladimir Nabokov always spent his summers in Opatija as a boy.
- That Agatha Christie spent her second honeymoon in Dubrovnik and Split.
- That James Joyce was a teacher of English in Pula from 1904 and 1905, in the town that has existed for three millennia with one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres worldwide.
- That the Duke of Windsor and Wallis Simpson spent their vacations in Dalmatia.
- That Luka's pit ("Lukina jama"), the tenth by depth in the world (1392 m), is located in Croatia on Velebit Mountain.
- That the founder of San Marino, a small independent republic in the northeast of Italy, was the sculptor Marin from the village Lopar from the island of Rab.
- That the ball-point pen was invented by a Croat, Eduard (Slavoljub) Penkala (1871-1922), that it bears his name and is in daily use.
- That the names of two Croats are on the map of the Moon - names of scientists J. R. Boskovic and A. Mohorovicic.
- That two winners of the Nobel Prize in chemistry came from Croatia - Lavoslav Ruzicka (1939) and Vladimir Prelog (1975).
- That Nikola Tesla (1856-1943), the father of alternative current electricity and technology of wireless communications, after which the unit for magnetic induction is named, was born in Croatia, and that he refused to receive the Nobel prize he had to share with T. A. Edison.

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!
- ♣ 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!

Here is the scheme of number of units in every tournament since year 2000. We are very satisfied with this numbers and we hope to repeat them this year.

