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goodmorning bridge

Goodmorning!

I hope you didn't have a good night sleep ☺.
You will have it once you return home.
Now we are exactly in the middle of the main part of the Festival, two main events are still to be played. Sure, don't forget about additional 4 days (up to Wednesday) when we will play small tournaments in the evenings and maybe (doubtly) have more time to relax.
It looks like weather is getting better every day and we were really lucky with our free day yesterday.

81 team played BAM tournament on Monday and winners come from Poland, team POINT: Arkadiusz Ciechomski Zdzislaw Laszczak

Tadeusz Laszczak Tomasz Paluchowski Artur Rutkowski. Congratulations!

At mixed pairs yesterday we've beaten record with 150 pairs. Thank you. Obviously, in the time of crisis ladies play.
Winners are Boriana Pancheva and Ivan Chernev of Bulgaria, BRAVO! Mens pairs won Andreas Babsch and G Pollak.
We are pleased to announce that Mr. Krysztof Martens has brought some of his books to be sold at special prices at our Festival. You can buy them just in front of the playing area.

Open Teams today will be broadcasted at BBO so make a call home and tell your friends to watch you.



We have so many important days to come, so Happy anniversary to my mum and dad, and happy birthday to Sandra and Dada!

Next (and last) issue of the bulletin you will receive on Saturday morning. By then, please send me some interesting articles or any other interesting materials (tihana@pilar.hr).

See you soon.

Upcoming events

by Sandra

OPEN TEAM

Hello folks, I would like to remind you that relaxed part of the Festival is behind us and today we will start with Open teams tournament. We shall be on BBO, world will be watching us, so we have to play serious bridge. At least those few teams in section A and B. You all probably already know that at the same time this year is ^{39th} World Team Championship. So we and they on BBO at the same time.

Most of you already know the rules and fact that all winners in every consolidation group or special categories (best mix, ladies, juniors, seniors etc.) will also win nice prize. So we all have a reason to fight and fight as hard as possible. I am sure that nobody here wants to miss that atmosphere and opportunity to play against really famous names (at least some of us will have that luck). Even if you can participate only as a spectator I can guarantee you a great time.

Rules and regulations for this tournament are quite comprehensive and complicated. Thanks God for copy/paste possibility and to Tihana and Brk for not changing something every five minutes. My obligation is to put everything down but advice to you would be read the first paragraph to define your team and leave sessions to the organizer and directors.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

A team consist 4-6 players. 5th and 6th player can be added later. CTD can exceptionally allow a 7th player. The same player can not, in any circumstances, play for two teams. A team can change a player or a pair in the open room after half the boards of a round have been played. Top 4(5) tables use screens.

Special categories:

- a. mixed team = at least 2 female players
- b. women team = 1 player can be male
- c. junior team = players up to 25 years, one can be older
- d. senior team = player over 58 years, one can be younger
- e. foreign team = 1 player can be from Croatia
- f. Cro-international team = at least 2 players from Croatia and 2 foreign players
- g. international team = players from at least two different countries

During the tournament team can have Bye only once
(Bye in the group does not count)

FIRST SESSION

Before the tournament starts, the organizer determines 1st and 2nd seeded. Then the draw forms groups of 4 teams. To all teams their competition numbers are given by draw. Round Robin is played 3 rounds of 8 boards, IMP/VP up to 12:0. In incomplete groups Bye is 8VPs and +7 IMPs.

After the RR the ranking in a group is determined considering:

- 1. total VPs
- 2. Vps of a direct match
- 3. total IMPs
- 4. IMPs of a direct match

**Register in advance
For upcoming tournaments**

And get a T-shirt!

SECOND SESSION

A team that registered too late can join the tournament after RR with 12 VPs and -18 IMPs.

Two teams with the best ranking from every group go to A group, and the rest to B group.

Three rounds of "Danish" are played, 8 boards each, IMP/VP up to 12:0.

Criteria for determining standings after first 2 rounds of sessions 2 and 3:

1. total VPs
2. total IMPs
3. lower competition number

Criteria for determining standings after the 3rd round of sessions 2 and 3:

1. total VPs
2. total IMPs
3. VP of the direct match (if more then one match, average of VPs)
4. IMP of the direct match (if more then one match, average of IMPs)
5. draw

THIRD SESSION

After the end of the 2nd session a certain number of teams (prearranged) play in group A (around 50% of the teams from the former group A and several top teams from the former group B), and the rest play in group B. Three rounds of "Danish" are played, 8 boards each, IMP/VP up to 12:0.

FOURTH SESSION

After the end of the 3rd session 2 main and n consolidation groups are formed.

A group = 8 top teams + 2 top teams from B

B group = all other teams from A + several best teams from B in consolidation groups = 8 teams each

Three rounds of "Danish" are played, 8 boards each, IMP/VP up to 12:0.

Criteria for determining final standings

1. total VPs
2. total IMPs
3. VPs over last 3 rounds
4. IMPs over last 3 rounds
5. share the place and the prize

TDs, and monitor, will announce the exact session times but here is orientation time table to help you with your plans:

Wednesday, 10.9.

15:00 – 16:05 1st round (Round Robin)

16:20 – 17:25 2nd round (RR)

17:40 – 18:45 3rd round (RR)

21:00 – 22:05 4th round «A» i «B» section (Danish)

22:20 – 23:25 5th round (D)

23:40 – 00:45 6th round (D)

Thursday 11.9.

15:00 – 16:05 7th round «A» i «B» section (D)

16:20 – 17:25 8th round (D)

17:40 – 18:45 9th round (D)

21:00 – 22:05 10th round A»,
«B» & n consolidation sections* (D)

22:20 – 23:25 11th round (D)

23:40 – 00:45 12th round (D)

Match played on the same lines will be registered 4:4 (each team will be punished by 2VP).

As you can see from the rules above it is quite complicated to define sections. So only possible way to be accurate is with your help. Most of you already know with whom you will play. Please register as soon as possible. Those who do not have team yet please come to the partnership desk or to the registration desk as soon as possible and we will help you to find one. I do not wish to threat or to sound unfriendly, but there is a good possibility that those who are late will have opportunity to join tournament in second round with result of 4VPs and -6 IMPs.

The home team must register the result, signed by the both captains and solely on the official card, five minutes after the expiration of playing time at the latest. Visiting team is obligated to check the result.

At the end only one information more. I have birthday today. So it would be really nice of you to give me some present when we meet at the table. And what is more appropriate those days then a few imp's. I will accept gifts not only today but also tomorrow. Thank you.

Let me introduce you winners from the past five years:



2008

Gero – Bartis, Gal, Gero, Jakak

Gierulski – Gardynik, Gierulski, Szyrak, Tutka

Szalay – Gulyas, Harangozo, Szalay, Szegedi

2007

Poland seniors - R.Kietczewski S.Kowalczyk P.Walerowicz J.Sucharkiewicz

Waldi - L.Brede W.Jaworski G.Narkiewicz Z.Ingielewicz P.Jurek L.Szyrak

Pyton - B.Marina R.Gradinariu M.Stegarioiu M.Briciu D.Voinescu O.Mandruta

2006

Juls - J.Stefanov, R.Gunev, I.Nanev, V.Mihov

Gdzie Oni Sa - M.Nowosadzki, T.Klukowski, P.Wiankowski, P.Ilczuk, D.Sawicka

Terraneo - F.Terraneo, R.Franzel, T.Terraneo, J.Simon, G.Kriftner

2005

Tesla - Tesla Tomić Borevković Zorić

Batman - Stefanov Batov Popova Gunev

Pacyfic - Kowalski Taciuc Narkiewicz Pilch

2004

Kamel - Pasternak Araskiewicz Zurakowski Cichocki

Opty - Gierulski Narkiewicz Szyrak Pilch

Terraneo - Terraneo C. Terraneo F. Umshaus Lindermann Weigkricht

Konventionz und stuff Part II The Alzheimer strikes back

By SchTsch

The main prerequisite for a successful use of the Alzheimer konvention is selfconfidence.

I refuse to be a victim. I never make mistakes and I have never forgotten a system. Repeat after me: I refuse to be a victim.

Now you have the basis for a successful use of the powerful Alzhemeir konvention and the show may start. You pick up the following hand 3rd position both VUL:

xx
AKxx
xx
AKQJx

Nice hand, isn't it?

Your partner is under the gun and opens the bidding with 3♠. RHO passes and you start checking your options. Since your pard opened 3♠ VUL he might have seven solid spades and a singleton diamond making 6♣ an excellent contract. But it's not likely. Also, it's very difficult to find it out below the fifth level, and if you don't find the appropriate hand in partner you might go down in 5♠. Well, maybe you have an Alzheimer konvention with your partner where 4♣ here asks for the solid suit and a singleton, but, as it happens with Alzheimer konventionz, you have forgotten it.

So you bid 4♠ to finish the bidding.

But no! Pard bids 5♦ and suddenly you realize it's an Alzheimer sequence after all. He forgot to see all the cards in his hand and now found some extras. So he does have solid spades and a diamond cue after all. But you are lucky to play Alzheimer and he could bid again on your signoff. So you bid 6♠ to finish the bidding.

But no! Pard bids 7♦ and suddenly you realize that this definitely is an Alzheimer sequence after all, but it's not him who forgot the system but you. In some hidden depths of your mind you recall your preempting structure where you open transfer preempts leaving 3♠ opening for any solid 7 carded suit. Obviously diamonds, not spades.

So, while you were trying to anticipate partner's Alzheimer bids, he was trying to anticipate yours. And he won. It's much fun playing Alzheimer with your partner because you have the constant competition who will score more Alzheimer anticipation points during one session.

This time you lost.

You and your opponents of course. Because when people bid spades and diamonds ending in 7♦ after an Alzheimer sequence you will probably try to cash several tricks in

other two suits. You just have to find which one. And when it happens that there are 14 tricks on the board missing AK♠, the opponent on lead holding KJ♠ and leading a club will reward your Alzheimer sequence with nice +2140.

With this board I declare „The best Alzheimer sequence contest“ open.

Give us your boards and win breathtaking prizes!
That's, of course, if we don't forget...

Directors corner

By Hrman

Directors have a wonderful time. They are always close to the action and can tell you about the funny things that happen around the room.

Do you know how long it took for the first mobile phone to go off. Exactly two seconds. He was the last on to escape with a warning.

Hungarian must be a funny language. Whenever two Hungarian pairs met at one table yesterday, the laughter was almost disturbing.

The same can be said about Polish. The bridgemates were speaking that language yesterday (Caj has meanwhile changed that) and so we got a language lesson rather than a bridge tournament. Did you know that lewy, the Polish for tricks, comes from the French levees.

And then a Polish table erupted in laughter. Can I join in the fun, I asked. No, it was a Polish joke, she said, and I'm quite sure she meant that in the true English sense of the phrase. In New York, a Polish joke is one in which the intelligence of that nationality is questioned. My favorite Polish joke is this one. You know that an overcall of 3Sp over 1Sp means, partner, I have a solid minor, if you have a spade stopper, please bid 3NT. But do you know the Polish version of that convention. Partner, I have a spade stopper, if you have a solid minor, please bid 3NT.

You can buy these books by Krysztof Martens here...

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ONE MORE HEART

By Srfa

While skating on cheap skates, I simply can't resist not sharing with you this cute little hand.

Board was played in final stage of Croatian Premiership League. EW are highly reputed croatian partnership that has made their mark also on international bridge scene. But, oddly enough, they are not heroes of this true story.

NS are not bums either! They have won numerous local titles and regional tournaments, and have represented Croatia on many international competitions. Unfortunately, not as a pair, which has same impact to this little story...

However, I will not make it easy for you to guess who they are! Therefore, I will use highly elaborated cryptographic algorithm on their names. If you, against all odds, succeed to decode it either via breaking my code or via recognizing their flair from way they have bid this hand, you will be rewarded. Just approach one of them and you will get, free of charge, detailed post-mortem of this hand that will proof, beyond any doubt, that another one is to blame.

To give you sporting chance in guessing identities of North and South, I will give you some hints. **Jaba** is first bridge player that was brave enough to publicly communicate one of crucial bridge truths. Allow me to quote his words: "We have to admit that penalty double is heavily underrated bid". After that, face of the game has changed...

On another hand, you might recognize **Ubod** for his ability to glorify his partner brilliant bids and plays. Alas, he still waits patiently for those to finally happen...

OK, time for action!

Board 16		NORTH - Jaba	
Dealer W		♠AT	
vul EW		♥	
		♦AQT764	
		♣QJ432	
WEST		EAST	
♠9752		♠84	
♥AKJT984		♥Q7652	
♦		♦J52	
♣95		♣T87	
		SOUTH – Ubod	
		♠KQJ63	
		♥3	
		♦K983	
		♣AK6	

West opens 3♦, transfer preempt in hearts.

Jaba overcalls with natural 4♦.

East bids one more heart, 4♥.

Ubod could sense aroma of slam in the air, and rattles 4 NT RKCB.

West bids one more heart, 5♥.

Jaba is not sure if 4 NT is RKCB in given circumstances, and in any case he thinks that for further bidding decisions, its best to describe his hand with natural 6♣.

East bids one more heart, 6♥.

Ubod decides that 6♣ was actually response to RKCB inquiry, which in their supposedly agreed method after opponent's interference, clearly show three aces. Obviously, grand slam must be on ice, and **Ubod** bids confident 7♦. East and West are until now devoted to bid-hearts-as-long-as-allowed bidding modus so naturally East bids one more heart, 7♥. **Ubod** is reluctant to accept inadequate penalty from 7♥ doubled. Looking to his spade suit as additional trick source, he executes a master bid, 7 NT!

West attempts to bid one more heart, 8♥, but is not allowed! Dismayed, he is ready to pass, but in last moment he remembers Jaba's advice on penalty doubles. So, he attempts speculative penalty double. Maybe partner will interpret it as takeout and will be allowed to bid one more heart, 8♥?

Alas, East is also not allowed to bid one more heart, so contract is settled in obvious spot of 7NT doubled. Please note that 7 NT is played from "safe" South hand, to protect delicate holding of ♥3 from being finessed on opening lead!

Let's recapitulate this dynamic bidding sequence:

N	E	S	W
Jaba		Ubod	
			3♦*
4♦	4♥	4NT	5♥
6♣	6♥	7♦	pass
Pass	7♥	7NT	dble*
All pass			

So, West find himself on lead against rather unlikely contract of 7 NT doubled looking at:

♠9752
♥AKJT984
♦-
♣95

He is figuring out which is safest lead that is least likely to blow a trick. Passive diamond? But he does not have any of those. Now he remembers that he has doubled. This must be Lightner double calling for unusual lead? Finally he figures it out - ace against 7 NT must be highly unusual!

After that brilliant lead, killing defense is continued with deadly accuracy. Please follow carefully:

On 2nd trick, W leads one more heart, ♥K.

On 3rd trick, W leads one more heart, ♥J.

On 4th trick, W leads one more heart, ♥T.

On 5th trick, W leads one more heart, ♥9.

On 6th trick, W leads one more heart, ♥8.

On 7th trick, W leads one more heart, ♥4.

On 8th trick, W is in same situation as in bidding, when he was not able to bid one more heart on eight level. Now he can't lead one more heart on eight trick, so he is endplayed! Good technique also by declarer **Ubod**, who calmly claims last six tricks!

So, 7 NT doubled finishes mere 7 down. To be honest to **Jaba** and **Ubod**, that would be a good save against 7♥, if that contract would be making. Unfortunately, EW could make only 3♥, so -2000 is marginally expensive save against -140. They have to admit that +1520 in 7♣ would be better save.

In another room, teammates are doubled in 5♥ for -500. That looks quite promising considering that opponents are cold for vulnerable grand slam in diamonds or spades. They are delighted to hear that **Jaba** and **Ubod** has indeed bid grand slam despite heavy heart preempt. They expect +1440 or +1520 for serious gain. They see 2000 on score card. Now what's that for? And entered on wrong side? Sadly, **Jaba** and **Ubod** are admitting that they have played in 7 NT, in fact quite sound contract which is cold for 16 tricks on any lead except heart. Unfortunately, West has found killing lead that created swing of 34 IMP's, -20 instead of +14 ☹

Needless to say that team of **Ubod** and **Jaba** had won convincingly in this competition, and that they were among best players on butler ranking. So there is morale in this story: only if you play that well, you could afford such incident and still win. Congratulations!

RESULTS

Mini Teams – BAM TOP 20/81

1 POINT CiechomskiLaszczak&LaszczakTomasz Paluchowski Rutkowski	54 25
2 BEDNARCZYK Bednarczyk Gierulski Nowak Skrzypczak	54 23
3 ZABIENIEC Burakowski Ciechomski Olech Suwik	54 21
4 CRANGLOPOL Dakim Katusic Skopinska Witkowski	53 26
5 VAN HELSING Babsch Hansen Smeredevac Wernle	53 19
6 CONSUS OIL Beling LewaciakWalczak Zadroga	52
7 KAYA Probst Probst Zjaca Zoric	51
8 MARTENS Chmurski Jassem Lutostanski Martens Stepinski	50 24
9 MOTJOKK Froeland Marit Haldis Guttormsen Iversen Lund Ness	50 22
10 SITNI VEZ Caric Kulovic Sasek Tesla	50 21
11 WIT Hycnar Piechota Stachniuk Wajdowicz	50 18
12 GALIM Dombi Gal Kuttner Riesz	49 21
13 ZMAJ Dolarevic Masic Radojcic Radojevic Tica Vlaskalic	49 21
14 BREDE Brede Iglu Nowosadzki Wiankowski	49 21
15 NA MOST Ferge Gyoza Reviczky Wellner	47 24
16 DUFRAT Ferrer Machno Piotrowski Slawenta	47 21
17 YASIEK Jaskiewicz Krasowska Swiech Urbanski	47 20
18 FOKI Czech Kowalczyk Kowalczyk Sucharkiewicz	47 20
19 CONSUS RED Cieslak Filipowicz Niedzielski Zak	47 15
20 PAMI Laver Sikra Sikra Spalovsky	46.5

Mixed Pairs

1.	Boriana Pancheva Ivan Chernev	66.91
2.	Maris KarklinsO Zolina	64.48
3.	Katalin Mezei Peter Marjai	64.36
4.	E Meggyesi Gabor Hajlik	63.40
5.	Paula SvobodovaOtakar Svoboda	63.21
6.	Anna Nosalska Jacek Kostur	61.86
7.	Barbara Zagajsek Nenad Caklovic	59.94
8.	U Staber S Kigus	58.71
9.	Mirjana Sieksmeyer Lubos Spalovsky	58.47
10.	Katalin Vass Odon Dienes	58.40
11.	Goran Grguric Ersilija Kopani	58.29
12.	Ewa Malanowska Krzysztof Dziekanski	58.24
13.	Maria Yakovleva Kirill Kuznetsov	57.74
14.	Judith SandorGabor Szots	57.73
15.	Bozena Rybus Leszek Czarnobaj	57.61
16.	Steve de Roos Slavica Martinovic	57.28
17.	Renata Muller Mario Zeljko	57.08
18.	Katarzyna Dufrat Michal Nowosadz	57.08
19.	B Buckow G Neubauer	57.02
20.	Karolina Stankiewicz Mariusz Macielak	56.72

Men's Pairs

Andreas Babsch G Pollak	63.74
Krzysztof Jassem Piotr Lutostanski	61.41
Karol Dautbegovic A Horvath	60.52
Martin Rehder Julius Linde	60.46
Ivan Nanev Vladimir Mihov	59.84
Wolfgang Bieder C Persy	59.32
Goran Radisic Dimitraki Zipovski	59.18
Wieslaw Andruk Andrzej Kondeja	58.81
Maria Krasowska Andrzej Gelberg	58.66
Jerzy Skwark Tadeusz Ralko	58.60
Jerzy Michalek Krzysztof Michalak	58.17
Adam Cukier Grzegorz Wichtowski	57.95
Marjan Zadel D Javremovic	57.61
Andrzej Gołygowski Mariusz Grabowski	57.29
Jerzy Brede Bartłomiej Iglu	57.26
Piotr Zak Jarosław Cieslak	56.81
Y Chumak O Rovyshyn	56.52
K Koistinen K Mikikangas	55.95
Edward Bednarczyk Adam Pietrzak	55.47
Ermanno Bracciali Giampiero Peruzzi	55.35

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...

