

bridge club "dr.jurica tomljenović"



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goodmorning bridge

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the 54th International Pula Bridge Festival!

So far I have bookings from... Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Scotland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, USA and Wales. I am sure I missed someone, so if you are coming from a country not listed here, let us know.

In the meantime I would like to show off a little as Croatia won its first-ever world gold medal in bridge just a week ago: Marshall Lewis (now a Croatian player) captained (npc) the transnational squad "Zlatan" in the WBF World Junior Championships held in Opatija. Well done!

As usual, we will play in the hotel Park Plaza Histria. In the left wing of the lobby, you will find all things related to the bridge festival: Registration desk, Prize-giving desk, Partnership wall, and Information desk. Directly behind these administrative stations is the playing room. Check posters on the walls for the latest information, or just ask anyone around who looks exhausted and pretends to be busy (it is easy to detect people who work for the festival).

Maybe you remember from last year that we have to keep track of where you are lodging. To remind you again, it is very important for us and for the success of the festival, that you always book via www.arenaturist.com. You should use the code BRIDGE to get the best prices. If for any reason you do not use the code, still put BRIDGE in your comments. Since you are not yet used to this, and I know that some (many) have booked without mentioning that they were coming to the festival, I will again have to bother you to provide me with information about your accommodations. Therefore during the IMP-pair event and Mixed teams we will hand out forms. Please fill them in!

For all tournaments, please register as early as possible. For pairs tournaments you pay entries at the table, and for teams in advance at the Registration desk. You can receive your prize for a given event one day afterward, at the Prize-giving desk. Please don't leave it until the last day, because at the victory ceremony we will be giving ONLY cups & trophies, and we will be forced to donate your prize to the less fortunate bridge players.

Karaoke party will be held at midnight Monday (after the BAM tournament) at the Yacht club (behind hotel Histria). If that won't be possible (rain), we will have a party in the Histria disco. Victory Ceremony will be held in the playing area or on the back terrace of hotel Histria, Saturday the 13th beginning at 9 p.m. After that, we will continue to party in the disco.

As usual, there are so many people who helped with the organization of the festival. So, I would like to thank Mr. Radek Kielbasinski - President of the Polish Bridge Union, and Slawek Latala, our chief TD, for lending equipment for the tournament and helping with organization. Croatian organizations also helped, so many thanks to Jurica Carić and Drago Diklić for lending tables, boards, and Bridge-mates. Thanks to Slawek, Gabor, Anneke, Alison, Doris, Sylvie, Kiril, Steven, Gretchen, Mats, Renata & Marshall and many others for sharing information about the tournament and helping with promotion and bookings.

Just like last year, all boards for pairs and teams will be prepared in advance, so you can get diagrams right after the tournament to point out to your partner how he could have made a certain contract. Thanks to BBO, we will be able to broadcast all teams events -- Šimec & Co. will be our on-site BBO team. Unlike previous years, and thanks to Traian Chira, we will be able to do video broadcasts also. So be beautiful while you play, the world is watching you! Finally, we could not run the festival without our ladies at Registration desk, our TD team, Bulletin team with SchTsh as editor-in-chief, computing team, board-prep crew, drivers, event organizers, caddies and staff. We have over 50 people working here, to make you happy. Use them ☺

The most important news this year is one additional day of the Open Teams event: on Friday morning (from 3 p.m.) we will have an additional session for those who qualified for group A. The rest of us can kibitz those experts or contemplate by the pool.

We prepared some little surprises for everybody, and we will be most generous with those who make their registrations for tournaments well in advance. For the Brk Pairs we are in the fourth year of competition for the Brk Memorial Trophy, with Josef Simon currently leading the field. **So.....Let's play!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Tihana

Hello and welcome,

Yesterday we played Welcome pairs, which we decided not to keep secret anymore, and as a result we had more pairs at this event than in previous years. However, the Festival officially starts today with IMP pairs. This tournament begins at 9 p.m., which means that is the time the cards should be pulled from the first board.

Quite surprisingly, our threats from last year gave some results, so after 52 years of being late, we managed in 2014 to start the IMP pairs on time. So, we will try to repeat the feat this year, but we need your help to do so. What you have to do is to register at Registration desk, which is in the left part (when facing the hotel) of the Park Plaza Histria, from 7-8 p.m. Just fill in your names on the registration form, and you will pay at the table (please prepare the exact amount of money). Please do not be lazy and wait for the last moment. In fact someone will be there all afternoon, so just take the entry form. I will be around Histria and you can also register with me.

Once you have registered, there is nothing much you need to do before the tournament except arrive at the lobby 15 minutes before the start (8.45) and find your table position on the lists posted on the wall.

IMP = TODAY = 9 p.m.

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

As I am told, in this type of scoring you should bid and make games and slams, and beat opponents (well not literally) whenever possible. If you have to give them a trick, do it in a part-score.

Smoking and leaving the playing area during the tournament is strictly forbidden, and disobeying this rule can cost you a serious number of IMPs. Your mobile phone must be shut off, and left in a visible place near you. Or you can leave it in your room. However, having a mobile phone with you that is not openly displayed at the table is illegal, and so is looking at it at any point in time.

Here are last year's winners of this IMP-Pair event:



2014

1. Stanković Šćepanović
2. Svobodova Svoboda
3. Pilch Pieczka
4. Maszchysyn Swiatkowski
5. Probst Senior

2013

1. Laszczak Rutkowski
2. Ujma Drabczyk
3. Ribarska Ikov
4. Poznysz Ciereszko
5. Wolinski Stachnik

2012

1. Staber Karl Wartlick
2. Vermeiren Janssens
3. Radisic Đuricic
4. Michalek Stworzewicz
5. Scepanovic Tesla

2011

1. Wiankowski Nowosadzki
2. Hegedus Kotanyi
3. Gomerov Zapadinski
4. Stachnik Skotarski
5. Hydes Probst

2010

1. Kristiansen Sivertsvik
2. Jesenicnik Orac
3. Tesla Stanicic
4. Szentandrasi Szabo
5. Kowalczyk Niemiec

MIXED AND NON-MIXED TEAMS TOMORROW – SUNDAY 3 P.M. & 9 P.M.

"Mixed Team" is a team of 4-6 players (minimum 2 men and minimum 2 women). In every round at each table a man must play with a woman, while each woman must play with a man. It is easier than it sounds. The women must sit East or South, while men, amazingly, sit North or West. If your team doesn't fit this description, then you are Non-mixed. There is no team that is neither Mixed nor Non-mixed. If, for any reason a Mixed team wants to play in the Non-mixed field, this is allowed but not recommended.

In both events, we will play 6 rounds, 8 boards per round. All boards will be prepared, so you will get diagrams afterwards. Leaving the room during play is not allowed. If there is an emergency you must call the director. The first 3 rounds will be a Swiss movement, and last 3 rounds a Danish movement.

Orientation timetable:

- 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

We will use the new IMP/VP scale: 0-20, for 8 boards. In this scale, every IMP counts! We shall score with Bridge-mates. So if your result matches the one on the big screen you just go out and enjoy until the next round starts, but if it doesn't you should go to the computing desk and they will solve the problem. If you have any problem finding a team or pair, we have organized a Partnership Wall (next to the Registration desk). You can leave a message, look at other players' posts, or wait until half an hour before the tournament, when there will be a meeting there for all those looking for partners.

Last year's winners (2014) are:

1. TOMI Braun Eggelling Gotard Jansma Jansma
2. FRANZ Artmer, Simon, S. & F.Terraneo
3. MY NAME IS BOBBY BROWN Domby Hudzka Macskasy Nyardi



2013

1. DE PLAS Brewiak, Buniko/Chmiele(wski), Janeczek
2. XXXXYXY Pritchard, Lewis, Muller, Toutenel
3. FRANZI Artmer, Simon, S. & F. Terraneo

2012

1. GOGA Buze Jarmocik, Sawicka Sawicki
2. ĐURĐA Bule Vera & Pero Seka & Jura Đurđa
3. GOODNEWS Barminskaya Malkova Prokhorov Solodar

2011

1. LA BOMBA Pilipović Šćepanović Šver Zorić
2. SHOES Callaghan Duckworth Probst Senior
3. CONNECTOR Kazmucha Kowalska Serek Walczak

2010

1. REASONS UNKNOWN Frich Ormay Szabo Szentandra
2. KINGA Kerekes Szilagyi Tesla Tomljanović S.
3. VIENA Fischer Simon Smederevac Wernle

2009

1. PRAHA Bahnik Bahnikova Svoboda Svobodova
2. HUNDE Appel Dirksen Koroknai Sopkez
3. RUA Chubakova Dikhova Orlov Radokhle

2014 men's teams winners:

1. DRYL Burakowski Kowalczyk Russyan Wisniewski
2. LAPLAS Ciechomski Igla Nawrocki Urbanski Wiankowski
3. PRAVDA ZA DEANA Kauzlaric Simic BHP Stankovic Zunic

2013

1. LETVE Kaludercic Katusic Martinovic Masic
2. LAPLAS Igla Lasota Nawrocki Wiankowski
3. AGA Gora Pietrzyk Sejjud Sieczkowski

Interview: Aida & Jan Jansma

Hello, Aida & Jan, for the last few years you are regular guests at the Pula bridge festival. You come from the Netherlands. You won the Mixed Teams last year, and you did well in the other competitions too. We would like to know more about you.



1. How come you decided to come to Pula in the first place, and how come you keep on coming?

Aida: My dear friend Renata Muller had been telling me about the Pula bridge festival, and we needed to come only once to get hooked. I am originally from Macedonia and as a child I was almost every year in Croatia for my summer vacation. I love the Adriatic Sea, the people are very friendly and the food is amazing. But still, the only reason why we are here is the bridge tournament. International players, strong fields, great organization and great directors. Now every year if our schedule allows it, we are in Pula for the bridge festival.

2. Jan, you are a bridge player, how did that happen?

My parents were active bridge players. They actually taught me all the basics while I was doing the dishes ☺. My mother was my first partner for a few years, but then I started to play on higher and higher levels.

I still play one or two tournaments a year with my mother though!

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a bridge player?

Disadvantages???? Zero! Bridge is simply such a wonderful game. I can play bridge 24 hours a day!

4. Aida, you are a great player too, but you also have a regular job. What you do? And how is life with Jan?

While Jan is a great player, I think of myself as an average player for whom bridge is just a wonderful hobby. I work full time for an engineering company in the Netherlands as a lead offshore structural engineer. My main task is the design of offshore steel structures including oil & gas platforms, wind farm substations, etc. I am involved in the study, feed design, detailed design including transport, lift and installation of the structures. It is quite a demanding job, but I love what I do. Due to my work my free time is limited. That is why we love to combine bridge with vacation.

5. Why is bridge such an important part of your life?

Jan: We both share love for bridge. Just because it is such a fascinating game, where every hand is different. So much unlike chess, where the first 20 moves are all standard and the same!

Aida: For me it is impressive to see a person with so much love and passion talking about bridge, and that happens every time when Jan talks about a hand played or defended, about bidding problems, etc. I love bridge too, but I love it more because of him.



6. What would you recommend to young players who wish to improve their skill?

Jan: Read, read, read! I think I read 100 bridge books when I was young. And if I may give you a tip: try the best bridge book ever written, Adventures in Cardplay by Kelsey and Ottlik. But also the new books from Martens are worth buying and rereading!

Aida: I would recommend what Jan says ☺

7. Can you tell us the story how the two of you met?

We met in Verona at the World Bridge Championship in 2006. Jan found me in a restaurant dining with friends. Well, he had an orange football hat on, I had no clue he was serious☺



8. What do you do when you don't play bridge? What are your other passions?

Aida: Going out, shopping and spending time with Jan mostly as I don't have much free time.

Jan: I actually love to play poker as well. And my true passion? Aida of course!

9. You two play some tournaments together. Would you recommend married couples to play together? What they should be careful about?

Jan: A married couple should not argue about plays/bids at the table! My poker background actually

helps me a lot. Not only do I try not to make any comments after a bad board, but more importantly: I try not to show any facial reactions. It is much better to discuss bad boards after the session!

Aida: We love to play tournaments together, and we are using all opportunities to do that. Jan is a great gentleman at the bridge table, both towards me and towards the opponents.

10. Share an interesting hand with us!

Well interesting... more amusing: The following deal was played in Pula last year (open pairs). It also shows why defence is probably our best part of the game. We try to signal as much as we can:

Dealer: N / Vulnerable: EW

♠ K T 7 6	
♥ A J 4	
♦ K 9 6 5 4	
♣ J	
♠ 8 5 4	♠ A 3 2
♥ Q 9	♥ K T 7 5 3
♦ A Q	♦ 7 2
♣ 10 9 8 6 4 3	♣ 7 5 2
♠ Q J 9	
♥ 8 6 2	
♦ J T 8 3	
♣ A K Q	

West	North	East	South
-	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣**	Pass	3NT
All pass			

* Minimum ** Shortness

Two top Bulgarian players had a very good sequence to 3NT. Aida led the ♣10, won by the ♠Q. Declarer played the ♦J, to the Q and K. Aida won the ♦A at trick 3, and unerringly returned the ♥Q! When Jan won the ♠A later he quickly cashed the ♥K to hold declarer to 10 tricks.

Declarer said something like:

"Kakotazizenajazaigradamataherc??" which probably ment "Wow, she returned the ♥Q from Q9 doubleton....." To their surprise the blond woman replied in perfect Bulgarian: "Well, if Jan wants a spade back he would play ♦7, ♦2, and not ♦2, ♦7...." After translating the discussion to Jan, all four could not stop laughing for 5 minutes ☺.

FIRST GOLD FOR CROATIA

Marshall Lewis (of Croatia) was captaining the international team *Zlatan* who just won the Gold Medal at the WBF Junior World Team Championships in Opatija (Croatia). Team members were: Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa (Uruguay/Argentina), Giuseppe delle Cave (Italy), Simon Ekenberg-Simon Hult (Sweden), and Daniel Gullberg-Johan Karlsson (Sweden).



Interestingly, the word „*zlatan*“ in Croatian means „*golden*“ -- though the team name was in fact originally inspired by the brilliant Swedish football superstar Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who is of Croatian/Bosnian parentage. Immediately after the final scoring-up, the victory was fittingly toasted with a bottle of Zlatan Plavac, a splendid indigenous red from the Croatian island of Hvar.

The following evening, at the final team dinner, there was further occasion to toast one team member, now with a white Zlatan wine from the same chateau -- Rodrigo Garcia de Rosa was just selected as the 2015 recipient of the WBF's prestigious Joan Gerard Award, which honors a player for distinguished all-around performance both at and away from the table, recognizing an outstanding display of technical skill, focus, sportsmanship, and international spirit.

One contributing factor in selection of the laureate was no doubt the fact that Rodrigo and Giuseppe delle Cave had warmed up for the Teams by carrying off the silver medal in the World Pairs championship which kicked off the tournament. But equally important was surely his quiet cosmopolitan flair -- for example, just prior to Opatija he competed at the North American Bridge Championships. He hails from Uruguay but also has a strong presence in Argentina, and was recently selected to play for the latter (with established star Carlos Pellegrini) in the upcoming Bermuda Bowl to be held in Chennai (India). With a

two-month stretch he will then have made his mark on four different continents. Juniors can grow up very fast !!

After that preamble it is inevitable that we begin our brief retrospective of deals from the event with a hand featuring our globe-trotting gaucho:

DLR: S	AT	Contract: 3NT - N
VUL: None	AK53	Lead: King of D
	AJ65	
	T32	
Q432		K6
T876	Board	Q9
742	# 27	KQT983
98		AJ7
	J9875	
	J42	

	KQ654	

This is not the most technically fascinating hand dealt during the week, but it has several points of interest. It comes from the Quarter-Final KO face-off between ZLATAN vs FINLAND, the former represented here by Garcia da Rosa (N) -- delle Cave (S). The board was of course played eight times -- and in seven different contracts: 4S (twice), 3S, 2S, 4H, 3N, 3D and in one mystery spot noted in the records only as "Adjusted". Moreover, even at the two tables that did play in the same spot (4S), the results gleaned by the respective declarers differed by THREE tricks: 1 down / 4 down.

Meanwhile back at the Zlatan ranch, Rodrigo was the solitary declarer in 3N. He ducked the diamond king lead and when E persisted with the queen (it seemed to that defender as if he had many potential entries, and anyway no shift looked very promising -- after all if his partner had good hearts, the establishable clubs in dummy would be utterly inaccessible). Now a club toward dummy (ducked of course by E), a heart back to hand, and a second club (ducked again), followed by a third club to the ace to set up the 2 long cards. Naturally E now knocked out the diamond jack but the heart queen had too few bodyguards to prevent declarer from reaching the good clubs for ten tricks.

Garcia da Rosa - delle Cave were thus the only pair in the field to bid and make a game on these cards -- and E had a strong NT sitting BEHIND the opening 1NT opener. At the other table FINLAND played in a modest 2S, which made -- but ZLATAN won 8 IMPs, extending their lead in the match from a "nice-but-still-somewhat-nervous" margin of 30 to the more comfortable cushion of 38, nearing the end of the second of three sets of 16 boards.

(to be continued)

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.*

The article must contain 300-500 words. Just send it via e-mail: tihana@pilar.hr 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.



The 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. Every entrant should bring at most 3 photos for this contest.

A special secret committee of the editorial board of Goodmorning Bridge will rate all articles and photos. In the last bulletin we will pronounce the winners of both contests and they will receive prizes at the Prize-giving ceremony.

PLEASE!

POST PHOTOS TO FESTIVAL
FACEBOOK PAGE
THE BEST PHOTO WILL WIN A
PRIZE!

TAXI RATES IN PULA

START = 2 EUR (15 Kn)
1 KM = 1.5 EUR (10 Kn)

IF YOU WANT TO

- PROMOTE YOUR TOURNAMENT
- THANK SOMEONE
- CONGRATULATE SOMEONE
- POST BIRTHDAY WISHES

SEND e-mail to tihana@pilar.hr
or post it at the Festival's Facebook page

IMPORTANT

1. A CONVENTION CARD IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED You can get your copy at the Registration desk.
2. AT THE REGISTRATION DESK YOU CAN REGISTER FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE DO SO!
3. Entries for pairs tournaments are paid at the table. PLEASE PREPARE THE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY.
4. COLLECT YOUR PRIZE AT PRIZE-GIVING DESK THE DAY AFTER YOU WIN IT.
5. WE GIVE SOME BIZZARE PRIZES (Cro-Int... wtf?). YOU MAY BE A WINNER EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE NO CHANCE. PLEASE CHECK!

IF YOU WANT TO PROMOTE

PULA BRIDGE FESTIVAL
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LET US KNOW
Find me 😊!

Prizes for special categories

In every tournament we have many special prizes. These prizes are non-cumulative. So if you win a regular prize you can't also win one of these, and also you cannot win more than one special prize per tournament. Special prizes are awarded only if there are at least 5 teams/pairs in the category.

When you register for a tournament you should indicate on the form which categories you belong to, otherwise we will not be able to give you your award, even if you fit into a certain category.

TEAM EVENTS

A team can be in 0 or 1 or 2 of these categories:

LADIES TEAM = we allow 1 man in the team
MIXED TEAM = minimum 2 ladies, minimum 2 men
JUNIOR TEAM = one player can be born before 1990
SENIOR TEAM = one player can be born later than 1950

Every team is in exactly one of these categories:

CROATIAN TEAM = all players from Croatia
FOREIGN TEAM = all players from same foreign country
INTERNATIONAL TEAM = players from at least two different foreign countries, not including any Croatian
CRO-INTERNATIONAL TEAM = at least 1 Croatian and 1 foreign player.

Examples:

- 3 women and 1 man playing together, 3 of them born before 1950. One player is from Italy, one from Sweden, two Croatians. This team is: Ladies, Seniors, and Cro-International.
- 2 ladies and 4 men playing in the team. 4 of them are juniors. All of them from Poland. This team is mixed and foreign. It is not a junior team because more than 1 older player participates.

PAIR EVENTS

A pair can be in 0 or 1 or 2 of these categories:

LADIES = 2 women
MIXED = 1 man & 1 woman
JUNIOR = both born 1990 or later
SENIOR = both born 1950 or earlier

Every pair is in exactly one of these categories:

CROATIAN = both from Croatia
FOREIGN = both from same foreign country
INTERNATIONAL = players from different foreign countries, not Croatia
CRO-INTERNATIONAL = 1 Cro + 1 any other country

Special prizes are awarded only if there are at least 5 teams/pairs in the category. When making entries, please specify your category correctly otherwise we will not be able to give you your award.

In different events we give prizes for different categories. For details, please see the leaflets (which you can find all around) that specify events and the associated prizes.

Junior discounts on entry fees

FOR PAIRS TOURNAMENT if you were born in 1990 or later your entry fee is reduced.

FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENT if at least 4 players are born in 1990 or later your entry fee is reduced.

Definition of Mixed and Men's (OPEN) for Mixed/Men's events

- MIXED: 2 PERSON OF OPPOSITE SEXES PLAYING TOGETHER ALL THE TIME
- IF YOU ARE NOT MIXED, YOU ARE MEN (OPEN)

Working hours

Registration Desk

Saturday: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before the tournament)
1 a.m. - 1.30 a.m (after the tournament)

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (before the tournament)
8.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (between the sessions)
1 a.m. - 1.30 a.m (after the tournament)

Prize-giving Desk

Sunday: 8.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (between sessions)
1 a.m. - 1.30 a.m. (after the tournament)

Information Desk

Saturday: 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before the tournament)

Sunday: 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before 2nd session)

Tihana

Non-stop, find me. (tihana@pilar.hr, +385 99 666 8877)

Partnership desk (wall) is right next to Registration desk. Leave your message there!

PARTIES & TRIPS & PLACES AROUND

KARAOKE PARTY September 7th (Monday) at midnight

Starts right after BAM teams at the YACHT Club
(5 minutes' walk from Park Plaza Histria)

Discounts on drinks.

KAMENJAK – September 8th (Tuesday)

Spend a free day at Kamenjak (most beautiful beaches and nature) and awesome Jungle Bar.

If you need transfer please let us know at the Information desk.

VICTORY CEREMONY

September 12th (Saturday)
9 p.m. – Back terrace of PP Histria

10 p.m. -- PARTY at disco in Hotel Histria

You need a computer?
Your partner needs a partner?
You want someone to pretend to be your partner/girlfriend?
You want us to introduce you to someone?
You broke your leg, teeth, car, relationship, partnership?
You need a baby sitter/hairedrier/bike/pain killers?
There is an unknown person sleeping in your room?
You want to print/scan/copy something?
You forgot where you live?
Something/one bit you?
You have ants in your apartment?
You lost your cat/credit card/shoes?
You have to hide from someone?
You found sunglasses/mobile/child?
You need a place to sleep?
You agreed with 2 persons for the same tournament?

THESE ARE ALL REAL SITUATIONS FROM PREVIOUS FESTIVALS. NOTHING CAN SURPRISE US.

**CONTACT US IN CONFIDENCE;
WE WILL GLADLY HELP**

EVERY DAY

DISCO IN PP HISTRIA
AFTER THE TOURNAMENT

Note:
DRINKS ARE CHEAPER THAN IN THE LOBBY BAR!
Smoking is allowed, convention cards aren't.

September 11th (Friday) SIGHTSEEING IN PULA

Transfer from your hotel to Pula and from Pula back to your hotel.
Sightseeing tour through the city of Pula with professional guide (in English).

10 euro/person
For details please contact Voucher desk

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FAMOUS CROATIAN PRODUCTS

In Croatia we have very good seafood, wine, cheese, olive oil, truffles, many fancy products and fine food. It's for tourists. However, this text is about simple and cheap products (about 1 euro) that every household in Croatia uses. During your stay here, please try at least some of them.

CANDY CEDEVITA – Although it has changed its appearance, the taste is still the same. It has 9 vitamins, so supposedly it is healthy. There is also a powdered drink Cedevita which is very popular in Croatia. Try orange, forget other flavors. About 1 euro for a box.



ZDENKA CHEESE – The most difficult to open cheese in the world. It is a cheese and a puzzle. Be careful, it will be messy. About 1.5 euro for a box with 8 triangles.

FRANCK COFFEE – Forget Lavazza, try Franck. About 1.5 euro for 100 g.

JAMNICA – mineral water. Very strong and bubbly. First choice for *gemišt* (2/3 white wine + 1/3 mineral water) which is a common drink in central Croatia. Great for hangovers, too, so you may think of buying a few bottles for later. It appears in different forms, so you may try „Sensation“ with different tastes like lemon or tropical fruits.



BEER OŽUJSKO – for every day drinking. We call it „Žuja“. In Croatia, you are not a man if you don't drink it. We take this into account in classifications of events and prize categories. About 1 euro for 0,5 L.



DOMAĆICA BISCUITS – Another puzzle treat. To eat it in a proper way you have to connect chocolate parts of two same shapes (you will understand once you open the box). About 1.5 euro for a box.

ICE-CREAM SNJEGULJICA – Vanilla ice cream covered with thin chocolate. Generations are raised on it, as it is the same for 50 years. About 1 euro.

ŽIVOTINJSKO CARSTVO CHOCOLATES – Thin chocolates with pictures of animal world. We were all collecting it when we were kids, and noone ever managed to collect all. About 0.5 euro / chocolate.



GAVRILOVIĆ PATE – Liver or „tea“ are the best. Must be served with tomatoes on bread that is at least one day old. About 1.5 euro for a tin.

ZVIJEZDA MAJONEZA - Perfect for sandwiches, goes well with practically anything. Low-fat variants suck. About 1 euro for 100 g.



ČIPI-ČIPS – CHIPS ☺. High-fat snack. Goes great with beer and football. About 1.5 euro for 100 g. Don't touch the cards later with your greasy fingers!

WHERE TO SHOP?

A lot of you stay in apartments, and you will probably want to buy some groceries. However – the store on the promenade (Konzum) is not the best place to shop. You can buy bread there, but all other stuff is like 30% more expensive than in some regular grocery store in the city.

There are a few supermarkets not that far from Park Plaza Histria, where you can buy goodies at much more affordable prices (Plodine, Konzum in Pula, Kaufland, Lidl). These stores are at about 7 km from Histria, so you will need a car or a bus to get there. The bus stop is 5 minutes walk from Histria, and the bus will let you out close to these supermarkets.

BRK MEMORIAL TROPHY

In the memory of Miljenko Brkljačić Brk, late organizer of Pula bridge festivals, great player, teacher and promoter of bridge in Croatia, we award a crystal trophy to the best player in five consecutive years in the Main Pairs event (Brk's Pairs).

The trophy will be awarded to the player with the greatest sum of percentages in the years 2012-2016. If a player does not participate one year he gets 50% for that year, and still can compete. The trophy will be awarded at the Victory ceremony of the 55th International Pula Bridge Festival, in 2016.



In the memory of Lara Ruso, to whom our Mixed Pairs tournament is dedicated, we give a crystal tiara to the lady winner. If a lady wins it two times, she can keep it permanently.

Lady winners so far:

2014. Kremena Kapitanski BUL

2013. Paula Svobodova CZE

Leaderboard

Place	Player	2012	2013	2014	Sum
1	Josef Simon	58,77	66,73	56,34	181,84
2	Steve de Roos	64,68	56,64	56,73	178,05
3	Steven de Donder	64,68	56,64	56,73	178,05
4	Goran Radisic	51,55	65,28	57,81	174,64
5	Piotr Wiankowski	60,3	59,44	54,28	174,02
6	Jerzy Skwark	56,59	62,2	54,65	173,44
7	Dimitraki Zipovski	50,29	65,28	57,81	173,38
8	Zoltan Zsak	53,56	62,14	56,37	172,07
9	Sara Cividin	56,8	58,45	56	171,25
10	Krzysztof Gora	59,85	53,44	57,9	171,19
11	Faruk Masic	57,43	58,98	53,2	169,61
12	Branko Refi	54,28	58,37	56,74	169,39
13	Goran Borevkovic	54,28	58,37	56,74	169,39
14	Gergely Szentandras	54,83	60,62	52,97	168,42
15	Vedran Zoric	56,93	57,4	53,99	168,32
16	Gerhard Hornischer	60,02	56,45	51,47	167,94
17	Michael Knoll	60,02	56,45	51,12	167,59
18	Tim Verbeek	57,69	55,15	53,99	166,83
19	Srdjan Katusic	55,25	57,47	54	166,72
20	Brigitta Fischer	51,93	60,62	52,97	165,52
21	Piotr Tuszynski	55,05	60,3	49,22	164,57
22	Waldemar Sroczyński	55,05	60,3	49,22	164,57

Lara Tiara



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 an event starts, but please do it as soon as possible.**
- ♣ **For teams tournaments you should pay your entry fee at Registration desk at the time of registration.**
- ♣ **For pairs tournaments you pay entry fees at the table in the first round (please prepare exact amount of money in advance). In case you do not put the exact amount of money in the envelope, we will return the change sometime during the tournament.**
- ♣ **Slow play will not be tolerated.**
- ♣ **Remain seated until the change is announced!**
- ♣ **Bridge-mates will be used in all events.**
- ♣ **Boards are duplicated in all events.**
- ♣ **Do not leave the table during a session. If you have to do so – call the TD.**
- ♣ **Your mobile phone, and any other electronic devices, must be switched off – and put on the table or chair next to you. Or leave them in your room.**
- ♣ **Use of the STOP card is obligatory!**
- ♣ **The convention card is not obligatory, but we recommend it. Please feel free to take a copy at the Registration desk.**
- ♣ **Make your opening leads face down.**
- ♣ **Leave the boards and the bidding boxes on the table.**
- ♣ **Be nice to your partner, opponents, officials of the tournament and others...only together can we make this tournament a friendly and comfortable place for all.**
- ♣ **Follow the ALERT procedure!**
- ♣ **1 NT opening bid, if not 15-18 balanced variety must be alerted!**
- ♣ **1NT opening bid on hands that can have less than 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 Sticker methods are not allowed (please check with TD if you are not sure about conventions you use).**
- ♣ **Do not alert any bids higher than 3NT.**
- ♣ **Psychics of strong openings are not allowed. Strong openings are when the minimum is 15 HCP or more.**

How You can help us

- ♣ **Register in advance**
- ♣ **Don't make double registrations – agree with your partner/team who will register**
- ♣ **When making entries - PRINT your names (as readable as possible)**
- ♣ **Prepare the exact amount of money to put in the envelope for entry fees**
- ♣ **Close the bidding boxes after the last round**
- ♣ **Collect your prize as soon as possible**
- ♣ **Be nice to your partner and opponents**
- ♣ **Write something for the Bulletin**
- ♣ **Bring us a photo from the Festival**
- ♣ **Send us your story (bridge or not) to be published in the bulletin (tihana@pilar.hr)**

Please register in advance!