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Dear Friends

The great tournament, the Senior Europe Cup, was played recently, and today we started another one – this time with players from four continents. We are pleased with the huge interest and great field.

We are especially happy because the Transatlantic Seniors Cup is a Memorial to one of the most outstanding Polish players – Julian Klukowski. His bridge carreer was reviewed in the Prebulletin. The memory of Julian Klukowski is still alive among Polish players, and we hope that among players from all around the world as well. He was a great figure in history of our game.

The pandemic is not an easy time for bridge, but – as you can see and from the example of this tournament – the Internet offers us huge opportunities to organize a great international event with a very strong field. This of course serves to popularize bridge.

Just like a few months ago we would like to thank you Włodek Starkowski, because thanks to his determination it is possible for all of us to meet at the virtual bridge table. Many thanks go also to John Carruthers and Marek Wójcicki, who were strongly involved in the organization of the competition.

Thirty-eight teams will compete for the cup and medals. Finally, we have to remind all of you the slogan from the previous competition: "Let this tournament be a great celebration of friendship, solidarity and honesty."

We wish you all good luck, and of course may the best team win.

Witold Stachnik	President of the Polish Bridge Union
Neil Kimelman	President of Canadian Bridge Federation

DRAW FOR ROUND 2 (Today, 8 pm CET):

AUSTRIA - SWEDEN ITALY - USA 2 SIMSON NORWAY - USA 3 LEVINE **IRELAND - NETHERLANDS 1** LATVIA - FRANCE ROSSARD **TURKEY - FRANCE MARILL** USA4 LALL - GERMANY 2 **ARGENTINA - SOUTH AFRICA BELGIUM - PORTUGAL CBL SCOTLAND BLUE - GERMANY 1** POLAND 2 PAJAK - LITHUANIA **ENGLAND PRYOR - NETHERLANDS 2** POLAND 4 BOCHEŃSKI - ESTONIA **PORTUGAL - SCOTLAND WHITE ROMANIA BUCHAREST - CANADA MURRAY** USA 1 WOLFSON - BRAZIL

CANADA FERGANI - POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ ENGLAND MOSSOP - POLAND 3 SZENBERG

VUE GRAPH: AUSTRIA SWEDEN TWITCH: POLAND 2 PAJĄK - LITHUANIA

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RANKING AFTER ROUND 1.

1. AUSTRIA	20.00	20. SCOTLAND BLUE	9.72
2. SWEDEN	19.49	21. PORTUGAL CBL	8.92
3. ITALY	18.73	22. GERMANY 1	8.66
4. USA 2 SIMSON	18.12	23. POLAND 2 PAJĄK	8.41
5. NORWAY	17.32	24. LITHUANIA	7.02
6. USA 3 LEVINE	16.80	25. ENGLAND PRYOR	6.59
7. IRELAND	16.23	26. NETHERLANDS 2	5.80
8. NETHERLANDS 1	16.08	27. ESTONIA	5.42
9. LATVIA	15.93	POLAND 4 BOCHEŃSKI	5.42
10. FRANCE ROSSARD	15.45	29. PORTUGAL	4.55
11. HUNGARY	14.58	30. SCOTLAND WHITE	4.07
ISRAEL	14.58	31. ROMANIA BUCHAREST	3.92
13. TURKEY	14.20	32. CANADA MURRAY	3.77
14. FRANCE MARILL	13.41	33. USA 1 WOLFSON	3.20
15. USA 4 LALL	12.98	34. BRAZIL	2.68
16. GERMANY 2	11.59	35. CANADA FERGANI	1.88
17. ARGENTINA	11.34	36. POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ	1.27
18. SOUTH AFRICA	11.08	37. ENGLAND MOSSOP	0.51
19. BELGIUM	10.28	38. POLAND 3 SZENBERG	0.00

RESULTS OF ROUND 1.

TOP OF THE BUTLER

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USA 4 LALL - LITHUANIA	12.98-7.02	2.80/10	Sandor Zold	HUNGARY
USA 3 LEVINE - USA 1 WOLFSON	16.80-3.20	2.80/10	Gyorgy Kuttner	HUNGARY
ENGLAND MOSSOP - SWEDEN	0.51-19.49	2.70/20	Sylvia Terraneo	AUSTRIA
POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ - ITALY	1.27-18.73	2.70/20	Robert Franzel	AUSTRIA
ENGLAND PRYOR - FRANCE MARILL	6.59-13.41	1.95/20	Peter Goodman	IRELAND
USA 2 SIMSON - CANADA FERGANI	18.12-1.88	1.95/20	Terry Walsh	IRELAND
NETHERLANDS 2 - TURKEY	5.80-14.20	1.90/20	Franz Terraneo	AUSTRIA
CANADA MURRAY - IRELAND	3.77-16.23	1.90/20	Kurt Feichtinger	AUSTRIA
BELGIUM - SCOTLAND BLUE	10.28-9.72	1.90/20	Tommy Gullberg	SWEDEN
ARGENTINA - GERMANY 1	11.34-8.66	1.90/20	Anders Morath	SWEDEN
	8.41-11.59	1.85/20	Daniel Delestre	FRANCE R.
POLAND 2 PAJĄK - GERMANY 2		1.85/20	Francis Lobry	FRANCE R.
POLAND 4 BOCHEŃSKI - ISRAEL	5.42-14.58	1.75/20	Lars Eide	NORWAY
AUSTRIA - POLAND 3 SZENBERG	20.00-0.00	1.75/20	Odd Frydenberg	NORWAY
NORWAY - BRAZIL	17.32-2.68	1.60/10	Mark Lair	USA 3 LEVINE
SOUTH AFRICA - PORTUGAL CBL	11.09-8.92	1.60/10	Mike Passell	USA 3 LEVINE
FRANCE ROSSARD - PORTUGAL	15.45-4.55	1.50/20	Zia Mahmood	USA 4 LALL
SCOTLAND WHITE - LATVIA	4.07-15.93	1.50/20	Michael Rosenberg	USA 4 LALL
ROMANIA BUCHAREST-NETHERLANDS 1	3.92-16.08	1.45/20	Chris Bosenberg	SOUTH AFRICA
HUNGARY - ESTONIA	14.58-5.42	1.45/20	Neville Eber	SOUTH AFRICA
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LAYDOWN GRAND SLAM FROM THE ALMANAC OF POLISH BRIDGE Włodek Starkowski

The Polish Bridge Union was established only in 1956, so much later than in many other countries. The home/rubber bridge was played in Poland before the war and there were also a few tournaments organized. There was also monthly magazine Bridge for bridge lovers, but it existed only two years. Anyway, at that time no official organization of our game enthusiasts was established and registered.

After the end of World War II, the communist authorities banned the game of bridge as an invention of "the rotten West", together with Coca Cola etc. It was only in 1956, during a short-lived political "thaw", that the Polish Bridge Union was registered. Tournaments, championships, league, pairs and teams competitions had started, and the Polish national team appeared in the international arena. First appearance was during 1957 Mitropa Cup at Kizbuhel, and for the first time Polish team played at European Championships in Vienna 1957. At first, naturally, there were no significant successes, but the Polish bridge players made rapid progress and in 1963 they won bronze medals at the European Teams Championships.

The competition was played in Baden-Baden, with 18 teams participating, and the British players winning the championship. The 6-0 VP scale was played and the winners scored 100 VP out of 102 possible. It is unlikely that anyone will ever beat that record.

In the Polish team played Czesław Kuklewicz - Andrzej Wilkosz, Stanisław Bitner - Jan Jeżowski and Julian Klukowski - Zbigniew Szurig. They started in a very promising way – in round 4 they played against the Blue Team and the match, very vell played by a Poles, ended with a tie 3-3. I will present one of the boards of that match here.

The result of the Polish national team could have been even better, had it not been for the following hand, in which the division of the side color 8-0 prevented our players from taking the slam bid made by the Austrian team (match was lost by Poland 1-5):



Slam was easily made ...

At replay Polish pair stopped in excellent contract of 6NT by West.

As we can see, one of the unfortunates playing on the NS line was the patron of PBU-CBF TSC, Julian Klukowski 24-year-old at the time. If the Guinness Book of Records was classified in the Most Unlucky Board category, it could boldly claim the palm of priority. Looking for the results, in the following years, such bad luck did not haunt Polish players.

And the example of the spectacular decision by Zbigniew Szurig from the match against Italy.

Zbigniew Szurig was in those times (60-ties) one of the young (born 1938)) Polish top players. Lecturer of Mathematics at Warsaw University, one of the bestever Polish bridge theorists.

He was inventor of two rather advanced bidding system – *Juvenia* (published 1962) and *Nesero* (published 1966), used by the teams which won Polish Teams Championships 6 times in eight consecutive seasons (1961-1970).

He also developed some conventions which are in common use in Poland until toady. His books and articles were the ground of education for the whole generation of Polish players.



W	Ν	E	S
Messina	Szurig	Pabis-Ticci	Klukowski
			1 🏟
2NT	dbl.	3♣	pass
3♡	4 • ¹⁾	4♡	4♠ ²⁾
6♡	6♠	pass	pass
dbl.	all pass	-	-

 $^{1)}4$ – asking bid;

 $^{2)}4 \spadesuit -$ ace of spades and king of clubs.

Szurig took Messina's bid 6♡ seriously. Messina has bid something what can be called "bicolore intergrale". So only one of the North-South aces is cashable, king of clubs can be finessed... Messina also heard the man".

response to 4[♣] asking bid showing where the king of clubs is...

So despite 12 HCP after partner's first hand opening he sacrificed with 6 which was set by one trick, 200 for Italy.

In replay Polish East-West pair also reached a heart slam:

W Kuklewicz	N Chiaradia	E Wilkosz	S d'Alelio
			pass
2 ♣ ¹⁾	pass(?)	$2\Diamond$	pass
2♡	pass	3♡	3♠
4♣	4♠	pass	pass
5♡	5♠	6♡	dbl.
all pass			

 $^{1)}2$ \clubsuit – strong, artificial game forcing.

The bidding of Italian pair looks rather strange. Pass of Chiaradia with rather interesting hand when he could enter the bidding on 2 level...

And the final double looks like the question to Poles: "Where did you come from, boys?"

As the summary of the hand we can quote legendary npc of the Italians, Carlo Alberto Perroux, who said to Szurig: "There is a great future before you, young man".

SENIOR SERVICE Mark Horton

Back in 2016 the European Senior Championships were held in Budapest.

These deals are from the first stage of England's trials for Budapest.

ONE MORE HAMMAN DEFINITION

Board 11 South/None	 ♦ K2 ♡ 10732 ◇ J8754 ♣ 82 	
 ▲ Q10985 ♡ KJ6 ◊ Q962 ♣ 6 	N W E S	 ▲ A ◇ 94 ◇ A3 ▲ AKQJ10743
	 ▲ J7643 ◇ AQ85 ◇ K10 ♣ 95 	

In open room North - South were silent:

W Penfold	N Capal	E Selway	S Harris
pass 2◊*	pass pass	2 * * 3 *	pass pass pass
3♠ 6♣	pass all pass	5♣	pass

2♣ – Strong,

 $2\diamondsuit$ – Waiting.

One BBO commentator described West's raise to slam as "incroyable"

However, it fulfilled Hamman's definition of a good slam, as it made.

South led the ace of hearts and continued with the eight, but with no options declarer tried the jack and when it held he pitched his losing diamond on the king of hearts for +920.

Suppose South had led an unlikely spade?

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Declarer wins in hand and cashes six rounds of clubs to reach this position:



When declarer plays a heart South has to duck and after winning in dummy, declarer ruffs a spade and plays his last trump. (As the cards lie declarer does not need to guess to play the jack of hearts rather than the king.)

Closed Room

W Burn	N Collins	E Callaghan	S Kendrick
			pass
pass	pass	1♣	1♠
pass	pass	3NT	all pass

South led the ace of hearts and switched to the four of spades and declarer won and allegedly claimed eleven tricks. Hard to belied he did not play off all the clubs catching South in a show up squeeze.

Whatever, it was 10 not unlucky IMPs to Penfold.

EVEN BETTER ONE...

Another slam hand from the same match.

Board 23 South/All	 ▲ AQJ1083 ♡ Q1062 ◇ A ♣ A8 		
 ♦ K64 ♡ 8 ◊ 632 ♦ KQ7532 	N W E S	 ♦ 97 ♡ J7543 ◊ J754 ♦ 64 	
	 ♦ 52 ♡ AK9 ◊ KQ1098 ♣ J109 		

Open room

W	N	E	S
Penfold	Capal	Selway	Harris
pass	$1 \land 2 \diamond * 4 \land$	pass	1 (>)
pass		pass	1 NT
pass		all pass	2 NT

 $2\diamondsuit$ – Hearts.

How would you describe North's jump to 4♠?

"*Agricultural*" was the choice of the BBO commentator.

East led the six of clubs and declarer won with the ace, unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed to the ace of hearts, pitched a club on a diamond and took a spade finesse. When it held declarer tried to cross to dummy with a heart, but West ruffed, so declarer had to lose a heart at the end, +650.

Closed Room

W Burn	N Collins	E Callaghan	S Kendrick
			$1 \diamondsuit$
pass	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	2♣*	pass	3◊*
pass	6♠	all pass	

2♣ – Crowhurst,

 $3\diamondsuit$ – Denies three spades.

The early play was identical, but having disposed of his losing club declarer played a spade to the ace and the queen of spades and was soon claiming, +1430 and 13 IMPs, Penfold winning their opening match 79-35.

SOMETIMES IT IS NOT EASY TO LOSE





 $4\clubsuit, 4\heartsuit$ - cue bids.

Once East had bid Three Diamonds it was not easy to get to hearts (with careful play you can make 6° even if you get the trumps wrong). Perhaps East could have jumped to 6° offering West a choice between the majors? Or would it be some kind of grand slam invitation?

South led the two of hearts and declarer won with dummy's nine and played a spade to the jack. When South showed out on the next round declarer had to lose a spade and a diamond, -50.

Closed Room

W Lawy	N Selway	E Ward	S Penfold
		1♣*	pass
$1 \diamond *$	pass	1♠	pass
4♠	all pass		

 $1 \clubsuit - \text{strong};$

 $1 \diamondsuit - negative.$

An uninspiring auction was more than matched in the play.

South led the six of diamonds and declarer took North's queen with the ace and cashed the top spades. When South discarded the two of clubs declarer played a heart to the ace and a spade. North went up with the queen and returned a diamond and declarer's goose was cooked. He played low, but South won with the iack and returned the suit for North to score the ten of spades. There was still a heart to come, +50 and a push. NO RUSH

	Board 12 West/None	 ▲ AK6 ◇ AK6 ◇ AQ764 ♣ 42 		
$ \diamondsuit \\ \diamond $	J10542 952 2 KJ75	N W S ◆ 987 ♡ Q103 ◇ J103 ◆ J103 ◆ 10983	E	 ♦ Q3 ♡ J874 ◊ K985 ♣ AQ6
(Open room			
	W Hackett	N Simpson	E Senior	S Selway
	2 🔶	dbl.	pass	2NT*

2NT - Lebensohl.

pass

West led the two of spades and declarer won with the ace and decided to lay down the ace of diamonds. He continued with a low diamond and East allowed dummy's ten to win as West pitched the five of hearts. When West threw the two of hearts on the next diamond East won and played the ace of clubs followed by the queen and that was one down, -200.

dbl.

all pass

3NT

Closed room

W	N	E	S
Collins	Hallberg	Kendrick	Holland
pass all pass	2NT	pass	3NT

East led the four of hearts for the queen, two and six and declarer ran the jack of diamonds. When East won and returned a heart declarer was home, +600 and 13 IMPs for Hackett.

Could East - West find the realistic way to set the contract?

There was no rush to take the king of diamonds.

If East had ducked West would have had the opportunity to give some sort of signal on the next round when East would at least have a chance to find the club switch.

TEAMS ROSTERS

ARGENTINA

Mauricio Macri Pablo Lambardi Walter Fornasari Luis Palazzo Martin Monsegur Willie Mooney Jorge Gueglio Eduardo Scanavino

AUSTRIA

Franz Terraneo Sylvia Terraneo Kurt Feichtinger Robert Franzel Theresa Weigkricht Hans-Richard Grumm Heinrich Berger Hubert Obermair Sussanne Grümm

BELGIUM

Philippe Coenraets Faramarz Bigdeli Guy Polet Alain Kaplan David Johnson Jacques Stas Jean-Pierre Lafourcade Alain Moulart Zvi Engel mauriciom1 lambarg1 conex44 pala martinsila wmooney canalla ejotaese

saurus53 sterraneo ennser dr_crazy tewe4 hrgruemm Wuzi5 Kwizda sgruemm

philippeiv faramarz Guy99 Kaplan70 rosbif69 Casoar99 Foxyguy52 amoulart hros

BRAZIL

Orlando Correa ocorrea Francisco Assis de Mello e Silva chico de Fernando Teixeira FCarioca Fernando Cysneiros fercys Maria das Graças Poncioni gracildz

CANADA FERGANI

Kamel Fergani Zygmunt Marcinski Gordon Campbell Nicholas Gartaganis Jurek Czyżowicz Dan Jacob Nader Hanna John Rayner

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fergani Guppy2303 doubler DoctorJ czyzyc Drhook Darth rayndear

CANADA MURRAY

Boris Baran Allan Graves John Carruthers Pierre Daigneault Mike Hargreaves Martin Kirr Piotr Klimowicz Robert Lebi Gordon McOrmond George Mittelman

ENGLAND MOSSOP

Paul Hackett Brian Senior John Holland Alan Mould Gunnar Hallberg David Mossop

ENGLAND PRYOR

Malcolm Pryor David Kendrick John Hasset Trevor Ward Rob Cliffe Alan Mayo Richard Chamberlain Patrick Shields

ESTONIA

Ivar Kalma Aarne Rummel Toivo Jullis Tõnis Pleksepp Avo Trommel Uno Viigand Alesander Ostapenko Jaak Simm Priit Võhandu Endel Kivioja Peeter Kiloman Jaak Känd thegomlin algraves jgc Pierre Da mikeh kirp piotrk rlebi Strider65 mittmouse

paulhac malmo1 Wjh21 Alan1719 Rerack davidmosso

malcp dkendrick1 pademelon tww604 simbiari alanmayo rmchamb patr1cks

ivark aarne mustjaak comb3 konn2 sixbeer ostapb1 diamond_j PriitV ojaku 37tyz kastan88

FRANCE MARILL

Alain Levy Philippe Soulet Dominique Pilon Michel Abecassis Philippe Cronier Marc Bompis Philippe Marill Michel Bessis Bernard Cabanes

FRANCE ROSSARD

Patrick Bogacki Dominique Bourdin Daniel Delestre Thierry De Luna Alain Lepertel Francis Lobry Jerzy Romanowski Martine Rossard

GERMANY 1

Nedju Buchlev Reiner Marsal Herbert Klumpp Norbert Schilhart Jacek Leśniczak Jurek Kozyczkowski Nikolas Bausback

GERMANY 2

Waltraud Vogt Berhard Straeter Ulrich Kratz Loek Fresen Hans Frerichs Ulli Wenning Christian Schwerdt

HUNGARY

Andras Fogaras Jozsef Foldi Peter Gal Sandor Jakab Sandor Zold Gyorgy Kuttner Gabor Demeter evil phisou9 cap51 mik22 phicro2 iglou cortex besbes tonel34

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IRELAND

Pat Quinn Donald Garvey Peter Goodman Terry Walsh Ranald Milne BJ O'Brien Micheal O'Briain Padraig O'Briain Derek O'Gorman

ISRAEL

Doron Limor Yaacov Mintz Avi Kalish Nir Grinberg Yosi Engel Julian Frydrich Ron Pachtman

ITALY

Franco Garbosi Paolu Uggeri Ruggero Pulga Aldo Mina Sergio Freddio Barnardo Mancini Gianpaolo Guermani Virgilio Gagliardi Andrea Buratti Giuseppe Failla Amadeo Comella Stefano Sabbatini

LATVIA

Sergejs Birins Ivars Ilzins Alfreds Malinskas Vladimirs Gonca Maris Purgailis Gundega Ozolina Andrejs Milgravis Bruno Rubenis

LITHUANIA

Vytautas Vainikonis Wojciech Olański Apolinary Kowalski Jacek Romański Bogusław Gierulski Jerzy Russyan pq2 garveydon petepunt walshtr ranald bjoboru mobrule padraigo derekog6

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vainikonis olanski bambik jar27 bogier jerzy077

NETHERLANDS 1

JanKolen

Lucassen

J Verhees

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Leo2005

MrBig01

janmikke

oddalfred

gullfader

stokken

sverjohn

wiciom

moszcz1

blama1

michal1

wstarkowsk

taub

kha66

Isle

maggiehond

rovers

tjali

rob

Jan Kolen Tjali Tuwanakotta Rob Walker Ton Lucassen Paul Cardwell Jan Verhees

NETHERLANDS 2

Peter Van der Voorden Frank Veger Bas Van der Hoek Leo Hofland Onno Janssens Willem Jan Maas

NORWAY

Jan Mikkelsen Arve Farstad Odd Frydenberg Lars Eide Aasmund Stokkeland Sverre Johnsen

POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ

Victor Markowicz Krzysztof Moszczyński Marek Blat Piotr Bizoń Michał Kwiecień Włodzimierz Starkowski

POLAND 2 PAJĄK

Stanisław Pająk Janusz Gawęcki Piotr Walczak Andrzej Iwański Marcin Leśniewski Piotr Tuszyński Andrzej Pawlak Marek Witek Wojciech Uszyński Ryszard Pałasz pajak7 janusz4578 walczyk1 iwan77 lesniak fredzik1 agresor witek66 ucho54 ryspa

POLAND 3 SZENBERG

Stefan Szenberg Mirosław Miłaszewski Wit Klapper

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POLAND 4 BOCHEŃSKI

Adolf Bocheński Mirosław Cichocki Andrzej Jeleniewski Tadeusz Kaczanowski Roman Kierznowski Ireneusz Kowalczyk Jarosław Michałowski Krzysztof Pikus Maciej Sobieralski Marek Szymanowski Andrzej Szymczak adziob ong trojka mat06 romkier5 irekk aeg2 sukip sobam qerk22 zymzak77

PORTUGAL

Jose Henriques Luis Folque Eduardo Pinto Carlos Goncalves Manuel Goncalves Paulo Pessanha

PORTUGAL CBL

Maria João Lara Manuel Capucho Rui Silva Santos Jose Moraes Acacio Figueiredo Joa Paulo Rocha Pinto Jorge Cruzeiro Luis Castano Jorge Castanheira Jose Dias

manaca luis carlo didiloco ydeeps manolo1 PPessanha

lara2 vilas rssantos morales1 oael jrpinto jcruzeiro xbrown jorel8 zeafdias

ROMANIA BUCHAREST

Daniel Savin Dan Urseanu Constantin Stancescu Serban Draghicescu Eugen Chelu Lucian Breaban Radu Gliga Cornel Matei daniel sav dan_ur stc serban191 donatoru ledace radug martelatul

SCOTLAND BLUE

Mike Ash Robert Ferrari Brian Short Alan Goodman Jim Hay Derrick Peden Derek Diamond Martin Diamond Barnet Shenkin Victor Silverstone Anne Perkins

SCOTLAND WHITE

Harry Smith Roy Bennet David Shenkin Cameron McLatchie Bob McKinnon Cathy Ferguson Liz McGowan Tim McKay Jim Forsyth Nigel Guthrie Anne Perkins

SOUTH AFRICA

James Grant Larry Chemaly Neville Eber Chris Bosenberg

SWEDEN

Mats Nilsland Bjorn Fallenius Bengt-Erik Efraimsson Mats Axdorph Bjorn Wenneberg Goran Sellden PG Eliasson Gunnar Elmroth Christer Bjaring Johnny Ostberg Carina Wademark ma5546 rcferrari brianshort arg98 ahh derrick O derekd diamondm44 Barnets Odysseus69 traqupolly

harsmith drroy48 dshenkin mclatchie bobmfc cathyf cuttysark timmckay sooth nige1 traqupolly

goldbar larryc777 eebs bosie1

nilsland bf88 berik56 Axdorph63 TopBjorn sellden pgeliasson turnip1 ChristerBj Johnny33 aco

TURKEY

Nafiz Zorlu Mehmet Emin Çopur Huseyin Avcioglu Mehmet Ali Ince Namik Kokten Mesut Karadeniz Ali Orhan Ekinci

USA 1 WOLFSON

Jeff Wolfson Mike Becker David Berkowitz Larry Cohen Steve Garner Bruce Rogoff Bob Sartorius Howard Weinstein

USA 2 SIMSON

Doug Simson Jeff Aker Allan Falk John Lusky Glenn Milgrim Barry Rigal Drew Casen Jim Krekorian

USA 3 LEVINE

Mick Levine Mark Lair Jeff Meckstroth Bob Morris Mike Passell Eric Rodwell Eddie Wold

USA 4 LALL

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CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

I. General Rules and Format

FORMAT

A. QUALIFICATION SWISS

First 12 matches, starting on 18th Jan. till 30th (Sunday free) Jan are the qualification stage, played as the Swiss, 20-board matches.

The seeding to the 1st round matches will be based on the average ranking of the team players according to average WBF Senior Masterpoints of all team

10.00 -10.00 tie	14.20 - 5.80 18 imps	
10.28 - 9.72 1 imp	14.39 - 5.61 19 imps	
10.55 - 9.45 2 imps	14.58 - 5.42 20 imps	
10.82 - 9.18 3 imps	14.76 - 5.24 21 imps	
11.08 - 8.92 4 imps	14.94 - 5.06 22 imps	
11.34 - 8.66 5 imps	15.11 - 4.89 23 imps	
11.59 - 8.41 6 imps	15.28 - 4.72 24 imps	
11.83 - 9.17 7 imps	15.45 - 4.55 25 imps	
12.07 - 7.93 8 imps	15.61 - 4.39 26 imps	
12.30 - 7.70 9 imps	15.77 - 4.23 27 imps	
12.53 - 7.47 10 imps	15.92 - 4.08 28 imps	
12.76 - 7.24 11 imps	16.08 - 3.92 29 imps	
12.98 - 7.02 12 imps	16.23 - 3.77 30 imps	
13.19 - 6.81 13 imps	16.37 - 3.63 31 imps	
13.41 - 6.59 14 imps	16.52 - 3.48 32 imps	
13.61 - 6.39 15 imps	16.66 - 3.34 33 imps	
13.81 - 6.19 16 imps	16.79 - 3.21 34 imps	
14.01 - 5.99 17 imps	16.93 - 3.07 35 imps	
B. KNOCKOUT PHASE.		

ROUND OF 16

The team placed 1st at the end of the Qualification Swiss has the right to choose their opponent among the teams placed 8th-16th. Then, the team placed 2nd will choose their opponent among the teams placed 8th-16th, etc.

Round of 16 will be played on Sun, 31st Jan and Mon, 1st Feb

QUARTERFINALS DRAW

Among the winners of the Round of 16 matches, the team which was highest placed in the Qualification Swiss will choose the opponent of the Quarterfinal of all available teams, later the highest placed in the Qualification Swiss will choose, etc.

If 4 teams of one country qualify to QF, the highest placed in Qualification Swiss team will choose members (1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th etc.).

After 12 rounds of Swiss, first 16 teams will play the play-off. All play-off matches will be played during two days, each day two 12-board sessions.

The rest of the teams will compete in the Swiss for the 3rd place, which will be also joined by the losers of play-off matches.

For the Swiss phases, each result will be converted from IMPs into VPs according to the WBF 20 boards VP Scale:

17.06 - 2.94 36 imps	19.00 - 1.00 54 imps
17.19 - 2.81 37 imps	19.08 - 0.92 55 imps
17.31 - 2.69 38 imps	19.17 - 0.83 56 imps
17.44 - 2.56 39 imps	19.25 - 0.75 57 imps
17.56 - 2.44 40 imps	19.33 - 0.67 58 imps
17.67 - 2.33 41 imps	19.41 - 0.59 59 imps
17.79 - 2.21 42 imps	19.49 - 0.51 60 imps
17.90 - 2.10 43 imps	19.57 - 0.43 61 imps
18.01 - 1.99 44 imps	19.64 - 0.36 62 imps
18.12 - 1.88 45 imps	19.72 - 0.28 63 imps
18.23 - 1.77 46 imps	19.79 - 0.21 64 imps
18.33 - 1.67 47 imps	19.86 - 0.14 65 imps
18.43 - 1.57 48 imps	19.93 - 0.07 66 imps
18.53 - 1.47 49 imps	19.99 - 0.01 67 imps
18.63 - 1.37 50 imps	20.00 - 0.00 68 and
18.72 - 1.28 51 imps	more imps
18.82 - 1.18 52 imps	-
10.01 1.00 52	

^{18.91 - 1.09 53} imps

its opponent of 3 other teams, while 2 remaining will play one against another.

If 3 teams of one country will qualify to QF, general rules apply till 2 teams will remain or if one, having first right to draw will choose as the opponent another, it is over; if it will choose team of another country, remaining teams are paired automatically. If all three teams are subject to draw, when one of them is chosen, remaining teams are paired automatically.

QF will be played on Tue 2nd Feb and Wed 3rd Feb. SEMI-FINALS.

Among the winners of the Quarter-Finals, the team which was highest placed in the Qualification Swiss will choose the opponent of the Semifinal. If two teams of the same country qualify to semifinal, they will play against each other.

SF will be played on Thu 4th Feb and Fri 5th Feb.

CARRY OVER.

Carry over in R16, QF and SF matches is 0.1 imp for the team higher placed in Qualification Swiss.

FINAL

Final will be played on Sat 6th Feb and Sun 7th Feb There will be no Carry-Over. In case of tie after 48 boards, it will be solved by 1-board Sudden Death.

C. SWISS FOR THE 3RD PLACE

Swiss for the third place starts on Monday, 1st Feb. Carry over is 1/6 of VP from the Qualification Swiss. Draw to the first round is done according to the carry over. Last round (Sun. Feb. 7) of 3RD PLACE SWISS will be played as Danish (matches can be played between the teams, which have played against each other in earlier rounds);

20-board matches will be played.

Each day one round will be played

Losers of the Knock-out matches will join 3RD PLACE SWISS (according to the rank in Qualification Swiss – highest ranking team the lowest place)

- after round of 16 - to the 17,15,13,11,9,7,5,3rd places with number of VP equal to the average of 3rd and 4th team after a previous round

- after quarterfinal - to the 9,7,5,3 places (according to the rank in Qualification Swiss), with number of VP equal to the average of 3rd and 4th team after a previous round;

– after semifinal - to the 5th and 3rd place (according to the rank in qualification Swiss) with number of VP equal to the average of 2nd and 3rd team after a previous round.

KIBITZERS.

Kibitzers are allowed only at the vuegraph tables, which will start with 30 minutes delay. We believe that the spirit of the game in seniors society excludes chances of cheating so all the Swiss matches are played on the same boards and there are no restriction in closing match time etc. Our experience from European Seniors Tournament, played according to those conditions confirmed that we can rely on fair-play of the Seniors bridge society (no suspicious cases were reported to the TDs and other bodies)

Coaches and npc can be allowed to kibitz the match of their team. The TD must be informed by e-mail about it before the start of the match and will manage the technical requirements. The choice of the Vuegraph match will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

STARTING TIMES.

The starting time of each Qualification Swiss match is 8.00 pm (CET). All players should be logged in at least 10 minutes before. We hope all of us can accept a few minutes in some cases. Vuegraph frm Swiss match starts at 8.30 pm CET (from Knock out at 7.30 pm CET).

Knock-out matches will start 7.30 pm CET (first 12 boards of a day) and 9.30 pm CET (second 12 boards).

SUBSTITUTES.

After the first 10 boards (1-10) each player/pair can be substituted with another player/pair for the second half of the match (boards 11-20). Substitutions will be allowed for each SWISS match. Changes should be provided with the line up. Later changes will be allowed only in case of emergency.

At play off matches substitution during session is allowed only in emergency cases and must be accepted by the Chief Tournament Director.

II. Line-Up Procedure

Website of the tournament will provide the system for entering the line up.

Detailed instruction will be sent to all persons responsible for line up of their teams.

QUALIFICATION SWISS, 3RD PLACE SWISS - blind line up

Line up should be entered no later than at 6 pm CET of the day when the match will be played.

In case of any problem with line up system, please contact tournament director:

aleksander.krych@pzbs.pl

PLAY OFF

Players of the team placed higher at the Qualification Swiss sits as second in first and last segment of the match.

Time schedule for line up:

1st segment of the day – first sitting team no later than at 6 pm CET, second sitting – no later than 6.30 pm CET

2nd segment of the day - first sitting team no later than at 8.30 pm CET, second sitting – no later than 9 pm CET

In case of any problem with line up system, please contact tournament director:

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PENALTIES.

Delaying or not providing the line-ups will be subject to VP penalties, starting from a 0.5 VP penalty for the first lack and increasing each time by 0.5 VP (1, 1.5 and so on).

LINE-UP CHANGES.

It is possible to change the submitted line-up only for emergency and must be communicated throughe -mail ora phone call if less then 30 minutes left to the start of the match (also WhatsApp but not a message) to the organization.

III. Anti-Cheating rules

We assume full trust to all players, kibitzers, and other members of the bridge society. All the disciplinary violations will be solved by the Disciplinary Commission of Polish Bridge Union. The captains of all participating teams will be its advisory body at more complicated cases.

If somebody wants to report about suspicious hands it should also be forwarded to the Disciplinary Commission of Polish Bridge Union (e-mail piotr.ilczuk@ pzbs.pl). All proceedings will be carried with the appropriate discretion and confidentiality. Ruling of the PBU Disciplinary Commission will be final.

IV. Zero tolerance for rude comments or behavior

Zero tolerance for rude comments or behavior. If you need to ask something to your opponents, please use the private chat instead of the table chat.

V. Convention Cards

Before the start of the tournament all teams should send their convention cards, preferable in the WBF standard to tournament directors (aleksander.krych@ pzbs.pl). The cards will be available at the tournament website TSC 2021 (pzbs.pl). In more complex cases (like brown sticker, HUM, etc. the appropriate rules of World Teams Championships 2019 will be applicable).

VI. Starting time and missing players

All players are kindly asked to log in on BBO at least 10 minutes before the starting time of their match.

We are playing pre-dealt duplicate boards. Delays can affect the event schedule as we are playing all the matches using the same boards, therefore all delays will be penalized (unless the late start is not responsibility of the team, e.g. BBO's server issues, etc.).

If at some point during a match a player loses his/ her connection, the partner of the missing player must immediately call at the table the tournament director (by pressing the usual button) who will find together with the team's captain another player of the team available for a prompt substitution.

Only in case of BBO's server issues when it is not possible to start some matches, the delays matches will not play pre-dealt boards, but we are confident that this will not happen too often.

VII. Players of the team

Because the tournament is played online, there the number of the players registered for the team is limited to 12. Players can be added/replaced during the tournament.

VIII. Undos

UNDO is available and fair. We strongly encourage you to accept UNDOs. If you feel that there is a damage due to the UNDO you can call the director at the table but we will be very happy if you play this tournament in a friendly way and allow UNDOs because most of the time it is a true misclick.

UNDOs are allowed and encouraged, but only for misclick.

UNDOs for correction of errors are not appropriate and should not be requested. If the opponent questions the reason for an undo, they should call the director as long as it becomes evident that this may have been the case.

IX. Alerts

Bids must be alerted before being entered. In such way, the left hand opponent knows about the alert before making his/her bid. If you don't alert before sending your bid, your opponent may think that your bid is natural, make his/her bid, then see the Alert and legitimately ask for an UNDO in case the information changes his/her perspectives. This may lead to unauthorized information.

Thus, you need to click the Alert button before entering your bid. Also, during this procedure it is very important to include the explanation in the proper box. During each match, players are not allowed to click on an unalerted bid of the opponents in order to have more information. If they want information, they can privately ask the opponent (by chat). The reason is that it is important to avoid any possible UI between partners. If you note this please call the director that will explain this rule to the opponents (BBO software allows this but it could lead to some issues).

X. System Notes

Every player is given the right to check his/her own bidding system during play.

XI. Tournament Director and rulings.

The Tournament Director can be summoned to a table as soon as attention is drawn to an irregularity. After the Director has given the ruling, the only appeal against such ruling can be addressed to the Chief Tournament Director. The decision of the Chief Tournament Director is the final one.

XII. Tie-breaking procedures

According to the WBF Tie-breaking procedures: Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:

b) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:

c) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:

d) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:

e) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

Three Teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

f) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

g) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with sub-section 19.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

h) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

i) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with the previous section.

In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:

j) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

k) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three team remain tied, then:

l) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

m) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner. Four Teams or more If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

n) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with the previous sections if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:

o) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with the previous section, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:

p) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with the previous sections if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:

q) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

r) In case of "sudden death" match, the appeal (protest period) is over when the "sudden death" match begins.

XIII. In all cases, not specified in this CoC, appropriate rules of 2019 World Senior Teams Championships will be applied.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

QUALIFICATION SWISS

18-23 Jan., 8 p.m. CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
25-30 Jan., 8 pm CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
Vue graph matches start aat 8.30 pm CET

PLAY-OFF

Sun 31st Jan & Mon 1st Feb 7.30 pm CET Round of 16, 2x12 boards each day Tue 2nd Feb & Wed 3rd Feb 7.30 pm CET Quarterfinals, 2x12 boards each day Thu 4th Feb & Fri 5th Feb 7.30 pm CET Semifinals, 2x12 boards each day Sat 6th Feb &Sun 7th Feb 7.30 pm CET Final, 2x12 boards each day Vue graph matches start at 7.30 pm CET

SWISS FOR THE 3RD PLACE

1-6th Feb, 8 pm CET6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches7th Feb, 8 pm CET1 round Danish, 20-board matchesVue graph matches start at 8.30 pm

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SBU Winter Foursomes for the Scottish BBL Cup

Scotland's Premier Event Online for 2021

Weekend 1 - Saturday March 13th & Sunday March 14th 2021

Double elimination matches (No. of boards dependent on entry)

Weekend 2 - Saturday March 20th - Pool matches, Quarter & Semi-finals

Sunday March 21st - Final & Consolation Final (approx. 10 teams)

The event will be held on **RealBridge**. Training will be organised in advance of the event so participants can test out their equipment and familiarise themselves with playing on this platform where screens, video & microphones will be used.

Entries or enquiries from Teams of 4 - 6 by March 1st 2021 to anne_perkins@blueyonder.co.uk

Cost = £120 per team for both weekends

On receipt of registration, payment details will be issued.

Teams eliminated at the end of Saturday March 20th will receive **free entry** into the Winter Swiss Teams held on **BBO** on Sunday March 21st. Everyone is guaranteed 4 days of top level competition.

Prizes for Winners, losing finalists and 1st & 2nd in Consolation Final

Scottish Juniors can play for free. **1 Junior Team will receive free entry from other NBOs who enter a team.**