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“HEAL THE WORLD”



This 4th World Youth Open Bridge Championships was opened last night in an impressive ceremony.

Everyone was welcomed by Jurica Carić, the President of the Croatian Bridge Federation. He gave the players the Secret of Bridge: Enjoy the game even if you lose or make mistakes.

Then Ata Aydin, the chairman of the World Bridge Federation Youth Committee, in particular highlighted the new kids under-16 category.

The third speech was delivered by Marina Gašparić, the Deputy Mayor of Opatija, who expressed the hope that everyone would have a chance to understand why she thinks that Opatija is such a wonderful town.

Goran Petrc, the representative of Mr. Zlatko Komadina, the President of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County, is confident that visitors to this part of the world will go home happy and tell their friends about its attractions. He ended his speech with the reasonable request that the best players win.

Last but not most definitely not least, Gianarrigo Rona welcomed everyone and stressed how vital it is for the survival of bridge that we get more and more youngsters playing our game.

All of the players were asked to stand when their country's name was called.

Then we had the great pleasure of hearing a group of young players from Shanghai sing “Heal the World” by Michael Jackson. The chorus is:

**Heal The World
Make It A Better Place
For You And For Me
And The Entire Human Race
There Are People Dying
If You Care Enough
For The Living
Make A Better Place
For You And For Me**

Finally, Gianarrigo Rona declared the championships open.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10.00 - 11.20	Round 1
11.40 - 13.00	Round 2
15.00 - 16.20	Round 3
16.40 - 18.00	Round 4
18.20 - 20.05	Round 5





WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Mr. Lucijan Vukelić, Representative of the President of the Republic of Croatia; Mr. Goran Petrc, Representative of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County; Mrs. Marina Gašparić, Deputy Mayor, City of Opatija; Mr. Jurica Carić, President of the Croatian Bridge Federation; Mr. Góran Grgurić, President of the Opatija Bridge Association; Mr. Ata Aydin, Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee; Mrs. Sevinç Atay, Chairman of the WBF Kids Committee Federation, authorities, dear friends, dear young players, good evening and welcome to the Opening Ceremony of the 4th World Youth Open Bridge Championships.

First of all, I want to thank my dear friends Ivo Dujmić, Mayor of Opatija, Jurica Carić, President of the Croatian Federation, and Góran Grgurić, President of the Opatija Association and “deus ex machina” of the organisation of this event, for having again given us the opportunity to hold our championship in this marvellous land.

I am sure that this will be a great event thanks to the Local Organising Committee and particularly Branka Grgurić, who has worked with such commitment, passion, professionalism and enthusiasm towards its success. We must also not forget all of our sponsor-friends and the Milenij Hoteli Company, led by Vedran Gržetić, for their generous support.

Finally, I am pleased to mention the excellent job done by both the WBF Youth and Kids Committees, respectively chaired by my dear friends and colleagues, Ata Aydin and Sevinç Atay, who deserve the success that this event will no doubt achieve.

I am sure that, once again, this marvellous city of Opatija will live up to its reputation, tradition, history and culture by offering a great welcome to all of you, dear friends, young players, officers, journalists and guests.

Together with my colleagues from the World Bridge Federation, I am confident in being able to count on the dedication and professionalism of our staff, and on the cooperation of all of you.

I always repeat that bridge is more than fair play – it is a way of thinking and not just a way of being, and I am sure that this event will increase my conviction.

This championship will renew once again our great tradition of friendship, solidarity, aggregation, without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of Sport in general, and Bridge in particular. Our motto ‘Bridge for Peace’, which is our flag, has to continue to fly stronger and still higher.

I will never tire of repeating that without the youth, there is no future for our beloved discipline, and today, looking at you, the participants in this championship, we are particularly proud and pleased.

Now, dear young friends, we hand over the stage to you to enjoy the Championships and, of course, your stay in Opatija.

I declare officially open the 4th World Youth Open Bridge Championships.

Un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President



THE REVIEWER'S FUNCTION

READ CAREFULLY!

Before, we had Appeals Committees to whom you could bring complaints about Tournament Director rulings. We no longer have ACs.

The procedure for a TD ruling is now as follows:

- ♠ The TDs discuss the case between them.
- ♠ In judgment cases, they will interview a Panel ("What would you do/bid/lead if...?")
- ♠ TD gives the ruling.

If you are not satisfied with the procedure – if you find fault with the way the case was handled – then you may apply to the Reviewer.

You should do this if you think:

- ♠ TD applied the wrong Law
- ♠ TD overlooked important facts
- ♠ TD posed the wrong question(s) to the Panel

The Reviewer will consider your complaint and if he finds it has merit, he will return the case to the TDs for renewed consideration.

If the Reviewer thinks your complaint has no merit, it may cost you loss of points: half a top in pairs, 2 VPs in teams, and 6 imps in a knockout match.

SYSTEMS

READ CAREFULLY!

You must bring two properly filled in WBF system cards to the table.

Properly means you have followed the instructions in the Guide to Completion of System Card:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/conventioncards/Guidetocompletion.pdf>

(This consists of about 15 pages describing what to do on each part of the system card.)

Here is some advice from the Guide:

- ♠ Put your names on both sides of your system card, and all supplementary sheets.
- ♠ Put page numbers on all supplements.
- ♠ Explain your methods clearly.
- ♠ Do not use vague terms like "weak", "free" etc. Instead, **use high-card-point strength ranges.**

- ♠ Avoid using convention names (Gazzilli, Truscott, Modified Smith, etc.). If you do, then explain your interpretation. Many are used differently or not at all in other countries.
- ♠ HUM systems and Brown stickers are **not** permitted.
- ♠ Multi 2♣/♦ is allowed, showing a weak two-bid in either major with or without one or more strong hand-types. If your partnership uses this opening bid, **define "Weak"**.
- ♠ If your opponents are using Multi, you may look at your defensive method against it.

Warning!

If your opponents are damaged by your lack of information on the system card or at the table, the TD will normally change the result unfavorably for you.

MOBILE PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

READ CAREFULLY!

Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be brought into the playing area or toilets.

Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and/or electronic device into the playing area or toilets will be fined half a top in the pairs, 2 vps in the Swiss teams, or 6 imps in a knockout match.

This penalty cannot be appealed.

SMOKING & ALCOOL

READ CAREFULLY!

Both are banned during every session of play. The same penalties as those given opposite will be levied on anyone who breaks these rules.

A BIT OF GEOGRAPHY AND A LOT OF HISTORY

WELCOME TO OPATIJA!



Opatija is situated in the gulf of Kvarner, which is between the peninsular and coastal areas of Croatia. The peninsula is called Istria, and although Opatija is geographically on the peninsula, it is not within the county of Istria itself, but rather in Primorje-Gorski Kotar county, which is the region around Rijeka, the big city you see to the left when you look out at the sea from the hotel. Opatija has about 13,000 inhabitants, the greater Rijeka area has around 220,000.

The area was inhabited since Neolithic times but the first known settlement was Celtic, and called Tarsatica. Even today, there is still a part of Rijeka called Trsat. The Romans rebuilt Tarsaticum in the first century, and called it Flumen (river). Fiume is still the Italian name for Rijeka. The area was dedicated to St. Vitus in the 4th century. In Medieval times the Croats translated the city to Reka sv. Vita, from whence comes Rijeka (which still means river in Croatian).

Just south of Rijeka the Benedictine Monks founded an abbey and dedicated it to St. Jacob.



The church of St. Jacob, from 1506, can still be seen in the city that grew around it. In German, this city is still called Sankt Jakob, but in Croat, they shortened Opatija Sv. Jacova to Opatija. So now we have a city called “Abbey” next to one called “River”.

In 1466, the area came under the control of the Austrian Habsburgs, who kept control until the end of World War I, when the region was under dispute. Would the city become Italian (as “Fiume”) or Croat (as “Rijeka”)? The city itself contained 88% of Italians, but the surrounding areas were mostly Croat.

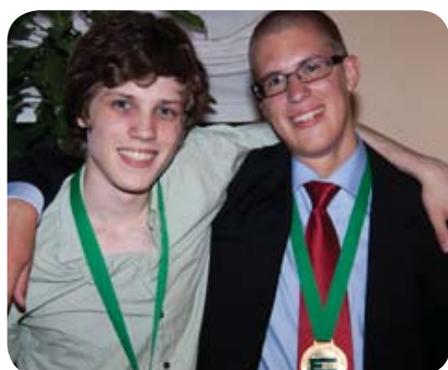
In November 1920, the Treaty of Rapallo created the “Free State of Fiume”. Its area of only 28 km² proved not to be viable and by the Treaty of Rome in 1924 the territory was annexed to the “Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes”. That country changed its name to Yugoslavia in 1945. Croatia declared its independence in 1991 and this area has been part of that country since then.



OLD MEMORIES FROM OPATIJA

by MICKE MELANDER

One pair with great memories from Opatija and Youth Championships are Johan Karlsson – Daniel Gullberg from Sweden. They managed to win the European Youngster Pairs here in the same venue in 2010. That particular tournament, for those who remember it, should have been called the 2010 European Bridge Sauna Youngster Pairs because it was about 40+ degrees Celsius outside and 30+ inside in the playing area – when the air-condition was working full blast to defeat the ongoing heatwave.



D.GULLBERG & J. KARLSSON

Now it is 2015 and a lot of tournaments have been played all around the world by them.

A few years ago, Karlsson and Gullberg split up and formed new partnerships, but are now rejoined to make a final attempt at winning more junior medals before the curtain falls for them because of the age limit for junior bridge. Will they succeed?

Actually, they tried their luck again in Opatija in 2011 at the 2nd World Youth Bridge Congress, but then finished 11th in the B-final after just failing qualifying for the A-final. As a bridge article must contain a board or two, here comes one featuring the Swedish ex-champions from 2011, then reported by Phillip Alder.

Board 10. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North Karlsson	East	South Gullberg
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT**
Pass	5♥***	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

* Control-bids

** RKCB

*** Two aces, no trump queen.

West lead a sneaky nine of clubs, which persuaded declarer that the club finesse was losing. Gullberg won with dummy's ace, cashed the queen of hearts, and played a low spade, collecting East's queen. On a low spade towards dummy, West put in his nine to force declarer to waste another hand entry to pick up the suit.

South won with dummy's jack, called for the queen of diamonds, and, when it was covered by the king, he played low from his hand.

East returned a heart; declarer won with his king, cashed the ace of hearts, and ran the spades.

With one round to go, this was the position:

♠ —	♠ 8	♠ —
♥ —	♥ —	♥ 9
♦ 9 6	♦ 8	♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 5	♣ K J	♣ —
		♠ —
		♥ 8
		♦ A 10
		♣ 6

On the last spade, East had to keep his heart, so discarded a diamond, South pitched his club, and West would have been squeezed in the minors if he had held the jack of diamonds.

West threw a diamond. Now the king of clubs executed a show-up squeeze in the red suits on East.

Very nicely done!

PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST!

TAKE THESE TRICK(Y)!



LEAD

Attack your enemy where he is unprepared. (Sun Tzu, Art of War)

1. North
 Dlr: West ♠ 7 5 4
 Vul: Both ♥ Q J 10 9
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ Q J 10

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



West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You lead the king of spades. Partner overtakes it with his ace and returns the two of spades, declarer following both times. What would you do next?



BIDDING

Modern bridge is a bidder's game.

2. You, South, hold:

♠ K Q 9 7 6
 ♥ K Q 10 8 5
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 2

The bidding starts:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	1♦	2♦ (a)
		3♣	??

(a) Michaels Cue-Bid: at least 5-5 in the majors

What would you do now?



BRIDGE CULTURE

How much do you know about bridge?

3. Which of the following is the name of a full bidding system (not just a convention)?

- a. No Name
- b. Leghorn Diamond
- c. Little Arno
- d. Romex
- e. Canary Club
- f. Säffle Spade
- g. Little Major
- h. Monaco
- i. Ultimate Club
- j. Symmetric Relay

ANAGRAMS

These apparently fool sentences hide some Bridge words. Find them!

- 4.
- a) LAB COD WOK (9)
 - b) BANAL LED ON (10)
 - c) AGAIN RIGOR (10)
 - d) CLUB TENORS (10)

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SOLUTIONS

OF THE TEST ON PAGE 6

1. Dlr: West ♠ 7 5 4
 Vul: Both ♥ Q J 10 9
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ Q J 10

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

♥ A 7 6 5 4 2
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ K 8

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You lead the king of spades. Partner overtakes it with his ace and returns the two of spades, declarer following both times. What would you do next?

You should realize that declarer knows you have the king of hearts. Your partner did not respond to your one-spade opening and has already produced four points in the ace of spades.

So, South will play to drop your king of hearts and will get lucky. You have just one chance.

Cash the ace of clubs (necessary if declarer had a singleton club and could make a loser-on-loser play) and lead your lowest spade -- then hope partner thinks to ruff with his eight of hearts to force a trump promotion.

If he ruffs with the three of hearts, ... fill in your own conclusion to that sentence.

2. You, South, hold:

♠ K Q 9 7 6
 ♥ K Q 10 8 5
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 2

The bidding starts:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	1♦	2♦ (a)
		3♣	??

(a) Michaels Cue-Bid: at least 5-5 in the majors

What would you do now?

You must pass.

What will partner assume you have? 5-5 in the majors and some 12 high-card points. What do you have? Almost exactly that. And opposite your hand, partner said that he did not think your side should go higher than two hearts.

He might hold something like 1=2=5=5 (or 1=1=5=6!) distribution and be itching to double the opponents. Only bid again when you have a lot of unannounced high-card power or distribution.

3. Which of the following is the name of a full bidding system (not just a convention)?

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- j. Symmetric Relay

They are all systems!

Romex was originally devised by George Rosenkranz, who was Mexico's top player for many years and was the head of Syntex Corporation, which developed, inter alia, the birth pill, prednisone and cortisone.

Yesterday, August 20, was Rosenkranz's 99th birthday.

4. Anagrams

- LAB COD WOK = BLACKWOOD
- BANAL LED ON = BELLADONNA
- AGAIN RIGOR = GIANARRIGO
- CLUB TENORS = CULBERTSON

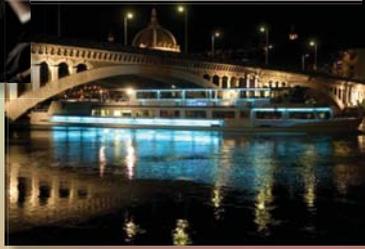


LYON - the place to be in August 2017

World Youth Championships



from 15th – 25th August 2017
LYON - FRANCE



Lyon is a place of warmth and cultural exchange, and cultivates a tradition of hospitality and openness.

As a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a leading European tourist destination, Lyon is also known for the hosting and organisation of major events.

In Lyon, the past and the future meet. Ancient, modern and urban combine with each other, every discovery and every encounter that you experience will be full of wonder.

Welcome to Lyon where the 5th World Youth Open Bridge Championships, which are organised by the World Bridge Federation in cooperation with the French Bridge Federation, will be held at the Cité Internationale of Lyon

The French Bridge Federation is pleased to invite you to come and participate in the events for **Juniors, Girls, Youngster and kids.**



Schedule of play for the 2017 Youth Open Championships

Pairs Registration	Tues 15 th Aug (at 10.00 hrs)
Opening Ceremony	Tues 15 th Aug at 19.30
Pairs Championship (Prize-giving at 19.00)	From Wed 16 th to Sat 19 th Aug
Teams Championship (Prize-Giving at 19.30)	From Sun 20 th to Thurs 24 th Aug
Teams BAM Championship	From Tues 22 nd to Fri 25 th Aug
Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony	Fri 25 th Aug at 19.30 hrs.

