



52nd EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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BRIDGE IS IN THE AIR



Yves Aubry and Ivo Josipović, President of the Republic of Croatia

The excitement, the nerves, the extraordinary array of talent on display (no, we are not talking of the World Cup in Brazil, or the sound of ball on racket in an obscure part of London) this is what comprises the toughest contest in bridge, the 2014 European Team Championships that get underway today.

History was made when **Ivo Josipović, President of the Republic of Croatia** honoured the Championships by his presence. He made a delightful bilingual speech and when Yves Aubry presented him with the Gold Medal of the EBL he avowed that it would spur him on to study bridge.

There were stirring speeches from **Zlatko Komadina, President County Primorje Gorski kotar**, **Ivo Dujmić Mayor of the City of Opatija**, **Zlatko Matesa, President of the Croatian Olympic Committee** and **Jurica Carić, President of the Croatian Bridge Federation** all of which highlighted the joy that has been generated by the awarding of the Championships to Croatia.

Following his speech of welcome, **Yves Aubry, President of the EBL** was joined on stage by the Croatian President as he formally declared the Championships open.

BBO SCHEDULE

10.30

France v Croatia (S)	BBO 1*
Italy v Netherlands (S)	BBO 2
Poland v Norway (S)	BBO 3
Denmark v Ireland (S)	BBO 4
Germany v Belgium (S)	BBO 5

14.30

Ireland v Russia (O)	BBO 1*
France v Iceland (O)	BBO 2
Denmark v Poland (O)	BBO 3
Poland v Germany (W)	BBO 4
Spain v Croatia (O)	BBO 5

17.20

Poland v Netherlands (O)	BBO 1*
Israel v Italy (O)	BBO 2
Italy v Norway (W)	BBO 3
England v Sweden (W)	BBO 4
Croatia v Slovenia (O)	BBO 5

*BBO 1 = VuGraph

VuGraph is located on the 2nd floor.



Ivo Dujmić Mayor of the City of Opatija

Jamnica



KVARNER
Diversity is beautiful



REMISENS
HOTELS & VILLAS

170⁰⁰ YEARS OF TOURISM
GODINA TURIZMA
OPATIJA

MILENIJ HOTELI
OPATIJA

OPEN

○ 1 Group A 14.30

1	SPAIN	CROATIA
2	FINLAND	SLOVAKIA
3	AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND
4	GREECE	MONACO
5	PORTUGAL	GERMANY
6	IRELAND	RUSSIA
7	ESTONIA	SWEDEN
8	FRANCE	ICELAND
9	NORWAY	SLOVENIA

○ 2 Group A 17.20

1	CROATIA	SLOVAKIA
2	SPAIN	SCOTLAND
3	FINLAND	MONACO
4	AUSTRIA	GERMANY
5	GREECE	RUSSIA
6	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN
7	IRELAND	ICELAND
8	ESTONIA	NORWAY
9	SLOVENIA	FRANCE

○ 1 Group B 14.30

11	ROMANIA	LITHUANIA
12	BELGIUM	SERBIA
13	WALES	FAROE ISLANDS
14	HUNGARY	ITALY
15	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS
16	LATVIA	BULGARIA
17	DENMARK	POLAND
18	TURKEY	ISRAEL
19	ENGLAND	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

○ 2 Group B 17.20

11	HUNGARY	WALES
12	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM
13	LATVIA	ROMANIA
14	DENMARK	LITHUANIA
15	TURKEY	SERBIA
16	ENGLAND	FAROE ISLANDS
17	ISRAEL	ITALY
18	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
19	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	BULGARIA

WOMEN

W 1 14.30

21	TURKEY	AUSTRIA
22	SWEDEN	BULGARIA
23	SPAIN	CROATIA
24	SERBIA	DENMARK
25	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND
26	RUSSIA	ESTONIA
27	ROMANIA	FRANCE
28	POLAND	GERMANY
29	NORWAY	GREECE
30	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND
31	LEBANON	ISRAEL
32	ITALY	BYE

W 2 17.20

21	LEBANON	NETHERLANDS
22	ITALY	NORWAY
23	ISRAEL	POLAND
24	IRELAND	ROMANIA
25	GREECE	RUSSIA
26	GERMANY	SCOTLAND
27	FRANCE	SERBIA
28	ESTONIA	SPAIN
29	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
30	DENMARK	TURKEY
31	CROATIA	AUSTRIA
32	BULGARIA	BYE

SENIORS

S I 10.30

41	HUNGARY	ROMANIA
42	AUSTRIA	FINLAND
43	FRANCE	CROATIA
44	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
45	SCOTLAND	SLOVENIA
46	BULGARIA	ESTONIA
47	POLAND	NORWAY
48	SERBIA	ENGLAND
49	ISRAEL	SPAIN
50	SWEDEN	PORTUGAL
51	DENMARK	IRELAND
52	GERMANY	BELGIUM
53	WALES	TURKEY

INVITATION

Home Port

Today at 21.00 all bridge players are invited to a party by the Opatija Bridge Club.

It will be staged in the delightful surroundings of the Opatija Harbour (go past the Angiolina Park that was close by the venue for yesterday's opening ceremony and then take the road on the left down to the harbour).

Be warned - you must produce your badge to get in!

The number of teams competing in the European Championships since 1993:

Year	Place	Country	O	W	S	Total
2014	Opatija	Croatia	36	23	26	85
2012	Dublin	Ireland	34	19	19	72
2010	Ostende	Belgium	38	28	23	89
2008	Pau	France	38	25	20	83
2006	Warsaw	Poland	33	22	16	71
2004	Malmo	Sweden	33	22	16	71
2002	Salsomaggiore	Italy	38	23	19	80
2001	Tenerife	Spain	35	21	27(21)	83
1999	Malta	Malta	37	21	29(17)	87
1997	Montecatini	Italy	35	24	14(9)	73
1995	Villamoura	Portugal	32	22	18(11)	72
1993	Menton	France	30	21		51

Great Britain was co;peting up to 1999, since 2001 we have England, Scotland and Wales.

In the Seniors, up to 4 teams per country were allowed to compete; numbers in brackets: number of countries.

Important Technical Information

We know that you have all read the Conditions of Contest and other regulations thoroughly but would still like to remind you of a few practical matters, and add some clarifications:

Screens:

It is North or South, as the case may be, who pushes the bidding tray to the other side when bids have been placed on their side of the screen. East respectively West can prevent an unusually fast transfer of the tray by showing their bid to their screen-mate but delaying its placement on the tray.

It is West who is responsible to raise and lower the screen "door".

It is up to the players on the opposite side of the screen to call the TD if they feel there has been a clear break in tempo (BIT) on the other side. If it is a player on the side where the BIT occurred who calls the TD, the TD may rule that no BIT has occurred.

Smoking:

Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is strictly prohibited inside the building of the venue. It is also strictly prohibited to leave the playing area in order to smoke during a playing session, irrespective of how fast play may have progressed at that table.

Mobile phones and other electronic devices:

If brought into the playing area they must be completely switched off, and visible at the table, at all times. This also means they must not be brought to the toilets.

Request for Review:

A request to have a TD ruling reviewed must be made, stating the ground for the request, either to the Chief TD or the TD delivering the ruling not later than:

- 15 minutes after the end of that playing session or
- 15 minutes after the ruling was actually delivered, whichever is later.

SHUTTLE IN OPATIJA

The shuttle buses will operate during the Championships

22.06. - 27.06. 2014
30.06. - 01.07. 2014

BUS STOPS:

1. HOTEL MILENIJ
2. MARKET PLACE
3. HOTEL AMBASADOR
4. SPORTS HALL



Milenij Hotel	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Milenij Hotel
9:30	9:40	9:40	9:45
9:45	9:55	9:55	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:10	10:15
10:15	10:25	10:25	10:30
12:30	12:40	12:40	12:45
12:45	12:55	12:55	13:00
14:00	14:10	14:10	14:15
14:15	14:25	14:25	14:30
19:30	19:40	19:40	19:45
19:45	19:55	19:55	20:00
20:00	20:10	20:10	20:15
20:15	20:25	20:25	20:30

Croatian Wine at a Glance

You might find this brief summary useful when choosing your wine for dinner. Some of the red wines are terrific - and fantastic value.

Vrhunsko Vino	premium quality wine
Kvalitetno Vino	quality wine
Stolna Vino	table wine
Suho	dry
Polsuho	semi dry

Some of the best producers:

Grgic	Legendary napa valley producer returned to his roots to make Plavac Mali (07/09) and rich Posip (10) on the Peljesac Peninsula.
Korta Katarina	New generation small producer with modern take on traditional styles. Excellent Posip, Plavac Mali especially Reuben's Reserve
Matosevic	Benchmark Malvazija, especially alba Robinia. Also very good Grimalda.
Radovan	Excellent family producer of impeccable whites and superb cabernet sauvignon and merlot.
Saints Hills	High profile producer since 2008.
Tomic	Very good Plavac Mali
Trapan	Rising star, especially Malvazija
Zlatan Otok	Much admired for huge reds, especially Zlatan Plavac Grand Cru 08 & 09.

If you are staying at the Belvedere we recommend the Refošk istarski Rossi .

DEALING MACHINES

The Duplimates used here are sold out, but you can pre-order the new Duplimate machines to be used at the World Championships for EUR 1.999,- plus EUR 40,- for shipping within the EU.

Please see the Jannersten book stall on the 1st floor for more information.

GRATIS CARDS

NBOs with poor economy can have used EBL playing cards for free at the book stall on the 1st floor.

Used cards are also sold at low prices.

CROATIAN WINE REGIONS



The President's Opening Address

Mr Ivo Josipović
– President of the Republic of Croatia

Mr Zlatko Komadina
– President, County Primorje-Gorski kotar

Mr Ivo Dujmić
– Mayor of Opatija

Mr Zlatko Matesa
– President of the Croatian Olympic Committee

Mr Jurica Carić
– President of the Croatian Bridge Federation

Dear Bridge Friends,

I am pleased to welcome all of you to Opatija, players, officers, journalists, operators, volunteers and guests to be part of the 52nd European Bridge Team Championships.

37 countries are participating in these championships with 87 teams in the 3 series, the second best total in the history of the EBL including a record of 26 countries in the Seniors.

After four youth championships for the WBF, EBL or EUSA, Croatia is now organising the European Team Championships.

I want to thank the Croatian authorities for their great support in the organization of these championships in Opatija and in particular my friend Ivo Dujmić, Mayor of the city of Opatija and Zlatko Komadina - President, County Primorje-Gorski kotar whose presence honours us.

But I would particularly like to underline that for the first time in the EBL history, these championships will be opened by the President of the host country.

Mr President, you honoured us by participating in our Champions' Cup last November and you welcomed the organising committee of the Championships in Zagreb in March.

Today, your presence honours our Sport.

I would like to congratulate the Croatian Bridge Federation, its President Jurica Carić, Branka and Goran Grgurić, On-Site Organizers, and the President of the Bridge Club of Opatija.

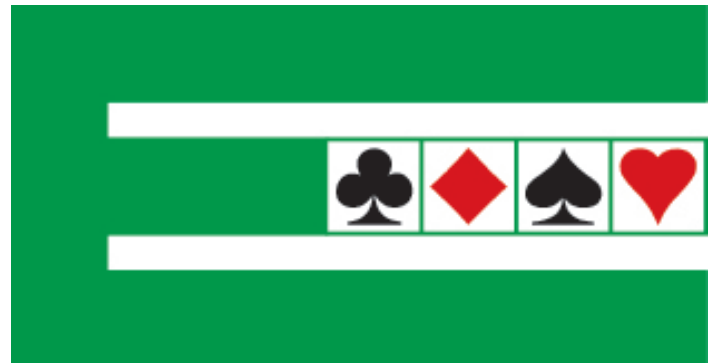
We are in Croatia and I am confident that you will all appreciate the conditions of play but also the sun, sea, friendship and golden goal moments in Opatija.

I wish you all a successful championship.

Enjoy your play and your stay in Opatija.

I declare the 52nd European Bridge Team Championships officially open.

Yves Aubry
EBL President



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KVARNER REGION TOURISM OFFICE

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Diversity is beautiful

Kvarner is a tourist region that encompasses three different areas: the coastal strips of Opatija, Rijeka, Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski; the islands of Krk, Rab, Cres and Lošinj; and the mountainous hinterland of Gorski kotar.

In the language of the ancient Romans, who are believed to have given this region its name, the word Qua(te)rnarius means "four cardinal points", which implies that Kvarner is a place where these four points meet. Apart from offering the fantastic combination of an excellent geographical position and a mild Mediterranean climate, Kvarner is also an area that for centuries has been a meeting point of various cultures and influences, and which is today a modern, attractive tourist destination.

Discover why!



Today find out more about:

Kvarner Gastronomy Tip

Look for the KVARNER GOURMET and KVARNER FOOD quality labels at the entrances of the best restaurants and taverns in Kvarner, a destination known for its good food and wine, healthy lifestyle and beneficial climate. Come and find out for yourself!

Download the Kvarner Gourmet & Food app for your mobile phone.



Kvarner Gourmet & Food



The Kvarner is a region with the largest number of top restaurants in a fairly small area that have, for many years now, contributed to the Croatian gourmet scene. They are often awarded by renowned European gastro experts and literature that recommend and praise their authentic cuisine that has a good balance between the traditional and the modern, and that is based on a simple and uncompromising philosophy – a good quality meal is made of only the best quality products – preferably fresh, seasonal, and local produce that has maintained the original scents and tastes of the Mediterranean in this region that boasts both its marine and mountainous landscape.

By applying appropriate culinary techniques and with our creative approach to traditional recipes in terms of food preparation and presentation, our gourmet restaurants offer the essence of the Kvarner region, its history and its culture.



In addition to all this, we also offer carefully picked Croatian wines with emphasis on local wine sorts, along with an aesthetically pleasing ambient with special attention to detail and a professional and warm staff.

The changing of the seasons at markets determines the menus in this region. They are comprised of seafood, mostly blue fish, Mediterranean fruit and vegetables, and essential herbs that grow in the region.

With the "Kvarner Food" label, we have unified restaurants, taverns, bistros, etc., that have a cozy atmosphere, usually with an ethno feel, where traditional coastal and highland meals are served. They are prepared with the freshest local produce, along with olive oils and wines from the Kvarner region.

Enjoy our selection of Kvarner Gourmet and Kvarner Food restaurants.



Croatia's best kept secret

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