



DAILY BULLETIN

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Dear Bridge Friends and Colleagues

We are very happy and very proud, that all of you have arrived to Vilnius - the capital of Lithuania to participate in the 2nd European Small Federations bridge Championships.

We hope that this tournament will be the next step to the growth of the bridge communities in our countries and will prove that smaller doesn't mean weaker.

We hope that thanks to our efforts and a substantial support of the numerous sponsors and volunteers all participants will be satisfied with the organization and the delightful venue of the championships.

Vilnius has been designated as the 2009 European Capital of Culture. I would like to encourage all guests to visit the most beautiful places of the city and to take part in the most interesting events taking place here.

I wish good luck and a lot of fun for everybody.

Vytautas Vainikonis
Organizing Committee Chairman

CHANGE OF THE TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The format of the tournament has been changed to the complete robin round without dividing the teams into two groups. Thus, the 11 rounds of 10 boards will be played during Round Robin – 5 on Monday, 6 on Tuesday. Four best teams of the Round Robin will play the play off as it was scheduled.

The arrival of the Malta team was cancelled at the very last moment. Malta was substituted by the one more team of Lithuania (Lithuania II) to avoid the bye.

INVITATION TO CASINO OLYMPIC

Every evening in Olympic casino, which is located on the ground floor of Hotel Reval, there will be special reception for the bridge players of small fed's championships.

PROGRAM FOR TODAY

	10.30	Opening ceremony	
	11.00	Round 1 (10 boards)	
Lithuania I – Lithuania II			Slovakia – Ukraine
Monaco – Slovenia			Cyprus – San Marino
Estonia – Belarus			Luxembourg – Latvia
	12.30	Round 2 (10 boards)	
Ukraine – Latvia			Luxembourg – Slovenia
Slovakia – San Marino			Monaco – Belarus
Cyprus – Lithuania I			Estonia - Lithuania II
	14.00	Round 3 (10 boards)	
Belarus – San Marino			Cyprus – Slovakia
Estonia – Luxembourg			Lithuania II – Ukraine
Lithuania I – Slovenia			Latvia – Monaco
	17.00	Round 4 (10 boards)	
Slovenia – Ukraine			Lithuania II – Cyprus
Lithuania I – Monaco			Belarus – Slovakia
San Marino – Luxembourg			Estonia - Latvia
	18.30	Round 5 (10 boards)	
Slovakia – Monaco			San Marino – Lithuania I
Slovenia – Lithuania II			Ukraine – Estonia
Luxembourg – Cyprus			Latvia - Belarus

Bridge Base Online transmission

Round 1. 11.00 Lithuania I – Lithuania II
 Round 2. 12.30 Monaco – Belarus
 Rounds 3,4,5 – To Be Decided

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**LOCAL TIME**

Everybody should remember, that the local time in Lithuania is Eastern European Summer Time here – what is equal to UTC/GMT +3 hours

So please be careful enough to check your watch time!

At least, try to be on place one hour earlier than you think you should be ☺

EBL SMALL FEDERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

EBL Small Federations Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, October the 1st at 10.00 with the presence of Gianarrigo Rona, President of EBL and President-elect of WBF and Yves Aubry, 1st Vice President of EBL.

36th VILNIUS CUP INVITATION TOURNAMENT

All the players from the Small Fed's Championships are invited to play in the invitational tournament of 36th Vilnius Cup which will be played at the same venue on Thursday, Oct. the 1st, at 15.00. All pairs willing to participate should confirm it to Mr Erikas Vainikonis.

NO SMOKING REGULATIONS

Smoking is strictly forbidden besides the smoking area. Smoking areas will be prepared and well signed at the playing venue.

**BEST HANDS COMPETITION
FOR THE MARTENS BRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRIZE**

There will be the prizes for the best hands of the competition (small fed's championships and festival tournaments):

- best bid hand
- best played hand
- best defended hand

The prizes are founded by Krzysztof Martens – Polish player and bridge writer – it will be the books of Martens Bridge University series.

The entries should be delivered to the editor of the bulletin or to the tournament directors.

The choice of the winners will be made according to the artistic value of single the entry, assessed by the anonymous jury.

No prize can be awarded in any category if there will be no entry of appropriate level.

FIRST SMALL NBO'S GAMES

The first games of the Small Bridge Federations took place in Monaco on 7-9 November, 2007.

On that occasion, teams from 14 nations (Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco 1, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and San Marino) squared off in the beautiful premises of the Monte-Carlo Country Club. These teams were also joined by two additional guest teams in Corsica and Monaco 2.

After playing 7 qualifying matches, the top two teams in every group met in semi-final and final rounds.

The first semi-final, opposing Bulgaria and Romania, was won by the Bulgarian team. The second semi-final saw one of the home teams in Monaco 2, lose to Lithuania. The four teams were able to keep the suspense alive to the very last hand!

In semifinals: Bulgaria beat Romania by 4 imps, Lithuania beat Monaco by 6 imps

The final match saw Bulgaria's decisive victory over Lithuania by 75 imps.

TEAM ROSTERS**Belarus**

Elena Shokhan – capt.
Igor Kravchenko
Vladimir Vashkevich
Grigory Khautin
Sergej Zlobich
Alexander Nekhoroshev

Cyprus

Rena Lordos – capt.
Kyriakos Panayiotou
George Christoforou
Sotos Christofides
George Georgiades

Estonia

Sven Sester – capt.
Vassili Levenko
Maksim Karpov
Tiit Laanemae

Latvia

Karlis Rubins – capt.
Maja Romanovska
Janis Bethers
Martins Lorencs
Janis Neimanis
Sergeys Birins

Lithuania I

Edgaras Tallat-Kelpsa – capt.
Andrius Bielskis
Geraldas Urbonas
Vaclovas Kicinskas
Povilas Lukinskas
Andrius Michailovas

Lithuania II

Erikas Vainikonis – capt.
Vytautas Vainikonis
Wojtek Olanski

Albertas Tyla
Alvydas Saulis
Arunas Jankauskas

Luxembourg

Philippe Banchereau – capt.
Denis Palazo
Ellen Graewert
David Thompson

Monaco

Jean Charles Allavena – capt.
Henri Fissore
Rene Tognetti
Christophe Desmoulins

San Marino

Gianfranco Fazzardi – capt.
Renzo Mieti
Mauro Paolucci
Roberto Soglia

Slovakia

Marian Henc – capt.
Miroslava Kemenova
Karol Lohay
Jan Tomcani

Slovenia

Aleksandra Jesenicnik – capt.
Aleksandar Mikic
Tomaz Butina
Tolja Orac

Ukraine

Yuliy Chumak – capt.
Gennadiy Rybnikov
Oleg Rovyshin
Sergey Seryi
Volodymyr Danylyuk
Borys Shukhmeister