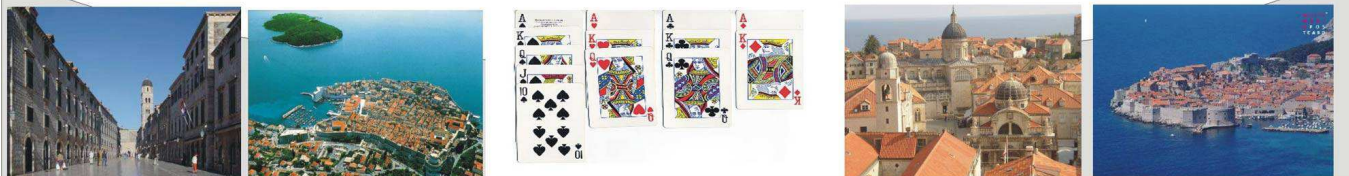


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Hello everyone!

We warmly welcome all of you to our second open city championship ! I hope that you will fully enjoy this tournament and your stay in Dubrovnik. We have guests from Great Britain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Holland, Montenegro and Croatia. We would like to thank people from Mercian Bridge for great help that they provide in organization of tournament and also to Hotel Argentina for playing in this beautiful venue.

Last year we had 34 pairs and after two sessions and 51 deals first winners were Aljoša Čakić and Tonči Radelja from Split.

Conditions of contest

Two sessions are played with MP scoring:

- Friday 9th March 2007. – 20 30 hours – qualification
- Saturday 10th March 2007. – 14 30 hours – final and B-final session

Pairs can report for tournament until 20 00 on Friday 9th. Number of boards for qualification session is 24. Final group will be 10 best ranked pairs from qualification session which will play 27 boards between them with MP scoring. B Final is played by all other contestants. Number of boards will be decided for B Final on Saturday 10th. If tournament has less than 20 pairs than all pairs will participate in final session and winner is best pair on average result of two sessions. Awards ceremony will be on Saturday in playing hall after completing results.

Prizes:

- 1st place: 1000 HRK + cups
- 2nd place: 500 HRK + cups
- 3rd place: 300 HRK + cups
- 1st B-Final: 300 HRK + cups

It is forbidden to smoke and drink alcoholic drinks during tournament in tournament hall. All mobile devices should be turned off. Rule of 18 is applied for openings on first two positions, and rule of 23 strong openings. 1NT and 2NT can be opened with balanced and semi balanced hand (void is not allowed, only A or K single). It is not allowed to psyche with strong opening bid.

Every pair has right on one substitute. Substitution is permanent and allowed only once in tournament.

Tournament directors are Ian Ross (TD EBU) and Frano Jančić (TD HBS). Schedule for reclamations:

- 1st session – 1 hour after end of session, Saturday:
9 30 - 10 h
- 2nd session – 1 hour after end of session

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Veliki slemovi lanjskog finala

N deal, EW	North ♠ AKQ7 ♥ A763 ♦ AQ4 ♣ AJ	East ♠ 10986432 ♥ 2 ♦ K1082 ♣ 9
West ♠ - ♥ J10984 ♦ 963 ♣ 107654	South ♠ J5 ♥ KQ5 ♦ J75 ♣ KQ852	

Najčešći kontrakt na bordu broj 9 lanjskog finala bio je 6NT. North ima otvar dva tref i na Southov govor tri tref treba provjeriti aseve i kraljeve za doći do slema u bezadutu. Šest parova u B finalu napravilo je dvanaest štihova dok su tri para uspjela napraviti trinaest štihova. Zanimljivo da su oba 7NT kontrakta napravljeni vjerojatno na ataku kralja karo. U glavnom finalu je jedna sedmica srušena dok je par Sousie Beal – Gerard Lovett izgubio 1100 braneći se u 3 pik u kontri.

S deal, none	North ♠ Q108 ♥ Q95 ♦ 96 ♣ KQ732	East ♠ KJ ♥ AKJ10 ♦ AKQ10872 ♣ -
West ♠ A9432 ♥ 64 ♦ J4 ♣ A986	South ♠ 765 ♥ 8732 ♦ 53 ♣ J1054	

Bord 11 donio je priliku EW parovima da se iskažu. Sedam karo I sedam NT su na bilo koji majorski impas. U A finalu sedam karo licitirali su I napravili Miše Jančić-Toni Radić. Tri para su licitirala tri različita velika slema u B finalu: sedam karo, sedam pik te sedam NT.

Albert Benjamin

(1909 – 2006)

In one of the great schisms within the game of bridge, Great Britain traditionally played the Strong Two; the rest of the world the Weak Two. It was a Scot, Albert Benjamin, who had the brilliant notion of combining the two some decades ago. His "Benjaminised Acol" or simply "Benji" (and arguably more popular "Reverse Benji") was soon adopted throughout Britain at club level. It remains one of the most popular bidding systems to this day, played even in Croatia, although many modern players who use it have no idea who this "Benji" is.

Albert Benjamin, "Lion of the North" (as a collection of his bridge columns was titled), was born in 1909 and, though no fool, he loved to jest. He was one of the great raconteurs and jokers in the game of bridge, and could speak for hours, regaling entranced audiences with such stories as the time he fell asleep at the bridge table. It was perhaps surprising that he should doze off when he did, for it was the 1964 England-Scotland match, and Scotland — whose team had never won — was level with just a few deals remaining. A poke in the ribs by the scorer woke him up with a start, whereupon his reflex reaction was to say "no bid". The problem was that it was not his turn to speak (and furthermore he had a good hand). The bad news was that, with a penalty resulting from his infraction, a poor result ensued. The good news was that his Scottish teammates scored 2,200 points, a huge score, on the same deal in the other room. This ensured a big swing to Scotland and, ultimately, the match.

His education was of a scientific bent. His mother had, as he put it, the "my son, the doctor" syndrome, and he was somewhat pushed into studying medicine at Glasgow University.

Just before the outbreak of the Second World War, Benjamin married Judy, with whom he enjoyed much success at the bridge table until her death in 1986. During the war Benjamin was drafted into the ambulance service. The pay was just £3 per week and so, with a wife and mortgage to support, he became a professional poker player. He paid another ambulance man to take over his night shift and made a small fortune, with 47 winning months out of 48. Yet he regarded poker as the most boring and soul-destroying of card games.

After the war Benjamin resumed his bridge playing and writing, and also opened "Benjamin's" (actually the Ken Muir Bridge Club) on the outskirts of Glasgow. It was there that he inspired the young prodigies Michael Rosenberg and Barnet Shenkin, both now professional players living in the US. Benjamin loved to play with young players and bring them on, and he was always a true gentleman at the bridge table. He will be sorely missed. His bidding system (though he disliked using it himself) will live on.

Albert told many amusing stories about himself. The one I like best is this:

A few years ago whilst attending a congress in Scotland Albert was approached by a fellow contestant.

"Are you not Albert Benjamin?" he asked.

When Albert confirmed he was, the stranger mentioned a visit Albert had made many years ago to his home town to play in an exhibition match. He then went on to describe a hand Albert had played. Albert interrupted him and told him he remembered the occasion and the hand; then told him all four hands and how he had made it double squeeze.

"Quite remarkable," said the stranger. "I can't wait to tell my wife I met you and that you remembered the hand. We spoke about it for many years."

The stranger turned to leave the room when Albert stopped him in his tracks.

"Excuse me, sir," said Albert, "would you do me a favor?"

"Yes, of course," he replied.

"Can you tell me, what day of the week is it?"

Cijena večere je 130 kuna a bridž klub Vas časti sa organiziranim prijevozom

Večera je u subotu navečer. Autobus dolazi ispred hotela Bellevue nakon dodjele nagrada u 19 30h
Za rezervaciju se u petak javite Franu Staničiću



Dubrovnik Pairs 2007

9-10.3 2007

A Final:

1. Tonči Radelja & Aljoša Čakić 70,37%
2. Frano Staničić & Niko Dubčić 56,48%
3. Zoran Zorić & Branko Krolo 55,56%
4. Toni Radić & Miše Jančić 53,70%
5. Dubravka Zvrko & Tomo Mačai 50,46%

B Final:

1. Martin & Wendy Shepherd 63,18%
2. Pero Jemo & Željko Milić 59,09%
3. Pavo Handabaka & Vinko Mijoč 57,73%

S deal, EW	North ♠ Q4 ♥ 542 ♦ KJ983 ♣ 1083	East ♠ A3 ♥ AJ986 ♦ A1074 ♣ K7
West ♠ J109872 ♥ 7 ♦ - ♣ AQ9652	South ♠ K65 ♥ KQ103 ♦ Q652 ♣ J4	

Bord broj 19 donio je još jedan slem ali su samo Miše Bego – Đuro Popović izlucitali i napravili 6 tref.