# bridge club "dr.jurica tomljenović"

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To: all welcome

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## Hello everyone!

the four days of the festival are behind us and now it's the main event time. I hope you have all warmed up your bridge engines and are ready for some serious action.

On Monday we played some Board-a-match followed by the karaoke party at the Yacht club. The Board-a-match competition fielded **69 teams** while karaoke competition fielded a large amount of singing talents. In karaoke everyone was victorious, but in Board-a-match competition we do have the winners:

# KONSTANTA - W Jaworski, M Milaszewski, J Skwark, J Stworzewicz

LAPLAS: J Ciechomski, B Igla, P Nawrocki, S Olech, T Urbanski, P Wiankowski

PRAHA: P Bahnik, E Bahnikova, O Svoboda, P Svobodova

# Congratulations to the winners!

After the tournament, the Yacht club hosted our karaoke party and we were singing all night long. As always, there were no losers on the karaoke, just winners, so if you skipped that party you should be sorry for missing one easy victory.

On Tuesday we played "Lara Ruso mixed pairs" tournament in memoriam of our beloved friend. We had **124 pairs** competing and the winners of the event are:

## D Kapitanski-K Kapitanski

A Mironova-S Mironov K Gora-A Pietrzyk



Mix pairs winners: Kremena Kapitanski & Dimitar Kapitanski

Also, in parallel with the mixed pairs tournament we had "Lara Ruso non-mixed pairs" tournament with **101 pairs** in the competition. The laureates are:

## **Z Ciereszko-A Poznysz**

A Hydes-T Sasek M Pieczka-B Pazur

On Wednesday we start with open teams tournament. Last year we had more than 100 teams in the competition. This year, of course, we hope to break the record. The weather on Wednesday morning looks a bit gloomy, beaches are wet from the rain so, actually, given the circumstances, is there anything better to do than play some serious teams bridge? Of course not! Please remember to register in advance and please don't forget to have fun!

So let's continue!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **OPEN TEAMS**

The middle of the Festival means that it's time for some serious action. And that serious action will be broadcasted on BBO. It's time for the open teams tournament and most of you already know the rules, but, of course, we will repeat them nonetheless. You are also aware of the fact that all winners in every consolidation group or special categories (best mix, ladies, juniors, seniors etc.) will also win nice price.

So we all have a reason to fight and fight as hard as we can. I am sure that nobody here wants to miss that atmosphere and opportunity to play against really famous names (at least some of us will have that luck). Even if you can participate only as a spectator I can guarantee you great time.

Rules and regulations for this tournament are just like the software usage license agreements – you never read them until you need them, but please read the rules for the team registration and category descriptions. Leave the rest to us.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

A team consist 4-6 players. 5th and 6th player can be added later. CTD can exceptionally allow a 7th player.

The same player cannot, in any circumstances, play for two teams. A team can change a player or a pair in the open room after half the boards of a round have been played. Top 4(5) tables use screens. Special categories:

- a. mixed team = at least 2 female players
- b. women team = 1 player can be male
- c. junior team = players up to 25 years, one can be older
- d. senior team = player over 58 years, one can be younger
- e. foreign team = 1 player can be from Croatia
- f. Cro-international team = at least 2 players from Croatia and 2 foreign players
- g. international team = players from at least two different countries

During the tournament team can have Bye only once (Bye in the group does not count)

## FIRST SESSION

Before the tournament starts, the organizer determines 1st and 2nd seeded. Then the draw forms groups of 4 teams. To all teams their competition numbers are given by draw.

Round Robin is played 3 rounds of 8 boards, IMP/VP up to 20:0. In incomplete groups Bye is 12VPs.

After the RR the ranking in a group is determined considering:

- 1. total VPs
- 2. Vps of a direct match
- 3. total IMPs
- 4. IMPs of a direct match

## SECOND SESSION

Two teams with the best ranking from every group go to A group, and the rest to B group.

Three rounds of "Danish" are played, 8 boards each, IMP/VP up to 20:0.

Criteria for determining standings after first 2 rounds of sessions 2 and 3:

- 1. total VPs
- 2. total IMPs
- 3. lower competition number

Criteria for determining standings after the 3rd round of sessions 2 and 3:

- 1. total VPs
- 2. total IMPs
- 3. VP of the direct match (if more than one match, average of VPs)
- 4. IMP of the direct match (if more than one match, average of IMPs)
- 5. draw

## THIRD SESSION

After the end of the 2nd session a certain number of teams (prearranged) play in group A (around 50% of the teams from the former group A and several top teams from the former group B), and the rest play in group B. Three rounds of "Danish" are played, 8 boards each, IMP/VP up to 20:0.

## FOURTH SESSION

After the end of the 3rd session 2 main and n consolidation groups are formed.

A group = 8 top teams + 2 top teams from B

B group = all other teams from A + several best teams from B in consolidation groups = 8 teams each Three rounds of "Danish" are played, 8 boards each, IMP/VP up to 20:0.

Criteria for determining final standings

- 1. total VPs
- 2. total IMPs
- 3. VPs over last 3 rounds
- 4. IMPs over last 3 rounds
- 5. share the place and the prize

TDs, and monitor, will announce the exact session times but here is orientation time table to help you with your plans:

Wednesday, 11.9.

15:00 - 16:05 1st round (Round Robin)

16:20 - 17:25 2nd round (RR)

17:40 – 18:45 3rd round (RR)

21:00 - 22:05 4th round «A» i «B» section (Danish)

22:20 - 23:25 5th round (D)

23:40 - 00:45 6th round (D)

Thursday 12.9.

15:00 - 16:05 7th round «A» i «B» section (D)

16:20 - 17:25 8th round (D)

17:40 - 18:45 9th round (D)

21:00 – 22:05 10th round A», «B» & n consolidation sections\* (D)

22:20 - 23:25 11th round (D)

23:40 - 00:45 12th round (D)

The home team must register the result, signed by the both captains and solely on the official card, five minutes after the expiration of playing time at the latest. Visiting team is obligated to check the result. Match played on the same lines will be registered 4:4 (each team will be punished by 2VP).

Let take a look at the open teams winners last five years:



2013 Open team winners

#### 2013

KINGA - Hegedus, Kovacs, Magyar, Szilagyi, Zsak IRMELI - Buze, Jeleniewski, Morawski, Salonen, Wachnowski

TERRANEO - Lindermann, Simon, S Terraneo, F Terraneo, C Terraneo

#### 2012

ALEX IS BEAUTIFUL – Handley Pritchard , Hydes, Sasek, Zoric

BARRACUDA – de Donder, de Roos, Verbeek , Vermeiren

MAGIC MUSHROOMS – Samokhin, Shekhov, Tatarkin, Vaganov

#### 2011

NS-1Z – Altman, Parežanin, Radišić, Zipovski TUTU – Honti, Szabo, Szilagyi, Zsak Terraneo – Lindermann, Simon,T. Terraneo, Wodniansky

## 2010

E-service – Nowosadzki, Olech, Wiankowski, Zawislak C.B.A. - Michalek, Skwark, Stworzewicz, Witek Consus white – Cieslak, Filipowicz, Kupnicki, Majdanski, Martens, Niedzielski

# 2009

Nowewsady – Brede, Igla, Nowosadzki,,Wiankowski HU HU – Kuttner, Marjai, Riesz, Szabo Moo York Nix - T.Brkljačić, de Donder, de Roos, Kater, S. Martinović, Townsend

We hope for over 100 teams. As you can see from the rules, it is quite complicated to define sections. So only possible way to be accurate is with your help. Most of you already know with whom you will play.

Please register as soon as possible.

Those who do not have team yet please come to the partnership desk or to the registration desk as soon as possible and we will help you to find one.

# PULA TO REMEMBER

By Srfa

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This is third of four parts of essay describing my memories to last year PULA Bridge Festival, I hope you will enjoy it. In the first two parts, I'm sharing my memories on first, quite possibly also last tourney I have ever won here  $\odot$ 

Day after winning and celebrating, our teammates Dražen and Kala (who happens to be freshly married) are feeling like taking a day-off, but Faruk and me are just feeling that we are in 'Heat 1' and should try to take advantage of it once more. From experience I know that after exceptionally good tournament second one is usually disappointing, but still we can't resists. It's a day of board-a-match teams. Our problem is that we don't have a team. So I ask Tihana if there is somebody who would be playing with us, and she is connecting us with pair of young Turkish ex-juniors, Gizem and Ilker. There you go, we have a team! I can't resist naming it after colorful character I remembered from one relatively unknown book by Davor Slamnig. Name of the team is **Duniga** Rista.

Honestly, after winning day before, I fully expected deserved anti-climax, but incredibly proceeding started in similar fashion. We are winning three afternoon matches against quite strong Norwegian, Hungarian and Polish teams (9:3,7:5,7:5), and we are 7<sup>th</sup>. After end of afternoon session we routinely take our jump into the sea. Now we are all set to again start evening session on top tables equipped with screens. Until now, we are completely relaxed playing on top tables. I can even recognize some kibitzers who are following us from yesterday. My, my, strange world © We simply play solid and well and we win match 7-5 against Belgian team, 8-4 against Serbian team , and we conclude everything with 8-4 win against strong polish squad in crucial last round. We finish 5<sup>th</sup>. With one point more we would be second. We played 36 board-a-match boards, and we have lost only 4 boards! Combined with yesterday men's teams, we have won 12 strong team matches in a row! As much as I try I can't really explain this. Who cares, feeling is great!

On Wednesday I played man's pairs with one of my regular partners, Pegi. No, we didn't win, but we played another solid tournament and finish on 54%. But, if you recall, we are still missing teammates for Open Teams. Strange things can happen after having played two good tourneys. Rumen Trendafilov, guy you might have heard of, who played three Bermuda Bowls for Bulgaria and once won a bronze medal, is offering you to play with him and his client. I mean, you can't really say no to that, can you? I'm used to difficulties in assembling a good team, but this time I'm getting offers from various sides, some of them I have to turn down regretfully – hopefully nobody got offended?

Wednesday, Dario arrives and we start our campaign in Open Teams. After few boards — calamity strikes. We are doubling the partscore overly aggressive and then misdefend by one trick, ant that renders itself to dreadful -470. Its not the number you want to bring on your scorecard to player like Rumen... After three afternoon rounds we are 4 VPs above average, but with 1 and 2 VPs less than two other teams in group, so we are third in a group, and are going to section B, albeit to its first table. What could we do except jumping into sea?

Evening session of first day is going reasonably well and we are playing what appear to be even match against direct contenders for climbing to section A. Most of boards are quiet, and on last one I'm getting this nice hand: Kx AKTx AJTxx xx. While considering if hand is worth of reversing, Dario shocks me with opening 2 clubs, game forcing. I'm showing positive with 5+ diamonds, he asks for keycards, I show two out of five and he just blasts into 7 diamonds. Now I'm about to pass that but wait... I have two full kings more than I have showed, and partner thinks that this is enough for grand slam. I know its IMPscoring, but its very close match, and it's couple of teams from next few tables also fighting to get into A section, so every IMP counts. Obviously, devil is testing me and I can't resist correcting to 7 NT in effort to get two IMP's more. Partner hand is AQ Q KQxxx AKJxx. We have awful duplication in spades, but still 13th trick can be jack of hearts falling in three rounds, club-heart squeeze, or plain club finesse, all in all about 75%. Of course that bridge Gods are arranging that none of these materializes, so 7 NT is down one with 7 diamonds being virtual laydown. Can you imagine worse nightmare? We lose key match by16 IMPs lost on that board.

Of course I have to check if my terrible greed has cost us place in A-section? Fortunately not, if we have played 7 diamonds we would miss A section for 0.7 VP. Well that's a comforting. Wait, but if our 75% 7NT would have made? We would be in section A for 0.3 VP. Well, is there a moral in this story, after all? Yes there is - I was quite shaken while discussing this disaster with Rumen, and his attitude was one I have never found in any of my teammates – he even said that he would do the same – I can't judge if he really meant it or it's was just polite gesture to cheer up his teammate... This was unhappy end of day 1, we missed to qualify for section A narrowly in two occasions, and this particular grand slam board is coming to my dreams still, now and then...

2<sup>nd</sup> day of open teams we are not in serious contention, but we play reasonably well until the end, and we finish second in group D. It was indeed splendid experience to play in team with such a great player and personality.

# APARTMANI STANKOVIC INVITATIONAL

By SchTsch

If you thought that Pula bridge festival is the only bridge event currently taking place in the Pula county, you cannot be farther from the truth. The small village of Štinjan near Pula was the location for an invitational tournament in memoriam of our good friend Lara Ruso, hosted and organised by "Apatmani Stankovic", a high quality holiday apartments renting business in Štinjan.



Do you have a story?

Do you wish to share it here?

Of course you do.

Send your stories to t schtsch@yahoo.com.

The boards were predealt so the tournament director, the dreaded 2014 butler winner Andrea Stankovic, had only one thing to take care of.

Barbecue, of course.

The tournament fielded 4 invitational & international random teams in a very comfortable atmosphere on the terrace near the pool, garnished with local istrian wines and a symphony of barbecued meet.

To make things a bit more tricky, the additional rule for the random teams was that partnerships have to be changed after 4 boards so each player in the team partnered each other player in his team.

We played 12 boards and the winner was, as expected, the tournament director. The barbecue was perfect, wine was excellent, weather was very friendly so winner was easy to declare.

When Fićo, during post-mortem analyses of the barbecue sauces and finesses, took a guitar into his hands the atmosphere reached its' peak.



Mr. Knopfler beware, there is a new guy in town and he means it serious!

# Board-a-match results (best 16 of 71)

1	KONSTANTA: W Jaworski, M Milaszewski, J Skwark, J Stworzewicz	55 VP
2	LAPLAS: J Ciechomski, B Igla, P Nawrocki, S Olech, T Urbanski, P Wiankowski	54 VP
3	PRAHA: P Bahnik, E Bahnikova, O Svoboda, P Svobodova	52 VP
4	DRYL-LEGIA: W Burakowski, I Kowalczyk, J Russyan, T Wisniewski	52 VP
5	LOKOTOK: C Czimer, D Gulyas, B Kotanyi, A Riesz	51 VP
6	KRISZTINA: J Helge Herland, L Honti, K Mezei, J Vaage	51 VP
7	XXXYXXXY: S de Donder, T Dobbels, M Lewis, R Muller	50 VP
8	SPAIN: P de Lorenzo, G Fernandez, J Sabate, N Zahariev	50 VP
9	SENATOR: J Gawecki, M Kowalski, W Maryniowski, S Pajak, J Razik	50 VP
10	BONA FIDE: R Biel, E Dziekanska, K Dziekanski, M Ilnicki	49 VP
11	WBIMF: S Abrams, M Felmy, B von Kleist, A Weiss	48.5 VP
12	KIVE: K Appelt, V Flierl, I Kikic, E Schnoell	48 VP
13	NS1: B Duricic, D Parezanin, G Radisic, D Zipovski	47 VP
14	GURKA: G Dombi, A Frisch, K Lazar, C Szabo	47 VP
15	ZABAVLJACI: F Jelic, M Mestric, I Postic, T Sasek	46 VP
16	MIRA: M Gravert, A Gravert, M Sieksmeyer, E Wash	46 VP



Board-a-match winners: Waldemar Jaworski, Miroslaw Milaszewski, Jerzy Skwark, Jerzy Stworzewicz



Well, here we should havea picture of non-mixed pairs winners, Zbigniew Ciereszko & Aleksander Poznysz, but seems they were celebrating their victory heavily and missed our victory photo session. We will publish their picture later, and if you find them somewhere in this picture even better,

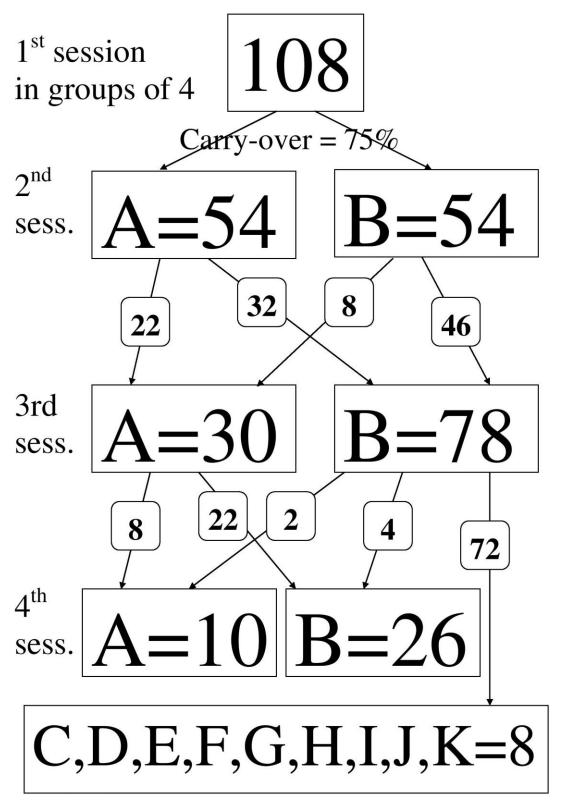
# "Lara Ruso mixed pairs" results (best 32 of 124)

1	D Kapitanski-K Kapitanski	66.85%	17	M Ninkovic-M Zmak	57.18%
2	A Mironova-S Mironov	66.32%	18	S Kigus-U Staber	57.08%
3	K Gora-A Pietrzyk	62.59%	19	I B Artmer-J Simon	56.8%
4	V Zoric-S Tomljanovic	62.44%	20	G Kesimoglu-J Dakim	56.61%
5	W Buze-A Buze-Jarmocik	61.69%	21	D Vozabal-P Vajdova	56.59%
6	A Jansma-J Jansma	61.44%	22	P Suchodolski-M Suchodolska	56.4%
7	V Aronov-D Damianova	60.1%	23	M Janeczek-A Bunikowski	56.37%
8	P Svobodova-O Svoboda	59.89%	24	E Halvorsen-H Sunde	56.3%
9	S Lazic-I Novosel	59.24%	25	M Malkova-D Prokhorov	56.28%
10	B Vedova-F Dethlefsen	58.67%	26	K Berbers-G Keldermans	56.25%
11	S de Donder-T Dobbels	58.41%	27	G Knilans-H Knilans	56.12%
12	F Milic-H Swiech	57.72%	28	G Jankunaite-G Sarkanas	55.97%
13	M Mitovska-G Karakolev	57.48%	29	R Muller-M Lewis	55.79%
14	A van der Meer-R Brandsma	57.47%	30	M Haverinen-S Haverinen	55.47%
15	Z Kertesz-T Kootz	57.44%	31	E Dziekanska-K Dziekanski	55.14%
16	B Fischer-S de Roos	57.35%	32	E Bahnikova-P Bahnik	55.12%

# "Lara Ruso non-mixed pairs" results (best 32 of 101)

1	Z Ciereszko-A Poznysz	67.37%	17	B Protega-D Zipovski	57.17%
2	A Hydes-T Sasek	64.05%	18	J Becklen-K Marinovski	57.16%
3	, M Pieczka-B Pazur	62.89%	19	E Godnic-O Skreblin	56.7%
4	G Sebes-D Vikor	62.12%	20	M Kita-M Kita	56.64%
5	T Bisping-W Strzemecki	61.64%	21	D Danailov-J Stamatov	56.59%
6	P Nawrocki-P Wiankowski	61.02%	22	J Gawecki-S Pajak	56.16%
7	B Gierulski-Z Nowak	59.83%	23	B Bozzai-P Bozzai	56.05%
8	Z Baryla-B Kruczek	59.17%	24	K Cios-L Krzeczek	56.03%
9	W Burakowski-J Russyan	58.92%	25	M Mestric-L Zunic	55.97%
10	M Ilnicki-M Rochowicz	58.64%	26	J Biborka-S Elek	55.91%
11	J Ciechomski-T Urbanski	58.37%	27	M Rodzaj-D Sosin	55.74%
12	M Wkman-P Carlsson	58.2%	28	A Gelberg-S Cieslak	55.65%
13	R Probst-B Senior	58.09%	29	P Kazub-J Grzelczak	55.45%
14	A Suchodolski-G Wolowiec	57.94%	30	M Milaszewski-J Skwark	54.58%
15	R Gunev-I Nanev	57.8%	31	J Baydin-A Budaev	54.35%
16	B Kauzlaric-S Simic	57.59%	32	T Pilch-A Czech	54.34%

# **OPEN TEAMS 2014**



created by Slawek Latala



# 7th Znovín Bridge Festival – Znojmo Grand Prix September 19-21, 2014

The company Znojemsport in cooperation with Bridge Club Praha invites you to pair and team competitions in the stucco halls of the Znojmo monastery in Louka.

# **Competition schedule:**

September 19, 2014: pair tournament, min. 26 pre-duplicated boards

registration: 6:00-6:15 p.m. registration fee: 5 € or 100 CZK per adult player

beginning: 6:30 p.m. 3 € or 60 CZK per junior

1st prize: 1500 CZK for the winning pair

September 20, 2014: Znojmo Grand Prix – pairs, min. 2x24 pre-duplicated boards

registration: 9:30-10:00 a.m. registration fee: 15 € or 300 CZK per adult player beginning: 10:15 a.m. 10 € or 200 CZK per junior

2nd round beginning: about 3:30 p.m.

1st prize: 6000 CZK for the winning pair

September 21, 2014: team competition

registration: 8:30-8:45 a.m. registration fee: 20 € or 400 CZK per team

beginning: 9:00 a.m. 2 € or 50 CZK discount per junior

1st prize: 4000 CZK for the winning team

We will gladly accept your registrations on: **Registrations.** You may send an e-mail to Jan Pivnička <a href="mailto:pivnicka@vosasw.cz">pivnicka@vosasw.cz</a>, too. We will gladly assist you on travel or accommodation arrangements.

Link: www.bridgecz.cz/vc\_zn14.htm

# **Prizes**

A minimum of 20% of the participants in each competition will be awarded; additional special prizes are prepared.

# The Louka monastery

The monastery is situated in the southern (lower) part of Znojmo and it is the town's distinguishable dominant feature. It can be easily reached by going down the street Vídeňská třída, then turning right at the traffic lights by hotel Dukla and passing the open-air swimming pool Louka (at Melkusova street). There is a large parking area at your disposal.

## **FESTIVAL RULES**

- ♠ Always be on time!
- ▲ Make your registration in advance!
- ♣ For both pair and team games you should register at Registration desk at least one hour before tournament starts, but please do it as soon as possible.
- For teams tournaments you should pay your entry fee at Registration desk at the time of registration
- ▲ For pairs tournaments you should pay entry at the table in the first round (please prepare exact amount of money in advance). In case you do not put exact amount of money in the envelope we will return the change during the tournament.
- ▲ Slow play will not be tolerated
- ♠ Remain seated until the change is announced!
- **▲** Bridge mates will be used in all events
- ▲ The use the stop card is obligatory!
- ★ The convention card is not obligatory, but we strongly advise to fill in one! Please feel free to take a copy at Registration desk.
- ♠ Make your opening leads faced down.
- ▲ Leave the boards and the bidding boxes on the table. Please close the bidding boxes.
- **▲** Be nice to your partner, opponents, officials of the tournament and others...only together we can make this tournament friendly and pleasent place for all.
- **▲** Follow the ALERT procedure!
- ♠ One club opening should be alerted if it promises less than 2 cards. One diamond should be alerted if it promises less than 3 cards.
- ▲ 1 NT opening bid, if not 15-18 balanced variety must be alerted!
- ♣ HUM and brown stickers are not allowed (please check with TD if you are not sure about conventions you use)
- ♠ Do not alert after 3NT

# **IMPORTANT**

- 1. CONVENTION CARD IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED You can get your copy at the Registration desk.
- AT THE REGISTRATION DESK YOU CAN REGISTER FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE DO SO!
- Entries for pairs tournaments are paid at the table. PLEASE PREPARE THE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY.
- 4. COLLECT YOUR PRIZE AT PRIZE-GIVING DESK THE DAY AFTER YOU WIN IT.
- 5. WE GIVE SOME BIZZARE PRIZES (Cro-Int ?).
  YOU MAY BE A WINNER EVEN IF YOU THINK
  YOU HAVE NO CHANCE. PLEASE CHECK!

#### Tihana

Non-stop, find me. (<u>tihana@pilar.hr</u>, +385 99 666 8877)

**Partnership desk** (wall) is right next to Registration desk. Leave your message there!

# **Working hours**

# **Registration Desk**

Monday: 12 a.m. - 3 p.m.(before the tournament) 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (between the sessions)

After the last session we are at the party

<u>Tuesday:</u> 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before the tournament)

1 a.m. - 2 a.m (after the tournament)

## **Prize-giving Desk**

Monday: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.(before the tournament) 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (between the sessions) After the last session we are at the party

<u>Tuesday:</u> 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before the tournament) 1 a.m. - 2 a.m (after the tournament)

## **Voucher Desk**

Monday: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.(before the tournament) 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (between the sessions) After the last session we are at the party

Tuesday:

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (before the tournament) 1 a.m. - 2 a.m (after the tournament)