

# EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Gianarrigo Rona *President* 

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Information letter

Dear President and Friend,

# 9<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Organised by the European Bridge League In cooperation with the Polish Bridge Union

I am very pleased to confirm that the 9<sup>th</sup> European Youth Bridge Pairs Championship will be held at

# **GEM Hotel and Recreational Centre Wroclaw, Poland**

But unfortunately, due to force majeur, we had to postpone of one day the start and the end of the event and consequently the Championship will be held on

# 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008

with the following modified programme:

•	Opening Ceremony	19.30 - Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
•	Qualification Sessions	10.00 - Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
•	Semi-final Sessions	10.00 - Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
•	Final Sessions	10.00 - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
•	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	20.00 - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

As promised, I inform you about the Hotel Accommodation and for your convenience I repeat all the information previously sent.



#### **Meals & Hotel Accommodation**

Thanks to the Polish Bridge Union, we have been able to arrange meals and hotel Accommodation at special rates.

#### Meals:

All the meals (lunch and dinner) will be eaten at the venue (GEM Recreational Centre) with a daily cost of 80 PLN (about 22,50 €, being 1 €= 3,60 PLN).

## Accommodation (B&B):

**GEM Hotel:** The accommodation at GEM Hotel (all room with bathrooms-bath or

showers) in double room (B&B) costs 140 PLN (about 39 €) per

person per day.

The accommodation at GEM Hotel in triple room (B&B) costs 120 PLN

(about 33,50 €) per person per day.

The daily cost (B&B and meals) per one person in double room is 220

(140+80) PLN (about 61 €) per day.

The daily cost (B&B and meals) per one person in triple room is 200

(120+80) PLN (about 55 €) per day.

Student Hostel: The accommodation at the Student Hostel (higher standard – rooms

with two beds and bathroom) (B&B) costs 70 PLN (about 20 €) per

person per day

The accommodation at the Student Hostel (lower standard - rooms

with three beds no bathroom) (B&B) costs 50 PLN (about 14 €) per

person per day

The daily cost (B&B and meals) per one person in double room is 150

(70+80) PLN (about 42 €) per day.

The daily cost (B&B and meals) per one person in triple room is 130

(50+80) PLN (about 36 €) per day.

Please note that the reservations have to be done through:

Stanislaw Golebiowski biuro@bridge.wroclaw.pl

fax: +48 71 320 3402

# Format of the Championships

There will be three series in the Championship: Under 26 Open pairs, Under 26 Girls Pairs and Under 21 Pairs. All three series are for National Pairs (i.e. both players must come from the same NBO; transnational pairs are not permitted).



In all three series the Qualification rounds will consist of 6 x 10 board sessions (2 boards per table, using a Mitchell movement)

At the end of the qualification rounds, in all series, the leading 50% of the field will qualify for Semi-final A and the other 50% for Semi-final B. Both semi-finals will consist of 6 x 10 board sessions (2 boards per table, using a Mitchell movement)

At the end of the semi-finals the highest-ranked pairs from semi-final A (25 in the Under 26 Open and 16 in the Under 26 Girls & Under 21) and the highest ranked pairs from the semi-final B (5 in the Under 26 Open and 4 in the Under 26 Girls & Under 21) will qualify for the A Final; the other pairs will play in the B Final.

In all series the A Final will be played using Barometer Scoring (58 boards – two per table - in Under 26 Open and 57 - three per table - in Under 26 Girls & Under 21); in the B Final 30 boards (3 x 10 board sessions) will be played using a Mitchell movement.

In the A Final screens will be used.

#### Schedule time

Qualification & Semi-final	$10.00 - 11.20 - 1^{st}$ session $11.30 - 12.50 - 2^{nd}$ session $14.00 - 15.20 - 3^{rd}$ session $15.30 - 16.50 - 4^{th}$ session $17.00 - 18.20 - 5^{th}$ session $18.30 - 19.50 - 6^{th}$ session
Final	10.00 – 13.00 - 1 <sup>st</sup> session 14.30 – 19.00 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> session

# Right of entry

Bridge players (registered members of EBL NBOs), in good standing with their Federation and born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1983 or later (Under 26 Open & Girls) and on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1988 or later (Under 21) are entitled to participate. There will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

Each member NBO, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2008 dues) to the EBL is authorized to enter pairs. Countries must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of the dues to the EBL before they can participate in the Championship.

In any case participants must be nominated by their NBO and all such nominations are subject to authorisation by the EBL Credentials Committee.



# **Registration of Pairs**

Registration of pairs for all the series, **which must be from the Federation**, <u>should be sent, before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008</u> and sent to:

European Bridge League Gianarrigo Rona – President Via Ciro Menotti 11/C 20129 Milano – Italy Fax +39 02 7000 1398

E Mail: <a href="mailto:ebl@federbridge.it">ebl@federbridge.it</a>

## **Entry Fees**

The entry fees are € 150 per pair.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 31st May 2008 to

BANQUE PARIBAS (Suisse)
2, Place de Hollande
CH-1211 Geneve 11 - Suisse
Account EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE Number 3097300
(IBAN) CH 46 0868 6309 7300 04978 - (SWIFT) BPPBCHGG
(to be mentioned)

#### **Dress Code**

The EBL has a policy which seeks to encourage Federations to provide Teams, which participate in European Championships, to be dressed in appropriate uniforms which incorporate a badge or emblem identifying the country which those players represent.

Everyone entering the playing rooms is obliged to wear the official identification badge provided by the organisation. In case of loss the organisation will provide a duplicate badge at a cost of €5,00

All players, captains and coaches of participating teams are required to wear T-shirts, polo shirts, shirts or blouses that are of the same colour and contain the Federation's logo.



# **Further Information**

For any further information, please contact:

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I look forward to the participation of your Federation in the 9<sup>th</sup> European Youth Bridge Pairs Championship in Wroclaw.

Yours sincerely,

Gianarrigo Rona EBL President