

## DAILY BULLETIN

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### RESULTS

#### OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT (137 pairs)

1.C.Balicki – A.Żmudziński	POL	64,99%
2.A.Michailovas – P.Lukinskas	LIT	64,38%
3.A.Palmgren – O.Wademark	SVE	63,13%
4.R.Jagniewski – M.Kwiecień	POL	60,86%
5.A.Kowalski – P.Tuszyński	POL	60,83%
6.B.Chmurski – M.Puczyński	POL	60,58%
7.J.Linnamagi – H.Linnamagi	FIN	60,93%
8.R.Grzelak – J.Romański	POL	59,83%
9.K.Jassem – K.Martens	POL	59,66%
10.K.Kujawa – T.Kowalczewski	POL	58,58%
10.M.Budrys – E.Stankus	LIT	59,66%
11.K.Mykietyn – P.Walerowicz	POL	58,65%
12.J.Ciechomski – E.Czubak	POL	58,45%
13.E.Shokhan – I.Kravchenko	BYR	57,55%
14.J.Poetyło – W.Starkowski	POL	56,91%
15.P.Eliasson – T.Magnusson	SVE	56,71%

#### SPECIAL PRIZES:

Best woman pair: Brewiak – Sobolewska POL

Best mixed pair: Jankunaite – Sarkanais LIT

Best seniors pair: Carruthers – Sundelin CAN/SVE

#### Dear Friends

Our tournament is over. I hope you enjoyed your time in Vilnius. We have tried to do our best to organize everything as well as possible. Not only at the tournament venue, but we have tried also to show you the charms of Lithuania – our history, tradition, landscape, cuisine, hospitality, etc. I wish that most of you were satisfied, not only the winners.

I hope that this year event has attracted all of you strong enough to make you come back here next year.

For any information concerning current, and also future, Vilnius tournaments, please write to Erikas Vainikonis: [erikas.vainikonis@gmail.com](mailto:erikas.vainikonis@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Yesterday night we were hosted by Casino Olympic, where the prizes for the teams tournament were handed. Also the poker tournament was played.

### OPEN TEAMS TOURNAMENT WINNERS – AUGURI WARSZAWA



standing from left to right: Adam Źmudziński, Cezary Serek, Zdzisław Ingielewicz, Krzysztof Buras;  
low row: Cezary Balicki, Grzegorz Narkiewicz

We would like also to honor the best junior team – they could not get their prize at the Casino – the members of the team were not allowed to enter the Casino – they are below 21... So the prize was handed during the pairs tournament:

### BEST JUNIOR TEAM – CZECH GIRLS TEAM



Anna Marie Cerna, Sona Haikova, Katerina Ticha, Magdalena Ticha

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

**BEST DEFENDED HAND**

**Krzysztof BURAS – Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ (POLAND) (Open Teams Tournament)**

**DEFENSE OF THE TOURNAMENT**

Krzysztof Buras and Grzegorz Narkiewicz are the rising stars of Polish bridge. Their last, and best achievement since ever, was the second place in World Transnational Teams Championships in Sao Paulo this year. They were nominated to the Polish national team to the nearest European Championships in Ostende.

Here, in Vilnius they gave a proof of their class in (probably not only) one of the boards of the teams tournament.

Buras, (East) with  
♠976♥8542♦108♣7652,  
was on the lead after following bidding:

W	N	E	S
Narkiewicz	Arvidsson	Buras	Bech
	1♠	pass	2♦ <sup>1)</sup>
4♦	4♠	pass	5♦
pass	5♠	pass...	

<sup>1)</sup>transfer to hearts

(Look at the board on the top right side)

He surprisingly led a club. The result was really spectacular!

Narkiewicz ruffed, underled his diamond honor and Buras was again in hand with the modest eight of diamonds. He played a club again, and the it was the end of the story – one down.

Board No 9. WE vulnerable, dealer N.

		N		
		♠ KQ10854		
		♥ 3		
		♦ 52		
		♣ AQJ10		
W			E	
♠ J2			♠ 976	
♥ J76			♥ 8542	
♦ AKQJ9763			♦ 108	
♣ -			♣ 7652	
		S		
		♠ A3		
		♥ AKQ109		
		♦ 4		
		♣ K9843		

Buras, when asked about his choice of the lead, said” “It was simple – heart and spade leads had no sense, partner did not doubled 4♦... How many tricks can we take in diamonds if partner has bid 4♦ vulnerable? So the only hope could be in clubs.”

On the second table NS bid to a slam:

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	2♥
4♦	pass	pass	4♠
pass	5♣	pass	6♣
pass	6♠	pass	pass
dbl.	pass...		

and East made a textbook lead – Lightner’s double asks to lead the first suit, bid by dummy... - a heart, and a contract was made, giving substantial gain for Auguri team.

**BEST PLAYED HAND****Vassili LEVENKO (ESTONIA) (semifinal of Small Feds. Trophy)****CARD READING**

In the semifinals, and in finale there was a lot of very good bridge. I would like to present to examples of my favorite branch – card reading at declarers play. Both are from the Lithuania – Estonia match.

First is really spectacular:

Board 8. Love all, dealer West.

	<b>N</b>		<b>E</b>
	♠ Q		
	♥ QJ106		
	♦ J83		
	♣ KQJ84		
<b>W</b>		<b>S</b>	
♠ A87		♠ 6542	
♥ 8743		♥ AK52	
♦ A		♦ 942	
♣ 107652		♣ A9	
			♣ 3

	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
W Tyla	Levenko	Saulis	Sester
pass	1♦	1♠	dbl. <sup>1)</sup>
1BA <sup>2)</sup>	2♥	3♦	4♥
4♠	pas	pas	5♥
pass...			
	<sup>1)</sup> 4+ hearts		
	<sup>2)</sup> 7-9 PC, spade support		

5♥ looks like impossible contract, but the defense started from spades - East led a spade jack, and West took the trick with the ace and the diamonds could not be cashed. West played ♦A and continued with a spade, ruffed in dummy. Declarer took the inferences from the bidding and play – it was obvious that East has six diamonds and five spades. Declarer has seen his chance – cashed the heart queen, played club to the ace – East followed both, completing the picture of the hand – 5-1-6-1. Now declarer ruffed a spade, played KQJ of clubs, discarding diamonds from the hand, ruffed a club with a small trump and ended the play, crossruffing diamonds and spades with top trumps.

**BEST BID HAND****Marek PIETRASZEK – Tomasz UKRAIŃSKI (POLAND) (Open Teams Torunament)****HOW TO REACH A GRAND?**

<b>W</b>	<b>E</b>
♠ KJ65	♠ AQ732
♥ Q3	♥ A92
♦ A65	♦ K
♣ KJ94	♣ AQ85

This is a board No. 4 of the first round of the teams tournament.

It looks like a typical for the bidding contest:

You have 12 top tricks in spades or NT, while 7♣ is surely the best contract. But minors suit contract are often difficult to reach. I think that at most tables the bidding started 1♣ - 1♠ - 2♠ and way to clubs was not easy. On 52 tables, the contracts were: 4(!)♠ - 2; 6♠ - 31; 7♠ - 15;

7NT – 2 (once made after the heart lead) and 7♣ only twice. One of the pairs who found the way to 7♣ were Marek Pietraszek and Tomasz Ukraiński from Poland. Look at their bidding:

W	N	E	S
Pietraszek	Ukraiński		
1♣ <sup>1)</sup>	pass	1♠	2♥
2♠ <sup>2)</sup>	pass	2NT <sup>3)</sup>	pass
4♠ <sup>4)</sup>	pass	4NT <sup>5)</sup>	pass
5♥ <sup>6)</sup>	pass	6♣ <sup>7)</sup>	pass
7♣ <sup>8)</sup>	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>Polish Club, balanced 12-14 PC, balanced 18-22 PC or natural 12-21 PC

<sup>2)</sup>4 spades, 12-14, usually balanced

<sup>3)</sup>at least invitational

<sup>4)</sup>enough to accept the game invitation, but not supermaximum (♥Q does not look like an asset)

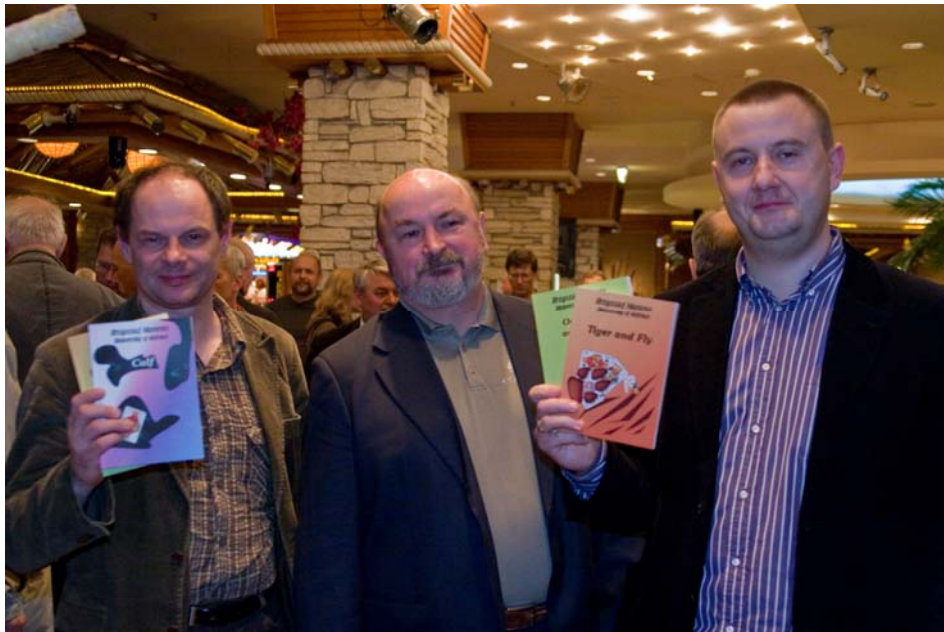
<sup>5)</sup>RKCB

<sup>6)</sup>2 key cards without the trump queen

<sup>7)</sup>grand slam invitational, likely side suit

<sup>8)</sup>ok, probably in clubs we have a trick more than in spades...

It is a fine example, how it is possible to reach a very good contract without artificial tools, just showing intentions in a decisive phase of bidding.



From left to right: Marek Pietraszek, Krzysztof Martens, Tomasz Ukraiński

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