

# 17<sup>th</sup> European Bridge Champions' Cup

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## WELCOME TO EILAT!



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Yes, Eilat, here we are again. The European Champions' Cup participants left you in 2012 and many of them were no doubt hoping to get back to you one way or another. For the Israeli organisers, it's relatively easy to get to Eilat but for most of the players it's quite a long trip, from e.g. the North Sea to the Red Sea. In 2012, I myself left Eilat with very happy memories so I am really looking forward to this year's edition of what has become the traditional last European bridge event of the calendar year. For me, it's a certainty beforehand that the organisers will be exploiting their experiences from the previous edition of the Champions' Cup and therefore will not have any trouble in treating us to a tournament even better than six years ago.

To all players, but especially to those who have been unlucky enough to miss the 2012 event here, I can only say: "Wait and see." It's highly unlikely you will be disappointed and besides, there always is the fine weather, so different from what November is producing, not only in the North and West of Europe this time. Even the South has been hit by tremendous rain and too much wind recently but here in Eilat, it's very much like the summer we've been enjoying (or not?) all over Europe in 2018.

Good luck to all of you and I am looking forward to reporting about the fine bridge you will certainly be going to play here for these three days

*Jos Jacobs*  
*Daily Bulletin Editor*



# WELCOME MESSAGES



**JAN KAMRAS**  
EBL PRESIDENT

Dear players, officials, staff and visitors,

On behalf of the EBL I wish you a hearty welcome to the 17th European Champions' Cup in the beautiful Israeli Red Sea resort town of Eilat. I am sure everyone is pleased to be back here again after the successful 11th edition in 2012, particularly in November when sunshine and 25-degree temperatures are rare in most of Europe.

Our sincere thanks go to the Israeli Bridge Federation, its Chairman Gilad Ofir, its President Modi Kenigsberg and CEO Oryah Meir. Their support for this event is invaluable. This notwithstanding, nothing would have been possible were it not for the enormous efforts of David and Alon Birman. As the organisers of the Red Sea Bridge Festival, taking place immediately following the Champions' Cup, they have the local knowledge, contacts, and staff to ensure a professional organisation of this event, both from a technical and hospitality point of view.

I am sure that you, the players, will demonstrate your great bridge skills as well as impeccable ethics, to show us all the beauty of our beloved sport. Make us proud!

Good luck to you all.



**MODI KENIGSBERG**  
IBF PRESIDENT

Dear friends, participants, honored guests,

On behalf of the Israeli Bridge Federation we are delighted to welcome you all to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Champions' Cup.

We are proud that this prestigious event, which comprises the 12 top teams in Europe competing against each other to be "Number 1", is taking place in Israel.

**GILAD OFIR**  
IBF CHAIRMAN



We would like to thank the European Bridge League and its President Mr. Jan Kamras for affording us the opportunity of hosting the competition in Israel and for the fruitful cooperation with the organizing committee and all the people in charge.

We have made every effort to ensure the success of this event, both competitively and socially. We have been fortunate in having the assistance of the Red Sea Bridge Festival and its founder and organizer David Birman. Oryah Meir has also provided invaluable help. We thank them sincerely.

We are sure that you will enjoy an event that is a combination of a competition of the highest standard within a holiday atmosphere in the southernmost city of Israel – Eilat. It's also a great opportunity to invite all of you to stay on in Eilat and take part in the International Bridge Festival competitions, which are being held at this time until 17th November 2018.

We wish all the participating teams in this European Championship a worthy competition which will produce hands to be remembered in the Bridge Hall of Fame for many years to come and may the best team win.



# PARTICIPANTS



**ENGLAND**  
**BLACK – ENGLISH**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPION**

Andrew Black (pc)  
David Gold  
Gunnar Hallberg  
Phil King  
Andrew McIntosh  
Derek Patterson



**GREECE**  
**ATHENS**  
**BRIDGE CLUB**

Nikos Delimpaltadakis (pc)  
Stavros Bompoulakis  
Philippos Karamanlis  
Manolis Protonotarios  
Aristeidis Sapounakis  
Vasilis Vroustis



**ISRAEL I**  
**ZACK – ISRAELI**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPION**

Shahar Zack (pc)  
Michel Barel  
Ariel Braunstein  
Dana Tal  
Noga Tal,  
Yaniv Zack



**ISRAEL II**  
**BAREKET**  
**TEAM**

Ilan Bareket (pc)  
Ilan Herbst  
Ophir Herbst  
Assaf Lengy  
Amir Levin  
Yossi Roll



**ITALY**  
**IDEA BRIDGE**  
**TORINO**

Antonio Mortarotti (pc)  
Luca De Michelis  
Massimiliano Di Franco  
Giorgio Duboin  
Giuseppe Failla  
Andrea Manno



**MONACO**  
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**FMB**

Pierre Zimmermann (pc)  
Geir Helgemo  
Tor Helness  
Lorenzo Lauria  
Franck Multon  
Alfredo Versace



**NETHERLANDS I**  
**BC't**  
**ONSTEIN 1**

Simon de Wijs (pc)  
Bob Drijver  
Bauke Muller  
Bart Nab  
Ricco van Prooijen  
Louk Verhees



**NETHERLANDS II**  
**BC't**  
**ONSTEIN 2**

Richard Ritmeijer (pc)  
Peter IJsselmuiden  
Geon Steenbakkers,  
Magdaléna Tichá  
Berend van den Bos  
Joris van Lankveld,  
Marguerite van Halderen (coach)



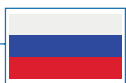
**NORWAY**  
**SUNNDALSØRA**

Roar Voll (pc)  
Sam Inge Høyland  
Asbjørn Kindsbekken  
Jo-Arne Ovesen



**POLAND**  
**CONNECTOR**

Marcin Woźniak (npc)  
Konrad Araszkiwicz  
Olech Bestrzyński,  
Krzysztof Kotorowicz  
Piotr Nawrocki  
Cezary Serek  
Piotr Wiankowski



**RUSSIA**  
**LAZY – RUSSIAN**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPION**

Georgi Matushko (pc)  
Yury Khiuppenen  
Jouri Khokhlov  
Vadim Kholomeev  
Alexei Sterkin



**SWEDEN**  
**HARPLINGE**  
**BK**

Magnus Eriksson (pc)  
Cecilia Rimstedt  
Mikael Rimstedt  
Ola Rimstedt





# SCHEDULE OF PLAY

## THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

9:15	Captains' meeting
9:50	Opening
10:00-11:30	Round 1
11:45-13:15	Round 2
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	Round 3
16:00-17:30	Round 4
17:45-19:15	Round 5
19:00-20:30	Opening Cocktail (Rich Buffet)

## FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

10:00-11:30	Round 6
11:45-13:15	Round 7
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	Round 8
16:00-17:30	Round 9
17:45-19:15	Round 10
19:30-21:00	Round 11

## SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

09:30-11:50	Semi-Final 1
12:00-14:20	Semi-Final 2
14:20-15:10	Lunch
15:10-17:30	Final 1
17:40-20:00	Final 2
20:30	Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony - Cocktail

# PLAYERS' CONTACTS ON-SITE

FUNCTION	NAME
Championship Chairman	Josef Harsanyi
Operations Director	Ilan Shezifi
Head Tournament Director	Rahmi Iyilikci
Reviewer	Eitan Levy
Hospitality desk	Oryah Meir
On-site Manager	Alon Birman
Scoring	Fotis Skoularikis
Daily Bulletin	Jos Jacobs



# DRAW

## ROUND 1

Black Team	Harplinge BK
Lazy Team	Monaco FMB
Zack Team	Bareket Team
Idea Bridge Torino	Connector
Athens BC	Sunnalsøra
BC't Onstein 2	BC't Onstein 1

## ROUND 7

BC't Onstein 2	Harplinge BK
BC't Onstein 1	Athens BC
Sunnalsøra	Idea Bridge Torino
Connector	Zack Team
Bareket Team	Lazy Team
Monaco FMB	Black Team

## ROUND 2

BC't Onstein 1	Harplinge BK
Sunnalsøra	BC't Onstein 2
Connector	Athens BC
Bareket Team	Idea Bridge Torino
Monaco FMB	Zack Team
Black Team	Lazy Team

## ROUND 8

Bareket Team	Harplinge BK
Monaco FMB	Connector
Black Team	Sunnalsøra
Lazy Team	BC't Onstein 1
Zack Team	BC't Onstein 2
Idea Bridge Torino	Athens BC

## ROUND 3

Harplinge BK	Idea Bridge Torino
Athens BC	Zack Team
BC't Onstein 2	Lazy Team
BC't Onstein 1	Black Team
Sunnalsøra	Monaco FMB
Connector	Bareket Team

## ROUND 9

Harplinge BK	Athens BC
BC't Onstein 2	Idea Bridge Torino
BC't Onstein 1	Zack Team
Sunnalsøra	Lazy Team
Connector	Black Team
Bareket Team	Monaco FMB

## ROUND 4

Harplinge BK	Lazy Team
Zack Team	Black Team
Idea Bridge Torino	Monaco FMB
Athens BC	Bareket Team
BC't Onstein 2	Connector
BC't Onstein 1	Sunnalsøra

## ROUND 10

Zack Team	Harplinge BK
Idea Bridge Torino	Lazy Team
Athens BC	Black Team
BC't Onstein 2	Monaco FMB
BC't Onstein 1	Bareket Team
Sunnalsøra	Connector

## ROUND 5

Connector	Harplinge BK
Bareket Team	Sunnalsøra
Monaco FMB	BC't Onstein 1
Black Team	BC't Onstein 2
Lazy Team	Athens BC
Zack Team	Idea Bridge Torino

## ROUND 11

Harplinge BK	Monaco FMB
Black Team	Bareket Team
Lazy Team	Connector
Zack Team	Sunnalsøra
Idea Bridge Torino	BC't Onstein 1
Athens BC	BC't Onstein 2

## ROUND 6

Sunnalsøra	Harplinge BK
Connector	BC't Onstein 1
Bareket Team	BC't Onstein 2
Monaco FMB	Athens BC
Black Team	Idea Bridge Torino
Lazy Team	Zack Team

# IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PLAYERS AND CAPTAINS

*These notes are for the convenience of players and captains. They do not substitute for the obligation to know and follow all Conditions, Regulations and Policies of the EBL covering this event.*

## GENERAL

- Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the playing rooms, the corridors surrounding them and the toilets. Automatic VP penalties apply to offenders.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Automatic VP penalties apply to offenders.
- For security reasons all participants must visibly wear their badges at the playing venue.
- Players should be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be subject to VP penalties.
- Players and NPCs may converse only in English unless both captains agree to use some other common language at their own risk. In any case TD adjudications will be in English only.
- During the match players should avoid discussions or arguments with partner or opponents. In case of a dispute a player's proper recourse is to the TD or the Captain of the team.

## BIDDING, ALERTS AND EXPLANATIONS

- It is the responsibility of the alerting player to ensure that his screen-mate is aware of the Alert. Requests for explanations, and the responses thereto, shall be made in writing.
- A player's first call should touch the extreme left of his own segment of the bidding tray, with subsequent calls overlapping neatly and evenly to the right.
- Only Dummy or Declarer may remove the bidding tray from the table, and only Dummy or Declarer may put the board back in the centre of the table.

## DURING AND AFTER PLAY

- Only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.
- Each card should be played in a consistent manner and placed in the same position each time. Once played, the player may not vary the orientation of the card.
- Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player, evenly overlapping and at an equal distance from the previous card.
- If a player finds an opponent not following any of these rules, even after a warning, the proper recourse is to call a TD.
- Players are strictly forbidden to watch play at any other table.
- In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play two hours after the official finishing time of the final match but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Closing Ceremony. In respect of scores which are manifestly incorrect, protest time ends prior to the start of the penultimate round.
- The time for a request for a TD ruling, or a review of a ruling already received, ends 30 minutes after the end of the match.

# EUROPEAN MASTER POINTS AWARDS & RULES

EMPs will be awarded according to the following scale:

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>
100	80	50	40	30	25	20	15	10	8	5	2

To qualify for EMP awards a player must have played at least one third of the boards in the Round-Robin stage and at least half of the boards in the last KO-match won by his team.

- Teams may concede after the first stanza of a KO-match and the opponent will be declared winner of the match.
- Teams ranked 5th or below may withdraw before the start of the first stanza and the opponent will be declared winner of the match.
- Teams ranked 5th or below may mutually agree not to play a KO-match and will both be considered losers of that match. If this is the “Semifinal” within that group (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> resp. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) the other “Semifinalists” will be considered playing the “Final” in that group.

## 2017 WINNERS



*Tim Verbeek, Danny Molenaar, Magdaléna Tichá, Richard Ritmeijer (pc), Geon Steenbakkers, Peter IJsselmuiden.*