



# 8<sup>th</sup> European Open Championships

10 - 24 June 2017  
Montecatini Terme, Italy



**Editor:** Mark Horton / **Co-Ordinator:** Jean-Paul Meyer / **Journalists:** David Bird, John Carruthers, Jos Jacob, Fernando Lema, Brent Manley, Micke Melander, Barry Rigal, Ram Soffer, Ron Tacchi / **Lay-out Editor:** Francesca Canali  
**Photographer:** Arianna Testa

## BRIDGE: THAT'S AMORE!



**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 10 2017**



### ISSUE No 1

CLICK TO NAVIGATE

*Welcome from Yves Aubry*

p. 2

*A view of the Bridge*

p. 2

*Round 1*

p. 3

*Super Tuscans*

p. 4

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10.30 - 12.00 Round 1

12.15 - 13.45 Round 2

13.45 - 14.45 Lunch Pause

14.45 - 16.15 Round 3

16.30 - 18.00 Round 4

18.15 - 19.45 Round 5

Welcome to the delightful town of Montecatini, venue for the 8th European Open Bridge Championships.

Situated in Tuscany, a region known for its landscapes, traditions, history, artistic legacy and its influence on high culture it affords the opportunity to delight not only in the pursuit of European titles, but also to take in the delights of a region that is regarded as the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, containing world famous museums such as the Uffizi and the Pitti Palace.

In this part of the world a trip to Florence or Pisa is not to be missed.

### BBO SCHEDULE - ROUND 1

**10.30**

ZIMMERMANN	vs	PUILLET
HELGENESS	vs	DARLING
CALANDRA	vs	CORNEMUSE
SAKR	vs	KANDEMIR





## WELCOME FROM THE EBL PRESIDENT

Welcome to Montecatini,  
to the 8<sup>th</sup> European Bridge Championships!

The weather forecast announces hot temperatures.  
The battles for medals will afford warm moments of exiting bridge  
between teams and pairs, national or transnational, coming from all  
over the world.

I am confident that you will enjoy in Montecatini, Bridge, food and wines,  
the Italian way of life and charming Tuscany. Those who attended the  
1997 EBL Championships will have many great memories.



It has been 70 years since the European Bridge League was created by 8 countries. The EBL is proud to  
celebrate this anniversary with you, players of all continents, in a spirit of sporting competition, reflecting the  
high value of bridge and its many friendships.

Enjoy your stay and your play in Montecatini

Yves Aubry  
EBL President



## A VIEW OF THE BRIDGE

The EBL have appointed David Bird, Bill Jacobs, Larry Cohen, Graham Osborne, Mark Horton and Roland  
Wald to act as BBO commentators. They may be joined from time to time by Jon Cooke and Stephen Kennedy.  
These are the assignments for the first day of the Championships:

### Mixed Teams Qualifying - Saturday 10 June

<b>Round 1</b>	BBO 1	OR: Bill Jacobs - Roland Wald
<b>Round 1</b>	BBO 2	OR: David Bird - Mark Horton
<b>Round 2</b>	BBO 1	OR: Stephen Kennedy - Bill Jacobs
<b>Round 3</b>	BBO 1	OR: David Bird - Mark Horton
<b>Round 3</b>	BBO 2	OR: Stephen Kennedy - Roland Wald
<b>Round 4</b>	BBO 1	OR: Larry Cohen - Roland Wald
<b>Round 5</b>	BBO 1	OR: Larry Cohen - Roland Wald



**ROUND 1**

1	ZIMMERMANN	PUILLET
2	HELGENESS	DARLING
3	CALANDRA	CORNEMUSE
4	SAKR	KANDEMIR
5	VYTAS	SWEDEN MIXED TEAM
6	PSZCZOLA	VALIO
7	WARD PLATT	HELNESS
8	FORNACIARI	PUNCH
9	FERM	CZECH REPUBLIC
10	SILBERSEE	ROBERTSON
11	ROSENTHAL	FOX
12	MAHAFFEY	MAJOR
13	DE BOTTON	YALMAN
14	CORNELL JACOB NZ	LEBRON
15	PENFOLD	AIREST
16	WILSON	PONDUS AND BLONDES
17	BRENO	VIANELLO
18	CREMIN	LADY
19	HANLON	ELLEVI
20	VINCI	BINKIE
21	BERKSMA	KIBE
22	BROGELAND	FLAVIA
23	STAMATOV	GOSSCHALK
24	LARA	ENZ
25	GOLD	MAX
26	TAKK	NATAF
27	ROSE AND THE THORNS	DJAWS TRIT
28	GILLIS	COMPITALIA
29	SILVERFOX	CANNAVALE
30	MICROCHIROPTERA	SWISS BOLLYWOOD
31	MORAWSKI	TACCETTI
32	ORG REIGNWOOD	ISOARD
33	ZEN	SEMERCI
34	MNEPO	SCRAPS
35	GEELY AUTO	IVAR
36	PERSIANI	ONEILL
37	VICKY	LE BOMASC
38	BLUE NOTE	CORALINE
39	MIPIREDA	INFERNO
40	GINO	IRISH DUBEL
41	REDROBOT	VITA
42	ALERTPLUS	ACDC
43	BADGER	MIAMI HEAT
44	CFSC	LUND
45	TIDA STELI	SLOVENIA
46	GODZILLA	LEDGER
47	EMMER	PBC GRAZ
48	SAGIV	SORESINI
49	CHARLSEN	JING HANG
50	AJ DIAMENT	PIZZI E BOSCHETTI
51	BEIJING TRINERGY	JIANG
52	STOPPA	SVAERKE
53	CONNECTOR	TARV
54	EAV	BREMNES
55	FAILLA	VICOZ
56	BELGIUM	RIDOLFO





## SUPER TUSCANS

Mark Horton

Many of the important and famous wines in Tuscany are actually the IGTs\*. The more expensive wines have since the 70's been called Super Tuscans. This name was invented by Robert Parker who found notable interest in these wines and helped them become famous worldwide.

Italy's most famous wine region manages to make awe-inspiring wines just about every vintage.

These are some of the Editor's favourites:

<b>Sassicaia</b>	by Tenuta San Guido
<b>Tignanello</b>	by Antinori
<b>Solaia</b>	by Antinori
<b>Ornellaia</b>	by Tenuta dell'Ornellaia
<b>Masseto</b>	by Tenuta dell'Ornellaia (1985 - merlot)
<b>Messorio</b>	by Bolgheri
<b>Redigaffi</b>	by Azienda Agricola Tua Rita
<b>Vigorello</b>	by Agricola San Felice

If your pockets cannot quite stretch as far as a Super Tuscan, rest assured there are many Italian wines that will take your breath away after a hard day at the table.

\*IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipical = typical regional wine) wines are, if of a certain quality, also called SUPER TUSCANS. IGT wines can range incredibly in price - from a couple of euro to hundreds of euro. An IGT Toscana guarantees that a minimum of 85% of the grapes used in the wine have grown in the region (this is an insurance that we don't have if we drink a "vino da tavola" which theoretically could come from any part of the world). However, much of the IGT wine is produced with grapes that come from the wine producers' own vineyards, especially when talking of the Super Tuscans that are top quality wines. The grape variety, vinification, aging and final blend are all up to the creativity of the wine maker.

