

INVITATION

Polish Bridge Union/Canadian Bridge Federation



In October, the Polish Bridge Union organized the Online European Seniors Cup for national senior teams. The competition lasted two weeks, with 20 teams participating. As the feedback we received from the participants was very positive, we decided to use the experience we gained and invite teams from Africa and the Americas to our next tournament.

The Canadian Bridge Federation and John Carruthers, editor of the IBPA bulletin, have joined our team.

Following is some preliminary information:

1. **NAME OF THE TOURNAMENT:** Polish Bridge Union/Canadian Bridge Federation Transatlantic Seniors Championship (PBU/CBF TSC). The competition will be a Memorial to Julian Klukowski.
2. **DATES:** Monday, January 18, 2021 – Sunday, February 7, 2021. So far, we are planning the Sundays of 24 and 31 January to be off days.
3. **TEAMS:** Seniors (born in 1959 and earlier) and national only (the NBO decides). Each NBO may send up to two teams (the USBF, due to the number of active seniors, may send three teams). Teams may comprise any number of players. In case an odd number of teams enters, Poland, as the organizer of the tournament, will have the right to enter a third team or to invite an additional team from another country to participate.
4. **FORMULA:** First stage – Swiss (12 or 13 rounds), then (second stage) 8 or 16 teams will advance to the knockout phase. The others continue in a 3rd Place Swiss. Teams losing in the knockouts automatically drop in to this competition. This way, everyone will compete for the medals until the end of the event.
5. **HOURS:** Every day at 20.00 CET (New York 2 p.m., LA 11 a.m., Buenos Aires 4 p.m., Cape Town 9 p.m.) we shall play one 20-boards match (players can be replaced after ten boards are played). Each playoff match will be played over two days (2x12 boards/day).

6. **PRIZES:** Victor Markowicz – Julian Klukowski's longtime partner – has funded a ***Julian Klukowski Trophy*** for the winners of the *Polish Bridge Union/Canadian Bridge Federation Transatlantic Seniors Championship*, and the Polish Bridge Union will honour the players of the top three teams with commemorative medals.

7. **ENTRY FEES:** € 250 or USD 300 for the entire tournament.

We cordially invite you to participate in our event. The European tournament has proven that a competition of senior teams can take place in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere which, in these difficult times, seems very important. Please send your applications to transatlantic@pzbs.pl by 07 December 2020. The competition website will be launched soon; the link will be sent via separate e-mail. After compiling the full list of participants, we will prepare a detailed competition schedule and will provide it to you around 15 December 2020.

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