

Nordic Bridge Team Championships

26.-29.5.2022

Kuopio – Finland



Together Stronger

I am so pleased to welcome you dear friends to the Nordic Championships in Kuopio. Kuopio is also my home city so I am extra excited about this. I get to show off our beautiful city to all of you. On Friday we will have a special Kuopio-day, showcasing my hometown. I hope you brought your swimwear.

Last years have been very challenging to our sport. This event was postponed from 2021, but now finally we are able to play face to face bridge and I know many of you already have your fingers itching to get those cards in hand.

Last few months have shown, if not clear before, the strength of our Nordic family. Let this week be an example of the friendship we share among our nordic countries and let us feel the companionship that makes us stronger. We could call it the spirit of Kuopio, amongst bridgeplayers. I hope the spirit will show itself at tables and everywhere during the games and beyond.

Our hardworking staff of the event will do their absolute best, so all of you will have a terrific time here in Kuopio.

Hoping all of you great time and may your finesses be successful, may your squeeze-plays be heroic and may your laughter be loud.

Enjoy your stay and enjoy each other's company. Enjoy the games.

Together, stronger.

Janne Seppälä

Chairman of The Bridge League of Finland



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--> Hulda and Nina

If you have nice pictures, a story or just don't know what to do, contact this email. Also if you have some announcement or info you want to share - bulletin and website stuff, also social media.

In case of emergency you may call Hulda: +358408476196

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--> Kati Sandström

If you have something just for Chief TD.

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--> All TD's at the NC

If you have something TD-related

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--> Pekka Viitasalo

If you have something to appeals committee

NBU representatives!

We'll meet at the Eino Leino Cabinet (one door before NC-playing room).

Friday At 10:00

Hulda & Finn

Website:

NC-website:
<http://bridgefinland.com/Nordics2022/index.php?start&lang=2>

Reminder!

Keep your name badges with, and on you all the time.

You might not get food if you don't.

All SAUNA goers!

Remember to pack your towels and swimsuits with you on Friday!

...and remember to take them with you from Saana as well

... and to unpack them when getting back to hotel, otherwise the smell... you know.

Take it easy and enjoy!

Please check the corona info on NC website!



Our staff at the venue



Organizing Team:

Hulda Nyberg

Executive producer

Nina Bagge

Assistant producer

Riikka Pyhälä

NC Assistant

Milena Laitala

NC Assistans



Hulda Nyberg



Nina Bagge

BBO :

Maria Mylläri

Team leader

Operators:

Janita Pirhonen

Pauli Kemppainen *Maria Mylläri*

Juuso Söderlin

Eppu Seppälä

Otto-Wille Nieminen

Valtteri Tuikka



Maria Mylläri



Riikka Pyhälä



Milena Laitala



...and the team that you should obey



Kati Sandström



Ryszard Sliwinski



Timo Sairanen



Pekka Viitasalo



Liisa Jalkanen

Tournament directors:

Kati Snadström (FI)

Chief TD

Ryszard Sliwinski (SWE)

TD

Timo Sairanen (FI)

Assistant TD

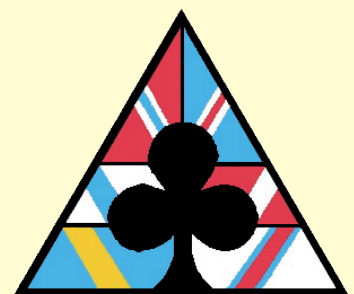
Liisa Jalkanen (FI)

Side events TD

Appeals Committee:

Pekka Viitasalo (FI)

Chairperson





Thursday 26th of May

The playing schedule will be as follows:

Open 19:05 - 21:25 Round 1

Women 19:05 - 21:25 Round 1

Round: 1		
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1	DENMARK	NORWAY
2	FINLAND	FAROE ISLANDS
3	ICELAND	SWEDEN

Round: 1		
Tbl		
4	DENMARK	NORWAY
5	FINLAND	FINLAND Unofficial
6	ICELAND	SWEDEN

21:35 - 23:55 Round 2

21:35 - 23:55 Round 2

Round: 2		
Tbl		
1	FAROE ISLANDS	DENMARK
2	NORWAY	SWEDEN
3	FINLAND	ICELAND

Round: 2		
Tbl		
4	FINLAND Unofficial	DENMARK
5	NORWAY	SWEDEN
6	FINLAND	ICELAND

Thursday 26th of May - Other activities schedule:

15:00-18:00	Registration and Check-in	<i>Reception</i>
17:45-18:45	Dinner	<i>Hotel restaurant</i>
18:45-19:00	Captains meeting	<i>Puikkarin sali</i>
19:00-19:05	Opening Speech	<i>Puikkarin sali</i>
19:05-21:25	Round 1	<i>Puikkarin sali</i>
21:25-21:35	Coffee	<i>Lobby</i>
21:35-23:55	Round 2	<i>Puikkarin sali</i>



Schedule

Friday 27th of May

The playing schedule will be as follows:

Open 09:30 - 11:50 Round 3

Women 09:30 - 11:50 Round 3

Round: 3

Tbl

1	DENMARK	SWEDEN
2	FAROE ISLANDS	ICELAND
3	NORWAY	FINLAND

Round: 3

Tbl

4	DENMARK	SWEDEN
5	FINLAND Unofficial	ICELAND
6	NORWAY	FINLAND

12:40 - 15:00 Round 4

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Round: 4

Tbl

1	ICELAND	DENMARK
2	SWEDEN	FINLAND
3	FAROE ISLANDS	NORWAY

Round: 4

Tbl

4	ICELAND	DENMARK
5	SWEDEN	FINLAND
6	FINLAND Unofficial	NORWAY

Friday 27th of May - Other activities schedule:

6:30-9:30	Breakfast	<i>Hotel restaurant</i>
11:50-12:40	Lunch	<i>Hotel restaurant</i>
15:15	Bus to <i>Puijo</i> , scenery and skijump experince	
16:15	Bus to <i>M/S Queen</i> and some bubbly on board	
17:45	Dinner at <i>Saana</i> (informal)	
19:00-21:00	Spa & Sauna or relaxing otherwise	
21:00	Bus1 back to hotel	<i>Saana</i>
22:00	Bus2 back to hotel	<i>Saana</i>

Message from the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee

It's nice to see old friends again and make new friends here in Kuopio. I would like to meet you all, but not in front of me in an AC meeting.

I have inspected all the supplied convention cards. However, I have not done an inspection similar to what P.O. Sundelin has done for Europeans convention cards.

Some of the cards were at the level "needs improvement" and I have requested updates for the cards. Some of the cards are lacking some basic information but competent bridge players, like you all are, will manage with those.

However, I would like to point out the following to avoid meeting you in the formal setting:

- * if you have specified count in the card without telling which way you show count, please inform your opponents before the match which way you show count
- * if you haven't specified overcall style in the card, please inform your opponents before the match what your overcall style is and how you respond to the overcalls
- * if you inspect your opponents' card before the match (or during the match) and discover something is lacking, please ask your opponent

I'm expecting full disclosure but I'm also expecting players to protect themselves in situations where they find that information on the convention card is insufficient.

Please, note that this tournament is played in the Nordic spirit of fair game and I'm hoping that, like in many of the previous Nordic Championships, my services in the AC are not required.

Pekka Viitasalo

Chairperson of the Appeals Committee





The jewels of **KUOPIO**

On Friday afternoon we are going to have a little break from playing and sitting in meeting rooms.

It has been too long since we last saw each other, so we need some time to socialize (yes, we Finnish are very social, when we want to be)!

We'll meet in front of the hotel about 10 past three and take a bus to Puijo Tower. There it's possible to go up and enjoy the scenery (there is a lift, for those who don't want to climb the stairs). Some queuing is expected, so you can try virtual ski jumping while waiting.

We'll continue by bus to the harbor and take a short ferry ride to Saana. We hope to have some "free time" before our casual dinner, which starts about 17:45.

As I was saying to my Nordic colleagues earlier, you'll need to test the Finnish sauna. I know some Swedes think they have saunas, but no, they have "bastus", which is not the same thing. We actually heat ours (!) and now you get to test it. There is a traditional smoke sauna aka. savusauna as well, try it! You'll find it in the outdoor area of the spa alongside two heated pools.

All saunas are mixed-gender saunas which means it's obligatory to wear a swimsuit outside changing rooms. Consuming alcohol in the spa is allowed only in the lounge and terrace areas. Taking drinks to showers, saunas or pools is strictly forbidden. Bringing own drinks or food to any areas in Saana is also forbidden. The whole spa is reserved for us between 19:00 and 21:00. If you have decided not to take part in spa and sauna, you are welcome to hang out and relax in the restaurant.

We'll pay for the entertainment and food, but all drinks are on you (except for the bubbly on board). We have arranged two busses back to the hotel, first one leaving at 21:00 and second one at 22:00. Saana is not far, so if you would want to leave earlier, it's about four kilometers away from the hotel.



Hulda Nyberg

