



## Baltic Open Tournament - GC Croquet September 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, LATVIA

The Tournament is organised by the Latvian Croquet Federation ([www.latvijaskroquets.lv](http://www.latvijaskroquets.lv)), it takes place on the 2 lawns at the RATNIEKI country hotel ([www.ratnieki.lv](http://www.ratnieki.lv)) near the town Sigulda. Baltic Open is part of the European Masters in 2017. More information on European Masters, including the calendar of events at <http://johnswabey.wix.com/european-masters>. The first player from each participating country in the European Masters to apply before July 1<sup>st</sup> has a priority access to the Baltic Open tournament.

- ⤴ Participation limited to a maximum of 16 players
- ⤴ 4 blocks of four, followed by a knock-out stage and Plate
- ⤴ Double banking, apart from semi-finals and finals
- ⤴ Dawson 2000 International balls
- ⤴ Tournament Manager – Roberts Stafeckis
- ⤴ Tournament Referee – Viktors Harlinskis (Southwick Croquet Academy certificate)
- ⤴ Entries and inquiries – [latvijaskroquets@gmail.com](mailto:latvijaskroquets@gmail.com) or +371 26492211 (Roberts Stafeckis)
- ⤴ Deadline for entries – August 1<sup>st</sup>
- ⤴ Accommodation – RATNIEKI country hotel (2-plus stars) next to the lawns. Other higher class hotels available within 10 km distance.

### Fees and prices per player:

- ⤴ **Entry fee - 30 EUR**
- ⤴ **Optional Package 1 - 125 EUR\*** (includes entry fee, 2 nights at the RATNIEKI hotel, all meals and soft drinks from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon)
- ⤴ **Optional Package 2 - 195 EUR\*** (includes Package 1 plus a private transfer from Riga Airport to Ratnieki (75 km) and back to the Airport)
- ⤴ \* - third party prices are tentative - to be confirmed in June.

### Programme of the tournament:

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

- ⤴ Arrival of the players
- ⤴ Lawns available for practice
- ⤴ Informal welcome cocktail and dinner
- ⤴ Optional night croquet under floodlights

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

- ⤴ Opening ceremony
- ⤴ Block play
- ⤴ Official tournament dinner
- ⤴ Optional night croquet under floodlights

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

- ⤴ Knock-out and Plate
- ⤴ Winners award ceremony
- ⤴ Informal farewell cocktail
- ⤴ Departure

Average daytime temperature in the first half of September is around 17-18 degrees, there is a high probability of sunshine. RATNIEKI is situated 75 km from the Riga International Airport, within the National Park of the valley of river Gauja. Nearby Sigulda town ([www.sigulda.lv](http://www.sigulda.lv)) is one of the top tourist attractions, famous for its beautiful scenery and old castles.

Participants are welcome to spend additional days in Riga or elsewhere in Latvia before or after the tournament weekend. We will be happy to provide assistance. Travel info [www.latvia.travel/en](http://www.latvia.travel/en)

The story about croquet in Latvia from a Croquetworld edition:  
<http://croquetworld.com/News/latvia.asp>



Coaching session with Stephen Mulliner at RATNIEKI in September 2011



One of the buildings on the RATNIEKI hotel grounds



Overview of the route to RATNIEKI from Riga city/airport (75 km)