

Baltic Open Tournament - Golf Croquet

September 6th/7th 2014, LATVIA

The Tournament is organised by the Latvian Croquet Federation (www.latvijaskrokets.lv), it takes place on the 2 lawns at the RATNIEKI country hotel (www.ratnieki.lv)

- ⤴ 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
- ⤴ Sunshiny CQ-16 balls
- ⤴ Tournament Manager – Roberts Stafeckis
- ⤴ Tournament Referee – Viktors Harlinskis (Southwick Croquet Academy certificate)
- ⤴ Entries and inquiries – latvijaskrokets@gmail.com or +371 26492211 (Roberts Stafeckis)
- ⤴ Deadline for entries – August 15th
- ⤴ Accommodation – RATNIEKI country hotel (2-plus stars) next to the lawns. Other higher class hotels available within 10 km distance. For the more sportive players – camping grounds next to the lawns.

Fees and prices per person:

- ⤴ **Entry fee - 30 EUR**
- ⤴ **Optional Package 1 - 115 EUR** (includes entry fee, 2 nights at the RATNIEKI hotel, all meals and soft drinks from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon)
- ⤴ **Optional Package 2 - 185 EUR** (includes Package 1 plus a private transfer from Riga Airport to Ratnieki (75 km) and back to the Airport)

Programme of the tournament:

Friday, September 5th

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

Saturday, September 6th

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

Sunday, September 7th

- ⤴ 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) 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

The story about croquet in Latvia from the recent Croquetworld edition:

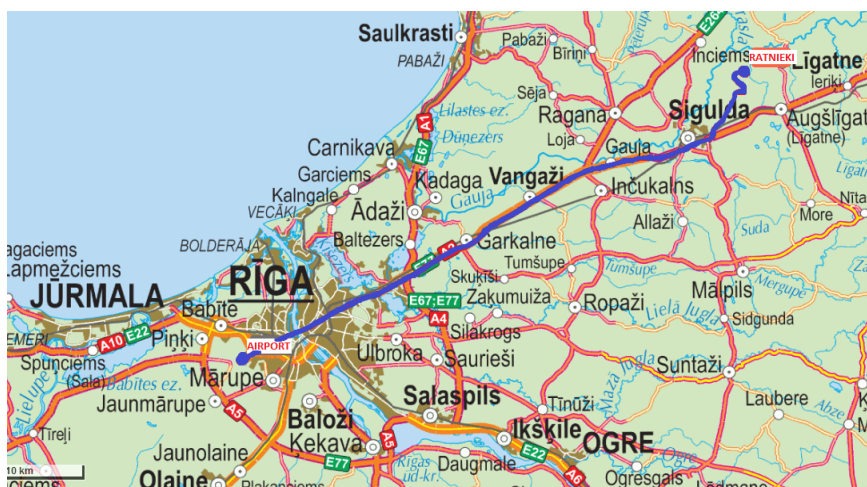
<http://croquetworld.com/News/latvia.asp>



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)