

# WTHA NEWS 1/2021

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# 2020 SEASON

In 2020 pandemic changed our lives and our plans. Hopefully you all are health and safe and ready to play when it could be possible again. Anyhow, in May 2020 WTHA had to postponed its main event - World Championship (Brni-Modrice, Czech republic). Later it was planned to be played in October as a World Cup, finally cancelled. Also traditional annual tournament Russia Open was cancelled for the first time, billiard-hockey European Masters Cup and WTHA Cup were not played and some smaller tournaments were cancelled as well. For the first time there were no billiard-hockey tournament of higher category (Master) played during the season! Thanks to activity of Basque and Russian organisers some smaller tournaments (Challenger) were played. So it was not not necessary to cancel the whole WTHA Tour.

## WTHA TOUR 2020 – BILLIARD-HOCKEY – WINNERS

Men – Egoitz CAMPO, Basque Country

Women – Lisandra CRUZ, Basque Country

Juniors – Darlyn MENDOZA, Basque Country

Full results of 2020 are available on <http://www.billiard-hockey.com/documents/>.

As the World Championship/Cup was cancelled, the general meeting of WTHA was cancelled as well. In accordance with the Czech laws (lex covid), the term of the president is automatically prolonged until it would be possible to organise general meeting. The main task nowadays is the continuity of functioning of the association.



# 2021 SEASON

Possibilities of 2021 season are still very limited because of pandemic. Big events are not planned now. In some countries it is possible to play, to organise small tournaments for limited number of participants. Due to contemporary conditions WTHA president temporarily changed (simplified) conditions of organising tournaments and reduced the fee. If it is possible in your country, you are still invited to organise the tournaments.

You may register your tournament via google form

BILLIARD-HOCKEY - <https://forms.gle/ArtdW8wMWEWCW3MhE8>

OTHER TABLE HOCKEY GAMES - <https://forms.gle/h1Lt4m86o2ApwRFt6>

The conditions are described in the form.

As soon as it would be possible, the general meeting would be summoned. The main points of the meeting would be to elect of the president/implementation group and to discuss the ways of WTHA activity in new conditions.



# BILLIARD-HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS IN BASQUE COUNTRY



## BILLIARD-HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS IN BASQUE COUNTRY

Despite the pandemic, Basque Table Hockey Association found the way how to organise small billiard-hockey tournaments. Basque tournaments are organised as outdoor events, it is big advantage nowadays. Thanks to their activity, Basque players won WTHA Tour 2020 in all three clasified categories. And they are still active at the beginning of 2021 season. Well done.

### Winners of tournaments:

Winter Tournament (Bilbao) – January 26, 2020 – Javier TAMAYO (BAS)  
Larrabetzu Tournament (Larrabetzu) – March 15, 2020 – Darlyan MENDOZA (BAS)  
June Tournament (Bilbao) – June 10, 2020 – Adrian SANZ (BAS)  
Summer Tournament (Bilbao) – June 28, 2020 – Fabio GRANDE (ITA)  
Ortuella Tournament (Ortuella) – August 11, 2020 – Egoitz CAMPO (BAS)  
2nd Basque Open (Zamudio) - November 14, 2020 – Nicolas PINO (ARG)  
2nd Leioa Tournament (Leioa) – January 24, 2021 – Adrian SAENZ (BAS)



# TABLE HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS IN SANKT PETERSBURG



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The main tournament in Sankt Petersburg – annual Russia Open – planned for May 2020 had to be cancelled. Two smaller tournaments were organised in the autumn.

Billiard-hockey – Kubok Severo-Zapada/Otkrytiye sezona – September 1, 2020 – 1. Aleksey Garanzha (RUS), 2. Eneko Garcia (BAS), 3. Irina Belavina (RUS)

Air-hockey – Chempionat Severo-Zapada – November 28, 2020 – 1. Ruslan Pasechnik (RUS), 2. Nadezhda Pasechnik (RUS), 3. Daniil Titov (RUS)



# Jiri Ventruba, M.D., the first president of WTHA, died



Jiri Ventruba died on Tuesday March 9, 2021 at the age of 71.

Ventruba was the co-founder of Table Hockey League Brno in 1960, co-founder of Czech Table Hockey Players Union in 1991 and of World Table Hockey Association the year later. He served as the first president of the WTHA in 1992 - 2000. He was the active player of billiard-hockey since 1960 to 1999. In 1992 and 1993 he won individuals billiard-hockey European championship, several times was member of the winning team at European championship. He became Czech national champion four times. In 2020 he helped to prepare table hockey World Championship in Modrice (event cancelled because of pandemic).

In youth he was excellent athlete, sprinter, member of Czechoslovakian junior national team.

In his professional life, he was doctor, home and abroad reputable neurosurgeon. When retired he became member of the council of the city of Modrice. Since 2017 until his death he served as member of the Chamber of Deputies of Czech Parliament.

We honour his memory



## NEW VENUES – NOVÁ MÍSTA KONÁNÍ SOUTĚŽÍ

WTHA is looking for new venues of WTHA events. Do you want to organise WTHA competitions?

Connect us to manage the conditions – [mailto: wtha@billiardhockey.cz](mailto:wtha@billiardhockey.cz)

**WTHA hledá nová místa konání svých soutěží.**

Uvažujete o pořádání turnaje WTHA? Podmínky je možné domluvit na [wtha@billiardhockey.cz](mailto:wtha@billiardhockey.cz) .

## INTERNET SITES – INTERNETOVÉ STRÁNKY

<http://www.billiardhockey.com>

official website of World Table Hockey Association / oficiální stránky World Table Hockey Association (English)

<http://www.billiard-hockey.cz/>

official website of Czech billiard-hockey / oficiální stránky českého šprtce (Česky)

<http://czechopen.billiardhockey.cz>

official website of Czech billiard-hockey / oficiální stránky českého šprtce (Česky)

<http://www.magnopus.ru/>

official website of Russian table hockey / oficiální stránky ruského stolního hokeje (по-русски)

<http://www.airhockey.cz>

official website of Czech air-hockey / oficiální stránky českého air-hockeye (Česky)

<http://www.tahlovyhokej.cz>

official website of Czech rod-hockey / oficiální stránky českého táhlového hokeje (Česky)

<http://www.smsnsk.cz>

official website of Sdruzeni mladeze SH ČR / Czech junior table hockey competitions  
oficiální stránky Sdružení mládeže SH ČR - český žákovský a juniorský stolní hokej (Česky)

<http://www.multitable2008.com>

official website of World championship 2008 / oficiální stránky mistrovství světa 2008 (English)

<http://www.multitable2016.com>

official website of World championship 2016 / oficiální stránky mistrovství světa 2016 (English)

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