

BGFed.be npo - General Assembly

Friday, 06-December-2019

Tennis Club le Roseau, rue du Roseau 60, 1180 Uccle

Present: Alain Chif, Kristoffer De Weert, Luc Palmans, Johan Segers, Geert Van der Stricht, Guy Van Middeltem.

Excused: Johan Huyck, Paulus van Rooijen, Maurits Pino, Henri Pollet.

The meeting starts at 18:20.

Welcome drink & word by the president

By Guy Van Middeltem, president.

Our aim is to ensure that all BGFed.be members can enjoy playing backgammon, at their own level, in the tournament format they prefer. Backgammon is for everybody. From top players to beginners.

Financial report

By Alain Chif, treasurer.

Balance 2019

Balance of the npo's Belfius bank account:

- 30-Nov-2018: €2258.69
- 31-Dec-2018: €1831.65
- 30-Nov-2019: €2372.55

As agreed at the GA of December 2018, some bylaws have been modified, as well as the npo's official address. This required a publication in the *Moniteur Belge*, which induced some costs.

Small decrease in number of members:

- 2018: 70 members
- 2019: 65 members

Discussion about the reasons for this decline: Lack of visibility? No clubs or tournaments in the French speaking part of Belgium?

There is a financial provision of €330 for four trophies to be paid for in December 2019 and January 2020: BMS tournament (Ghent), BIC trophy, Rapid and Blitz tournaments (Vlissingen).

Details: see Appendix.

Budget 2020

Fees remain the same:

- Individual membership: €10.
- BIC 2019: €10 per player.
- 4 Cubes 2019: €25 per team.

Membership fee for EU/W-BGF: €150.

The counts and the budget are approved.

4 Cubes Interclub competition

By Luc Palmans, president of the 4 Cubes committee.

Report 2019

Six teams participated, with three players for each team per round. Details are to be found in the tournament book (in appendix). Ghent won the title and the PR competition -- congratulations!

The new calendar, with five rounds concentrated on three days (round 1, rounds 2--3, rounds 4--5), with rounds 2--3 and 4--5 played on the same day and the same venue, was appreciated by the team captains, as it simplified planning.

Two remarks:

- Another option is to do the derbies (Brussels 1 vs Brussels 2, Leuven 1 vs Leuven 2, Brugge vs Ghent) between the two game days, rather than at the beginning.
- Better to fix the dates of the game days at the start of the competition.

Project 2020

Expected: five teams, five rounds. Per round, one team is bye. The proposal is to keep the same format and calendar. The first game day would be in April, for instance in Ghent, the second one in October, for instance in October.

The PR competition is to be maintained if there is sufficient interest.

The proposal is adopted.

Johan Segers resigns from the 4 Cubes committee. Geert Van der Stricht joins the committee instead.

Belgian Individual Championship (BIC)

By Kristoffer De Weert, director of BIC (with Alain Chif, Maurits Pino and Guy Van Middelem)

Report 2019

In total, 23 players (plus one player who forfeited early in the competition) divided over 2 divisions and 3 groups have participated. Details are to be found in the appendix.

The final between Michel Lamote and Paul van Dijke will take place on December 17 and 20, 2019, at 19:00, in Koninklijke Academie Union Sandeman, Ghent. Videos of the matches with computer analysis will be produced and uploaded on YouTube by Robin Bilderbeek -- thanks!

There is a discussion about players leaving the competition prematurely. The BIC committee has sent multiple reminders to urge players to respect the schedule.

Project 2020

The same format (group stage and play-offs) and rules as in 2019 will be maintained, with promotions and demotions proceeding according the BIC rules, as in 2019. There will be two divisions, with 8 players in D1, and one or two groups in D2, depending on the number of players.

The proposal is adopted.

Red Beavers

By Johan Huyck (team captain), represented by Geert Van der Stricht.

Report European/World Championships in Montenegro 2019

Belgium won its group and reached the quarter finals, ending 7th. Nearly all matches were transcribed and analysed.

Project for France 2020

Hopefully a strong team can be sent. To be confirmed in the next few days.

Belgium Master Series (BMS)

By Geert Van der Stricht, president of the BMS committee (with Johan Huyck and Paulus van Rooijen).

Detailed report and proposal: see Appendix.

Report 2019

- The 3rd BMS Xmas tournament on 28-Dec-2018 was a success.
- The 4 Cubes competition was partially integrated in the BMS Grading Table.
- A majority of BIC 2019 D1 matches were transcribed and processed as well.
- Many BMS master series are completed and ongoing.
- The grading table is updated a few times per month.

All data are processed and published on the website by Johan Huyck. Matches are archived by Luc Palmans, which is around 500 matches per year, i.e., 30% of the matches in the rating list. Thank you to both!

Project 2020

- 4th BMS Xmas tournament, **Saturday 28-Dec-2019**, Ghent: success expected. Around 14 players.
- To continue as in 2019.
- 5th BMS Xmas tournament, end of December 2020, date to be confirmed.

Rating

By Johan Segers, president of the rating committee.

Report 2019

The rating list is the heart beat of the federation. This is the yearly evolution of the number of matches processed in the list (experience points = sum of match lengths):

- 2015: 1972 matches (EP: 13064)
- 2016: 1824 matches (EP: 12798)
- 2017: 1984 matches (EP: 13752)
- 2018: 1737 matches (EP: 12341)
- 2019: 1352 matches (EP: 10416) up to 01-Dec-2019

After the peak year 2017, there seems to be a decline in 2018 and 2019.

Thank you to all tournament organisers and club directors for inputting all the results. Each weekend, the results are pushed and published on-line on the [Rating list](#). Thank you to Johan Segers for maintaining the list.

Project 2020

The system runs smoothly, no changes are foreseen.

EUBGF/WBGF

By Guy Van Middeltem.

We will pay the membership fee, even if we would not participate at the European/World championship. However, it is not entirely clear what we get in return.

There is a discussion on the EU/W-BGF rating list: it is based on the prize money, which does not favour Belgian tournaments.

The meeting ends at 19:30.

Appendices

- 2019 Accounts - 12 months ending November 30
- BIC 2019 results
- 4 Cubes 2019 tournament book
- BMS and Red Beavers: report 2019 and outlook 2020

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2019 Accounts - 12 months ending November 30

		<u>Euros</u>
Balance Belfius 30/11/2018		2.258,69
Moniteur Belge - Articles of Inc.	129.35	
Cost General Meeting Dec 2018	70.00	
Trophies	<u>227.69</u>	<u>(427,04)</u>
Balance Belfius 31/12/2018		1.831,65
Add : Revenues		
Memberships 65 x 10	650,00	
4 Cubes 6 x 25	150,00	
Bic 23 x 10	<u>230,00</u>	1.030,00
Less : Expenditures		
Affiliation EUBGF	150,00	
4 Cubes (Orée + Sandeman)	254,00	
Bank charges	35,10	
Finance Ministry - Biztax	<u>50,00</u>	<u>(489,10)</u>
Balance Belfius 30/11/2019		2.372,55
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Belgian Individual Championship 2019

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Division 1	Sets			Encounters		
	Played	Won	Lost	Won	Draw	Lost
1 Lamote Michel	12	9	3	3	3	0
2 Segers Johan	12	8	4	2	4	0
3 Van Dijke Paul	12	7	5	3	1	2
4 Van Middelem Guy	12	6	6	2	2	2
5 De Weert Kristoffer	12	5	7	1	3	2
6 Huyck Johan	12	4	8	0	4	2
7 Van Rooijen Paulus	12	3	9	1	1	4
8 Baptista Manuel	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2A	Sets			Encounters		
	Played	Won	Lost	Won	Draw	Lost
1 Van Herreweghen Toon	12	8	4	2	4	0
2 Pino Maurits	12	8	4	2	4	0
3 Palmans Luc	12	7	5	2	3	1
4 Pollet Henri	12	7	5	1	5	0
5 Pacini Lorenzo	12	6	6	1	4	1
6 Brisaert Johan	12	5	7	0	5	1
7 Custers Sonja	12	1	11	0	1	5

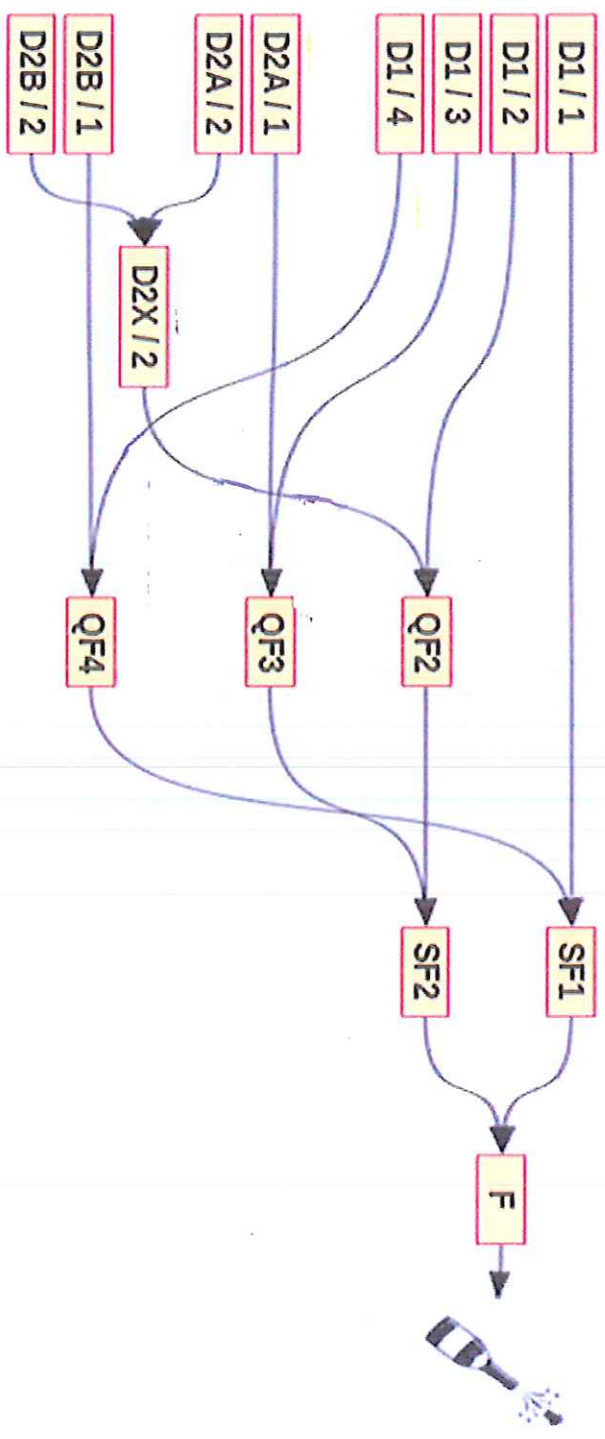
Division 2B	Sets			Encounters		
	Played	Won	Lost	Won	Draw	Lost
1 Hoeylaerts Steven	14	10	4	3	4	0
2 Yalçin Mahir	14	10	4	3	4	0
3 Pourmousavi Jalal	14	9	5	3	3	1
4 Chif Alain	14	9	5	3	3	1
5 Vandamme Line	14	7	7	3	1	3
6 Shalam Philip	14	6	8	1	4	2
7 Swyngedouw Johan	14	4	10	1	2	5
8 Martijn Alf	14	1	13	0	1	6

Div 1 2020

Belgian Individual Championship 2019

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	Division 2A tie-break								
	<i>Best of 3 to decide who finishes 1st and 2nd</i>		<i>when</i>	<i>where</i>	<i>result</i>				
D2A	Pino Maurits	Van Herreweghen Toon	31/08	Brussels	1	2			
	Division 2B tie-break								
	<i>Best of 3 to decide who finishes 1st and 2nd</i>		<i>when</i>	<i>where</i>	<i>result</i>				
D2B	Hoeylaerts Steven	Yalçin Mahir	15/9	Ghent	2	0			
	Division 2A&2B runner-up tiebreak								
	<i>Best of 3 to decide who of the two runners-up in D2A and D2B plays quarter final and promotes to D1</i>								
D22	Pino Maurits	Yalçin Mahir	13/10	Brussels	2	0			
	Quarter finals								
	<i>Best of 3</i>		<i>when</i>	<i>where</i>	<i>result</i>				
QF1	Lamote Michel	bye							
QF2	Segers Johan	Pino Maurits	20/10	Leuven	0	2			
QF3	Van Dijke Paul	Van Herreweghen Toon	28/9	Ghent	2	1			
QF4	Van Middeltem Guy	Hoeylaerts Steven	22/9	Ghent	0	2			
	Semi-finals								
	<i>Best of 3</i>		<i>when</i>	<i>where</i>	<i>result</i>				
SF1	Lamote Michel	Hoeylaerts Steven	13/11	Bruges	2	1			
SF2	Pino Maurits	Van Dijke Paul	24/11	Brussels	0	2			
	Final								
	<i>Best of 3 (1st set will be played the 17/12 at the Sandeman Ghent at 19h)</i>		<i>when</i>	<i>where</i>	<i>result</i>				
F	Lamote Michel	Van Dijke Paul	20/12	Sandeman Ghent at 19h					



4 Cubes 2019

Tournament book

Final version: 11 November 2019

Day 1 (1 January-31 March 2019)

		BRUSSELS 2		BRUSSELS 1	6-3
Round 1		Metin Ates		Kristoffer De Weert	1-0
1-2		Riza Yalcin		Zsolt Tasnadi	0-1
		Mahir Yalcin		Alain Chif	0-1
Round 2		Riza Yalcin		Kristoffer De Weert	1-0
3-0		Mahir Yalcin		Zsolt Tasnadi	1-0
		Metin Ates		Maurits Pino	1-0
Round 3		Mahir Yalcin		Kristoffer De Weert	1-0
2-1		Riza Yalcin		Maurits Pino	0-1
		Metin Ates		Alain Chif	1-0

Friday, March 15th, 2019 at 20h00. Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe.

		BRUGGE		GENT	2-7
Round 1	4,75	Paul van Dijke	5,11	Geert Van der Stricht	0-1
1-2	5,73	Michel Lamote	2,70	Marc Van Damme	1-0
	6,07	Guy Van Middelem	5,64	Johan Huyck	0-1
Round 2	4,81	Michel Lamote	4,90	Geert Van der Stricht	0-1
1-2	8,04	Guy Van Middelem	4,07	Marc Van Damme	1-0
	5,17	Paul van Dijke	4,23	Johan Huyck	0-1
Round 3	6,69	Guy Van Middelem	3,17	Geert Van der Stricht	0-1
0-3	4,78	Paul van Dijke	6,38	Marc Van Damme	0-1
	5,72	Michel Lamote	4,79	Johan Huyck	0-1

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 20h00. Koninklijke Academie Union-Sandeman, Kantienberg 5, 9000 Gent.

		LEUVEN 1		LEUVEN CUBERS 2	5-4
Round 1		Rudy Bertels	5,41	Johan Segers	1-0
3-0		Odette Vanhorenbeek	6,65	Ronny Conaert	1-0
		Henri Pollet	12,57	Sassan Kachanian	1-0
Round 2		Odette Vanhorenbeek	4,43	Luc Palmans	0-1
1-2		Henri Pollet	5,77	Ronny Conaert	0-1
		Rudy Bertels	15,82	Sassan Kachanian	1-0
Round 3		Henri Pollet	5,47	Johan Segers	1-0
1-2		Rudy Bertels	6,37	Ronny Conaert	0-1
		Odette Vanhorenbeek	10,74	Sassan Kachanian	0-1

Friday, February 8th, 2019 at 20h00. Sport & Squash Club De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Wilsele.

Day 2 (19 May 2019)

		LEUVEN CUBERS 2		BRUSSELS 2	6-3
Round 1	4,19	Johan Segers		Riza Yalcin	1-0
2-1	4,43	Toon Van Herreweghen		Metin Ates	1-0
	6,27	Luc Palmans		Mahir Yalcin	0-1
Round 2	8,07	Toon Van Herreweghen		Riza Yalcin	1-0
2-1	6,31	Luc Palmans		Metin Ates	0-1
	3,03	Johan Segers		Johan Brisaert	1-0
Round 3	13,40	Luc Palmans		Riza Yalcin	0-1
2-1	5,09	Johan Segers		Mahir Yalcin	1-0
	2,40	Toon Van Herreweghen		Johan Brisaert	1-0

Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 10h00. Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe.

		GENT		LEUVEN 1	6-3
Round 1	5,50	Marc Van Damme		Sonja Custers	0-1
2-1	4,18	Johan Huyck		Odette Vanhorenbeek	1-0
	3,45	Geert Van der Stricht		Henri Pollet	1-0
Round 2	5,49	Marc Van Damme		Henri Pollet	1-0
2-1	4,39	Johan Huyck		Sonja Custers	1-0
	4,82	Geert Van der Stricht		Odette Vanhorenbeek	0-1
Round 3	3,87	Marc Van Damme		Odette Vanhorenbeek	0-1
2-1	7,80	Johan Huyck		Henri Pollet	1-0
	2,70	Geert Van der Stricht		Sonja Custers	1-0

Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 10h00. Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe.

		BRUSSELS 1		BRUGGE	6-3
Round 1		Kristoffer De Weert	13,60	Michel Lamote	1-0
2-1		Alain Chif	4,99	Guy Van Middelem	1-0
		Zsolt Tasnadi	5,60	Paulus van Rooijen	0-1
Round 2		Alain Chif	5,34	Michel Lamote	1-0
2-1		Zsolt Tasnadi	9,69	Guy Van Middelem	0-1
		Kristoffer De Weert	3,95	Paulus van Rooijen	1-0
Round 3		Zsolt Tasnadi	4,72	Michel Lamote	0-1
2-1		Kristoffer De Weert	9,87	Guy Van Middelem	1-0
		Alain Chif	4,75	Paulus van Rooijen	1-0

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Day 3 (19 May 2019)

		BRUGGE		BRUSSELS 2	5-4
Round 1	9,28	Michel Lamote		Metin Ates	1-0
3-0	4,96	Guy Van Middelem		Riza Yalcin	1-0
	6,18	Paulus van Rooijen		Mahir Yalcin	1-0
Round 2	5,51	Guy Van Middelem		Metin Ates	0-1
1-2	15,09	Paulus van Rooijen		Riza Yalcin	0-1
	7,23	Michel Lamote		Johan Brisaert	1-0
Round 3	5,85	Paulus van Rooijen		Metin Ates	0-1
1-2	10,21	Michel Lamote		Mahir Yalcin	0-1
	6,19	Guy Van Middelem		Johan Brisaert	1-0

Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 10h00. Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe.

		LEUVEN 1		BRUSSELS 1	5-4
Round 1		Sonja Custers		Kristoffer De Weert	1-0
3-0		Henri Pollet		Alain Chif	1-0
		Odette Vanhorenbeek		Zsolt Tasnadi	1-0
Round 2		Henri Pollet		Kristoffer De Weert	1-0
2-1		Odette Vanhorenbeek		Alain Chif	0-1
		Sonja Custers		Maurits Pino	1-0
Round 3		Odette Vanhorenbeek		Kristoffer De Weert	0-1
0-3		Sonja Custers		Alain Chif	0-1
		Henri Pollet		Zsolt Tasnadi	0-1

Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 10h00. Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe.

		LEUVEN CUBERS 2		GENT	4-5
Round 1	3,52	Johan Segers	4,77	Marc Van Damme	0-1
1-2	8,36	Toon Van Herreweghen	4,64	Johan Huyck	1-0
	6,57	Luc Palmans	2,67	Geert Van der Stricht	0-1
Round 2	4,85	Johan Segers	2,30	Johan Huyck	0-1
1-2	6,67	Toon Van Herreweghen	6,58	Geert Van der Stricht	0-1
	8,50	Luc Palmans	2,50	Marc Van Damme	1-0
Round 3	5,57	Johan Segers	6,33	Geert Van der Stricht	1-0
2-1	7,57	Toon Van Herreweghen	4,02	Marc Van Damme	0-1
	3,28	Luc Palmans	1,93	Johan Huyck	1-0

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Day 4 (27 October 2019)

		BRUSSELS 2		GENT	0-9
Round 1 0-3		Riza Yalcin	6,93	Geet Van der Stricht	0-1
		Jalal Pourmousavi	3,61	Marc Van Damme	0-1
		Mahir Yalcin	5,62	Robin Bilderbeek	0-1
Round 2 0-3		Jalal Pourmousavi	3,73	Geet Van der Stricht	0-1
		Mahir Yalcin	2,49	Marc Van Damme	0-1
		Riza Yalcin	4,06	Robin Bilderbeek	0-1
Round 3 0-3		Mahir Yalcin	7,16	Geet Van der Stricht	0-1
		Riza Yalcin	2,12	Marc Van Damme	0-1
		Jalal Pourmousavi	8,16	Robin Bilderbeek	0-1

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		BRUSSELS 1		LEUVEN CUBERS 2	3-6
Round 1 2-1		Kristoffer De Weert	6,89	Luc Palmans	1-0
		Marc Steyvers	8,29	Ronny Conaert	0-1
		Alain Chif	8,48	Sassan Kachanian	1-0
Round 2 1-2		Kristoffer De Weert	8,51	Ronny Conaert	0-1
		Marc Steyvers	4,67	Sassan Kachanian	0-1
		Alain Chif	5,50	Luc Palmans	1-0
Round 3 0-3		Kristoffer De Weert	9,30	Sassan Kachanian	0-1
		Marc Steyvers	5,50	Luc Palmans	0-1
		Alain Chif	6,33	Ronny Conaert	0-1

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		BRUGGE		LEUVEN 1	7-2
Round 1 2-1	3,20	Michel Lamote		Sonja Custers	0-1
	5,99	Guy Van Middeltem		Odette Vanhorenbeek	1-0
	7,74	Paul van Dijke		Henri Pollet	1-0
Round 2 3-0	7,39	Michel Lamote		Odette Vanhorenbeek	1-0
	4,40	Guy Van Middeltem		Henri Pollet	1-0
	8,48	Paul van Dijke		Sonja Custers	1-0
Round 3 2-1	3,52	Michel Lamote		Henri Pollet	1-0
	7,59	Guy Van Middeltem		Sonja Custers	0-1
	4,77	Paul van Dijke		Odette Vanhorenbeek	1-0

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Day 5 (27 October 2019)

		BRUSSELS 2		LEUVEN 1	7-2
Round 1		Riza Yalcin		Sonja Custers	1-0
3-0		Jalal Pourmousavi		Odette Vanhorenbeek	1-0
		Mahir Yalcin		Henri Pollet	1-0
Round 2		Riza Yalcin		Odette Vanhorenbeek	1-0
2-1		Jalal Pourmousavi		Henri Pollet	0-1
		Mahir Yalcin		Sonja Custers	1-0
Round 3		Riza Yalcin		Henri Pollet	1-0
2-1		Jalal Pourmousavi		Sonja Custers	1-0
		Mahir Yalcin		Odette Vanhorenbeek	0-1

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		LEUVEN CUBERS 2		BRUGGE	7-2
Round 1	—	Luc Palmans		FF	1-0
3-0	3,11	Ronny Conaert	7,38	Guy Van Middelem	1-0
	10,67	Sassan Kachanian	6,34	Paul van Dijke	1-0
Round 2	7,37	Ronny Conaert	4,83	Michel Lamote	1-0
2-1	10,26	Sassan Kachanian	6,12	Guy Van Middelem	0-1
	4,69	Luc Palmans	5,55	Paul van Dijke	1-0
Round 3	—	Sassan Kachanian	—	Michel Lamote	0-1
2-1	9,00	Luc Palmans	2,63	Guy Van Middelem	1-0
	7,84	Ronny Conaert	6,96	Paul van Dijke	1-0

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		GENT		BRUSSELS 1	5-4
Round 1	4,23	Geert Van der Stricht		Kristoffer De Weert	0-1
1-2	2,99	Marc Van Damme		Marc Steyvers	1-0
	8,51	Nick De Ruyck		Alain Chif	0-1
Round 2	8,61	Geert Van der Stricht		Marc Steyvers	0-1
2-1	—	Marc Van Damme		Alain Chif	1-0
	13,66	Nick De Ruyck		Kristoffer De Weert	1-0
Round 3	4,42	Geert Van der Stricht		Alain Chif	1-0
2-1	4,40	Marc Van Damme		Kristoffer De Weert	0-1
	14,97	Nick De Ruyck		Marc Steyvers	1-0

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Ranking

		G	W	L	+	-	PTS
1	Gent	5	5	0	32	13	5
2	Leuven Cubers 2	5	3	2	27	18	3
3	Brussels 2	5	2	3	20	25	2
4	Brugge	5	2	3	19	26	2
5	Leuven 1	5	2	3	17	28	2
5	Brussels 1	5	1	4	20	25	1

Table

		1	2	3	4	5	6	PTS
1	Gent		5	9	7	6	5	5
2	Leuven Cubers 2	4		6	7	4	6	3
3	Brussels 2	0	3		4	7	6	2
4	Brugge	2	2	5		7	3	2
5	Leuven 1	3	5	2	2		5	2
6	Brussels 1	4	3	3	6	4		1

PR ranking (teams; after round 5)

1	Gent	5,59
2	Brugge	6,34
3	Leuven Cubers 2	7,10

PR ranking (individual; top 3 after round 5; minimum 9 matches)

1	Marc Van Damme	3,93
2	Johan Huyck	4,69
3	Geert Van der Stricht	5,30

Individual ranking

			G	W	L	PR
1	Geert Van der Stricht	Gent	15	11	4	5,30
2	Alain Chif	Brussels I	14	9	5	
3	Marc Van Damme	Gent	15	9	6	3,93
4	Ronny Conaert	Leuven II	9	8	1	6,71
5	Johan Huyck	Gent	9	7	2	4,69
6	Michel Lamote	Brugge	14	7	7	6,29
7	Kristoffer De Weert	Brussels I	15	7	8	
7	Guy Van Middelem	Brugge	15	7	8	6,23
9	Metin Ates	Brussels II	8	6	2	
10	Luc Palmans	Leuven II	12	6	6	6,72
11	Mahir Yalcin	Brussels II	13	6	7	
12	Riza Yalcin	Brussels II	14	6	8	
13	Sonja Custers	Leuven I	12	5	7	
14	Henri Pollet	Leuven I	15	5	10	
15	Odette Vanhorenbeek	Leuven I	15	5	10	
16	Toon Van Herreweghen	Leuven II	6	4	2	6,70
17	Johan Segers	Leuven II	8	4	4	4,66
18	Sassan Kachanian	Leuven II	9	4	5	10,31
19	Robin Bilderbeek	Gent	3	3	0	5,81
20	Paul van Dijke	Brugge	9	3	6	6,15
21	Rudy Bertels	Leuven I	3	2	1	
21	Nick De Ruyck	Gent	3	2	1	12,69
23	Jalal Pourmousavi	Brussels II	6	2	4	
24	Paulus van Rooijen	Brugge	6	2	4	6,89
25	Zsolt Tasnadi	Brussels I	7	2	5	
26	Maurits Pino	Brussels I	3	1	2	
27	Marc Steyvers	Brussels I	6	1	5	
28	Johan Brisaert	Brussels II	4	0	4	

(PR's after round 5)

Teams & Players

BRUSSELS 2

Venue Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe
Day Friday at 20h00
Captain Mahir Yalcin (0485/79.83.89)
mahir_yalcin@hotmail.com
Players

BRUSSELS I

Venue Tennis Club Orée, Verbrandendreef 9, 1150 Sint-Pieters-Woluwe
Day Friday at 20h00
Captain Alain Chif (0479/50.28.30)
alain.chif@skynet.be
Players

LEUVEN I

Venue Sport & Squash Club De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Wilsele
Day Friday at 20h00
Captain Henri Pollet
henri.pollet@belgacom.net
Players

LEUVEN CUBERS II

Venue Sport & Squash Club De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Wilsele
Day Friday at 20h00
Captain Johan Segers (0494/29.44.60)
jjjsegers@gmail.com
Players

BRUGGE

Venue Cultuurcafé de Biekorf, Naaldenstraat 4 at 8000 Brugge
Day Thursday at 20h00
Captain Guy Van Middelem (0476/41.86.88)
guy.van.middeleme@telenet.be
Players

GENT

Venue Koninklijke Academie Union-Sandeman, Kantienberg 5 at 9000 Gent
Day Tuesday at 20h00
Captain Geert Van der Stricht (0474/46.86.37)
geert.vanderstricht@telenet.be
Players

4 Cubes 2019 – Rules

1. Competition format

Every Belgian club, member of BGFed.Be, can compete for the title of ‘BBBC – Belgium’s Best Backgammon Club’ symbolized by the 4 Cubes trophy. The clubs must be affiliated to BGFed.be, the official Belgium Backgammon Federation. The championship has one division, with all registered teams.

The current holders are Leuven, who successfully won the trophy in 2018. Leuven will therefore keep the title till the end of 2019, when they will offer the ‘4 Cubes’ to the winner of the competition, the ‘BBBC 2019’.

2. Organizing Committee

Tournament Director for 2019 is Luc Palmans (012/45.31.06; palmans.luc@skynet.be); Guy Van Middeltem & Johan Segers complete the Referee Committee.

3. Registration

To subscribe a team, registration is needed before the 21st of December 2018 and the following information needs to be provided:

- Name of team or club (the name of the city/town where the team has its clubhouse needs to be part of the name)
- Name of the team captain, e-mail, home phone or cell
- Address of the clubhouse
- (if available) Website

At the moment of registration, it is not necessary to give a list of players.

The entry fee for 2019 is 25, - € per team.

Clubs can register one or more teams.

4. Representation

All players must be member of BGFed.be at the day of play. In a single year, a player can only represent one team¹.

A player must be member of the club he represents. Exception: members of a club that does not participate, are not obliged to transfer to the club they are playing for.

5. Calendar and schedule

The calendar was fixed after the registration of the six participating teams.

The competition will be set up as a single round-robin, i.e. all competing teams will meet once. The competition is scheduled in game days.

In the first game day the local derbies (i.e. Leuven I vs Leuven II, Brussels I vs Brussels II and Gent vs Brugge) will be played before March 31st, 2019. Teams are completely free to arrange their meetings. The team captains need to contact each other to arrange the date, the venue and the starting hour. When there is an agreement, this information must be relayed to the Tournament Director 15 days before the scheduled playing date. The team captains must communicate the results to the Tournament Director as soon as possible after the match is finished.

The second and third game day will be scheduled on one day at a central venue between April 1st and June 30th, 2019. The fourth and fifth game day will be scheduled on one day at a central venue between September 1st and November 30th, 2019. On those two days all teams will be

1. The members of a club who has more teams in the competition can only play for one team.

present and play their two scheduled matches. The first encounter starts at 10h00; the second encounter can immediately start when the first is finished.

The team captains will be informed as soon as possible about the date and the venue of those two days.

6. Conditions of contest

An encounter between 2 teams of 3 players consists of 3 rounds of 3 matches to 7 points. The use of clocks is mandatory: Bronstein, 14 minutes, 12 seconds increment.

Winner is the team who wins more matches than the other. A draw is not possible.

Before the start of the match, each team presents a list with the order of the players. The players of each team are numbered from 1 to 3. This must be done by random draw.

If the home team is "A" and the away team is "B", then the table looks like this:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
A1 vs B1	A1 vs B2	A1 vs B3
A2 vs B2	A2 vs B3	A2 vs B1
A3 vs B3	A3 vs B1	A3 vs B2

A template will be published in the tournament book.

A team can, if they so desire, field more than 3 players in a single encounter. Before the start of the match, the captain must clearly indicate the players who will play in every round². Two players cannot meet twice in the same encounter.

A team must play at least 5 matches. Failure to do so, results in an automatic 9-0 win for the other team. The matches which are played, remain for purpose of individual results and elo-ranking.

7. Results and standings

The team that wins the encounter receives 1 team point, while the losing team receives 0 team points. Every encounter consists of 9 matches to 7 points. Every match yields 1 board point for the team of the player who won the match and 0 board points for the team of the player who lost. At the end of the season, the teams are ranked as follows:

- 1) Number of encounters won (victories);
- 2) Mutual results against other tying teams;
- 3) Number of board points.

Tie-breaking rules.

By 'mutual results' is meant:

a) If two teams have the same number of team points: the winner of their mutual encounter will rank the two teams.

b) If three or more teams have the same number of team points: the teams will be ranked by the total number of team points in their mutual encounters. If the teams are still tied, then they will be ranked by the number of board points in their mutual encounters.

If, after application of these rules, two or more teams are still tied and if this tie involves the 4 Cubes title, play-offs will be organized to determine the final ranking. The rules and regulations of these play-offs will be decided by the Referee Committee.

The team who ends up on top wins the competition and can display the 4 Cubes in their clubhouse for a year.

² Example: "player A4 replaces player A3 in round 3".

8. Sanctions

The penalty for a team that does not play at least 5 out of 9 matches on the scheduled playing date or the alternative date agreed by the team captains is a 0–9 loss by forfeit.

In accordance with the rules of the Belgian Individual Championships, the team who gives a team forfait during the season 2019 will not be allowed to take part in the season 2020. All results of the matches already played by that team will be cancelled³.

9. Final remarks

We hope to lift backgammon in Belgium to another level and look forward to an exciting competition.

We wish you a lot of fun with ‘live’ backgammon in 2019!

For BGFed.be, Luc Palmans

Annex: PR-competitie

1. BGFed organiseert een PR-competitie voor teams tijdens de 4 Cubes 2019. Dit is een neven-competitie die geen invloed heeft op het toernooi zelf, en waar elk team vrij is om aan deel te nemen.

2. De deelnemende teams engageren zich om hun 45 matches te filmen en te transcriberen. De niet-deelnemende teams hebben geen enkele verplichting. Zoals voor elke competitie van BGFed wordt een grote mate van fair play en respect voor de tegenstander verwacht. Niet-deelnemende teams kunnen bijvoorbeeld niet weigeren dat matches gefilmd worden.

3. De gefilmde matches komen in aanmerking voor de verschillende klasseringen, die door BMAB(be) worden georganiseerd, tenzij de twee betrokken spelers niet deelnemen aan de BMAB(be)-activiteiten. Voor de matches zelf gelden de regels van 4 Cubes; voor alles wat betreft het filmen en verwerken van de matches gelden de regels van BMAB(be). De BMAB(be) is verantwoordelijk voor de verwerking van alle gegevens van deze PR-competitie.

4. Elk deelnemend team heeft de verantwoordelijkheid om alle matches te filmen. Ze zorgt voor de nodige opname-apparatuur, bijvoorbeeld ook als één van hun teamleden zelf niet filmt.

5. Van elk team wordt een PR-profiel gemaakt, waarbij alle 45 geanalyseerde matches in aanmerking komen.

6. Indien een team een match niet gefilmd heeft (bijvoorbeeld door een technisch probleem of als er geen camera beschikbaar is), wordt de beste match (volgens PR) van dat team uit zijn PR-profiel verwijderd. Indien twee matches niet gefilmd zijn, dan vervallen de twee beste matches, enz.

7. Er wordt zowel een team- als een individueel klassement opgesteld. Om gerangschikt te worden in het individueel klassement, moeten van de desbetreffende speler minstens 9 matches verwerkt zijn.

8. De PRs van de spelers van de niet-deelnemende teams worden niet openbaar gemaakt. De spelers van de niet-deelnemende teams komen niet in aanmerking voor het individueel klassement.

9. Ongeveer een week na de laatste ronde, als alle matches verwerkt zijn, worden de eindklasseringen opgemaakt en gepubliceerd. Het team met de laagste gemiddelde PR wordt tot winnaar uitgeroepen en ontvangt bij gelegenheid een trofee van BGFed.

³ The individual encounters during those matches remain valid for rating and PR-competitions.

Round 1	A1			B1					
	A2			B2					
	A3			B3					
Round 2	A1			B2					
	A2			B3					
	A3			B1					
Round 3	A1			B3					
	A2			B1					
	A3			B2					

Beste vrienden,

werkjaar 2019 kan samengevat worden als het jaar van de consolidatie. Het behouden van wat goed loopt en voldoende breed gedragen wordt, het gedeeltelijk integreren van de 4-cubes-competitie in het BMS-verhaal en het terugschroeven van de iets te hoog gegrepen initiële ambities.

Chronologisch:

1. Het 3^{de} BMS X-Mas toernooi op 28 december 2018 was een succes. 14 sterke spelers, waaronder een buitenlandse gast, zorgden voor een gemiddelde PR van 6,16. De nasleep met het verwerken van de analyses begin januari 2019 verliep quasi vlekkeloos. Dit toernooi, uniek in België (gesloten toernooi met verplicht filmen en analyseren) heeft zijn plaats op de kalender verdiend.
2. We kunnen terugblikken op een succesvol EK in Montenegro, met een 7^{de} plaats, en waarbij quasi alle matches ook werden gefilmd, geanalyseerd en verwerkt.
3. De Four Cubes competitie, gespreid over 3 speeldagen, werd gedeeltelijk geïntegreerd in de BMS Grading Table voor wie dat wenste. Een meerderheid aan matches werd geanalyseerd en administratief verwerkt. Met dank aan Luc Palmans voor het initiatief, aan Johan Huyck voor de administratieve verwerking en last but not least aan alle deelnemers die hebben meegewerkt aan het filmen en/of analyseren van matches.
4. Een meerderheid aan matches uit de nationale BIC-competitie (eerste klasse) werd eveneens geanalyseerd en verwerkt in de BMS Grading Table.
5. De Master Series blijven een succesverhaal, waarvan er opnieuw velen werden afgewerkt, met steeds een regelmatige administratieve verwerking in de BMS Grading Table op onze website. Inmiddels is de 98^{ste} Master Series volop bezig. Wellicht wordt in december 2019 de kaap van de 100^{ste} Master Series gehaald. Met dank aan Johan Huyck voor het leveren van deze permanente service (minstens 2 updates per maand) die sinds april betalend is, conform de BMAB-bijdragen, en met vrijstelling van BGFED-competities. Binnenkort volgt een eerste afrekening voor dit titanenwerk.
6. Het afschaffen van het zomer BMS-toernooi blijkt een goede zet, omdat dit té ambitieus is gebleken. In de zomer zijn er talloze buitenlandse alternatieven.

Wat brengt de (nabije) toekomst?

1. Het deelnemersveld van de 4^{de} X-Mas Trophée op zaterdag 28 december 2019 ligt nog niet volledig vast, maar in elk geval mogen we 2 buitenlandse gasten verwelkomen: Tilman Söhnchen en Misja Alma. Tevens zal de Belgische top en subtop ook goed vertegenwoordigd zijn. Streefdoel is 12, 14 of 16 deelnemers. Plaats van het gebeuren: Sandeman, Gent.
2. De voorbereidingen voor het EK in Rouen zijn al volop bezig en worden gecoördineerd door Johan Huyck. Ondanks enkele obstakels meen ik dat we een representatief team op de been kunnen brengen, al verwijs ik voor de laatste stand van zaken graag door naar captain Johan Huyck.
3. In 2020 gaan we verder op de ingeslagen weg, vergelijkbaar met de realisaties in 2019.

Geert Van der Stricht

Voorzitter BMS-comité