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[Latvia Croquet Federation](#)  
[Roberts Stafeckis](#)

I am happy and proud to announce a first ever international croquet tournament in the history of Latvia.  
More information in the attachment.

**The story about croquet in Latvia by Bob Alman from the recent Croquetworld edition:**  
<http://croquetworld.com/News/latvia.asp>

Looking forward to meeting you in Latvia.

# Baltic Open Tournament - Golf Croquet

## September 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2012, LATVIA

The Tournament is organised by the Latvian Croquet Federation ([www.latvijaskrokets.lv](http://www.latvijaskrokets.lv)), it takes place on the 2 lawns at the RATNIEKI country hotel ([www.ratnieki.lv](http://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 balls
- Tournament Manager – Roberts Stafekis
- Entries and inquiries – [latvijaskrokets@gmail.com](mailto:latvijaskrokets@gmail.com) or +371 26492211 (Roberts Stafekis)
- Deadline for entries – August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Accommodation – RATNIEKI country hotel (2-plus stars) next to the lawns. Other 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 private transfer from Riga Airport to Ratnieki (75 km) and back to the Airport)

### Programme of the tournament:

Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

- Arrival of the players
- Lawns available for training
- Informal welcome cocktail and dinner

Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</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)

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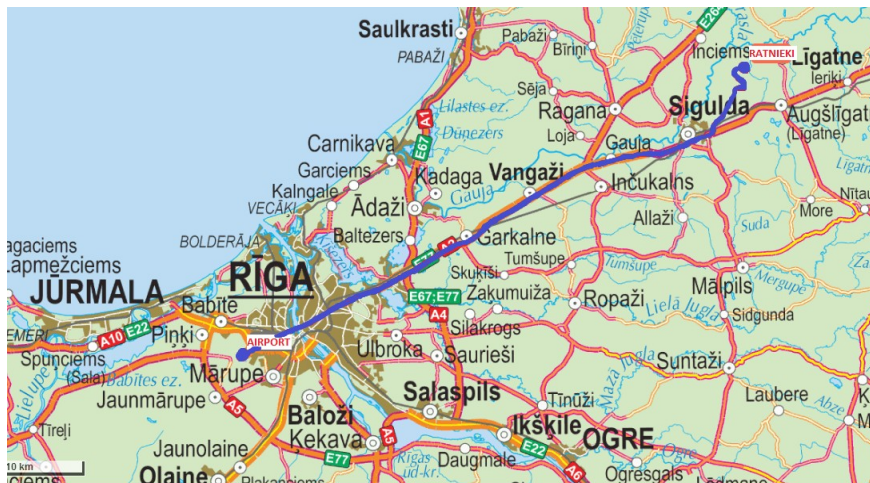
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**Coaching session with Stephen Mulliner at RATNIEKI in September 2011**



**One of the buildings on the RATNIEKI hotel grounds**



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