

## A great show from start to finish!

After the victory of Taiwan Saturday evening at the Nation's Cup, we trembled Sunday afternoon during the Final of the «Champions League», which was attended by the Taiwan Team against the Austrians of Traiskirchen, and we finally saw the victory of... Taiwan (20 to 15) !

«Team UK1» got the 3rd place. After the 2nd place they reached in 2012, the English Team show us again their good level and served a reminder that they will surely be a force to contend with next year.

Congratulations again to Taiwan and to all the Teams (you were 1200 players in total) who gave the best of themselves and who

enable us to vibrate watching at exceptional matches ! A special bravo to our Austrian delegation, who ended up this week-end, three times at the 2nd place ! Well done the Austrians, you are really too strong !

Very happy, we say goodbye to you and... See you next year at our 20th edition !!!

## Final ranking Champions League)

- 1st - Taoyuan [TW]
- 2nd - RT Traiskirchen [AUT]
- 3rd - Team UK 1 [UK]
- 4th - Ste-Croix Senators [CH]
- 5th - Limeta Lomnice [CZ]
- 6th - SOTB [CH]
- 7th - Meyrin Panthers [CH]
- 8th - Saronno Macaroons [IT]
- 9th - Havana Tchoukalibre [CH]
- 10th - Perennemente [IT]
- 11th - Vernier W. Turtles [CH]
- 12th - Team UK 2 [UK]
- 13th - White Wallers Empoli [IT]  
AtTANKanti [IT]  
Gumpoldskirchen [AUT]  
Geneva Eagles [CH]
- 17th - Piranyon Origin [CH]
- 18th - Pšouci Praha [CZ]
- 19th - Chavannes [CH]
- 20th - Paris [FR]
- 21th - Chavannes [CH]
- 22th - Geneva Espoirs [CH]  
Eliocentrici [IT]  
Lendinara Celtics [IT]
- 25th - Morges [CH]  
Lancy'talia [CH]  
Bella Gente [IT]
- 28th - LNMP [FR]  
Genève Key [CH]  
Vernier G. Turtles [CH]



# Zoom on... the persons in charge of the Sectors

After the volunteers, the referees and the players, we had to make a zoom on some of our volunteers, who have this particularity to work for the TGI since months and months... the persons in charge of the Sectors ! We sent therefore our reporters on the field who were able to take some minutes from them and their precious time, and asked them our questions...

**Daniel Buschbeck, 42 years old,**  
in charge of the Sector «Communication, Direction and Finance»



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## Main function :

Daniel is THE general coordinator of the event, he created it and he is the one who enables the TGI to improve from year to year. What is his main task? Any or all? We leave you to decide.

## 1. What motivates him to realise the TGI ?

The mission of the TGI summarises well his motivation : « Contributing to the international development of tchoukball by regularly organising the most intense and thrilling event that our sport can offer ». This is why Daniel gives body and soul for this tournament, which we hope satisfies you every year and wants you to come back year after year.

## 2. Does this free volunteer work take a lot of his time ?

How do you count time when you eat TGI, sleep (or rather not) TGI and that, even when he manages a company providing sports equipment and looks after developing Tchoukball in schools, Daniel always thinks all the time about the TGI.

**Erika Mesmer, 41 years old,**  
in charge of the Sector «Welcoming»

## Main function :

Erika is in charge of welcoming foreign teams to the TGI. The work starts already in summer in order to prepare the invitations, answer all the questions teams ask (for example how to arrive in Geneva, different possibilities of accommodation, information about tourism in the region, refereeing during the tournament, possible payment methods and various food available,...etc). All this information then has to be transmitted to the other sectors and coordinate the work of the people active in her sector.

## 1. What motivates her to realise the TGI ?



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The motivation comes from seeing the happy faces of the players on the fields, during the tournaments and that participants are enjoying themselves. Year after year many people come back, players, referees and also volunteers, member of staff.

## 2. Does this free volunteer work take a lot of her time ?

From year to year, with an organisation which stabilises itself and as she is becoming more and more competent in what she does, the time invested in this work is reduced. She has also delegated many of her tasks to the other persons in charge such as Sandrine Pfister, Yoann Buyck, Michaël Rabotot and Vladan Vladuljevic. This year, Erika had an exam the day before the tournament and this did not prevent her for working hard for the tournament as well.

**Stéphane Bruhin, 46 years old,**  
in charge of the Sector «General Services», father of 3 sportive children



## Main function :

Stéphane looks after the transportation of the teams by organising busses, minibuses and by encouraging the use of public transports. He has also put in

place, this year, a video system which enabled the live broadcasting on internet of the best games of the Nation's Cup. He is also responsible of the Samaritans, who are in charge of looking after minor injuries.

## 1. What motivates you to realise the TGI ?

His two sons discovered tchoukball very young and have been playing for several years. He often joined them in tournaments et so, naturally, he joined the organisation committee, in order to help this sport and the clubs.

## 2. Does this free volunteer work take a lot of his time ?

His nights have been shortened by about 2 hours in the last two weeks and sometimes, he even wakes up in the night to write down some ideas. It will be a real rest, once the tournament is over.

**Lionel Cendré, 27 years old,**  
in charge of the Sector «Technics»



## Main function :

Lionel is the technical director of the TGI since 2007. This consists in creating the game plans and coordinating the results of all tournaments. He also looks after the animation in the sports hall and the music.

## 1. What motivates him to realise the TGI ?

At the beginning, Lionel was excited to be part of a sportive organisation. His motivation became double, to organise and to play in a tournament which has well organised results. This is why Lionel invests a lot of energy in the event, asking always himself what could be done better and trying to implement it the year after. Now, as he is no longer a player, he finds his motivation in the growth that the event is taking

## 2. Does this free volunteer work take a lot of his time ?

About one hour a week from January to October, then 10 hours in November and 20 hours in December. This shows how demanding this task is.



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# Thank you...

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The organisation committee is already looking forward to welcoming you next year to the 20th edition of the Tchoukball Geneva Indoors !!

**schools tournament**  
Wednesday,  
Decembre 7th and 14th

**U10/U12 tournaments**  
Saturday, Decembre 10th

**U15 tournament**  
Sunday, Decembre 11th

**Nation Cup**  
Friday 16th and  
Saturday 17th Decembre

**Open tournament**  
Saturday, Decembre 17th

**Elite tournament**  
Sunday, Decembre 18th

***Did you know it...***

Initially, this sport should have been called « Brandt Ball », the name of the founder. Finally the decision was taken to call it tchoukball because of the sound that the ball makes when he bounces on the tchoukball frame.

The first international match was played in 1971, in the sport center of «Bout du Monde» in Geneva, between Switzerland and France. In 1997, in this same sport center, was organized the first edition of the National Tournament of Geneva (former name of Tchoukball Geneva Indoors). In 2000, the world championship was organized, again in this sport center. In 2015, several matches of the Nations Cup were also played there.



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