

## ■ Golfing With Bluebloods

More than 100 golfers from Sweden, Norway, Austria, the United States and Poland took part in the 1st Kraków Golf Cup of Her Royal Highness Princess Birgitta of Sweden on the last weekend of August. The tournament was held at the Kraków Valley Golf & Country Club in Paczółtowice near Cracow under the auspices of Cracow Mayor Jacek Majchrowski.

The event was modeled after the H.R.H. Princess Birgitta Tournament that is held regularly in Santa Ponsa, Majorca. Princess Birgitta, who is a sister of Swedish King Carl Gustaf, joined the competition, and she also participated in accompanying events, including a special press conference for both Polish and foreign golf magazines as well as Swedish media writing about the Swedish royal family.



The tournament proved to be a successful sporting and social event, as well as an opportunity to promote Cracow and Polish golf courses.

Among the winners, Anton Edberg, a young golfer from Sweden, won the title of the best contestant from abroad, while Michał Waclawek was named the best Polish competitor.

## ■ Building Boats and Team Spirit

Six boats, replicas of the traditional vessels used by Baltic fishermen to fish for cod and a canoe of the type used in Greenland were built during two boat building workshops held in August in Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki, north of Warsaw, as part of the Rivers Without Borders project. The KiM Recreation Promotion Foundation thought up and organized the workshops. The foundation promotes sea kayaking and exploring rivers.

Over four days workshop participants built wooden boats from scratch under the supervision of an experienced boat builder. The next stage included the launching of the boats under the watchful eye of instructors and rescuers from the Voluntary Water Rescue Service (WOPR), as well as activities involving canoeing techniques, first aid



principles and the safe conduct of aquatic sports. A one-day canoe trip on the Narew River on boats built during the workshop is planned for Sept. 8 as a reward for the five days of work and as the culmination of the project.

The boats will belong to the local community and scouts are already planning to set up a kayak section. The participants came with different life experiences and with various skills. They were from different age groups (the youngest participant was 13, while the eldest was 70) and blind and visually impaired persons also took part. The participants were guided by a professional trainer, whose job was to create conditions



enabling the development of skills such as assertiveness, effective communication, strengthening motivation to undertake new challenges and creative problem solving.

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