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Hello again...

Ah! Here you are!
 We have been waiting for you. Glad you could come.
 Hope your trip from Holland/ Austria/ Sweden/ Russia/
 Poland/ Iceland/
 Norway/ mainland
 Portugal was nice.

Have you left
 all your stress
 behind?

Been at the
 pool?

Had a nice
 meal?

Ready to
 start?



Be sure to have a big "YES" to every question above. Go and
 sit at the bridge room. Enjoy!

Writer
 Rodrigo Martins Soares

Yesterday, we were warming up the room for you. There were
 27 pairs in our Warm-Up Pairs event.

Hubsi Obermair & Martin Schifko won North-South and
 Dominique Custers & Rolf Schreuder won East-West.

See the local results on page 2.

See worldwide results on www.lusobridge.com.

ENTRY FEE	
PAIRS	TEAMS
75 €/ Player	250 €/Team (up to 6 players)

PLAY FOR FUN MADEIRA 06/11/2006

Mad Section 27 Pairs - 28 Boards

North-South

Pos	Pr. No. Names	Max Sco	Act Sco	%
1.	(9) Hubsli Obermair & Martin Schifko	528	325.2	61.59
2.	(11) Johannes Sigurdsson & Gudjon Jensen	528	307.9	58.31
3.	(3) Hans Metselaar & Ronald	528	295.4	55.95
4.	(8) Sascha Wernle & Claudius Paesold	528	295.1	55.89
5.	(1) Alexey Zenkevich & Alexey Teterin	528	285.9	54.15
6.	(12) Bertram & Wens	528	280.0	53.03
7.	(4) Egorov & Poroshin	528	270.9	51.31
8.	(6) Herman Dreckelford & Peter Kroezen	528	269.7	51.08
9.	(10) Bruno Macedo & Henrique Ribeiro	528	238.5	45.17
10.	(13) Patricia Jesus & Rodrigo Rodrigues	528	229.8	43.52
11.	(7) Andrea Muliar & Jovi Smederevac	528	226.9	42.97
12.	(2) Joao Machado & Jose Macedo	528	224.0	42.42
13.	(5) Angela Matias & Acacio Matias	528	182.7	34.60

East-West

1.	(24) Dominique Custers & Rolf Schreuder	484	322.7	66.67
2.	(28) Hege Falstev & Asle Lutken	484	283.7	58.62
3.	(26) Ine Snepvangers & Mart Mommers	484	277.2	57.27
4.	(29) Isabel Manso & Jose Lima	484	268.4	55.45
5.	(22) Jose A Fernandes & Virgilio Mota	484	245.0	50.62
6.	(32) Karl G Karlsson & Gunnlaugur Saevarsson	484	244.8	50.58
7.	(27) Anne-Marie V D Berg & Jaap Van De Berg	528	261.0	49.43
8.	(25) Agaath Wegenmackers & Joch Wegenmackers	484	239.2	49.42
9.	(31) Arild Aarmot & Ronny Joerstad	484	230.7	47.67
10.	(34) Renate Hansen & Andreas Babsch	484	228.6	47.23
11.	(21) Anne Rydning & Dag Mangset	528	240.0	45.45
12.	(23) Joaquim Trindade & Pedro Macedo	484	212.9	43.99
13.	(30) Bruno Abreu & Filipe Sousa	484	190.9	39.44
14.	(33) Paula Fernandes & Norberto Fernandes	484	186.9	38.62

Totals 13728 6864.0

All Boards Factored To A Common Top - (22)


Our computers were supplied by



Good hosts.


The week started nicely yesterday with our usual training session. 27 pairs played between locals and guests, a Dutch pair winning the EW line and an Austrian one winning the NS. The local players were at their best welcoming our guests and offering them lots of matchpoints. Board 6 saw a lot of different results, ranging from part-scores to bid and made slams.

Board 6. Dealer E. EW Vul.

♠ k 8 ♥ A k 9 7 ♦ A 9 7 6 5 ♣ A 7		♠ Q 7 4 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ K Q J 10 3 ♣ 6 3
♠ 5 3 2 ♥ 6 5 4 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K Q 5 4	♠ A J 10 9 6 ♥ 8 3 ♦ 8 ♣ J 10 9 8 2	


The most popular result was 3NT by NS with 9 or 10 tricks, but the Icelanders Sigurdsson and Jensen managed to get to a small slam in spades, which came home after trumps were 3-3 with the Queen onside and (I suppose) West covered the ♣J. This could have been a cold top if our NS winners Obermair and Schifko hadn't caught their opponents on a daring 3♦ for 1100! The Austrians did their best to take advantage of the distribution. Boards 11 and 12 were good examples.

Board 11. Dealer S. none Vul.

<p>♠ 6 5 ♥ J ♦ A K 10 9 8 6 ♣ 9 8 7 4</p>		<p>♠ A K J 10 4 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 ♦ Q ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ 9 8 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ J 4 3 2 ♣ K J 3 2</p>
		<p>♠ Q 7 ♥ A Q 6 4 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 10 6 5</p>	

On board 11 they bid to a good 6♠, but got only 4,5 out of 22 matchpoints when their opponents Aarmot and Joerstad where the only ones to find that 7♦ went for only 800. They got their revenge on the very next board.


Board 12. Dealer W. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 4 2 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A 9 8 3 ♣ 8 5 4</p>		<p>♠ K J 10 5 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ Q 9 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 3 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ K J 7 3</p>
		<p>♠ 8 7 6 ♥ A 8 4 2 ♦ K Q J ♣ A 10 6</p>	

With everybody holding a 4333 they managed to double their opponents in 2♣ for 500 and all 22 matchpoints.

On board 7 all EW pairs went too high, not counting on diamonds being 4-0 on the wrong side (the fools!).

Board 7. Dealer S. ALL Vul.

	♠ 8 3	
	♥ 10 6	
	♦ J 9 8 3	
	♣ Q J 10 9 5	
♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 5 ♦ A K Q 10 7 6 5 ♣ K 2		♠ K Q J 7 ♥ A Q 8 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 7 6 3
	♠ A 10 5 2	
	♥ K J 9 7 4 3	
	♦	
	♣ A 8 4	

Even so, 2 pairs did manage to make 9 tricks in 3NT, making the only two plus scores for EW. J. A. Fernandes and V. Mota, trying to be nice hosts, bid their way to 6NT. This, amazingly enough, got doubled by Brantsma and Metselaar. I bet whoever doubled (im guessing South on lead with 2 cashing Aces and a King) never expected to see his partner get so many tricks!

Well, the practice is over now, so don-t expect the hosts to keep being so nice.

Prizes 2006

Open Pairs		Open Teams	
1st	3.000,00 €	1st	3.500,00 €
2nd	2.250,00 €	2nd	2.400,00 €
3rd	1.750,00 €	3rd	1.600,00 €
4th	1.250,00 €	4th	1.100,00 €
5th	900,00 €	5th	750,00 €
6th	750,00 €		
7th	600,00 €		
8th	500,00 €		

Special prizes Pairs		Special prizes Teams	
1 st Ladies	250 €	1 st Foreign	500,00 €
2 nd Ladies	100 €	2 nd Foreign	250,00 €
1 st Mixed	250 €	1 st Portuguese	500,00 €
2 nd Mixed	100 €	2 nd Portuguese	250,00 €
1 st Senior	250 €		
2 nd Senior	100 €		
1 st Junior	250 €		
1 st Foreign	250 €		
1 st Portugal	250 €		
1 st Madeira	250 €		
2 nd Madeira	100 €		

* For every country represented by at least 8 pairs there will be a prize of 250 € for the winning pair

Programme for Pairs Tournament

Tuesday	15:30	Pairs Tournament Entries – Confirmations
(07/11/2006)	15:45	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament – 1st Session
Wednesday	<i>09:00</i>	<i>Free morning for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(08/11/2006)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament – 2nd Session
	21:00	Typical Dinner & Folklore(**)
Thursday	<i>09:00</i>	<i>Free morning for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(09/11/2006)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament – 3rd Session
	20:00	Final Results
<p><i>(*) Golf may be arranged at the front desk of your hotel</i> <i>(**) Typical dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package</i></p>		

PLEASE NOTE:

The typical dinner and the tour are included in the hotel Crowne Plaza package. If you're not in that package, be sure to talk to Mafalda Mendonça today or tomorrow. She'll be in the lobby, near the bridge room, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The prize-giving dinner is included for those in the package and for all players.

The prices are:

Typical dinner: € 30.00

Tour: € 20.00

Prize-giving Dinner: € 40.00

If you have a well-played hand or a fun story at the table, don't be shy!

Share it with us...

Contact any of the boletin staff or TD



Welcome Rosaline!

This year we have a new TD. Joining our usual staff of our Chief TD Rui Marques and TD José Curado we have TD Rosaline Barendregt.

She is a national Dutch TD and is also reigning European Girls Champion. She won the Youth award from WBF this year and is also a member of the I.B.P.F..

A Strange Match

by Rosaline Barendregt

It's a hot summer evening in Holland. That's rare because most of the time in Holland the weather is really bad. After a day full of sports and activities you want to get some rest, and for you there is no better way to relax than by watching your favourite sport: bridge. A huge bridge event is being held in your hometown, and tonight they play teams. You go there and grab the fifth seat at table 1, where the current top of the tournament is playing. You hope to see some really good bridge. West is the dealer and looks at this collection:
W/all

West
Kxxxxx
Ax
AQTxx
-

The man on the west seat opens the auction with 1♠. The bidding continues

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	dbl	all	pass

In dummy appears after a heart lead:

East
Axxx
xx
Jxxxx
xx

The declarer murmurs a question to his left opponent, something like 'Are you feeling well today?'. After a fast play he claims 11 tricks.

You think, -My dear, Do I really have to watch this type of bridge..?-, and decide to go to the bar to order a nice cold beer. In your five minutes break, you've encouraged yourself to move back into the playing area and watch another table.

You're kibitzing a brave South player.

W/all

South
-
JTxx
Kxx
Kxxxxx

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠*	3♠	4♥
5♣	pass	5♠	?

* Michaels, 5crdH and a 5crd in a minor

When your South starts to think after this beginning of the auction, you are getting warmer and warmer, -Oh no... He's not going to bid, right...?-. After a few of your prayers though the brave South bids 6♥, and of course after two passes there comes a double. Now you're really sweating, because all you wanted was to see a good match of bridge... -Yeah that double is not so strange, is it!?! You're bidding like an idiot!- you think, but you try not to show your unease. You're just sitting there and waiting for what's going to happen next. The lead is a small spade, and North shows you his dummy:

North
QJ9
KQxxx
-
AQTx


South
-
JTxx
Kxx
Kxxxxx

Your first reaction is -Mmm, this might get interesting; it's not even a bad contract!-. Taking a look at the clubs in dummy you wonder what the 5 of west was based on. Must be a void you guess. So only when west holds the Ace, or a void or small singleton ♥ the contract is made. Taking the double into account the Ace is likely to be in East...

While your own heart pounds like an idiot, South ruffs the spade lead (x, J, A, ruff) and plays a heart. Hooray! The miracle is there! West holds the Ace.

The brave South made 6♥X c. -But hey...!-, you think -I know this board! It's the same as the 4SX+1 !-

So this was the whole deal:

♠ K x x x x x ♥ A x ♦ A Q T x x ♣ -	♠ Q J 9 ♥ K Q x x x ♦ - ♣ A Q T x		♠ A x x x ♥ x x ♦ J x x x x ♣ x x
	♠ - ♥ J T x x ♦ K x x ♣ K x x x x x		

This was the last board of this match and the players leave the table to check with their team mates. After a while you are curious what happened with this match and you go to the brave South player. He tells you with a sad look in his eyes "Although we had plus 2650 in the we-line, we've lost this 7 board match with 7-23...".

You leave the bridge area a bit confused, wondering what horrible things must have happened on those other boards...