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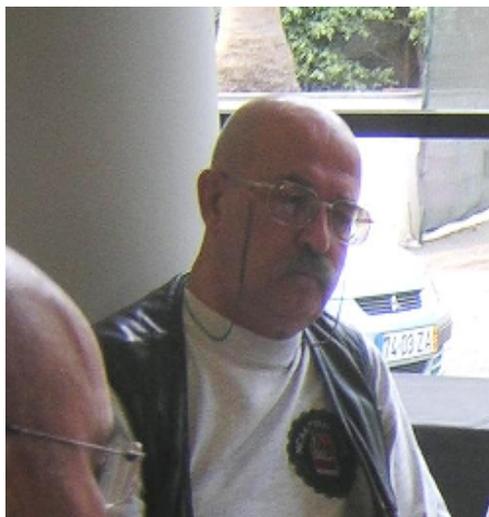
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WELCOME / WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a nice trip. We are very happy to have you here. We promise you will enjoy these days here in Madeira either by going on the tours or just by lying there by the pool.

Now it's time to start thinking about bridge. The first session is about to start... Big crowd - should be over one hundred pairs...

Yesterday there were 45 pairs on the warm-up session. Dag Mangset and Anne Rydning were first. They scored 61.46%.



Vladimir Gonca

Vladimir Gonca and Maris Purgailis were second, with 60.13%. As this was a national simultaneous tournament played in 5 different sites, after all the results were inserted Vladimir Gonca and Maris Purgailis got second place overall, with 64,01 % nation wide. Dag Mangset and Anne Rydning dropped a few places on the overall ranking.

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEE	
PAIRS	TEAMS
80 €/ Player	250 €/Team (up to 6 players)



Touring Funchal is not complete without paying a visit to the most emblematic lodge of Madeira Wine - The Old Blandy Wine Lodge.

The Old Blandy Wine Lodges are incorporated in a 17th century monastery where for more than 150 years the Blandy family dedicated their time, art and passion to the production of their worldwide known and awarded Blandy's Wines. In the lodges you can find history, culture, tradition and knowledge of the wine-making techniques of the famous wine.

Not to be missed is the guided tour through the ageing stores where casks of the highest quality Madeira wine of the premium brands Blandy's, Cossart Gordon, Leacock's and Miles. In this tour you will enrich your knowledge on how to built casks, produce and mature Madeira wine. The tour also includes a visit to the private museum where items of machinery and historical documents keeps well alive the tradition of this unique place. Finish the tour with a wine tasting in the Max Römer and Frasqueira rooms; The Frasqueira is the "cathedral" of the oldest Vintages – in this room you can sample wines dating back to the early 20th Century, such as the 1908 Bual and 1920 Bual among many others.

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be shy!
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Contact any of the bulletin staff or TD

Warm-up Pairs

Pos	Names	Club	Max Sco	Act Sco	%
1.*	Dag Mangset & Anne Rydning	MADB	720	442.5	61.46
2.*	Vladimir Gonca & Maris Purgailis	MADA	720	432.9	60.13
3.	Ana Ferro & Juan Marquez	MADB	720	428.4	59.50
4.	Erkki Valmra & Sylev Ulp	MADA	720	424.0	58.89
5.	J V Jonmundsson & Thorvaldur Palmason	MADB	720	421.3	58.51
6.	Ploni Nobel & Cees Nobel	MADA	630	364.1	57.79
7.	Adriano Medeiros & Horacio Franco	MADB	720	414.4	57.56
8.	Angela Matias & Acacio Matias	MADB	720	408.3	56.71
9.	Hege Falstev & Asle Lutken	MADA	630	355.3	56.40
10.	Runalfur Thor Jonss & Gunnlaugur Saever	MADB	720	398.9	55.40
11.	Halldor Thorvaldsso & Gudlaugur Sveinss	MADB	720	395.4	54.92
12.	Dan Zara & Alex Elian	MADB	720	393.8	54.69
13.	Alda Gudnasdottir & Hrafaluldur Skulado	MADA	630	339.5	53.89
14.	Jose A Fernandes & Virgilio Mota	MADB	720	385.6	53.56
15.	Gitte Hecht-Johansen & Traian Hristov	MADA	630	334.9	53.16
16.	Joy Blakey & Irvin Blakey	MADA	630	332.7	52.81
17.	Rein Smit & Hetty Smit-Hertog	MADB	720	378.5	52.57
18.	Hrannar Erlingsson & Sveinn Runar Eirik	MADA	720	376.6	52.31
19.	Thorvald Ingimarsson & Hermann Larusson	MADA	720	375.6	52.17
20.	Bjorn Sture Valen & Dominique Custers	MADA	720	366.8	50.94
21.	Arni Mar Bjornsson & Heimar Thor Tryggv	MADB	720	364.5	50.63
22.	Halldor Sv & Kristinn Kristinsson	MADA	720	363.2	50.44
23.	Bodil Haugerud & Harald Haugerud	MADB	720	362.0	50.28
24.	Erla Sigurjonsdottir & Sigfusthoradhrso	MADA	720	360.8	50.11
25.	Gabriel Gislason & Gisli Steingrimsson	MADA	720	358.2	49.75
=26.	Michelle Alexander & Michael Alexander	MADA	720	346.9	48.18
=26.	Joao Machado & Jose Macedo	MADB	720	346.9	48.18
28.	Omar Olgeirsson & Don Julio	MADA	720	346.5	48.13
29.	Jon E Svenningsen & Marit Johnsen	MADA	720	337.2	46.83
30.	Henrique Ribeiro & Pedro Gil	MADA	720	332.2	46.14
31.	Bruno Macedo & Nuno D Martins	MADA	720	331.9	46.10
32.	Eduardo Fernandes & Jose M Freitas	MADB	720	331.0	45.97
33.	Johanna Palsdottir & Hanna Fridricksdot	MADB	720	330.0	45.83
34.	Assis Correia & Carlos Jesus	MADB	720	327.9	45.54
=35.	Hulda Hjalmardsdott & Gudny Gudjonsdott	MADA	720	321.5	44.65
=35.	Bruno Neves & Frederico Teixeira	MADA	630	281.3	44.65
37.	Halldora Magnusdott & Johanna Sigurjons	MADB	720	318.9	44.29
38.	Nuno Mata & Pedro Morgado	MADB	720	315.0	43.75
39.	Ana Cunha & Candido Reis	MADA	630	275.1	43.67
40.	Sturlaugur Eyjolfss & Birna Kristin Lar	MADB	720	303.8	42.19
41.	Line Newermann & Eva Newerman	MADA	630	262.7	41.70
42.	Brunja Durbougnarsd. & G Gudnadottir	MADA	720	300.1	41.68
43.	Becker Erkki & Salmela Esa	MADB	720	293.9	40.82
44.	Beppie Bredenoort & Geert Jan Rosebeek	MADB	720	292.9	40.68
45.	Wim Snoek & George Nankman	MADB	720	266.1	36.96

Answer to Madeira Bridge Quiz 1

West holds four trumps and if your first move is to draw a round of trumps, in either hand, you will go down! Four trump tricks, six diamond tricks and two aces will bring your total to only twelve. You need a heart ruff too and this ruff must be taken immediately, with dummy's low trump. You can then draw three rounds of trumps with the ace, king and jack. A club to the ace allows you to draw West's last trump with the queen. You can then enjoy six tricks from the diamond suit to make the grand slam.

Suppose instead that you led a trump to the ace at Trick 2, continuing with the trump king and discovering the 4-1 break. If you crossed to the club ace next, to ruff a heart low, the trump suit would be blocked and you would not be able to draw trumps. After this erroneous start you have to take the club finesse and would go down when West held the club king.

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 2

By David Bird

♠ J 10 7 6
♥ 10 8 2
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 10 6 4

♦K led

♠ A K Q
♥ A K Q J 9 6
♦ A
♣ A J 5

How will you play 6♥ when West leads the ♦K?
(Answer on Daily Bulletin 2)

Now what?...

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Last night's warm-up tournament started warming very soon. If you played the boards in order you had a slam hand on your third board. (Carel and Wietske tell you about that one in their article.) Still recovering, you pick up this collection:

♠ A K 6 5 4
♥
♦ K Q 3
♣ A J 6 4 3

Everyone is vulnerable and it goes Pass in your left, Pass from your partner and 1♠ from your Right Hand Opponent. Typical... When you finally get a decent hand you have no way to bid it! Now what?...

Whatever you do can go awfully wrong. And there are lots of possibilities. You may pass smoothly (my personal choice), but one pair that did so ended up playing 1♠ for -80 and only 10 of 30 Matchpoints. Double can bring you to a lot of trouble when partner bids a number of Hearts (and yes he will). Bidding clubs won't show your values, and it's such a weak suit. I even heard of a player who ventured a (slightly) off-shape 1NT !(?). And if you think you have lots of choices look at all four hands and see your partner and opponents choices too:

All Vul.
Dealer W

♠ 9
♥ A Q 10 5 4
♦ J 10 9 8 5
♣ 9 7

♠ 10 8
♥ 8 7 6
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K Q 10 8 5



♠ Q J 7 3 2
♥ K J 9 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ 2

♠ A K 6 5 4
♥
♦ K Q 3
♣ A J 6 4 3

Yes, I know, I wouldn't pass with North's cards after Pass-Pass-1SP-Pass-Pass either, but still it won't be an easy auction. When partner re-opens with 2♥ what will you bid? Or did West bid 1NT? If so, did North bid 2♥ or even 2♠ showing Hearts and

a minor? You can always bash in with 3NT and hope it's the best place (and partner sits for it) What if you pass, LHO bids 1NT, partner passes and RHO bids 2♥? You're stuck again! Have you discussed with your partner what a double would mean now?

As you can see the only winning game is 3 NT by North. West has no entries so you can set up the diamonds, cash the ♣A and then end-play East in Spades to get your ninth trick with the ♥Q. East can only take 3 spades and the ♦A. However you would have to know a lot from East's shape to play it like that. But if either East introduced his Hearts or West his clubs you will know a lot. If you play it by South, though, West can beat it by leading a Heart - which may not be that easy in most auctions. The second best place is 5♦ by either North or South. That is only beaten by a trump lead, or else declarer may take his top tricks and cross-ruff the rest (taking care to ruff spades and not clubs with North's hand - it really doesn't matter if West discards his hearts for he won't be able to over-ruff South).

As you may have expected, the results from this board were all over the place - they ranged from +1400 to -300. After being played 16 times we got 13 different results, with almost as many different contracts being played. The Top for NS was for the Icelander ladies Hulda Hjalmarsson and Gudny Gudjonsdottir who got their local opponents 5 down in 4♥ Doubled. For EW the Local pair of Eduardo Fernandes e José Manuel Freitas sat for 3 clubs by South and got their Top with 3 undoubled downtricks. It's a nice decision for if they double 3♣ NS will probably escape to a better place.

Are you staying at the CS Madeira Hotel?

Have you filled the green or red forms you got in your envelope?

Be sure to get them to the Welcome desk between 3 and 4 pm in order to get your Pairs Tournament entry voucher.

The other vouchers will be left at the reception, in our mailbox, on Thursday.

To preempt or not, that's the question.

By Carel Berendregt and Wietske van Zwol

Despite an undoubtedly tiring day of travel for many, still a lot of pairs took part in the warming up session on Monday evening. We decided not to play ourselves, which gave us the opportunity to witness what happened on the exciting board 3 at different tables.

Board 3.

EW Vul.			
Dealer S			
	♠ 9 6		
	♥ K Q 7 5		
	♦ 8 6 5 3		
	♣ 9 6 3		
♠ A 5		♠ K 10 8 2	
♥ A J 10 9 2		♥ 8 4	
♦ A K 9 4		♦ 2	
♣ 5 4		♣ A K Q J 7 2	
	♠ Q J 7 4 3		
	♥ 6 3		
	♦ Q J 10 7		
	♣ 10 8		

The first table that we watched it being played, south, the Icelander Jon Svenningsen, chose not to preempt with a weak two in spades at favourable vulnerability and passed. This gave west the chance to open a Precision 1♣. After a positive 2♣ by east, Jon judged that it was time now, to throw a little sand into the EW Precision machinery with 2♠. That didn't prevent EW to reach the excellent 6♣ contract. North duly led the nine of his partners suit, covered by the ten, Jack and Ace. Since the 2♠ overcall made it unlikely that a spade ruff would stand, trumps were drawn and the ♥8 was run to the Queen. A spade was for the King and west led a heart. When the six appeared he decided to give south some credits for his overcall and finessed again. One down for an almost complete zero.

At another table the board was played with the Dutch pair Cees & Ploni Nobel on the NS seats. One of the features in their bidding system is a Dutch variety of the Polish Two openings, the so called 'Muiderberg'. In this method an opening of two in a major suit shows a weak hand with a fivecard suit and at least four cards in an unspecified minor. It is often a strong weapon, but on this board it backfired. After 2♠ west elected to follow with 2NT and east immediately leaped to 6♣. Against 6♣ south led the obvious ♦Q and east of course didn't go for the spade ruff. Instead he pulled the trumps observing that south followed suit twice and ran the ♥8. A spade was continued by north taken with the King! This was necessary to preserve the entry to the hearts.

Next came a small ♥ and when south followed with the six a complete count was available. South had five spades, four diamond and he had followed suit in clubs twice. So east went up with the Ace and took the trump finessed over the ♥K. Well played!

But the most exciting result came from the table were the board was played with the Madeirian pair Jose A. Fernandes and Virgillio Mota on the EW seats. After an opening bid of 1♥ west responded 2♣ and eventually 6NT was reached. North doubled for a heart lead and south duly led his ♥6 for nine and Queen. This rectified the count for a double squeeze. The club continuation was taken by the Ace and reeling off the clubs resulted in the following ending:

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

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♣		♣ 2									

The ♣2 was played and south could discard a heart and north a diamond. Now a heart squeezed south in diamonds and spades, so in fact a simple squeeze was at hand. But if north would have had a diamond less and the Jack of spades instead, he would, on the run of the ♦AK, also have been squeezed in Hearts and spades. A consolation for NS: The double didn't cost anything. 1440 instead of 1680 would also have been a full top for EW...

The Top Atlântico Desk will be at the Hotel lobby.
 It will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
 If you have booked through this agency you should do your payments there.

Your Vouchers are like money - Don't lose them!

Prizes 2008

The € 27.500 prize money is divided as following:

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

Open Teams	
1st	3.500,00 €
2nd	2.400,00 €
3rd	1.600,00 €
4th	1.100,00 €
5th	750,00 €

Special prizes Pairs	
1st Ladies	250 €
2nd Ladies	100 €
1st Mixed	250 €
2nd Mixed	100 €
1st Senior	250 €
2nd Senior	100 €
1st Junior	250 €
1st Foreign *	250 €
1st Portugal	250 €
1st Madeira	250 €
2nd Madeira	100 €

Special prizes Teams	
1st Foreign	500,00 €
2nd Foreign	250,00 €
1st Portuguese	500,00 €
2nd Portuguese	250,00 €

*Special Prizes require a minimum of 8 pairs per category

Program 2008

Tuesday (04/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	15.30	Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations
	16.15	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session
Wednesday (05/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
Thursday (06/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
	21.00	Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
Friday (07/11/2008)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (08/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (09/11/2008)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) See Daily Bulletin 0 for extra trips

(**) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package

The tournament director will give you an envelope with your starting position. Put your name on the envelope and then open it.

Inside you will find a blue entry form that you should fill in carefully. Make sure we can read your name correctly (so that you don't get upset later...) and also tell us your country and all the special prizes you are applying for.

The yellow forms are just for those who don't have the bridge package. Fill them in if you want to go to the Thursday Dinner, the Friday Tour and the Prize Giving Dinner. All the vouchers will be given to you on Thursday at the Welcome Desk.