

11th International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 3-9, 2008

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ALL THE WAY!

Iceland won the trophy! The winners of this year's pairs tournament are Runolfur Jonsson and Gunnlaugur Saevarsson. They got 58.22% yesterday and it was enough. They made 62.90% overall.

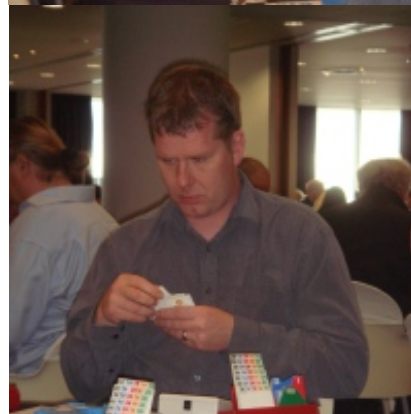
The Dutch Carel Berendregt and Wietske van Zowl made 59.75% on the last session. It took them to second place overall with 61.63%.

The Brazilian/Spanish pair Nina Anidjar and Diego Brenner made 55.95% yesterday. They ended up in third place, 1.3% behind the Dutch pair.

The best Portuguese pair got 4th place. Paulo Sarmento and Antonio Palma made 65.53% yesterday - they were second on the session.

The Latvians Veksha Nataliza and Rubins Karlinswon the session. They got 65.73% and ended in 10th place overall.

Today we start the Teams' Tournament. We hope you have enjoyed your day and that you will also enjoy playing tonight - It's what we are here for!



Pedro Nunes

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TEAMS

250 €/Team (up to 6 players)

Final Classification

Rank	PairId	Total%	Names	Session%	S.Rank
1	110	62.88	Runolfur Jonsson - Gunnlaugur Saevarsson	58.22	10
2	41	61.56	Carel Berendregt - Wietske van Zwol	59.65	7
3	75	60.43	Nina Anidjar - Diego Brenner	56.05	20
4	81	60.08	Paulo Sarmiento - Antonio Palma	65.63	1
5	85	59.78	Henne Bvoek - Rob de Groot	60.78	5
6	88	58.16	Ingimarsson - Larusson	57.98	12
7	105	58.08	Lindermann - Obermair	55.60	23
8	101	57.82	Puerstl - Saurer	63.53	3
9	49	57.78	Sascha - Beppo	56.29	18
10	45	57.55	Veksha Nataliza - Rubins Karlins	65.63	2
11	65	56.82	Wartena - Brantsma	52.38	42
12	74	56.56	Carlos Pimenta - Manuel Oliveira	62.57	4
13	91	56.08	Becker Erkki - Salmela Esa	52.40	40
14	30	55.80	Vladimir Gonca - Maris Purgailis	56.63	16
15	15	55.52	Eltje Schippers - Rene Stienen	49.10	57
16	5	55.41	Miguel Teixeira - Rodrigo M Soares	52.07	43
17	7	55.18	Maria Victoria Simon - Clara Artigas	52.71	38
18	29	54.90	Costa Constantin - Fulga Cristian	55.95	21
19	36	54.85	Nuno Matos - Rui S Santos	55.57	24
20	113	54.49	Montserrat Mestres - Jon Sveindal	52.54	39
21	89	54.43	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto	53.03	36
22	25	54.41	Hege Falster - Asle Lutken	59.98	6
23	32	54.41	Joao Machado - Jose Macedo	57.09	14
24	53	54.33	Mommers - Snepvangers	51.04	46
25	73	54.21	Paulo G Pereira - Jorge Cruzeiro	56.60	17
26	109	54.20	Hans Metselaar - Jan De Winter	44.57	75
27	10	54.07	Halldor Thorvaldsson - Gudlaugur Svensson	53.52	33
28	31	54.07	Beppie Bredenoort - Geert Jan Rosebeek	56.80	15
29	108	54.02	Kristinsson - Svanbergsson	53.71	31
30	9	54.01	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz	47.70	62
31	44	53.68	Hrannar Erlingsson - Svein Runar Eiriksson	56.06	19
32	84	53.63	Snock - Nankman	58.15	11
33	96	53.22	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp	54.29	28
34	14	52.97	Bruno Macedo - Nuno Martins	47.28	65
35	42	52.88	Omar Olgeirsson - Julius Sigurjonsson	49.17	55
36	62	52.68	Dan Zara - Alez Elian	58.30	9
37	1	52.26	Hansen - Babsch	49.88	50
38	61	52.10	Palmason - Jonmundsson	53.68	32
39	54	51.93	Luis Sampaio - Luis Silva	46.28	71
40	47	51.75	A.Nobel - C.Nobel	55.68	22
41	21	51.66	Blakey - Blakey	54.87	25
42	33	51.21	Pancha Novo - Paz Tapias	53.87	30
43	46	51.00	Bjornsson - Tryggvason	46.98	67
44	64	50.78	Maurice Bonne - Lukde Puydt	52.39	41
45	102	50.77	Gisli Tryggvason - Leifur Kristjansson	46.85	69
46	52	50.76	G.Esmeraldo - R.Snapper	47.08	66
47	69	50.68	Alexander - Alexander	57.73	13

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48	12	50.67	Elisa - Linse John	54.23	29
49	51	50.45	Stellingwerff. - Ommeren	45.96	73
50	48	50.28	Marina Moniz - Helena Alvarez-Rows	52.77	37
51	56	50.14	Fleischmann - Fleischmann	50.24	47
52	13	50.11	Gitte Hecht-Johanssen - Traian Hristoff	54.67	26
53	67	50.03	Miguel Ascencao - Ricardo Fernandes	41.71	87
54	11	49.75	Erla Sugurjonsd. - Sigfus Thordarson	51.63	44
55	3	49.30	Mangset - Anne Rydning	50.22	48
56	72	49.28	Bjorn Valen - Dieneke Balder	46.96	68
57	111	48.77	Adriano Medeiros - Horacio Franco	42.36	84
58	115	48.62	Henrique Ribeiro - Pedro Nunes	46.71	70
59	34	48.60	Virgilio Mota - Jose A Fernandes	59.27	8
60	93	48.59	Sigurjonsdottir - Magnusdottir	47.30	64
61	24	48.55	Alexandre Rodrigues - Ricardo Brandao	50.05	49
62	92	48.54	Jaime Sousa - Antonio Valente	48.16	60
63	103	48.33	Alda Gudnadottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir	53.07	35
64	50	48.33	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson	46.15	72
65	35	48.20	Jaap vd Berg - Anne-Marie vd Berg	49.85	51
66	23	48.00	Dominique - Karen	42.08	85
67	8	47.97	Hjalmsdottir - Gudjonsdottir	49.57	53
68	112	47.74	Smit - Smit-Hertog	43.11	82
69	86	47.65	Nuno Mata - Pedro Morgado	53.50	34
70	2	47.50	Schilder - Sprekeling	43.30	81
71	70	47.17	Cirilo Araujo - Joao Vasco Costa	54.53	27
72	16	46.65	Inger Sausten - Ric Sausten	49.09	58
73	43	46.29	Ana Ferro - Juan Marquez	44.01	78
74	83	46.15	Manuel Pombo - Ricardo Varela	49.22	54
75	55	45.99	Maria Luisa M.-Casal - M.Luisa Rodriguez-Pereira	44.96	74
76	116	45.76	Palsdottir - Fridrchsottir	44.07	77
77	6	45.76	Mercedes Martin - Clara Hernandez	48.73	59
78	68	45.74	Frederico Teixeira - Bruno Neves	49.13	56
79	76	45.16	Bjorn Odden - Candido Cunha	44.45	76
80	27	44.96	Andrea Muliar - Peter Steiner	41.63	88
81	63	44.92	P.Linssen - M.W.Linssen	40.62	89
82	22	44.50	Hoes - Bartelomij	49.79	52
83	107	44.41	John Freitas - Joaquim Trindade	47.58	63
84	4	44.29	Sulev Ulp - Erkky Valmra	42.53	83
85	26	44.26	Marit Johnson - Jon Svenningsen	47.79	61
86	104	44.22	Bodil Halgerud - Harald Halgerud	51.42	45
87	87	43.64	Gudnadottir - Durborgar	43.57	80
88	66	43.27	Ana Garcia - Concha Rodriguez	38.25	92
89	114	41.57	Jose Garcia San Roman - Julia Roa Alonso Bartol	43.73	79
90	106	41.35	Larusdottir - Eyjolfsson	39.90	90
91	71	40.59	Maria - Eduardo	39.17	91
92	82	39.42	Dolores Castineira - Flora Sanchez	41.95	86
93	95	39.13	Eva Newermann - Line Newermann	35.81	93
94	94	33.94	Ana Maria Ferreiro - Emma Carreira	33.78	94
95	90	27.63	Pilar Martinez - Guadalupe Perez	27.26	95
96	28	24.86	Purificacion - Olimpia Freire	23.35	96

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 4

By David Bird

♠ A K 4
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A 9 8 5 4
 ♣ 7 4 3

♠ Q led

♠ 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 8 4
 ♦ K J
 ♣ A 8 6 2

How will you play 3NT when West leads the ♠Q?

You have seven tricks on top and will need at least four diamond tricks to carry you past the finishing line. How can you give yourself the best chance?

Suppose you win the spade lead with the ace and finesse the jack of diamonds. If the finesse loses, West will remove the spade entry to dummy and you will go down even when diamonds are 3-3. A much better idea, after winning the spade lead, is to play a diamond to the king. You continue by overtaking the jack of diamonds with dummy's ace (whichever card West plays). When diamonds break 3-3, a third round of diamonds will establish the suit and the king of spades will serve as an entry. You will succeed also when either defender began with Q-x or 10-x in diamonds. Dummy's 9-8 will then be good enough to dislodge the outstanding diamond honour and again you will make the four diamond tricks that you need.

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 5

By David Bird

♠ J 10 2
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ K 7 6 4 2
 ♣ 6 3

♣ J led

♠ A Q 5
 ♥ A K Q J 10 7 6
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 5

You arrive in 6♥ and West leads the jack of clubs to your ace. When you play the ace of trumps, West throws a club. How will you continue?

(Answer on Daily Bulletin 5)

The Right Way Round

By David Bird

For many contracts, it is essential to play the 'right way round'. Board 22 from Session 3 of the Open Pairs was an extreme example of this. If you played in no-trumps, you could make 11 tricks from the East hand and only 3 (against best defence) from the West hand. I was watching at the table of the eventual winners, Iceland's Runolfur Jonsson and Gunnlaugur Saevarsson, and this is what happened:

Board 22

EW Vul.
Dealer E

♠ J 9 6 3
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 8 7 6 5
♣ 5 2

♠ 7 5 4
♥ A K Q 9 8 7 3
♦ A
♣ 7 6



♠ K 8
♥ J 10 4
♦ K Q J 3 2
♣ K 8 3

♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 5
♦ 9 4
♣ A Q J 10 9 4

West	North	East	South
Cristian	Saevarsson	Constantin	Jonsson
4♥	pass	1♦	2♣
pass	pass	pass	4♠
		4NT (!)	All Pass

West's contract of 4♥ can be beaten only by the double-dummy lead of the ♠J (or the ♠9), followed by a club switch through the king. However, Jonsson competed with 4♠. At other tables where the bidding started like this, East-West either doubled 4♠ (the results varied from +590 to -800) or advanced to 5♥ (which was made nine times, surprisingly, and beaten only four times).

At my table, the East player was Romania's Costa Constantin and he had a different idea. Looking favourably at the kings in South's two suits, he made the brilliant bid of 4NT. As if by a miracle, he had ended in no-trumps and was playing the

contract from the right side. Jonsson led the ♣A, followed by the ♣Q, and declarer collected twelve tricks for +690 for a matchpoint score of 89.2%.

Everyone is familiar with the Roman Key-Card 4NT. This was the Romanian Killer-Contract 4NT! If anyone makes a more brilliant bid during the Bridge Festival, I would like to hear about it.

On thin ice.

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Nina Anidjar and Diego Brenner wound up third in the pairs event. On their way they got all the Matchpoints on board 21.

Board 21

NS Vul.
Dealer N

♠ Q
♥ 6 5 4
♦ K Q J 8 6 2
♣ 9 5 4

♠ K 9 8 4 2
♥ K J 7
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ 8



♠ 10 7 6 5 3
♥ Q 9
♦ 10
♣ Q 10 7 6 2

♠ A J
♥ A 10 8 3 2
♦ A 4
♣ A K J 3

This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	2NT
pass	3♣ (*)	Double	pass(**)
pass	pass		

(*) Five card stayman, but could have no interest in the majors (3NT directly would not have been natural)

(**) Shows a good 4 cards or a bad 5 cards in ♣. Redouble would show a real interest in playing 3♣.

Diego sitting East, found a daring double of 3♣, probably intending to follow with 3♠ over 3♥ to suggest a save. This double has a couple of potential problems: one is that if opponents reach 3NT quickly it may divert partner from a natural spade lead. The other is that opponents may decide to sit for 3♣ x and you have very little defence for that. The latter problem arose, but it turned out to be a plus! Still everybody was on thin ice here.

East led the ♦10. Declarer Won with the Ace and played a second diamond ruffed by Diego. Now he played the ♥Q for dummy's Ace. Declarer now cashed the ♣A, the ♠A and ruffed a spade in hand. When he played another top diamond East was able to ruff low. Now if declarer over-ruffs he will lose control, so he discarded a Heart instead. East was then able to play the ♣10 and stuck declarer in dummy. Two down and 100% for EW.

Of course declarer could have done a lot better. He started well playing on diamonds. He only got it wrong when he cashed the ♣A. When in with the ♥A he should have just played another heart. If West wins and plays a diamond dummy will over-ruff and clear the hearts, eventually losing only two trumps and two hearts. The best return is probably a trump, but again declarer clears the hearts and West has no second trump to play. Even if the defence returns a spade at trick three, declarer is still in control, as long as he doesn't cash the ♣A. He should win with the Ace and play Ace and another heart. A spade return will be ruffed in hand and the hearts cleared. Again he will lose only two trump tricks and two hearts for with 2 trumps in hand he is still well in control.

Still, even if declarer did make his contract, +670 would only be slightly above average for NS, as many pairs are making +690, +720 and even +1440. It was a real gamble sitting for the double with a running minor - you not only had to win the contract for a good result, you also needed extra tricks if there were 12 tricks available in NT. Matchpoint scoring involves a lot of math.

The tournament director will give you an envelope with your starting position. Put your name on the envelope and then open it. Your whole team should sit down at the same table.

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 if you have played the pairs Tournament or not.



Program 2008

Friday (07/11/2008)	09.30	Half-day Tour(*)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament
	21.00	Entries
		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)	15.30	Open Teams Tournament – 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package