

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2009

12th International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 2-8, 2009

Welcome to Madeira!

Welcome to this wonderful island. This year you will be able to enjoy some of Madeira's attractions, good weather and, as if that wasn't enough, some bridge.

We'll have a cocktail on a Wine Lodge, a typical dinner on a fortress, boat tours, land tours and the prize-giving dinner by the pool.

We will also have fully duplicated boards for our Teams' Tournament so that you can compare your results and discuss with anybody all that you could have done, should have done, but ended up by doing something else.

Enjoy your week and see you at the welcome cocktail on Monday at 6:00 pm - **Beware! This year the Welcome Cocktail is at the Madeira Wine S. Francisco Lodge, not at the Hotel.**

Pedro Nunes



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MONDAY WARM-UP	PAIRS	TEAMS
10 € / Player	90 €/ Player	300 €/Team (up to 6 players)

Dear Guest,

CS Madeira Hotel Atlantic Resort & Sea Spa in Association with Associação de bridge da Madeira has the pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful Island and Hotel.

As a valued Guest we have prepared a special offer for all our themed Buffet Dinners that will take place at the Garden Restaurant as following:

Themed Buffet Dinners only –€25 per person OR €28 with House Wine.

Hotel Bars will be open from 18:00 till 02:00 with Happy hours from 18:00/1900
Also please be informed that our Typical Irish Pub will open daily for lunch and dinner.

Thank you,



THE ENTRY FORMS

If you are staying at the C S Madeira Hotel, please take 5 minutes of your time that will mean a great help to us, by filling in the form regarding your participation in the Social Program we prepared for you. It is really very simple:

1. Check if your room number is correct and fill in your name, e-mail and country. Please use capitals only.
2. Fill in the form with the number of people in your room that want to participate in Thursday's Typical Dinner
3. Fill in the form with the number of people in your room that want to participate in Friday's Half Day Tour, where you have two options: The Boat trip in a replica of a 15th century Portuguese "Nao" (limited to the first 60 entries) or a Land trip around Funchal.
4. Fill in the form with the number of people in your room that want to participate in Sunday's Prize-giving Dinner.
5. Detach the form, and bring it to the Tournament "Welcome Desk", Tuesday, between 2.30 PM and 4.00PM, where you will be given the Entry vouchers for the Pairs Tournament and for the Teams Tournament, as well as the vouchers for the socials events, according to the information filled in the entry form.
6. And that's all! Enjoy the bridge, the island and the people. Have as much fun as you can!

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

Photo Finish

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Last year's team event went right to the wire. The Baleal Team was entering the last round with what seemed a comfortable lead of 18 V. P.'s. However the pressure of being on Table 1 for a long time, combined with the natural fatigue after a long week at the table made for some uncharacteristical mistakes.

When the last board came to the table the Red Devils were leading by 23 imps. At the BBO VuGraph we could see that NS had bid and made 4♠ on this one. Quickly we figured out that the Portuguese team needed to match this result or the Icelanders would win the match by 25-5 giving them the tournament victory.

Board 24 (rotated 180° for convenience)

None Vul.			
♠ J 7 4 2			
♥ A K Q 8			
♦ K 9 4 2			
♣ 6			
♠ 10 ♥ 10 7 ♦ J 10 8 5 3 ♣ Q 8 7 5 4		♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ J 9 6 4 3 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A 9	
♠ A Q 8 5			
♥ 5 2			
♦ A 6			
♣ K J 10 3 2			

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

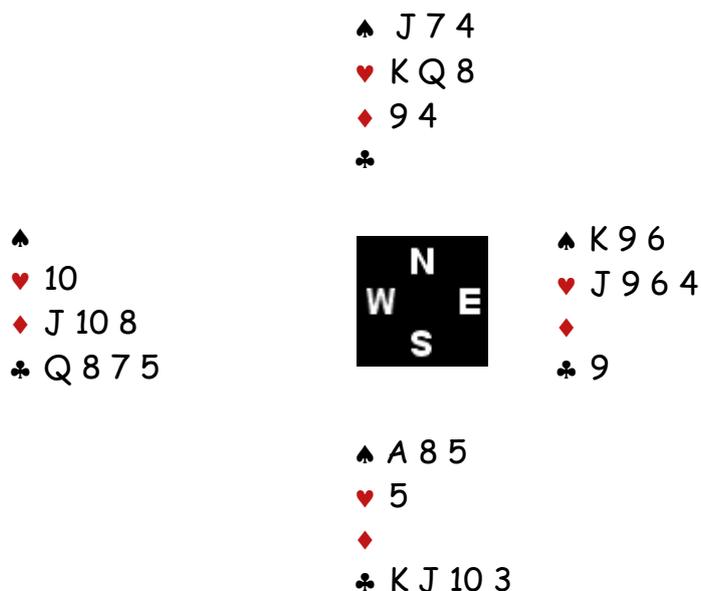
West led the ♦J.

This is how it went at the table:

South won in hand with the Ace and played a Heart to the Ace. He now played dummy's singleton Club where West naturally went in with the ace. Holding up a doubleton Ace smoothly when there's a singleton in dummy is not that easy, although it might have worked out well on this particular lay-out. He returned another Diamond. Now was time for declarer to tackle trumps. What's the best way? At the table a Spade went to the Queen that held the trick, East dropping his ten. (As the cards lie running the ♠J would have worked better as declarer could then run the ♠7 and pick up the trumps for no loss. We will go back to this subject later.) Declarer now ruffed a low Club and played the ♠J, covered by King and Ace, West discarding a Diamond. But now when South tried to cash his Club King East was able to ruff and play the established 9 of trumps. A Heart was now played to dummy and down one meant the title went to the Red Devils. Over 1000 people watched this dramatic ending live on the BBO as David Bird was commenting on site. Emotions were running high by now.

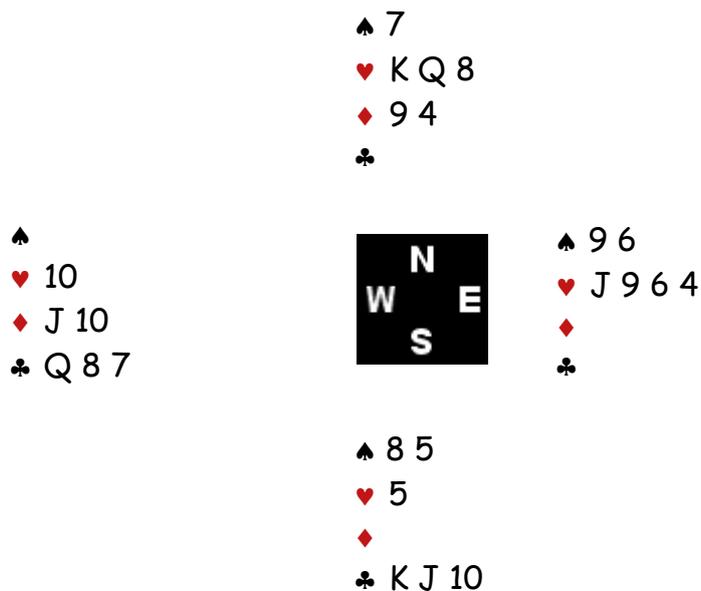
Some time has passed (almost a year) so we may now coolly look at this last sprint. Should declarer have done better? Certainly. But how?

Let's first look at the trump position. At the time declarer tackled trumps Clubs had been played so he could count on 6 top tricks - 3 Hearts, 2 Diamonds and the King of Clubs. He needed only four tricks in trumps to go with them. If he could ruff a Club in dummy he would then only need to pick up the rest of the trumps losing only one trick. According to J. M. Roudinesco the best way to make sure of 3 tricks is to run the Jack followed by cashing the Ace if it loses (losing 2 tricks only 18,92% of the time). Playing to the Queen will give you more tricks on the long run (you make four tricks much more often) but will lose you 2 tricks 23,70% of the time. So, was this where declarer went wrong? I don't think so. The difference between the two lines is, on this particular board, made up by the fact you could be overruffed in Clubs by both opponents. Besides, if it weren't for the fact that he had to ruff a Club declarer would still have lost only a trump trick after the ten had fell. He only needed to play a trump to the jack and finesse the 9 later. The problem was that if he did that he would lose the entry to South's hand. This is the position after finessing the ♠Q:



If declarer played a Spade to the Jack East would be able to win with the King and play a Heart. Now declarer would have to finesse in trumps but if he cashes the Ace he loses control and West will make his Diamond tricks. If he tries to ruff a Club East will over ruff and play his last trump leaving declarer one trick short.

But still that wasn't where I think declarer went down. He did it after knowing that trumps were 4-1. From the above position he played a small Club ruffed and led the ♠J reaching this position:



It was when the ♣King was played that declarer went down. East was able to ruff small and remove dummy's last trump. Had South played Hearts first he

could have cashed his two Heart tricks and ruffed a Heart (or Diamond) with the ♠5. Now he just ruffs a Club with the ♠7 and when East overruffs declarer makes his tenth trick with the ♠8. Note that had the Hearts and Clubs been reversed he would still had prevailed. Now the ♥Q would be ruffed, but he could overruff, cash the ♣K and ruff a Club for his tenth trick (East having to follow suit).

It would still have been a photo finish, but the final ruling would have been reversed.



Before



After

Espada

Do you think you can be here for a week and resist having some of this?

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

Share it with us...

Did you know that O'Briens Pub is part of the CS Madeira?
It opens at 6 pm and closes at 1 am (3 am on Friday and Saturday).
You can have a drink or a light meal there.

Program 2009

Monday (02/11/2009)	18.00	Welcome Cocktail
	21.30	Warm-up Pairs
Tuesday (03/11/2009)	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 (04/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
Thursday (05/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
	21.00	Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
Friday (06/11/2009)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (07/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (08/11/2009)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) See next page for extra trips

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

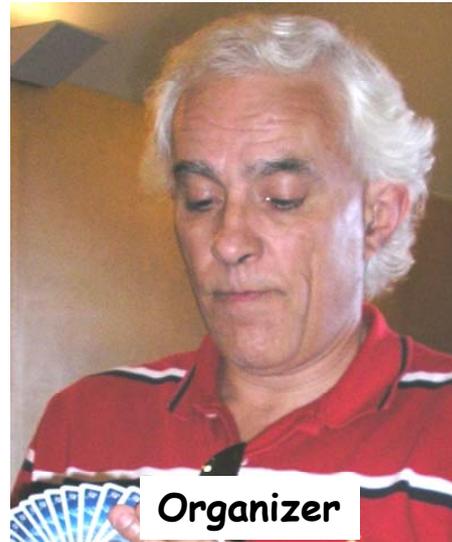
The Half-day Tour can be one of the following:

- a) Boat Trip along the West coast of Madeira
- b) Tour to Câmara de Lobos, Cabo Girão and Pico dos Barcelos

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.



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