

12th International Bridge Festival Madeira

Funchal, November 2-8, 2008

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WELCOME / WELCOME BACK!

Everybody is here, now. We hope you had a goo trip from The Azores, Mainland Portugal, Holland, Estonia, Austria, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Bulgaria and Latvia.

If you were "lucky" enough to go to Porto Santo, did you get a glimpse of the beach there?

Yesterday's Warm-Up was won by the Austrians Martin Schifko and Sascha Wernle. They got 68.07%.



At the cocktail, yesterday

The Estonians Maris Purgailis and Vladimir Gonca were second, just 0.32% behind.

Kjell Otto Kopstad and Olav Lomsdalen, from Norway, were third with 68.83%.

And now... see you all at 4:30 for the first session.

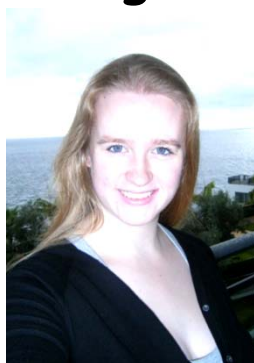
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ENTRY FEE	
PAIRS	TEAMS
90 €/ Player	300 €/Team (up to 6 players)

Warm-up Pairs

1	45	629	68,07	Martin Schifko - Sascha Wernle
2	51	626	67,75	Maris Purgalis - Vladimirs Gonca
3	50	599	64,83	Kjell Otto Kopstad - Olav Lomsdalen
4	28	589	63,74	Julius Sigurjonson - Sveinn R Eiriksson
5	61	580	62,77	Arild Arnot - Runny Jorstad
6	23	551	59,63	Tineke Poland - Frits Gootje
7	21	519	56,17	BG Olofsson - Ted Oiows
8	24	517	55,95	Wardena - Veger
9	12	516	55,84	Erkki Valmra - Sulev Ulp
10	43	504	54,55	Egil Hansen - Harald Nordby
11	46	496	53,68	Bruno Macedo - José Macedo
12	30	494	53,46	Minouche Abel - Will Schilder
13	9	484	52,38	Virginia Chediak - Gustavo Chediak
	25	484	52,38	Anna Kovacheva - Trayan Hristov
15	4	483	52,27	Jaap van der Berg - Jack Wagemakers
16	70	476	51,52	Ilse-Betina Artmer - Josef Simon
17	26	472	51,08	Anne Marie Gisnaas - Geir Gisnaas
	65	472	51,08	Nedju Buchlev - Elke Duhrig
19	1	471	50,97	Elisabeth Solum - Per Tjelmeland
	3	471	50,97	Erlendur - Gudlaugur Sveinsson
21	71	470	50,87	Lisbeth Grove - Mads Eyde
22	10	467	50,54	Allie Hoenstok - Hans Metselaar
23	41	465	50,32	Bodil Haugerud - Harald Haugerud
	68	465	50,32	Andrea Muliar - Peter Steiner
25	44	464	50,22	António Arruda - Henrique Ribeiro
26	31	460	49,78	Sven Sester - Olavi Oja
27	27	456	49,35	Wim Stol - Remco Stol
28	62	450	48,70	Fernando Ribeiro - Pedro Morgado
29	48	444	48,05	Ellen Vigmostad - Bjorn Odden
30	7	442	47,84	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
31	5	438	47,40	Erla Sigurjonsdottir - Gudlaugur Bessason
	29	438	47,40	Ploni Nobel - Cees Nobel
33	66	427	46,21	João Machado - Robert Snapper
34	67	426	46,10	Leonardo Velosa - Nuno D Martins
35	11	422	45,67	Maarja Oras - Andres Kuusk
36	69	416	45,02	Adriano Medeiros - Horácio Franco
37	63	409	44,26	Eduardo Fernandes - José M Freitas
38	8	406	43,94	Gareth Bartley - Beatrix Kuzselka
	32	406	43,94	Lauri Naber - Leo Luks
40	6	401	43,40	Luís Sampaio - Nuno Pereira
41	49	397	42,97	Helder Fernandes - Manuel Arruda
42	64	378	40,91	Gitte Hecht Johansen - Susan Just Olesen
43	22	355	38,42	H C Smit-Hertog - R P Smit
44	2	346	37,45	Ângela Matias - Acácio Matias
45	47	297	32,14	Carlos Viveiros - Pedro Gil
46	42	274	29,65	Lydia Allen - David Allen

The girl that hits The New York Times



by Jan van Cleeff

Rosaline Barendregt from the Netherlands is a well known staff member at the Madeira Bridge Festival. For four years now she works here as a tournament director. But did you know is an excellent bridge player in her own right? This summer for instance she represented her country at the European University Bridge Championships in Croatia. On that occasion she stole an impossible 3NT. The way Rosaline deceived her opponents made great impression to Philip Alder, one of America's leading bridge journalists. In fact Alder wrote about the hand in his column in the New York Times. Have a look yourself:

BRIDGE

Eight Tricks Are Obvious, but the Ninth?

By PHILLIP ALDER

Published: October 18, 2009

Nearly 20 women competed in the first European Universities Championship, which was held in Opatija, Croatia, from Oct. 4 to 10. One, Rosaline Barendregt, playing for The Hague, found a clever ruse in the diagramed deal from the match against Athens.

NORTH				
♠	10 6 2			
♥	A 7 5 4 2			
♦	10			
♣	A J 4 3			
WEST(D)		EAST		
♠	A Q 9 4	♠	K J 8	
♥	K Q 10	♥	9 6 3	
♦	Q 9 8 7 5	♦	J 6 3 2	
♣	10	♣	9 7 2	
		SOUTH		
		♠	7 5 3	
		♥	J 8	
		♦	A K 4	
		♣	K Q 8 6 5	

Both sides were vulnerable.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	1 N.T.
Pass	3 N.T.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the diamond seven.

In three no-trump she seemed to have only eight winners: one heart, two diamonds and five clubs. What was her ninth trick?

At the other table Gerbrand Hop (West for The Hague) bought the contract in three diamonds. Konstantinos Doxiadis (North for Athens) found the effective lead of a low heart. Then, when Konstantinos Kontomitros (South) got in with a top diamond, he returned a heart and received a heart ruff. The defense therefore took one heart, two diamonds, one club and the heart ruff for down one.

The balancing one-no-trump overcall by Barendregt (South) showed some 11 to 14 points, so the jump to three

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no-trump by Natalia Banas was aggressive. (Yes, she might have transferred to hearts first, to offer a choice of games.)

Barendregt, apparently fighting a losing battle, won the first trick with the diamond king and led a low spade from her hand.

East took that and returned a diamond, but South won with the ace and cashed her club tricks. West, thinking that he had to keep his spades, promptly discarded the heart ten and heart king.

A low heart to dummy's ace brought down West's queen, and declarer took her ninth trick with the heart jack. Did you guess that?

Minus 100 and plus 600 gave The Hague 11 international match points en route to victory in the match by 29 imps.

Although this ruse of leading your weakest suit as early as possible is well known, it continues to work.

Are you staying at the CS Madeira Hotel?

Have you filled the form you got from the Reception regarding the Social Program?

Be sure to get them to the Welcome Desk between 3 and 4 pm in order to get your Pairs Tournament entry voucher as well as the vouchers for the remainder of the program.

Big Start

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Things got out with a big start yesterday. The very first board of the warm-up tournament was a Grand Slam hand.

Board 1

None Vul.

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 5 2
♦ 7
♣ J 8 6 5 4 2

♠ K Q J 6 5
♥ A 4
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A 10



♠ A 10 4
♥ 9 7
♦ A K Q 6 5 2
♣ K 3

♠ 9 8 3
♥ J 10 8 6 3
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 9 7

As you may see, looking only at the EW hands, there are 14 top tricks, whatever the distribution of the NS hands, with all the 10's and 9's just to make sure. (The unfortunate mirrored shape in Hearts and Clubs makes it impossible to try for a 15th through an unlikely squeeze). So it seems surprising that there were as many pairs playing a Grand Slam as there were playing no Slam at all (!).

The underbid prize goes to a local pair that through a (slight) bidding misunderstanding ended up in the super-solid contract of 2♠. Not even Deep Finesse could manage to make a dent to it.

On the other hand our winning pair from yesterday's session, Martin Schifko and Sascha Wernle managed easily enough to get to 7NT. This is how I'm told the bidding went:

East	South	West	North
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT(1)	Pass	3♣(2)	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠(3)	Pass	4NT(4)	Pass
5♣(5)	Pass	5♥(6)	Pass
6♣(7)	Pass	7NT	Pass
All Pass			

- (1) 15-17 Bal.
- (2) Forcing relay
- (3) Cue-bid
- (4) RKCB with diamonds as trumps
- (5) 0-3 key-cards
- (6) Trump Queen inquiry
- (7) Trump Queen and Club King

Only three more pairs managed to get to the optimum place of 7NT, another one to 7♠ and finally another to 7♦.

I don't know how the bidding went on the other tables, but you may reach it with very few gadgets. Here is how it might go with very simple bidding:

East	South	West	North
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠(1)	Pass	4NT(2)	Pass
5♣(3)	Pass	5♥(4)	Pass
6♣(5)	Pass	7NT	Pass
All Pass			

- (1) Cue-bid
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Have you managed this big start? Or just a big fight on the post-mortem?...

PARKING

If you are not staying at the hotel, you can park your car in the Public car park.

It costs €0.90 per hour before 8 pm and €0.50 after that.

However, if you go have a drink at O'Briens the park will be free of charge.



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.

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 bulletin staff or TD

Prizes 2009

Pairs		Teams	
1° Class.	3.000,00	1ª Team	3.500,00
2° Class.	2.250,00	2ª Team	2.400,00
3° Class.	1.750,00	3ª Team	1.600,00
4° Class.	1.250,00	4ª Team	1.100,00
5° Class.	900,00	5ª Team	750,00
6° Class.	750,00	1° Foreign	600,00
7° Class.	600,00	1° Portuguese	600,00
8° Class.	500,00	1ª Madeira	300,00
		2° Foreign	300,00
1° Mixed	350,00	2° Portuguese	300,00
1° Ladies	350,00		
1° Junior	350,00		
1° Senior	350,00		
1° Portuguese	350,00		
1° Foreign	350,00		
1° Madeira	350,00		
1° Norway	350,00		
1° Iceland	350,00		
1° Austria	350,00		
1° Holland	350,00		
2° Mixed	200,00		
2° Ladies	200,00		
2° Senior	200,00		
2° Madeira	200,00		
2° Norway	200,00		
2° Iceland	200,00		
2° Austria	200,00		
2° Holland	200,00		

*Special Prizes require a minimum of 8 pairs per category

Program 2009

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
	21.30	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)	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) Contact Top Atlantico for extra tours

(**) 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 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.

IF YOU DIDN'T COME WITH THE DMC/CS MADEIRABRIDGE PACKAGE PLEASE GO TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, FROM 3PM TO 4PM TO THE WELCOME DESK OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA WHERE YOU CAN PICK UP THE VOUCHER FOR THE "PRIZE GIVING DINNER" AND BUY TICKETS FOR ANY EVENT INCLUDED IN THE SOCIAL PROGRAM.