

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2010

13th International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 1-7, 2010

Welcome to this beautiful Island! **Welcome** to the good weather. **Welcome** to the 13th International Bridge Open

For starters you will visit the São Francisco Wine Lodges. We

are having the welcome cocktail there.



Our Press Conference, last Wednesday

During the week you will be able to go on boat trips, have the typical "espetada", "milho frito" or "filete de espada", go on tours and finally the prize-giving dinner by the pool.

You may even have time to play bridge!

This is the 13th International Bridge Festival - The lucky one!

Pedro Nunes

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

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

THE ENTRY FORMS

Welcome to Madeira and our 13th International Bridge Open!

Are you staying in the CS Madeira? If so, you have received an envelope with some forms and this bulletin.

Be sure to fill them in. You will have to bring them to the Welcome desk on Tuesday between 14.30 and 16.00 in order to receive your vouchers.

You will be then given your entry fee vouchers, both for the pairs and teams events, as well as any other vouchers you have requested

Please note that if you are not staying in the hotel with the Special Bridge Package but still wish to participate in the social program you should let us know. Contact the Welcome desk Wednesday (from 15.00 to 16.00), where you will be given your Prize Giving Dinner vouchers and where you may buy any other voucher you need (as for Wednesday's typical dinner or for a non-player accompanying you to Sunday's dinner).

The Organization would like to warn you that you should not use your vouchers as markers on your latest bridge book while you're in the pool, or as wedges under the wobbling bed table, for if you lose them you will be required to buy new ones!

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

The Welcome Cocktail

Wondering on how to get to the São Francisco Wine Lodges?

Have a look at the map below:



It's a 20 minute walk or a 5 minute drive from the hotel.

See you there!

O Lagar

Our typical dinner, on Wednesday, will be held in one of the famous "espetada" restaurants - O Lagar.

Were you with us back in 2003? You may remember it. The "espetada" was delicious! It will be even better this year!



The Striped-tail Monkey double

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

I always thought it was called "the striped-tail monkey double", but when I "googled" it I found out that it was the "striped-tail Ape double". I was a bit disappointed for there is no such thing in the wild as the striped-tail Ape (yes, I "googled" it too). On the other hand the striped-tail Monkey has a behaviour that resembles the one we want - it is very loud and aggressive from a far but quickly runs when you get near. Well, maybe it's called a striped-tail ape double exactly because there is no such thing!

But I'm rumbling. This is not an article about semantics or wild beast. The www.bridgehands.com glossary index defines the "striped-tail ape double" as:

Striped-Tail Ape Double - An attempt to have the opposition settle for Doubled contract and miss slam, where the opponent will "run like a "Strip-tailed Ape" to their long suit if opponent's redouble! Obviously, this tactic only works with favourable vulnerability.

Example:

(1D) - 1S - (2S) - 4S;
(4N) - P - (5D) - X;

This double came to life (arguably from a Mr. John Lowenthal and a Mr Sam Scaffidi) from the fact that if you double your opponents at the five level and they make an overtrick, you still get a better result than if they bid and make a slam. (If you don't believe me just check the scores on the back of the bidding box cards.)

However, if they redouble they will beat the slam score (check the bidding box cards again). That's when you act as a striped-tail "ape" and run to your long suit.

So, to business now...

My good friend and co-editor Pedro Nunes held this hand on last weekend's pairs' tournament:

♠ J 9 3
♥ 10 8 6 5 3
♦ -
♣ A Q 10 8 3

With everyone vulnerable his partner passed in 1st seat. Right Hand Opponent opened the bidding with 1 ♦ and Pedro passed. LHO now bid 1♠ and rebid 4NT over RHO's 4♠. When the RKCB answer was 5♦ Pedro saw a great chance to ask partner to lead a diamond against the likely spade slam, and so doubled. LHO promptly redoubled and this was passed back to Pedro. Homer Simpson would now say something like "D'oh!". Ok, it's no time to panic yet. We still have two half decent suits we may introduce at the 5 or 6 level - but which one? Hearts would be a level lower but the clubs are so much better. He wished there was a convention like the S.O.S. re-redouble he could use

to have partner choose one of the other suits. (And by the way if the redouble is xx should the re-redouble be xxx or xxxx?).


-“Pedro, it's your bid..”

Oh..., OK..., sorry.

He finally chose 6♣. I guess he felt that if he faced a singleton in dummy and went for something like 10 down vulnerable he could say he was unlucky with the trump position in clubs, but not so much in hearts.

This was the whole hand:

Board 4
Dealer W
All vul.

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

BINGO!!

That's a really good partner - holding 6 clubs just when you need it! Why aren't my partners more like that?

But it's not the end of it. South could have doubled now and get +800, but that's not enough to beat the slam, so he decided to bid what he intended all along - 6♠!

West dully led a diamond and Pedro cashed his club ace for one down and 93% of the matchpoints. (Yes he could have underled his ♣A at trick 2 for 2 down and all the matchpoints, but would you?).

This was the full auction:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Dble.	Rdbl.
Pass	Pass	6♣	6♠
All Pass			

Should South have realized that he was going to run into a diamond ruff? Well, he might, especially since his partner opened 1♦ and he held the Ace diamonds fifth, but if he was facing a real "striped-tail ape" double, Pedro could have something like 7 or 8 clubs and a doubleton diamond. If he bid 6♦ then, he would be losing to all the pairs playing 6♠.

So was it a real "striped-tail ape double"? Well..., if you look at the definition above it wasn't. Both because it worked even though vulnerability wasn't favourable and there was no long suit to run to - there were potentially two. This could be the big difference between the striped-tail ape and the striped-tail monkey. The ape looks aggressive but has a carefully chosen route of escape if someone stands him up. The monkey also looks aggressive but when people stand him up just jumps up in the air and hopes for the best.

Maybe we should write to the WBF and ask for two new conventions to be added to the list -the striped-tailed monkey double and the S. O. S. re-redouble (only Pedro will be allowed to play one without the other).

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 2010

Monday (01/11/2010)	18.00	Welcome Cocktail at S. Francisco Wine Lodge
	21.30	Warm-up Pairs
Tuesday (02/11/2010)	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 (03/11/2010)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
Thursday (04/11/2010)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
Friday (05/11/2010)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	21.15	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (06/11/2010)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (07/11/2010)	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) Contact Top Atlântico for more tours

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

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

- Boat Trip along the West coast of Madeira (limited places)
- Tour to Câmara de Lobos, Cabo Girão, Pico dos Barcelos and Monte (taking about 2h30min).

The Top Atlântico Desk will be at the Hotel lobby.

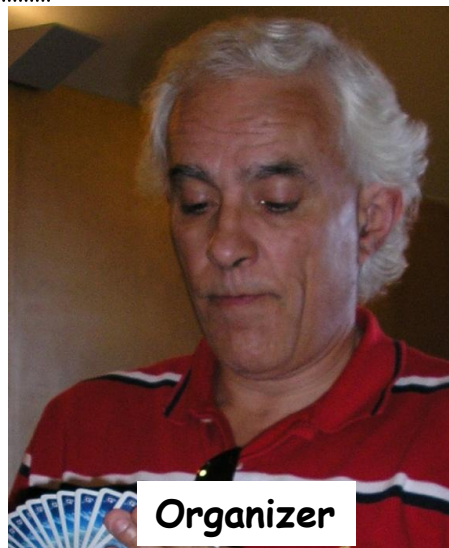
It will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

If you have booked through this agency you should do your payments there.

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