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HELLO!

After a beautiful weekend for travelling, here we are about to start our 13th International Bridge Festival.



Bjarke Friis and Marianne Rasmussen

We hope that you have enjoyed your flights and that you have a wonderful week here with us.

Yesterday's warm-up session had 39 pairs and was won by the

Danish pair Marianne Rasmussen and Bjarke Friis. They got an impressive 70.20% (they were doing 76% before the last round!).

Close behind were the Portuguese António Palma and Pedro Pratas with 67.75%.

The Dutch Annet van Leijen and Maria Pel were third. They got 63.19%.

And today we start the pairs' tournament. See you at 4.30.

Pedro Nunes

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

Warm-up Pairs

Pos	Pair	Mps	%	Names
1	36	505,5	70,20	Marianne Rasmussen - Bjarke Friis
2	21	487,8	67,75	António Palma - Pedro Pratas
3	4	454,9	63,19	Annet van Leijen - Maria Pel
4	38	446,2	61,97	Adriano Medeiros - Horácio Franco
5	14	423,0	58,75	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
6	25	416,1	57,79	Helge Larsen - Frank Solheim
7	17	415,2	57,67	Ellen Vigmostad - Harald Nordby
8	7	414,0	57,50	Gisli Steingrímsson - Sigurdur Steingrímsson
9	31	410,3	56,98	Pedro Macedo - Robert Snapper
10	28	406,5	56,46	Erla Sigurjónsdóttir - Maria Haraldsdóttir
11	9	399,9	55,55	Liga Brikmane - Peteris Bethers
12	18	394,4	54,78	Henning Ostergaard - Mads Eyde
13	3	393,4	54,64	Julius Sigurjósón - Trostur Ingmarsson
14	22	382,2	53,08	Robert Franzel - Jovi Smederevac
15	2	381,2	52,95	Editha Röckl - Robert Röckl
16	32	379,6	52,73	Anne Rydning - Dag Mangset
17	12	378,4	52,55	Lisbeth Grove - Omar Olgeirsson
18	27	373,7	51,90	Emilia Nuñez - Ronny Jorstad
19	15	368,3	51,16	Gitte Hecht-Johansen - Thomas Magnusson
20	6	366,3	50,87	Hans Metselaar - Svein R Eirikson
21	24	359,6	49,95	João Machado - José Macedo
22	20	354,1	49,18	Virginia Chediak - Gustavo Chediak
23	19	352,9	49,02	Andrea Muliar - Peter Steiner
24	1	351,4	48,80	Alexandre Rodrigues - Bruno Macedo
25	8	335,8	46,64	Juris Balasous - Uldis Bethers
26	26	334,5	46,46	Ângela Matias - Acácio Matias
27	33	323,8	44,97	Nevena Senior - Lila Panahpour
28	13	316,5	43,96	Elke Dührig - Richard Früh
29	5	316,3	43,92	Hanna Fridriksdóttir - Hrafnhildur Skuladóttir
30	10	305,4	42,42	André Geboers - Hans Sprenkeling
31	40	305,4	42,41	Eduardo Fernandes - José M Freitas
32	23	301,5	41,87	Halldóra Magnúsdóttir - Guðný Guðjónsdóttir
33	34	301,4	41,86	Carlos Jesus - Nuno D Martins
34	39	297,5	41,32	Fernando Ribeiro - Pedro Morgado
35	35	288,2	40,02	Minouche Abbee - Ria Bartolomij
36	16	272,9	37,91	Agatha Pidal - João Passarinho
37	37	272,0	37,77	Fábio Fernandes - José A Pereira
38	29	248,3	34,48	Lisette Berghs - Frank Bloch
39	11	202,0	28,06	Mieke Poort - Trudie Dekker



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Helge Egil Hantveit

by Jon Sveindal

Helge is a newcomer to wonderful Madeira. He lives on an island (Askøy) just off Bergen on the west coast of Norway, and has been among the country's top players for decades. He represented Norway on the open team in the open European Championship in Killarney, Ireland, in 1991, where he was awarded the prize for the best played hand. That board was given international attention; this hand from a Norwegian Pairs Final some years ago only found its way to the national bridge columns.



All Vul.
Dealer E

♠ K 2
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ 10 7
♣ K J 8 7 4

♠ A 4
♥ 9 8
♦ J 8 6
♣ Q 10 9 6 5 2



♠ Q 9 6
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ A 3

♠ J 10 8 7 5 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ K 9 5 3
♣

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	pass
1 NT	pass	3 NT	pass
pass	pass		

Lead: ♣4

The fair contract looked doomed with the bad club split, but the club lead to declarer's 5 (!) helped a little. Then the heart 9 went to south's jack, and the spade return was won by north who played another club to the ace.

Helge played a small diamond to the jack (south couldn't afford to go in with the king), and a heart to the queen was successful. Then followed spade to the ace, diamond to the ace, and the spade queen. With eight tricks in the bag Hantveit was in no doubt as to how to get his 9th. Heart ace and a heart end played north, who had to give declarer another club trick for the contract. 600 yielded a handsome plus score, of course, and the prize for the best played hand of the tournament.

I really wish Helge the best of luck in his Madeira debut, not least because he is going to play with me here this year☺!

THE ENTRY FORMS

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

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.

The **Pair Registration vouchers** will be immediately given to you. You will also get any other vouchers you have requested for the rest of the week.

If you haven't purchased the CS Madeira Bridge Package you will get your prize giving dinner vouchers **tomorrow**. Go tomorrow, Wednesday, to the Welcome desk between 15.00 and 16.00 where you may also buy other vouchers you need, as for Wednesday typical dinner.

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

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

A possible hat-trick

By Rodrigo Martins Soares


We start our week, as usual, with a light warm-up tournament. Twenty four boards to put you up to speed for the real thing today.

If you played yesterday there was a set of boards that could have led to a hat-trick. For that to happen you would have to bid and make a slam in everyone of the three boards of that round - the first two on the NS line and the other one on the EW line. I'm sorry to report that no one did that. In fact, there wasn't a single pair to bid the first slam, and very few made 12 tricks, but let's start with the easier ones.

Board 11


Dealer S

None vul.

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


As you may see, it's really easy to make 12 tricks with clubs as the trump suit, but it's not that easy to bid. Even if you start with a natural 1♣ and inverted minors you will still have to take some optimistic views later on. Yesterday only 2 out of 15 pairs got there.

Board 12
 Dealer W
 NS vul.

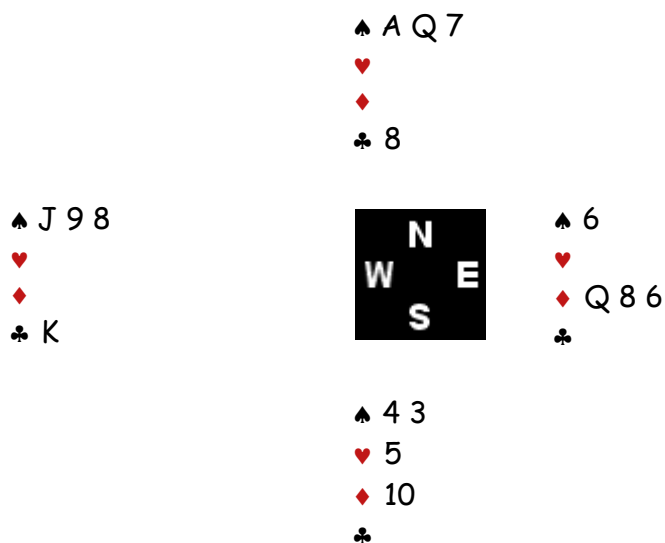
♠ A K Q 6 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ 8 ♣ K 10 7 6 4		♠ J 8 7 3 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 5 3 2	♠ 9 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ A K 7 5 4 ♣ A Q 9
		♠ 10 5 ♥ J 10 7 5 3 ♦ Q J 10 9 6 ♣ J	

This was a more popular slam. In over half the tables a slam was bid, although it was almost always the "wrong" slam. As cards lye you can make 7♣ or 6♠ on any lead, but 6NT needs to avoid a Heart lead. However that was the most popular slam. I don't really like to call "wrong" since it worked almost all the time, as it was always played by East and South had a very natural diamond lead. If you want to make sure how natural this lead is just make it a lead problem for your friends - nobody will choose a diamond lead because it's too obvious.

Board 10
 Dealer E
 All vul.

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

Finally we get to the first board of the round. No one bid this slam but that's very understandable. Usually West got to open the bidding and a few pairs didn't even manage to get to game. Making 6♥ here is a little trickier. The natural lead is a top diamond and it seems easy enough to rough 2 diamonds on the North hand and claim 12 tricks, but it's not that simple. If you look carefully you have entry problems with not enough entries on the South hand to finesse the clubs, rough two diamonds and take out the trumps. Let's say West starts with the ♦A and switches to a spade. You will let it ride to your King to play a club to the Queen. Now you cash the ♣A and rough a club. You rough a diamond in dummy and a club back so you may rough your last diamond. But now you're stuck in dummy. You may cash Ace and Queen of trumps but you have no way to get back to the South hand and cash the King so East will eventually rough a Spade. So the way to do it is to rough just one club and one diamond and cash all your trumps reaching this end position:



With West squeezed in clubs and spades you have your twelfth trick.

Prizes 2010

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	350 €
1st Mixed	350 €
1st Senior	350 €
1st Portugal	350 €
1st Foreign *	350 €
1st Junior	350 €

Special prizes Teams	
1st Foreign	600,00 €
2nd Foreign	300,00 €
1st Portuguese	600,00 €
2nd Portuguese	300,00 €

*Special Prizes require a minimum of 8 pairs per category

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.

Program 2010

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 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 green 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.

Don't forget to leave us also your e-mail address, so we may update on all the news about our Tournament.