

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2013

16th International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 4-10, 2013

The biggest!

The biggest bridge tournament in Portugal is about to start - It's our 16th International Madeira Bridge Festival.

This year we're having some sightseeing, some good weather to



The winning team - Akinom Poland - at last year's prize-giving dinner

enjoy your trips around the island or your leisure time at the pool, a typical dinner with folklore and, in the end, the prize-giving dinner.

There will be plenty of reasons to enjoy yourselves when you're not playing bridge. We

hope you make the most of it!

We're starting the festivities in the centre of Funchal, at the "Sao Francisco Wine Lodges", for the welcome cocktail. On page 3 there's a map to show you how to go there from the hotel.

See you at the cocktail!

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES		
MONDAY WARM-UP	PAIRS	TEAMS
10 € / Player	100 €/Player	300 €/Team (up to 6 players)

THE ENTRY FORMS

Welcome to Madeira and our 16th International Bridge Open!

Are you staying at Vidamar Resorts? 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 the Hotel's Reception Desk nearest to the playing rooms) 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!

Another important note. We will be asking you to give us an estimate of your strength as a player on your entry form. This will be used to calculate the overall strength of the tournament, mainly for Portuguese ranking points distribution. So you will find a line with **V Index**, where you should fill according to the following table:

International Level - **1I**

1st Series High **1A** - about Top 5% of your NCBO but not international

1st Series High **1B** -between Top 5% and Top 15% but not international

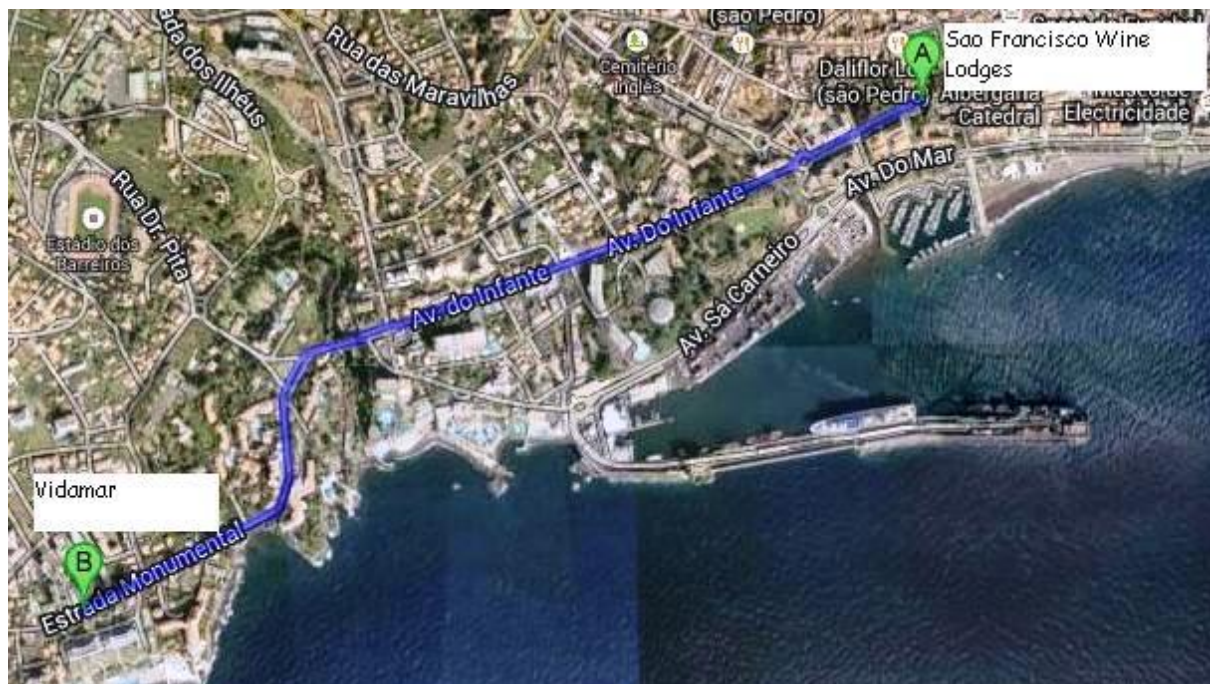
2nd Series **2X** - between Top 15% and Top 55% - Competent players but not Top 15%

3rd Series **3X** - Lowest 55% - Mostly club players

No Classification **SC** - Not affiliated with your NCBO - Only social bridge players

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

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.
Just go straight ahead, keep on the main road.

See you there!

The Top Atlântico DMC Desk will be at the Hotel lobby.

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

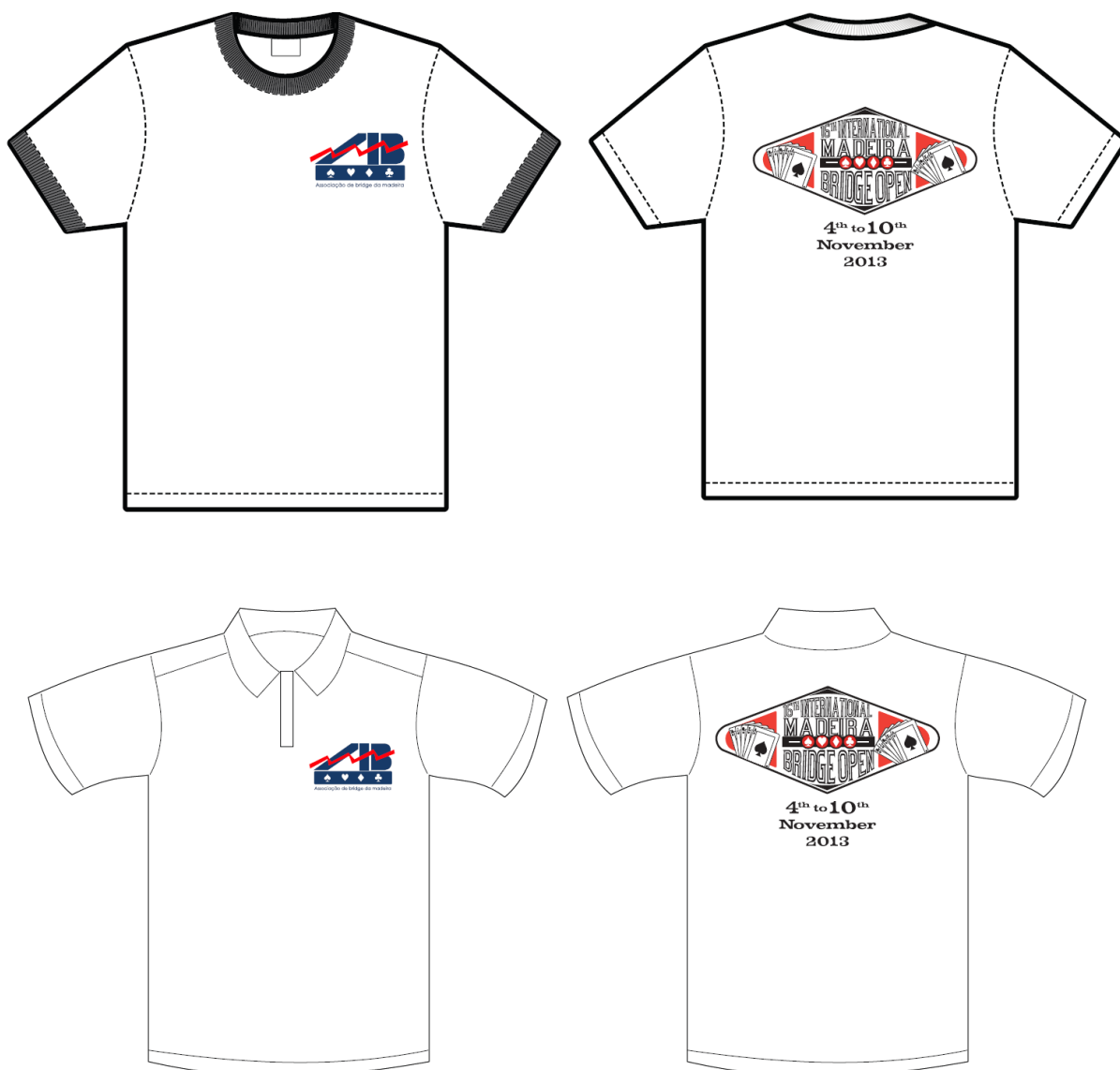
If you have booked through this agency you should do your payments there.

“O Lagar”

After a year's break (due to some remodelling works) our Wednesday typical dinner is back to the traditional restaurant “O Lagar”. There you will be able to eat the typical “espetada” and “milho frito” - it's one of the best places in the island for that.

We will be, as always, entertained by a traditional folklore group.





Don't forget the official Madeira International Bridge Open t-shirts this year! Or you will be sorry when you get home!

If it's your first time here and you packed for winter you may need one of these for each day you are here. Get them at the Welcome Desk.

And don't forget to take one for your friends who didn't make it here this year - they will be really jealous.

A duck feast...

by Rodrigo Martins Soares

♠ 9 4
♥ A K 2
♦ Q 9 4 3 2
♣ 7 5 4



♠ Q 6
♥ Q J 6 4 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ A Q 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	2NT ²
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Drury - maximum passed hand, 3+♥'s
2. 15-17

I played this board last week-end during a national teams' event, sitting South. The lead was the ♦J. How do you plan the play?


As usual we overbid it. We were lucky to escape a spade lead and a club return that would considerably lessen our chances, so let's see what we can do. If we manage to hold our diamond losers to one, we might get away with it even if the ♣K is offside.

But there are communications problems. If you cover the ♦J with the Queen your only other entries are in trumps, so you can't set up the diamonds prior to taking out trumps. Say the lead is from J10x. If you cover with the Queen, East will play the King and you win with the Ace. Now you have only losing possibilities - if you take out trumps first then West will let you win the second round of diamonds leaving the rest stranded in dummy. If you try to tackle diamonds first you will lose a diamond trick and a diamond ruff to go with your two quick spade losers.

Your only legitimate way of winning if you cover is for West to have started with exactly ♦J10 so you could win the first round, take out trumps and West won't be able to duck the second round of diamonds. However, even in this scenario East may make a tremendous defensive effort and hold on to his King letting your Queen hold the first round! Now you are again cut off from dummy's diamonds.

West is very unlikely to have led from \spadesuit KJ10(x) anyway, so a small diamond was what I played from dummy at trick one. Had the \spadesuit K been played from East, I would have won with the ace, taken out trumps and ducked a diamond, keeping Q9 in dummy. As it was, East came in with the \spadesuit 8, so I ducked again! I was mainly playing for a doubleton \spadesuit K with East, but decided to duck immediately playing for a slight defensive error if it wasn't. No, I wasn't expecting West to play diamonds again with KJ10, but if West has exactly J10 he may play his partner for \spadesuit AK and return the suit, and if so, will East be sharp enough to duck his King when I play the Queen from dummy? (it seems that on this board the one that ducks the most wins!)

We will never know as the full board was:

	\spadesuit 9 4	
	\heartsuit A K 2	
	\diamondsuit Q 9 4 3 2	
	\clubsuit 7 5 4	
\spadesuit K J 8 7		\spadesuit A 10 5 3 2
\heartsuit 7		\heartsuit 10 9 8 5
\diamondsuit J 10 6		\diamondsuit K 8
\clubsuit K J 6 3 2		\clubsuit 10 9
	\spadesuit Q 6	
	\heartsuit Q J 6 4 3	
	\diamondsuit A 7 5	
	\clubsuit A Q 8	

On the closed room our partner also led a diamond, but oddly enough he chose the 6! Declarer started well by playing the 9 and winning East's King with the Ace. Luckily for us she later forgot to duck West's \spadesuit 10, so this was worth 13 imps for the humble organizers of your favourite tournament.

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

Contact any of the bulletin staff or TD

Homage to Pietro Bernasconi

by Nuno Pereira

Pietro Bernasconi...This is a name that won't be recognizable to many, but I can assure you that after seeing this hand you will remember his name, as well as praise his efforts in giving bridge aficionados all over the world something to think about (and probably nightmares too)...

Bernasconi was the person that conceived the bridge hands for the (now defunct) par contests that took place in the nineties, an individual bridge contest that put players like Hamann, Garozzo, Rosenberg, Martel, or Balicki on the edge of their seats (literally) for hours, trying to resolve these problems.

This is one such hand:

♠ A K J 10
♥ A Q J 3
♦ A 9 2
♣ Q 5

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♠ Q 9 7 3
♥ 6 5 4 2
♦ Q J 3
♣ A J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		4 ♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
All pass			

West leads the ♠ 2.

After the spade lead, you assume West has no clubs, for he would have surely led one if he had any. On the other hand, East has failed to make a Lightner double, so chances are that he has no void in hearts or diamonds. On the first 2 trumps east follows twice, so his distribution must be 2-1-1-9. If so, hearts are 4-1 and you quickly notice there are only 11 tricks...

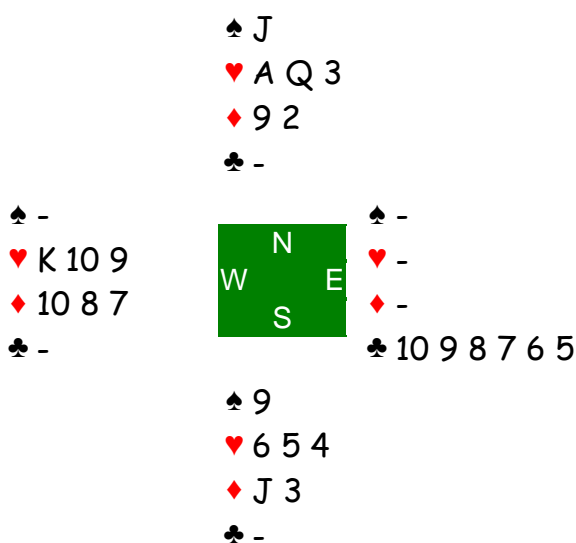
Suddenly there is a light at the end of the tunnel! You will throw West in with the fourth round of hearts forcing him to lead away from his ♦10. That means you need to finesse 3 times in the red suits, so you will need 3 entries. The ♠Q is one and the ♣AJ are two more...You did it!

But wait...What if east plays the ♣K when you lead the 5 on the first club lead?
 Yes, the light is dimming and the tunnel is now closed for maintenance...
 Do you see the solution?

Let East have his club trick. This trick will come right back to you in the form of a ruff and slough, which will then provide the extra entry.

So here is the full sequence of play: three rounds of trumps ending with the ♠Q; ♦Q covered and won with ♦A; ♣Q, not covered (unless you have your 2 entries) but won with ♣A anyway; heart finesse; exit with a club. East wins the ♣K and returns a club:

Now you've reached this position:



Declarer now ruffs in either hand and takes the rest on a "simple" red suit squeeze against West.

If you have a fair amount of time in your hands, a large supply of headache painkillers, and a masochistic desire to exercise your brain cells, you should try Pietro Bernasconi book *"Diaboliquement vôtre: Les 54 problèmes de bridge les plus difficiles du monde"*.

Who knows, there might be a similar hand looming around the corner and you will be the only one who knows the answer...

Program 2013

Monday (04/11/2013)	18.00	Welcome Cocktail at S. Francisco Wine Lodge
	21.30	Warm-up Pairs
Tuesday (05/11/2013)	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 (06/11/2013)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
Thursday (07/11/2013)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
Friday (08/11/2013)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (09/11/2013)	09.00	Free morning
	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (10/11/2013)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	19.30	Final Results
	20.30	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) Contact Top Atlântico DMC 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 the North of Madeira, including lunch and a tour of S. Vicente's Caves (taking about 5 hours).



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