

**WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2013**

# 16<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 4-10, 2013

### The Portuguese win!

The Portuguese Juliano Barbosa and Antonio Campos Palma are the winners of this year's Pairs' Tournament. They "only" made 60.93% on yesterday's session but it was enough to get them first place with 61.44% average.



Antonio C Palma and Juliano Barbosa

and Sascha Wernle won yesterday's session with 66.38%. The Portuguese Jorge Cruzeiro and Paulo Gonçalves Pereira were second, just 1.36% behind the Austrians. Third best on the session were the Portuguese islanders Nuno Paz and Carlos Luiz. They got 64.99% and it got them 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.

This evening we start the Teams' Tournament. Everybody is now prepared for it. As usual, we'll be online on BBO, so, table A1 will be kibitzed by thousands. Good thing they're so quiet...

Pedro Nunes

<b>ENTRY FEES</b>
<b>TEAMS</b>
300 €/Team (up to 6 players)

## Final Results Pairs

Rank	%		Pair	Ses %	Ses Rank
1	61.44	73	Juliano Barbosa - António Campos Palma	60.93	15
2	61.16	87	Helmut Häusler - Michael Gromöller	56.37	33
3	60.82	107	Franz Terraneo - Sylvie Terraneo	49.21	76
4	59.18	7	Rodrigo Martins Soares - Miguel Teixeira	62.56	7
5	58.86	64	Christian Schlicker - Claus Günther	57.57	25
6	58.42	10	Carlos Luiz - Nuno Paz	64.99	3
7	58.03	93	Hans Metselaar - Ronald Brantsma	59.92	19
8	57.48	141	António Bernardo Ferreira - Rui Pinto	60.81	16
9	57.43	94	Manuel Oliveira - Rui Silva Santos	50.68	66
10	56.97	127	Bjorn Sture Valen - Erik Dahl	61.01	13
11	56.94	181	Arno Lindermann - Nicholas Bausback	51.34	61
12	56.78	147	Nedju Buchlev - Sebastian Reim	64.69	4
13	56.43	21	Georg Kriftner - Robert Franzel	64.31	5
14	56.32	54	Hans Kreuning - Marcel Winkel	57.69	24
15	55.99	113	Arild Armot - Bjorn Fjeldstad	60.76	17
16	55.87	171	Knuut Kiste - Tomas Ruth	53.93	47
17	55.79	74	Betina Artmer - Josef Simon	49.99	70
18	55.66	53	Jorge Cruzeiro - Paulo G Pereira	65.02	2
19	55.30	104	Gregers Bjarnarson - Henrik Frydenlund	60.48	18
20	55.26	84	Helmi Gromöller - Wilhelm Gromöller	57.07	28
21	55.25	81	Willem Gosschalk - Willem van Eijck	55.21	40
22	55.23	172	Edeltraud Gregoritsch - Johann Zeugner	58.21	22
23	55.19	27	Olav Ellestad - Peter Eide	61.34	11
24	54.96	152	Aarne Rummel - Peeter Lond	61.86	8
25	54.92	167	Diana Damianova - Victor Aronov	56.90	30
26	54.86	187	Hans Vergoed - Yael Topiol	57.12	27
27	54.83	67	Dennis Bilde - Mads Eyde	56.48	32
28	54.71	191	Odd A Mollersen - Pal Haveseth	61.31	12
29	54.65	194	Jorunn Feness - Kjell Otto Kopstad	58.02	23
30	54.59	47	Maija Romanovska - Viktoria Gromova	64.09	6
31	54.58	71	Dick Pathnan - Lucy Pathan	61.61	10
32	54.28	105	Janine van Ipenburg - Toine van Hoof	60.95	14
33	54.20	103	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson	48.33	82
34	54.20	111	Jos Winkelman - Wiweca Jongeneel	55.11	42
35	54.11	190	Hubert Obermayer - Sascha Wernle	66.38	1
36	54.01	110	Bernd Saurer - Doris Fischer	61.86	9
37	53.93	121	Birkir Jon Jonsson - Kristjan Snorrason	52.70	55
38	53.89	184	Jessica Piafsky - Peter Bertheau	51.64	60
39	53.81	4	Connie Goldberg - Kauko Koistinen	58.70	20
40	53.81	174	Pedro Madeira - Paulo Courteilles Sarmento	58.31	21
41	53.70	162	Bruno Neves - Luís M Silva	56.04	35
42	53.55	164	Ivan Nanev - Rosen Gunev	37.52	132
43	53.45	101	Gisli Steingrimsson - Halldor Svanbergsson	45.52	98
44	53.43	193	Benedikt Wiemeyer - Claus Daehr	53.08	53
45	52.84	109	David Franklin - Gerry Stanford	50.42	69
46	52.75	133	Jovi Smederevac - Peter Steiner	47.78	84

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47	52.73	1	Andreas Babsch - Renate Hansen	53.19	52
48	52.71	161	Jasche Garre - Matthias Schüller	50.57	68
49	52.70	173	Georgia Ray - Steve Ray	50.99	65
50	52.62	46	Bodil Nyheim Oigarden - Virginia Chediak	53.42	51
51	52.53	32	Egil Hansen - Harald Norby	54.12	45
52	52.53	143	Carlos Gonçalves - Manuel Coelho Gonçalves	49.00	77
53	52.48	48	Jaan Linnamagi - Paul Leis	53.90	48
54	52.13	68	Frits Gootjes - Tineke Poland	56.57	31
55	51.94	146	Rasmus Nielsen - Tyge Fogh	51.10	64
56	51.84	170	Alfried Bocker - Gabi Schneider	54.47	44
57	51.68	5	Ella Kramer - Hans Sprekeling	55.20	41
58	51.67	12	Dimitri Markaris - Ralf Schlotmann	55.27	39
59	51.57	30	Peter Bode - Yasmin Basegmez	44.57	105
60	51.52	13	Paulo Pessanha - Paulo Pinto	56.95	29
61	51.41	50	Kai Jorstad - Ronny Jorstad	51.92	58
62	51.32	41	Brian Skjonnemann - Ib Christian Bank	53.57	49
63	51.13	148	Henning - Stig Farholt	52.90	54
64	51.00	72	Andrei Kavalenka - Natalya Koscheeva	51.74	59
65	50.99	33	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen	53.50	50
66	50.97	29	Luís A Correia - Frederico Teixeira	45.34	99
67	50.88	150	Mark Thieke - Renee Verdegaal	54.02	46
68	50.63	23	Gunnar Thordarsson - Ragnheidor K Nielsen	42.85	113
69	50.53	144	Jan de Winter - Jan Tesselaar	46.49	91
70	50.43	88	Jörg Heichholzer - S Molnar	50.67	67
71	50.34	65	Gerwin Middelkoop - Pim Vermeulen	49.71	73
72	50.27	66	Haldis Guttormsen - Marita Roberg	55.41	38
73	50.14	31	Alek Tsimakhovich - Larysa Kuzniatsova	56.10	34
74	49.99	124	Gabriel Gislason - Kristinn Krisinsson	44.88	104
75	49.89	189	Olli Puurtinen - Osmo Parviainen	51.31	62
76	49.48	24	Gary Gottlieb - Peter Fredin	52.21	57
77	49.41	49	Bernhard Molnar - M Pendl	45.95	95
78	49.38	182	José A Fernandes - Virgilio Mota	52.63	56
79	49.17	149	Erich Liduin - Herman Schoenmacker	47.41	86
80	49.05	14	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann	48.85	79
81	48.93	44	José Macedo - João Machado	42.08	119
82	48.68	168	Luc de Puydt - Maurice Bonne	42.80	114
83	48.66	34	Mette Sand - Sonja Bech	44.41	107
84	48.60	132	Gaby Fuchs - Martin Nielsen	49.97	71
85	48.53	166	M Linsen - P Linsen	48.01	83
86	48.53	153	Christina Klemmensen - Lone Kiaer	49.70	74
87	48.46	186	Peter Zelnik - Roswitha Hörnlein	47.29	87
88	48.46	91	Stellingwerff - Wiersema	55.89	36
89	47.77	145	Beppie Bredenoort - Geert Jan Rosebeek	43.51	109
90	47.71	130	Julius Sigurjonsson - Runar Einarsson	51.10	63
91	47.65	131	Doug Rotchell - Patricia Cummins	41.64	120
92	47.59	3	Olav A Molberg - José Pereira Sousa	49.96	72
93	47.54	85	Angeline van Houwelingen - Peter Versteegh	57.31	26
94	47.51	165	Johanna Muller - Maria Braat	47.16	89

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95	47.49	43	Anna Ivarsdottir - Gudrun Oskarsdottir	45.09	101
96	47.41	129	Karen de Leeuw - Rebecca de Bruyn	45.02	102
97	47.08	89	Dominique Custers - Cees Mul	48.80	81
98	47.03	61	Svein Runar Eiriksson - Throstur Ingmarsson	38.28	130
99	46.95	126	George Schipper - Gerard Limmen	48.95	78
100	46.74	163	Erik Ragnhildrod - Paul Lind Andersen	49.39	75
101	46.73	125	Connie van der Ven - Marjan Smit	42.41	115
102	46.57	128	Christina Altmann - Gitte Hecht-Johansen	40.38	127
103	46.52	6	Robert Snapper - António O Valente	47.66	85
104	46.49	62	Miguel T Ascenção - Ricardo Fernandes	43.74	108
105	46.37	188	Maria Peters - Sybille Schultebraucks	46.06	94
106	46.26	11	Maria Schlicker - Siegfried Völkel	46.06	93
107	46.14	26	Franka van Tuil - Ineke den Hoed	42.28	116
108	45.97	114	Magnus Hammar - Mona Bergström	44.47	106
109	45.95	86	Dragomir Jovanovic - Gerlinde Sifkovits	54.90	43
110	45.71	45	Harjet Quijs - Reggie Schouten	38.43	129
111	45.63	63	Erla Sigurjonsdottir - Maria H Bender	43.50	110
112	45.54	169	Pia Cremer - Ria Bartelomij	42.16	118
113	45.50	9	Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir - Helga Bergmann	44.99	103
114	45.38	52	Anne-Lill Hellemann - Rolf Tolle	40.54	126
115	45.36	2	José Maria Gouveia - Pedro Morgado	46.26	92
116	45.28	192	Annette Frydenlund Rosthoj - Lisbeth Grove	41.03	124
117	45.25	90	Annikki Schoolmann - Uwe Schoolmann	42.21	117
118	44.62	69	Alison Browne - Ting To	40.95	125
119	44.60	25	Dorine Rijkers - Margot Schoenmacker	45.18	100
120	44.39	123	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir	37.88	131
121	44.08	134	Alexis Logothetis - Danièle Simon	55.88	37
122	43.94	154	Robert Muddine - Shirley Shugess	34.97	136
123	43.82	92	Amit Chaudhuri - Eva Engström	48.83	80
124	43.63	185	Annemieke Poort - Mike Reuser	43.47	111
125	43.30	106	Ellen Vigmostad - Hans Robert Schwenke	34.62	137
126	43.27	142	José M Freitas - José A Pereira	36.57	134
127	43.22	28	Aage Paulsen - Helge Homelien	45.58	97
128	43.18	22	Anthony de Freitas - John Freitas	36.62	133
129	43.11	122	Bruno Abreu - Luís D Sampaio	47.25	88
130	42.31	8	Inger Lene Rosholt - Mary Anne Berg	42.89	112
131	41.56	112	Gonda de Boer - Mary Guillot	41.07	123
132	41.43	82	Eduardo Fernandes - Joaquim Trindade	46.99	90
133	41.16	70	Norberto Fernandes - Rui Moniz	45.76	96
134	41.00	102	Helder Fernandes - Manuel Arruda	35.98	135
135	40.96	83	Gudny Gudjonsdottir - Olof Thorsteinsdottir	41.21	122
136	40.32	151	Alistair Markham - Isobel Markham	41.28	121
137	39.47	51	Isabel McKenzie - Ron McKenzie	31.63	138
138	39.24	183	Ana Cabral - Gualter Dâmaso	30.88	139
139	36.83	42	Arie Gulden - Pedro Nunes	30.62	140
140	36.59	108	Fátima Menezes - Nuno S Menezes	38.99	128

## The Evil Influence

By David Bird

Austria's Sylvie and Franz Terraneo had achieved the near impossible by finishing 1<sup>st</sup> of 140 in each of the first two sessions of the Open Pairs. They were leading the field with a fabulous 67.36%, leaving me in no doubt which table I should watch in the final session. I did not have long to wait for the first 'big firework'.

<b>Board 14</b>					
East Deals		♠ 3			
None Vul		♥ A 7 4 2			
		♦ K 10 7 6 2			
		♣ J 8 7			
		♠ A 10 7	♠ K Q 8 5		
		♥ 9	♥ Q 8 6 5 3		
		♦ A J	♦ Q 9		
		♣ K Q 10 9 5 4 2	♣ A 6		
			♠ J 9 6 4 2		
			♥ K J 10		
			♦ 8 5 4 3		
			♣ 3		
		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; border: 1px solid black; margin: 0 auto;">           N W     E S         </div>			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>		
<i>Eyde</i>	<i>F. Terraneo</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>S. Terraneo</i>		
		1♥	pass		
2♣	2♦	pass	3♦		
3NT	pass	pass	4♦		
4NT	pass	pass	5♦		
6♣	all pass				

There was general amusement among the players as South considered further action over 4NT. 'If you bid again, this time I will double,' said Mads Eyde playfully. Sylvie Terraneo did bid 5♦ - a good decision on the face of it, since 5♦ doubled would cost only 300 against a vulnerable game. 'Well, I will think about a double at least,' said Eyde, studying his cards again. The bear in the cage had been poked once too often. Eyde reached for the 6♣ card! This was a great bid. Even if the slam turned out to be only 50% it would be a better prospect than accepting an inadequate penalty. Franz Terraneo avoided the diamond lead, which would have surrendered the slam immediately. After a start of ace and another heart, declarer was eventually able to ruff out the ♥K, establishing the ♥Q for a diamond discard. That was -920 for a score of 19 / 109.

An initial run of unlucky boards was continued when Haldis Guttormsen and Marita Roberg arrived for Boards 15 and 16, bidding neatly to the par contracts of 7♥ and 5♣ for scores of 20,3 / 107,7 and 40 / 88. Apparently my presence as a kibitzer was to blame for this unwelcome change of fortune. I declined to leave the table and was rewarded with a string of exciting boards. An inventive redouble caused problems for the opponents on this deal:

<b>Board 3</b>		♠ Q 8 6	
South Deals		♥ J 10 6 3 2	
EW Vul		♦ 10 6 5	
		♣ J 5	
♠ 3		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">                 N W     E S             </div>	♠ A J 5
♥ A K Q 7			♥ 9 4
♦ A Q 7 3 2			♦ K J 4
♣ K 7 2			♣ Q 9 8 6 4
		♠ K 10 9 7 4 2	
		♥ 8 5	
		♦ 9 8	
		♣ A 10 3	
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>L.Pathan</i>	<i>F.Terraneo</i>	<i>D.Pathan</i>	<i>S.Terraneo</i>
			2♠
dbl	rdbl (!)	3♣	pass
3♦	pass	3NT	all pass

What action should East take at his first turn: 2NT, 3NT, pass for the moment, 3♣? If you play Lebensohl responses to a double of a weak-two, do they apply after a redouble? It's a rare auction, probably never discussed, and Dick Pathan decided to bid 3♣. Unfortunately for NS, Lucy Pathan had enough to bid again and the par contract was reached.

South led the ♠10 to partner's ♠Q and declarer won with the ace immediately. Eight red-suit winners followed and South discarded three spades and one club. When Dick Pathan played a club towards the queen, the safe (South) hand won. She cashed the ♠K but then had to give the last two tricks to dummy's ♣K-7. That was -660 for 28 / 100. As the cards lie, South does better to discard four spades, keeping all her clubs. -630 would still score only 52 / 76 because several EW pairs attempted a slam.

Two rounds later more bad luck arrived:

<b>Board 8</b>			
West Deals	♠ A 10 9 8		
None Vul	♥ 6		
	♦ A K Q J 9 6 2		
	♣ 5		
	♠ 7 6 4 2	N	♠ Q 3
	♥ A J 9 5 4	W	♥ K 8 2
	♦ 10 7 5	E	♦ 8
	♣ 6	S	♣ A J 10 8 6 4 3
	♠ K J 5		
	♥ Q 10 7 3		
	♦ 4 3		
	♣ K Q 9 2		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>F. Terraneo</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>S. Terraneo</i>
pass	1♣	3♣	pass
pass	3♦	pass	3NT
all pass			

North opened with a strong 1♣ and Alison Browne led her singleton ♣6 against the eventual contract of 3NT. Ting To won with the ♣A and switched to the ♥2. Declarer played low, West winning with the ♥9. A heart to the king and a further heart through the ♥Q-10 put the game two down. NS had done nothing wrong but picked up only 15 / 113 on the board.

At dinner last night, Michael Gromöller told me how this board had cost him and his partner first place in the event. Helmut Häusler opened 2♥ on the West cards (showing a two-suiter). After an auction of 2♥ - 3♦ - 3♥ - 3NT, West led a low heart to the king and the ♥8 was returned to the 10 and jack. At IMPs now it would be automatic to take the only chance of beating the game - a club switch to the ace for a further heart play. This was against the odds, on the bidding, so Häusler made the expert matchpoint play of cashing the ♥A. He then switched to a club, declarer scoring +400 for 67 / 61. This was enough to deny the German pair a repeat victory (they won the event last year).

After one of the worst runs of bad luck that I have witnessed, the Terraneos ended with a 49.21% session and slipped to third place. I know they blame me for it and that's a pity. I have no supernatural powers, believe me. If I did, I would be playing in the event instead of kibitzing!

## Expensive discard

By Marcel Winkel

<b>Board 4</b>	♠ Q 5 3
West Deals	♥ 10 2
Both Vul	♦ K 10 8 7 6 5
	♣ 5 2
♠ A J 9 6 2	♠ 8 7
♥ Q 9 3	♥ K 7 6 5 4
♦ 9 4	♦ Q J 3
♣ A 8 6	♣ K J 4
	♠ K 10 4
	♥ A J 8
	♦ A 2
	♣ Q 10 9 7 3

West opened 1♠ and East responded with a natural 1NT. Although South had no support for all unbid suits, he decided to double for takeout. North bid his diamonds, and East showed his maximum with 2NT.

South chose a club to lead instead of developing the diamonds quickly.

With spades dividing 3-3 and the ten well placed, East could make heaps of tricks now. After the double however, East was not expecting the spade suit to behave this friendly. Declarer took the first trick with the Jack of clubs and led a heart to dummy's Queen. On the way back he ducked the second round of hearts to the Jack.

South persisted with a second round of clubs for the Ace in dummy. A third round of hearts was won by South's Ace. South cleared the clubs and East took his two tricks in hearts. South meanwhile calculated that East could not have the spade Queen for his bidding and threw his King away on the first possibility. On the fifth heart South threw his small spade. East now led a spade and, seeing the ten appear, inserted the Jack from dummy. This was not a very good idea since NS now had a spade, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs for down two and the magnificent score of over 95%.


Needless to say that South wouldn't have discarded his spade King when he held KQ10x. By discarding the King, he created an image in East's mind that he should not believe. Luckily for NS, East did.



## Bidding the Grand

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

The last pairs' session had a grand slam on the EW cards. I am talking about, of course, of board 15.

<b>Board 15</b>	♠ 9 7 5 4 3	
South Deals	♥ Q 4	
N-S Vul	♦ 5	
	♣ Q 10 9 7 3	
♠ —		♠ A K Q 6 2
♥ A K J 8 7 5		♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 9 2		♦ A J
♣ A 8 5		♣ K 6
	♠ J 10 8	
	♥ 2	
	♦ K 8 7 6 4 3	
	♣ J 4 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>Peter Steiner</i>		<i>Jovi Smederevac</i>	
			Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
3 ♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4 ♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass
5 ♣ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	5 ♦ <sup>6</sup>	Pass
6 ♥ <sup>7</sup>	Pass	7 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Game forcing, 4+♥
2. shortage
3. Cue-bid
4. Roman Key Card Blackwood
5. 0 or 3 Key cards
6. Asking for the trump Queen
7. Queen of trumps with no outside King

After West had shown 3 key-cards and the trump Queen (Peter lied but he knew he had at least 10 trumps between both hands so he would only loose a trick if trumps were 3-0 with North) East could count at least 12 tricks - 5 hearts, 3 spades, 2 clubs, 1 club ruff and the ♦A. But the 13<sup>th</sup> trick could come from a lot of places: the 5<sup>th</sup> spade, a possible 6<sup>th</sup> heart with declarer, a possible second club ruff, a possible ♣Q, or even, if all else failed, a possible diamond finesse. So 7♥ looked like a good bet.

Nice bidding!

Of the 63 pairs that played the board, 19 managed to get to the great spot of 7♥ getting 107,7 mp (20,3 for the opponents). 6♥ would have been slightly under average (46,7/81,3) and not bidding any slam a terrible score. The top score for EW was 7NT bid and made by Dennis Bilde and Mads Eyde! NS had a top when their opponents not only did not manage to bid a slam, but also failed to make 13 tricks in hearts, making only eleven! I guess their bidding was OK - not much point going down.

If you are wondering how you can make 7NT on the deal, it's on a double squeeze.

Say you cash two spades, the ♦A and run the hearts you end up in this position:

<b>Board 15</b>	♠ 9 7				
South Deals	♥				
N-S Vul	♦				
	♣ Q 10 9				
♠ —	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 6
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 5		♥			
♦ Q		♦ J			
♣ A 8 5		♣ K 6			
	♠				
	♥				
	♦ K 8				
	♣ J 4 2				

Now when you lead your last heart North has to let go of a club and South a diamond. You pitch a spade from dummy, cross to the ♣K and play the ♠Q squeezing South in clubs and diamonds.

## Wrong ending

by Toine van Hoof

In yesterday's bulletin I made a mistake in the last diagram. This was the hand:

North Deals	♠ 2				
Both Vul	♥ 10 8 7 3				
	♦ 9 5 4 2				
	♣ 10 8 5 3				
♠ K Q 7 6 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 8 4
N					
W E					
S					
♥ J 9 2		♥ A K 4			
♦ K 6		♦ 10 8 3			
♣ A 7		♣ Q J 6			
	♠ A J				
	♥ Q 6 5				
	♦ A Q J 7				
	♣ K 9 4 2				

West played 4♠ and North led a club. If South covers dummy's Queen and returns a club both times he is in with his Aces, the following ending will be reached (now correct):

♠ -		♠ -
♥ 10 8		♥ A K 4
♦ 9 5		♦ 10 8
♣ 10		♣ -
♠ 6	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ -
♥ J 9 2		♥ A K 4
♦ K		♦ 10 8
♣ -		♣ -
♠ -		♠ -
♥ Q 6 5		♥ Q 6 5
♦ Q J		♦ Q J
♣ -		♣ -

On the ♠6 declarer throws a heart from dummy and South is in a criss-cross squeeze. Thank you, Manuel Oliveira, for bringing this to our attention.

## Always support your partner

by Toine van Hoof

The best Dutch pair in this year's tournament were Hans Metselaar and Ronald Brantsma, who ended in seventh place with an average score of 58%. When discussing their system in the plane to Madeira Brantsma convinced Metselaar to play support doubles throughout, i.e. in any possible situation. So this happened on board 16 of the final session:

West Deals		♠ Q 9 5 3
E-W Vul		♥ K 9 5
		♦ A 10 5 3
		♣ J 5
♠ 7	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ A 10 8 2
♥ Q 8 4		♥ A 10 7 6 3
♦ 2		♦ Q 7 6
♣ A K Q 10 9 6 4 2		♣ 3
		♠ K J 6 4
		♥ J 2
		♦ K J 9 8 4
		♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
<i>Metselaar</i>		<i>Brantsma</i>	
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	1♥	2♦
Dbl <sup>2</sup>	3♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 2+
2. 3 hearts

Metselaar opened with a modest 1♣, promising two or more, and never bid his solid eight-card suit again. After a 1♥ response by his partner and 2♦ from his right-hand opponent, Metselaar decided to stick to his agreements and came up with a support double. Brantsma did not look further and jumped to 4♥. Against this awkward contract South led a small spade which gave Brantsma a chance. He took ♠Q with the ace and played two rounds of clubs, discarding a diamond. Another high club and a diamond discard followed. South ruffed with ♥2 and played a diamond to North's ace who continued diamonds. Brantsma ruffed in hand, cashed ♥A, ruffed a spade and played on clubs. North was helpless. If he ruffed low, East could overruff, ruff a spade with ♥Q and throw his last spade on the next club. And if he ruffed with ♥K one spade loser is discarded directly and the other is ruffed with ♥Q. North could have done better by continuing spades after winning ♦A. Declarer is forced to ruff in West and now can only make his contract by the double-dummy play of ♥Q. Making 4♥ was worth 100-28 for EW. The popular contract on this hand was 3NT by EW which was made 8 times (with one or three overtricks) and went down 23 times (often after a 3NT gambling from West and the obvious ♦A lead from North).



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## Program 2013

<b>Friday</b> (08/11/2013)	09.30	<b>Half-day Tour(*)</b>
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 1st Session</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (09/11/2013)	09.00	Free morning
	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 2nd Session</b>
	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 3rd Session</b>
<b>Sunday</b> (10/11/2013)	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 4th Session</b>
	19.30	Final Results
	20.30	<b>Closing Dinner and Prize Giving</b>

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

The tournament director will give you an envelope with your starting position. Write your team name on the envelope and then open it. Your whole team should sit down at the same table.

Inside you will find a blue entry form that you should fill in carefully. Make sure we can read your names correctly (make sure to use capitals so that you don't get upset later...) and also tell us if you have played the pairs Tournament or not.