

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2014

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

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 3-9, 2014

### Record Breaking!

Last night we had another all-time record broken: The warm-up session had 89 pairs!

After the welcome cocktail, where the winners of the three pre-sessions



Grethe Tecksum and Bjorn Dufseth

were given their prizes, many players took the opportunity to tune-up their systems or just to enjoy an evening of bridge.

The warmup session was won by the Norwegian pair Grethe Tecksum and Bjorn Dufseth they made 67.73%.

The Austrian pair Susanne Zach and Maximilian Buchmayr were

second, just 0.88% behind.

The German couple Helmi and Wilhelm Gromöller were third 0.88% (again) behind the Austrians.

The first Portuguese pair were the local Macedo brothers. Bruno and Pedro were 6<sup>th</sup> with 60.40%.

Today we start our Pairs' Tournament. If we consider that we had 89 pairs in the warm-up, it's going to be big - another record, maybe?

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES	
PAIRS	TEAMS
100 €/Player	300 €/Team (up to 6 players)

## THE ENTRY FORMS

Welcome to Madeira and our 17<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Open!

Did you come with the Intertours/Vidamar package? If so, you have received an envelope with some forms and this bulletin.

Be sure to fill them in. You should bring them to the Welcome desk (on the 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 in the forms you have filled.

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 14:30 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!

If you don't have the Intertours/Vidamar bridge package and you want to participate in all of the events, we have a deal for you - 200€ and you get:

- 1 Entry fee pairs tournament
- 1 Entry fee teams tournament
- 1 Typical dinner
- 1 Half day tour
- 1 Prize-giving dinner

You can purchase this special package Monday or Tuesday at the Welcome Desk - see page 8 for details on when it's open.

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

# WARM-UP PAIRS

Rank	Pair Nr	%	Names
1	90	67,73	Grethe Teksum - Bjorn Dufseth
2	21	64,85	Susanne Zach - Maximilian Buchmayr
3	89	63,97	Helmi Gromöller - Wilhelm Gromöller
4	47	63,37	Philippe Kasler - D Chottin
5	55	60,92	Mads Eide - Throstur Ingimarsson
6	53	60,4	Pedro Macedo - Bruno Macedo
7	114	59,51	Gitte Hecht-Johansen - Szczepan Smoczynski
8	75	58,8	Peter Fredin - Mama K
9	46	58,74	Bjorn Fjeldstad - Arild Armot
10	92	58,1	Nuomi Herbert - Gunnar Andersson
11	28	57,91	Ellen Vigmostad - Harald Nordby
12	93	57,7	Johan Skattum - Inge-Beadé Austlid
13	84	57,27	Svala K Palsdottir - Ragnheidur Nielsen
14	25	57,24	Dhr Thiele - Mn Verdegaal
15	13	57,14	Marcel Winkel - M Hooydarn
16	94	56,72	Marita Roeberg - Petter Eide
17	49	56,59	Connie Goldberg - Kauko Koistinen
18	41	56,49	Jessica Hayman - Peter Bertheau
19	30	56,35	Stig Farholt - Lars Peter Damgaard
20	51	56,05	Frederico Teixeira - Nuno D Martins
21	101	55,94	Dan Zara - Alex Elian
22	29	55,65	Floris Vlaanderen - Frits Vlaanderen
23	113	55,34	Gerry Stanford - Dave Franklin
24	22	55,18	Henrik Inversen - Lotte Skaanning
25	108	54,94	Virginie Engen - Pieter Engen
26	83	54,83	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
27	11	54,64	Kathryn Hertz - Eckhard Böhlke
28	4	54,59	N Seguiniol - Nn Becker
29	15	54,54	Martin Nielsen - Peter Husum
30	65	54,31	L Sheridan - J Beard
31	45	54,07	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson
32	14	53,77	S Hennerberg - Ss Hennerberg
33	68	53,35	Esther Jakobsdottir - Alda Gudnadottir
34	115	52,26	Honning Ostergaard - Brian Sjonneman
35	63	52,16	Erla Sigurdjonsdottir - Maria Bender
36	9	51,85	Hans Metselaar - Nn Hoenstok
37	73	51,56	Hans Arne Forseth - Eirin Halvorsen
38	24	51,33	Aase Mogstad - Astrid Steen Lybak
39	1	51,32	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
40	71	51,01	Annette B Jensen - Maria Dam Mortensen
41	43	51	Marjukka Raines - Eeva Parvianinen
42	67	50,97	Lisbeth Grove - Annette R Frydenlund
43	5	50,61	Dieter Schulz - Renate Hansen
44	52	50,5	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
45	109	50,33	Rolf Tolle - Anne-Lill Hellemann

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46	31	50,11	Sonja Bech - Mette Sand
47	44	49,03	Haldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson
48	32	48,92	Olava Mulberg - Lisbeth Eide
49	111	48,83	Henning Hansen - Marianne Mathiesen
50	66	48,58	Dennis Bilde - Virginia Chediak
51	23	48,45	Nora Gabler - Ingrid Hlavicza
52	104	48,33	Joost Snoeck - Marietje van Stiphout
53	82	48,14	José A Pereira - José A Fernandes
54	87	47,99	Tomas Ruth - Knut Kiste
55	33	47,91	David Park - Mary Lawrenson
56	26	47,06	Daniele Simon - Léandre Alexis Logothetis
57	54	47,04	Martin Nygren - Margaret Nygren
58	48	46,81	Rosemary Shaw - Gudny Gudjonsdottir
59	64	46,45	G Artmer - I Artmer
60	8	46,32	Henrik Frydenlund - Flemming Danielsen
61	88	46,26	Egil Hansen - Svein Harald Riisnaes
62	91	45,62	Jon Helland - Anne-Lise Bru
63	85	45,29	Anja Muller - Marion Braat
64	62	45,14	John Freitas - José M Freitas
65	81	45,08	P Kuokkanen - Sigfried Völkel
66	34	45,02	Amanda Maly - Ilse Widder
67	61	44,95	Petur Hartmannsson - Gunnar Thordarson
68	74	44,07	Liv Marit Grude - Haldis Guttormsen
69	27	43,53	Ria Barçolomij - René De Milliano
70	86	43,5	Filomena Morgado - Pedro Morgado
71	2	43,43	Eduardo Fernandes - João A Sousa
72	112	43,42	Olav Ellestad - Bodil Oigarden
73	106	43,31	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes
74	7	43,25	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Gudmundur Johannsson
75	105	43,01	Peter Bode - Thorsten Amiel
76	10	42,64	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
77	6	42,61	João Machado - José Macedo
78	70	42,41	Helga Bergmann - Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir
79	3	42,04	Sigrun Thorvardardottir - Sissa Blondal
80	35	41,44	Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
81	110	40,44	Erla Sigurbjornsdottir - Ester Kaldalons
82	12	40,3	Maryan Smit - Connie Ven
83	103	39,54	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
84	102	39,02	Fernando Ribeiro - Robert Snapper
85	69	36,96	Sigrídur Fridriksdottir - Henrique Ribeiro
86	50	36,51	Dora Egilson - Thor Thorsteins
87	42	36,5	Rui Moniz - Filipe Sousa
88	107	35,5	Sybille Schulerbrauks - Claus Günther
89	72	35,26	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir

## Prizes 2014

The € 18.000 prize money is divided as following:

Open Pairs	
1st	2.100,00 €
2nd	1.500,00 €
3rd	1.000,00 €
4th	800,00 €
5th	700,00 €
6th	600,00 €
7th	500,00 €
8th	400,00 €

Open Teams	
1st	2.100,00 €
2nd	1.500,00 €
3rd	1.000,00 €
4th	800,00 €
5th	600,00 €

Special prizes Pairs	
1st Ladies	225 €
1st Mixed	225 €
1st Senior	225 €
1st Portugal	225 €
1st Foreign *	225 €
1st Junior	225 €

Special prizes Teams	
1st Foreign	450,00 €
2nd Foreign	300,00 €
1st Portuguese	450,00 €
2nd Portuguese	300,00 €

\*Special Prizes require a minimum of 8 pairs per category

## Warm-Up Pairs

by Ron Tacchi

After a long journey starting early in the morning from Vaupillon, I arrived in Funchal early evening slightly tired to find a very pleasant temperature 20+Centigrade. I checked in to the Vidamar Resorts Hotel and then found the organizing team. Starting at 9.30 p.m. was the 'Warm-Up Pairs'. It is probably fair to say that a significant minority warmed up in the bar beforehand.

I found a vacant chair and found myself sat behind a N/S pair who were Dutch, Allie Hoenstok and Hans Metselaar, who were playing a complicated system, I must confess it confused me a little as most of the explanations were given in Dutch as frequently their opponents were also Dutch. Both 1♣ and 1♦ were forcing and had relay responses and the opening INT was a three-suited hand! They finished 36 with 51.85% and whilst they were not blameless they can count themselves unlucky on a few deals.

An early board showed the importance of discarding correctly.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

I gleaned from the explanations that the 1♥ response showed 14+ points and the 1♠ rebid a 14-16 no-trump hand.

The lead was the ♠3 (third and fifth) to the king and ace. Declarer now cashed five rounds of clubs and put West to the test. He discarded one diamond and three spades so now when declarer tried to make his contract by cashing the ace and king of hearts and hoping the queen dropped. He now disconsolately exited with a heart hoping for some miracle. In fact it was a double miracle as not only was West thrown in to give a trick to the diamond king but also declarer now had the thirteenth heart to cash for +1 and 75% instead of 25% for one down. Surprisingly twelve of the twenty pairs who played 3NT were successful.

The next board of interest was the grand slam, though only two pairs bid it whilst three pairs did not even manage to bid game, in fact the eventual winners Grethe Teksum and Bjorn Dufseth had a complete top when their opponents stopped in 2♠ and made +1!

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

When you look at the cards it is obvious that the grand slam is there trivially with any reasonable split in the majors. Bidding-wise it can be more difficult for natural five-card systems after West opens 1♠, unless East has an arrow in his quiver to describe his hand accurately he may be forced to respond INT and then the auction could easily become muddled. One third of the field failed to make it even to a small slam. Amusingly you can also make the grand slam in spades or no-trumps and the play is even easier than the heart contract as the only way to make the slam is to find South with Kx in spades and if you had reached the wrong slam it would have been your lucky day. Allie and Hans scored 70% when their opponents rested in game.

The following deal is instructional on suit management. At the table I was watching it was as follows:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	INT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I believe the explanations are that the 1♠ response was 12-14, the INT rebid a 14-16 no-trump and surprisingly 2♣ was Stayman.

The lead of the ♥3 (third and fifth) was covered by West's jack and taken with the ace. Declarer then cashed the ♣A and when both opponents followed he could guarantee four tricks in the suit by leading towards the jack, this caters for a 4-1 split in either hand. If East is the culprit then whether he takes his queen immediately or later declarer has four club tricks. If West is the culprit then he will take the jack with his queen but his ten can now be finessed against and yet again declarer has four club tricks. At my table declarer 'sensed' the club queen was doubleton and played another top club and when the split was revealed he then took every wrong view and failed by one trick for a poor result. As the cards lie, on a small heart lead declarer can make twelve tricks, but that is a double-dummy exercise but making +2 should be the normal result.

## Are you awake?

by Rodrigo Martins Soares

♠ J x x x  
♥ K x x  
♦ A K x x x  
♣ x x x

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q  
♥ A Q J x x x  
♦ x  
♣ K x x

After a pretty uneventful auction, you arrive to the normal contract of 6♥.

Twelve easy tricks - 6 Hearts, 4 Spades and 2 Diamonds. And, for once, your opponents don't have two cashing tricks against your slam. Finally we managed to keep our partner from steering us to the wrong contract!

But wait! West has led a diamond. Now if Hearts aren't 2-2 or Spades 3-3 you don't have an entry to cash the fourth Spade (you may get ruffed with the outstanding trump if you try to cash the spades before crossing to the ♥K). Crappy partner... As usual led us to the wrong contract! Couldn't he have bid 6NT! I'm quite sure we bid NT before he did, and if not, I'm sure he could have bid in a way we would. And here we are. Fixed by our nemesis (partner) again, and having to deal with it. How will we play it?



This board was played in last years' Portuguese Championship Quarter Finals.

I was sitting South, got a Diamond lead and (mis)played it like this.

After taking the ♦A, I cashed Ace and Queen of trumps. Of course trumps were 3-1. Trying not to look upset about it, I followed with the King and Queen of Spades from hand. This allowed me to get the feel of the Spades - maybe the opponents would give count thinking the other one held the ace. Anyway, you can call it table presence, or, as I do, blind luck, but the fact was I ended up cashing the Ace of Spades and making the contract when Spades were 3-3.

You may say: "Wait - but you played for a 3-3 break instead of a finesse?". Yes, but I thought at the time that, after cashing 2 rounds of spades, the chances of spades being 3-3 or 4 cards in the hand that holds 3 trumps would be greater than 50% (club finesse). I checked it later - amazingly I was right, even when taking into account the void spaces difference between the hand with 3 trumps and the one with one.

But are you awake? Have you noticed where I misplayed the deal?

António Palma has been a regular presence on our Tournament having impressively won twice the Teams and once the Pairs (reigning champion).

He also declared 6♥ at another table (I see his partners are as bad as mine). He also got a diamond lead, but played it much better. After cashing two rounds of trumps and two rounds of Spades, he just crossed to the ♥K and discarded the ♠Q (!) on the ♦K. Now he could cash the ♠J discarding a club - if spades behaved he had 12 tricks - if not he would be in dummy and could lead up to the ♣K.

He actually found a way to have his cake and eat it too!

The tournament director will give you an envelope with your starting position. Please write your name on the envelope and then open it.

Inside you will find an entry form that you should fill in carefully. Make sure we can read your name correctly (Capital letters may be a good idea, 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.

## Program 2014

<b>Tuesday</b> (04/11/2014)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	15.30	Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations
	16.15	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> (05/11/2014)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	14.30	Welcome Desk Opens
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session</b>
	21.00	<b>Typical Dinner (**)</b> - Bus leaves at 20.30
<b>Thursday</b> (06/11/2014)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session</b>
	20.30	Final Results
<b>Friday</b> (07/11/2014)	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> (08/11/2014)	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> (09/11/2014)	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session</b>
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	<b>Closing Dinner and Prize Giving</b>

(\*) Contact Intertours for more tours

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

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

- Boat Trip along the West coast of Madeira (limited places)
- Bus tour to Cabo Girão and Monte (taking about 3.5 hours).



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