

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2014

17th International Bridge Festival

Madeira

Funchal, November 3-9, 2014

We Keep on Getting Bigger!

That's another record broken: 155 pairs are playing this year's Pairs' Tournament. It's the biggest tournament held in Portugal since the Bermuda Bowl in 2005. Thank you all for coming.



Sections B and C

The Latvian pair Andis Gesta and Maija Romanovska made 63.72%, which was 0.25% more than Claus Günther and Christian

Schlicker. The German pair is in second place, just 0.3% ahead of the Portuguese pair Rui Pinto and Juliano Barbosa.

There are 50 pairs within 10% of the leaders, so every trick counts. Don't lose any.

Pedro Nunes

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

PAIRS Session 1

Rank	Pair #	Score	Names
1	63	63,72	Andis Gesta - Maija Romanovska
2	183	63,46	Claus Günther - Christian Schlicker
3	74	63,16	Rui Pinto - Juliano Barbosa
4	28	62,44	Haakon Kippe - Haldis Gutormsen
5	189	62,4	Andrei Sotnikov - Aleh Tsimakhovich
6	54	61,9	António Campos Palma - Carlos Pimenta
7	161	61,43	K Ward-Platt - Frank Multon
8	31	60,77	Lena Leszczynska - Tomaszek Witold
9	33	60,42	Sabina Grzejdziaek - Igor Grzejdziaek
10	4	60,14	Nadia Bekkouche - Flemming Danielsen
11	92	60,12	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
12	101	60,1	Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson
13	87	59,87	Sigrun Thorvardardottir - Sissa Blondal
14	34	59,54	SveinnR Eiriksson - Throstur Ingimarsson
15	128	59,12	Rebecca de Bruijn-Piller - Karen de Leeuw
16	162	58,96	Eva Ricard - Kaster Vinthes
17	148	58,75	Maria Dam Mortensen - Annette Bjorn
18	68	58,57	Odd A Mollersen - Paal Hangseth
19	145	58,31	Nedju Buchlev - Sebastian Reim
20	83	58,23	Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
21	115	58,1	Marlene Henneberg - Jens Ove Henneberg
22	21	57,93	Virginia Chediak - Liv Marit Grude
23	182	57,9	Mama K - Peter Fredin
24	149	57,88	Joerg Eichholzer - Robert Franzel
25	146	57,77	João Machado - José Macedo
26	9	57,5	Kauko Koistinen - Connie Goldberg
27	25	57,35	Lars Peter Damgaard - Stig Farholt
28	129	57,12	Carlos Galvão Lucas - Jorge Cruzeiro
29	23	57,12	Joost Snoeck - Helmut Hoogeveen
30	94	56,94	Rolf Tolle - Anne-Lill Hellemann
31	113	56,81	Marcel Winkel - Marcel van Hooijdonn
32	171	56,72	Ilse Widder - Amanda Maly
33	90	56,32	Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir - Helga Bergmann
34	141	56,21	Henrik Iversen - Lotte Skaanning
35	93	55,94	Michael Gromoeller - Helmut Haeusler
36	163	55,81	Pieter Engen - Virginie Engen
37	167	55,64	Draga Georgieva - Stefan Georgiev
38	1	55,58	Pasi Kuokkanen - José Pereira Sousa
39	166	55,41	José A Pereira - José A Fernandes
40	73	55,24	Andreas Babsch - Ulrike Schreckenberger
41	24	55,12	Luís A Correia - Rene De Miliano
42	47	55,08	Erla Sigurbjornsdottir - Maria Bender
43	194	55,06	Manuel Coelho Gonçalves - Carlos Gonçalves
44	43	54,52	Marjukka Raines - Eeva Parvianinen
45	85	54,1	Eva-Liss Goethe - Hans Goethe
46	155	53,89	Gerard Limmen - George Schipper
47	89	53,84	Ad Oskam - Jan Winter
48	61	53,8	Szczepan Smoczynski - Gitte Hecht-Johansen
49	193	53,78	Svein Harald Riisnaes - Egil Hansen
50	91	53,74	Marga Linsen - Peter Linsen
51	53	53,7	Sylvie Terraneo - Franz Terraneo

52	153	53,68	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
53	56	53,63	Martin Nygren - Margaret Nygren
54	116	53,62	Kristinn Olafsson - Jon Ingthorsson
55	65	53,38	Petter Eide - Olav Ellestad
56	55	53,35	Anja Alberti - Nikolas Bausback
57	14	53,03	Helmi Gromöller - Wilhelm Gromöller
58	76	52,68	Anne-Lise Bru - Lisbeth Eide
59	187	52,51	Petur Hartmannsson - Gunnar Thordarson
60	41	52,29	Kaj Jorstad - Ronny Jorstad
61	103	52,18	Marita Roeberg - Bodil Oigarden
62	46	52,04	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes
63	44	51,96	Beppie Bredenoort - Geert Jan Rosebeek
64	132	51,85	Joke Kelderman - Rene Van Ammers
65	48	51,79	Manuela Araújo - Inocêncio Araújo
66	165	51,65	Arild Arnot - Bjorn Fjeldstad
67	154	51,58	Paulo Pinto - Paulo Pessanha
68	86	51,54	Bruno Neves - Luís M Silva
69	133	51,54	Gregers Bjarnarson - Henrik Frydenlund
70	71	51,52	Mary Lawrenson - David Park
71	26	51,38	Nuno Pereira - Ricardo Fernandes
72	70	51,36	Marianne Rasmussen - Bjarke Friis
73	135	51,19	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz
74	75	50,83	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
75	175	50,77	Ricardo Luís - Pedro Nunes
76	174	50,74	Mads Eyde - Dennis Bilde
77	110	50,7	Bjorn Sture Valen - Erin Dhal
78	69	50,64	Floris Vlaanderen - Frits Vlaanderen
79	107	50,58	John Board - Liam Sheridam
80	5	50,58	Marianne Mathiesen - Henning Hansen
81	127	50,53	Andrei Kavalenka - Larysa Kuzniatsova
82	169	50,3	Mark Thiele - Renee Verdegaal
83	150	50,29	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson
84	35	50,2	Joseph Simon - Ilse-Betina Artmer
85	181	50,05	Dan Zara - Alex Elian
86	184	50,03	Hans Arne Forseth - Eirin Halvorsen
87	81	49,95	Jascha Garre - Matthias Schueller
88	95	49,94	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
89	42	49,89	Philippe Kasler - Philippe Chottin
90	111	49,71	Peter Bode - Cmiel Thorsten
91	104	49,7	Esther Jakobsdottir - Alda Guðnadóttir
92	142	49,49	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
93	134	49,36	José Pinheiro - Pedro Pratas
94	50	49,23	Siegliende Svensson - Gunnar von Kleist
95	168	49,23	Svala K Palsdóttir - Ragnheidur Nielsen
96	121	49,19	Jessica Hayman - Peter Bertheau
97	114	48,93	Filomena Morgado - Pedro Morgado
98	144	48,85	Edeltraud Gregoritsch - Johann Zeugner
99	105	48,09	Alan Maddock - Gabriel Carrasco
100	152	48,07	Harjet Quijs - Hans Van Ommeren
101	29	48,06	Ronald Brantsma - Nuno Matos
102	13	47,59	Noomi Hebert - Gunnar Andersson
103	36	47,58	Mariasum Millama Solorzamo - Betriz Grez-Aparicio
104	2	47,55	Eduardo Fernandes - João A Sousa
105	125	47,37	Henning Ostergaard - Brian Skjonnemann
106	170	47,14	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdóttir
107	3	46,78	Lisbeth Grove - Annette R Frydenlund

108	11	46,76	Sigfried Völkel - G Artmer
109	8	46,73	Renate Hansen - Dieter Schulz
110	195	46,55	Peter Husum - Martin Nielsen
111	131	46,44	Ellen Vigmostad - Harald Nordby
112	192	46,18	Pim Vermeulen - Gerwin Middelkoop
113	173	46,13	Léandre Alexis Logothetis - Daniele Simon
114	32	46,02	Letty Pin - Theo Pin
115	143	45,75	Susanne Molnar - Bernhard Molnar
116	186	45,65	John Freitas - José M Freitas
117	45	45,45	Gerry Stanford - Dave Franklin
118	130	45,29	Connie Ven - Maryan Smit
119	124	45,14	Aase Mogstad - Astrid Steen Lybak
120	15	45,11	Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira
121	62	44,87	Ludger Silva - Anne Gromöller
122	185	44,78	Hans Metselaar - Allie Hoenstok
123	82	44,78	José Lima - Isabel Manso
124	12	44,38	Franca M Serangeli - Monica Cuzzi
125	27	44,24	Nora Gabler - Ingrid Hlaviczka
126	151	44,11	Mette Sand - Sonja Bech
127	88	43,94	Nn Polder - Elly Ducheyne
128	22	43,92	Birgitte Randrup - Flemming Bogh-Sorensen
129	51	43,68	Jon Helland - Leif-Erik Bru
130	72	43,66	Kaare Aasen - Tarald Ooigarden
131	109	43,47	Susanne Zach - Maximilian Buchmayr
132	122	43,35	Brigitte Becker - Claire Seguinol
133	84	42,82	Grethe Teksum - Bjorn Dufseth
134	6	42,76	Kathryn Hertz - Eckhard Böhlke
135	164	42,45	Olava Molberg - Johan Skattum
136	147	41,87	Dominique Custers - Cees Mul
137	16	41,22	Angeles Fernandez Ramudo - Araceli Gil De Somorrostro
138	7	40,8	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Gudmundur Johannsson
139	52	39,99	Anja Muller - Marion Braat
140	126	39,69	Frederico Teixeira - Nuno D Martins
141	108	39,54	Rosemary Shaw - Gudny Gudjonsdottir
142	172	37,88	Ingrid Pichler - Michael Pendl
143	64	36,95	Pia Cremer - Cristina Altman
144	30	36,86	Karin Havinga - Sonja Hvinga
145	123	36,34	Tomas Ruth - Knut Kiste
146	191	35,31	Astrid Moebius - Reinhart Moebius
147	188	35,09	Brian Liddy - Marta Barnes
148	49	34,61	Arie Buijs - Joost Van Den Boom
149	10	34,54	Hans Sprenkeling - Dieneke Balder
150	66	34,52	Gonçalo Esmeraldo - Bruno Abreu
151	102	34,13	Reini Smit - Maja Hermelyn
152	67	31,99	Sigrídur Frídríksdóttir - Ría Bartolomij
153	190	31	Dora Egilson - Thor Thorsteins
154	106	30,82	Rui Moniz - Ricardo Alves Sousa
155	112	29,29	Erla Sigurdjónsdóttir - Ester Kaldalons

Warning!

**If you haven't picked up your vouchers for the prize giving dinner - today is the last day! You must go to the Welcome Desk between 15.00 and 16.00!
You may also buy there vouchers for tonight's dinner or extra vouchers for Sunday's if you don't have the Vidamar bridge package.**

Open Pairs - Session 1

by Ron Tacchi

Tuesday afternoon saw the start of the Open Pairs. With 155 pairs taking part, yet another record for the Madeira Festival, space was at a premium in the playing area but I was fortunate enough to find a place behind Michael Gromoller and his partner Helmut Hausler. Michael is one of the eight participants I have so far discovered who have won a Gold Medal at either an European or World Championship, there may be more but I have not managed as yet to uncover them. Their system is based on five-card majors, weak no-trump and a Multi Two Diamonds.

One of the reasons for enjoying these tournaments is that one gets to meet friends one has not seen for some while. It was a great pleasure to me to find Elly Ducheyne here. It was her who signed me up to become an IBPA (International Bridge Press Association) member in Lille in 1998. Until 2003 Elly ruled the press room at all World and European events but upon her retirement the job remained in the family as she passed the baton to Jan Swaan. Elly with her partner, Maria Polder, arrived at the table to play Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

As N/S were not playing a strong no-trump the contract ended up being played by South. The majority of the room, however, played a spade contract from the North hand. This had a profound effect upon the play. At this table West led the jack of hearts, declarer lost his two trump tricks but West was loathe to open up the club suit and so declarer got away his losing club when the diamonds broke 3-3 and scored +1 for 85%. When played by North East had an easy club lead and so declarer was kept to nine tricks. Chalk up one for the weak no-trump.

As many of you will know I work on Bridge Magazine and the editor, Mark Horton, requires me at every opportunity to plug mercilessly his impressive catalogue of bridge works in print. One of these is *The Mysterious Multi* and for some unfathomable reasons I did not pack my copy in the small bag the airline allowed to me to bring with me. It was to prove an error as our next two hands involve it.

The first hand showed how it is a weapon of destruction for pairs who have not planned a comprehensive defence to this bid.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	2♦*	3♥	All Pass

This contract breached *Burn's Law*. It states that the declaring side should have more trumps than the defending side. Not only did the defending side have more than twice as many trumps as declarer but they split 6-3. Evidently East thought she was showing a big hand with a heart control and equally evidently West thought she was showing a weak hand with hearts. Four down did not trouble the scorer's tally for East/West, especially as they had a small slam in either of the black suits.

Our next hand shows that even in the hands of experts the Multi is not foolproof in reaching the best contract.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

As I understood the explanations 2NT was a game force and the Three Diamonds showed some extras in that suit, the opposition refrained from further questions and so the precise meaning of Three Hearts and Three spades is not completely clear. With South having first mentioned the heart suit they were getting close to reaching Six Hearts from the South seat. Whilst not a great contract it is, according to Hamman, a good slam, because it makes. It will make anytime on a non-diamond lead with at least one spade honour in East's hand but also on a diamond lead if West holds the king. In other words it will fail when East has the diamond king and West finds the diamond lead.

The lead of the four of spades was not designed to test declarer and he soon wrapped up twelve tricks for an impressive 86%, thus not reaching the slam cost very little – I know if I failed to reach the best contract and still got 86% I would be over the moon, as they say.

When people ask me how to become a better bridge player, one of the tips I give them is to watch the judgement of top players. On this hand my pair did nothing special but got close to 70% as a large proportion of the field pushed too hard.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Two Clubs was a Drury variant and North said he had nothing more than his opening bid. South showed good judgement in passing his eleven count. Change the location of the club honours and then he might be worth an effort. If you play Four Spades it is not even a 50% contract so by staying at the low level if the game contract fails then you will get a good score, 70% as above, and if the game contract is successful then you will score some significant points as there will be other sensible players like yourself and also in such a large field there will always be some odd results in your favour.

Michael and Helmut ended the session with 55.94% in thirty-fifth position, well inside the upper quartile keeping them in the hunt for one of top prizes.

Bringing Home the Danish Bacon in Grand Style

Ulla Korre Pedersen from Denmark, playing with Eric, her husband, had a great result on Board 19 in the first session of the Open Pairs,

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Eric, sitting South, valued his hand as eight playing tricks, some might claim that this was an optimistic assessment, and so opened Two Clubs. Playing control responses Ulla was somewhat taken aback as she had eight controls and was unaware as to how show that many and so temporised with 2NT (showing four controls) and when her partner then bid Three Spades decided that science was probably not going to come to the rescue of this auction and bid what she thought she could make, namely Seven No-trumps.

She received the lead of the four of clubs which she cleverly refrained from ducking and then unblocked the spades. Crossing to dummy with a diamond she unleashed a torrent of spades and East pseudo-squeezed herself and kept the king of clubs and so the heart suit now ran and declarer had her contract for an outright top which greatly helped the Korres' cause and allowed them to finish in twentieth place with 58.23% after the first session.

There were four successful attempts at Seven Spades, which makes on any lead except a trump. There were six failures of which half were surprising as a trump was not lead.

Grand Slams All Over Madeira

by Marcel Winkel

During the first session of the Open Pairs the first 26 boards gave us the opportunity to bid seven slams. Three of them were grand slams although one of them was very thin.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

After a weak Two Hearts opening by South in second position, West decided to double rather than leaping to 4NT to show his splendid minors. North raised to Four Hearts and East tried to steal the pot with a Four Spades bid. West now tried to show his minors now by bidding 5NT but forgot that this was good old Josephine. After his partner replied Six Spades he took the bull by the horns and landed himself in Seven Diamonds. That contract was lay down as was 7NT. No medals for West for his bidding on this board but maybe he could do better on the next opportunity.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Now N/S had the opportunity to shine. East opened a weak two in heart, since a three level opening with a suit of this poor quality is only for young people or Scandinavian internationals after a few drinks too many.... North must not stop short of a small slam whereas a vital king and ten are missing to bid a safe grand. The play in no-trumps without a diamond lead is still simple. Play the queen of clubs from dummy and look to see if the ten or nine drops as West covers with his king. Then enter dummy to finesse against the nine of clubs. If there is no intermediate card appearing on the first round of clubs, just play for them to break 2-2. This plan does not work in seven spades since East will ruff the second round of clubs.



Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West opened One Heart in the fourth seat and East made some sort of an invitational raise by bidding Two Spades. West relayed with 2NT and East showed a 10-11 point raise with four-card support. Now West really got enthusiastic, he bid Five Diamonds; exclusion Blackwood. As East showed one ace, all West needed to know is whether the trump queen was present. Therefore he went on with a Five Spades enquiry. East promised the red lady with a response of 5NT denying a side king. West bid Seven Hearts now and had a seven second declarer play! West proved to have a good nose for bidding the grand slams and I will keep you informed during the next two days...



Supplier of the internet connection for this tournament

<i>ROTATION</i>		
<i>1st SESSION</i>	<i>2nd SESSION</i>	<i>3rd SESSION</i>
<i>NS A</i>	<i>NS A</i>	<i>NS A</i>
<i>EW A</i>	<i>NS B</i>	<i>EW B</i>
<i>NS B</i>	<i>EW B</i>	<i>NS C</i>
<i>EW B</i>	<i>NS C</i>	<i>EW A</i>
<i>NS C</i>	<i>EW C</i>	<i>NS D</i>
<i>EW C</i>	<i>EW A</i>	<i>EW C</i>
<i>NS D</i>	<i>EW D</i>	<i>EW E</i>
<i>EW D</i>	<i>NS E</i>	<i>NS B</i>
<i>NS E</i>	<i>NS D</i>	<i>EW D</i>
<i>EW E</i>	<i>EW E</i>	<i>NS E</i>

Program 2014

Wednesday (05/11/2014)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	14.30	Welcome Desk Opens
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Typical Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.30
Thursday (06/11/2014)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
Friday (07/11/2014)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (08/11/2014)	09.00	Free morning
	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (09/11/2014)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) 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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