

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2014

17th International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 3-9, 2014

The Poles Lead!

68 teams are competing in this year's Teams' Tournament.

The Polish team Mickiewicz (Sabina Grzedziak, Igor Grzedziak, Lena Leszczynska and Tomaszek Witold) leads the tournament after winning all of their matches.



Team Das Autobahn last night on round 3 while they were on vugraph

The Portuguese team Baleal (Carlos G Lucas, Carlos Pimenta, Antonio C Palma and Jorge Cruzeiro) is right on their tail, just 1.30 VPs behind.

The Danish-German team Das Autobahn (Denis Bilde, Mads Eide, Nedju Buchlev and Sebastian Reim) are third, 1.1 VPs behind the Portuguese.

Today is the big day. There are 3 matches in the afternoon and another three after dinner. The latter session has been known to indicate the winners of this tournament.

There are 120 VPs up for grabs. Some team will get them - why not yours?

Pedro Nunes

Teams - Class. After 3 rounds

Rank	Team	Score	Name	Roster
1	3	49,36	MICKIEWICZ	Sabina Grzejdzia - Igor Grzejdzia - Lena Leszczynska - Tomaszek Witold
2	44	48,06	BALEAL	Carlos Galvão Lucas - Carlos Pimenta - António Campos Palma - Jorge Cruzeiro
3	23	46,96	DAS AUTOBAHN	Dennis Bilde - Mads Eyde - Nedju Buchlev - Sebastian Reim
4	28	45,51	HOK	Merel Bruynsteen - Doris Van Delft - Agnes Snellers - Wubbo De Boer
5	20	44,98	ASTRO	Ronald Brantsma - Mark Thiele - Jon Ingthorsson - Kristinn Olafsson
6	35	44,38	PLESCHI	Bernhard Molnar - Susanne Molnar - E Pleschitzger - Robert Franzel - Joerg Eichholzer
7	54	44,26	NACIONES UNIDAS	Alan Maddock - Gabriel Carrasco - Marta Barnes - Brian Liddy - Andres Knapp
8	40	42,73	SIGDONNEMANN	Lotte Skaanning - Henrik Iversen - Henning Ostergaard - Brian Skjonnemann
9	1	42,66	FAST & FURIOUS	Michael Gromoeller - Helmut Haeusler - Claus Günther - Christian Schlicker
10	55	42,20	THE FAB FIVE	Helga Bergmann - Harpa Fold Ingolfssdottir - Rosemary Shaw - Gudny Gudjonsdottir
11	47	41,38	JOSE PINHEIRO	José Pinheiro - Pedro Pratas - Helena Pinheiro - Inocência Araújo
12	42	40,94	JORUNN	Toni Pereira da Silva - Gisli Thorarinnsson - Gunnar Thordarson - Petur Hartmannsson
13	21	40,60	GOLDBERG	Connie Goldberg - Kauko Koistinen - Maija Romanovska - Andis Gesta
14	46	39,99	INDIGO	Dominique Custers - Cees Mul - Joke Kelderman - Rene Van Ammers
15	7	39,49	BBB	Kinsten Steen Moller - Dorte Lilleborg - Marianne Rasmussen - Bjarke Friis
16	18	39,09	TOP OF NOTHING	Joost Van Den Boom - Pasi Kuokkanen - Eeva Parvianinen - Marjukka Raines
17	45	37,96	MR ARMOT	Arild Armot - Bjorn Sture Valen - Svein Harald Riisnaes - Egil Hansen - Bjorn Fjeldstad - Erin Dhal
18	38	36,74	XTROUBLE	Liam Sheridan - John Beard - Szczepan Smoczynski - Gitte Hecht-Johansen
19	12	36,04	KURZ	Maximilian Buchmayr - Susanne Zach - Johann Zeugner - Edeltraud Gregoritsch
20	57	35,94	4711	Helmi Gromöller - Wilhelm Gromöller - Anne Gromöller - Ludger Silva
21	32	35,91	MAGIC	Hans Goethe - Eva-Liss Goethe - Margaret Nygren - Martin Nygren
22	22	35,75	HAAPET	Harald Nordby - Ellen Vigmostad - Aase Mogstad - Astrid Steen Lybak
23	14	35,19	OSKAM	Ad Oskam - Jan Winter - Gerard Limmen - George Schipper
24	26	35,06	SERANGELI	Monica Cuzzi - Franca M Serangeli - José Pereira Sousa - José António Sousa
25	37	33,83	KOLT 45	Lisbeth Eide - Olav A Molberg - Tomas Ruth - Knut Kiste
26	29	33,35	DAZED AND CONFUSED	Hans Arne Forseth - Bodil Oigarden - Marita Roeberg - Eirin Halvorsen - Haldis Guttormsen
27	53	33,27	SOKRAT	Andrei Kavalenka - Larysa Kuzniatsova - Andrei Sotnikav - Aleh Tsimakhovich
28	39	33,14	ONSTEIN JOKERS	Hans Melchers - Monique Melchers - Berend Van Den Bos - Joris Van Lankveld
29	68	33,12	DEAM TEAM 17	Nuno Matos - Carlos Luiz - Rodrigo Martins Soares - Miguel Teixeira - Nuno Paz
30	67	32,22	VICKY	Franz Terraneo - Sylvie Terraneo - Joseph Simon - Ilse-Betina Artmer - Andreas Babsch
31	64	32,09	RICARD	Eva Ricard - Kaster Vinthes - Birgitte Randrup - Flemming Bogh-Sorensen
32	15	30,69	LILI	Nora Gabler - Ilse Widder - Amanda Maly - Ingrid Hlavicza
33	63	30,67	SELMA	Marlene Henneberg - Jens Ove Henneberg - Nadia Bekkouche - Flemming Danielsen
34	6	29,86	RUI PINTO	Rui Pinto - António Bernardo Ferreira - José Carlos Henriques - Artur Santos Silva - Juliano Barbosa
35	34	29,13	THE BRIDGES	Grethe Teksum - Bjorn Dufseth - Leif-Erik Bru - Jon Helland - Anne-Lise Bru
36	50	28,50	STONE CUTTERS	Matthias Schueller - Jascha Garre - Sveinn R Eiriksson - Throstur Ingimarsson
37	17	28,27	TEAM ULLA	Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten - Martin Nielsen - Peter Husum
38	4	28,24	RANNER	Robert Snapper - Eduardo Fernandes - Nuno Pereira - Nuno D Martins - Ricardo Fernandes - António Valente
39	61	28,03	QUEEN OF HEARTS	Kathryn Hertz - Eckhard Böhlke - Michael Pendl - Ingrid Pichler
40	60	27,23	QUATRO BRUXAS	Sonja Bech - Mette Sand - Maria Dam Mortensen - Annette Bjorn
41	33	27,19	TOLLE	Anne-Lill Hellemann - Rolf Tolle - Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
42	9	26,57	PIN	Theo Pin - Letty Pin - Rebecca de Bruijn-Piller - Renee Verdegaal - Gerwin Middelkoop - Rene De Miliano
43	5	25,04	LAA LAA	Renate Hansen - Dieter Schulz - Anja Alberti - Nikolas Bausback
44	31	24,85	4M	João Machado - José Macedo - Pedro Macedo - Bruno Macedo
45	13	24,83	VIGO	Mariasum Millama Solorzamo - Angeles Fernandez Ramudo - Araceli Gil De Somorrostro - Beatriz Grez-Aparicio
46	10	24,61	SBS	Hans Metselaar - Allie Hoenstok - Helmut Hoogeveen - Joost Snoeck
47	43	24,01	GIRAFFEN	Peter Fredin - Mama K - Lars Peter Damgaard - Stig Farholt
48	16	23,90	4 J's	José A Fernandes - José A Pereira - José M Freitas - John Freitas

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49	25	23,66	GABRIEL	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrímsson - Kristinn Kristinsson - Halldor Svanbergsson
50	65	23,26	WASSERLOS	Gunnar von Kleist - Siegliende Svensson - Reinhart Moebius - Astrid Moebius
51	36	23,06	DE SUKKELTJES	Reini Smit - Maja Hermelyn - Maria Polder - Elly Ducheyne
52	62	22,92	COLONIA	Peter Bode - Thorsten Cmiel - Rosemarie Roderburg - Sybil Müller-Maubach
53	8	22,80	THE COUNT	Gregers Bjarnarson - Lisbeth Grove - Henrik Frydenlund - Annette R Frydenlund
54	66	22,75	BE CAREFUL	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley - José Lima - Isabel Manso
55	27	22,68	JUST 4	Pedro Morgado - Fernando Ribeiro - Filipe Gonçalves - Henrique Ribeiro
56	51	22,05	DAMA KUPA	Draga Georgieva - Stefan Georgiev - Alex Elian - Dan Zara
57	49	20,95	FRANKLIN	Dave Franklin - Gerry Stanford - Mary Lawrenson - David Park
58	48	20,73	SIGURVON	Esther Jakobsdóttir - Alda Guðnadóttir - Maria Bender - Erla Sigurjónsdóttir
59	11	19,01	MACHICO TEAM	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes - Ricardo Alves Sousa - Rui Moniz
60	59	18,18	MULTON	K Ward-Platt - Frank Multon - Peter Bertheau - Jessica Hayman
61	41	17,13	SANES	Bruno Abreu - Bruno Neves - Gonçalo Esmeraldo - Luís M Silva - Luís D Sampaio
62	30	15,69	LOGO	Léandre Alexis Logothetis - Daniele Simon - Gunnar Andersson - Noomi Hebert
63	56	14,38	MADHOL	Cristina Altman - Pia Cremer - Ria Bartolomij - Marco S Teixeira
64	52	12,31	DESCARTES 737	Geert Jan Rosebeek - Beppie Bredenoort - Marga Linsen - Peter Linsen
65	24	12,16	GARRI	Emma Axelsdóttir - Hrafnildur Skuladóttir - David Ludvíksson - Guðmundur Johannsson
66	19	11,45	VLAANDEREN	Floris Vlaanderen - Frits Vlaanderen - Hans Sprenkeling - Dienneke Balder
67	2	11,13	XXX	Pieter Engen - Virginie Engen - Lucia Grosman - Han Bégas
68	58	09,88	CIDADE INVICTA	Carlos Gonçalves - Manuel Coelho Gonçalves - Paulo Pessanha - Paulo Pinto

Round 1

Table			IMP	Score			
1	1	FAST & FURIOUS	2	XXX	11-3	13,12	6,88
2	3	MICKIEWICZ	4	RANNER	23-5	16	4
3	5	LAA LAA	6	RUI PINTO	12-26	5,04	14,96
4	7	BBB	8	THE COUNT	25-4	16,68	3,32
5	9	PIN	10	SBS	28-24	11,67	8,33
6	11	MACHICO TEAM	12	KURZ	11-33	3,1	16,9
7	13	VIGO	14	OSKAM	1-9	6,88	13,12
8	15	LILI	16	4 J's	23-6	15,75	4,25
9	17	TEAM ULLA	18	TOP OF NOTHING	8-18	6,22	13,78
10	19	VLAANDEREN	20	ASTRO	14-32	4	16
11	21	GOLDBERG	22	HAAPET	27-7	16,46	3,54
12	23	DAS AUTOBAHN	24	GARRI	35-2	18,83	1,17
13	25	GABRIEL	26	SERANGELI	9-8	10,44	9,56
14	27	JUST 4	28	HOK	8-50	0,05	19,95
15	29	DAZED AND CONFUSED	30	LOGO	17-16	10,44	9,56
16	31	4M	32	MAGIC	12-28	4,5	15,5
17	33	TOLLE	34	THE BRIDGES	3-21	4	16
18	35	PLESCHI	36	DE SUKKELTJES	32-5	17,87	2,13
19	37	KOLT 45	38	XTROUBLE	25-34	6,55	13,45
20	39	ONSTEIN JOKERS	40	SIGDONNEMANN	5-27	3,1	16,9
21	41	SANES	42	JORUNN	5-38	1,17	18,83
22	43	GIRAFFEN	44	BALEAL	0-14	5,04	14,96
23	45	MR ARMOT	46	INDIGO	23-14	13,45	6,55
24	47	JOSE PINHEIRO	48	SIGURVON	35-5	18,37	1,63
25	49	FRANKLIN	50	STONE CUTTERS	3-22	3,77	16,23
26	51	DAMA KUPA	52	DESCARTES 737	38-3	19,11	0,89
27	53	SOKRAT	54	NACIONES UNIDAS	15-20	7,95	12,05
28	55	THE FAB FIVE	56	MADHOL	43-6	19,37	0,63
29	57	4711	58	CIDADE INVICTA	29-12	15,75	4,25
30	59	MULTON	60	QUATRO BRUXAS	14-28	5,04	14,96
31	61	QUEEN OF HEARTS	62	COLONIA	27-0	17,87	2,13
32	63	SELMA	64	RICARD	29-7	16,9	3,1
33	65	WASSERLOS	66	BE CAREFUL	18-32	5,04	14,96
34	67	VICKY	68	DEAM TEAM 17	28-5	17,11	2,89

Round 2

Table			IMP	Score
1	28	HOK	55 THE FAB FIVE	26- 8 16 4
2	51	DAMA KUPA	23 DAS AUTOBAHN	12-38 2,31 17,69
3	42	JORUNN	47 JOSE PINHEIRO	25-21 11,67 8,33
4	35	PLESCHI	61 QUEEN OF HEARTS	26-15 14,09 5,91
5	12	KURZ	67 VICKY	15-17 9,14 10,86
6	40	SIGDONNEMANN	63 SELMA	32- 7 17,5 2,5
7	7	BBB	21 GOLDBERG	17- 2 15,23 4,77
8	50	STONE CUTTERS	3 MICKIEWICZ	13-33 3,54 16,46
9	20	ASTRO	34 THE BRIDGES	35-11 17,31 2,69
10	15	LILI	45 MR ARMOT	3-43 0,26 19,74
11	32	MAGIC	57 4711	37-13 17,31 2,69
12	6	RUI PINTO	44 BALEAL	2-29 2,13 17,87
13	66	BE CAREFUL	18 TOP OF NOTHING	4-21 4,25 15,75
14	38	XTROUBLE	1 FAST & FURIOUS	2- 6 8,33 11,67
15	14	OSKAM	54 NACIONES UNIDAS	4-24 3,54 16,46
16	60	QUATRO BRUXAS	9 PIN	10-17 7,23 12,77
17	25	GABRIEL	29 DAZED AND CONFUSED	14- 9 12,05 7,95
18	26	SERANGELI	30 LOGO	21- 5 15,5 4,5
19	10	SBS	59 MULTON	8-12 8,33 11,67
20	2	XXX	53 SOKRAT	6-50 0 20
21	13	VIGO	37 KOLT 45	6-11 7,95 12,05
22	17	TEAM ULLA	5 LAA LAA	24-24 10 10
23	43	GIRAFFEN	65 WASSERLOS	8-17 6,55 13,45
24	16	4 J's	31 4M	9-17 6,88 13,12
25	46	INDIGO	58 CIDADE INVICTA	31- 5 17,69 2,31
26	4	RANNER	19 VLAANDEREN	17- 4 14,68 5,32
27	33	TOLLE	49 FRANKLIN	7-20 5,32 14,68
28	22	HAAPET	8 THE COUNT	26- 9 15,75 4,25
29	11	MACHICO TEAM	39 ONSTEIN JOKERS	15-19 8,33 11,67
30	64	RICARD	68 DEAM TEAM 17	11-13 9,14 10,86
31	36	DE SUKKELTJES	62 COLONIA	9-26 4,25 15,75
32	48	SIGURVON	24 GARRI	13- 3 13,78 6,22
33	52	DESCARTES 737	41 SANES	27-24 11,27 8,73
34	56	MADHOL	27 JUST 4	18-10 13,12 6,88

Round 3

Table			IMP	Score
1	23	DAS AUTOBAHN	28 HOK	9- 8 10,44 9,56
2	40	SIGDONNEMANN	20 ASTRO	4- 8 8,33 11,67
3	44	BALEAL	45 MR ARMOT	30-15 15,23 4,77
4	32	MAGIC	3 MICKIEWICZ	2-24 3,1 16,9
5	35	PLESCHI	7 BBB	12- 6 12,42 7,58
6	18	TOP OF NOTHING	42 JORUNN	14-15 9,56 10,44
7	54	NACIONES UNIDAS	67 VICKY	28-11 15,75 4,25
8	53	SOKRAT	47 JOSE PINHEIRO	10-23 5,32 14,68
9	12	KURZ	26 SERANGELI	18-18 10 10
10	1	FAST & FURIOUS	9 PIN	38-11 17,87 2,13
11	46	INDIGO	61 QUEEN OF HEARTS	19- 2 15,75 4,25
12	55	THE FAB FIVE	25 GABRIEL	48-15 18,83 1,17
13	60	QUATRO BRUXAS	38 XTROUBLE	9-23 5,04 14,96
14	21	GOLDBERG	51 DAMA KUPA	39- 2 19,37 0,63
15	50	STONE CUTTERS	63 SELMA	17-20 8,73 11,27
16	22	HAAPET	66 BE CAREFUL	32-12 16,46 3,54
17	34	THE BRIDGES	4 RANNER	16-15 10,44 9,56
18	37	KOLT 45	65 WASSERLOS	16- 1 15,23 4,77
19	49	FRANKLIN	57 4711	1-26 2,5 17,5
20	62	COLONIA	29 DAZED AND CONFUSED	17-31 5,04 14,96
21	31	4M	6 RUI PINTO	17-24 7,23 12,77
22	59	MULTON	14 OSKAM	4-35 1,47 18,53
23	10	SBS	17 TEAM ULLA	17-22 7,95 12,05
24	48	SIGURVON	15 LILI	18-31 5,32 14,68
25	5	LAA LAA	13 VIGO	15-15 10 10
26	30	LOGO	39 ONSTEIN JOKERS	2-32 1,63 18,37
27	68	DEAM TEAM 17	56 MADHOL	41- 4 19,37 0,63
28	64	RICARD	52 DESCARTES 737	42- 1 19,85 0,15
29	43	GIRAFFEN	11 MACHICO TEAM	38-32 12,42 7,58

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30	16	4 J's	41	SANES	15-8	12,77	7,23
31	19	VLAANDEREN	33	TOLLE	3-30	2,13	17,87
32	8	THE COUNT	24	GARRI	25-10	15,23	4,77
33	27	JUST 4	2	XXX	22-5	15,75	4,25
34	58	CIDADE INVICTA	36	DE SUKKELTJES	10-31	3,32	16,68

Sitting Arrangements for Round 4

Table

1	3	MICKIEWICZ	44	BALEAL
2	20	ASTRO	23	DAS AUTOBAHN
3	28	HOK	35	PLESCHI
4	54	NACIONES UNIDAS	40	SIGDONNEMANN
5	1	FAST & FURIOUS	55	THE FAB FIVE
6	47	JOSE PINHEIRO	21	GOLDBERG
7	42	JORUNN	46	INDIGO
8	18	TOP OF NOTHING	7	BBB
9	45	MR ARMOT	38	XTROUBLE
10	57	4711	12	KURZ
11	32	MAGIC	22	HAAPET
12	14	OSKAM	26	SERANGELI
13	29	DAZED AND CONFUSED	37	KOLT 45
14	39	ONSTEIN JOKERS	53	SOKRAT
15	68	DEAM TEAM 17	15	LILI
16	67	VICKY	64	RICARD
17	63	SELMA	6	RUI PINTO
18	34	THE BRIDGES	50	STONE CUTTERS
19	4	RANNER	17	TEAM ULLA
20	61	QUEEN OF HEARTS	60	QUATRO BRUXAS
21	9	PIN	33	TOLLE
22	5	LAA LAA	31	4M
23	13	VIGO	10	SBS
24	16	4 J's	43	GIRAFFEN
25	65	WASSERLOS	25	GABRIEL
26	36	DE SUKKELTJES	8	THE COUNT
27	62	COLONIA	66	BE CAREFUL
28	27	JUST 4	51	DAMA KUPA
29	49	FRANKLIN	48	SIGURVON
30	11	MACHICO TEAM	59	MULTON
31	41	SANES	30	LOGO
32	56	MADHOL	52	DESCARTES 737
33	24	GARRI	19	VLAANDEREN
34	2	XXX	58	CIDADE INVICTA

Lost Property - The Saga Continues

There was no response to my missive yesterday as to the items I hold in store but there has been another development - another fan has been discovered bereft of its owner. Obviously I am proving an attraction as my fan base is growing by the day. If you have mislaid your fan or one of the items mentioned yesterday then come and see Ron Tacchi in the bulletin office and he will reunite you with your belongings.

Open Teams

by Ron Tacchi

It's Friday night so it's Teams night. I love the start of a Teams event, it always appears to be a cacophony of unresolvable confusion, but of course it always turns out all right in the end. Finally it was resolved that there were 68 teams who would play three rounds on Friday, two sessions of three rounds on Saturday and finally on Sunday a concluding three rounds before the prize-giving and gala dinner.

I sat at table one as this was being covered in the open by BBO so in theory it should be easier for me to have the results from two tables.

Session 1

Session 1 had 'Fast & Furious' meeting 'XXX', no that's their team name and not some mistake of mine. 'Fast & Furious' had the Open Pairs winners Gromöller and Häusler teamed with Gunther and Schlicker, whilst 'XXX' had the Engens with teammates Grosmann and Bégas. In the closed room where I was kibitzing, Gromöller and Häusler were facing the Engens. It was a low scoring match with little in the way of exciting hands.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Engen	Gromöller	Engen
Pass	Pass	1NT*	Double*
2♣	2♦	All Pass	

1NT was weak and the Double said "I've got a weak no-trump too." Two Diamonds was a miserable contract and slid three off, whilst in the open room:

West	North	East	South
Grosmann	Gunther	Bégas	Schlicker
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Here the system allowed E/W to reach the dizzying heights of 1NT and South could find nothing sensible to say. As John Pullman was wont to say 'West minded his work' and brought the contract home but lost 5 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Engen	Gromöller	Engen
			1♣
1♦	1♠	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

North elected to lead a small spade after South's support for his suit to the nine jack and queen. Declarer now had an easy route home to nine tricks. The same contract was reached in the open room but the lead of the nine of clubs made the going much harder for declarer, whilst double dummy Three Diamonds is makeable, in practice, failing by one trick is the norm and thus XXX lost another five IMPs, They lost the match 11-3 which translates to 13.12 - 6.88 VPs.

Round 2

Round 2 saw HOK, Bruynsteen, Delft, Snellers and Boer, drawn against 'The Fab Five'. Fergmann, Ingolfsdottir, Shaw and Gudjonsdottir. Virtually all of the IMPs went on the second board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West took a sharp intake of breath before going on to Five Diamonds, some would say she was lucky to find the dummy she did, but as a general rule I like to look at the deal and see what would happen if the South and East hands had been swapped - well Five Diamonds minus one would be a good result against Four Spades making.

North led the spade king and South tanked and showed her doubleton spade by over taking with the ace and continuing with a small one to North's ten. North continued with the heart king to the ace. Declarer tried to get a count on the hand by ruffing a heart in hand and then crossing to dummy with a trump and ruffing another. North did not help her cause by following with the ten and the knave. If she had discarded the jack and the queen declarer would not have had an accurate count of the heart suit and may well have placed the cards differently but she calmly finessed (after significant anguish, it must be said) against East and brought home her contract.

In the open room the first six bids were the same but the seventh was a pass. If East finds the miracle lead of the ace of hearts the contract is two off, if the lead is a club then it is one off but if East starts with partner's suit then the contract makes, here, as on many tables East chose the diamond and so a double game swing and fifteen IMPs changed hands.

On board 11 in the closed room East opened a strong no-trump and West with, albeit, a balanced eight-count, including a couple of tens, made no effort, so 1NT +3 was written in the scorecard. In the open room there was no problem in reaching the laydown game and so 7 IMPs went out.

The only other swing worthy of note was Board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Double	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	All Pass	

East kicked off proceedings with a small spade and North took the trick in dummy with the king and took the failing diamond finesse and eventually took her eight top tricks to fulfill her contract. I think declarer might have done better at trick one by playing small, it's not impossible that West plays the jack so if one then wins with the ace you have two entries to dummy. If that scenario does not present itself then surely playing off the top diamonds, and if fortune is on your side the queen will drop, but even should it not you have an entry to dummy to lead towards your heart king, this gives you two chances instead of one for extra trick(s). On this hand it is a rare case when the bulletin editor would have made two tricks more than declarer.

In the open room this time the first seven bids were the same but this time North expressed an opinion of the prospects 1NT by doubling and this became the final contract. N/S collected the first nine tricks and scored +500 and 9 IMPs back.

At the end of the match HOK had won 26 - 8 or 16 -4 VPs.

Round 3

Round 3 brought Das Autobahn, Bilde, Eyde, Buchlev and Reim to table one to meet HOK who stayed there. This was a very low scoring round with Das Autobahn winning by the smallest of margins 9-8 or 10.44 - 9.56 VPs. Board 18 was probably the most interesting.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Obviously Six Hearts is trivial if the trumps are not 4-0 and equally trivially cannot be made when they are as unkind as that. The question is can you make Five Hearts with the cards as they are. Neither table did in this match. Both Souths had owned up to a club suit. On the lead of the nine of clubs the simplest way to make eleven tricks is to win and lead a spade, you can try the king if you like in case North was sleeping, on a black suit return ruff and a card in the other and simply play four rounds of trumps. North can do you no harm as he has no club in his hand and the spade entry to his partner's hand has been nullified so you can now cash the diamonds in peace.

My Scandinavian Reporter

Ulla, my Scandinavian roving reporter, who scans the social scene of this tournament for me, tells of a wonderful meal of which a large group of friends and teammates partook yesterday evening. As many of you no doubt know, the restaurant Noma, in Copehagen, is reckoned to be one the finest in the world. I suspect that you have also heard that they have been known to serve live ants as part of a dessert dish.

Ulla reports that after three fantastic courses the dessert dish arrived whose ingredients included pineapple, ice cream and chocolate sauce. She espied an ant on her plate and as she was cognisant of the renowned Noma experience and also aware that she was at one of the finest restaurant in Madeira assumed it was part of the dish and eat it. As you have no doubt guessed by now this was not the case - it was a rogue ant who somehow had found his way onto the table. Ulla is fine, which is more than can be said for the ant.



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	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
	19.30	Final Results
	20.30	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

