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WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2015

18th International Bridge Festival

Madeira

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Are You Ready?

We welcome you all and hope you had an enjoyable trip coming to Madeira. We are very glad you are here with us.



Susane Krifiner and Sveinn Eiriksson
the winners of the Warm-up

For those who came early, we already had the pre-tournament events on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and yesterday evening's warm-up.

The warm-up was won by Susane Krifiner and Sveinn Eiriksson, with 66.77%.

In second place came the local pair Jose A Pereira and Ricardo Fernandes, just 1.05% behind.

Peter Skaj and Peter Bertheau were third. They got 63.87%.

The room is set and we are ready to start this year's Pairs' Tournament. I'm sure it will be another record-braking event.

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES	
PAIRS	TEAMS
125 €/Player	400 €/Team (up to 6 players)

Thursday's Simultaneous Session

This session had 29 pairs and was won by Françoise and Michel Ingelbert. They got 63.64%.
Henning and Sandro Bohnsack were second, with 62.69%.
Gabreil Gisslasson and Gisli Steingrímsson were third, with 58.33%.
National results will be available online tomorrow



Friday Event

This session had 27 pairs and was won by Harpa Fold Ingólfssdóttir and Gisli Thorarínsson. They got 68.43%.
Peter Bode and Michael Gromöller were second, with 63.22%.
Constance and James McAvoy were third, with 59.95%.



Saturday's Swiss Pairs

This session had 26 pairs and was won by Aase Mogstad and Eirin Halvorsen.
Wilhelm Gromöller and Michael Gromöller were second.
Arkadzi Kastsiukevitch and Aleksandr Chistsiakov were third.



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.

Warm-up Pairs

Rank	Pair	%	Name
1	123	66,77	Susanne Krifiner - Sveinn R Eiriksson
2	2	65,72	José A Pereira - Ricardo Fernandes
3	46	63,87	Peter Skaj - Peter Bertheau
4	84	63,42	Sjoerd Zandvoort - Fredrik Magendans
5	113	62,79	Brigitte Vedova - Peter Bode
6	63	62,65	Gisli Steingrímsson - Gabriel Gislason
7	70	61,97	Jasper Williams - Peter Zwart
8	12	61,16	Samantha Punch - Paula Leslie
9	33	59,02	Jeppe Jühl - Lone Kiaer
10	105	58,90	Dorota Staron - Wlodyslaw Staron
11	129	58,84	Herbert Wohlfahrt - Dimitri Markaris
12	86	58,43	Virginia Chediak - Ronny Jorstdad
13	87	58,13	Aida Jansma - Jansma Jan
14	91	57,44	Renée Verdegaal - Mark Thiele
15	9	57,20	Ron Tacchi - Mark Horton
16	102	56,60	Beatrix Wodniansky - Alexander Wodniansky
17	28	56,07	Gunnar von Kleist - Siegliende Svensson
18	5	55,68	Arkadzi Kastsiukevich - Aleksandr Chistiakov
19	67	55,31	Carlos Pellegrini - Felix Zimmermann
20	29	55,30	Kathryn Hertz - Eckhard Böhlke
21	68	54,82	Svein Harald Risness - Egil Hansen
22	26	54,75	Koch - Zarges
23	112	54,74	Troels Kristensen - Anne Schaltz
24	43	54,42	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
25	82	54,26	Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
26	42	53,61	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
27	121	53,47	Lisbeth Grove - Are Sivertsen
28	22	53,34	Daniele Simon - Alex Logothetis
29	69	53,19	Marjukka Raines - Eeva Parvianinen
30	130	52,83	Lone Bilde - Bo Bilde
31	126	52,77	Hans Arne Forseth - Haldis Guttormsen
32	64	52,38	Knut Kiste - Tomas Ruth
33	51	52,38	Renate Koschier - Etta Maier
34	127	51,43	Henrik Iversen - Lotte Skaanning
35	88	51,41	P Kreuning - Hans Kreuning
36	52	51,16	Helmi Gromöller - Wilhelm Gromöller
37	65	50,98	Karin Heger - Ilse Widder
38	107	50,86	Doug Rotchell - Helmut Bourquin
39	21	50,46	Rosemarie Roderburg - Olav A Molberg
40	7	50,37	Maria Bender - Erla Sigurjonsdottir
41	135	50,26	Signe Thomsen - Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg
42	133	50,26	Erik Berg - Hege Marie Salseng
43	134	50,15	Ralf Schlotman - Claus Daehr
44	73	50,12	Bjarne Engesvik - Bruno Macedo
45	31	50,07	Flemming Poulsen - Stig Fahrholt
46	90	50,00	Rosemary Shaw - Gudny Gudjonsdottir
47	131	49,89	Henning Ostergaard - Jan Pedersen
48	71	49,86	Charlotte Brandgaard - T Fogh
49	1	49,70	Fernando Ribeiro - Robert Snapper
50	11	49,66	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
51	49	49,55	Jessica Hayman - Sam Bahbout
52	32	49,44	Solvi Remen - Kristine Breivik
53	6	49,07	henning Bohnsack - Sandro Bohnsack
54	101	48,71	Iwona Larssen - Magnus Larssen
55	138	48,50	Hilde Vollen - Ivar Berg
56	85	48,36	Anne-Lill Hellemann - Rolf Tolle
57	81	47,61	A Pañella - C Estefanell

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58	103	47,50	Constance Mcavoy - James Mcavoy
59	48	47,42	Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir - Helga Bergmann
60	30	47,23	José M Freitas - Nuno Menezes
61	8	46,70	Ragnahild Solúm - Anne-Lise Bru
62	136	46,60	Mads Eyde - Anders Hagin
63	62	46,58	João Machado - José Macedo
64	109	46,48	Jon Helland - Leif-Erik Bru
65	93	46,26	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Daniela Von Weydlich
66	124	46,21	Marius Bartnes - Bodil Gigarden
67	89	46,02	Sigurjon Hardarson - Sigurdur Skagfjord
68	106	45,74	Astrid Moebius - Reinhart Moebius
69	125	45,34	Peter Basse - Simon Ortmann
70	47	45,19	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
71	111	45,02	Ellen Coremans - Leo Huvers
72	10	45,02	Jon Ingthorsson - Kristinn Olafsson
73	27	44,91	Maria Jesus Adell - Jordi Magrià
74	44	44,60	Helena F De Bobadilla - Maria G De Las Cortinas
75	45	44,59	Pia Cremer - Ria Bartolomij
76	92	44,56	Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
77	132	44,56	António Valente - Nuno D Martins
78	128	44,36	Mette Sand - Sonja Bech
79	66	44,09	A Cappeller - B Cappeller
80	4	44,05	Ilse-Betina Artmer - G Artmer
81	41	43,99	Johanna Muller - Maria Braat
82	137	43,92	Christine Winckel - Hans Metselaar
83	122	43,85	Dennis Bilde - Lars Peter Damygd
84	13	43,37	Brigitte Ollé - François Ollé
85	61	43,31	Nora Gabler - Ingrid Hlavicza
86	108	42,45	Filomena Morgado - Pedro Morgado
87	83	42,01	Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinnsson
88	23	41,74	Marco S Teixeira - Henrique Ribeiro
89	3	41,21	Marta Franco - Blanca Iglesias
90	25	40,87	Eduardo Fernandes - Frederico Teixeira
91	53	39,13	Arne Andreasen - Lisbeth Eide
92	24	37,89	Fátima Menezes - Rui Moniz
93	104	37,61	Mike Head - Svein Erik Dahl
94	72	36,65	Arild Arnot - Vegard Gjelstad
95	110	34,70	Edel Aisa Isaksen - Maria Gronheim

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 a TD

Missguess This Hand With Me

By Mark Horton

Terence Reese always maintained that there was always some clue as to the best line on a particular deal, no matter how small.

What do you make of this one from Monday night (although by the time we played it it was Tuesday morning)?

With only the opponents vulnerable I pick up a modest, but shapely hand:

♠ 10
 ♥ K 9 6 5 4 3
 ♦ A 9 7 6 2
 ♣ 2

Partner opens 1NT which we play as 15-17 and East overcalls 2♠, which West alerts. Upon enquiry this is explained as constructive (with a non-constructive hand East would bid 2♦ - MultiLandy). Resisting the temptation to make what in England is known as a Landy game try (you bid a game and then try to make it) I bid 3♦, which we play as a transfer to hearts with at least invitational values. When partner bids 3NT I would like to bid 4♦ as a retransfer, but we have not discussed it so I settle for 4♥.

This has been our brief, but instructive auction:

West	North	East	South
	Tacchi		Horton
	1NT	2♠*	3♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West leads the eight of spades and I get the following dummy:

♠ Q J 3 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A K J 8 4


♠ 10
 ♥ K 9 6 5 4 3
 ♦ A 9 7 6 2
 ♣ 2

When I play low from dummy East wins with the king and unexpectedly returns the king of diamonds. That's a pleasant surprise, and after winning in hand I can see a route to ten tricks by taking a ruffing spade finesse.

I cash the king of hearts and cross to dummy with a heart, but East, having followed with the ten on the first round, discards a spade. That's a blow, but I am still in the game.

I play the queen of spades, covered and ruffed, and take the club finesse. When East produces the queen, I have to go one down.

This was the full deal:

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

Post mortem

Once East has switched to a diamond declarer can get home by playing to ruff a diamond in dummy, one losing diamond going on an established spade, the other on the king of clubs.

This works because trumps are 4-1 and you might ask why declarer should assume that to be the case?

Well, by bidding 2♠ rather than 2♦ East perhaps suggested that she was more likely to be 6-1-2-4 than 6-2-3-3.

However, declarer had missed the fact after winning the ace of diamonds it is safe to cross to dummy with a heart, cash the queen of diamonds, play the queen of spades, ruffing East's king, play three rounds of clubs, ruffing and then ruff a diamond.

If East is 6-2-3-3 she can overruff, but then has no good move.


The Heat Is On In The Warm-up Pairs

By Ron Tacchi

Monday evening, the Vidamar Hotel sees the start of the Madeira Bridge Festival with the Warm-up Pairs. As I need to sit and watch the boards in order to make a report, this year I decided if I could find someone masochistic enough to play with me, I would have first-hand experience from which to report. Mark Horton, editor of Bridge magazine, succumbed to my blandishments and agreed to play with me. We started well enough but at midnight my brain turned into a pumpkin, and, unfortunately, I was still on French time. The upshot was that my partner's continued brilliancies were brought down to nearly naught by my erratic behavior but in spite of my poor play we still managed to finish in the upper quartile.

An early Board brought us a good result.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.


<p>♠ 9 6 5 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ Q 5 ♣ J 9 4 3 2</p>		<p>♠ J 8 ♥ A K 8 7 5 2 ♦ - ♣ K Q 10 7 5</p> <p>♠ K Q 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A J 10 9 7 2 ♣ 8</p>
	<p>♠ A 10 7 3 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ K 8 6 3 ♣ A 6</p>	

West	North	East	South
	Tacchi		Horton
—	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

After partner's excellent evaluation of the two hands, East aided declarer's cause when she led the ace of diamonds. Declarer merely had to draw trumps and discard his losing spade on the king of diamonds. All that remained was to take four club tricks. The safety play being to cash the ace and then lead towards hand and insert the ten. If East can take this trick then the rest of the clubs are good and if East shows out you have four tricks and your contract. It seems nine pairs reached the contract and only

two other pairs succeeded, so we scored 97% on the board. For the six who failed they all received the lead of a high spade honour or the diamond ace and one wonders if they relied (unnecessarily) on cashing clubs from the top. Declarer should always succeed even on a trump lead if East has three or four spades to one or more of the top honours.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Tacchi	—	Horton
Dble	3♥	3♠	2♥
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

Against vulnerable opponents South opened a weak two in hearts and when the music stopped, East found himself in the spade game. The opening lead was a small heart to the ace and the suit was continued and ruffed in dummy. Declarer now led a small diamond off table and ruffed it in hand. He followed up with a spade finesse which lost to North's king. North made a valiant effort to get his name into the bulletin (not too difficult as it was the bulletin reporter who was making the play) by attempting a Merrimac Coup and leading the king of clubs to thwart declarer utilising the long diamonds. Whilst the manoeuvre did achieve the stated aim it was too late as in theory declarer now had ten tricks available on a crossruff (three heart ruffs in dummy, three minor-suit top honours and four trumps in hand) but at the final hurdle he had six cards in dummy, five of which would give him the contract and one would lead to defeat - you are probably ahead of me here and have guessed which option declarer took.

To guarantee defeat of the contract South must lead a club, perhaps David Bird's simulator might arrive at this answer but I suspect not many human players would find such a diabolical lead. Even cashing the king of hearts and then switching to a club is not sufficient.

Program 2015

Tuesday (03/11/2015)	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 (04/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Typical Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.30
Thursday (05/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
Friday (06/11/2015)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (07/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning
	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (08/11/2015)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results and Prize Giving
	21.00	Closing Dinner

(*) Contact Intertours for more tours

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

(***) Side Event

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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