

**WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2016**

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

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 7-13, 2016

### We're Ready to Go!

This year's Madeira International Bridge Tournament is starting. Everything is being prepared for you - We will be playing in the "Centro de Congressos", which is part of the Vidamar, across



November - Last year's winning team at the prize-giving dinner

the garden from the reception. The Welcome Desk will be there, in the hall, and also the bar, where there will be live music every evening.

Having a good time - it's what this event is all about: Good weather,

enjoying your bridge, places to visit, the swimming pool, the sea and all the other wonders we are all looking forward to enjoy.

On page 3 you have a map that shows you how to get to the Welcome cocktail. See you there.

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES		
WARM-UP & Side Events	PAIRS	TEAMS
15 € / Player	150 €/Player	135 €/Player

## THE VOUCHERS

Welcome to Madeira and our 19<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Open!

**Did you come with the Intertours/Vidamar package?** If so, on your check-in at the hotel you will receive the vouchers for the Tournaments and prize-giving dinner. If you wish to participate in any of the social events, please go to the welcome desk to get the respective vouchers.

**If you are not staying at the Hotel Vidamar or did not come with Intertours package** you will have to buy/collect your vouchers at the welcome desk. Alternatively, you can buy the packages we have prepared (see below).

There will be no money left in envelopes at the tables - there will only be vouchers, so, make sure you have them before you make your way in to the playing room.

The welcome desk is situated in the hall of the Centro de Congressos, which is near the entrance to the Vidamar, on the other side of the garden. They will be there on:

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> of November from 8pm until 9.30pm

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> of November from 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of November from 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> of November from 3pm until 4.30pm

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> of November from 8pm until 9pm

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> of November from 2pm until 3pm

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST HAVE A VOUCHER FOR EACH EVENT**

If you don't have the Intertours/Vidamar bridge package and you want to participate in all of the events, we have two deals for you:

For 260€, you get:

- 1 Entry fee pairs tournament
- 1 Entry fee teams tournament
- 1 Typical dinner
- 1 Prize-giving dinner

Or 240€ and you get:

- 1 Entry fee pairs tournament
- 1 Entry fee teams tournament
- 1 Prize-giving dinner

## The Welcome Cocktail

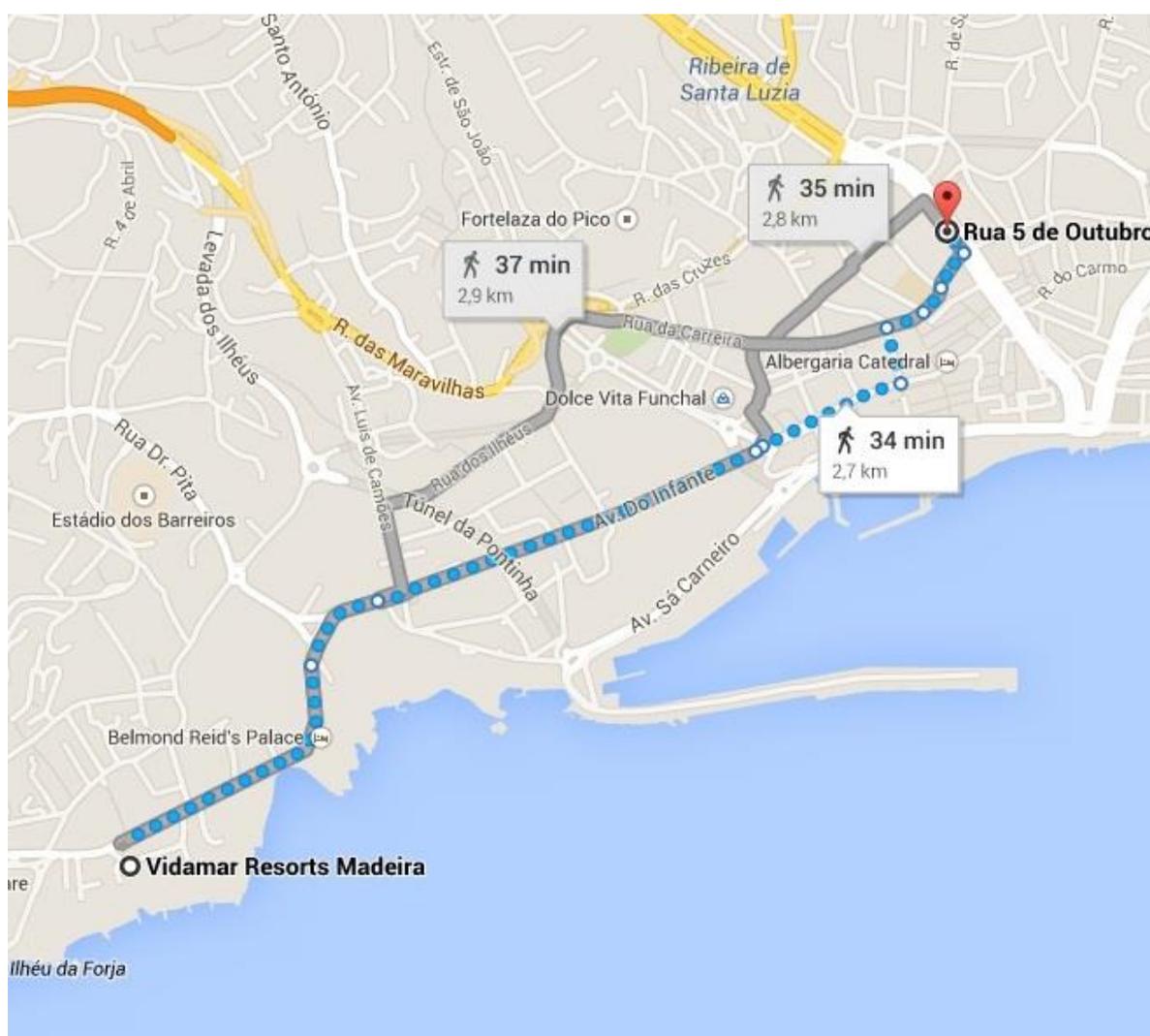
Wondering on how to get to the Madeira Wine Institute?

Have a look at the map below:

It's a 35 minute walk or an 8 minute drive from the Vidamar.

It's in the centre of Funchal, near the city hall.

See you there!



## “O Lagar”

Our Wednesday typical dinner will be in the traditional restaurant “O Lagar”. There you will be able to eat the typical “espetada” and “milho frito” - it’s one of the best places in the island for that.

We will be, as always, entertained by a traditional folklore group.



## The Commentator's Curse

By Ron Tacchi

It's November again – what does that mean? Why it is time to go to Madeira for the International Bridge Festival. To show how good a festival this is it is the only one where my wife accompanies me, in fact she is always impatient to know the dates and make her plans.

The previous two years in the Open Pairs I have watched Hans Metselaar and Allie Hoenstok from The Netherlands. This year Hans has revived the idea of an important bridge event in The Hague with the first running of The Hague Bridge Experience. So successfully that next year's event in August is already on the calendar.

Last year I was slightly late arriving for the first session of the Open Pairs, keen as ever, to start a tradition I ensconced myself behind Hans and Allie. They had scored close to 75% on the first two boards they played – 19 & 20. On the next one they played in 3♦ doubled only failing by two non-vulnerable tricks as an excellent save against the vulnerable game. On the following board they extracted the maximum from it when a defender decided to duck a finesse into his hand then was never allowed to make his king. But as usual the commentator's curse took immediate effect and they then suffered a string of poor results. Here is a prime example

:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

On this board the opposition bid gaily to 6NT and with North on lead he unerringly selected the ace of spades as his opening lead, the only lead to give declarer a genuine play for the contract. She won the spade continuation in dummy and cashed the diamond ace and returned to hand to lead another diamond towards the tenace. When North showed out she rose with the king and cashed the ace and king of clubs and came to hand with the queen. When the king and jack of spades followed whilst discarding two diamonds from dummy, she now had a complete count on the hand. Strictly speaking the odds now favoured the heart finesse against the jack as North has four to South's three. The four of hearts now hit the green baize and after what seemed an eternity she spurned the finesse to land her contract. If she had taken the finesse and it had failed the contract would have been down two, whilst if she played for the drop and she was wrong she would only fail by one trick, perhaps the favourable lead persuaded to take the option where even failure would give her close to the same score as all other pairs that attempted the slam.

28 pairs attempted the slam and seven were successful and the other six were all played by East who nearly always received the helpful lead of a small diamond.

The following board was also a poor result:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Hoerstok	—	Metselaar
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5♦*
All Pass			7♣

After an excellent bidding sequence with both parties trading cue-bids the good contract of 7♣ was reached. The opening lead was the four of hearts which ran round to declarer's ace. He then cashed the ace of diamonds and immediately ruffed one in dummy, whereupon he cashed the ace of trumps and returned to hand with a trump to his queen. He then tried to ruff another diamond but unfortunately West was now out of diamonds and still had the jack of trumps to take the setting trick. Unlucky to find the diamonds 6-2.

The question is can declarer find the winning line? There appears to be two main lines of play: ruffing two diamonds in dummy or ruffing two hearts in hand and in both cases there is the question of timing of the ruffs and the drawing of trumps. Whichever suit we tackle if there is no doubleton then the contract is simple. If we assume that a 4-1 split in the trump suit will render the contract too difficult and thus we will assume the trumps to be divided 3-2. A priori the chance of a 6-2 split is half that of a 5-2 division. Thus it would seem playing on diamonds is twice as unlikely to founder on the rocks of distribution. The next question is how can one minimise the effect of a bad split? In the line adopted by declarer above had he not cashed the ace of trumps then all would have been well. To my mind not cashing the ace works when West has the doubleton diamond and three trumps (and also some cases where he has a doubleton trump) and cashing the ace works when East has the doubleton diamond and two trumps. The theory of vacant places states that the three trumps are more likely to be with the short diamonds and so not cashing the ace appears to be a slightly superior line.

I upped and left after half the boards and Hans and Allie recovered slightly to be above 50% at the end of the session. I have offered to accept money to not watch them this year.

## Quiz corner 1

by Michael Gromoeller

**Quiz 1**

♠ A104  
 ♥ AD7  
 ♦ 10632  
 ♣ 643

N	O
W	S

♠ D85  
 ♥ K84  
 ♦ AK974  
 ♣ A8

N	E	S	W
3NT	pass	1NT	pass
lead: ♠ 6			

This contract looks very nice. But there is some danger. Try to find the safest line of play in a Team-Tournament!

Solution in Daily Bulletin 1

The Teams' Tournament will be broadcasted on BBO again this year. We have been on BBO's vugraph since 2003. We were the first Portuguese tournament to be broadcasted there. Table 1, closed room, will be online from round 1 - Friday evening.



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<b>Thursday</b> (03/11/2016)	21:00	<b>Portuguese National Simultaneous Pairs(***)</b>
<b>Friday</b> (04/11/2016)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.00	IMP Pairs 1 entries - Confirmations
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>IMP Pairs 1 Tournament(***)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (05/11/2016)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.00	IMP Pairs 2 entries - Confirmations
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>IMP Pairs 2 Tournament(***)</b>
<b>Monday</b> (07/11/2016)	18.00	Welcome Cocktail at Madeira Wine Institute
	20.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Warm-up Pairs</b>
	21.30	Welcome Desk Closes
<b>Tuesday</b> (08/11/2016)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	14.30	Welcome Desk Opens
	16.15	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16.30	Welcome Desk Closes
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> (09/11/2016)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	14.30	Welcome Desk Opens
	16.30	Welcome Desk Closes
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session</b>
	21.00	<b>Typical Dinner (**)</b> - Bus leaves at 20.45
<b>Thursday</b> (05/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	16.30	Welcome Desk Closes
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session</b>
	20.30	Final Results
<b>Friday</b> (10/11/2016)	09.30	<b>Half-day Tour(**)</b>
	20.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Welcome Desk Closes
	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (11/11/2016)	09.00	Free morning
	14.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	15.00	Welcome Desk Closes
	<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> (12/11/2016)	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session</b>
	19:30	Final Results
	20.00	Prize Giving
	21.00	<b>Closing Dinner</b>

(\*) 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:**

- Bus tour to Camacha, Pico do Arieiro, Ribeiro Frio and Santana. Lunch in Quinta do Furão
- Boat trip along the West coast of Madeira (limited places). Extra cost of 15€/30€ (with/without package)
- Jeep tour (taking about 3 hours). Extra cost of 15€/30€ (with/without package)

# THE STAFF



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**Pedro Nunes-Organizer / B. Editor**



**Ron Tacchi - Bulletin Editor**

## The 30<sup>th</sup> World Wide Bridge Contest 2016

Miguel Teixeira and Carlos Luiz, organizers of this tournament, were 2<sup>nd</sup> overall on the World Wide Bridge Contest, which was held in Beijing last 23-26 September. They had won Set6 of the qualifying rounds.



The full composition of the podium was:

1<sup>st</sup> - You Yiping & Li Huagai (China)

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Carlos Luiz & Miguel Teixeira (Madeira, Portugal)**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Zhang Miao & Zhang Xiaoqun (China)

Well done!