

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2016

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

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 7-13, 2016

### We're 19 And Still Growing!

Welcome! Good to see you all. We're about to start this year's Pairs' Tournament.

Since last Thursday we have been playing the side events.



The entrance hall to the Centro de Congressos - The Welcome Desk is there

There were 25 pairs playing on Thursday, 28 on Friday and 26 on Saturday.

The final stage of the Portugal Cup was also played here last weekend.

It was won by the team from Oporto.

This year we are playing in the Centro de Congressos. It's easy to get there - just cross the road and go up the steps or the ramp - You can't miss it - It's where there's a loud crowd speaking about cards and suits and contracts and... and...

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES	
PAIRS	TEAMS
150 €/Player	135 €/Player

Rank	%	Pair
1	65,53	31 Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
2	64,23	21 Bengt Emanuelsson - Haakan Tjárnemo
3	63,96	153 Mads Eyde - Mikael Rimstedt
4	63,08	73 Sveinn R Eiriksson - Julius Sigurjonsson
5	61,85	71 Anne Schoonen - Mark Kaptein
6	60,77	90 Maria F Vasconcelos Dias - Nuno Baltazar
7	60,55	69 Gunnar Thordarson - Eyjolfur Magnusson
8	60,25	94 Rui Moniz - José A Pereira
9	59,9	12 Vegard Gjelstad - Vetle Skori
10	59,44	87 Slavi Matakiev - Grigor Gegov
11	58,7	72 Simon Ortmann - Daniel Bang-Ortmann
12	58,54	10 Johanne Bilde - Emil Buus
13	58,47	131 Mark Thiele - Renee Verdegaal
14	57,93	148 Kauko Koistinen - Kirsi Virtanen
15	57,83	50 Bjorg Houmgller - Jonas Houmgller
16	57,14	101 Hannes Bamberger - Eva Ippisch
17	57,08	7 Trudy v den Bichelaer - Robert V Den Bichelaer
18	56,65	149 Flora Zarkesch - Robert Boeddeker
19	56,59	83 I Kravchenko - S Poletaev
20	56,35	26 Y Khanukova - V Khanukov
21	56,28	102 Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson
22	56,21	130 Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
23	56,12	25 Geir Engebretsen - Haldis Guttormsen
24	55,9	44 Marcel Winkel - Gabriella Parra
	55,9	146 Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo
26	55,41	142 Jasper Williams - Peter Zwart
27	55,19	81 Rui Marques - Massimiliano Di Franco
28	54,77	29 Andreas Babsch - Peter Steiner
29	54,7	61 António Valente - Robert Snapper
30	54,51	52 Niels S Zelberg - Peter Fredin
31	54,36	48 Signe Buus Thomsen - Susanne Buus Thomsen
32	54,2	13 Aida Jansma - Jan Jansma
33	54,06	28 Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson
34	53,99	67 Charlotte Brandgaard - Peter Farholt
35	53,96	5 Hans Kreuning - Saha Ouda
36	53,63	113 David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
37	53,28	145 Filomena Morgado - Pedro Morgado
38	53,27	53 Siegliende Svensson - Gunnar von Kleist
39	53,18	91 Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
40	52,75	85 Jeppe Juhl - Szczepan Smoczynski
	52,75	110 Isabel Sarmiento - Miguel Sarmiento
42	52,7	84 Aase Mogstad - Eirin Halvorsen
43	52,6	49 Magnus Asgrimsson - Thorsteinn Bergsson
44	52,57	45 Anne-Lill Hellemann - Rolf Tolle
45	52,53	147 Knut Kiste - Tomas Ruth
46	52,44	42 Ron Tacchi - Christine Winckel
47	52,33	14 Leo Huvers - Ellen Coremans
48	52,29	6 Mike Rense - Jan De Winter
49	52,26	127 Johann Stefanss - Thorvaldur Palmason
50	51,95	150 Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
51	51,88	8 Svetomir Gotzov - Tihomir Takov
52	51,12	33 Marcia Green - Lee Rosenthal
53	50,98	1 Connie Goldberg - António Campos Palma
54	50,89	89 Peter Bertheau - Peder Skaj
55	50,87	114 Katrine Marternsen-Larsen - Lisbeth Grove
56	50,87	46 Stefania Sigurbjördsdotir - Maria Bender
57	50,62	144 Sigrun Thorvardardottir - Sigrídur Frídríksdóttir
	50,62	151 Vesa Leskela - Olli Puurtinen
59	50,58	152 Sjoerd Zandvoort - Fredrik Magendans
60	50,53	92 Eliran Argelazi - Waseem Naqvi

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61	50,4	143	Adalsteinn Jorgensen - Svala K Palsdottir
62	50,3	51	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Gudmundur Johannsson
63	50,01	111	Petra Erne - Erik Slump
64	50	2	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
65	49,94	62	John Vaage - John Herland
66	49,73	23	Ilya Feranchuck - Maris Purgailis
	49,73	123	Peter Teisen - Peter Basse
68	49,48	93	Mihaela Comanescu - Lucian Comanescu
69	49,47	128	Karl Gretar Karlsson - Johann Aevarsson
70	49,25	129	Carlos Pellegrini - Felix Zimmermann
71	48,92	9	Stig Farholt - Henning Ostergaard
72	48,35	86	Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir - Sigthrudur Blondal
73	48,23	107	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
74	47,49	66	Frank-Christian Otto - Anne Heyl
75	47,28	30	Anne Nielsen - Gudmundur Snorrason
76	47,21	141	Robbie de Koster - Dafydd Williams
77	46,28	82	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
78	46,19	47	Mouchette Velraeds - Marilyn Hari-Stougie
79	45,58	34	Alfried Bocker - Gabi Schneider
80	45,23	105	Doris Lamb - Edith Wassmuth
81	44,99	4	Liet Relou - Peer Relou
82	44,64	124	Mary Gordon-Smith - Stefano Tommasini
83	44,62	112	Ilse-Betina Artmer - Gero Artmer
84	44,52	64	Elisabeth Lach - Ulrike Sander-Reis
85	44,34	54	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
86	44,21	68	Nora Gabler - Ingrid Hlavicza
87	43,88	126	Tyge Fogh - Rasmus Nielsen
88	43,72	88	Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja
89	43,44	106	Rinald Halkes - Loes Janssen
90	43,4	41	Mark Horton - Hans Metselaar
91	43,35	132	Marion Broderick - Eduardo Fernandes
92	42,86	65	Gardy Machermer - Heidrun Steuernagel
93	42,48	11	Charlotte Monberg - Jacob Monberg
94	42,15	109	Ragnheidur Haraldsdottir - Rosemary Shaw
95	41,42	70	Isabel Manso - José Lima
96	40,43	133	Daniele Logothetis-Simon - Alex Logothetis
97	40	32	Holmsteinn Arason - E Jonasson
98	39,86	108	João Machado - José Macedo
99	39,55	24	Sveinbjörn Eyjolfsson - Höskuldur Gunnarsson
100	39,36	121	Sabine Melcher - Silvia Klasberg-Brawanski
101	38,87	103	Adrian Pecovaru - Laurentio Pecovaru
102	37,99	122	Lone Kiaer - Gitte Hecht-Johansen
103	37,94	125	Henrique Ribeiro - José M Freitas
104	36,79	104	Filipa Costa - Luís A Costa
105	36,7	63	Markazyta Nikitsenka - Aksana Chuzakova
106	36,55	22	Willamina Vermeulen - Ria Bartolomij
107	36,11	74	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes
108	36,08	27	Olof Thorsteindottir - Gudny Gudjonsdottir
109	35,33	43	Tatyana Udaltsova - Liudmila Nestsiazonak
110	25,49	3	Francisco Oliveira - Ricardo Pereira

**Side event 1**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Pair</b>
1	64,77	28 Arild Aarmot - José A Fernandes
2	59,97	8 Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrímsson
3	59,09	26 Gisli Thorarínsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
4	58,39	1 Adalsteinn Jorgensen - Svala K Palsdóttir
	58,39	4 Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
6	55,59	5 Harpa Fold Ingólfsdóttir - Halldor Svanbergsson
7	54,37	10 Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
8	53,03	22 Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
9	52,8	2 Ingibjorg Gudmundsdóttir - Hulda Hjalmarisdóttir
10	52,65	32 Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo
11	52,46	31 Henrique Ribeiro - Pedro Nunes
12	52,27	27 Hrafnildur Skuladóttir - Gudmundur Johannsson
13	50,76	24 Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja
14	49,65	3 Trudy v den Bichelaer - Robert V Den Bichelaer
15	48,48	33 Fábio Fernandes - Nuno D Martins
16	46,02	21 João Machado - José Macedo
	46,02	25 Kristín Óskarsdóttir - Unnar Gudmundsson
18	45,98	12 Eduardo Fernandes - Robert Snapper
19	45,83	30 Frederico Teixeira - José A Pereira
20	45,63	9 Kornelia Raetz - Dieter Raetz
21	41,43	11 Filomena Morgado - Pedro Morgado
22	41,1	29 Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
23	40,91	23 José M Freitas - Nuno Menezes
24	38,11	7 Daniele Logothetis-Simon - Alexis Logothetis
25	36,54	6 Francisco Oliveira - Ricardo Pereira

**Side event 2**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>IMP</b>	<b>Pair</b>
1	57,3	25 Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrímsson
2	46,1	23 Anne Schoonen - Mark Kaptein
3	37,6	30 D Ulbricht - K Schroeder
4	35,9	27 Adalsteinn Jorgensen - Svala K Palsdóttir
5	26,8	26 Gisli Thorarínsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
6	26,2	2 Ingibjorg Gudmundsdóttir - Hulda Hjalmarisdóttir
7	23,6	12 Arild Aarmot - Eduardo Fernandes
8	21,3	33 Hrafnildur Skuladóttir - Gudmundur Johannsson
9	15,8	24 Lisbeth Grove - Sveinn R Eiríksson
10	11,8	1 Frederico Teixeira - José A Pereira
11	10,7	11 Anne Heyl - Frank-Christian Otto
12	9,7	13 Pedro Morgado - Henrique Ribeiro
13	7,8	9 Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
14	4,8	28 Miguel Lima - Samuel C Leite
15	0,4	31 Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
16	-0,6	6 Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja
17	-6,6	29 Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
18	-10,3	5 Sophie Leroux - Francis Gouffé
19	-14,8	32 Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
20	-16	3 Trudy v den Bichelaer - Robert V Den Bichelaer
21	-16,6	8 Sjoerd Zandvoort - Fredrik Magendans
22	-21,9	21 João Machado - José Macedo
23	-22,3	14 Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
24	-27,4	22 Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson
25	-33,5	4 Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
26	-33,7	7 Daniele Logothetis-Simon - Alexis Logothetis
27	-55,3	34 José A Fernandes - José M Freitas
28	-76,8	10 R Ulbricht - M Tekampe

## Side event 3

Rank	IMP	Pair
1	39,8	7 Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
2	35,4	22 Daniele Logothetis-Simon - Alexis Logothetis
3	33,5	8 João Machado - Filipe Gonçalves
4	26,8	1 Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinnsson
5	19,5	4 Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir - Karl Gretar Karlsson
6	10,2	13 Unnar Gudmundsson - Kristín Óskarsdóttir
7	8,6	24 Gisli Thorarinnsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
8	5,6	15 Sophie Leroux - Francis Gouffé
9	5,6	2 Adalsteinn Jorgensen - Svala K Palsdottir
10	4,4	25 Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
11	4,4	6 Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson
12	3,8	11 Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja
13	0,1	19 Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas
14	0	20 Anne Schoonen - Mark Kaptein
15	-0,2	16 Filomena Morgado - Pedro Morgado
16	-1,3	5 Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten
17	-4,7	12 Sjoerd Zandvoort - Fredrik Magendans
18	-7	17 Trudy v den Bichelaer - Robert V Den Bichelaer
19	-9,8	18 José M Freitas - Henrique Ribeiro
20	-12,8	21 Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
21	-14,4	14 Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Gudmundur Johannsson
22	-17,5	23 Gunnar Thordarson - Eyjolfur Magnusson
23	-23,3	9 Vegard Gjelstad - Vetle Skori
24	-32,7	10 Arild Aarmot - José A Fernandes
25	-34	26 Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
26	-39,8	3 Hulda Hjalmarsdóttir - Ingibjorg Gudmundsdottir

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.

If you still don't have your vouchers, please go to the Welcome Desk  
There will only be vouchers in the envelopes, on the table

Join Mark Horton and his guests tomorrow in "Selvagens 1" at 10:30am to discuss the most interesting boards from today's session

## Lead against slam

By Toine van Hoof

The first heat of the Dutch Butler Championship was full of slammish hands. Several times it all depended on the lead for the slam to be made or not. Put yourself to the test.

1. W/-

West	North	East	South
2♦*	Pass	3♠**	4♠
Pass	6♦	6♥	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\* multi-coloured

\*\* pass or correct

As West, you hold:

♠6

♥QJ10863

♦852

♣J82

What would you lead?

2. N/NS

West	North	East	South
	pas	2♠	4♥
4♠	5♦*	pas	6♥
pas	pas	pas	

\* ♦ control

As West, you hold:

♠AK74

♥752

♦K765

♣92

Your lead?

3. W/-

West	North	East	South
2♦*	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\* weak

As West, you hold:

♠ 10  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ Q109765  
 ♣ J1063

What is your lead?

1. The full hand was:

W/-	♠ 9	
	♥ 9	
	♦ AKQJ104	
	♣ AK753	
	♠ 6	♠ A32
	♥ QJ10863	♥ AK542
	♦ 852	♦ 7
	♣ J82	♣ 10964
	♠ KQJ108754	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 963	
	♣ Q	

At 20 out of 32 tables NS ended up in either 6♦ or 6♠, missing two aces. One NS pair even ventured 7♦ (doubled minus 2). Twice the final contract was 6♥ doubled (minus 3). At the other 9 tables the bidding came to rest at the five-level.

Against 6♦ and 6♠ 18 times the defence led a heart for down one. After the bidding shown West expected declarer to be void in hearts and led a club: minus 980. 6♦ by North was also made once when East, knowing to have eleven hearts in the combined hands, elected to lead a club.

2. The full hand:

N/NS	♠ 9	
	♥ Q9	
	♦ AQ1094	
	♣ J8653	
	♠ AK74	♠ J10865
	♥ 752	♥ 10
	♦ K765	♦ J82
	♣ 92	♣ KQ74
	♠ Q32	
	♥ AKJ8643	
	♦ 3	
	♣ A10	

At 15 tables, NS was allowed to play 4♥, making 10, 11 or 12 tricks after the lead of a high spade. Eight times NS took the push to 5♥ and they all duly made their contract after the same lead. Two pairs bid all the way up to 6♥. At one table West found the killing lead of a

club. At the other table after the bidding shown, West led ♠K and switched to a trump in order to prevent declarer from ruffing two spades in dummy and winning his contract on the diamond finesse. South won in hand and took the inferior line of playing West for ♦K-J-x and two or less hearts. So he finessed in diamonds, took the club pitch on ♦A and ruffed a diamond. When that did not work out, he ruffed a spade in dummy and gave up for one down.

Declarer could and probably should have made his contract. West showed ♠A-K and for the contract to have any chance, he must have ♦K. In that case, East is likely to have ♣K-Q. Win the second trick in hand, ruff a spade, get back to ♣A and run the trumps. In the three-card ending West must keep ♠A so he will be down to ♦K-x. At the same time East was squeezed in diamonds and clubs. Obviously, this line also works with ♦K-J-x in West. To hold South to 10 tricks, West must lead a trump.

### 3. The full hand:

W/- ♠J95 ♥K875 ♦AJ82 ♣Q4	
♠10 ♥94 ♦Q109765 ♣J1063	♠Q86 ♥J106 ♦K4 ♣K9752
♠AK7432 ♥AQ32 ♦3 ♣A8	

If West leads ♣J, declarer will have to pick up the trumps for no losers. After the frivolous 2♦-opening bid this is doable. When West leads a heart or a diamond, declarer can afford to go wrong in the trump suit. After cashing ♠A-K, he can eliminate the red suits and throw East in with ♠Q to lead away from his ♣K.

Two NS-pairs were in 6♠ and both made it on the throw-in. Six pairs managed to bid the superior slam in hearts, some of them in the North hand. After drawing trumps they could even afford a safety play in the spade suit (let the Jack, 9 or 5 ride). None of the South players declaring 6♥ were tested by a club lead. Some of them even made an overtrick when West led a friendly ♠10.

At 16 of the 32 tables North passed his partner's take-out double on 2♦ or 3♦ and collected plusses varying from 100 (losing 9 imps in the butler) to 800 (winning 7).



## Leading the Way

By Mark Horton

The legendary Benito Garozzo remarked that a player who could always find the right opening lead would win every honour the game has to offer. How would you have fared on these deals from the Warm-Up Pairs?

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

North's preemptive strike has made it clear that you are unlikely to take many tricks in clubs. If you chose the ace of hearts you strike gold.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Not a great hand to lead from, but in principle declarer should not score more than nine tricks even if South start with a low heart.

At one table South led a trump and North took the ace and returned the suit, declarer winning with the king, drawing the outstanding trump (North encouraging in clubs) and playing a diamond to the queen and king. When North returned a diamond declarer put in the eight (saying goodbye to a possible ninth trick) and South won and returned a low club North winning and returning a club. Declarer ruffed and played off his remaining trumps to reach this ending:

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

When declarer played a heart to the ace and a heart, hoping to endplay North to lead into the diamond tenace South took the last three tricks for two down.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

If North leads a heart the defenders are strongly placed, as five rounds of the suit makes discarding from the dummy very difficult and five tricks should be the limit for declarer. However, the modern trend is to avoid dangerous leads and at one table North tried the jack of spades. That did not look promising when declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade to the ten followed by a club to the ten and king. However, South switched to a low heart and North won with the ten and returned a heart to South's ace. Now South played a spade and declarer could score only two more tricks, three down after all.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Stayman

There is not much to this hand - but if West leads a diamond declarer is going to score a vital overtrick.

Opening leads is likely to one of the that will come up in the reviews of the previous days play that I will be hosting every morning at 10.30 in the Selvagens I meeting room in the hotel (last years playing area). I hope to have a number of guests, including some current World Champions, so make sure you come along.

### Solution to QUIZ 1, from Bulletin 0:

**Quiz 1**

	♠ A104		
	♥ AD7		
	♦ 10632		
	♣ 643		
♠ B9763	N	♠ K2	
♥ 96532	W	♥ B10	
♦	O	♦ DB85	
♣ D75	S	♣ KB1092	
	♠ D85		
	♥ K84		
	♦ AK974		
	♣ A8		

If you duck the first ♠ East takes his king and continues with the ♣-Jack. Now you need 5 ♦-tricks and the best play is to start with ♦-Ace....no luck today! You can see 7 sure tricks. Better take ♠-Ace in the first trick and play a ♦ to the 7! This keeps East for sure out of lead and guarantees at least 1♠, 3♥, 4♦ and 1♣ trick!

## Quiz corner 2

by Michael Gromoeller

### Quiz 2

♠ D52  
 ♥ KD86  
 ♦ 642  
 ♣ K93  
 [ N ]  
 W     O  
 [ S ]  
 ♠ B  
 ♥ AB10953  
 ♦ AD7  
 ♣ A64

N	E	S	W
		1♥	X
XX	1♠	pass	pass
2♥	pass	4♥	pass
pass	pass		
lead: ♠Ace			

West lead ♠-Ace and shifts to the ♣-Queen. Plan the play!

Solution tomorrow on Bulletin 2

## Warming Up The Bridge Muscles

By Ron Tacchi

Traditionally Monday Night at the Madeira Bridge Festival is the 'Warm Up' pairs. Some pairs take this as an opportunity to perfect their bidding and defensive understandings whilst others (maybe the majority) take it as an opportunity to warm up by lubricating their alimentary canal with purchases from the bar.

Over dinner on Saturday night where we were warming up with several aperitifs I was chatting to Hans Metselaar and his partner Christine and somehow over the glasses of Madeira it transpired that I would partner Christine in the 'Warm Up' pairs while Hans would play with Mark Horton. This was going to be a contest within a contest. Important bragging rights could be established if one pair did substantially better than the other. Our preparation started off well, we did not discuss bridge at all over dinner, but concentrated on the important matters in hand, or glass. The second part of preparation was brief, perhaps briefer than would have been ideal, but it resulted in a piece of paper with several words on it outlining a very basic five-card major system.

It transpired that we were sitting North at table B2 whilst our 'real' opposition were ensconced in a similar direction at B1 so there would be genuine comparisons available as both would be playing 22 out of 24 boards that the other pair had attempted.

We had a reasonable session and finished with substantially (well 3%) above average. Of course the opposition did horrible things to us as is always the case in a pairs event but more importantly we did not shoot ourselves in the foot too frequently (we will gloss over the hand where I fell asleep at trick 12)

An early board boosted out confidence.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Tacchi	Pass	Christine
Pass	INT	2♠*	Pass
All Pass			Double

\*2♠ Spades and a minor

One of the little known advantages of playing with someone you have never partnered before is that you not encumbered with a complicated system – so a lot a bids become natural that would not be the case in more established partnerships. Here partner’s double said ‘DOUBLE’ and so I passed with few misgivings. Whilst the defence was not difficult it was correct and merciless.

Partner led the ♥7 to my ace, pinpointing the singleton in declarer’s hand. I returned the ♦6 and declarer went up with the ace and continued the suit. Partner perforce won this trick and she also persevered with diamonds. Declarer ruffed in dummy, I overruffed and played ace and another club. Partner now on lead again led her last diamond which suffered a similar plight of being ruffed in dummy and overruffed by your narrator. Partner still had two trumps tricks to add to our already impressive total of six leading to a contract failure of 800.

Shortly after we had another good result but this time we were playing against opponents I had seen playing for their national team in Wroclaw earlier in the year.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Tacchi		Christine
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Double	3♣	Pass	Pass
Double		All Pass	

I elected to open 1♣, though several players I spoke to said North pre-empted in clubs at either the three- or four-level. My opinion was that if partner had a heart suit then we might well have a low-point game available to our side, also I did not like the idea of opening at the four-level when we had no partnership understandings as to continuations in this situation.

East led a spade to partner's ace who returned a small one. This enabled me to discard my losing diamond and now I was home-free (if I minded my work) for an overtrick. East ruffed and tried a diamond but I ruffed, cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed one in dummy. The fall of the queen and jack of hearts simplified an already not overtaxing task and the lead of dummy's last trump sealed the fate of the opposition. +570 to the good guys. As a somewhat amusing aside the contract on the next board was also Three Clubs Doubled, this time played by South. The result was not a triumph as we failed by one trick for the never good score of -200.

At the end of the evening we both had had a very pleasant session and had just to hope that Mark and Hans's score was not too far above ours so that we would still be able to hold our heads up high.



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## Program 2016

<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)