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They've Got It!

The Italian pair Massimiliano di Franco and Andrea Manno won yesterday's session, scoring 67.68%. They now have 70.23% overall, with a comfortable lead of 7.69%.



Andrea Manno

In second place, with a score of 61.33% (8th) on the second session, are now Thomas Burg and Ulrike Schreckenberger.

Igor Kravchenko and Sergei Poletaev are from Belarus. They are now third with 61.87%, after a score of 63.82% (4th place) on the session.

The Dutch pair Jan and Aida Jansma came second in the session, scoring 65.93%. They are now 14th overall.

The Danish pair Bjorg and Jonas Houmoller were third yesterday. They scored 64.40% and moved up to 20th place overall.

Mark Horton will be discussing today's session's boards tomorrow in "Selvagens 1" - The room where the section B is situated - at 3pm. Today we play the third and final session of the Pair's Tournament. There is a clear leader but there are 20 pairs within 5% of second place. There is still a lot to play for!

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES
TEAMS
135 €/Player

2nd Session Pairs

Rank	%	Pair	Ses. Rank	Ses. %
1	70,23	167 Massimiliano Di Franco - Andrea Manno	1	67,68
2	62,52	201 Thomas Burg - Ulrike Schreckenberger	8	61,30
3	61,87	223 Igor Kravchenko - Serguei Poletaev	4	63,82
4	61,80	70 Reinaldo Timóteo - António Campos Palma	7	61,58
5	60,94	90 Gregers Bjarnarson - Anders Hagen	61	52,11
6	60,67	104 Sveinn R Eiriksson - Bjarni Einarsson	25	57,11
7	60,14	105 Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson	12	60,17
8	59,55	10 Slavi Matakiev - Grigor Gegov	20	57,99
9	59,14	101 Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg - Peter Fredin	38	55,47
10	59,02	114 Simon Ortmann - Daniel Bang-Ortmann	9	60,47
11	58,95	41 Signe Buus Thomsen - Susanne Buus Thomsen	40	55,12
12	58,72	168 Waseem Naqvi - Eliran Argelazi	26	56,8
13	58,67	5 Inez Van Eijck - Willem Van Eijck	16	59,29
14	58,50	8 Aida Jansma - Jan Jansma	2	65,93
15	58,24	147 Saha Ouda - Hans Kreuning	30	56,37
16	58,21	174 Peder Skaj - Peter Bertheau	56	53,00
17	58,16	230 Andreas Babsch - Peter Steiner	46	54,40
18	57,96	47 Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaal	11	60,28
19	57,94	133 Flemming Poulsen - Stig Farholt	17	59,18
20	57,89	7 Bjorg Houmoller - Jonas Houmoller	3	64,40
21	57,52	113 Bjorn Sture Valen - Erik Dahl	18	59,16
22	57,03	150 Clas Nyberg - Vesa Leskela	19	58,31
23	56,98	206 Maria Bender - Stefania Sigurbjörnsdotir	37	55,57
24	56,94	29 Geir Engebretsen - Haldis Guttormsen	14	59,91
25	56,76	67 Arild Aarmot - Simon Lovik	41	54,95
26	56,73	124 John Vaage - John Herland	31	56,28
27	56,68	170 Andrei Kavalenka - Aleh Tsimakhovich	59	52,76
28	56,56	221 Y Khanukova - V Khanukov	70	51,24
29	56,09	24 Ronny Jorstad - Kaj Jorstad	42	54,67
30	55,87	164 Connie Goldberg - Kauko Koistinen	53	53,31
31	55,70	14 Virginia Chediak - Bodil Oigarden	87	49,73
32	55,55	204 Nadia Bekkouche - Flemming Danielsen	65	51,63
33	55,53	128 Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen	5	62,18
34	55,49	227 Adalsteinn Jorgensen - Svala K Palsdottir	66	51,57
35	55,35	52 Adrian Potcovaru - Laurentio Potcovaru	10	60,39
36	55,30	1 Carlos Pellegrini - Felix Zimmermann	77	50,82
37	55,29	64 Bengt Emanuelsson - Haakan Tjárnemo	28	56,55
38	55,21	87 Barbara Von Kleist - Sabine Würderrmann	47	53,99
39	55,14	130 Flora Zarkesch - Robert Boedderer	49	53,79
40	55,06	69 Ilse-Betina Artmer - Joseph Simon	101	48,90
41	54,83	30 Henning Ostergaard - Lars Blakset	13	60,16
42	54,75	144 Margit Straeter - Bernhard Straeter	39	55,38
43	54,69	233 Mads Eyde - Mikael Rimstedt	58	52,79
44	54,67	222 Jean-François Lacan - Philippe Cronier	99	49,21
45	54,37	131 Tineke Poland - Frits Gootjes	34	55,98
46	54,36	154 Manuel Oliveira - Jorge Cruzeiro	67	51,56
47	54,10	165 Lisbeth Grove - Katrine Marternsen-Larsen	22	57,73
48	53,87	71 Alec Smalley - Barbara Lewis	80	50,54
49	53,82	61 Sebastian Reim - Matthias Schueller	119	46,55
50	53,79	181 Mike Reuser - Jan De Winter	21	57,98
51	53,35	81 Charlotte Brandgaard - Peter Farholt	6	62,08
52	53,24	26 Knut Kiste - Tomas Ruth	23	57,36
53	53,17	86 Fábio Fernandes - Nuno D Martins	27	56,66
54	52,90	62 Lone Kiaer - Jeppe Juhl	93	49,55
55	52,75	93 Anne Schoonen - Mark Kaptein	76	50,89
56	52,68	42 Mary Gordon-Smith - Stefano Tommasini	106	48,19
57	52,60	53 Egil Hansen - Svein-Harald Riisnas	33	56,05
58	52,34	4 Carlos Luiz - Miguel Teixeira	73	51,04
59	52,16	13 Ilya Feranchuck - Maris Purgailis	112	47,21

60	52,16	84	Jan Mikkelsen - Sverre Johnsen	68	51,55
61	52,04	106	Kathryn Hertz - Eckhard Böhlke	72	51,08
62	52,03	207	Alfried Bocker - Gabi Schneider	60	52,67
63	52,01	149	Hans Van Ommeren - Arjen Salari	15	59,45
64	51,97	50	Anne-Lill Hellemann - Rolf Tolle	43	54,60
65	51,96	224	Julius Sigurjonsson - Karlis Rubins	81	50,53
66	51,89	141	Emil Buus Thomsen - Johanne Bilde	84	49,91
67	51,87	121	Gunnar Thordarson - Eyjolfur Magnusson	91	49,57
68	51,87	166	Robert Franzel - Alexander Milavec	143	42,50
69	51,64	213	Ellen Vigmostad - Harald Nordby	32	56,18
70	51,46	31	Olof Thorsteindottir - Gudny Gudjonsdottir	45	54,43
71	51,05	72	Gerard Limmen - George Schipper	29	56,37
72	50,88	110	Hans Metselaar - Leo Huvers	107	47,98
73	50,74	151	Toine van Hoof - Janine Van Ipenburg	89	49,64
74	50,62	161	Gabriele Cappeller - Joachim Cappeller	24	57,35
75	50,18	212	Tehanne Collard - Benedicte Cronier	35	55,94
76	50,15	23	Gitte Hecht-Johansen - Szczepan Smoczynski	78	50,59
77	50,10	146	Frank-Christian Otto - Anne Heyl	64	51,68
78	50,08	126	António Valente - Robert Snapper	74	50,99
79	50,05	182	Aase Mogstad - Eirin Halvorsen	51	53,74
80	49,99	192	Sanna Kitti - Kirsi Virtanen	118	46,57
81	49,89	171	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson	121	45,92
82	49,83	88	Liet Relou - Peer Relou	79	50,57
83	49,78	193	José Carlos Henriques - Rui Pinto	52	53,66
84	49,75	184	Peter Basse - Peter Teisen	57	52,80
85	49,71	34	Mouchette Velraeds - Sherina Stougie	62	52,01
86	49,68	108	Karl Gretar Karlsson - Johann Aevarsson	95	49,44
87	49,61	183	Luís M Silva - Nuno Pereira	50	53,74
88	49,55	94	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson	82	50,49
89	49,52	142	Robbie de Koster - Dafydd Williams	55	53,01
90	49,28	91	Höskuldur Gunnarsson - Sveinbjörn Eyjolfsson	54	53,26
91	48,74	129	Larysa Kuzniatsova - Sidortsava Valiantsina	138	43,26
92	48,72	122	Ronald Halkes - Loes Jansen	75	50,94
93	48,68	162	Trudy van den Bichelaer - Robert van den Bichelaer	158	37,24
94	48,62	187	Olli Puurtinen - Alberto Nobre	44	54,43
95	48,54	112	Margit Daschiel - Gerald Daschiel	111	47,36
96	48,40	169	Lee Rosenthal - Marcia Green	113	47,08
97	48,21	210	Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman	97	49,34
98	48,07	22	Ragnheidur Haraldsdottir - Rosemary Shaw	98	49,23
99	48,05	2	Maria do Rosário Bouchet - Margarida Alves Correia	117	46,67
100	47,99	205	Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir - Sigthrudur Blondal	83	50,27
101	47,84	74	Tyge Fogh - Rasmus Nielsen	85	49,80
102	47,62	111	Maria F Vasconcelos Dias - Nuno Baltazar	115	46,85
103	47,54	134	Eva Sternfeld - Peter Gyimesi	125	45,35
104	47,48	143	Jasper Williams - Peter Zwart	96	49,35
105	47,47	173	Roswitha Hörnlein - Peter Zelnik	141	42,81
106	47,45	189	John Freitas - José A Fernandes	122	45,91
107	47,43	225	Elisabeth Lach - Ulrike Sander-Reis	114	47,06
108	47,43	54	Sophie Leroux - Francis Gouffé	110	47,49
109	47,30	203	V Kristjonsdottir - B Theodorsson	86	49,78
110	47,29	107	Paul Fenn - Monique Leblanc	130	44,80
111	47,20	32	Joop Mevius - Gerrit Neppelenbroek	69	51,41
112	47,19	63	Klaus Lindner - Agnes Lischka-Lindner	71	51,17
113	47,11	6	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg	108	47,92
114	47,03	83	Sabine Melcher - Silvia Klasberg-Brawanski	48	53,84
115	46,98	25	Isabel Manso - José Lima	103	48,64
116	46,90	228	Gabriella Parra - Marcel Winkel	134	43,87
117	46,90	43	Charlotte Monberg - Jacob Monberg	102	48,72
118	46,84	163	Johann Stefansson - Thorvaldur Palmason	92	49,55
119	46,80	73	Mihaela Comanescu - Lucian Comanescu	94	49,50
120	46,73	68	Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten	120	46,52

121	46,70	49	Odd A Mollersen - Oyvind Brudevold	90	49,63
122	46,63	127	Renate Hansen - Dieter Schulz	139	42,84
123	46,52	33	Svetomir Gotzov - Tihomir Takov	136	43,85
124	46,50	191	Vegard Gjelstad - Vetle Skori	104	48,63
125	46,16	27	Diana Harris - Paul Gagné	144	41,85
126	46,06	11	Lucia Grosmann - Han Bégas	124	45,47
127	46,01	148	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert	126	45,32
128	45,90	231	Anne Schaltz - Troels Kristensen	142	42,56
129	45,65	202	Mariana Leitão - Frederico Palma	36	55,75
130	45,63	44	João Machado - José Macedo	135	43,85
131	45,56	145	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley	88	49,65
132	45,46	232	Siegliende Svensson - Gunnar von Kleist	133	43,89
133	45,24	208	Pia Cremer - Christina Altman	63	51,97
134	45,14	102	Daniele Logothetis-Simon - Alex Logothetis	128	45,01
135	45,02	85	Erik Slump - Petra Erne	100	49,04
136	45,01	82	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir	105	48,20
137	45,00	46	Miguel T Ascenção - Ricardo Fernandes	132	43,89
138	44,97	132	Henrique Ribeiro - Pedro Morgado	147	41,33
139	44,91	21	Sjoerd Zandvoort - Fredrik Magendans	146	41,84
140	44,55	28	Lisbeth Eide - Arne Andreasen	162	34,81
141	44,53	109	Nora Gabler - Ingrid Hlavicza	131	44,07
142	44,50	188	Gerwin Middelkoop - Pim Vermeulen	123	45,62
143	43,86	172	Frederico Teixeira - Luís A Correia	109	47,60
144	43,41	51	Doris Lamb - Edith Wassmuth	151	40,31
145	43,27	125	Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja	157	37,46
146	42,74	209	Unnar Gudmundsson - Kristín Óskarsdóttir	127	45,19
147	42,72	229	Gudmundur Snorrason - Anne Nielsen	116	46,72
148	42,28	3	Ingibjorg Gudmundsdottir - Hulda Hjalmsdóttir	140	42,83
149	42,10	45	Dominique Custers - José A Pereira	155	37,78
150	42,08	92	Isabel Sarmiento - Miguel Sarmiento	137	43,45
151	41,37	185	Mirjam Abraham - Ludger Silva	129	44,82
152	40,80	66	Gero Artmer - Rui Moniz	156	37,61
153	40,46	65	Sharon Lowensteijn - Ingeborg Slikker	153	39,62
154	39,85	123	Sigrun Thorvarsdottir - Sigrídur Fridriksdóttir	154	38,52
155	39,72	103	José M Freitas - Nuno Menezes	149	40,50
156	39,59	186	Bruno Abreu - Gonçalo Esmeraldo	159	36,49
157	38,89	226	Magnus Asgrimsson - Thorsteinn Bergsson	152	39,69
158	38,58	9	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Gudmundur Johannsson	150	40,49
159	37,96	211	Marion Broderick - Pedro Nunes	160	36,46
160	37,21	12	Monika Tekampe - Rita Ulbricht	145	41,85
161	36,42	48	Edith Wendling - Barbara Olszewski	148	41,28
162	35,26	153	Tatyana Udaltsova - Liudmila Nestsiazonak	164	32,44
163	34,77	152	Pierewiet Kreuning - Ria Bartolomij	165	28,46
164	34,11	190	Markazyta Nikitsenka - Aksana Chuzakova	163	33,55
165	33,58	89	Gardy Machemer - Heidrun Steuernagel	161	36,19

Pairs Round 2

By Ron Tacchi

For the second round of the Open Pairs I decided to watch the B section in the main hotel. It was a lot less frenetic and quieter (there was no bar!) but it appears I had not chosen wisely. The boards I watched could have been more interesting, in fact several of the hands I watched could be considered by Mark for his 'Misplay These Hands with Me' series. But having the silk purse franchise in Funchal I am behoven to continue and produce some pearls to cast before you.

Board 5 was the first board I watched.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1NT	2♣	3NT
All Pass			

East's 'amusing' dalliance with his Two Clubs overcall showing the majors was brushed aside by South with the brute force of her hand. On the lead of a small heart declarer took his ten tricks as the jack of clubs fortuitously dropped for an average.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

I must confess that the South hand to me is not a non-vulnerable pre-empt. I would not criticise either a bid of One Spade or Four Spades but back in France where I play my bridge they would never pre-empt with two aces, it would rate as an heinous a crime as cooling old claret or beating someone else's wife. The upshot was that with the helpful lead of the jack of clubs declarer was not overly tested in bringing home the par ten tricks in no-trumps for 55%. The problem was that eleven were available with spades as trumps, but that required some inspired views and not all found them, however, 60% of those who bid and made the spade game made an overtrick and that was worth just shy of 80%.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

In his seminar yesterday morning Mark was extolling the virtues of balancing. Obviously at my table they were not present at his disquisition. This hand seems to be the exception that proves the rule, especially as West found the inspired lead of the eight of spades and now declarer lost four spades, two clubs and the two red aces for -200 and a very poor score of 5%.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When East led a small spade I think declarer missed a relatively obvious deduction in that the leader almost certainly did not have the king of spades so playing the ace was unlikely to lose anything and in fact on this hand it would have paid handsome dividends as indeed the trump king was singleton so declarer could no longer make twelve tricks.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

At last a board with some interesting play. The question how does the defence prevent declarer making ten tricks. The defence started with a third and fifth lead of the two of hearts taken by dummy's ace. A club to the jack and ace left West on lead again. He found one of the correct plays, viz. the king of spades taken with dummy's ace. Declarer continued the suit and East fell from grace when winning the trick with the queen. The spade suit was now set up while there was still a diamond entry, ducking irrevocably destroys declarer's communication between the two hands. The overtrick was worth three-quarters of the matchpoints.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT*	All Pass		

3♣ Puppet Stayman
3NT Denies four-card major

I looked at the frequencies for this hand and the first two results were 3NT -3 and 3NT +3! I suspect this is a hand for David Bird's *Winning Leads at No-trumps*, if you know West does

not have a four-card major which suit and which card should you lead? I must confess to not knowing the answer but sixteen North's found the correct lead of a spade but declarer still made his contract with overtricks a dozen times. Were those South's who did not rise with the ace and return a heart guilty of failing to stop and think? Why did partner with a maximum of three spades and a minimum of five hearts decide to lead a spade? I suspect if you stop and consider that question in depth you will come up with the right answer and leap up with your ace and return a heart for +300 and nearly all the matchpoints.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♥	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♦ 0-7 points

South heeding her partner's overcall led the six of hearts to partner's queen and East's deuce. North pondered and finally returned a diamond and now declarer could wrap up nine tricks. North was obviously worried that declarer held the jack of hearts but close examination of the small pips, as is often the case, will reveal many things. I did not see MUD on their convention card so if South was leading from the doubleton 64 would declarer have ducked? No is the answer as now he would only have two hearts tricks whereas rising with the ace he could take three heart tricks by force. Could partner have 864? Again no as you are not playing MUD. Furthermore a count of the points reveals partner probably has at most one point so switching to another suit is not going to establish tricks for the defence. Even if declarer has the jack of hearts leading another heart is not overly hurting your score, he can always take a second heart whenever he wants. So returning a heart cannot do much harm and will defeat the contract if partner's point is in hearts.

The Return of the Jedi

By Mark Horton

Having watched a somewhat undistinguished performance by the World Mixed Teams Champions on Tuesday, I decided to give them a second chance yesterday - and they rose to the occasion, playing almost perfectly on a demanding set of deals.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thiele	Jan	Verdegaal	Aida
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♦	2♥	3♥*
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
5♥	All Pass		

3♥ Good raise in diamonds

North led the ace of diamonds and declarer ruffed and gave up a club. He could not be prevented from ruffing two clubs in the dummy, but he could not avoid the loss of two heart tricks. +100 gave NS 117.5-36.5.

East had been hoping to double 5♦, that would have finished one down and -100 would still have been 87.1-66.9.

West would have done better to bid 3♠ over 3♥. East raises to 4♠ and can consider going on to 5♠ if South bids 5♦.

Suppose the defenders lead a diamond against 5♠? Declarer ruffs and gives up a club, the defenders winning and playing a second diamond, forcing declarer to ruff for a second time.

Now declarer cashes a spade and must then play a low heart. North wins with the king and can play a third diamond, but declarer ruffs, ruffs a club, draws trumps and can then enjoy the hearts. Notice how important it is that South's singleton spade is the nine!

Only one pair made 5♠ (on the less challenging lead of the king of clubs) Khanukova/Khanukov - and it was worth 144.9 points.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thiele	Jan	Verdegaal	Aida
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dble*
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the queen of diamonds and when it held he continued with the jack, declarer covering with dummy's king, ruffing in hand and playing a heart to the queen. He cashed the ace and then played off dummy's spades. East ruffed the second of these and decided to cash the ace of clubs, gifting declarer the contract and 122.2-31.8. Defeating 4♥ nets 96.5 for EW. There are a couple of points:

- First, under certain circumstances it might be right for West to overtake the queen of diamonds with the ace (!) in order to switch to a club. For example if you swap the ten of spades and the two and the eight and six of hearts then that is the only way to defeat the contract. In the World Pairs Championship in Biarritz my partner Roman Smolski found just such a play.
- Second, as on the previous deal the denomination of the singleton trump is potentially important.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Jan		Aida
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	INT	All Pass	

- 1♣ Polish Club
- 1♠ Hearts, 8+

I have withheld the E/W names to protect the unlucky.

East led the six of clubs and declarer won with the nine and played a diamond, putting up dummy's ten. West won with the jack and switched to the three of hearts, declarer winning with dummy's nine and playing a heart to the king, East pitching a club and exiting with a diamond. West won with the ace and returned the queen (!) of hearts, declarer winning and exiting with a diamond. East won with the queen and switched to the five of spades. Declarer put in the ten and cashed the jack of hearts, pitching a club. When East parted with the queen of clubs he was down to the singleton ace so declarer could play a club, setting up dummy's eight. That meant declarer had scored a remarkable nine tricks and collected 152.0-2.0.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Monberg	Jan	Monberg	Aida
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the six of clubs and declarer put in dummy's jack and played a heart to the eight and nine. East switched to the jack of spades and declarer won with dummy's king and played a heart, West winning with the queen. When West returned the ten of clubs declarer took the remaining tricks thanks to the spade break, +460 being worth 91-63.

With spades 3-3 any one can take eleven tricks, so why did declarer risk playing on hearts, which might have seen him held to ten - worth only 17 points (or on a bad day) even nine tricks?

Imagine West held something like ♠10862 ♥KQ92 ♦1093 ♣109. Now, unless East finds the miraculous play of winning the first heart with the ace West will eventually be squeezed in the majors for an eleventh trick.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gordon-Smith	Jan	Tommasini	Aida
—	—	—	Pass
INT	2♣*	Dble	2♠
Pass	3♠	Dble	All Pass

2♣ Majors

When South volunteered 2♠ North liked the look of his hand. With so many points East felt he had to double.

West started with her top hearts and declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, ran the jack of hearts pitching a diamond, played a diamond to the ace and exited with a diamond. She could cross-ruff, losing only one more trick to the queen of spades, +630 and 150.1-3.9.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gordon-Smith	Jan	Tommasini	Aida
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

East led the king of diamonds, but declarer ducked and East was helpless. He tried a low heart, hoping West might be void, but declarer could win in hand with the ten and claim his contract, +750 and 150.1-3.9.

Several pairs went down in 5♣ on the lead of the ♦K - they made the mistake of winning with the ace at trick one.

If the Force is with them today, a place on the podium is not out of the question!

Quiz corner 4

by Michael Gromoeller

	♠		A 7		
	♥		A 9 6 5		
	♦		K 4 3		
	♣		A K 4 3		
	♠		Q 6		
	♥		K 8 4		
	♦		A J 10 9 7 2		
	♣		Q 10		
West	North	East	South		
—	—	—	1 ♦		
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦		
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♦		
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠		
Pass	6 ♦	All Pass			

West leads ♠ 10. What is the best line of play?

Solution to QUIZ 3, from Bulletin 2:

		♠	8 6 5		
		♥	8 5 4 3		
		♦	J 7		
		♣	A Q 8 6		
♠	2			♠	7 3
♥	Q 10 6 2			♥	A 9 7
♦	K Q 10 5			♦	A 8 4 3 2
♣	K 9 4 3			♣	J 10 2
		♠	A K Q J 10 9 4		
		♥	K J		
		♦	9 6		
		♣	7 5		
West	North	East	South		
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠		
Double 2 ♠	3 ♦	4 ♠			
All Pass					

Lead: ♦ K

In a Teams Tournament West leads king of diamonds and another to East's Ace. East now plays a low heart. Plan the play!

You have probably two hearts, two diamonds and one club loser to get away. For sure you must lose two diamonds and a heart trick. That means the club finesse must be on! If West really has the king of clubs, he can't have the ace of hearts: He has already showed ♦ K Q and if he has the ♣ K as well, he can't have the ♥ A because he is a passed hand and that would have given him 12 HCP! So... play the ♥ K!



Our IT partner

ROTATION

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

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Program 2016

Thursday (10/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	16.30	Welcome Desk Closes
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
Friday (11/11/2016)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Welcome Desk Closes
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (12/11/2016)	09.00	Free morning
	14.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	15.00	Welcome Desk Closes
	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (13/11/2016)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	19:30	Final Results
	20.00	Prize Giving
	21.00	Closing Dinner

(*) Contact Intertours for more tours

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

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- 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)

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