



24th Madeira International Bridge Open

1st-7th November 2021

Thursday 4th November

Bulletin 3

The Open Pairs Continues

The second of the three sessions was played on Wednesday. At the end of session yesterday's fourth-placed pairing of **Carlos Luiz & Nuno Paz** had moved up to the top spot, **Henrik Wegnelius & Bjorn Wennerberg** moved up one place to second. Jumping from sixth to third were **Miguel Teixeira & Diego Brenner** and former leaders **Florian Weiss & Louise Selway** occupy fourth position..

Session 3 Starting Positions

Your starting positions for Session 3 will be published as per yesterday in that lists will be on the walls in alphabetic order. Please come a few minutes early so as to find your new seating assignment.

A Star Is Born

Yesterday the television channel RTP Madeira came to the Hotel to film a piece on the Bridge Madeira Open. I hope it will not come as a surprise to you all that your humble scribe was called upon to do an interview which aired on the 'Telejornal' second part at nine o'clock Tuesday evening.

The link to see this masterpiece is: <https://www.rtp.pt/play/p85/e576959/telejornal-madeira/987523>. The bridge piece is about three minutes into the program.

I have acquired an agent and am awaiting calls from other networks.



The film crew recording for Telejornal on RTP Madeira



Keeping You Safe

Masks must be worn in all indoor public spaces, including shops, hotel foyers and so on except while eating and drinking. Masks are not required out of doors. Both rules and advice are constantly changing. We will try and keep you up to date but you can visit the Regional Government's Official Page at:

[http://www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb/useful-info/corona-virus-\(covid-19\)/information-to-visitors-\(covid-19\)](http://www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb/useful-info/corona-virus-(covid-19)/information-to-visitors-(covid-19)).

The Bridge Madeira website also has Covid information available.

To help protect everyone we ask you to be vigilant in following all the rules that are in force, especially those requiring you to wear masks.

To further protect you in all competitions there will be no sharing of boards. Each table will have its own set; where there is a stationary pair only they should handle the boards.





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MAIN PROGRAMME 4th – 7th November 2021

Location - Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

THURSDAY 4th November	16.00 20.00	Open Pairs Tournament (3rd Session) Final Results
FRIDAY 5th November	18.00 20.00 20.30	Deadline for Teams Tournament Entries Team Assignments Open Teams Tournament (1st Session)
SATURDAY 6th November	11.00 13.15 14.30	Open Teams Tournament (2nd Session) Lunch Break (light lunch included) Open Teams Tournament (3rd Session)
SUNDAY 7th November	14.30 19.00	Open Teams Tournament (4th Session) Final Results

NOTE: Please arrive 30 minutes before the start to guarantee your place.

	<p>The TAPAS Y COPAS restaurant (on the opposite side of the road to the hotel) is giving a 10% discount to all participants in the Madeira bridge Festival. To claim this just show your badge before you order.</p> <p>And as a second generous gesture they are offering the winners of the Open Pairs a €50 voucher.</p>	
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José Curado explains how to verify the deals using Hans van Staveren's procedure.

To summarise, if someone wants to check that there is no hanky-panky going on with the procedure they should:

1. Download the “present key” before 19:30 on Monday 1st November 2021 at <https://www.bridge-madeira.com/hand-generator-security-keys>
2. Check the winning Euromillions numbers for Friday 29th October 2021 (the “future key”).
3. Download the “past key” which will be published after the event (in Bulletin 7 and on the Security Key page)
4. Run the program (download from <http://www.xs4all.nl/~sater/SquareDeal.zip>) using the 3-part key according to the instructions: the “present” and “past” files and the 5 numbers and 2 stars + biggest prize value in Portugal from the lottery results, comma separated (the program will prompt you). Example of format: 10,15,18,32,49+3,9 E 155.676,29
5. Compare the hands generated this way with the hands actually played.

This is fully explained on the website at:

<https://www.bridge-madeira.com/hand-generator-security-keys/>



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The **Welcome Desk** in the lobby of VidaMar Tower 2 will be open at the following times:

If you need help or information outside these times, please ask at the hotel's Reception Desk or speak to one of the Directors.

Thursday 4th November	15.00 – 16.00
Friday 5th November	18.00 – 20.30
Saturday 6th November	Closed
Sunday 7th November	13.00 – 14.30

SIDE EVENTS

28th October – 8th November 2021	Congress Room
Monday 8th Cool-down Pairs (€10)	20.30

COLLECTION OF BADGES/ENTRIES

If you have booked in advance, you can collect your Identity Badge from the Welcome Desk.

You must bring your Identity Badge to all events, including Social events.

You will need to keep a note of your Confirmation number (the number is in the format 123-4567). If you cannot print the confirmation email, please take a photograph of it on your mobile phone and bring the phone with you to the Welcome Desk.

If you want to enter on the day, you will need to pay at the Welcome Desk, where you will be issued with an Identity Badge.

We can issue Identity Badges only to the person named on the badge.

Every morning at 10.30 Mark Horton will deliver his "Mark Your Card" discussion in Selvagens 1 on the interesting deals of the previous day.





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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- FRIDAY 5th November Coach leaves the Hotel for your chosen excursion option. Details of excursions can be found later in this bulletin. Further information is available at the Welcome Desk.
- SUNDAY 7th November 20.30 Closing Dinner and trophy presentation in the Ocean Room – VidaMar Resort Madeira, 2nd floor.

Any of the Social Programme events may be purchased at the Welcome Desk

ENTRY FEES

Pairs	€ 170.00
Teams	€ 160.00
Pairs + Team	€ 270.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€ 295.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€ 305.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional + Closing Dinner	€ 315.00
Typical Dinner	€ 25.00
Friday Excursion	€ 25.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€ 25.00
Closing Dinner	€ 40.00

All the results and the ongoing program of play are available on the website: www.bridge-madeira.com. You can use the QR code from your phone or tablet.





Optional Excursions Friday 5th November

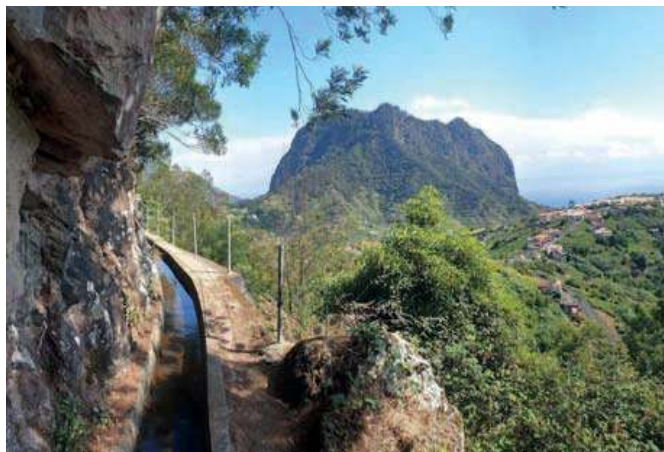
Option A: The East (full day, lunch included)
coach leaves hotel 09.30



The coach leaves the hotel at 9:30 for the drive up to Pico do Areeiro, Madeira's third-highest peak (1818m), from which you may enjoy the breathtaking views. From the mountain head down to Ribeiro Frio to admire the famous laurisilva forest (UNESCO World Heritage site), with an optional short levada walk to the Balcões viewpoint (level, easy, ≈ 30 minutes).

The next stop is Santana, with its traditional thatched houses and its vineyards. After lunch at the Quinta do Furão, drive to Ponta de São Lourenço, the far eastern headland, which boasts a wonderful combination of volcanic rocks, blue sea and nature. You will have time to take photographs before heading back to the hotel.

Option B: Levada Walk (½ day, lunch included)
coach leaves hotel 09.45



The coach leaves the hotel at 9.45 for a relaxing, easy 7km half-day walk along one of Madeira's famed levadas.

The walk starts at Referta, on the north-eastern side of the island, and leads walkers on an exploration of some of the native fauna and flora of Madeira and its abundant and varied fruit trees. In the first part of the walk, you will be able to admire the imposing volcanic outcrop of Penha de Águia and enjoy the agricultural terraces cultivated by local residents.

Lunch at the Quinta do Furão before returning to the hotel.

Please bring good walking shoes or boots, a warm coat (in case of low temperatures in the mountains) and a bottle of water. Grade: easy; Distance: 7 km; Duration: approximately 2¾ hours.

Option C: Catamaran (limited availability)
coach leaves hotel 10.00



A relaxing trip along the south coast of Madeira, with a good chance of spotting whales and dolphins in all their magnificence and in their natural habitat. (3 hours)





The Rabbit's Slice Of Madeira

Mark Horton

With travel restrictions being eased, the Hideous Hog had persuaded some of his fellow Griffins to take advantage of the give-away prices being offered by some of the cruise lines and join him for a two week trip. Confident that his winnings would more than cover the cost H.H. had upgraded to one of the luxurious state-rooms. A week into the cruise the ship was in sight of its next port of call, the island of Madeira, and as it approached Funchal the final rubber of the evening was nearing its conclusion.

Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ QJ7 ♥ 10873 ♦ A743 ♣ K5</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ AK92 ♥ A942 ♦ — ♣ AQ764</p>	<p>♠ 10853 ♥ KQ6 ♦ 965 ♣ J32</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>S.B.</i>	<i>H.H.</i>	<i>Papa</i>	<i>R.R.</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

To mark the occasion H.H. had ordered an 1805 Blandy's Verdelho and the Rueful Rabbit found it went particularly well with his chocolate almond biscuits. Having fingered each suit in

turn he eventually decided that it was best to lead a trump and he placed the ♣2 on the table – at least that was his intention – but, doing so while attempting to take another sip of wine to wash away the remnants of his fourth biscuit he found to his horror that it was the ♣J that had settled on the green baize. His discomfort was obvious to everyone and Papa magnanimously offered him the opportunity to take it back. Being dummy the Secretary Bird had no rights in the matter but before the Rabbit could withdraw the card H.H. intervened: 'My partner would not dream of changing his lead, no matter how costly it might be'.

Reluctantly Papa won with the queen, cashed the top spades and played the ♦K, ruffing when the Hog produced the ace. When he attempted to cross to dummy with another spade ruff the Hog could overruff and play a heart and declarer had to lose two more tricks.

Enjoying afternoon tea in Reid's Palace the following afternoon the Hog explained the situation to Colin the Corgi and Oscar the Owl: 'When Papa suggested that the Rabbit change his card I realised that were the opening lead a small club I would be in a hopeless position. If I cover dummy's card I will no longer be able to overruff on the fourth round of spades and declarer will be able to play three rounds of diamonds, ensuring 11 tricks. It won't help me to withhold the king as then declarer will be in dummy and can play the ♦K, the third round spade ruff providing a second entry to dummy. The Rabbit's Guardian Angel having saved the day, it was only fitting that we went out with a grand slam on the next deal. 'Waiter! Another bottle of the Dom Perignon 1953'.



Have A Madeira

Ron Tacchi

It is the best of clichés, the worst of clichés at this bridge event to mention the Flanders and Swann famous song ‘Have Some Madeira, M’Dear’ but what else could I do having decided to watch my friend and lusophone Carlos Luiz, playing with his partner Nuno Paz, in the first session of the Open Pairs. I am sure that Carlos is such a gentleman that he would never encourage a maiden to tope.

As a result of one of many crises in the Bulletin Office I arrived at the table to see the play of the cards was well under way on Board 1, so I am unaware of the bidding.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A43 ♥ 105 ♦ 109754 ♣ AK4		♠ 965 ♥ KJ9873 ♦ 8 ♣ Q107
♠ K10 ♥ AQ62 ♦ AJ63 ♣ 985		♠ QJ872 ♥ 4 ♦ KQ2 ♣ J632

Whatever course the auction had taken it was certainly aggressive to arrive at the final contract of 3NT. When East, not unnaturally, made his opening lead the ♥3, declarer was home if the defence could not cash four clubs. When West eventually took his ♠A he continued the heart attack. Declarer cashed his pointed suit winners and East made a small faux pas in his discarding and presented declarer with an eleventh trick. The damage had been done with the initial heart lead, the difference between ten and eleven tricks was only twelve match-points, so first blood to the Madeiran with 149 match-points out of a possible 154. If East has the gift of second sight he will lead a small club to partner who will then switch to a heart and thus hold declarer to seven tricks

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q ♥ K984 ♦ KQ843 ♣ 1096		♠ 742 ♥ A1076 ♦ 962 ♣ Q53
♠ 108653 ♥ 3 ♦ AJ10 ♣ KJ42		♠ AKJ9 ♥ QJ52 ♦ 75 ♣ A87

West	North	East	South
	<i>Paz</i>		<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2NT	Both majors		
3♦	Transfer to ♥		

The opening spade lead was taken in dummy and a trump won in hand with the queen. The trump continuation to the king was taken by North’s ace and naturally the switch was to a club. Declarer took his ace and cashed two spades discarding dummy’s clubs. All looked rosy for declarer as it appeared he was not over encumbered with losers but after he ruffed a club in dummy the lead of the ♦K was taken by South who led a spade for North to ruff and when North continued with a trump declarer was left with another loser in one of the minors. So where did declarer go wrong? At trick seven a diamond towards dummy’s honours will bring home the contract. I think the contract is slated to fail if the diamond ace is offside and so you will retain better control if you tackle diamonds immediately. There is a nice variant if South ducks the first round of diamonds and declarer leads a trump from dummy and North does not cover, declarer must still win with the queen, establishing North’s ♥10 but he will eventually make his small trump *en passant*. Failure was worth only 10 match-points.



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Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AK832 ♥ AKJ1093 ♦ 6 ♣ 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ QJ1074 ♥ 5 ♦ 854 ♣ A984	♠ 5 ♥ 742 ♦ AQ102 ♣ KJ1072
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
-	<i>Paz</i>	-	<i>Luiz</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

As the cards lie the contract is impossible and because declarer made a valiant attempt to make it he failed by two tricks and only scored 22 match-points. Can you spot a possible slight change to the layout that would allow the contract to succeed? Give West just the ♥65 and an extra minor-suit card then you can ruff two spades in dummy and either the fifth one is taken care of by the ♣K or there is no club loser.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ 10874 ♦ KQ942 ♣ AJ76	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AQ10982 ♥ J95 ♦ — ♣ 9832	♠ KJ64 ♥ Q62 ♦ AJ103 ♣ Q4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
-	<i>Paz</i>	-	<i>Luiz</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣*	3♠	Double
4♥	Double	All Pass	
3♣	Good Pass, 4♦		

I am not privy to East's system card so I do not know whether there was an opening bid available. South opened One Diamond which I am confident showed 4+ cards, North's Three Clubs was alerted as a good passed hand with four or more diamonds. Now East awakened from his slumber and interfered with Three Spades, South was not troubled to find the red card in his bidding box. Pity poor West who must have been relishing the prospect of a diamond contract. After a considerable pause (or pauses) he converted to Four Hearts which was greeted with another red card. We will not intrude on private grief but just relate that the loss was 500: 151 match-points to Carlos & Nuno.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J65 ♥ K ♦ Q942 ♣ KJ1086	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 984 ♥ J9842 ♦ 63 ♣ AQ4	♠ KQ ♥ A1075 ♦ AKJ75 ♣ 93
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
-	<i>Paz</i>	-	<i>Luiz</i>
-	-	2♦*	Pass
2♥	2NT	All Pass	
2♦	Weak only Multi		

I suspect few would disagree that East's weak Multi was weak. After a pass or correct Two Hearts by West, North essayed a natural 2NT, which was passed out. The opening lead of a small heart eased declarer's task when the ♥K appeared, guaranteeing an entry to dummy and with the spades breaking kindly declarer now had nine tricks on top and another above average board with 107 match-points.

At the end of an excellent first session Carlos and Nuno were in fourth place with 64.44%.



Open Pairs Session 1

Ceri Pierce

Welcome Back to the Open Pairs

The first session of the pairs commenced (a little later than advertised) on a balmy Tuesday afternoon, and I have to say that the place was literally buzzing. It is the first time that I have been present at a large tournament since early in 2020 when we were all locked up (in the UK) to protect us from, what was at the time a very scary and unknown situation with covid. This year there were more than three times more pairs than last year and apart from masks and elbow bumps, it was almost like the olden days.

I sat down to observe at a random table and was not disappointed when this deal turned up:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AJ9875 ♥ K5 ♦ 87642 ♣ —	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 2 ♥ AJ642 ♦ AQ9 ♣ K1072	♠ KQ63 ♥ 109 ♦ KJ1053 ♣ AQ
		♠ 104 ♥ Q873 ♦ — ♣ J986543	

West	North	East	South
<i>Machado</i>	<i>Tulonen</i>	<i>Peixoto</i>	<i>Utter</i>
2♦*	Double	2NT*	3♣
3♠	4♣	Double	All Pass
2♦	Multi		
2NT	Enquiry		

East considered his options before doubling, but this turned out not to be the winning action. Even holding the ♣AQ sitting over the king, 4♣ could not be defeated and it rolled home after careful declarer play. 4♥ by North-South is also cold but harder to bid over a multi, though easier to bid over a weak 2♠. Neither, however, score as well as 4♣ doubled. Many East -West's bid on to 4♠, which made most of the time, but should go off on a heart lead from South and a diamond switch, or the ♦A lead from North - however only a scattering of pairs found this defence.

The play of 4♣ was routine. A diamond was

led, won in dummy with the ace. The ♣K was played, won by East and the ♠K returned followed by the master (or is it mistress?) ♣Q.

East now has a problem and is end-played already. He either has to play the ♦K which will be ruffed and will set up the queen in dummy, or play a heart into the ace - jack, or concede a ruff and discard with a spade. None of these are an attractive or successful proposition - the ruff and discard being the lesser of the evils. At the table, East actually chose the heart return, as no-one likes to give a ruff and sluff, picking up his partner's king and saving declarer the job, for 10 tricks to North-South.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KQ8643 ♥ K ♦ 7 ♣ 98632	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 5 ♥ AQJ853 ♦ KJ1043 ♣ Q	♠ AJ972 ♥ 109 ♦ Q985 ♣ 104
		♠ 10 ♥ 7642 ♦ A62 ♣ AKJ75	

West	North	East	South
<i>Stienen</i>	<i>Tulonen</i>	<i>Schippers</i>	<i>Utter</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	3♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

At another table, after a Lucas 2 opening bid the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
—	—	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass.		

I cannot think of a reason not to double 2♠, nor bid 4NT as a two-suited take-out over 4♠, but the North-South pair at this table must have had other things on their mind, such as dinner and drinks. 6♥ is a lay down. An easy top for East-West.



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Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ QJ843 ♥ 1072 ♦ 9 ♣ A972	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 1096 ♥ QJ85 ♦ K8765 ♣ 6 ♠ AK75 ♥ 3 ♦ QJ103 ♣ KJ105 ♠ 2 ♥ AK964 ♦ A42 ♣ Q843
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W E					
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West	North	East	South
<i>J Bailey</i>	<i>Tulonen</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Utter</i>
-	-	-	1♥
1♠	2♥	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

East-West had a nice auction to 4♠. 5♥ would have been a reasonable sacrifice for North-South, if it could be held to two off, but most would go three off and lose -500. As is often the case, the sacrifice is top or bottom time.

The ♣6 was led to the ten queen and ace, which set up the club suit nicely for declarer. It is often not a great thing to do, leading a singleton (or doubleton) – more often than not, you set up a suit for declarer not your partner – very annoying.

Spades were drawn in three rounds ending with the ♠K. A small diamond was led from dummy which South hastily won with the ace and cashed the ♥A. A club was returned and declarer discarded a heart on the ♦Q which was won by North with the ♦K. Now it was all over, declarer ruffing the last remaining heart with dummy's trump, losing just a heart and 2 diamonds.

At this point I absquatulated the playing area in order to write up this article before dinner. You should be warned that there is a contest in the bulletin room for the best use of obscure (English) words.

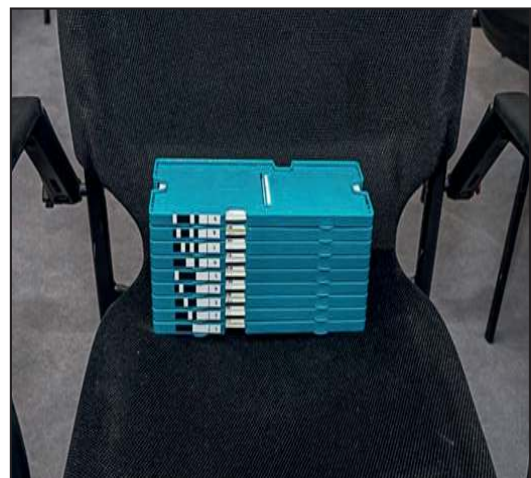
Statistic of the Day

The Omelette Lady in the Vidamar Restaurant, Susy, who has worked here for 22 years, estimates she has now cracked around 1 million eggs. An eggcellent achievement.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

STACKING BOARDS

Since we are using more sets of boards than usual to avoid sharing, it would be a great help to the TDs if you could stack the boards face down on the chair provided so that they are in the right order for the next round of dealing. Many thanks for your cooperation.






Open Pairs Session 2

Ceri Pierce

The second of the three Open Pairs sessions commenced this afternoon. My celebrity editor, new star of stage and screen (see front page, if you missed it) (bookings may be made at the Bulletin office) sent me forth unto the fray.

The first board I watched was a nicely played 4♠ by West.


Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 42 ♥ K97 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ 9643		♠ A109 ♥ J62 ♦ Q9 ♣ AJ1052	♠ 63 ♥ 8543 ♦ 8654 ♣ K87
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West	North	East	South
<i>Oskarsdottir</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gudmundsson</i>	<i>Cope</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The ♦A, and ♦K was led, a good start for the defence. A third (small) diamond followed which was trumped in dummy. The winning line in matchpoint pairs is now to set up the clubs for the overtrick, using the trumps as entries to dummy (and hoping for a 2-2 break). ♣A was cashed and a club ruffed. A trump was now played to the ten and a third club flushed out the ♣K which was also trumped. A trump was played to dummy's ace, and the fat lady was singing.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A985 ♥ KQ92 ♦ KQ82 ♣ 5		♠ J742 ♥ 1054 ♦ A106 ♣ Q108	♠ 6 ♥ AJ73 ♦ 954 ♣ A9742
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tolle</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Hellemann</i>	<i>Cope</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			


West made the uncomfortable lead (for declarer) of a small trump won by the ♥7. Surveying the hand, South could see that he needed to make 2 spade ruffs in the South hand to have any chance of making the contract. A diamond to the king was won by East who continued her partner's good work by playing another trump. South played a spade to the ace, trumped a spade, and played a diamond to the master queen in dummy to trump a second spade. A third diamond now set up a diamond winner in dummy when they split 3-3. Total tricks made – 4 trumps, a spade, 2 spade ruffs two diamonds and the ♣A. Another nicely played contract.



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Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.


<p>♠ Q75 ♥ J1098 ♦ AQJ2 ♣ A9</p> <p>♠ K109 ♥ K74 ♦ 8 ♣ K75432</p>		<p>♠ J32 ♥ AQ3 ♦ K763 ♣ J106</p> <p>♠ A864 ♥ 652 ♦ 10954 ♣ Q8</p>
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Another good lead was made on this board.

North opened 1NT and that is where he played.

Unfortunately for him, East (Balasovs) found the lead of the ♣J, which ran to the queen, king and ace. ♦A and ♦Q followed at which point East was 'In like Flynn', and with a little celebratory flurry returned the ♣10 followed by ♣6 and 2 down for North-South. However, being Pairs, -100 gives North-South 86 matchpoints which is not a disaster as 3♣ by East-West can just pip that with -110, and 59 matchpoints to North-South – if, of course they can find a way into the bidding.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ A8 ♥ AJ1063 ♦ KJ7 ♣ KJ5</p> <p>♠ KQ642 ♥ Q87 ♦ Q954 ♣ 8</p>		<p>♠ 5 ♥ K94 ♦ 1062 ♣ AQ10632</p> <p>♠ J10973 ♥ 52 ♦ A83 ♣ 974</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>de Boer</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Snellers</i>	<i>Cope</i>
–	–	3♣	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A brave but fairly routine 3NT bid by North - but what choice does he have?

East led the 3♣ which declarer cunningly won in dummy with the nine. Now the ♠J was advanced, not covered, and held the trick. Dummy is doing very well so far! He has made 2 tricks with his 5 count and still has 4 points left.

Declarer now switched to a heart which ran to the jack and king. East, loath to return another club, spade or heart (!) switched to a diamond which picked up his partner's queen nicely for declarer. Another diamond to the ace followed by a heart finesse and the fat lady was singing again.

The contract can be defeated on a passive spade (or diamond) lead. The spade is not a bad shot – you are likely to find your partner with a few spades as North-South have failed to bid them or make a take-out double. And I have a private rule to lead a spade versus NT whenever possible. Another case of a good lead gains all the prizes.

It is now time after all that excitement to retire to the bulletin room before heading off to O Lagar for my annual espetada and a bit of a knees up.

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Open Pairs Session 2 Results

Rank	Names
1	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz
2	Henrik Wegnelius - Bjorn Wenneberg
3	Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira
4	Florian Weiss - Louise Selway
5	Dennis Bilde - Simon Cope
6	Kasper Konow - Lars Villinger
7	Maris Purgailis - Janis Romanovskis
8	Alexander Smirnov - Sibrand van Oosten
9	Frederic Boldt - Paul Grünke
10	Thordur Sigurdsson - Gisli Thorarinsson
11	Gerbrand Hop - Yke Smit
12	Margaret Nygren - Martin Nygren
13	Berend van den Bos - Tim van den Bos
14	António Campos Palma - João Vide Barbosa
15	Gunnlaugur Saevarsson - Ómar Olgeirsson
16	Sveinn R Eiriksson - Magnus Eidur Magnusson
17	Rolf Tolle - Anne-Lill Hellemann
18	Robbie de Koster - Eva Poppe
19	Arjen Salari - Hans van Ommeren
20	Lone 'Mama' Kiaer - Jeppe Juhl
21	Bernódus Kristinsson - Ómar Óskarsson
22	Lena Leszczynska - Witold Stachnik
23	Marie Eggeling - Michael Böcker
24	Andreas Babsch - Peter Steiner
25	Jon Ingthorsson - Kristinn Olafsson
26	Rui Pinto - António Rocha Pinto
27	Ulrike Schreckenberger - Berthold Engel
28	Nick Nautilus - Francisco P Coutinho
29	Helmut Haeusler - Michael Gromoeller
30	Matthias Schueller - Ralph Retzlaff
31	Alan Bailey - Jette Bailey
32	Tommy Bergdahl - Peter Görnandt
33	Svein Erik Dahl - Bjorn Sture Valen
34	Haakan Tjarnemo - Pierre Carbonnier
35	Filipe Gonçalves - Malcolm Staallekker
36	Sebastian Reim - Guido Hopfenheit
37	Andreas Westman - Patrik Eriksson
38	Julius Sigurjonsson - Kauko Koistinen
39	Christa Schraeverus - Matthijs Schraeverus
40	Egil Hansen - Svein-Harald Riisnas
41	Maija Romanovska - Ilse Andersone
42	Juan Carlos Ventin - Herman Drenkelford
43	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
44	João Machado - José Macedo

45	Adalsteinn Jörgensen - Svala K Palsdottir
46	Christian Lahrmann - Flemming Poulsen
47	Emil Buus Thomsen - Johanne Kofoed
48	Erkki Juuri-Oja - Pirjo Juuri-Oja
49	George Schipper - Gerard Limmen
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55	Anna Nielsen - Aron Thorfinsson
56	João Campos Ferreira - Miguel Lima
57	Jovanka Smederevac - Alexander Wernle
58	Maria Tulonen - Lasse Utter
59	Axel Meuer - Mirja Schraeverus-Meuer
60	Wubbo de Boer - Agnes Snellers
61	Peter Koppens - Anton Zegwaard
62	Justin van der Kam - Rob van den Bergh
63	Eduardo Fernandes - Pedro Morgado
64	Susan Just - Poul Mogensen
65	Adrians Imsa - Jurijs Balasovs
66	Luís M Silva - Bruno Macedo
67	Vigfus Pálsson - Jorge Cruzeiro
68	Henning Ostergaard - Christina Lund Madsen
69	Birgit Bärlund - Johan Lindstedt
70	Marijke Justitz - Janine Benz
71	Koen Poppe - Cisca Vorselman
72	Helmut Horacek - Omid Karimi-Müller
73	David Wrang - Frederik Wrang
74	João Paulo Rocha Pinto - Claudio Andrade
75	Marco Zomer - Frank van Gool
76	Peter-Paul Worm - Hans Metselaar
77	Magnus Thorkelsson - Matthias Einarsson
78	Kay Preddy - Norman Selway
79	Maria Kroppa - Lech Zwirello
80	Doris Fischer - Bernd Saurer
81	Nis Rasmussen - Jesper Kragh
82	Vigfus Vigfusson - Johanna Gisladottir
83	Frederic Wilt - Espen Haugstad
84	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
85	Magnus Asgrimsson - Thorsteinn Bergsson
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87	Stefan Skorchev - Horia Georgescu
88	Astrid Steen Lybak - Erik Boelviken
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92	Simon Sveinsson - Karl Bjornsson
93	Tomas Ruth - Knut Kiste
94	Kristin Oskarsdottir - Unnar Gudmundsson
95	Rosemary Shaw - Stefán Jónsson
96	Bengt Emanuelsson - Jan Clementsson
97	Ernst Hopstaken - Frank van Gorp
98	Sonja Bech - Mette Sand
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116	Grazyna Schoahs - Anja Alberti
117	Pedro Salgueiro - Nuno Baltazar
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The English Are Coming

Mark Horton

I haven't had time to check the precise figures, but it appears to me that this year the number of players making the trip from England to compete in the Festival has increased significantly. At the start of round 2 I decided to follow the fortunes of Alan and Jette Bailey, who started the day in ninth place.

An appointment with a certain Dr. Falcon meant I missed the opening deal, a regulation 3NT where nine tricks appeared to be the limit for N/S. The +400 recorded was worth a whopping 121/33.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 93 ♥ A98765 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ85		♠ KQ42 ♥ J43 ♦ AJ8 ♣ Q106	♠ AJ108 ♥ 2 ♦ K10764 ♣ 742
♠ 765 ♥ KQ10 ♦ Q953 ♣ A93			

West	North	East	South
<i>Taylor</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦*	1♠	Double*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT

All Pass
1♦ Precision, 1+♦, 11-16

East led the ♦6 and declarer won with the jack and cashed the ace, West discarding the ♥5. A heart to the king saw West win and switch to the ♠9 and when it held he continued the suit, East taking declarer's king and returning the jack. Declarer won, played a heart to the queen and a diamond East winning, cashing the ♠10 and exiting with a club. That was one down, -100 still 87/67 as many pairs were in 3NT.

Suppose declarer plays the ♦J at trick two? East wins and switches to a club, but declarer is in control having driven out East's entry. +120 would have been 145/9.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J1084 ♥ K8753 ♦ K9 ♣ J9		♠ 972 ♥ 1042 ♦ J1053 ♣ K104	♠ KQ5 ♥ AQ ♦ 62 ♣ AQ8763
♠ A63 ♥ J96 ♦ AQ874 ♣ 52			

West	North	East	South
<i>Konow</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Villinger</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
-	-	-	1♦*
1♥	2♦	3♣	All Pass

1♦ Precision, 1+♦, 11-16

South led the ♦A and continued with the seven. Having won with dummy's king declarer played the ♣J for the king, ace and two, overtook the ♥Q with dummy's king and ran the ♣9 for 11 tricks. With E/W able to record the same number of tricks in spades and hearts +150 gave N/S 90/64.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q94 ♥ A854 ♦ 6 ♣ J9632		♠ K3 ♥ 97 ♦ KJ10753 ♣ AK10	♠ 10876 ♥ 1032 ♦ A94 ♣ Q87
♠ AJ52 ♥ KQJ6 ♦ Q82 ♣ 54			

West	North	East	South
<i>Konow</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Villinger</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



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- 1♦ Precision, 1+♦, 11-16
- 2NT Could have 4♥
- 3♣ Asking
- 3♠ Something in spades
- 3NT Denies 4♥

East led the ♠6 and when West put in the nine declarer won with the king, played a heart to the king and a diamond to the jack. East ducked that and the next diamond and declarer played the ♥9 for the ten, queen and ace. Unable to play a major West exited with a club and declarer won and knocked out the ♦A for +660 and 111/43.

If East takes the second diamond and plays a second spade declarer is held to ten tricks 52/102S P.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ J754 ♦ KQ82 ♣ AJ53	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ KJ3 ♥ KQ86 ♦ J73 ♣ Q106	♠ A8752 ♥ 932 ♦ A5 ♣ K87
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ Q1094 ♥ A10 ♦ 10964 ♣ 942											

West	North	East	South
<i>Tjarnemo</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Carbonnier</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
-	1♦*	1♠	Pass
	1NT All Pass		
	1♦ Precision, 1+♦, 11-16		

North led the ♥6 and South won with the ace and returned the ten. When that held she switched to the ♠4 declarer taking North's jack with the ace, cashing the ♣K and continuing with a club to the jack. North won, cashed the ♠K and the top hearts before exiting with a spade for two down, -100 and 134/20.

Suppose declarer ducks the first spade? If North cashes his hearts South is in trouble and will have to pitch two clubs. Now declarer takes the ♠K exit, plays a club to the ace and club to the king. That forces South to part with a spade and now declarer can give up a spade for +90 and only 68/86.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 1087632 ♥ J9 ♦ Q9 ♣ K85	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AKJ ♥ KQ876 ♦ K1062 ♣ 9	♠ Q5 ♥ A3 ♦ A543 ♣ AQJ42
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ 94 ♥ 10542 ♦ J87 ♣ 10763											

West	North	East	South
<i>Tjarnemo</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Carbonnier</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
-	-	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♥	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
1♣	Strong		
1♦	Negative		

Declarer lost three spades and heart, +140 and 39/115.

If South raises to 2♥ North is sure to take another bid over West's 2♠. If West bids 3♠ then North must resist the temptation to double.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ KQJ875 ♥ AQ10 ♦ 1073 ♣ Q	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 42 ♥ K97 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ 9643	♠ A109 ♥ J62 ♦ Q9 ♣ AJ1052
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ 63 ♥ 8543 ♦ 8654 ♣ K87											

West	North	East	South
<i>Gislason</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Thorvaldson</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North started with three rounds of diamonds, and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart to the ten, North's king meaning +620 and 94/60.

The declarers who went for the ruffing club finesse collected 11 tricks and 18/136.



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Board 8. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q742
 ♥ A10632
 ♦ 108
 ♣ A7
 ♠ A8653
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J7
 ♣ KJ632
 ♠ 10
 ♥ K74
 ♦ Q95432
 ♣ 1085
 ♠ KJ9
 ♥ QJ98
 ♦ AK6
 ♣ Q94



West	North	East	South
<i>Gislason</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Thorvaldson</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

I confess I would have opened the West hand and failing that I would have bid over South's 1NT. Breaking the transfer facing a passed partner would not be my first choice, but when North bid 3♠ it gave South a chance to bid 3NT showing the balanced nature of her hand. Had she done so North might have let matters rest there.

West led the ♠A against 4♥ and continued the suit and declarer had to lose two more tricks for -50 and 52/102.

If South comes to rest in 3NT West is sure to lead a club. Declarer wins with the queen and will no doubt take a losing heart finesse after which a second club means there are only eight tricks. There is a double-dummy line for nine tricks – declarer must leave the hearts alone and play on spades. West wins and exits with a club. Having taken dummy's ace, declarer must cash two spades, and then exit with the ♣9. West wins and cashes two more clubs, East parting with a heart and a diamond. Declarer takes the heart exit with dummy's ace and cashes the ♠Q, squeezing East in the red suits. A brilliant piece of play, +400 and 111/43.

If you were up to finding that line let me know – you might pick up one of the 2021/22 IBPA awards!

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