

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

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 2-8, 2009

6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### AND THEY KEPT ON!

Rui Silva Santos and Manuel Oliveira are the winners of this year's Pairs Tournament. They made 59.72% yesterday and the title was theirs, with 60.26% average.



Nuno Paz and Carlos Luiz, also Portuguese, were third on yesterday's session. They made 63.74% and managed to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Constance Goldberg and Tor Helness. This American - Norwegian pair got 58.46% yesterday and, in the end, had 58.97% average.

The session was won by the Austrians Robert Franzel and Geord Kriftner. They made 64.41%.

The Portuguese Antonio B Ferreira and Artur Santos Silva were second on the session, with 64.27%.

Today, at 9:30pm we have the first of four sessions of the Teams Tournament.

This year we have 2 surprises for you: We will all play pre-duplicated boards and there will be bridgemates.

Enjoy!

Pedro Nunes

<b>ENTRY FEE</b>
<b>TEAMS</b>
<b>300 €/Team (up to 6 players)</b>

## Classification (\*)

Rank	%		Pair		Session3	
1	60,26	107	Rui Silva Santos - Manuel Oliveira	SP	59,72	6
2	59,56	10	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz	P	63,74	3
3	58,97	4	Constance Goldberg - Tor Helness	FM	58,46	9
4	58,51	90	Carlos Teixeira - J A Debonnaire	PS	57,23	13
5	57,50	3	Andreas Babsch - Renate Hansen	FMA	57,32	12
6	57,19	111	Oskam - Schutte	FNS	56,27	18
7	57,00	66	Arild Armot - Runny Jurstan	FY	53,00	35
8	56,99	64	de Donder Steven - Both Peter	FB	53,64	32
9	56,76	50	J P Rocha Pinto - Paula Lima	MP	50,62	43
10	56,62	1	Robert Franzel - Geord Kriftner	FA	64,41	1
11	56,30	51	Agneta Berglund - Martin Arle	FMH	59,40	7
12	56,26	61	Brian Senior - David Kendrick	FK	55,48	22
13	56,18	81	Sven Sester - Olavi Oja	FT	49,64	47
14	54,79	73	Arno Lindermann - Puerstl Christoph	FA	56,62	16
15	54,70	33	Vladimirs Gonca - Maris Purgailis	FVS	58,77	8
16	54,69	21	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto	SP	54,59	24
17	54,67	104	Antonio B Ferreira - Artur Santos Silva	PS	64,27	2
18	54,26	7	Martin Schifko - Sascha Wernle	FA	53,99	28
19	54,21	15	Lucia Grosmann - Har Begas	FNMS	45,62	67
20	54,21	71	Egil Hansen - Haraldf Nordby	FYS	53,14	33
21	54,20	65	Eduarda Reis - Joao Fanha	PM	50,79	42
22	54,14	34	Kjell Otto Kopstad - Olav Lomsdalen	FY	52,88	36
23	54,01	30	Lauri Naber - Leo Luks	FT	57,78	10
24	54,00	91	Virginia Chediak - Gustavo Chediak	FM	60,90	4
25	53,76	93	Anni Kovacheva - Trayan Hristov	FUM	53,98	29
26	53,60	41	Maria Joao Lara - Manuel Capucho	MP	54,06	26
27	53,43	23	Jorg Eichholzer - Christian Felderer	AFS	60,47	5
28	53,20	53	Hans Metselaar - Allie Hoenstok	FN	56,84	14
29	52,90	70	Miguel teixeira - Rodrigo Soares	PI	53,09	34
30	52,85	67	B G Olofsson - Ted Olovs	FW	46,46	64
31	52,76	110	Sveinn Runar Eiriksson - Julius Sigurjonsson	FX	48,41	52
32	52,75	55	Mike Beyer - Miguel Ascencao	FN	53,88	30
33	52,48	43	Jan Tesselaar - Jan de Winter	FN	50,59	44
34	52,06	115	Mads Eyde - Lisbeth Grove	FZM	44,80	71
35	52,03	113	Antonio Palma - Jorge Cruzeiro	P	51,78	37
36	51,82	105	Ursula Fleischmann - Alfred Fleischmann	FAMS	50,17	45
37	51,68	22	Miguel Silva - Pedro Pratas	P	48,73	51
38	51,26	29	Andrea Mular - Peter Steiner	FAM	54,21	25
39	51,16	87	Maria Erhart - Jovanka Smederevac	FAL	48,36	53
40	51,09	32	Maarja Oras - Andres Kuusk	FMT	55,53	21
41	50,90	47	Sallsten - Sallsten	FWMS	50,16	46
42	50,88	89	Robert Snapper - John Machado	SPI	56,81	15
43	50,72	95	Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo	PI	56,39	17
44	50,55	13	Veger - Wartena	FN	56,24	19

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45	50,03	102	Hans v Ommeren - Deborah Kerkhoff	FMN	45,11	70
46	50,02	12	Erlendur Jonsson - Gudlaugur Sveinsson	FX	57,76	11
47	49,84	103	Tineke Poland - Frits Gootjes	FN	49,04	50
48	49,67	24	Gareth Bartley - Beatrix Kuzselka	FMG	55,16	23
49	49,57	27	Jon Sveindal - Jan van Cleeff	F	53,87	31
50	49,44	49	Nedju Buchlev - Elke Duhrig	FGM	44,43	72
51	49,26	5	Mona Bergstrom - Magnus Hammar	FWM	55,80	20
52	49,19	101	Kai Jorstool - Bjorn Valen	FYS	45,85	65
53	49,17	6	Pedro Gil - Pedro Nunes	PI	47,85	55
54	49,08	28	Wim Stol - Remco Stol	FN	47,43	58
55	48,93	44	Paulo Sarmento - Nuno Matos	P	51,36	39
56	48,85	26	Jose M Gouveia - Ricardo Fernandes	PI	47,04	59
57	48,65	54	Pedro Morgado - Fernando Ribeiro	PI	51,40	38
58	48,54	83	Piret Raudsepp - Lembit Dalberg	FTM	38,54	86
59	48,52	11	Gudlaugur Bessason - Erla Sigurjonsdottir	FXMS	43,10	76
60	48,47	88	Ellen Vigmostad - Bjorn Odden	FMY	34,46	90
61	47,93	108	Gerard Limmen - Jach Wagemakers	FNS	54,03	27
62	47,36	94	Anne Marie Gisnaas - Geir Gisnaas	FYM	50,95	41
63	47,18	82	Harald Haugerud - Bodil Haugerud	FYMS	38,57	85
64	47,17	106	John Freitas - Joaquim Trindade	ISMP	45,42	68
65	47,07	25	Josef Simon - Ilse-Betina Artmer	FAM	43,54	74
66	47,00	45	Antonio Arruda - Henrique Ribeiro	P	46,66	63
67	46,97	92	Stellinguerff - Vermeulen	FN	47,84	56
68	46,93	2	Cees Nobel - Ploni Nobel	FNMS	46,70	62
69	46,85	14	Antonio Valente - Goncalo Esmeraldo	PI	48,07	54
70	46,54	48	Erkki Valmra - Sulev Ulp	FT	49,23	49
71	46,24	68	Eduardo fernandes - Jose Manuel Freitas	PI	43,92	73
72	45,64	31	Elisabeth Solum - Per Tjelmeland	FYM	49,27	48
73	45,15	72	Luis Rodrigues - Carlos Cabrinha	SP	39,81	83
74	44,69	85	Virgilio Mota - J Ant Fernandes	SPI	43,20	75
75	44,63	42	Horacio Franco - Adriano Medeiros	P	35,71	89
76	44,58	8	Mizi Corte Real - Luisa Reis	LSP	39,56	84
77	44,57	112	Alexandre Rodrigues - Jose Macedo	PI	42,83	77
78	43,96	35	Jaap van den Berg - Anne-Marie van den Berg	FHM	42,82	78
79	43,92	114	Jaime Sousa - Frederico Teixeira	PI	50,98	40
80	43,35	109	Rose Marie Crossner - Eduard J Alver	FYS	45,21	69
81	43,24	52	Kerstin Marcusson - Lars Marcusson	FMWS	45,70	66
82	42,73	9	Dieneke Balder - Hans Sprekeling	FMSN	40,38	82
83	42,34	69	Rein Smit - Hetty Smit-Hertog	FNMS	47,70	57
84	42,20	86	Will Schilder - Minouche Alice	FN	42,05	80
85	41,85	74	Bruno Neves - Luis Miguel Silva	PI	46,87	60
86	41,52	84	Gitte Hecht Johanssen - Susan Just Olussen	FZL	42,78	79
87	40,43	63	Helder Fernandes - Manuel Arruda	P	37,55	88
88	40,12	46	Jose Antonio Pereira - Paulo Teixo	PI	46,84	61
89	37,25	75	Silvio Costa - Nuno Martins	I	41,46	81
90	36,10	62	Lydia Allen - David Allen	FGMS	38,35	87

(\*) Still pending one appeal

## Test your skills

by Jan van Cleeff

In the three days pairs event quite a few interesting hands came along. Test your skills on three tough ones.

### Quiz

1. Being East you have:

♠ A 9 2 ♥ J 9 7 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ Q J 6 3

N/-

West	North	East	South
	1♣	pass	1♦
pass	2♣	pass	3NT

All pass

Partner leads ♠3 (1/3/5) and dummy comes down:

♠ J 6 4 ♥ A K 8 ♦ Q 10 ♣ K 10 8 7 4 2

Declarer asks for a low spade. Which card do you play?

2. Again you are East. This time you have:

♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ K J 10 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ Q 2

E/-

West	North	East	South
		pass	1♣
3♦	dbl	?	

What do you bid?

3. And again you are East. Now you have:

♠ 9 8 4 ♥ K J 9 6 4 ♦ Q ♣ 10 8 6 5

N/-

West	North	East	South
	1NT (1)	pass	3NT

All pass

(1) 15-17

You elect to lead a low heart. West apologizes himself when he puts the dummy: "We need points".

♠ K 7 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ K J 8 7 6 5 4 ♣ 3

Anyhow, the hand starts rather disappointing for you when the ♥10 wins the trick. Declarer continues with the ♠K for partners ace. A low club comes back and you take North's nine with the ten. Take it from there.

Solutions

1. Session 2, Board 17

None Vul.

♠ J 6 4  
♥ A K 8  
♦ 10  
♣ K 10 8 7 4 2

♠ Q 10 8 5 3  
♥ 10 4 3  
♦ Q 6 5 4 3  
♣



♠ A 9 2  
♥ J 9 7 2  
♦ 7 2  
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ K 7  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ A K J 9 8  
♣ A 9 5

Against Rui Pinto's 3NT, East won the ♠A and continued the suit. Pinto red the position beautifully. He won the king, played ♣A and ♣K, cashed three rounds of hearts and endplayed West with the ♠J.

Killing defense would have been when East had inserted the ♠9 at trick one. This play costs nothing and keeps communications alive.

2. Session 3, Board 14

None Vul.

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

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



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


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

Probably the textbook bid is 4♦. At one table though, East bid 3♥! South passed the lead director and West duly corrected to 4♦. North concluded the bidding with 5♣.

You may see the result on Jon Sveidal's article, next.

### 3. Session 3, Board 1

None Vul.

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

Your reporter didn't work out the position properly. He quite stupidly fired back another club and declarer had an easy route to nine tricks. A passive return (a diamond or a spade) however, would put serious pressure on declarer. He can still make his contract, but only after he endplays west in the minor suits.

## Much at stake

by Jon Sveindal

If you bid to a somewhat non-standard contract at pairs, there is usually a big amount of matchpoints at stake. Only two pairs ventured 4 spades on the deal below. It made at one table, for some 70% score, and went 3 down at the other table... for a 3 % score. (Hands rotated for convenience)

NS Vul.

♠ A 7 4 3  
♥ A 7 6 4 3  
♦ Q 9 8  
♣ J



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

West	North	East	South
-	1 ♥	pass	2 ♦
pass	3 ♦	pass	3 ♠
pass	4 ♠	all pass	

Lead: ♥ 10

3 NT was the popular contract, and even 5 diamonds would have produced a nice plus on the board. But in 4 spades: Let's say you win the heart ace, play a diamond to west's ace, and ruff the heart 8 return. Now what? (Winning line at the end of the article.)

### For the lead!

Jan van Cleeff made a nice lead-directing bid on my next and final offering.

These were the hands:

Board 14

None Vul.

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

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
		pass	2 ♣*
3 ♦	dbl	3 ♥!	p
4 ♦	5 ♣	all pass	

(\*precision)

Lead: Heart Ace and another

In on the heart ten, Jan van Cleeff returned the jack, and south was faced with a problem that most players didn't get. And he went wrong when he ruffed with the club king and took a losing trump finesse. Most declarers were able to establish the fifth heart for a spade discard. The only thing to remember was to play the king when east was in on the second heart and returned a spade, to preserve the entry needed to get to the fifth heart for a spade discard..

Perhaps the toughest defense is a diamond lead. If south now plays two rounds of trumps, he will be one entry short to get to the good heart, when west wins the first heart with the ace and forces a diamond ruff in dummy - thus taking away an entry prematurely. Next heart goes to east, who returns a spade. Still makeable? Only if you stop playing trumps after the club king - to be able to establish the fifth heart as well as to cash it.

But on a diamond lead west has to be on the alert even if south plays two rounds of trumps. If east wins the first heart, a diamond return is to no avail. South




ruffs in dummy, and on the next heart west gets in on his ace, and is end-played. Really an interesting board!

### The winning line

South lost control when he opened for a defensive crossruff on the first hand. But instead of three down the contract was a make on the defense he actually got. This is what it looked like:

Board

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

You see what happens when you play your two top spades, and continue diamonds? West gets two trump tricks, but the rest is yours!

## Bridge Across the North Atlantic

by Rodrigo Martins Soares

Nuno Paz and Carlos Luiz live with almost 1000 Km of sea between them- Nuno lives in the Açores and you know Carlos as one of this tournament's organizers. They form, however, a very successful partnership making the Portuguese Open team more often than any other pair lately.

As usual they are playing together here. They started poorly this year, but after coming second on the second session with 66,41%, they came third on the last session with 63,74% to climb up to second place.

Nuno was in action on the following board:

Board 14

None Vul.

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

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



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

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

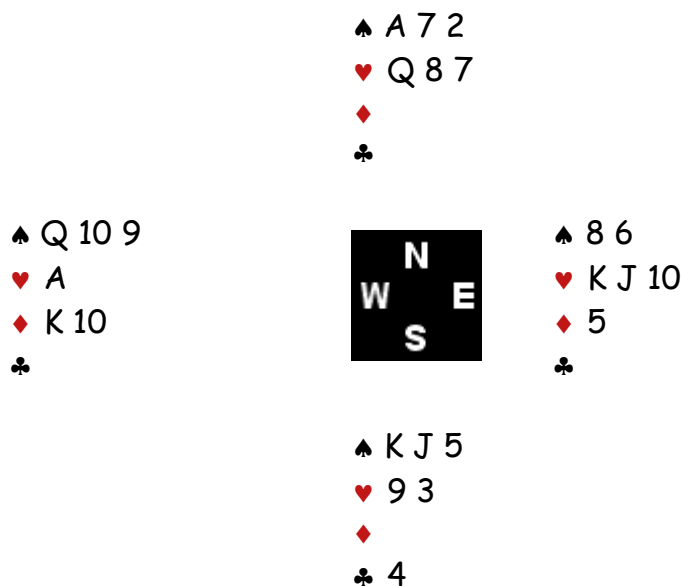
West	North	East	South
		pass	1♣
3♦	3♥	pass	3NT

All pass

Carlos had a difficult choice over 3♦ and decided that 3♥ was the only chance he had to show his Hearts - and rightly so, in my opinion, his good Club holding and singleton diamond making up for the lack of HCP and bad heart suit. Nuno bid 3NT and that ended the auction. West led the ♦J.

Nine tricks you can take on top, but you are playing matchpoints.

Nuno started by ducking the first diamond. When opponents persisted he took the  $\heartsuit A$  perforce discarding a Heart from dummy. He now proceeded to cash his clubs, ending up in this position:



On the last Club West pitched a Diamond, North a Spade and East a Heart. Now Nuno had a good read on the position. West had discarded 4 Diamonds and a Heart and so should be guarding the  $\heartsuit Q$ . West would also surely have either the Ace or King of Hearts (or may have discarded his last small heart). So, he just played a Spade to the Ace and a Heart from dummy, end-playing West for his tenth trick and 71 out of 76 matchpoints.

The tournament director will give you an envelope with your starting position. Put your team's name on the envelope and then open it. Your whole team should sit down at the same table. Inside you will find an entry form that you should fill in carefully. Make sure we can read your name correctly (so that you don't get upset later...) and also tell us if you have played the pairs Tournament or not.



## Program 2009

<b>Friday</b> (06/11/2009)	09.30	<b>Half-day Tour(*)</b>
	21.15	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	<b>21.30</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 1st Session</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (07/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning
	<b>15.30</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 2nd Session</b>
	<b>21.30</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 3rd Session</b>
<b>Sunday</b> (08/11/2009)	<b>15.30</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament – 4th Session</b>
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	<b>Closing Dinner and Prize Giving</b>

(\*) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package