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# BULETIN

# 14<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 7-13, 2011

### FROM ICELAND!

And here we are ready to start this year's Pairs' Tournament.

There are people from all over the world. The biggest groups are from Holland and Iceland.

Welcome, all of you!



The winning pair

Yesterday we had the busiest warm-up ever. There were 70 pairs playing.

The Icelandic ladies Harpa Fold Ingolfsdottir and Svalak Palsdottir won the session with 64.70%, just 0.76 more than the

Norwegian pair Sten-Ivar

Lekang and Trond Hantveit. The Austrians Andreas Babsch and Rike Schreckenberger were third, with 61.63%.

Today we will have the biggest Pairs' Tournament ever. We will be organized in 4 sections. It will be crowded in there!

Enjoy!

Pedro Nunes

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PAIRS	TEAMS
<b>90 €</b> / Player	<b>300 €</b> /Team (up to 6 players)

### THE ENTRY FORMS

Are you staying in the CS Madeira? If so, you have received an envelope with some forms.

Be sure to fill them in. You will have to bring them to the Welcome desk on Tuesday between 14.30 and 16.00 in order to receive your vouchers.

The Pair Registration vouchers will be immediately given to you. You will also get any other vouchers you have requested for the rest of the week.

If you haven't purchased the CS Madeira Bridge Package you will get your prize giving dinner vouchers **tomorrow**. Go tomorrow, Wednesday, to the Welcome desk between 15.00 and 16.00 where you may also buy other vouchers you need, as for Wednesday typical dinner.

Another important note. This year we will be asking you to give us an estimate of your strength as a player on your entry form. This will be used to calculate the overall strength of the tournament, mainly for Portuguese ranking points distribution. So you will find a line with **V Index**, where you should fill according to the following table:

International Level - 1I

1st Series High 1A - about Top 5% of your NCBO but not international

1st Series High 1B -between Top 5% and Top 15% but not international

2nd Series **2X** - between Top 15% and Top 55% - Competent players but not Top 15%

3rd Series 3X - Lowest 55% - Mostly club players

No Classification SC - Not affiliated with your NCBO - Only social bridge players

Did you know that O'Briens Pub is part of the CS Madeira?

It opens at 6 pm and closes at 1 am (3 am on Friday and Saturday).

You can have a drink or a light meal there.

Your Vouchers are like money - Don't lose them!

### WARM-UP PAIRS

1 2 3 4 5	66 76 16 1 3	705,9 680,4 679,0	64,70 63,94 61,63 61,50 61,18	Sten-Ivar Lekang - Trond Hantveit Andreas Babsch - Rike Schreckenberger
6 7 8 9 10	69 57 48 37 63	661,3 660,4		Teresa Kay - Ricardo Luiz
11 12 13 14 15	15 18 23 43 32	643,9 643,3 641,7	58,54 58,33 58,27 58,13 58,10	Jascha Garre - Matthias Schueller
16 17 18 19 20	6		57,61	Dominique Custers - Helga Bergman Erik Schönning - Peter Fredin Henning Ostergaard - Mads Eyde Espen Lindqvuist - Ronny Jorstad J van Berkel - W Boonstra
21 22 23 24 25	67 68 77 12 45	614,1 612,4	56,19 55,62 55,47 55,34 54,78	Krzysztof Martens - Rita Ghosn Piotr Tuszynski - W Srocszynski
26 27 28 29 30	14 55 73 62 54	599,8 596,2 588,1	54,68 54,33 54,01 53,27 53,08	Gitte Hecht Johanssen - Mary Gordon-Smith
31 32 33 34 35	71 22 61 26 11	569,8 561,0 560,7	51,72 51,61 50,81 50,79 50,48	Paul Lind Andersen - Yngve Lamo Eddy Maas - Jan Oosthoek Susan Just Olesen - Tyge Fogh Halldora Magnusdottir - Ragnheidur Nielsen Jelena Alfejeva - Maris Matisons
36 37 38 39 40		531,0		Fernando Ribeiro - Robert Snapper
41 42 43 44 45	24 74 35 38 10	524,2 524,0 521,4	47,85 47,48 47,46 47,23 46,05	Knut Kiste - Tomas Ruth
46 47 48 49 50		499,3 495,8 494,6	44,91 44,80	

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51 52 53 54 55	27 72	488,6 485,6 483,8		Frank Solheim - Henrique Ribeiro Hans Dierks - Sabine Szimanski Johann Aevarsson - Jon Arnason Annette Rosthoej - Lisbeth Grove Nuno D Martins - António O Valente
56	_	•	43,54	Ingrid van Hoof - Rupert van Hoof
57			43,40	Angelien Joosten - Rub Baarda
58			43,27	<u> </u>
59	70	476,7	43,18	Sebastião Gonçalves - Luis M Jardim
60	4	471,8	42,74	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
61	56	455 <b>,</b> 3	41,24	Eduardo Soveral - Pedro S Nunes
62	51	451,0	40,85	John Freitas - José A Pereira
63	52	450,8	40,83	Carlos M Jesus - Rui Moniz
64	64	440,0	39,85	Angela Janssen - Gaby Fuchs
65	44	436,6	39,55	Gudny Gudjonsdottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir
66	8	432,3	39,15	Freyja Fridfinnsdottir - Groa Gudnadottir
67	49		36,42	
68	29		34,81	Bjarne Stub-Hansen - Peter Flodgvist
69	30		•	ž
70	47			David Allen - Lydia Allen

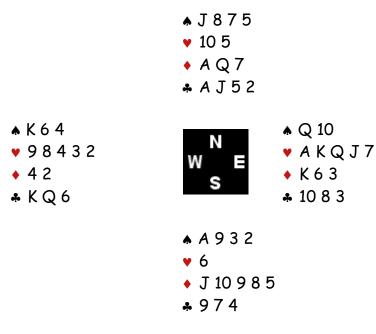


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## Defend like a World Champion

As reported by Jan Van Cleeff

Simon de Wijs is one of the newly crowned Dutch Bermuda Bowl Champions. He sat North in this next board in the finals and managed this nice play.



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Hurd	Drijver	Wooldridge
	1*	1.	dbl
3 <b>.</b>	3♠	4♥	pass
pass	pass		

South led the ten of diamonds and North took the ace and switched to a trump. Declarer took the ace and king, South discarding the three of spades. Declarer cashed the king of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played a spade to the ten. When South could only win with the ace declarer was assured of ten tricks, +620.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	De Wijs	Lall	Muller
	1NT	dbl	2♦
dbl	pass	2♥	pass
4♥	pass	pass	pass

Here South led the jack of diamonds and North was content to put on the queen, maintaining communications with his partner. Declarer won, drew two rounds of trumps, South discarding the nine of clubs, and crossed to dummy with a trump. (Had he played a club to the king North would have ducked, leaving declarer without resource.) A spade went to the ten and ace and South returned the seven of clubs. Declarer put up the king but North ducked. Declarer could cross to the queen of spades, but there was no entry to the dummy and South could win a diamond exit and play another club.

A beautiful defence to earn 12 IMPs.



Have you ever heard "Been there, done that, got the t-shirt"?
This year we have official Madeira International Bridge Open t-shirts.

You may also be able to say it!

The prices are: €12.50 per T-shirt / €20.00 per 2

# Forget the system

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Yesterday's board 17 was a lay-down Grand Slam. With the  $\star$ K onside 13 tricks were there either in Spades or No Trump.

The difficulty, of course, is that they haven't yet devised a convention to ask opponents for side kings. Unsurprisingly  $6\clubsuit$  was the popular contract, played at 16 out of 24 tables.

The top ranked Portuguese pair yesterday, Teresa Kay and Ricardo Luiz, did manage to get to  $7 \clubsuit$ 

Board 17 Dealer N None vul.

> **↑** 10 8 2 107532 ♦ K932 **\*** 8 **A** A Q J 9 3 ★ K764 • A 9 6 ♥ Q • Q85 ♦ A J 10 ♣ Q J 7 3 ♣ A K 5 **♦** 5 ▼ KJ84 764 **4** 10 9 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
T. Kay		R. Luiz	
	pass	1.	pass
1♠	pass	2NT	pass
6NT	pass	<b>7</b> ♠	All pass

The bidding requires some explanation. The first two bids are natural. Then Ricardo bid an also natural 2NT, showing a balanced 18-19 HCP. With a flat 4333 it seems reasonable to omit the Spade fit for now. Now the problems started. The thing is that it was the first time this partnership ever played together and they hadn't really discussed how the bidding should continue after the 2NT.

They weren't playing checkback Stayman and Teresa was not sure what bids would be forcing in this sequence. Trying to avoid a major disaster she simply bid 6NT expecting to make it on sheer high card force. Now Ricardo was really surprised. His partner had bid to 6NT without any side Ace, without her suit's King and even without the K! Surely that with him holding all of this he was worth another bid. So he duly bid K0 expecting partner to correct to K1 if adequate.

There was nothing really wrong with either reasoning but it shows why you should have system agreements with your partner.

But even if Ricardo decided to pass 6NT he would still be getting almost all the matchpoints, as 6NT +1 would be worth 43 out of 46.

Another pair had a decision to make on that contract. They were playing 6NT, but from the West side. North led the  $\checkmark$ 3. Now you have to either play for North to have the  $\checkmark$ K or the  $\checkmark$ K. If he has both you will make 13 tricks all the time. If he has none you will always go down (by a lot). The problem is when he has one but not the other. If the  $\checkmark$ K is onside you have to go up with  $\checkmark$ A and play for all the tricks. If it's the  $\checkmark$ K that is good you must play low from dummy keeping the  $\checkmark$ A for when you lose to the  $\checkmark$ K. It's really a matter of reading your opponent. Did North lead from the King against 6NT or not?...

At the table West went wrong. This turned his expected 42 matchpoints to just 8.



# Prizes 2011

The € 19.000 prize money is divided as following:

Open Pairs		
1st	2.100,00 €	
2nd	1.500,00 €	
3rd	1.000,00 €	
4th	800,00 €	
5th	700,00 €	
6th	600,00 €	
7th	500,00 €	
8th	400,00 €	

Open Teams		
1st	2.100,00	€
2nd	1.500,00	€
3rd	1.000,00	€
4th	800,00	€
5th	600,00	€

Special prizes Pairs		
1st Ladies	225 €	
1st Mixed	225 €	
1st Senior	225 €	
1st Portugal	225 €	
1st Foreign *	225 €	
1st Junior	225 €	

Special prizes Teams		
1st Foreign	450,00 €	
2nd Foreign	300,00 €	
1st Portuguese	450,00 €	
2nd Portuguese	300,00 €	

<sup>\*</sup>Special Prizes require a minimum of 8 pairs per category

# Program 2011

Tuesday (08/11/2011)	09.00 15.00 15.30 16.15 16.30	Free morning(*) Welcome Desk Opens Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session
Wednesday (09/11/2011)	09.00 <b>16.30</b> 21.00	Free morning(*)  Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session  Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
<b>Thursday</b> (10/11/2011)	09.00 <b>16.30</b> 20.30	Free morning(*)  Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session  Final Results
Friday (11/11/2011)	09.30 21.15 <b>21</b> . <b>30</b>	Half-day Tour(**) Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
<b>Saturday</b> (12/11/2011)	09.00 <b>15.30</b> <b>21.30</b>	Free morning Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
<b>Sunday</b> (13/11/2011)	15.00 19.45 20.15	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session Final Results Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

<sup>(\*)</sup> Contact Top Atlântico for more tours

### The Half-day Tour can be one of the following:

- a) Boat Trip along the West coast of Madeira (limited places)
- b) Tour to Pico dos Barcelos, Eira do Serrado, Curral das Freiras and Camara de Lobos (taking about 3 hours).

The Top Atlântico Desk will be at the Hotel lobby.

It will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

If you have booked through this agency you should do your payments there.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package