

**WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2015**

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

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 2-8, 2015

### Madeira is the place to be!

The 18<sup>th</sup> Madeira International Bridge Tournament is about to start and it will be bigger than last year, in fact, bigger than ever before.



Das Autobahn - Last year's winning team at the prize-giving dinner

For the newcomers we have beautiful places you must visit and for those who have been here before, there are still some hidden gems waiting for you to discover them.

Beautiful weather for all and a fun-filled week is what we are preparing for you.

To start, the welcome cocktail will be held this year at the Madeira Wine Institute, near the city hall. On page 3 you have a map that shows you how to get there.

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEES		
WARM-UP & Side Events	PAIRS	TEAMS
10 € / Player	125 €/Player	400 €/Team (up to 6 players)

## THE ENTRY FORMS

Welcome to Madeira and our 18<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Open!

**Did you come with the Intertours/Vidamar package?** If so, on your check-in at the Hotel you will receive an envelope with some forms. Please fill it in and tick the boxes with the chosen events you wish to take part - Pairs Tournament, Typical Dinner, Half day tour or Boat trip, Teams tournament and Closing Dinner - these are all included in your package.

Please leave the filled form at the reception desk at the Hotel until Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November or, alternatively, you can leave it on the same day at the welcome desk (situated near the playing rooms) from 8pm until 10pm. The vouchers will then be sent to your room.

You also have the choice to leave the filled form at the welcome desk on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of November between 3pm and 4.15pm and collect your vouchers then.

**If you are not staying at the Hotel Vidamar or did not come with Intertours package** you can pay your entry fee at the table on the first session. Alternatively, you can buy the packages we have prepared (see below) at the welcome desk on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 8pm and 10pm or on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, between 3pm and 4.15pm.

Other days and timings for buying vouchers for Typical dinner, Half day tour or Boat trip and collect the voucher for the Closing dinner, at the welcome desk:

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of November from 3pm until 4.15pm

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of November from 3pm until 4.15pm

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST HAVE A VOUCHER FOR EACH EVENT**

If you don't have the Intertours/Vidamar bridge package and you want to participate in all of the events, we have two deals for you:

For 220€, you get:

- 1 Entry fee pairs tournament
- 1 Entry fee teams tournament
- 1 Typical dinner
- 1 Prize-giving dinner

Or 200€ and you get:

- 1 Entry fee pairs tournament
- 1 Entry fee teams tournament
- 1 Prize-giving dinner

## The Welcome Cocktail

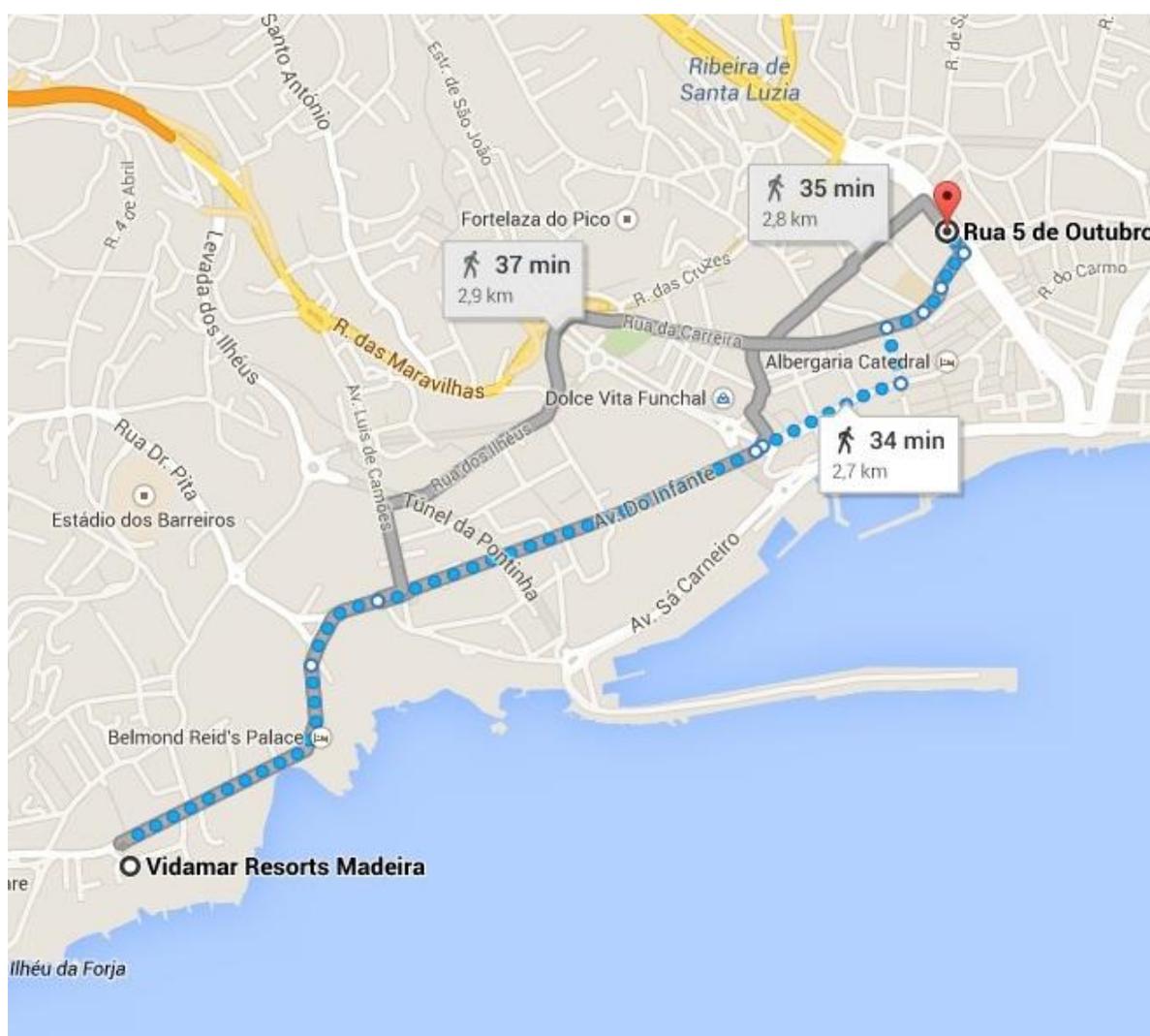
Wondering on how to get to the Madeira Wine Institute?

Have a look at the map below:

It's a 35 minute walk or an 8 minute drive from the hotel.

It's in the centre of Funchal, near the city hall.

See you there!



## “O Lagar”

Our Wednesday typical dinner will be in the traditional restaurant “O Lagar”. There you will be able to eat the typical “espetada” and “milho frito” - it’s one of the best places in the island for that.

We will be, as always, entertained by a traditional folklore group.



# Madeira 2015

By Ron Tacchi

Suddenly it is nearly November again - so it is off to Madeira for the festival. Since the last event I have traversed the globe for bridge: February - Moscow, May - Egypt, June - Jordan, July Ireland and August - La Baule are just some of the places where I lay down my laptop and reported on some bridge. I enjoyed Dublin enormously for several reasons, firstly I was meeting and staying with an old friend who I do not get to see often enough, secondly I played throughout the event, well enough to be in the money in the Pairs event and had the fates been kinder in our last teams match in that completion also. However the one thing that truly pleased me was a coup I pulled off which I have always wanted to do. If like me you regards Terence Reese's books on play as timeless then there certain stories you want to emulate. The one that I was fortunate enough to perform was in a NT contract dummy had AQ10x in a side suit and I held KJxx. I knew declarer had three cards in the suit and when he lead the nine and played small from dummy I won with the king. The expression on declarer's face when on the next round of the suit he inserted the ten which lost to my knave was priceless, I cannot remember how much we profited from my endeavor but it was insignificant compared to the inner smile I was wearing for the next few hours.

Apart from the Terence Reese exploits I always hope to play one hand well enough a year to be worthy of note. I always report these to the editor of Bridge Magazine, Mark Horton ( who is with us this year) and if he finds them worthy he passes them on. Below is his offering to the IBPA Magazine on my effort for this year.

"Every couple of years or so the multi-talented Ron Tacchi offers me a deal where he thinks he might have performed moderately well. What do you think of this one, where he was sitting opposite Jean-Paul Géré, the former President of Ron's local club in France?"

Dealer North.

N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 ♥ A 9 8 3 ♦ Q 10 6 5 2 ♣ Q 7 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 8 4 ♥ K 5 ♦ A 9 7 4 3 ♣ K 5</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	<p>♠ K 6 3 ♥ J 10 7 4 ♦ J ♣ J 10 9 6 2</p>
	<p>♠ A J 7 5 2 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ A 8 3</p>	

West	North	East	South
—	Géré		Tacchi
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5] 2 key cards, no spade queen

North's somewhat exuberant rebid of three spades can be explained not as the actions of a man in dire need of IMPs or someone badly in need of a top, but rather that of a player who had enjoyed a liquid lunch (which is very much the norm in many of the events that are staged in Tacchi's region of France) and was looking through some rosé-coloured glasses.

West led a fifth-best two of diamonds and declarer won in hand, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing in the dummy, and advanced the queen of spades. When East dithered a bit before playing low, declarer's hopes rose, slightly more so when West contributed the ten. It was tempting to play the king of hearts, planning to ruff a heart in dummy, but what if West held the ace of hearts and could give his partner a diamond ruff?

His mind made up, declarer drew the outstanding trumps via the marked finesse to reach this position:

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

When Tacchi played his penultimate trump, West was without resource; if he pitched a diamond, declarer could cross to the ace of diamonds, ruff a diamond and play a heart; throwing a heart would have been no better, as declarer could then have played a heart to the king and ducked a heart.

Bien joué Tacchi, bien sûr."

The great thing about coming back to a festival is to meet again those who were present the previous year. I particularly hope to meet Ulla Korre again (I nicknamed her 'The Aardvark' after her ant eating exploits of last year), I shall certainly try to be on the same bus as her back from the evening restaurant outing. Hopefully Allie Hoenstok and his partner Hans Metselar will be back again as they were good fun and a fount of stories on the event.

Of course the prospect of being alongside the organising team of last year headed by the president Miguel Teixeira, with Jose Curado as Tournament Director is something I know is going to prove great fun.

I hope that everyone here has as much fun as I know I am going to have.

The Teams' Tournament will be broadcasted on BBO again this year.

We have been on BBO's vugraph since 2003. We were the first Portuguese tournament to be broadcasted there.

Table 1, closed room, will be online from round 1 - Friday evening.

## Stars of Snellers win Cavendish Teams

by Jan van Cleeff

Dutch stars Agnes Snellers and Wubbo de Boer will join the 2015 Madeira Open Bridge Festival. That in itself is not big news as through the years the pair frequents the tourney and really has fallen in love with Madeira. What is news however is that two weeks earlier, together with Berend van den Bos and Joris van Lankveld, Agnes and Wubbo played the Cavendish Teams in Monaco and won the event! In the finals the Dutchies beat Lavazza by 45 to 28. That was a briljant achievement as Lavazza is worldclass. This time the team consisted of Zia Mahmood-Dennis Bilde & Agustin Madala-Giorgio Duboin. During the round robin it was not at all sure that the Snellers Stars would reach the finals. In fact they had to win their last match against Ireland by 20 to 0, which in fact they did.

One of the more the decisive hands from the Monaco teams finals turned out to be board no. 26:

Dealer E  
All Vulnerable

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

Obviously 6NT played by North is by far the best contract. In the closed room however Van den Bos-Van Lankveld stopped in 4S, making 12 tricks.

Open room

West	North	East	South
Snellers	Duboin	De Boer	Madala
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥1)
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1) solid spades

It is easy to see that 6♠ is cold. Still Agnes Snellers found a way to put Agustin Madala to the test: she led ♦3! Now declarer had a losing option: finesse ♦Q or win the ♦A and finesse hearts later to pitch his diamond loser. When Madala opted for the latter he was down two, losing a heart, a diamond and ♣A.

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## Program 2015

<b>Thursday</b> (29/10/2015)	21:00	Portuguese National Simultaneous Pairs(***)
<b>Friday</b> (30/10/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.00	IMP Pairs 1 entries - Confirmations
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>IMP Pairs 1 Tournament(***)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (31/10/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.00	IMP Pairs 2 entries - Confirmations
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>IMP Pairs 2 Tournament(***)</b>
<b>Monday</b> (02/11/2015)	18.00	Welcome Cocktail at Madeira Wine Institute
	20.00	Welcome Desk opens
	<b>21.30</b>	<b>Warm-up Pairs</b>
	22.00	Welcome Desk closes
<b>Tuesday</b> (03/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	15.30	Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations
	16.15	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> (04/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session</b>
	21.00	<b>Typical Dinner (**)</b> - Bus leaves at 20.30
<b>Thursday</b> (05/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session</b>
	20.30	Final Results
<b>Friday</b> (06/11/2015)	09.30	<b>Half-day Tour(**)</b>
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (07/11/2015)	09.00	Free morning
	<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> (08/11/2015)	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session</b>
	20.00	Final Results and 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:**

- a) Boat Trip along the West coast of Madeira (limited places)
- b) Bus tour to Cabo Girão and Monte (taking about 3.5 hours).

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