

20TH MADEIRA BRIDGE FESTIVAL

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The Vidamar Hotel is yet again the venue for the twentieth occasion of the Madeira International Bridge Festival. Inside you can find the program not only for the bridge but also the social events as well.

Also every morning after the previous day's play Mark Horton will 'Mark Your Card' at 10.30 a.m.

On Monday November 6th at 18.00 there is the welcome cocktail at the 'Quinta Vigia' – the official residence of the President of Madeira. A map of the route from the hotel is inside this bulletin. (following page)

Carlos Luiz remembers his friend Nuno Matos who passed away during the festival last year.

Nuno Matos – My Friend

Nuno passed away last year.

A 40 year friendship came to an end, and I still remember my loyal and solid friend who also was my bridge partner for a long time.

I met him in 1977, when he came to play a bridge tournament in Madeira.

Since then, we started playing together, and I learnt most of the good bridge I know nowadays. Nuno was a fine player, solid and conservative enough, and he was part of the team that, 20 years ago, won the 1st Madeira International Bridge Open Team's tournament. Some years later he won the Pairs tournament, and last year, he was participating in the 19th Madeira tournament, for the 19th consecutive time !

I will always remember his advice ... "study the system !"

Rest in peace My Friend!



Important Note: Please bring your Vouchers to all events

Either you will be given vouchers you have ordered when you check in to the hotel or you may purchase them at the Welcome Desk. You can only access bridge and social events with your vouchers.

DAILY BULLETIN

Miguel Teixeira takes time to reflect on the beginnings of the Madeira Bridge Festival and its continued success

20 years ago, during a gathering of friends, the idea of organizing a bridge tournament in Madeira was born, and as I am always ready for a challenge we forged ahead!

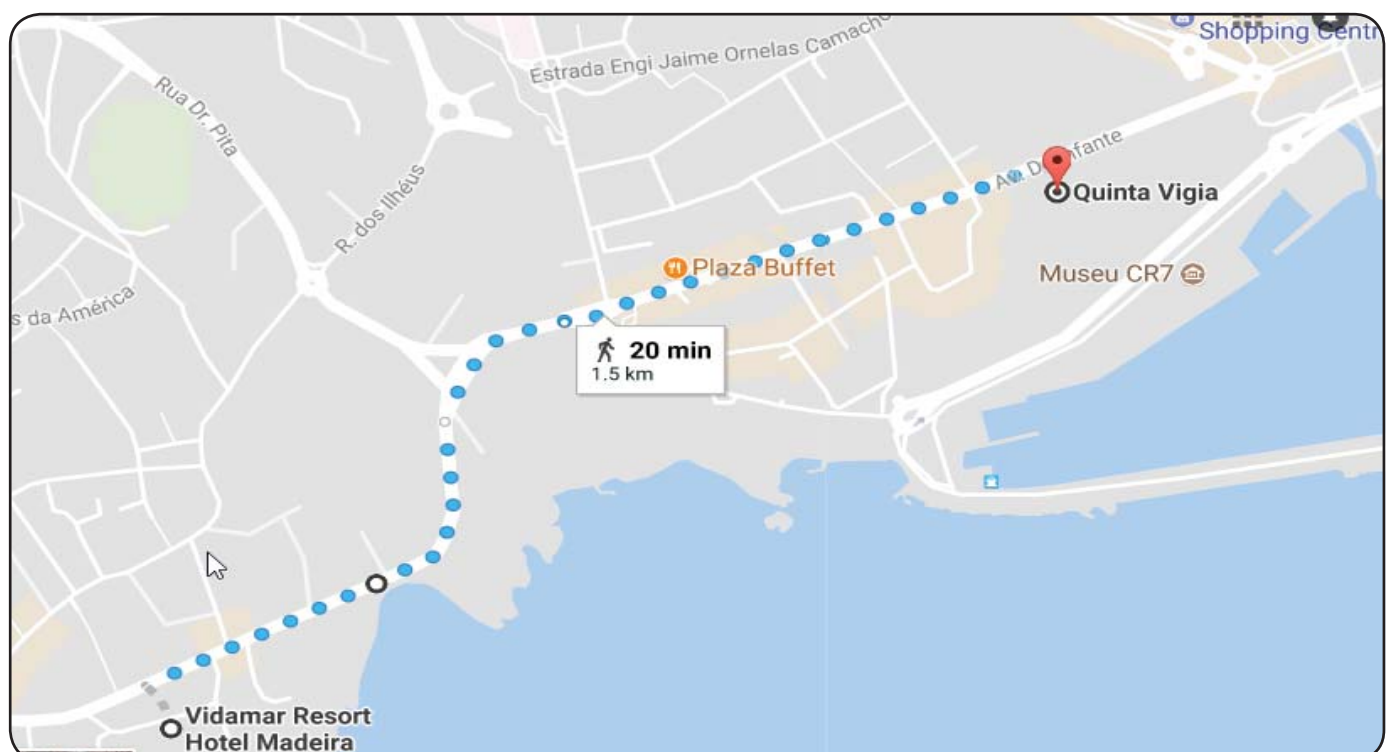
The first few years were not easy, but being an optimistic person I always believed that we could achieve something that would be great and fun for all.

We have always strived to give the best to everyone and to continually improve the experience for all the players. I like to think that this is proved by not only the increase in the number of people that join us every year but the fidelity of those who visited us in previous years.

I will never forget and I am very grateful for the help and support I have had since the beginning of the tournament. Carlos Luiz has contributed with his great experience and knowledge, as has Rodrigo (who now lives in the UK), Pedro Nunes despite his stubbornness has been very important, Rui Marques has helped us from the very first tournament, José Júlio has contributed to the success of the festival with his organizational skills. And I must remember all the other members from around the world that have supported us and created a better tournament, in particular Gerard Limmen who has been coming to Madeira since we first started.

I would like to THANK YOU ALL! I am counting on you all for a bigger and better tournament every year.

This year, our 20th anniversary, I hope all the bridge players and their families can enjoy the beauty of our Island and have a magnificent stay with us on our island!



Route to Welcome Cocktail at the Quinta Vigia 18.00 Monday

Warm Up Pairs 2016



Ron Tacchi recalls some of his experiences from last year

Warming Up The Bridge Muscles

Traditionally Monday Night at the Madeira Bridge Festival is the ‘Warm Up’ pairs. Some partnerships take this as an opportunity to perfect their bidding and defensive understandings whilst others (maybe the majority) take it as an opportunity to warm up by lubricating their alimentary canal with purchases from the bar.

Over dinner on Saturday night I was chatting to Hans Metselaar and his partner Christine and somehow over the glasses of Madeira it transpired that I would partner Christine in the ‘Warm Up’ pairs while Hans would play with the Editor. This was going to be a contest within a contest. Important bragging rights could be established if one pair did substantially better than the other. Our preparation started off well, we did not discuss bridge at all over dinner, but concentrated on the important matters in hand, or glass. The second part of our preparation was brief, perhaps briefer than would have been ideal, but it resulted in a piece of paper with several words on it outlining a very basic five-card major system.

It transpired that we were sitting North at table B2 whilst our ‘real’ opposition were ensconced in a similar direction at B1 so there would be genuine comparisons available as both would be playing 22 out of 24 boards that the other pair had attempted.

We had a reasonable session and finished substantially (well 3%) above average. Of course the opposition did horrible things to us as is always the case in a pairs event but more importantly we did not shoot ourselves in the foot too frequently (we will gloss over the hand where I fell asleep at trick 12). An early board boosted out confidence.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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♣ 1075		♣ 43									
	♠ J97										
	♥ 72										
	♦ KQJ3										
	♣ KJ98										

West	North <i>Tacchi</i>	East	South <i>Christine</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Double
All Pass			

2♠ Spades and a minor

One of the little known advantages of playing with someone you have never partnered before is that you not encumbered with a complicated system – so a lot a bids become natural that would not be the case in more established partnerships. Here partner’s double said ‘DOUBLE’ and so I passed with few misgivings. Whilst the defence was not difficult it was correct and merciless.

Partner led the ♥7 to my ace, pinpointing the singleton in declarer’s hand. I returned the ♦6 and declarer went up with the ace and continued the suit. Partner perforce won this trick and she persevered with diamonds. Declarer ruffed in dummy, I overruffed and played ace and another club. On lead again partner led her last diamond which suffered a similar plight of being ruffed in dummy and overruffed by your narrator. There were two trumps tricks to add to our already impressive total of six leading to a contract failure of 800.

Shortly after we had another good result but this time we were playing against opponents I had seen playing for their national team in Wrocław earlier in 2016.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Tacchi</i>		<i>Christine</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Double	3♣	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

I elected to open 1♣, though several players I spoke to said North pre-empted in clubs at either the three- or four-level. My opinion was that if partner had a heart suit then we might well have a low-point game available to our side, also I did not like the idea of opening at the four-level when we had no partnership understandings as to continuations in this situation.

East led a spade to partner’s ace and back came a small one. This enabled me to discard my losing diamond and now I was home-free (if I minded my work) for an overtrick. East ruffed and tried a diamond but I ruffed, cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed one in dummy. The fall of the queen and jack of hearts simplified an already not overtaxing task and the lead of dummy’s last trump sealed the fate of the opposition. +570 to the good guys. As a somewhat amusing aside the contract on the next board was also Three Clubs Doubled, this time played by South. The result was not a triumph as we failed by one trick for the never good score of -200.

At the end of the evening we both had had a very pleasant session and had just to hope that Mark and Hans’s score was not too far above ours so that we would still be able to hold our heads up high.



Gerard Limmen reminisces on twenty years of the Madeira Bridge Festival

If you make the decision to participate in a bridge festival, what then is most important for you? Is it the level of the tournament, a good organization, a nice hotel, good restaurants, nice people? Fortunately you do not have to make that choice, for with the stressless bridge festival of Madeira you will find everything in one.

Twenty years ago in Estoril, where I played the 'Grande Premio do Portugal', Miguel Teixeira and Carlos Luiz told me about their intention to start a bridge festival at Madeira. Since I promoted the bridge festival of Estoril with some success in The Netherlands, they asked me to do the same for Madeira. My answer was, that I did not feel free to promote something that I do not know. So they asked me to visit the first session, which I enjoyed a lot. So it was not difficult for me to transmit my enthusiasm to other people in my homeland. After this first time I did not miss one year, so this will be my 20th participation. It is clear that other participants have the same positive feeling as I do. They are coming back every year for obvious reasons. Looking at the list of participants with all those Dutch names, one might think that Holland must be a big country and Iceland a big second. Not so, as you may know. Thanks to the fantastic organization, people from all over Europe and even outside this continent enjoyed the tournament during all those years and many of them revisited this beautiful island, often with their family.

I am very happy to congratulate the organizers with this jubilee, they did a marvellous job.

Every year Miguel Teixeira used to ask for remarks to raise the level of the organization and he always took the remarks seriously. It seems the right way also to get the confidence of the loyal sponsors.

Thank you Miguel, Carlos, Pedro, Zé Júlio, Rui and all the others who are responsible for this still rising success. Just as anyone else I really hope to visit the Madeira bridge festival again and again and at the end beat you all at the bridge table.



SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME 2nd – 13th NOV 2017

Location - Congress Room

€ 15.00 per player (with or without Intertours and Hotel package)

THURSDAY 2 nd November	21:00	Portuguese Simultaneous Pairs
FRIDAY 3 rd November	16:30	IMP Pairs Tournament (1st tournament)
SATURDAY 4 th November	16:30	IMP Pairs Tournament (2nd tournament)
MONDAY 6 th November	21:00	Warm-up Pairs

Location - Selvagens 1-2-3

MONDAY 13 th November	21:00	Cool-down Pairs
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MAIN PROGRAMME 7th – 12th NOV 2017

Location - Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

TUESDAY 7 th November	16:15 16:30	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries Open Pairs Tournament (1 st Session)
WEDNESDAY 8 th November	16:30	Open Pairs Tournament (2 nd Session)
THURSDAY 9 th November	16:30 20:30	Open Pairs Tournament (3 rd Session) Final Results
FRIDAY 10 th November	20:45 21:00	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries Open Teams Tournament (1 st Session)
SATURDAY 11 th November	15:00 21:00	Open Teams Tournament (2 nd Session) Open Teams Tournament (3 rd Session)
SUNDAY 12 th November	15:00 19:30	Open Teams Tournament (4 th Session) Final Results

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

Every morning from Tuesday onwards, Mark Horton will conduct his 'Mark Your Card' to discuss the previous day's hands in Selvagens 1

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY 6th November

18:00 - Welcome Cocktail – Quinta Vigia – official residence of the President of Madeira **(all welcome)**

Address: Avenida do Infante, 1, 9000-015 Funchal

5 minutes by car or 20-30 minutes by foot

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WEDNESDAY 8th November

21:15 - Typical Dinner

Restaurant “O Lagar”, typical restaurant in Estreito de Camara de Lobos, tradicional “Espetada” with folklore animation

COACH LEAVES THE HOTEL VIDAMAR, OUTSIDE THE LOBBY TOWER 2, AT 20:45 (it takes 15 minutes). Return to the hotel at 23:30

FRIDAY 10th November

9:30 – Coach leaves the Hotel to your chosen option

Option A Half-day Tour (lunch included)

Discover the most beautiful points of this side of the Island: Visit the most typical and charming fishing village “Câmara de Lobos”, one of the highest sea cliffs in the world “Cabo Girão” and the volcanic rock swimming pools in the north at “Porto Moniz”. Lunch included at a restaurant in the north coast. Return to the hotel at 16:30

Option B Catamaran (limited availability) – **3 hour trip**

A relaxing trip along the South coast of Madeira, with a strong possibility of spotting whales and dolphins in all their magnitude and in their natural habitat.

Option C Jeep Trip (limited availability) – **4 hour trip – minimum 8 pers.**

You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to one of the highest points “Pico do Arieiro”, where we will stop for the first visit to appreciate the breath-taking mountains. Then to the interior of the forest until “Ribeiro Frio” where we have the opportunity to do the easy walk along the “levada” (water channel) of 3 km called “Balcões” and appreciate the magnificent valley from the viewpoint at the end. Return to the hotel at 13:00

SUNDAY 12th November

19:45

Prize Giving Ceremony

20:45

Surprise Event – Hotel Gardens

21:00

Closing Dinner

Ocean Room – Vidamar Resort Madeira, 2nd floor

ENTRY FEES AND VOUCHERS

WITH INTERTOURS PACKAGE

All the information will be handed to you at the Hotel Reception or delivered to your Hotel room.

WITHOUT INTERTOURS PACKAGE

Vouchers for the Tournament packages and social events are available to purchase at the Welcome Desk (*please check opening hours below*).

Pairs	€ 140.00
Teams	€ 135.00
Pairs + Teams	€ 240.00
Pairs + Teams + Typical Dinner.....	€ 255.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner.....	€ 265.00
Pairs + Teams + Typical Dinner + Closing Dinner.....	€ 275.00
Typical Dinner	€ 25.00
Friday Tour (half-day tour / Catamaran / Jeep).....	€ 25.00
Closing Dinner	€ 40.00

WELCOME DESK OPENING HOURS

Reception Congress Room

MONDAY 6 th November	20:00 – 21:30
TUESDAY 7 th November	15:00 – 16:30
WEDNESDAY 8 th November	15:00 – 16:30
THURSDAY 9 th November	15:00 – 16:30
FRIDAY 10 th November	20:00 – 21:30
SATURDAY 11 th November	14:00 – 15:00
SUNDAY 12 th November	14:00 – 15:00

INTERTOURS DESK OPENING HOURS

Hotel Reception desk - Tower 2

TUESDAY 7 th November	14:30 – 16:30
WEDNESDAY 8 th November	14:30 – 16:30

Important Note: Please bring your Vouchers to all events

Included in your vouchers is one from the Vidamar Hotel giving you a 20% discount on restaurant prices (see page 11)

Leading the Way



Mark Horton reflects on some of the hands he used last year in his morning 'Mark Your Card' discussions about the previous day's play – they start again this year on Tuesday morning at 10.30 a.m. in Selvagens 1.

Opening leads was one of the topics that came up in the reviews of the previous day's play that I hosted at 10.30 every morning.

The legendary Benito Garozzo remarked that a player who could always find the right opening lead would win every honour the game has to offer. How would you have fared on these deals from the Warm-Up Pairs, the traditional start to the Festival?

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AK42 ♥ QJ6 ♦ AJ762 ♣ A	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	♠ 7 ♥ K1085 ♦ 5 ♣ KQJ6532	♠ 6 ♥ 7432 ♦ KQ1093 ♣ 987
	♠ QJ109853 ♥ A9 ♦ 84 ♣ 104		
West	North	East	South
–	4♣	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

North's pre-emptive strike has made it clear that you are unlikely to take many tricks in clubs. If you chose the ace of hearts you strike gold.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 72 ♥ A1054 ♦ Q5 ♣ 108743	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	♠ A9 ♥ J987 ♦ KJ76 ♣ KQ9	♠ KQ10643 ♥ Q6 ♦ A1082 ♣ 6
	♠ J85 ♥ K32 ♦ 943 ♣ AJ52		

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

	♠ A9	
	♥ J987	
	♦ KJ76	
	♣ KQ9	
♠ 72		♠ KQ10643
♥ A1054		♥ Q6
♦ Q5		♦ A1082
♣ 108743		♣ 6
	♠ J85	
	♥ K32	
	♦ 943	
	♣ AJ52	

Not a great hand to lead from, but in principle declarer should not score more than nine tricks even if South start with a low heart.

At one table South led a trump and North took the ace and returned the suit, declarer winning with the king, drawing the outstanding trump (North encouraging in clubs) and playing a diamond to the queen and king. When North returned a diamond declarer put in the eight (saying goodbye to a possible ninth trick) and South won and returned a low club North winning and returning a club. Declarer ruffed and played off his remaining trumps to reach this ending:

	♠ —	
	♥ J9	
	♦ J7	
	♣ —	
♠ —		♠ —
♥ A10		♥ Q6
♦ —		♦ A10
♣ 108		♣ —
	♠ —	
	♥ K3	
	♦ —	
	♣ AJ	

When declarer played a heart to the ace and a heart, hoping to endplay North to lead into the diamond tenace South took the last three tricks for two down.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ J9		
	♥ KJ1053		
	♦ J108		
	♣ K87		
♠ A108		♠ K654	
♥ Q42		♥ 96	
♦ 96543		♦ KQ7	
♣ 43		♣ AJ102	
	♠ Q732		
	♥ A87		
	♦ A2		
	♣ Q965		
West	North	East	South
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

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If North leads a heart the defenders are strongly placed, as five rounds of the suit makes discarding from the dummy very difficult and five tricks should be the limit for declarer. However, the modern trend is to avoid dangerous leads and at one table North tried the jack of spades. That did not look promising when declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade to the ten followed by a club to the ten and king. However, South switched to a low heart and North won with the ten and returned a heart to South's ace. Now South played a spade and declarer could score only two more tricks, three down after all.

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Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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	♥ A84										
	♦ Q 1096										
	♣ K4										
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♣ Q1092		♣ J8763									
	♠ AK82										
	♥ Q96										
	♦ A843										
	♣ A5										

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Stayman

There is not much to this hand - but if West leads a diamond declarer is going to score a vital overtrick.

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The Vidamar Hotel has joined us in our anniversary celebrations by giving every player a discount card to be used in the Hotel restaurants

-20% DISCOUNT

MENU & DRINKS LIST

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OCEAN BUFFET
€27.00
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INCLUDES DRINKS

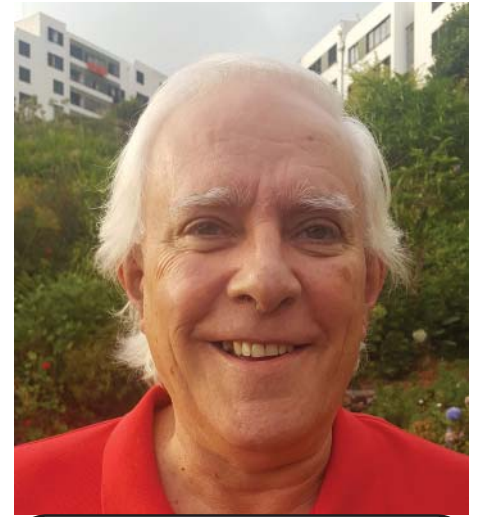
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