

20TH MADEIRA BRIDGE FESTIVAL

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Eyes On The Prize(s)

After the first two rounds of the Open Pairs Pär Andersson and Per-Inge Helmertz have moved up a place to first with 65.20%. They are followed by yesterday's third-placed pair Gerbrand Hop and Mark Thiele with 63.22%. Moving up into the frame with 62.67% are Jon Inghorsson and Kristinn Olafsson.

As we enter the final day there are still many pairs who might yet come up on the rails and spring a surprise. Even those who not in contention for a place on the podium might still capture one of the many special prizes that are on offer.

Registering for the Teams Tournament

To assist in registering for the Teams Tournament players are requested to write their complete team membership on one of the boards provided close to the playing areas. Please be so kind as to write as legibly as possible.

Those who as yet do not have teammates are invited to also write their names and we will then endeavour to find another suitable pair.

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Open Pairs Session 2



Ron Tacchi highlights some of the hands from the Open Pairs

I was ensconced once again behind table E2 and as luck would have it the President of the Portuguese Bridge Federation was still sitting in the North seat as the N/S E Section was stationary.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K975	♠ AJ4	♠ Q10632
♥ KQ973	♥ 106	♥ J
♦ 3	♦ Q42	♦ KJ109
♣ 864	♣ AQJ75	♣ 1032

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♠ 8
♥ A8542
♦ A8765
♣ K9

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT		

1♠ 0-4 spades
 2♦ Could be only 3 cards, denies 4 spades

Not unnaturally East elected to lead the two of spades (3rd and 5th) to partner's king. At this point North reflected at length before playing the ace, a manoeuvre I would have thought to be almost automatic. You have eight top tricks and cannot develop another without losing the lead so ducking the spade would ensure the suit was setup. It is obviously 5-4 so a hold-up would probably achieve little.

Declarer now cashed his five club tricks, East discarding his heart and a diamond with North parting with a diamond and two hearts. He now followed up with the ace of diamonds and another towards his queen which lost to East's king, the jack was cashed along with the queen of spades but declarer now had his ninth trick with the jack and 71%.

As the cards lie the contract is unbeatable but had East elected to lead his singleton jack of hearts North must play the ace, perhaps a counter-intuitive play. Otherwise a wide-awake West could overtake and play a spade through killing the contract.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 6			
♥ AQ97			
♦ 107			
♣ AK8543			
♠ KQ109532	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W S E </div>	♠ A87	
♥ 8		♥ KJ10643	
♦ AK965		♦ QJ	
♣ —		♣ QJ	
	♠ J4		
	♥ 52		
	♦ 8432		
	♣ 109762		
West	North	East	South
—	1♣	1♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
Double	All Pass		

Three Spades was eventually explained as strong though East had bid Four Spades whilst believing it to be weak. Had West carried on to Six Spades would there have been issues of the dreaded unauthorised information with East's original mis-explanation? The opinions I have canvassed suggest not but since she did not the question did not arise. West allowed East to be thrown in by not overtaking one of declarer's diamond exits and so declarer escaped for two down and 90%, had the defence taken their three tricks it would only have saved them an extra 5%.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ AK102		
	♥ K		
	♦ AK1094		
	♣ QJ2		
♠ 9863	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W S E </div>	♠ Q54	
♥ A432		♥ J9875	
♦ 6		♦ J82	
♣ 10986		♣ 75	
	♠ J7		
	♥ Q106		
	♦ Q753		
	♣ AK43		
West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

2♣ asking
2NT Min. no 3♠, no 4♥

South obviously thought that 4NT was quantitative whilst North firmly believed he was asking for controls. Since South has already described her hand as minimum it would seem unlikely you would ask a second time about its strength. The upshot was a cold slam in no-trumps was missed, the difference being 20% rather than 80%.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 1043					
	♥ J983					
	♦ 109					
	♣ J743					
♠ KQ97652	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ AK105		♥ Q2				
♦ A		♦ KQ75432				
♣ 6		♣ AQ10				
	♠ A8					
	♥ 764					
	♦ J86					
	♣ K9852					

West	North	East	South
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

2♣ strong hand not game forcing
2♦ relay

On a heart lead declarer won in hand, unblocked the ace of trumps and played a spade. Now declarer could discard his two losing clubs and then get back to hand to draw trumps and claim and 58%. There were one or two ‘interesting scores’, one being Six Spades down one, played by East! Six Diamonds and 6NT played by East failed twice.

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CONDITIONS OF CONTEST FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENT

1 - This tournament is run on 12 rounds of 8 boards each.

On the first two rounds the organization will seed the teams at its discretion.

From the 3rd up to the 11th round all pairings are made according to the Swiss principle (one round delayed)

For the 12th round the pairings are Swiss, made from the most recent ranking (11th round). No round delay.

2 - IMP results will be converted to VP's on the new WBF continuous scale (max. 20 VP's each game).

3 - In case of an odd number of teams, a bye in each round will be designated between the team with the lowest ranking. The bye team will be assigned a total of 12,00 VPs for the round. For the 1st round the TD designates the bye. No team will be bye twice

4 - Ranking is by VP's. Ties for prize-winning places will be broken by Swiss points. Ties for intermediate rounds will be broken by the internal method of the scoring program.

5 - Systems according to the EBL Systems Policy for these events (namely, no brown stickers, red or yellow systems).

6 - Time of play is 7 minutes per board (56 minutes per round). Penalties for late play are assigned on a "5 min/1 VP" basis. Scoring by Bridgemates.

7 - Convention cards are mandatory. Each time that an opponent is seriously inconvenienced by an incomplete convention card, the offending side will be awarded a penalty of 3 IMPs, independently of any further adjustments on the result of the board.

8 – Requests for a review of TD decisions will be analysed as quickly as possible. Pending reviews will not affect the pairings for subsequent rounds. The Chief TD will hear and decide on the merit of the review according to the WBF Code of Practice. A deposit of €100 will be required. The deposit may be forfeited if the review is judged to be frivolous or without substantial merit.

9 - The Portuguese Tournament Norms will apply as a complement to the International Code of Bridge, WBF Code of Practice, EBL Systems and Alerts Policies and the present Conditions of Contest.

The Tournament Direction

PROGRAM FOR TODAY - Thursday 9th NOV 2017

THURSDAY 9 th November	10.30	'Mark Your Card' with Mark Horton
	16:30	Open Pairs Tournament (3 rd Session)
	20:30	Final Results

PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW - Friday 10th NOV 2017

FRIDAY 10 th November	9:30	Coach leaves the Hotel to your chosen half-day tour
	10.30	'Mark Your Card' with Mark Horton
	20:45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament (1 st Session)

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

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

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Every Hand An Adventure



Mark Horton

EHAA (*Every Hand An Adventure*) is a highly natural bidding system characterized by four-card majors, sound opening bids, undisciplined weak two-bids in all four suits and a mini notrump, usually of 10-12 points.

An EHAA two-bid shows 6-12 high card points, and a five card or longer suit. There are no restrictions on suit quality ($\spadesuit 87654$ and $\spadesuit AKQJ8765$ both qualify). EHAA bidders use a “get in quick, get out quick” style, which permits interference or an opening bid in nearly every auction, protected by fairly strict requirements on further bids by the partnership. EHAA two-bids are made in *all four suits*; there is no forcing opening bid in the system.

As you will discover in today’s report you don’t have to adopt such methods for every hand to be an adventure!

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

\spadesuit KJ108 \heartsuit A10864 \diamondsuit AJ105 \clubsuit —	\spadesuit Q76 \heartsuit Q752 \diamondsuit 93 \clubsuit AKJ8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	\spadesuit A9532 \heartsuit J9 \diamondsuit K876 \clubsuit 106
\spadesuit 4 \heartsuit K3 \diamondsuit Q42 \clubsuit Q975432			

After West opens the bidding $1\heartsuit$ East responds $1\spadesuit$. Now it must be right for West to jump to $3\spadesuit$, after which the spade game is reached in comfort. Rebidding $2\spadesuit$ will see partner pass. +200 for E/W was worth only 15.2/152.8.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

\spadesuit 1052 \heartsuit KQ432 \diamondsuit A109 \clubsuit 75	\spadesuit AKQ864 \heartsuit 10 \diamondsuit K72 \clubsuit AJ10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	\spadesuit J7 \heartsuit 7 \diamondsuit QJ86 \clubsuit Q96432
\spadesuit 93 \heartsuit AJ9865 \diamondsuit 543 \clubsuit K8			

You open 1♠ with the North hand and partner bids 1NT. Do you rebid 4♠ or 3NT?

Say you opt for the latter and West leads the king of hearts? At my table declarer won and returned the ♥5 which held the trick. Backing her judgement that the ♦A was onside declarer continued to play on hearts and took eleven tricks for +660 and 158.8/9.2.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AKQ864		♠ J7
♥ 10		♥ 7
♦ K72		♦ QJ86
♣ AJ10		♣ Q96432
♠ 1052	♠ N	♠
♥ KQ432	W	♥
♦ A109	S	♦
♣ 75	E	♣
♠ 93		♠
♥ AJ9865		♥
♦ 543		♦
♣ K8		♣

	♠ AQ2	
	♥ K92	
	♦ AK2	
	♣ KJ104	
♠ 754	♠ N	♠ KJ10863
♥ Q854	W	♥ 6
♦ J7	S	♦ 964
♣ Q965	E	♣ A82
	♠ 9	
	♥ AJ1073	
	♦ Q10853	
	♣ 73	

When East opens 2♠ the practical approach for North is to bid 3NT.

At my table East led a diamond and declarer took five rounds of the suit, discarding a club and a spade. When the jack of hearts was played from dummy West was kind enough to cover so declarer won and cashed five rounds of hearts. East, down to ♠KJ ♣A was thrown in to lead into the spade tenace for 12 tricks, 139.7/28.3.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 10654	
	♥ 106	
	♦ J42	
	♣ K653	
♠ A8	♠ N	♠ KJ932
♥ J9432	W	♥ AK
♦ Q105	S	♦ 73
♣ 1092	E	♣ AQ87
	♠ Q7	
	♥ Q875	
	♦ AK986	
	♣ J4	

At our table the bidding followed an eventful course. East opened 1♠ and South overcalled 2♦. West bid 2♥ and East rebid 3♣ and then went on to 4♠ over West's 3♠.

South cashed a top diamond, but then switched to a heart. Declarer won and played a diamond

and South won and returned the jack of clubs, simplifying declarer's task.

If South cashes two diamonds and then switches to a heart declarer would have to find the following amazing line to prevail:

Take two hearts, the ace of spades and the ace of clubs then play a spade to the ace, pitch a club on the queen of diamonds, ruff a heart and exit with the queen of clubs. North wins, but is endplayed. Allowing 4♠ to make gave N/S just 2 matchpoints whereas +100 would have been worth 117.4

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 5 4		
♥ 5		
♦ K Q 10 8 6 2		
♣ 7 6		
♠ 7 3 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W S E </div>	♠ Q 9 8
♥ 10 8 7 6 4 2		♥ A Q J 9 3
♦ 4		♦ A
♣ A 4 3		♣ Q J 10 8
		♠ A K 6
		♥ K
		♦ J 9 7 5 3
		♣ K 9 5 2

When East opened 1♥ South didn't want to double without four spades, so fell back on 2NT. West jumped to 4♥ and North, despite the vulnerability, bid 5♦. When West doubled that, East decided to retreat to 5♥. When he got the trumps wrong he was two down, 158.9 for N/S.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

		♠ K 7 6 2
		♥ Q 9 8 2
		♦ 6 5
		♣ K 7 4
♠ J 10 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W S E </div>	♠ 9 5 4
♥ K 6 5		♥ J 7 3
♦ A K J 10 9		♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 9 2		♣ 6 5 3
		♠ A Q 3
		♥ A 10 4
		♦ Q 7
		♣ A Q J 10 8

South opened 1♣ and West overcalled 1♦. North doubled and South bid 2♦ to show a powerful hand. North bid 2♥ and when South bid 3♣ he tried 3♠. At this point South should perhaps have picked a major suit game (they are both making). When she bid 4♣ North felt compelled to bid 5♣. That collected only 44.5/123.5 instead of 130.5 for making 4♥/♠.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K3 ♥ Q8 ♦ Q876 ♣ 108652	♠ AQ ♥ J653 ♦ 432 ♣ AQJ4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 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	♠ J764 ♥ K94 ♦ 1095 ♣ K73
N						
W E						
S						
♠ 109852 ♥ A1072 ♦ AKJ ♣ 9						

Suppose you reach 4♥ and West leads a diamond (a good start for declarer). You play a spade to the queen and when that holds the question is how to tackle the trump suit. The odds line for one loser is to play low to the ten (cashing the ace on the next round if it loses) but the alternative of playing the jack from dummy will deliver 12 tricks as long as you duck the second round of hearts if East covers with the king. 10 tricks was worth 62.8, 11 130.5 and 12 167.0.

ROTATION		
1st	2nd	3rd
NS A	NS A	NS A
EW A	EW B	NS C
NS B	<i>G (Howell)</i>	NS B
EW B	EW D	NS D
NS C	EW A	<i>G (Howell)</i>
EW C	NS C	EW A
NS D	EW C	EW C
EW D	NS D	EW F
NS E	NS E	NS E
EW E	EW F	NS F
NS F	EW E	EW D
EW F	NS F	EW E
<i>G (Howell)</i>	NS B	EW B

The Current Top 40 of the Open Pairs

1	65.2	Pär Andersson - Per-Inge Helmertz
2	63.22	Gerbrand Hop - Mark Thiele
3	62.67	Jon Ingthorsson - Kristinn Olafsson
4	60.94	Bettina Kalkerup - Mikael Velschow-Rasmussen
5	60.24	Espen Fasting - Kaare Boco
6	60.02	Hans Van Ommeren - Arjen Salari
7	59.95	Anne Gladiator - Berthold Engel
8	59.75	Peter Fredin - Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg
9	59.54	Christer Erikson - Thomas Ivarsson
10	59.26	Carlos Luiz - Nuno Paz
11	59.22	John Herland - John Vaage
12	59.21	Manuel Oliveira - Jorge Cruzeiro
13	59.1	Andreas Babsch - Peter Steiner
14	59.07	Michael Gromoeller - Helmut Haeusler
15	58.99	David Cole - David Kendrick
16	58.86	Ewa Miszewska - Witold Tomaszek
17	58.82	Andrei Kavalenka - Alexander Korzan
18	58.78	Peter Bertheau - Peder Skaj
19	58.59	Waltraud Vogt - Loek Fresen
20	58.53	Magnus Eidur Magnusson - Sveinn R Eiriksson
21	58.42	Fredrik Wahlberg - Peter Carlsson
22	58.4	Hrannar Erlingsson - Ómar Olgeirsson
23	58.38	Dimitri Markaris - Matthias Schueller
24	58.07	Sylvia Terraneo - Franz Terraneo
25	57.74	Waseem Naqvi - Jerry Harumi
26	57.28	Stig Farholt - Knut Blakset
27	57.17	Henrik Iversen - Lotte Skaanning
28	56.98	Hans Metselaar - Helmut Hoogeveen
29	56.95	Pirjo Juuri-Oja - Erkki Juuri-Oja
30	56.49	Erik Berg - Olav Ellestad
31	56.22	Arild Aarmot - Bjorn Fjeldstad
32	56.21	Karl Gretar Karlsson - Johann Aevansson
33	56.14	Marius Bartnes - Steffen Simonsen
34	56.04	Ulrike Schreckenberger - Thomas Burg
35	55.98	Christina Klemmensen - Bjarke Friis
36	55.84	Igor Kravchenko - Serguei Poletaev
37	55.83	Magnus Olafsson - Hjordis Eythorsdóttir
38	55.74	Connie Goldberg - Kauko Koistinen
39	55.61	Ilse-Betina Artmer - Joseph Simon
40	55.44	Egil Hansen - Svein Harald Riisnaes

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