



22<sup>nd</sup> Madeira International Bridge Open

4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

# Bulletin 1

## Reception At The Quinta Vigia

A Welcome Cocktail was held at the Quinta Vigia hosted by the President of The Regional Government, Miguel Albuquerque. An excellent array of drinks and food was offered in the splendour of the villa, beautifully restored in 1984 to become the official residence of the President.



On Monday night the Congress Centre filled with ninety pairs contesting the Warm-Up Pairs. As usual the capabilities of the bar staff were tested as were the skills of the Tournament Directors. After 13 two-board rounds of keen competition the results were announced:

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| 1. | <b>Gary Gottlieb &amp; Peter Fredin</b>          | 69.49% |
| 2. | <b>Ann-Sophie Anderson &amp; Peter Bertheau</b>  | 64.77% |
| 3  | <b>Enrico Castellani &amp; Maurizio Di Sacco</b> | 63.85% |

### Open Pairs Registration

Today you will need to register for the Open Pairs. In the envelope that you collected from the Welcome Desk when you arrived there is the Pairs Entry Form. Complete any missing fields and take it to the Registrstion Desk situated at the top of the stairs on Level 4 in Tower 2 (not far from the Welcome Desk) between 10.30 and 14.30. There you will be given your seat assignment.

**The first session of the Open Pairs will start at 16.00.**

**The TDs have a few words of advice for you on page 5, both in English and Portuguese.**

### Social Program

Do not forget to sign up for any of the social events; on Wednesday there is the tradional dinner at the O Lagar. On Friday there is the choice of three excursions – A Catamaran Trip, A Tour of the South West of the island or a Levada Walk. Full details of these are on page 6.

Tickets for the Closing Dinner on Sunday 10th November are also available.

Please visit the Welcome Desk to purchase tickets or for more information.

**This morning at 10.30, Mark Horton will conduct his 'Mark Your Card' to discuss the previous day's hands in Selvagens 1.**



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## MAIN PROGRAMME 5th – 10th NOV 2019

### Location - Congress Room & Selvagens 1-2-3

TUESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> November	15:30	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> November	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament (3 <sup>rd</sup> Session)
	20:00	Final Results
FRIDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> November	19.00	Deadline for Teams Tournament Entries
	20:00	Team Assignments
	20.30	Open Teams Tournament (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00	Open Teams Tournament (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
	13.15	Lunch Break (light lunch included)
	14:30	Open Teams Tournament (3 <sup>rd</sup> Session)
SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> November	14:30	Open Teams Tournament (4 <sup>th</sup> Session)
	19:00	Final Results

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

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### Tapas Y Copas 10% Discount

The Tapas Bar opposite the hotel is offering all participants of the Madeira International Bridge Festival a 10% discount. To enjoy this benefit simply show your badge before you order.



## Charity Tournament

*Friendship International Pairs, Sunday 3rd November, 14.30*

The first edition of the charity pairs was a huge success. Based on an idea by Sveinn Eriksson and with the help of Nicole Cook and all other members of the team it came to pass on Sunday afternoon. The format was six four-board swiss rounds scored at matchpoints.

38 pairs took part in a good-natured tournament. Not only was it scored individually but the contestants were divided into teams based on their nationality.

The Dutch won 'Hans' down as the first pair was Hans Kreuning & Rob van den Bergh and the second pair was Hans van Staveren & Mike Reuser. This gave the Dutch team an easy win. The second team was an alliance of the Nordic countries and Germany, whilst in third place came the Icelanders.

The event has so far raised €1,170, we are hoping to round up this figure from some generous donations. If you would like to contribute then go to the Welcome Desk or approach any member of the organising team. The charity is Centro de Saúde de São João de Deus, a local mental health charity.



## Charity Tournament Pairs Results

	%	Names
1	64.58	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
2	61.69	Hans van Staveren - Mike Reuser
3	61.46	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Ferdinand Scheit
4	56.48	Sigurdur Gislason - Reynir Bjarnason
5	56.25	Ron Tacchi - Mark Horton
6	55.9	Lasse Utter - Marja Tulonen
7	55.44	Sigurdur Olafsson - Jon Sigtryggsson
8	55.09	Geir Olav Næss - Ann Karin Dahl Næss
8	55.09	Erkki Juuri-Oja - Pirjo Juuri-Oja
10	53.7	Karl Behrens - Regina Behrens
10	53.7	Annette B Jensen - Sonja Bech
12	53.13	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
13	52.78	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
14	52.66	Heinrich Naegeli - Irene Naegeli
15	52.43	Erla Sigurjordsdottir - Bjarni Holm Hauksson
16	52.2	Dennis Ottevanger - Gerrit van Gelderen
17	52.08	Magnus Asgrimsson - Thorsteinn Bergsson
18	50.93	Lisbeth Eide - Gudmundur Ólafsson
19	50.81	Trudy van den Bichelaar - Robert van den Bichelaar

20	50.58	Kees Scherders - Eva Bouwman
21	49.42	Saskia Hermans - Ingeborg Slikker
22	48.73	Kristinn Olafsson - Jon Ingthorsson
23	48.15	Kristján Thorvaldsson - Árni Kristjánsson
24	47.69	Edie van Os - Ria Bartolomij
25	47.69	Christine Winckel - Hans Metselaar
26	46.99	Lech Zwiello - Cristina Minelli
27	46.88	Rosemary Shaw - Jens Pauli G Nolsoe
28	46.53	Pedro Morgado - Frederico Teixeira
29	46.18	Laura Woodruff - Henrique Ribeiro
30	46.06	ab Rijkeboer - Sarah Rijkeboer
31	45.14	Marco S Teixeira - Nuno Menezes
32	44.79	Sigridur Fridriksdottir - Birgir Olafsson
33	43.29	Ceri Pierce - Shelley Shieff
34	43.17	Camilla Flensted-Jensen - Knud Flensted-Jensen
35	42.59	Sophie Leroux - Francis Gouffé
36	41.09	Diana Harris - Paul Gagné
37	36.34	Magni Olafsson - Reynir Vikar
38	32.29	Filomena Morgado - Fátima Menezes



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The **Welcome Desk** in the lobby of VidaMar Tower 2 will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 5th November	10:30 – 13:00
	14:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 6th November	15:00 – 16:00
Thursday 7th November	15:00 – 16:00
Friday 8th November	18:00 – 21:00
Saturday 9th November	10:00 – 15:00
Sunday 10th November	13:30 – 16:00

If you need help or information outside these times, please ask at the hotel's Reception Desk or speak to one of the Directors.

## ***SOCIAL PROGRAMME***

- WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November** 21:15 - Traditional Dinner.  
Restaurant "O Lagar", traditional 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 8<sup>th</sup> November** Coach leaves the Hotel for your chosen excursion option.  
Details of excursions choices will be published in a later bulletin.  
Further information is available at the Welcome Desk.
- SUNDAY 10th November** 19:30 Cocktails.  
20:30 Closing Dinner and trophy presentation in the Ocean Room – Vidamar Resort Madeira, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Any of the Social Programme events may be purchased at the Welcome Desk**

## ***ENTRY FEES***

Pairs .....	€ 140.00
Teams .....	€ 155.00
Pairs + Teams .....	€ 260.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner.....	€ 275.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner.....	€ 285.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional + Closing Dinner.....	€ 295.00
Typical Dinner .....	€ 25.00
Friday Excursion.....	€ 25.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players).....	€ 20.00
Closing Dinner .....	€ 40.00





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## A Word from Your TDs

Welcome. We look forward to helping you all have an enjoyable, fair game every day.

Here are a few pointers for negotiating the different playing methods and styles.

Your opponents only need to alert a NT bid if it is NOT balanced, regardless of the range.

They should only alert a suit bid if it is not natural e.g. 2♥ if it is hearts and a minor.

Of course, ALL artificial bids must be alerted.

If you want to know a bid's meaning please ASK.

Nothing needs to be announced.

On Friday we had cause to make a ruling we hate – we gave the worst score to BOTH sides. If we cannot be clear what has happened because the four players do not cooperate with each other or the TD, we have no choice. So if you need to explain something to the TD, we ask you to trust us and the process we follow. We promise you will get a chance to have your say.

And our first and final bridge tip: you need your partner to play well - so always be nice! (even if you think he does not deserve it.) Thank you very much.

## Uma palavra dos seus TDs

Bem-vindo, estamos ansiosos para ajudá-lo a divertir-se com um jogo agradável e justo.

Aqui estão algumas dicas para se entender com os adversários relativamente a métodos e estilos de jogo.

Os adversários só precisam de alertar vozes de ST que mostrem mãos desbalanceadas, independentemente do intervalo de pontos. Também só precisam de alertar uma voz em naipe se esta não for natural p.ex: 2♥ natural são alerta mas se mostrar ♥ e um menor qualquer tem de ser alertado.

E claro, todas as vozes artificiais devem ser alertadas.

Se precisar saber o que uma voz quer dizer, PERGUNTE.

Nada precisa ser anunciado.

Sexta-feira tivemos de tomar uma decisão que odiamos - dar um mau resultado a ambos os lados. Se não conseguirmos perceber do que aconteceu, porque os quatro jogadores não cooperaram entre si ou com o TD, não temos escolha. Se precisar da nossa ajuda, confie em nós e na metodologia que seguimos. Pode ter a certeza de que terá a oportunidade de contar a sua versão dos factos.

Finalmente deixamos-lhe uma primeira e última dica de bridge: Precisa que o seu parceiro jogue bem e a seu favor, portanto seja sempre amável com ele (mesmo que ache que não merece). Muito Obrigado.

**-20% DISCOUNT**  
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**OCEAN BUFFET**  
**€23 DRINKS INCLUDED**

**DINE AROUND**

**VIDAMAR RESORT HOTEL**

The Vidamar Hotel is pleased to offer participants of the Madeira Open 2019 the discounts as above. Just show them your badge.



## Optional Friday Excursions 8th November

**Option A: Catamaran** (limited availability)  
coach leaves hotel 9:30



A relaxing trip along the south coast of Madeira, with a good chance of spotting whales and dolphins in all their magnificence and in their natural habitat. (3 hours)

**Option B: South-West Tour** (lunch included)  
coach leaves hotel 10:00



Ribeira Brava – our first stop will be at this beautiful town on the South coast, named for the wild river which flows through it. The town boasts cafes, promenades, a market, a church and a fort.

Paúl do Mar – a fishing village known for its excellent surfing conditions and beautiful sunsets. Soon afterwards we stop at Jardim do Mar, a pretty seaside village surrounded by cliffs and adorned by the colourful gardens of its small houses.

Calheta – a charming place with beautiful scenery and one of the few sandy beaches on the island.

Ponta de Sol – a picturesque village on the sea, where we will break for lunch.

On the return journey we stop at Cabo Girão, the highest sea cliff in Europe, 580 metres high and famous for its suspended glass platform. Arrive back at the hotel at 16:00.

**Option C: Levada Walk 'Sugar Route'**  
(lunch included) coach leaves hotel 10:00



Ribeira Brava – our first stop will be at this beautiful town on the South coast, named for the wild river which flows through it. The town boasts cafes, promenades, a market, a church and a fort.

The walk along the Levada Nova begins in Tabua, a village near Ribeira Brava. It is a pleasant walk, within most people's capabilities, and offers a view of this part of the island from a different perspective.

The beautiful landscapes are one of the main features of this walk. Between valleys and mountains, walkers can delight in the magnificent views over the villages. Small towns and plantations make up a unique landscape. Lunch at Ponta do Sol, a picturesque seaside village.

On the return journey we stop at Cabo Girão, the highest sea cliff in Europe, 580 metres high and famous for its suspended glass platform. Arrive back at the hotel at 16:00.

*Please bring good walking shoes or boots, a warm coat (in case of low temperatures in the mountains) and a bottle of water. Grade: easy; Distance: 6.2 km; Duration: approximately 2½ hours.*





## Butler Pairs II - Saturday 2nd November

Ceri Pierce

In the 2nd IMP Pairs event of the weekend, I had the pleasure of playing with my old friend Laura Woodruff, one of the organisers of this fabulous Bridge Festival. The last time we had played together was around 20 years ago in a cold, miserable, wet and dismal Welsh bridge club (I refer to the weather, not the club, by the way), so it was marvellous to play again, this time in a much more hospitable setting.

How many people does it take to change a lightbulb? (I googled this but there were no answers politically correct enough for publication in this article, though some were very funny.)

How many bids does it take to bid a slam? 16 (yes, 16) on this occasion.

We had a very long auction to Six Spades on Board 12. The bids were eventually falling off the end of the table.

### Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 943	
	♥ 87632	
	♦ 862	
	♣ 72	
♠ J65	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ AK1072
♥ K5		♥ AQJ
♦ AQ54		♦ K9
♣ KJ103		♣ AQ6
	♠ Q8	
	♥ 1094	
	♦ J1073	
	♣ 9854	

The bidding commenced as follows (I hope there is enough room in this bulletin for it):

West	North	East	South
Me		Laura	
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- 1♣ May be a two card suit
- 1NT 11-14
- 2♦ A handy little gadget—game forcing check back—says nothing about diamonds
- 2♠ Three card spade support
- 3♣ etc. Cue-bids (could be 1st or 2nd round control)
- 4NT Good old Roman Keycard Blackwood
- 5♣ 1 or 4 keycards
- 5♦ Do you have the ♠Q?
- 5♠ No, sorry I don't

This did cause a certain amount of amusement, including some photographs being taken of the auction as it was so ridiculously long. It was even more amusing when we later discovered that one pair had taken a slightly more direct approach to the bidding, West having upgraded his 14 point hand to a 15-17 no-trump. At their table, the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	7NT	All Pass

My partner did not break into a sweat playing Six Spades as it was an easy lay-down. However, how did our friends at the other table fare in 7NT?

You peer at dummy and find that you have 12 top tricks: two spades, three hearts, three diamonds and four clubs.

We have three ways of making 13 tricks. Which line of play has the best chance of success? The odds for each have kindly been calculated for me by my tame failed statistician, Ron Tacchi.

Firstly, the spade finesse works (after cashing the ♠A first in case the ♠Q drops), this has a 52.8% chance.

Secondly, the spades break kindly – i.e. they break 5-0 on-side and can be picked up, or the ♠Q drops as a singleton or doubleton, this has a 34.8% chance.

We can combine this with the hand with ♠Qxx also holding four or more diamonds and so there is the possibility of a squeeze. The chance of this happening is roughly 65%.

So to take the best chance, we decide to play for the squeeze.

Unfortunately, South does not lead a spade which would have made for an easy life and a top score (but all the brain power on calculating the odds above was a waste of time). Instead he leads ♦J.



The play now commences as follows:  
Win with the ♦K.

Cross to dummy with another diamond and lead the ♠J just in case North covers it. As Zia says (so I am told) 'if he doesn't cover it, he hasn't got it'. North doesn't cover it, so, assuming Zia knows best and he therefore doesn't have the ♠Q, you play the ♠A. The ♠Q doesn't fall as a singleton from South either.

Now you cash your three hearts, the remaining diamond and four clubs (10 tricks so far). When you cash your fourth club (the ♣J), the end position you are hoping for is this:

♠ 9		
♥ 84		
♦ —		
♣ —		
♠ 5		♠ K 10 7
♥ —		♥ —
♦ 4		♦ —
♣ J		♣ —
	W	E
	N	S
♠ Q 8		
♥ —		
♦ J		
♣ —		

You can discard a small spade on the club, but South is squeezed.

If he discards a diamond, dummy's ♦4 is good and dummy has a spade to reach the ♠K.

If he discards a spade, both of the remaining spades in your hand are winners.

Hurrah. A successful squeeze.

Note – if North holds the South cards then the position is exactly the same.

However – I must say that I enjoyed our 16 bid auction more, as it was so entertaining for both us and our opponents. If you can beat this record 16 bids, do let us know. Answers on a post-card.

Díolch yn fawr.

Ceri

## Butler Pairs II Results

	%IMPs	Names
1	57	Henrik Wegnelius - Peter Görnandt
2	40.7	Edie van Os - Ria Bartolomij
3	40	Harpa Fold Ingolfssdottir - Maria Bender
4	38.6	Svend Germann - Marcel Winkel
5	34.3	Kristin Oskarsdottir - Unnar Gudmundsson
6	33	Heinrich Naegeli - Irene Naegeli
7	28	Tommy Bergdahl - Bjorn Wenneberg
8	25.4	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
9	21.7	Harry Burmania - John Linse
10	20	José Macedo - João Machado
11	20	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Hulda Hjalmarsdóttir
12	19.2	Axel Meuer - Mirja Schraeverus-Meuer
13	17.8	Dennis Ottevanger - Gerrit van Gelderen
14	17.5	Marja Tulonen - Lasse Utter
15	16.3	Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo
16	14.2	Gerbrand Hop - Anne Schoonen
17	12.1	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
18	9.9	Cristina Minelli - Fabio Cremonesi
19	9.2	René Stienen - Elly Schippers
20	5	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
21	4.2	Lars Carlsson - Leif-Erik Forsberg
22	3.5	Diana Harris - Paul Gagné
23	-2	Kees Scherders - Eva Bouwman
24	-2.2	Camilla Flensted-Jensen - Knud Flensted-Jensen
25	-2.6	Laura Woodruff - Ceri Pierce
26	-5	Geir Olav Næss - Ann Karin Dahl Næss
27	-6.5	Leandre Alexis Logothetis - Daniele Logothetis Simon
28	-8.2	Karl Behrens - Regina Behrens
29	-11.2	Ricardo Fernandes - Frederico Teixeira
30	-14.4	Hans Metselaar - Mike Reuser
31	-15.8	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
32	-15.9	Solveig Bystrom - Nils Andersson
33	-18.2	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
34	-19.1	Vigfus Vigfusson - Johanna Gisladdottir
35	-19.3	Magni Olafsson - Reynir Vikar
36	-22.8	Erkki Juuri-Oja - Pirjo Juuri-Oja
37	-23.8	Lech Zwirello - Maria Kroppa
38	-28.4	Sigurdur Gislason - Reynir Bjarnason
39	-30	Filomena Morgado - Fátima Menezes
40	-32.8	Pedro Morgado - Eduardo Fernandes
41	-39	Ulla Lindgren Fagerholm - Marianne Alopaeus
42	-49.4	Sigurjona Bjorgvinsdottir - Gunnar Gudmundsson
43	-54.5	Lisbeth Eide - Nuno Menezes
44	-66.5	Jochen Henne - Katrin Leuschner

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd Madeira International Bridge Open  
29th October – 9th November 2020  
(Main events 2nd – 8th November)







# The Warm-Up Pairs

## Fortune Telling

*Mark Horton*

In my experience the chances of accurately forecasting what is likely to happen on any given bridge deal is about as likely as winning Euromillions. Nevertheless, I am happy to keep buying a ticket and so let's see how I do with these three deals from the Welcome Pairs:

## Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 3  
 ♥ K109  
 ♦ AQJ1076  
 ♣ Q98

♠ AKJ108765  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 54  
 ♣ J65

♠ Q42  
 ♥ AJ8753  
 ♦ K32  
 ♣ 4

♠ 9  
 ♥ Q642  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ AK10732

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Here is my predicted auction:

West	North	East	South
4♠	Double	Redouble	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Doubling with the North hand is more flexible than overcalling 5♦.

If N/S bid on to 6♣ someone will double and declarer should be -800.

We start with a hopeless prediction, not least at the table where East opened One Heart out of turn! The most spectacular result was when West opened 3♠ after which the bidding proceeded (4♦) - 4♠ - (5♦) - Pass - (Pass) - Double. East led her club and declarer won in dummy and ran the nine of diamonds. East won and laid the ♥A after which the defence took all the top cards and ruffs available for a magnificent 1100.

## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ KQ62  
 ♥ K63  
 ♦ J32  
 ♣ A52

♠ 9874  
 ♥ A54  
 ♦ 109  
 ♣ K943

♠ AJ53  
 ♥ Q10987  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ J108

♠ 10  
 ♥ J2  
 ♦ AKQ8764  
 ♣ Q76

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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

I'm willing to bet that no-one will find the killing lead - the ♣J.

Predictably no one led the ♣J.

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ QJ8  
♥ 872  
♦ 1072  
♣ AQJ3

♠ A5  
♥ KJ5  
♦ J4  
♣ 1098742

♠ K743  
♥ AQ96  
♦ AK983  
♣ —

♠ 10962  
♥ 1043  
♦ Q65  
♣ K65

West	North	East	South
–	–	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

To prevent declarer from securing 12 tricks South must lead a club. Otherwise, declarer will be able to ruff one diamond and one spade.

At the tables I watched everyone reached 3NT. One North found the remarkable lead of the ♣3. The defenders took four tricks in the suit which did not inconvenience declarer at all. When North led the queen of spades declarer won and ran the ♦J, South won and failed to switch to a club.



Ceri Pierce reports on Peter Fredin and Gary Gottlieb.

## Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q53  
♥ KJ105  
♦ 6  
♣ A10875

♠ KJ10642  
♥ 9  
♦ K97  
♣ Q96

♠ 7  
♥ AQ8642  
♦ 854  
♣ J43

♠ A98  
♥ 73  
♦ AQJ1032  
♣ K2

We start off with a board that most N/S pairs will play in some number of diamonds or 3NT for the best score of +400. However, things took a different turn at our table and Fredin and Gottlieb showed excellent judgement on the first board, netting +500 on this bidding:

West	North	East	South
–	<i>Fredin</i>	–	<i>Gottlieb</i>
1♠	Double	2♥	3♦
3♠	Double	All Pass	

The next board followed a theme – another Three Spades doubled, but this time N/S were doubled.

## Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 652  
♥ AQ103  
♦ A1063  
♣ 107

♠ QJ83  
♥ K976  
♦ J8  
♣ A93

♠ A  
♥ J854  
♦ Q5  
♣ QJ8652

♠ K10974  
♥ 2  
♦ K9742  
♣ K4

W N E S

West	North	East	South
	<i>Fredin</i>		<i>Gottlieb</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♠
Double	All Pass		
2♣	Raise in spades		

This board could easily have been passed out, but after three passes South opened 1♠. The optimum

spot here is 2♠ by N/S for +110. However, just as N/S were settling into the par contract, East bid 3♣ which pushed them to 3♠ which was duly doubled.

East, not unreasonably, led his partner's suit, the A♣, which unfortunately is declarer's ninth trick. The winning, but unlikely lead, is the ♠3(!) to partner's ♠A who can then return a club through declarer's ♣K.

If West does not lead the ♣A (or the winning ♠3 to defeat the contract immediately), then declarer must surmise that the ♣A is with West and therefore must finesse against West for the ♥K in order to make the contract.

However, both pairs were in error here (as they kindly pointed out after the board had been played), as N/S should have doubled 3♣ which goes two down, and therefore avoided potentially going off in 3♠ doubled.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ QJ9762  
 ♣ J654

♠ 98754  
 ♥ J62  
 ♦ A5  
 ♣ KQ3

♠ AK3  
 ♥ Q10875  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ A1087

♠ J1062  
 ♥ AK3  
 ♦ K843  
 ♣ 92

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Fredin</i>		<i>Gottlieb</i>
Pass	2♦*	2♥	3♦
3♥	4♦	4♥	5♦
Double	All Pass		
	2♦	Weak	

N/S made a good save in 5♦ after E/W bid to game in hearts, going 2 down for -300. To make 4♥ however, is not straightforward and it may have gone off. East has to make a discovery play to find out North's shape in order to locate the ♣J. He can establish, when he draws trumps that North started with two hearts. He already knows from the bidding that he started with six diamonds and by cashing his Spade winners he will discover that North had only one Spade. This leaves North with four clubs, so declarer can cash the ♣K and ♣Q in dummy and if South does not show up with the ♣J, then he can take the certain finesse against North. Hey Presto.



## Sad Singleton

Mark Horton

The inspiration for the title of a bridge related story can come in many ways. A few days ago a programme on the BBC's Radio 4 mentioned the use of the term sad singleton. Sue Townsend coined it in her novel, *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾*. It's certainly a title worth using - but needs the right deal.

Later on, I toyed with the idea of entitling a piece The Case of the Sad Singleton, which might be a tough one for Perry Mason to solve.

Travelling to Madeira on Saturday, I read in *The Daily Telegraph* the Obituary of Frank Giles, a former Editor of The Sunday Times. It mentioned that during the war, he served as aide de camp to the Governor of Bermuda and discovered a card index, which listed all the significant people in the colony and included their strengths and weaknesses. The four mentioned were, 'good bridge player', 'drinks too much', 'too free with the ladies' and what was described as the most damning of all, 'GPO' which contrary to my expectation did not stand for 'General Post Office', but 'Garden Party Only'. That's a story that might come in handy the next time the Bermuda Bowl is staged on the island, which is due to happen in 2025, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

On the lookout for a suitable deal, let's pay a visit to Sunday's Charity Pairs:

### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 10			
♥ A763			
♦ Q862			
♣ A763			
♠ J973	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: green; color: white; line-height: 40px;">             N W E S           </div>	♠ K85	
♥ J		♥ 10964	
♦ 109754		♦ KJ	
♣ K85		♣ Q1042	
		♠ AQ642	
		♥ KQ52	
		♦ A3	
		♣ J9	

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

This deal caught my eye, because no-one

managed to take 11 tricks in 4♥. You can't hope to do that on a club lead, but that would be a dangerous choice at any form of scoring. If West leads a diamond (the ♦10/9) declarer plays low from dummy and ducks East's jack. The likely heart switch goes to dummy's ace and declarer plays a spade to the queen, ruffs a spade, comes to hand with a heart, ruffs a spade and now plays a diamond to the ace. In due course the ♦Q will take care of a club so declarer will lose only a trump and a diamond.

### Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 1084			
♥ K95			
♦ K873			
♣ J54			
♠ A763	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: green; color: white; line-height: 40px;">             N W E S           </div>	♠ QJ52	
♥ A732		♥ QJ4	
♦ 105		♦ Q64	
♣ Q63		♣ 1098	
		♠ K9	
		♥ 1086	
		♦ AJ92	
		♣ AK72	

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

West has a nasty hand to lead from - personally I would try the ♦10 which on this deal leaves declarer to guess the play. However, that lead was made at only one table, everyone else deciding to lead a major. If you do that a heart works best this time (the Sharples twins expounded the theory that with equal length in the majors a heart was better than a spade).

Suppose West leads a spade and declarer wins with the king. It is natural to play on diamonds and although there is some case for starting with the ♦9 (maybe a fourth round entry to dummy will come in handy at some point) the natural play is the ♦2. When West plays the ♦10 declarer might want to change the ♦2 to the nine, but you win the king and play a diamond to the jack, pleased to see West follow. Now your best move is to cash two diamonds and then exit with a spade. It is usually a good idea to give the defenders a chance to go wrong and at one table West took





the ♠A and switched to the ♣3. Now declarer was up to nine tricks, and at one table even managed a tenth by slipping a heart past the ace.


## Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K10  
♥ K753  
♦ J10  
♣ J10973

♠ Q43  
♥ AQ  
♦ AQ432  
♣ K82

♠ 872  
♥ 109864  
♦ 76  
♣ Q64

♠ AJ965  
♥ J2  
♦ K985  
♣ A5



When South opens 1♠ West has an easy 1NT overcall. It would be a mistake to start with a double, but E/W might survive. At one table East responded 1NT to the double (showing 0-5 points) and West bid 2♦, which East saw fit to pass rather than bid 2♥. Going four down in 2♦ gave E/W a single match point.

Whilst on the subject of dodgy doubles, suppose you hold ♠AK87 ♥KQJ5 ♦- ♣A8542 and at game all after two passes the player on your right opens 1♣? Please tell me you don't double. If you do, North bids 1♦ and then goes back to 2♣ when South rebids 1♠. You might be happy about that, but maybe slightly less so when your partner bids 2♦. Looking at your hand you suspect that it is natural, but you play an opening bid of 2♦ as weak. If I had to guess partner's shape, I would opt for 3-3-6-1 and bid 2♥. Partner has ♠532 ♥1083 ♦K108753 ♣9 and you can make 2♥. As the cards lie you can also make 4♠(!). I was left to play in 2♦ but managed nine tricks.

I'll conclude with this deal:

## Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ109853  
♥ 762  
♦ J  
♣ 52

♠ K  
♥ AK98  
♦ A10752  
♣ 974

W N E S

♠ 74  
♥ Q1054  
♦ KQ96  
♣ AQ10

♠ J62  
♥ J3  
♦ 843  
♣ KJ863

West	North	East	South
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♣(!)	2NT
3♣	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♣3 and declarer put in dummy's queen. In due course, he lost a spade, two hearts and a diamond. If he plays the ♣10 at trick one he can then play two rounds of spades, take the club finesse, pitch the ♦J on the ♣A and play the ♦K. West must cover, but declarer ruffs and plays a heart to the ten to endplay West.

West's ♠K has all the appearance of a sad singleton, but it had a role to play, albeit a passive one. If West had overcalled 1♥ (Mike Lawrence fans would approve – and at pairs you should try to get involved if you can) then East would lead the ♥J, ruff the third round of the suit and play a diamond, West winning with the ace and playing a fourth heart. Thanks to the presence of West's ♠K East's ♠J is promoted to give the defenders a fifth trick.

Not such a sad singleton after all.

All the results and the ongoing program of play are available on the website: [www.bridge-madeira.com](http://www.bridge-madeira.com). You can use the QR code from your phone or tablet.





## Charity Pairs – Sunday 3rd November

*Ceri Pierce*

Sunday night was the Charity Swiss Pairs, an Inter-Nations Challenge. All proceeds go to the Centro de Saúde de São João de Deus, a local mental health charity.

I played in this, my third event of the Festival with my third partner (variety is the spice of life I am told), Shelley Shieff, who had just arrived from London on the 7am flight. She had risen at 4.15 a.m. so felt a little like I did when I arrived on Friday night. Faced with fatigue and the prospect of having to play with me, she felt a large glass of wine was in order before we started. I hope she has recovered by now.

On the final board we met a pair from the Netherlands (the country who won the tournament). Shelley and I sat E/W and after an interesting auction, N/S bid to Six Clubs doubled and North, Han, announced after the bidding – ‘At last, we have finally bid a slam’. It was however, not a normal slam, but a carefully considered sacrifice. Some discussion arose after the hand and Han has kindly written it up for us. His report is below.

### Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K8			
♥ J2			
♦ KJ73			
♣ QJ652			
♠ AJ43		♠ Q97652	
♥ 1098763		♥ 4	
♦ Q		♦ A109864	
♣ A10		♣ —	
	♠ 10		
	♥ AKQ5		
	♦ 52		
	♣ K98743		

On the last board of the Charity Event on Sunday we finally bid a slam. The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ceri</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>Shelley</i>	<i>Lucia</i>
1♥	2♣	Double	5♣
Double*	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠*	Pass	Pass	6♣
Double	All Pass		
Double	Not sure what to do here		
5♠	I hope you are two-suited		

Looking at the bidding the prospects of making 6♣ were not very good, but my wife Lucia bid it expecting a heart lead, which would give me a chance to make it a good save.

And so it should have been.

East indeed led her singleton heart, partner's first suit and that gave me a chance to escape for two down, but I had lost my concentration. I played a club at trick two and lost three aces and a diamond ruff for minus 500 and a bottom.

I should have reasoned that West has four spades, so East has six of them. And East has probably at least five diamonds for her bid of 5♦. So East's possible holdings were 6151, 6250 or 6160.

Only with the first holding would she be able to ruff a heart. Therefore, I should have played for East to have a void in clubs and play four rounds of hearts to get rid of the spades from my hand. Going two down for -300 would be a good sacrifice over 5♠ and since the normal lead of Q♣ gives E/W an overtrick in 5♠ and -480 gives us a 15% score, it turned out to be a good slam.

We were fortunate not to endanger the victory of our country at the end.

Thank you to Han and Lucia for the report and congratulations to the Netherlands.

Diolch yn fawr.

Ceri



## Warm-Up Pairs Results

	%	Names
1	69.49	Gary Gottlieb - Peter Fredin
2	64.77	Ann-Sophie Anderson - Peter Bertheau
3	63.85	Enrico Castellani - Maurizio Di Sacco
4	63.42	Lars Goldberg - Ullabritt Goldberg
5	62.72	Marlene Henneberg - Jens Ove Henneberg
6	61.54	Ulla Lindgren Fagerholm - Marianne Alopaeus
7	61.49	Ricardo Fernandes - Frederico Teixeira
8	61.06	Ilse-Betina Artmer - Gero Artmer
9	61.01	Igor Kravchenko - Andrei Kavalenka
10	60.97	Tommy Bergdahl - Henrik Wegnelius
11	60.62	Arild Aarmot - Harald Nordby
12	60.27	Marie Eggeling - Paul Grünke
13	60.05	Gerbrand Hop - Anne Schoonen
14	58.57	Svein Markussen - Rolf Tolle
15	57.65	Marja Tulonen - Lasse Utter
16	57.3	Hans van der Heijde - John Linse
17	57.21	Simon Hult - David Wrang
18	57.08	Harry Burmania - Willem Flisijn
19	56.69	Harpa Fold Ingolfssdottir - Maria Bender
20	56.03	Svend Germann - Marcel Winkel
21	56.03	Tomas Ruth - Knut Kiste
22	55.94	Sverrir Kristinsson - Hrannar Erlingsson
23	55.68	Gisli Thorarinsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
24	55.64	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
25	55.11	Pedro Macedo - Bruno Macedo
26	54.85	Sarah Rijkeboer - Albert Rijkeboer
27	53.54	Pedro Morgado - Pedro Salgueiro
28	53.41	Gudmundur Ólafsson - Kristjan Snorrason
29	52.62	Franz Roettger - Kerstin Sosnowski
30	52.49	Michel Ingelbert - Françoise Ingelbert
31	52.36	Haakan Tjarnemo - Bengt Emanuelsson
32	52.05	Mikk Mirme - Maris Purgailis
33	52.01	Peter Kroezen - Maria van der List
34	51.97	João Machado - José Macedo
35	51.79	Bruno Neves - Robert Snapper
36	51.7	Miguel Menezes Gonçalves - Alfonso Chamorro
37	51.22	Sophie Leroux - Francis Gouffé
37	51.22	Maria J Calamaro - Isabelle Morresi
39	51.09	Peter Görnandt - Bjorn Wenneberg
40	50.74	Frederic Boldt - Thomas Gotard
41	50.48	Justin Hackett - Martin Taylor
42	49.87	Sigurdur Olafsson - Jon Sigtryggsson
43	49.61	Heimo Adelsberger - Renate Streimelweger
44	49.34	Camilla Flensted-Jensen - Knud Flensted-Jensen
45	48.91	Laura Woodruff - Shelley Shieff
45	48.91	Kristin Oskarsdottir - Unnar Gudmundsson

47	48.78	Jochen Henne - Katrin Leuschner
48	48.73	Magnus Asgrimsson - Thorsteinn Bergsson
49	48.6	Vigfus Vigfusson - Johanna Gisladdottir
50	48.34	Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen
51	48.21	Carlos M Jesus - António Valente
52	48.12	Mike Reuser - Christine Winkel
53	47.64	Anne-Marie van den Berg - Jaap van den Berg
54	47.12	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Hulda Hjalmarsdóttir
55	47.03	John Chambers - Clive Dunn
56	46.85	Sigridur Fridriksdottir - Birgir Olafsson
57	46.77	Geir Olav Næss - Ann Karin Dahl Næss
58	46.63	Karl Behrens - Regina Behrens
59	46.59	Lars Carlsson - Leif-Erik Forsberg
60	46.5	Eduardo Fernandes - Hans Metselaar
60	46.5	Annette B Jensen - Sonja Bech
62	46.15	Per-Inge Helmertz - Jonas Tjarnemo
63	45.89	Sophie Drevon - Violaine de Longevialle
64	45.8	Erkki Juuri-Oja - Pirjo Juuri-Oja
65	45.76	Solveig Bystrom - Nils Andersson
66	45.76	Bruno Bacanhim - Nuno Menezes
67	45.06	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
68	44.71	Sigurjona Bjorgvinsdottir - Gunnar Gudmundsson
69	44.27	Rosemary Shaw - Jens Pauli G Nolsoe
70	44.23	Lech Zwirello - Maria Kroppa
71	44.1	Robert van den Bichelaer - Trudy van den Bichelaer
71	44.1	Gareth Bartley - Jutta Bartley
73	43.75	Edie van Os - Ria Bartolomij
74	43.58	Leandre Alexis Logothetis - Daniele Logothetis Simon
75	43.53	Corey Krantz - Julius Sigurjonsson
76	43.4	Jürg Burger - Marlyse Blatter Burger
77	43.27	Kjeld Hansen - Bjarke Friis
78	42.74	Chantal Foursans-Bourdette - Jean-Louis Foursans-Bourdette
79	42.7	Magni Olafsson - Reynir Vikar
80	42.53	Sigurdur Gislason - Reynir Bjarnason
81	41.39	Luís M Silva - Nuno D Martins
82	40.47	Kristján Thorvaldsson - Árni Kristjánsson
83	39.95	Kirsten Steen Møller - Niels Muller
84	39.55	Saskia Hermans - Ingeborg Slikker
85	39.07	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
86	37.81	Skarphedinn Lydsson - Bjarni Holm Hauksso
87	36.8	Paul Gagné - Diana Harris
88	35.01	Norberto Fernandes - José A Fernandes
89	34	João Amaral - Haldis Guttormsen
90	31.77	Filomena Morgado - Fátima Menezes