

## **LUSOBRIDGE SIMULTANEOUS**

In light of the success of the changes introduced in previous years with a view to making the competition more interesting, we are continuing monthly rankings according to the best six results obtained by each player in sessions where eight or more pairs competed. Every month, the Scratch and Handicap winners will receive one (1) free entry, to be used during the following month. Prizes will be awarded in only one category per player. If the same player wins on Scratch and Handicap, the Handicap prize devolves to the second-placed player.

No player may win these prizes more than twice in a row.

Monday and Thursday Simultaneouses will be treated separately.

We have reverted to a separate annual classification for Mondays and Thursdays, and a second, Handicap, classification for each playing night. For Handicap Classifications only local results will be taken into account. In each classification, Scratch and Handicap, the best 70% (to the nearest whole number) of scores will be used.

Members are reminded that only players paid up to the end of February will qualify for these awards. In default, only results obtained after full payment has been made will qualify. Sessions other than Monday and Thursday Simultaneouses will count towards the Order of Merit only if at least 6 pairs participate.

In addition to the monthly prizes, and the bi-monthly prizes for beginners only, we award the following prizes:

- A. Monday Simultaneous: Prizes for the top three on Scratch, to the top two on Handicap, and also to the top place on Scratch and Handicap in the following special categories: Seniors, Ladies, Beginners/Juniors, and Learners. (See D below.)
- B. Thursday Simultaneous: Prizes for the top three on Scratch, to the top two on Handicap, and also to the top place on Scratch and Handicap in the following special categories: Seniors, Ladies, Beginners/Juniors, and Learners. (See D below.)
- C. Within each of the two Orders of Merit, the special prizes referred to above will be awarded in only one category per player, and may not be combined with Scratch prizes.
- D. A special category prize shall be awarded for each Order of Merit only if at least 6 players qualify in that category in the period in question.

Players must register in advance, preferably through the ABM website ([www.abridgemadeira.com](http://www.abridgemadeira.com)) at least 30 minutes before the start of the competition. The Director may allow an unregistered pair to participate if they arrive at the venue at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the session, and with a €1 reduction in the award.