



23<sup>rd</sup> Madeira International Bridge Open

2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Bulletin 3

## Open Pairs Prepare For Showdown

After two tough rounds of competition we are now two thirds of the way through the Open Pairs. Guido Hopfenheit and Sebastian Reim from Germany are in the lead with 62%. Second place is taken by Madeiran Carlos Luiz and Portuguese Nuno Paz. Yesterday's Dutch leaders, Tim van den Bos and Berend van den Bos are in third place, still well in contention with 59.81%. There is still plenty of opportunity for someone to surge through the pack to win.



### New Safety Regulations

The Covid safety regulations are being updated by the government. We will publish them tomorrow when we fully understand the ramifications of them. It is believed that the changes should not impinge upon the playing of the tournament. We urge all our guests to be vigilant and ensure they adhere to all the protocols.



Last night about 70 of us visited O Lagar where we were royally entertained by the folklore show and we feasted on espetadas and drunk copious quantities of red wine.



### Keeping You Safe

We are instigating protocols to ensure your safety whilst playing bridge. There are the six main areas.

1. There will be NO board sharing. Each table will have a complete set of boards for the whole session.
2. Competitors will be issued with a Bidding Box, It will be labelled with the player's Bridgemate number and they will only use that box for the whole tournament.
3. The table and its equipment will be completely cleaned every eight to ten deals. This includes the table itself, the screen, the Bridgemate and the chairs.
4. Every table will have a transparent perspex screen separating each player from the others.
5. Every table is at least two metres from any other table.
6. Every eight to ten boards competitors will be asked to leave the room and take fresh air for a minimum of five minutes.

All Events take place in the Congress Centre - it will open one hour before play commences.



# XXIII Madeira Bridge Festival





MAIN PROGRAMME 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Location - Congress Room

THURSDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> November	16:00 20:00	Open Pairs Tournament (3rd Session) Final Results
FRIDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> November	18:00 20:00 20.30	Deadline for Teams Tournament Entries Team Assignments Open Teams Tournament (1st Session)
SATURDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00 13:15 14:30	Open Teams Tournament (2nd Session) Lunch Break (light lunch included) Open Teams Tournament (3rd Session)
SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> November	14:30 19:00	Open Teams Tournament (4th Session) Final Results

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

	<p>The TAPAS Y COPAS restaurant (on the opposite side of the road to the hotel) is giving a 10% discount to all participants in the Madeira bridge Festival, To claim this just show your badge before you order.</p> <p>And as a second generous guessture they are offering the winners of the Open Pairs a €50 voucher.</p>	
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José Curado explains how to verify the deals using Hans van Staveren's procedure.

In short, if someone wants to check that there is no hanky-panky going on with the procedure they should:

1. Download the “present key” before 19:30 on Friday evening 30th October 2020
2. Check the winning Euromillions numbers for Friday 30th October 2020 (the “future key”).
3. Download the “past key” which will be published after the event (in Bulletin 7 and here)
4. Run the program (download from <http://www.xs4all.nl/~sater/SquareDeal.zip>) using the 3-part key according to the instructions: the “present” and “past” files and the 5 numbers and 2 stars from the lottery results, comma separated (the program will prompt you).
5. Compare the hands generated this way with the hands actually played.

This is fully explained on the website at:

<https://www.bridge-madeira.com/hand-generator-security-keys/>



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

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

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	15:00 – 16:00
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	18:00 – 21:00
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	13:00 – 16:00
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	14:30 – 16:00

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 6th November      Coach leaves the Hotel VidaMar for your chosen excursion option.  
 between 9.30 and 10.00 a.m.      Details of excursions can be found later in this bulletin.  
    Further information is available at the Welcome Desk.

SUNDAY 8th November      20:30 - Closing Dinner and trophy presentation in the  
    Ocean Room–VidaMar Resort Madeira, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## Friday Excursions

Do not forget that those of you taking excursions will need to leave the hotel relatively early in the morning (between half past nine and ten o'clock) so do not retire to slumber too late.

## Combinations

I mentioned in an earlier bulletin the problem of dummy holding Q943 with A1076 in hand and how best to make three tricks. I stated that for me the solution was counter-intuitive. I was trying to work out in my head whether cashing the ace and then leading towards the queen was better than leading the queen and decided that without a considerable outlay of mental energy I would find it hard to differentiate between them though I had a sneaking idea that playing the queen was better. However it transpires that an even better plan is to lead towards the Q9 and insert the nine if a small card is played. I created an Excel spreadsheet with all the combinations and percentage probabilities. The difference is not great from one method to another. The worst is cashing the ace, this 69.23%, next is leading the queen from dummy, this gives you 73.18%. So the winner is the play of a small card towards the dummy and playing the nine if no honour appears. This line is probably better than this as it expects West with KJxx to rise with the king, if he does not then your expectation increases by a further 2.83%. I am more than happy to forward my spreadsheet to anyone who is sad enough to want it.

## The Tyranny of the Red Card

Later in this bulletin you will find a disquisition of Board 19 of the Open Pairs Session One. There is the possibility of making 6♠ by North/South. I have tracked down the combatants at one table where the contract was only 1♠ and that it was by East/West. The story is that both North and South had four cards in spades and when South opened 1♦ West interjected a mildly comical 1♠. North passed waiting for South to double and is still doing so, Oh for the days when you could double for penalties, but the result was not a complete disaster as others inflicted greater self harm - worth 18 out of 48 MPs.



## A Journey to Madeira from Belarus

*Andrei Kavalenka made a Herculean ten-day journey to make it to Madeira – why??? It is clear from his musings here why he came. More on his journey to follow. If you are thinking of coming next year – then do so – you will not regret it.*

First of all, my big thanks to the organisers of the bridge tournament, traditional events and the Madeiran Government for the opportunity to once again enjoy the great atmosphere of the Madeira Bridge Festival.

For me this combination of bridge and holiday is already an annual event. Why? Madeira is simply the best event on the calendar. The reason? **Diversity** – the variety of hands, the solutions of the problems, the psychological moments in bridge, the diversity of nature, climate, national traditions, attractions in Madeira – diversity, that allows you to always discover something new.



So, I try every year to be on this beautiful island. I made it again this year despite the complexity caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the complex political situation in our country and, as a consequence the inability of my partner to travel to Madeira.

But thanks to the support of the organisers, I have made the acquaintance of some wonderful people – Ron and Francisco (although they are different ages and nationalities, they are both very friendly and open). They became my partners at the bridge table and hopefully the partnerships will continue in future tournaments and visits to Madeira ☺. I hope they were not disappointed by their games with me.

Well, I wish everyone, who came to Madeira in this difficult year a good experience on this excellent island and in the excellent tournaments.

In anticipation of next year’s festival, as proverb says, ‘Man proposes and God disposes.’ Let’s hope for the best.

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

### Can You Help?

The archive of the Madeira Bridge Association was destroyed in 2007 in a fire at the historic Club Sports da Madeira. As a result, we no longer have results and bulletins from the Madeira International from 1998 to 2004 (and access to the 2005 bulletins only courtesy of [bridgedailybulletins.nl](http://bridgedailybulletins.nl)).

If any collector happens to have any of this material, and is willing either to copy it or to lend it to us, we should be eternally grateful. Or if anyone has saved .pdf versions on a computer, please email them to us at [open@bridge-madeira.com](mailto:open@bridge-madeira.com).





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## ENTRY FEES

Pairs	€ 140.00
Teams	€ 155.00
Pairs + Team	€ 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

# -20%

DISCOUNT

## MAMMA MIA RESTAURANT

MENU & DRINKS LIST

### OCEAN BUFFET

# €23.00

DRINKS INCLUDED



The VidaMar Hotel is pleased to offer participants of the Madeira Open 2020 discounts as above. Just show them your badge.

For the duration of the Madeira festival you will be able to play through some of the more interesting hands on the 'bridgebee' app. The link on your PC is:

<https://bridgebee.app/sets/289/madeira-bridge-festival>

This will be available free until the end of the festival.

# bridgebee



## Optional Excursions Friday 6th November

**Option A: The East** (full day, lunch included)  
coach leaves hotel 09:30



The coach leaves the hotel at 9:30 for the drive up to Pico do Areeiro, Madeira's third-highest peak (1818m), from which you may enjoy the breathtaking views. From the mountain head down to Ribeiro Frio to admire the famous laurisilva forest (UNESCO World Heritage site), with an optional short levada walk to the Balcões viewpoint (level, easy, ≈ 30 minutes).

The next stop is Santana, with its traditional thatched houses and its vineyards. After lunch at the Quinta do Furão, drive to Ponta de São Lourenço, the far eastern headland, which boasts a wonderful combination of volcanic rocks, blue sea and nature. You will have time to take photographs before heading back to the hotel.

**Option B: Levada Walk** (½ day, lunch included)  
coach leaves hotel 09:45



The coach leaves the hotel at 9:45 for a relaxing, easy 7km half-day walk along one of Madeira's famed levadas.

The walk starts at Referta, on the north-eastern side of the island, and leads walkers on an exploration of some of the native fauna and flora of Madeira and its abundant and varied fruit trees. In the first part of the walk, you will be able to admire the imposing volcanic outcrop of Penha de Águia and enjoy the agricultural terraces cultivated by local residents.

Lunch at the Quinta do Furão before returning to the hotel.

*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: 7 km; Duration: approximately 2¾ hours.*

**Option C: Catamaran** (limited availability)  
coach leaves hotel 10:00



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)





## BROKEN LINKS

Laura Woodruff

Having decided not to play this year, in order to spend more time with WordPress and keep a general eye on the backroom arrangements (that didn't work out so well on Tuesday, when a box labelled "BIDDING BOXES: 80 SETS" turned out to contain 80 bidding boxes), I unexpectedly found myself partnering our tech man, Pedro Nunes, to avoid a half table in the Open Pairs.

Pedro and I have played together several times before, but always using Precision. This time, after an enforced 8-month hiatus in real-life bridge, neither of us had mugged up the system, so we reverted to Standard Portuguese. Unfortunately, it hadn't occurred to us to discuss opening leads - beyond the usual 1st 3rd 5th - so when on Board 1 I led the ♠J from AJ10xx against 1NT, he thought I was denying a higher honour and ducked holding Kxx. That gave declarer an undeserved spade trick, +150, and all the matchpoints.

By Board 9 I was beginning to wish I had worn my thermal undies to counteract the Arctic conditions in the playing room. It's a mystery to me why people would travel all the way to Madeira for a spot of November warmth and sun, but then demand Spitzbergen temperatures at the bridge table. I roused myself from the incipient hypothermia to find a successful defence, with the noble assistance of my partner.

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

♠ J 10 7 6 ♥ J 9 8 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ K 10	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ A J 6 3 2 ♣ 8 4 2	♠ A 4 2 ♥ K 7 6 3 2 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ 7 5
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	S											

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

Put off leading a heart by the atrocious suit and declarer's insistence on No Trumps, I underled my ace of spades. After winning with dummy's king, declarer played ace and queen of clubs. Partner won, played the ♥J through to pin dummy's 10, declarer covered with the queen and my king won the trick.

At this point I'm not certain partner has the ♥ 9 and 8 - after all, my overcalls usually show a better suit than this - and I could see seriously bad things happening to my red suits if I allowed declarer to run dummy's clubs while she had an easy entry to hand. I therefore switched to the ♦K. After a long think, declarer took the ace (if she hadn't, I would now have had to risk a second heart). A longer think followed. Eventually she played a spade, I rose with the ace, cashed the ♦Q and played a third spade, which dummy won with the queen. Now there is no way to avoid a second spade loser, and we took a club, a heart, a diamond and two spades for one down and 75%.

If declarer cashes the ace of hearts - her 9th trick - before playing a spade, partner can unblock the 9 and we will take four heart tricks to go with our two black tricks, for two undertricks. But if she doesn't cash it, she's never making it.

Deep Finesse says 3NT can always make played by East (though not by West). The key seems to be to take the ace of hearts on the first round. Now she can play a spade towards the queen and make five clubs, two spades and two aces. I will win the ace of spades, but can only take that trick, the club we've already got in the bag, the king of hearts, and a diamond in the wash (or partner makes a spade). Ducking the ♦K would also have worked: it preserves a diamond entry to declarer's hand, and I would have been squeezed out of my diamond guard or my ♠A.



## In Search of News

Ron Tacchi

In search of some interesting copy I decided to sit and to watch a couple of boards being played by a member of the bulletin squad. A good result for them would add kudos to the whole bulletin team whereas a poor result could be blamed entirely on the miscreant. A case of heads I win tails you lose. One of the first boards I watched was this offering.

### Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ K2 ♥ Q643 ♦ K5 ♣ Q8762</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A52 ♦ A10643 ♣ KJ95</p>	<p>♠ AQJ1084 ♥ K ♦ Q982 ♣ 104</p>
	<p>♠ 9753 ♥ J10987 ♦ J7 ♣ A3</p>		

West	North	East	South
<i>Myers</i>	<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Pierce</i>
Pass	1♠	Double	2♠
4♥	4♠	Double	All Pass

South was no doubt hoping that the 4♥ bid might be passed round to her but her partner was never going to let that happen. East's Double of the contract concluded the auction.

East cashed her ace of hearts and then to beat the contract she has to find the extraordinary play of a small diamond, however the ace of diamonds was cashed and the suit continued. West in with his king tried a a club but declarer won in dummy, took a spade finesse paying careful attention to possible entry requirements and when the king fell on the second round she could cash her master diamond discarding dummy's losing club and ruff her two losers in dummy for the contract and I suspect a good score.

Had South managed to double Four Hearts then assuming North makes the correct lead of the king of hearts to hold the loss to three down declarer must duck the first otherwise he will go five down. I leave the reader to work out why and

I also presume it would have made little difference to the matchpoint score.

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

<p>♠ Q83 ♥ Q104 ♦ 106 ♣ Q10982</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ K4 ♥ 632 ♦ 943 ♣ AKJ76</p>	<p>♠ AJ10975 ♥ KJ9 ♦ AJ85 ♣ —</p>
	<p>♠ 62 ♥ A875 ♦ KQ72 ♣ 543</p>		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Eggeling</i>		<i>Pierce</i>
–	1♠	2♣	Double
5♣	Double	All Pass	

The determined intervention by East/West gave North/South little chance to alight in the contract of 6♦. South led the ♠6 to North's ace, after careful reflection North returned a spade. As to the merit of this defence I am probably not competent to comment but the upshot was that declarer escaped for three off. Had a red card been played then the damage to East/West would have been eleven big ones, more than the non-vulnerable slam bonus. As you will see on the following page Mystic Mark reckons only ten percent will reach the slam so scoring more than a game should be a good result.

So after two deals I think the bulletin team came out well ahead - go team.

(Later I managed to see the frequencies and bulletin team scored 90 out of 96 matchpoints on these two boards- not too shabby.)






## Mystic Mark - Edition III

Mark Horton

Mark Horton cannot provide you with the winning numbers for the next EuroMillions draw, but he is prepared to predict what might happen on some of the deals from the second session of the Pairs Championship.

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

♠ Q83 ♥ Q104 ♦ 106 ♣ Q10982		♠ AJ10975 ♥ KJ9 ♦ AJ85 ♣ —	♠ K4 ♥ 632 ♦ 943 ♣ AKJ76
		♠ 62 ♥ A875 ♦ KQ72 ♣ 543	


West	North	East	South
–	1♠	2♣	Double*
3♣	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Lacking a sixth club East's overcall is marginal, but at this form of scoring one tends to try and bid as often as possible.

Declarer ruffs the club lead and plays to establish the spades.

You will observe that 6♠ can also be made. I don't think that will happen very often - let's say once, but there will be some pairs who reach the diamond slam - say 10% of the field.

### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ KJ2 ♥ J5 ♦ 105432 ♣ 743		♠ 96 ♥ AQ ♦ AJ97 ♣ KQ1098	♠ Q7543 ♥ 9632 ♦ 8 ♣ A52
		♠ A108 ♥ K10874 ♦ KQ6 ♣ J6	

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

Welcome to my world of fantasy bidding!

This deal illustrates something we have all known for a long time - the opening lead is vital.

Were South to jump to 3NT over 2♦ how many of us would lead a spade - especially playing match points? East can ensure this does not happen by overcalling 1♠ and although the suit is miserable it is the sort of tactic that frequently leads to a favourable outcome.

On my given sequence it would be easy enough for East to lead a spade - looking at the ♣A the best chance of defeating the contract is to find partner with the ♠K.

My prediction - there will be no slams, but several pairs will record 12 tricks.

## Bulletins

Bulletins should be available at breakfast and after that you will find them on the Welcome Desk. Earlier bulletins are laid to rest beneath the screen showing the results just around the corner from the Welcome Desk. Further copies will at your disposal in the Congress Centre before play commences.



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## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 864		♠ KQ102									
♥ QJ5		♥ 107									
♦ A986		♦ K107543									
♣ KQ7		♣ 2									
♠ AJ75	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 93
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♥ AK943	♥ 862										
♦ —	♦ QJ2										
♣ A643	♣ J10985										

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

This looks a better bet. When East cannot show a first round diamond control West can infer (hope?) that East will have decent trumps.

If South leads a club declarer wins with the ace, ruffs a club, uses the heart entries to ruff one more club and a heart, cashes the ♠K and gets back to hand with a diamond ruff to draw trumps.

If South leads a diamond declarer can afford to pitch a club from dummy and should have no trouble getting up to 12 tricks.

However, 6♠ can be defeated.

If South leads a heart at trick one it removes a vital entry from dummy.

I'll go with less than 10 pairs bidding 6♠ and most of them making it.

## Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q9842		♠ 10763									
♥ 9874		♥ KQ102									
♦ 85		♦ 632									
♣ J3		♣ K5									
♠ A	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ KJ5
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W			E								
		S									
♥ A	♥ J653										
♦ AKQ974	♦ J10										
♣ A10972	♣ Q864										

West	North	East	South
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥*	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

This is a tough deal when it comes to predicting the auction. For example East might bid 3♥ rather than raise diamonds. Once West does not ask for key cards East should realise that West must have solid trumps and all the aces. In that scenario East has golden cards and can afford to go past 6♦. While 7♦ is easy enough (declarer draws two rounds of trumps and can then ruff one club and pitch two on the ♥KQ) 7NT is much more fun to play.

Basically declarer runs the diamond to reach a six card ending:

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♥ —	♥ KQ10										
♦ 4	♦ —										
♣ A10972	♣ K5										
♠ —		♠ —									
♥ J63		♥ —									
♦ —		♦ —									
♣ Q84		♣ —									

When the last diamond is played, North discards a heart and the last spade goes from dummy.

Were North to lead a club declarer can win in hand and cash the diamonds. When the ♠A is played South will be caught in an extended criss-cross squeeze!

Not many will bid the grand slam - less than 10% in total, with say 3 playing in 7NT. They should make it!

while scoring only two club tricks! I'll let you work that one out.

With most of the field reaching game I predict just under 50% will make it.

You can mail your questions to me at: markhorton007@hotmail.com.

When the results become available tomorrow morning we shall examine the actual results versus Mark's prognostics.



## The Mystic's Marks

Ron Tacchi & Mark Horton

Yesterday Mark Horton gave us his prognostications on boards 2, 13, 14 and 26 of the first session of the Open Pairs. How did he fare?

### Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10		♠ KQ9632
♥ 10863		♥ QJ9
♦ 54		♦ 872
♣ AKJ853		♣ 6
		♠ AJ85
		♥ AK2
		♦ AJ96
		♣ 102
		♠ 74
		♥ 754
		♦ KQ103
		♣ Q974

Mark's prophecy: 'With most of the field reaching game I predict just under 50% will make it.'

An excellent prediction as 24 out of 25 reached 3NT and between them failed by three tricks and succeeded with three overtricks - a fairly staggering range. Close to 40% fulfilled their contract thereby awarding Mark five gold stars.

### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q974		♠ 52
♥ 107		♥ 85
♦ J1042		♦ Q85
♣ J53		♣ KQ10872
		♠ J63
		♥ AQ632
		♦ 97
		♣ A96
		♠ AK108
		♥ KJ94
		♦ AK63
		♣ 4

Mark's prophecy: 'Most of the field should reach game, at least half will make it.'

Another excellent case of foresight. Nearly 70% bid game and seven out of 14 attempts at 3NT succeeded. Yet another five gold stars

### Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J9765		♠ AK42
♥ J72		♥ AQ1063
♦ 1087		♦ Q2
♣ KQ		♣ 76
		♠ —
		♥ K954
		♦ J964
		♣ J5432
		♠ Q1083
		♥ 8
		♦ AK53
		♣ A1098

Mark prophesied that nearly a handful would reach the spade slam and maybe one might make it. Well exactly five pairs bid the spade slam but unfortunately two pairs, Icarus like, flew too high and reached the insurmountable heights of the grand slam. None of the others actually made the slam but I have reports of one declarer coming tantalisingly close - I shall make further enquiries. Amazingly at one table the contract was One Spade and even more surprisingly it was a good score. That was because it was played by E/W undoubled. Another two pairs failed in 4♠ and the top for N/S was recorded by the pair playing in 3NT as somehow they made two overtricks.

Another excellent prediction by Mark and this time five ordinary stars. Had this session been online there might have been some wondering if he was self-kibitzing.

### Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KJ972		♠ Q104
♥ K98		♥ QJ542
♦ KJ32		♦ 87
♣ 7		♣ 543
		♠ A53
		♥ A73
		♦ A964
		♣ AQ8
		♠ 86
		♥ 106
		♦ Q105
		♣ KJ10962

Proof that self-kibitzing was not taking place was



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Mark's prediction for Board 26, as this was not actually played on the night. But I will award a notional five stars as from my significant statistical sample of bidding it with one of my many assistants showed. At first we did not reach slam and then with a second attempt (with a little

nudging and winking from me) we reached the doomed 6♠.

So I think we can safely say Mark will be hard-pressed to even manage the same score tomorrow. Excellent result today.

## Standings in the Open Pairs after the Second Session

	%	Name
1	62	Guido Hopfenheit - Sebastian Reim
2	60.83	Carlos Luiz - Nuno Paz
3	59.81	Tim van den Bos - Berend van den Bos
4	56.48	Frederik Wrang - David Wrang
5	56.1	Inês Cunha - Miguel Ramos
6	54.98	Bruno Macedo - Luís M Silva
7	54.96	Andrei Kavalenka - Francisco P Coutinho
8	54.49	Harry Burmania - John Linse
9	54.28	Gerwin Middelkoop - Pim Vermeulen
10	54.12	Bengt Emanuelsson - Haakan Tjärnemo
11	53.78	Robbie de Koster - Eva Poppe
12	53.65	Paulo Courteilles Sarmiento - João Vide Barbosa
13	53.32	Nikolas Bausback - Michael Pauly
14	53.28	Jorge Cruzeiro - João Paes de Carvalho
15	53.17	Fredrik Nystrom - Sanna Clementsson
16	52.99	Shahzaad Natt - India Leeming
17	52.73	Sveinn R Eiriksson - Magnus Eidur Magnusson
18	52.69	Nick Sandqvist - Nathalie Shashou
19	52.54	João Campos Ferreira - Miguel Lima
20	52.33	Peter Jokisch - Udo Kasimir
21	52.32	Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaal
22	51.95	Frederic Boldt - Paul Grünke
23	50.97	Laura Woodruff - Pedro Nunes
24	50.83	Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira
25	50.79	Frederico Teixeira - Ricardo Fernandes

	%	Names
26	50.69	Marie Eggeling - Ceri Pierce
27	50.6	Julius Sigurjonsson - Kauko Koistinen
28	50.15	Adam Blachnio - Leszek Kawski
29	49.91	Leo Huvers - David Kok
30	49.63	António Campos Palma - Carolina Pimenta
31	49.09	João Fanha - Maria J Calamaro
32	48.42	René Stienen - Elly Schippers
33	48.31	Hans Metselaar - Gerard Limmen
34	47.89	Sally Brock - Barry Myers
35	47.84	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley
36	47.44	Paul van den Bos - Johann Bouman
37	47.24	Bruna Vicente - Miguel Moreno
38	46.25	Bruno Neves - Robert Snapper
39	45.9	Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg - Christian Lahrmann
40	45.88	Pedro Morgado - Eduardo Fernandes
41	44.7	Han Begas - Lucia Grosman
42	43.6	Koen Poppe - Cisca Vorselman
43	43.55	Renate Adelsberger - Heimo Adelsberger
44	43.05	Rita Arraiano - José Nuno Moraes
45	42.58	João Machado - José Macedo
46	42.58	Miguel Sousa Guedes - Ricardo Teixeira
47	41.88	João Amaral - Álvaro C Machado
48	41.22	António Peixoto - Margarida Machado
49	39.89	Arjen Salari - Marie-José de Bruine
50	36.33	Rosemarie Roderburg - Sybil Müller-Maubach



## NEW FOR 2020 VIRTUAL MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN

Online sessions are available to all on BBO – unless you're in Madeira, of course, in which case we're expecting to see you at the table.



### ONLINE OPEN PAIRS (BBO \$8 per session)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 17:00

Three sessions of Matchpoint Pairs on BBO. Players may enter any or all of the three sessions. The online tournament qualifier will take place over two sessions. The third session will be a final for the top of the field, for those who have played in both of the qualifying sessions, plus an open final.

### ONLINE OPEN SWISS TEAMS (BBO \$5 per session)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

For each day the start time will be approximately one hour after the live session commences.

**You may register as a pair and be assigned team mates by the system, or register as a foursome if you are familiar with how to do this on BBO. Instructions will be available later in the week for how to join as a team, rather than as a pair.**

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*To register for all events on BBO, go to COMPETITIVE – ALL TOURNAMENTS and search for host iBEX\_12 (Madeira Festival), then click to invite your partner, who must also be online on BBO.*

**Registration will be open two hours prior to the start of play each day.**



# Starting Postions for Group A

Round 1	Pair	Name	M-ID
A 1 N-S	1	Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira	8920 1993
A 1 E-W	73	Bengt Emanuelsson - Haakan Tjárnemo	9252 8342
A 2 N-S	2	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann	9565 8680
A 2 E-W	42	Sally Brock - Barry Myers	9740 9741
A 3 N-S	3	João Fanha - Maria J Calamaro	982 9614
A 3 E-W	43	Frederik Wrang - David Wrang	9636 8183
A 4 N-S	4	Jutta Bartley - Gareth Bartley	8794 8795
A 4 E-W	44	Frederic Boldt - Paul Grünke	9032 9033
A 5 N-S	5	Carlos Luiz - Nuno Paz	700 816
A 5 E-W	45	Arjen Salari - Marie-José de Bruine	8450 9306
A 6 N-S	6	Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaal	8890 8559
A 6 E-W	46	Tim van den Bos - Berend van den Bos	9730 8964
A 7 N-S	7	Gerwin Middelkoop - Pim Vermeulen	8899 9237
A 7 E-W	47	Andrei Kavalenka - Francisco P Coutinho	8871 3172
A 8 N-S	8	Hans Metselaar - Gerard Limmen	8738 8671
A 8 E-W	48	Nikolas Bausback - Michael Pauly	8950 8161
A 9 N-S	9	Guido Hopfenheit - Sebastian Reim	9733 8869
A 9 E-W	49	Miguel Sousa Guedes - Ricardo Teixeira	1269 3051
A 10 N-S	10	João Campos Ferreira - Miguel Lima	1754 901
A 10 E-W	50	Paulo Courteilles Sarmiento - João Vide Barbosa	1640 2327
A 11 N-S	11	Pedro Morgado - Eduardo Fernandes	2062 2829
A 11 E-W	51	Adam Blachnio - Leszek Kawski	9746 9747
A 12 N-S	12	Bruna Vicente - Miguel Moreno	3101 3810
A 12 E-W	52	Frederico Teixeira - Ricardo Fernandes	2394 696
A 13 N-S	53	Laura Woodruff - Pedro Nunes	3890 2118
A 13 E-W	41	João Amaral - Álvaro C Machado	3102 3614



## Starting Postions for Group B

Round 1	Pair	Name	M-ID
B 1 N-S	61	Leo Huvers - David Kok	8561 9723
B 1 E-W	21	Bruno Neves - Robert Snapper	2685 775
B 2 N-S	62	Renate Adelsberger - Heimo Adelsberger	9597 9598
B 2 E-W	22	Paul van den Bos - Johann Bouman	9729 9731
B 3 N-S	63	Rita Arraiano - José Nuno Moraes	3889 3114
B 3 E-W	23	António Campos Palma - Carolina Pimenta	2156 3198
B 4 N-S	64	Peter Jokisch - Udo Kasimir	9736 9735
B 4 E-W	24	Nick Sandqvist - Nathalie Shashou	9724 9725
B 5 N-S	65	Robbie de Koster - Eva Poppe	8417 9619
B 5 E-W	25	Marie Eggeling - Ceri Pierce	9589 9631
B 6 N-S	66	Harry Burmania - John Linse	8185 8134
B 6 E-W	26	Rosemarie Roderburg - Sybil Müller-Maubach	8741 8740
B 7 N-S	67	António Peixoto - Margarida Machado	2910 3236
B 7 E-W	27	Julius Sigurjonsson - Kauko Koistinen	8414 8777
B 8 N-S	68	Sveinn R Eiriksson - Magnus Eidur Magnusson	8710 7990
B 8 E-W	28	René Stienen - Elly Schippers	9092 9093
B 9 N-S	69	Shahzaad Natt - India Leeming	9726 9727
B 9 E-W	29	Inês Cunha - Miguel Ramos	1402 2306
B 10 N-S	70	João Machado - José Macedo	2060 1998
B 10 E-W	30	Koen Poppe - Cisca Vorselman	9716 9717
B 11 N-S	71	Bruno Macedo - Luís M Silva	2709 2704
B 11 E-W	31	Fredrik Nystrom - Sanna Clementsson	9743 9744
B 12 N-S	72	Jorge Cruzeiro - João Paes de Carvalho	703 1969
B 12 E-W	32	Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg - Christian Lahrman	8571 9692



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