



7th-13th November 2022

Bulletin 0

A Welcome from Miguel Teixeira

We are grateful to all those who are visiting us this year. We will miss those who for whatever reason cannot be with us.

After two challenging years, which have been difficult for everyone on account of Covid, I believe we are back to normality, and our tournament is once again attracting the numbers of people which Madeira deserves as a destination.

This is the 25th year in a row in which we have sought to offer the best possible conditions for you to enjoy an excellent stay.

Without your contribution, your participation; without the public and private support which the organisation wishes to acknowledge; without the enormous dedication of all the staff and also without the professionalism of the team at VidaMar, we would never have reached this milestone.



Please enjoy the hospitality of our island.

Miguel Teixeira

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



**The Welcome Cocktail Party will be held at the Hotel VidaMar at
18.00 Monday 7th November**

WARM-UP PAIRS – MONDAY 20.30

To enter the Warm-Up Pairs, please arrive in the Congress Centre from 20.00 onwards.



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MAIN PROGRAMME 7th – 13th November 2022

Location - Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

MONDAY 7 th November	20.30	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
TUESDAY 8 th November	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament Session 1
WEDNESDAY 9 th November	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament Session 2
THURSDAY 10 th November	16.00 20.00	Open Pairs Tournament Session 3 Final Results
FRIDAY 11 th November	18.00 19.30 20.30	Deadline for Teams Tournament Entries Team Assignments Open Teams Tournament Session 1 (3 matches)
SATURDAY 12 th November	11.00 13.15 14.30	Open Teams Tournament Session 2 (2 matches) Lunch Break (light lunch included) Open Teams Tournament Session 3 (4 matches)
SUNDAY 13 th November	14.30 19.00	Open Teams Tournament Session 4 (3 matches) Final Results

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

REYKJAVIK
BRIDGE
FESTIVAL

**The Reykjavik
Bridge Festival** 2023

will be held in Harpa Concert hall
on 26th of January through 29th of January

reykjavikbridgefestival.com



INTER-NATIONS CHALLENGE (CHARITY EVENT)

Sunday 6th November, 16.00

This year the chosen charity is the Associação dos Amigos de Pessoas com Necessidades Especiais da Madeira.

The charity aims to promote initiatives that enhance the education and social inclusion of people with special needs, from the perspective of their well-being and quality of life.

In previous years we have raised over €1,500 for the sponsored charity. We hope that this year we can beat previous records, so please come along on Sunday afternoon and join in the fun of an afternoon's bridge for a good cause. All table monies go to the charity. If you are unable to play then you can make a donation via the Welcome Desk, any Tournament Director or member of the Bulletin Team.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



Hans Kreuning and Rob van den Burgh, winners of the Portuguese Simultaneous Pairs with 61.59%. See page 14 for more details.



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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 Reception Desk or speak to one of the Directors.

Thursday 3 rd November	19.00 – 20.30
Friday 4 th November	11.00 – 13.00
	14.30 – 16.00
Saturday 5 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Sunday 6 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Monday 7 th November	10.30 – 13.00
	14.30 – 16.30
	19.30 – 20.30
Tuesday 8 th November	10.30 – 13.00
	14.00 – 16.00
Wednesday 9 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Thursday 10 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Friday 11 th November	18.00 – 20.30
Saturday 12 th November	Closed
Sunday 13 th November	13.00 – 14.30

COLLECTION OF BADGES/ENTRIES

If you have booked in advance, you can collect your Identity Badge from the Welcome Desk.

YOU MUST BRING YOUR IDENTITY BADGE TO ALL EVENTS, INCLUDING SOCIAL EVENTS.

You will need to keep a note of your Confirmation number (the number is in the format 123-4567). If you cannot print the confirmation email, please take a photograph of it on your mobile phone and bring the phone with you to the Welcome Desk.

If you want to enter on the day, you will need to pay at the Welcome Desk, where you will be issued with an Identity Badge.

We can issue Identity Badges only to the person named on the badge.





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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- MONDAY 7th November 18.00 – Welcome Cocktail – Hotel VidaMar.
- WEDNESDAY 9th November 20.45 - Traditional Dinner.
Traditional Madeiran dinner of espetada with folk dancing and music
COACH LEAVES THE HOTEL VIDAMAR, OUTSIDE THE LOBBY
TOWER 2, at 20.15 (it takes 15 minutes). Return to the hotel at 23.30.
- FRIDAY 11th November Coach leaves Hotel VidaMar for your chosen excursion.
Details of excursions can be found later in this bulletin.
Further information is available at the Welcome Desk.
- SUNDAY 13th November 20.30 Closing Dinner and trophy presentation in the
Ocean Room – Hotel VidaMar, 2nd floor.

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

ENTRY FEES

Pairs	€ 170.00
Teams	€ 160.00
Pairs + Team	€ 275.00
Pairs + Traditional Dinner	€ 195.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€ 300.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€ 305.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional + Closing Dinner	€ 320.00
Traditional Dinner	€ 30.00
Friday Excursion	€ 30.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€ 25.00
Closing Dinner	€ 40.00

SIDE EVENTS

3 rd November – 14 th November 2022	Congress Room
Thursday 3 rd Portuguese Simultaneous Pairs (€15*)	20.30
Friday 4 th IMP Pairs 1 (€15*)	16.00
Saturday 5 th IMP Pairs 2 (€15*)	16.00
Sunday 6 th Charity Tournament (€15)	16.00
Monday 7 th Warm-up Pairs (€20)	20.30
Monday 14 th Cool-down Pairs (€10)	20.30

*€30 for all 3



Optional Excursions Friday 11th November

Option A: The North West (full day, inc. lunch)
coach leaves hotel 09.30



First stop Fanal, with its magical dancing forest and – depending on the weather – its looking-glass lake brim full. Next we descend towards Porto Moniz and the famous natural bathing pools; then Seixal and a 15-20 minute walk to one of the prettiest black beaches in Europe, with a magnificent vista from the varied shades of green of the mountains to the blue sea.

We take lunch at São Vicente at about 13.20, and will then visit the Volcanism Centre near the grottos of São Vicente (the caves are currently closed, but if they have reopened by November a guided tour will be included). We return to Funchal via Serra de Água where you may try a glass of poncha, a product of our island.

Arrive back at VidaMar at approximately 16.15.

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).

Option B: Levada Walk (½ day, lunch included)
coach leaves hotel 09.45



Our first stop will be Paúl da Serra, the widest and longest plateau on the island at 24km². From here our walk along the wonderful Levada do Alecrim* (the Rosemary Levada) will take about 2¼ hours.

We will take lunch at São Vicente, on the island's north coast, and on the way back to Funchal will stop at the famous poncho bar at Serra de Água, where you may taste this popular and typical madeiran drink.

Return to VidaMar at approximately 15.30.

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 2¼ hours.

**If the weather at Paúl da Serra is inclement, as it can be in November, we will head downhill and walk the Levada da Fajã da Ama (the Nursemaid's Cliff Levada) at São Vicente, near the Estrada das Ginjas (Cherry Road); the degree of difficulty is the same, but this levada is at a lower altitude.*

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



Ron Tacchi Reflects On This Year's Festival

At the time of writing it seems likely that we will beat the attendance in 2019 and may even exceed that of our record year in 2018. It is amazing to think that only two years ago when Miguel bravely continued the festival, participation was at only 25% from the previous year and now normal service has been resumed. It just shows how much people enjoy their bridge and their leisure time here in Madeira. I know it helped me enormously being able to come to Madeira during those difficult two years.

This year we have nine restaurants offering discounts to participants, just look towards the back of this bulletin and remember to take your badge with you. You are very likely to see me with a plate of Padron Peppers close to the venue on some evenings. The Vidamar is also offering the 'Buffet of the Day' with drinks included for €25.00 and additionally discounts on spa treatments. There is also the possibility of playing golf and details are listed below.

For those of you who like to be well prepared, this year you will collect your cash prizes from the Koi Restaurant on Level 4. I will publish the opening times nearer the event.

I wish everyone taking part good luck in the bridge and a fantastic time enjoying the delights of Madeira.

Every morning at 10.30 Mark Horton will deliver his "Mark Your Card" discussion in Selvagens 1 on the interesting deals of the previous day.

GOLF

We have arranged a special MADEIRA GOLF PASSPORT which permits play at both courses, for 3- or 5-day packages. Transport to the courses is included. The departure time will be arranged according to the number of participants.



Prices:

3-day Mini Madeira Golf Passport €200

5-day Madeira Golf Passport €325

Other options are available on request.



A Lightning Double

Ron Tacchi

As readers of my many missives to various Bulletins will know that I am frequently called upon to answer a bridge problem as the 'man on the Clapham Omnibus'. Thus, it will not be a further surprise that I was called upon in this respect with regard to a hand from the recent Rosenblum. It was from the final session of the quarter-finals. With the West cards:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 54
♥ AKQJ1072
♦ Q976
♣ —

AZS Wroclaw v Ventin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprinkhuizen P PatreuhaMendes de LeonJassem</i>			
—	—	—	1♠
4♥	5♥*	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
5♥	Cue		

I was quizzed as to which card I would lead. The ♥2 was my immediate reply. Imagine my feelings when I was told partner plays the eight! This was the full deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 54	♠ Q 10 9 6 3	♠ K
♥ AKQJ1072	♥ 6	♥ 9 8 3
♦ Q 9 7 6	♦ J 10	♦ 5 3
♣ —	♣ AKJ62	♣ Q 10 8 7 5 4 3
	♠ AJ872	
	♥ 5 4	
	♦ AK842	
	♣ 9	

At the table West led the ♥K and continued with the ace, declarer ruffing in dummy with the ♠9 and continuing with a spade. After the welcome appearance of the trump king, he drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +980.

Incidentally Michel Klukowski found the lead of a small heart and so won an IMP for his team when both rooms played in the spade game.

Now an hour or two later I arrive at the Nogent-le-Rotrou bridge club for our weekly Wednesday afternoon duplicate. On the first board sitting South I hold:

♠ 52
♥ —
♦ AKQJ54
♣ 109876

After a pass from partner RHO commences proceedings with One Spade and I venture an overcall of Two Diamonds. LHO bids a pre-emptive Three Spades which is passed back to me and now I compete with 3NT which I hope partner will understand as both minors but better diamonds. He is spared the decision as LHO moves on to Four Spades, which becomes the final contract.

My lead... has lightning struck twice? It is a well-known fact that if you wait for a bus eventually two will come at the same time – but does this apply to Clapham omnibuses? It seems so. I carefully select the five of diamonds – my 'higher' small diamond and dummy appears with three diamonds to the nine, after, what seems an eternity my partner plays the ♦10. Oh Frabjous Day, Callooh, Callay. A brilliancy at last. Unfortunately, my brilliance will only become so if partner is not in a post-luncheon torpor and alas, that was his parlous state. After but a moment's non-thought a red card appeared from the other side of the table, but alas it was a diamond and that was the end of the defence. It just maybe that lightning does not strike Clapham omnibuses.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th Madeira International Bridge Open

2nd-13th November 2023

(Main Events 6th-12th November)



Memories

Mark Horton

As we approach the opening day of the Festival Ron Tacchi always asks me for something for the first Bulletin, which requires me to look back on my computer to the events of the previous year. Here's a short selection from 2021:

Brian Clough was one of only four managers to have won the top division of the English Football League managing two different clubs. He was often described as 'the greatest manager England never had', a reference to the fact that he was never chosen to manage the national team, the Football Association fearing his outspoken comments. Perhaps his most famous observation came in response to a question about his career in management:

"I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business. But I was in the top one".

Earlier this year a colleague was considering coming to Madeira and he asked me how the Festival compared to similar events. There was an easy reply to that:

"I wouldn't say Maderia was the best bridge Festival in the world. But it's in the top one".

I arrived on Saturday, and I happened to pick up the hand records for the pre-tournament event played on Thursday. This deal was interesting:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J52 ♠ AK109
 ♥ AK10854 ♥ 76
 ♦ — ♦ AKQ862
 ♣ AJ93 ♣ 8



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

I have no idea if anyone followed my possible sequence, but several pairs bid a slam, with 6♥ and 6NT being the most popular. If things don't break badly the former is a decent spot, declarer

planning to score dummy's five top cards and also ruff a club.

6NT needs the ♠Q to be onside to have any chance, but an initial club lead looks hard to handle. Suppose you are declaring from the West hand and North leads the ♣4, South contributing the queen. Do you see any chance other than a doubleton ♥QJ?

If you start by assuming that South also holds the ♣K (North would be unlikely to lead away from an unsupported king against 6NT) then it makes sense to duck the first round of clubs. If South continues the suit you put in the jack and then cash a top heart. If nothing interesting happens you run the ♠J. If that works you are up to eleven tricks and if your luck is in the full deal looks like this:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q8643 ♠ AK109
 ♥ J9 ♥ 76
 ♦ 1093 ♦ AKQ862
 ♣ 1074 ♣ 8



♠ 7
 ♥ Q32
 ♦ J754
 ♣ KQ652

As you can see, South will not enjoy having to discard on dummy's winning spades!

It's always a pleasure to play with a world champion, so I'll continue this review of the 2021 Festival with a few deals from the Charity Pairs event in aid of the Associacao de Paralisia Cerebral da Madeira, where I had the good fortune to sit opposite Jovi Smederevac.



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Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A4	
	♥ AJ62	
	♦ 10874	
	♣ KQ2	
♠ QJ9	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 1082
♥ Q54		♥ 87
♦ KQJ92		♦ 65
♣ 108		♣ AJ9543
	♠ K7653	
	♥ K1093	
	♦ A3	
	♣ 76	

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

East led the ♣A and continued the suit, declarer winning with the king. When a player leads an unsupported ace it is either from a short suit or a long one and here West's club pips suggested that it was the latter so declarer placed West with the heart length, crossed to the ♥K and then ran the ten. With spades 3-3 that soon added up to +680 and 42/0.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ A4		
	♥ 107642		
	♦ 102		
	♣ AQ107		
♠ KQJ85	<div>♠ N ♥ W E ♦ S ♣</div>	♠ 63	
♥ 9		♥ AQJ8	
♦ KQ		♦ AJ643	
♣ K9862		♣ 43	
	♠ 10972		
	♥ K53		
	♦ 9875		
	♣ J5		

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

South led the ♥3 for the nine, ten and queen and declarer played a spade for the king and ace. When North returned the ♥4 declarer played the jack and South won with the king and found the devastating switch to the ♣J which gave the defenders three tricks in the suit. You see how World Champions defend! Because North has the ♦10 virtually any defence will do and +50 was worth only 22/20.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 54	
	♥ A95	
	♦ A852	
	♣ A1074	
♠ AJ108	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 973
♥ 43		♥ KQ10762
♦ Q973		♦ —
♣ Q85		♣ KJ63
	♠ KQ62	
	♥ J8	
	♦ KJ1064	
	♣ 92	

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦*	3♥	Double*
All Pass			
1♦ Blue Club			

What do you think North should do over South's take-out double? 3NT is a possibility, but if you can score nine tricks then you should be able to take a decent penalty from 3♥ by passing. You could bid 4♣, but it doesn't appeal, especially at this form of scoring.

South led the ♦J for the queen, ace and a ruff, and declarer played a spade for the queen and ace and followed it with a heart to the ten, South winning with the jack and switching to a club. North won and played a spade, South winning and playing a third spade, North's ruff ensuring one down. Not for the first time -200 proved to be the 'kiss of death', 42/0.

Looking at the deal with a fresh eye declarer could have ducked the ♠Q. Then getting the trumps right would be enough to score at least nine tricks.

This deal from the first session of the pairs was a tough challenge for declarer:

Board 8. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A8653		♠ Q742	
♥ 5		♥ A10632	
♦ J7		♦ 108	
♣ KJ632		♣ A7	
	<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>		
		♠ 10	
		♥ K74	
		♦ Q95432	
		♣ 1085	
		♠ KJ9	
		♥ QJ98	
		♦ AK6	
		♣ Q94	



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West	North	East	South
<i>Gislason</i>	<i>A Bailey</i>	<i>Thorvaldson</i>	<i>J Bailey</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

I confess I would have opened the West hand and failing that I would have bid over South's 1NT. Breaking the transfer facing a passed partner would not be my first choice, but when North bid 3♠ it gave South a chance to bid 3NT showing the balanced nature of her hand. Had she done so North might have let matters rest there.

West led the ♠A against 4♥ and continued the suit and declarer had to lose a ruff and two other tricks for -50 and 52/102.

If South comes to rest in 3NT West is sure to lead a club. Declarer wins with the queen, and will no doubt take a losing heart finesse after which a second club means there are only eight tricks. There is double-dummy line for nine tricks – declarer must leave the hearts alone and play on spades. West wins and exits with a club. Having taken dummy's ace, declarer must cash two spades, and then exit with the ♣9. West wins and cashes two more clubs, East parting with a heart and a diamond. Declarer takes the heart exit with dummy's ace and cashes the ♠Q, squeezing East in the red suits. A brilliant piece of play, +400 and 111/43.

In the second session there was only one pair to follow. Those who know the long history of the Festival had only one question: could Mr. Madeira and his partner secure another victory?

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10		♠ AQ98
♥ K98		♥ AQJ1073
♦ QJ9874		♦ A10
♣ K105		♣ 3
♠ J743		
♥ 4		
♦ 2		
♣ J987642		
♠ K652		
♥ 652		
♦ K653		
♣ AQ		

West	North	East	South
<i>Salgueiro</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Baltazar</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

There may be the odd player out there who recalls my Bols Bridge Tip, 'Don't be afraid to respond' and had West bid 1♠ it would have yielded a rich dividend.

East led the ♥A and continued with the queen, West ruffing and returning a spade. East took the ace, and tried the ♥J but when West could not ruff that was +110 and 147/7.

In Round 3 of the Open Pairs this was perhaps the most eye-catching deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 42		♠ K
♥ KQ7543		♥ 8
♦ A6		♦ QJ9854
♣ AQ5		♣ J9642
♠ J873		
♥ A1062		
♦ 73		
♣ 873		
♠ AQ10965		
♥ J9		
♦ K102		
♣ K10		

West	North	East	South
<i>Saevarsson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Olegeirsson</i>	<i>Riisnass</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣2 and when dummy's ten held declarer, wanting to cater for a singleton ace with West, played the ♥9 to the king followed by a heart to the jack, West electing to duck. Declarer played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, followed by a spade to the king and ace. When East discarded on the ♠Q declarer continued with the ten, covered and ruffed, played the queen of clubs to the king and cashed the ♠9 discarding the ♣A. At trick 12 a spade ensured that West would score only one trump trick, +980 which left their opponents with only a single matchpoint.

Very well played I'm sure you will agree, but West missed a chance. If he wins the second round



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of hearts and exits with a club, a vital entry is removed from dummy and the loss of a second trump trick will be inevitable.

If declarer is willing to give up on the possibility of a singleton ♥A then playing the ♥J at trick two followed by a heart to the king leaves West with no winning option. An applaud to East, as any other lead would have left the defenders with no real hope.

Naturally every member of the Bulletin team is queuing up to write about the last match on Saturday evening – this year mine was the short straw. The deals were not especially exciting, but as is usually the case there will always be a few that are worth recording for posterity:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q75	
	♥ 8763	
	♦ J32	
	♣ K106	
♠ K843	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ J109
♥ AK4		♥ QJ5
♦ K86		♦ AQJ5
♣ J84		♣ Q72
	♠ A62	
	♥ 1092	
	♦ 1094	
	♣ A953	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>de Boer</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♥	Spades		
1♠	3♠		

South led the ♦10 and declarer won with the queen and ran the ♠J, North winning with the queen and returning the ♦J (a club switch is a killer as long as South ducks). Declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade to the ten and ace, soon securing nine tricks, +600.

Looking at the deal a year later perhaps declarer should give a nod to Zia's Bols Bridge Tip, 'if they don't cover, they don't have it' and go up with dummy's ♠K at trick two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>Van der Kam</i>	<i>Ostergaard</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣3 and when North put in the ten, declarer won with the queen. Now running the ♠J saw North win and play the ♣K and the defenders soon had five tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs.

South had played the ♠6 on the first round of the suit - no doubt it was the start of a Smith Peter - but looking at dummy North would have been sure to try for club tricks in any event.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ A10764	
	♥ 72	
	♦ 10876	
	♣ J9	
♠ KJ953	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ Q2
♥ Q984		♥ A53
♦ 42		♦ AQ9
♣ A3		♣ KQ876
	♠ 8	
	♥ KJ106	
	♦ KJ53	
	♣ 10542	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>de Boer</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2NT	Forcing		

South led the ♦5 and declarer won with the queen and played the ♠Q, North taking the ace and returning the ♦6. Declarer ducked, and South won and switched to the ♣5. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played three more rounds of clubs, ensuring nine tricks. When South exited with the ♥J there were ten, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>Van der Kam</i>	<i>Ostergaard</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass



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South led the ♠4 for the three, jack and king and declarer played the ♠Q, North winning and returning the ♠9 to dummy's ace. Declarer played a diamond to the nine and South took the jack and tried the ♥10, declarer putting up dummy's queen. Declarer cashed the top spades pitching a diamond and a heart and continued with a diamond to the queen, South won and played the ♥K and declarer won and played clubs. When they failed to break there were only eight tricks, -50 and a 10 IMP loss.

One winning line is to play a heart to the ace after cashing the spades. South can win the fourth round of clubs and cash a heart, but must then lead into the ♦AQ.

It was a decent win for Wrang Lead 26-14, mostly because of Ostergaard's far from 'wrang' leads on my featured deals.

In conclusion, here is a light-hearted piece that pays homage to one of the greatest writers the game has ever seen, not to mention the most famous characters in the game's literature:

The Rabbit's Slice of Madeira

With travel restrictions being eased, the Hideous Hog had persuaded some of his fellow Griffins to take advantage of the give-away prices being offered by some of the cruise lines and join him for a two-week trip. Confident that his winnings would more than cover the cost H.H. had upgraded to one of the luxurious staterooms. A week into the cruise the ship was in sight of it's next port of call, the island of Maderia, and as it approached Funchal the final rubber of the evening was nearing its conclusion.

Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 64	♠ QJ7	♠ AK92
♥ J5	♥ 10873	♥ A942
♦ KQJ1082	♦ A743	♦ —
♣ 1098	♣ K5	♣ AQ764
	♠ 10853	
	♥ KQ6	
	♦ 965	
	♣ J32	

West	North	East	South
S.B.	H.H.	Papa	R.R.
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

To mark the occasion H.H. had ordered an 1805 Blandy's Verdelho and the Rueful Rabbit found it went particularly well with his chocolate almond biscuits. Having fingered each suit in turn he eventually decided that it was best to lead a trump and he placed the ♣2 on the table – at least that was his intention – but, doing so while attempting to take another sip of wine to wash away the remnants of his fourth biscuit he found to his horror that it was the ♣J that had settled on the green baize. His discomfort was obvious to everyone, and Papa magnanimously offered him the opportunity to take it back. Being dummy the Secretary Bird had no rights in the matter but before the Rabbit could withdraw the card H.H. intervened: 'My partner would not dream of changing his lead, no matter how costly it might be'.

Reluctantly Papa won with the queen, cashed the top spades, and played the ♦K, ruffing when the Hog produced the ace. When he attempted to cross to dummy with another spade ruff the Hog could overruff and play a heart and declarer had to lose two more tricks.

Enjoying afternoon tea in Reid's Palace the following afternoon the Hog explained the situation to Colin the Corgi and Oscar the Owl: 'When Papa suggested that the Rabbit change his card, I realised that were the opening lead a small club I would be in a hopeless position. If I cover dummy's card, I will no longer be able to overruff on the fourth round of spades and declarer will be able to play three rounds of diamonds, ensuring 11 tricks. It won't help me to withhold the king as then declarer will be in dummy and can play the ♦K, the third-round spade ruff providing a second entry to dummy. The Rabbit's Guardian Angel having saved the day, it was only fitting that we went out with a grand slam on the next deal. Waiter! Another bottle of the Dom Perignon 1953'.



The Festival Begins

Portuguese Sim Pairs - Ceri Pierce

It was a relatively quiet start to the Sim pairs on Thursday, but it was lovely to see a lot of familiar faces in the excellent venue of the VidaMar Congress Centre and of course good to be playing bridge in real life with real cards. Bridge in the UK has not returned to normal pre-covid levels and I have a sad suspicion that it never will.

I am always interested in people's tales of their various journeys to Madeira. This year it seemed that France was not the place to be travelling from. Our esteemed (I use that word very loosely) Bulletin Editor's flight from Paris-Orly was cancelled and a frantic re-booking had him flying into Oporto with an onward flight to Madeira. He landed in Oporto with only minutes to find and board his connecting flight. It seemed impossible that he would make it. Fortunately for him, the airport staff met him off the plane and took him up the back passage, a shortcut to the waiting aircraft, and waved him (and his luggage, luckily) off into the sunset.

So, not long after, I found myself sitting opposite him at the bridge table in the Sim Pairs. More to follow on that later.

Another two French pairs were not so fortunate and ended with an eight or nine hour wait in Lisbon for reasons unknown and arrived much later than anticipated. Indeed, one pair only just managed to arrive on the same day that they left.

My own flight from the UK boarded on time, and the cabin doors were armed ready for departure, when an announcement was made by the Captain, who looked about 14 years old, that there was a small fault with the air-conditioning that needed sorting before we could leave. I have suspicions when something like this is announced that it is not in fact a problem with the air-conditioning but with a vital piece of the aircraft and a potentially fatal problem. I texted my friends and family to let them know where my will was kept and crossed everything. The doors were disarmed and we awaited the arrival of an Engineer, who looked about 12 years old. Shortly later he left and we departed only 30 minutes behind schedule, but it was a nerve-racking flight for me as I

do not like flying at all and every tiny change in engine noise made my stomach lurch.

However, here we all are, and we are very glad to have made it, so more on the Sim Pairs

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q		♠ 96				
♥ AKQ64		♥ 932				
♦ KJ87		♦ 10932				
♣ A74		♣ 10932				
	<table><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	E	W	S	
N	E					
W	S					
♠ AK108732						
♥ J1087						
♦ 5						
♣ 6						

What would you do as West when dealer, South, opens 4♠?

If you double, what would your partner do as East?

If East bids 4NT in response to the double, what would that mean?

It cannot possibly be natural so logic dictates that it can only be 'two places to play'. Not that this helps much on this hand.

Needless to say, the contracts were all over the place. 4♠ by South one off (would you really really Pass as West?), 4♠ doubled plus1, 5♠ doubled making, 5♦ doubled by East going for 1400 and so on. Ron and I managed to escape for 5♣ minus six undoubled by North with ♣KQJ85, who was clearly concerned that we would run to hearts. That scored -600 and a remarkably generous and underserved 23% score.



Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J8
♥ 754
♦ 975
♣ A9854

♠ KQ975
♥ A1082
♦ 843
♣ 7

W N E S

♠ 1032
♥ K6
♦ QJ6
♣ KQJ63

♠ A64
♥ QJ93
♦ AK102
♣ 102

East/West bid this hand to 4♠, rightly or wrongly, the par score being 3♠ by East making.

There was an interesting defence.

North found a passive diamond lead which ran to the queen and king. South returned a trump, won by West with the king, who led a club towards the king in dummy. North went up with the Ace and returned another diamond won by South who cleared the diamonds and then played a 4th diamond, which gave declarer a ruff and discard

(which was of no use). Declarer was doomed. He could either ruff with the ♠Q promoting partner's ♠J or duck it around to dummy, allowing partner's ♠J to win. Declarer ended up three off.

There were more tears (some of laughter) on other boards but more of that another time.

To close on an uplifting note, there was a very nice piece of sportsmanship displayed by the pair who finished in first place, Frederic Boldt and Nick Nautilus. When the session had finished, they noticed a mis-score and with impeccable ethics brought it to the attention of the Tournament Directors who re-scored the event. This, unfortunately, knocked them off the top spot. Congratulations to the eventual and actual winners, Hans Kreuning and Rob van den Bergh.

If you have an interesting hand, or story, we would love to hear it. PLEASE email it to the Bulletin Team at madeira@vaupillon.com.

Diolch yn fawr.

Simultaneous Pairs Results

Rank	Names
1	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
2	Adalsteinn Jörgensen - Svala Pálsdóttir
3	Frederic Boldt - Nick Nautilus
4	Poul Mogensen - Susan Just
5	Bernódus Kristinsson - Omar Oskarsson
6	Ron Tacchi - Ceri Pierce
7	José Macedo - João Machado
8	Ellen Vigmostad - Harald Nordby
9	Lars Carlsson - Birgit Bärlund
10	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes
11	Piotr Kardasinski - Liliana Suflida
12	Jannes Van't Oever - Antony Lee

13	Jussi Angervo - Seija Lahtinen
14	Allie Hoenstok - Mike Reuser
15	Maria Kroppa - Lech Zwirello
16	Egil Hansen - Svein-Harald Riisnes
17	Bénédicte Monclin - Claude Charpentier
18	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
19	Solveig Bystrom - Nils Andersson
20	Harry Burmania - John Linse
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Marc van Beijsterveldt: 62 years old and this year directing in my 7th festival. Ever since my first time in Madeira it has been my favourite bridge festival. I have directed all over the world and they all have their plusses and minuses, but Madeira is exceptional. Apart from directing since 1994 in world and European championships and festivals, since 1991 I work at the Dutch Bridge Federation, where I organise the national competitions for teams and pairs, and the 'Ruitenboertoorndooi' simultaneous tournament that once had more than 17,000 pairs. Furthermore I support TeamNL in organising their travelling and hotels etc.



Hans van Staveren: Apart from being a TD I do many other things in the bridge world, mainly computer and network related. I am present at all major EBL and WBF championships. I am also known for the de-facto standard dealing program BigDeal and various other programs doing movements, seeding and some other stuff which most players find extremely boring. It is a lousy job, but someone has got to do it. I have been to Madeira many times, my guess is ten times or so, and I like it very much. Great atmosphere, great weather, well organized tournament.

Jacob Duschek: is a Danish tournament director living in Copenhagen. He was awarded the EBL Tournament Director title in 2013 and has been directing regularly at EBL Championships since then. He is the author of the textbook 'A Guide to the Bridge Laws'. His best results as a player are a bronze medal in 2011 and a silver medal in 2012 at the Danish teams championship. When not directing or writing about the bridge laws, he works full-time as a software developer in the pension industry. He has a son (22) and twin daughters (19).



Sarah Amos: I began my TD career in Wales where I am a National Director and still run many events. I subsequently joined the EBU TD panel over 20 years ago which has allowed me to work all over the UK, running all types of bridge events from club games to home internationals. I love the variety that directing brings me, along with the chance to meet a huge range of different personalities and levels of bridge player.

I have two beautiful daughters, Ruth who lives and works in Shetland and Rachel who teaches bridge online and would make a very fine Tournament Director.

Diarmuid Reddan: Diarmuid Reddan is an Irish Tournament Director recently promoted to NBO International Director and also directed at the European's in Dublin in 2012.

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