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25th Madeira International Bridge Open

7th-13th November 2022

Sunday 13th November

Bulletin 6

The Final Push For Glory

Today the final three rounds of the Teams competition will take place and they will determine the overall winners. Overnight Ponks, who spent the majority of the day in the lead currently have 128.17 VPs. Right behind them are Stonecutters with 127.07 VPs and in third place with a score of 119.41 are Juniors Plus. As you can see at the top it is very close and there are ten teams within 20 VPs of the leaders so it is all to play for, and if the final three rounds are anything like previous years I suspect that there will be a surprise for us.



The players and staff enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch in the Ocean Room after the second session of the day, leaving them refreshed and eager to continue for the next four rounds.

The cash prizes for the teams will be available in the former Koi Restaurant half an hour after the finish of the competition.



Do not forget to send in your entries for the best bid and best play to win yourselves €250.



The top two tables during the Teams competition will be broadcast on BBO

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.





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MAIN PROGRAMME 7th – 13th November 2022

Location - Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

SUNDAY 13 th November	14.30	Open Teams Tournament Session 4 (3 matches)
	19.00	Final Results

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

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.

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13.00 – 14.30

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 13th November

20.30 Closing Dinner and trophy presentation in the Ocean Room – Hotel VidaMar, 2nd floor.

SIDE EVENTS

Monday 14th Cool-down Pairs (€10)

20.30

Badges, Badges, Badges

The Tournament Directors wish to remind you that your badge is an essential part of your kit. You must bring it with you when playing in the competitions. Also please take extreme care when entering the code on your badge into the Bridgemate, mistakes can lead to confusion. Another reason to always have your badge about your person is that it gives discounts at many local restaurants. Inside this bulletin you will find a list of those restaurants giving you this advantage.



Teams Round 2

Ceri Pierce

After the first round, teams Tolle and Stonecutters found themselves on table 2 and an in a match of two halves, an exciting four boards ensued.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 2		♠ 963									
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♦ KQ1063	♦ 7										
♣ 4		♣ K9863									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Matthias	Svein	Roennavq	Ralph
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helleman	Reim	Tolle	Gladiator
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the closed room, North/South reached the same destination by a different route. When South saw her partner's club fit, she jumped to 4♠ to show the quality of her spade suit which North was happy to pass. A slam would not have been out of the question - all North needs is two aces. However, North had no such intentions on this occasion.

4♠ rolled home with an overtrick at both tables with nothing of particular interest to report in the play when the trumps broke 3-3.

Some pairs stopped in 2♠ on this board, which is a bit of a feeble effort by South, with a four-loser hand and a known club fit with partner.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AJ2		♠ 98763									
♥ 732		♥ 108									
♦ J3		♦ AKQ84									
♣ KQ952		♣ 6									
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		S									
♥ QJ94	♥ AK65										
♦ 109752	♦ 6										
♣ J108		♣ A743									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Matthias	Svein	Roennavq	Ralph
-	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	2♦	3♦*
3♥	3♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The result was 5♣ up one. Meanwhile....

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helleman	Reim	Tolle	Gladiator
-	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Double	4♥
Pass	5♦	Double	6♣
All Pass			

When South bid 4♣, for some pairs this is now RKCB in clubs. The response is steps - 4♦=1 or 4, 4♥=3 or 0 etc, so here the response by North would have been 4NT for two keycards with the queen. South now still has space to investigate the grand. It is an excellent convention to play as it avoids getting too high as you frequently can do if you have to bid 4NT asking for keycards. (Some players who play 1430 responses to 4NT, opt to play 3041 when clubs are trumps in case the reply is zero).

In this auction I am not sure what 4♦ is, maybe a psychic cue-bid to discourage a diamond lead



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(nor what 5♦ was), but it had the desired effect and South bid six and a 13 IMP swing to Stonecutter.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 7		♠ J10962
♥ A87		♥ 95
♦ AJ9643		♦ Q10875
♣ K94		♣ J
♠ AK5		♠ Q843
♥ KQJ6432		♥ 10
♦ K		♦ 2
♣ 72		♣ AQ108653



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Matthias	Svein	Roennavq	Ralph
-	-	-	3♣
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helleman	Reim	Tolle	Gladiator
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
3♥	All Pass		

Five Clubs made with an overtrick and +650 against 3♥-1, and the match was equalised with 12 IMPs to Stonecutter. It is only a club lead that can hold the contract to 11 tricks.

Now onto Board 12, for another big swing

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J105		♠ 94
♥ K52		♥ 74
♦ A5		♦ Q109762
♣ AQ854		♣ K103
♠ 63		♠ AKQ872
♥ J863		♥ AQ109
♦ KJ84		♦ 3
♣ J72		♣ 96



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Matthias	Svein	Roennavq	Ralph
Pass	1♣	2♦	Double
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helleman	Reim	Tolle	Gladiator
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠

All Pass

- 1NT 15-17
- 2♦ game force
- 4♦ cue-bid
- 5♥ 2KC no Q

An uncontested auction took N/S to 6♠.

South could have tried asking for kings after partner's 5♥ reply to RKCB. All too often players seem to just forget to do this. If North had held the ♥K and ♣K then the grand is cold. However, luckily for them this was not the case and the ♣K was offside.

In the other room, the power of the pre-empt earned its bacon again making life difficult for their opponents and keeping them out of the slam. 13 IMPs to Stonecutter.

There was a further swing of 7 IMPs to Tolle on the next board to close the gap, when East/West tried 5♦ which went two down in the Open Room and their counterparts in the Closed Room stopped in 3♦.

The remaining 4 boards were completely flat. Final score Tolle 19, Stonecutter 26 - 7,23 - 12,77 VPs



The Name Game

Mark Horton

One year (maybe in 2023?) I think we should award a prize for the most original team name.

Meanwhile, here are a few deals from Round 3, featuring Ponks v Father and Son:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A10852 ♥ 53 ♦ A85 ♣ 853	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> WS</div> </div>	♠ 4 ♥ AKJ42 ♦ KJ10 ♣ A1096	♠ J9 ♥ Q96 ♦ 962 ♣ KJ742
		♠ KQ763 ♥ 1087 ♦ Q743 ♣ Q	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Selway</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Weiss</i>	<i>Arffman</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

There was no explanation for South's 2♣, but whatever message it conveyed it was enough for North to jump to game.

East led the ♠J for the king and ace and dummy's queen took the return of the ♥10 as declarer pitched a club. A diamond saw West take the ace and play the ♠5, declarer ruffing with the jack, West overruffing and exiting with a diamond, declarer soon claiming ten tricks, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Odelmark</i>	<i>Zeugner</i>	<i>Mellgren</i>	<i>Gregoritsc</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

South was not worth a jump to 3♥, but North might have made a try with 3♦. After West had taken trick one with the ♠A he switched to the ♥5. When declarer played the two East won and returned a heart, holding declarer to nine tricks, +140 and a 7 IMP swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ AKJ94 ♦ 985 ♣ A1076	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> WS</div> </div>	♠ AK1092 ♥ 1082 ♦ 42 ♣ 954	♠ Q87654 ♥ 63 ♦ KQ7 ♣ J3
		♠ J ♥ Q75 ♦ AJ1063 ♣ KQ82	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Selway</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Weiss</i>	<i>Arffman</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

The play record is incomplete, but declarer went three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Odelmark</i>	<i>Zeugner</i>	<i>Mellgren</i>	<i>Gregoritsc</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Double	All Pass

East led the ♥6 and West took three tricks in the suit before switching to the ♠3. East won with the queen and returned the ♣J, West taking the ace and continuing with the ♥9. North ruffed, but was booked for three down, -800 and an 11 IMP loss.



Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 8542	♠ Q97
♥ 87654	♥ J2
♦ K7	♦ Q542
♣ 42	♣ AK106

♠ A63	♠ KJ10	
♥ KQ3	♥ A109	
♦ A963	♦ J108	
♣ 875	♣ QJ93	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Selway	Bertheau	Weiss	Arffman
-	-	1♣	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♦J and North allowed declarer to win with the queen. Declarer continued with a diamond to the nine and North won and switched to the ♣4, South winning with the nine and returning the three to declarer's ten. South took the ♥J with the ace and played the ♣J and declarer won and could have cashed out for nine tricks. However, a heart to the queen was followed by a spade for the queen and king and as declarer had failed to unblock dummy's ♦6 at trick one (!) there were only eight tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Odelmark	Zeugner	Mellgren	Gregoritsc
-	-	1♦	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣Q and declarer ducked. When South continued with the ♣3 declarer won, and played two rounds of diamonds, North winning with the king and switching to the ♠5 for the nine, ten and ace. What happened after that is far from clear, but declarer did score nine tricks, +600 and another 12 IMPs.

There are various ways to make 3NT.

After a diamond lead, North winning at some point and switching to a club, South wins and can exit with a diamond. Declarer wins in dummy and forces out the ♥A, South returning a heart. Now declarer cashes the winners in hearts and clubs before exiting with a club to endplay South into leading into the split spade tenace.

Let me ask you how would you play this hand?

IMPs scoring. As South, you are declaring 3NT in an uncontested auction. The opening lead is the ♥J, which you cover with the ♥Q and that holds the trick. **What is the best line of play?**

♠ K76
♥ Q2
♦ AK763
♣ J87



♠ AQ5
♥ K43
♦ 984
♣ A654



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A Tal Tale

Ceri Pierce

I had the great pleasure of meeting the Tal family from Israel today, playing as Team Tal in the Open Teams. The family comprises of the two parents, Haim and Livi, and their daughters, Noga and Dana.

Noga and Dana came to Madeira earlier this year in June to play in the European Championships for the Israeli women's team (where they won a Bronze medal). They fell in love with the place, as many of us do, and decided to bring their parents here, even though it clashes slightly with the Red Sea Bridge Festival in Eilat (note to organisers - try and avoid this in the future - such events are few and far between nowadays). In fact, Haim is here celebrating his 70th birthday, although it was somewhat delayed due to covid and he is now almost 71!

So how did the entire family come to play bridge? Haim learnt in the army, and Livi's parents played so she learnt from them. When they met and married, they decided that they would continue to play together. And once their two daughters were old enough to make up a four, they

taught them to play as well, at the tender ages of nine and six. They lived in New York at this time and the children played at the bridge club there when their feet dangled off their chairs, not able to touch the floor.

Haim taught the children his very own system initially, appropriately called 'Prophet' (he had seen the light). The girls progressed to play at School and Junior level and the top Israeli players took them under their wing when much to Haim's regret, they stopped playing 'Prophet'. However, it has clearly stood them in good stead as they have played for the Israeli Womens team for some years and, did I mention, won the Bronze medal in June this year.

The family rarely play together as a team, so this is indeed a special occasion. They tell me that they all love Madeira and our Bridge Festival. Everything is perfect, even the weather (I have to agree with all that). I hope they will come back and visit us again next year.



The Tal Family



Pairs Prizes

Name	Prize	Amount
Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz	1	2,100.00 €
Ralph Retzlaff - Matthias Schueller	2	1,500.00 €
Andreas Babsch - Michael Gromoeller	3	1,000.00 €
Igor Grzejdziak - Sabina Grzejdziak	4	800.00 €
Jerzy Skwark - Marek Blat	5	700.00 €
Olav Ellestad - Frederic Wilt	6	600.00 €
Luís Castaño - Pedro Morbey	7	500.00 €
Nick Nautilus - Frederic Boldt	8	400.00 €
Paulo Gonçalves Pereira - Jorge Cruzeiro	9	350.00 €
Egil Hansen - Allie Hoenstok	10	300.00 €
Mads Eyde - Knut Blakset	11	250.00 €
Frank van Gorp - Arjan Roelofs	12	225.00 €
Svala Pálsdóttir - Adalsteinn Jörgensen	1 st Foreign	225.00 €
Willem van Eijck - Inez van Eijck	1 st Mixed	225.00 €
Franz Roettger - Kerstin Sosnowski	1 st Ger	225.00 €
Alexandru Pana - Rita Mucha	1 st Senior	225.00 €
Slawomir Zawislak - Lena Leszczynska	1 st Poland	225.00 €
Anam Tebha - Stephen Zolotow	1 st Western	225.00 €
Marcel Swidde - Svend Germann	1 st NL	225.00 €
Michael Pauly - Sebastian Reim	2 nd Ger	150.00 €
Peter Bertheau - Torbjörn Arffman	1 st Swe	225.00 €
Harm Van Urk - Hanneke Kreijns	2 nd Mixed	150.00 €
John Vermehren Norris - Christian Lahrmann	1 st Den	225.00 €
Ralf Schlotmann - Claus Daehr	3 rd Ger	100.00 €
Paul Wauters - Nora Groot	2 nd NL	150.00 €
Betty Speelman - Justin van der Kam	3 rd NL	100.00 €
Harald Nordby - Jan Trollvik	1 st Nor	225.00 €
Odd Skodje - Wim van Luijk	1 st Trans.	225.00 €
Julius Sigurjonsson - Simon Hult	2 nd Trans.	150.00 €
Stefan Fuchs - Sabine Bogner	2 nd Western	150.00 €
Anne Gladiator - Andrea Reim	1 st Ladies	225.00 €
Erik Berg - Espen Haugstad	2 nd Nor	150.00 €
Magnus Asgrimsson - Thorsteinn Bergsson	1 st Icl	225.00 €
Omar Oskarsson - Bernóðus Kristinsson	2 nd Icl	150.00 €
Rui Pinto - António Rocha Pinto	1 st Por	225.00 €
Sveinn R Eiriksson - Magnus Eidur Magnusson	3 rd Icl	100.00 €
Shahzaad Natt - India Natt	1 st UK	225.00 €
Rolf Tolle - Anne-Lill Hellemann	2 nd Senior	150.00 €
Lotte Nerem - Annie Storm	2 nd Ladies	150.00 €
Henning Ostergaard - Christina Lund Madsen	2 nd Den	150.00 €
Nikolaj la Cour - Anette Vainer	3 rd Den	100.00 €
Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira	1 st Madeira	225.00 €
Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen	1 st Fin	225.00 €
João Machado - José Macedo	2 nd Madeira	150.00 €

**Prizes may be collected from the former Koi Restaurant
between 10.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 20.00.**



Waiting To Be Made

Mark Horton

Polish/Franco Chess Grandmaster Savielly Tartakower coined the phrase, the Mistakes are all there, waiting to be made. I wonder what he would have made of these deals from the opening match of day 2 between Team Nuno Matos and Ponks?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J6		♠ AQ94									
♥ AQJ2		♥ K86									
♦ AJ8753		♦ —									
♣ 9		♣ AJ7652									
♠ K75	<table border="1" style="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		♠ 10832
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		S									
♥ 107543	♥ 9										
♦ 104	♦ KQ962										
♣ KQ3	♣ 1084										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Luiz</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Arffman</i>
—	1♦	2♣	2♦
3♣	3♦	3♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

South led the ♦K and declarer ruffed, went to dummy with the ♣K and played a heart for the two and king. A second heart saw North win and continue with the ace and queen, but declarer could ruff high and claim, +400.

To defeat 5♣ North must rise with the ♥A and continue with the queen, not easy, but certainly not impossible.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Odelmark</i>	<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Melgreen</i>	<i>Brenner</i>
—	1♦	Double	3♦
3♥	4♦	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♦	5♥	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

North led the ♣9 and declarer won with the king and played a heart for the jack and king. A

spade to the king was followed by a diamond ruff and a club to the queen, but North ruffed, and cashed the ♦A, -300 and 12 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ642		♠ 105									
♥ Q86		♥ A42									
♦ 5		♦ 1092									
♣ Q965		♣ KJ1032									
♠ 873	<table border="1" style="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		♠ KJ9
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ J975	♥ K103										
♦ QJ7643	♦ AK8										
♣ —	♣ A874										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Luiz</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Arffman</i>
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

There is a good case for South to pass 3NT.

West led the ♦4 and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps ending in dummy, East discarding the ♣2, and played the ♣5 for the three and ace. When West discarded, declarer cashed the ♦K pitching a heart, played a heart to the queen and ace, ruffed the diamond return, cashed the ♠Q and played a heart to the ten and jack, -50.

Once West discarded on the first round of clubs declarer could have eliminated the diamonds and then played the ♥Q. East wins and plays a heart, but declarer takes the king, ruffs a heart and exits with a low club to endplay East.

As the play went, declarer could still have followed this line once East did not return a heart when in with the ace. That ruins declarer's timing.



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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Odemark	Teixeira	Melgreen	Brenner
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
1♥ Spades			

Rather than conduct a lengthy inquest into the auction, let's just say that North should probably bid 3NT over 3♥. Declarer managed nine tricks, -150 but only a 3 IMP loss.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K9		♠ 87
♥ 72		♥ 10964
♦ 753		♦ QJ82
♣ Q109532		♣ K76
♠ QJ53		♠ A10642
♥ J		♥ AKQ853
♦ A10964		♦ K
♣ J84		♣ A

N
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Luiz	Bertheau	Paz	Arffman
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	Pass	2♦	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♦A and continued with the ten, declarer ruffing and playing three rounds of spades, ruffed and overruffed by East, who continued with the ♦Q. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Odemark	Teixeira	Melgreen	Brenner
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
All Pass			

When your Bols Bridge Tip was Don't be afraid to respond, you cannot agree with North's pass, which resulted in the loss of 10 IMPs.

It was a win for Ponks, 23-12.

Did you get it right?

Let me tell you how you should have played it...

We have:

3 tricks in ♠
1 trick in ♥
2 tricks in ♦
1 trick in ♣

♠ K76
♥ Q2
♦ AK763
♣ J87

♠ 832
♥ AJ1097
♦ Q2
♣ Q102

♠ J1094
♥ 865
♦ J105
♣ K93

♠ AQ5
♥ K43
♦ 984
♣ A654

West has to have the ♥A, therefore if East eventually wins a trick, they will play a ♥ back, finessing our King and West will cash all their ♥s. We only have a total of 7 tricks and it looks almost impossible to establish two more tricks and not let East win any. **But there is a way:** Play a ♠ to get in hand and play a small ♦ towards dummy. If West plays low, win the ♦A. Return to hand and play one more ♦ towards dummy. If the ♦Q appears from West, let it win. Then, on the next round, when you cash the ♦K, East's Jack will drop and you will have established two ♦ tricks from length without East getting on play. *If the ♦Q doesn't appear, just win with the King and play a third ♦ hoping that West started with 3 ♦s originally.

Do you want to see more of these puzzles?

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Love Boat

Mark Horton

I like to relax between rounds by watching TV – my top choice in Madeira has been an old American series, The Love Boat. Stonecutters v Don Julio was my port of call in the first match of the afternoon:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K954	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A632
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♥ Q97	♥ K6				
♦ 643	♦ Q				
♣ AK2	♣ QJ10753				
	♠ J108				
	♥ A10852				
	♦ A10975				
	♣ —				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schueller</i>	<i>Sveinn</i>	<i>Retzlaff</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
–	Pass	1♣	2NT
Double	3♥	Pass	Pass
Double	4♦	4♠	Double
All Pass			

South started with two rounds of hearts and declarer won, cashed the top spades and played a club to dummy's king. When South didn't ruff, the losing diamond went on dummy's ♥Q so that was +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sigurjoonsson</i>	<i>Reim</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
–	Pass	1♣	2NT
Double	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer lost three tricks, +420 and 6 IMPs away.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 1083		♠ Q9		
	♥ 10875		♥ K6		
	♦ 106		♦ KQ542		
	♣ 10943		♣ K762		
♠ AK654	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J72
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AJ4	♥ Q932				
♦ 973	♦ AJ8				
♣ A8	♣ QJ5				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schueller</i>	<i>Sveinn</i>	<i>Retzlaff</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
2♦	Checkback		

I am pretty sure something went wrong in the auction, but 6♦ was playable, which is not quite the same as makeable, -50 when there were two trumps to lose.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sigurjoonsson</i>	<i>Reim</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		


Declarer took 11 tricks for +460 and 11 IMPs.



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Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q7		♠ AK2
♥ AQ9752		♥ 4
♦ J9		♦ A7643
♣ J64		♣ K975
♠ J95		♠ 108643
♥ 1086		♥ KJ3
♦ KQ82		♦ 105
♣ AQ3		♣ 1082

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schueller	Sveinn	Retzlaff	Magnusson
-	-	1♦	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

With clubs 3-3 there were 12 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sigurjoonsson	Reim	Hult	Gladiator
-	-	1♦	Pass
2♦*	3♥	4♦	4♥
4NT	Pass	6♦	6♥
Double	All Pass		

Declarer had six trump tricks, but nothing else, -1400 and a 13 IMP swing that left the teams separated by a single IMP.

Both teams stopped out of a slam that was cold if trumps broke 2-2 and otherwise depended on locating the ♣Q, Don Julio winning 22-20.

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Your Directors



José Júlio Curado – co-Chief Tournament Director: In October 1996 I decided I wanted to know the Laws of Bridge. Two years later I was invited to direct the first edition of this tournament with Rui Marques. I liked it so much that I kept coming back and in 2005 I moved to Madeira. By the end of this 12-day week, you will understand why. Have Fun!

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.
Diarmuid has also represented The CBAI playing in the Camrose in 2013 and has been NPC to various Irish teams with his most recent one being the Irish Mixed Team in Madeira in June this year.
Other interests are golf and rugby.





Open Teams Standings - Day 2

Rk	VPs	TeamName
1	128.47	Ponks
2	127.07	Stonecutters
3	119.41	Juniors Plus
4	119.09	Swened
5	115.32	Portalia
6	112.56	Nuno Matos
7	112.44	Resi
8	111.99	Don Julio
9	111.32	Caveiras
10	109.05	Odd/Even
11	108.53	Tal
12	105.94	Muiderberg
13	105.7	Evici
14	105.46	Kirsten Steen Moeller
15	105.12	Verburgh
16	104.81	Repeat Bet
17	104.76	Cidade Invicta
18	104.26	Sol da Caparica
19	103.14	Mario Götze
20	102.97	Vriendenkring buiten
21	102.64	Astro
22	102.61	Master of Puppets
23	101.9	Alpine combination
24	100.07	Ruthless
25	99.81	Where is my mind
26	99.72	Club Naval S Vicente
27	99.09	Plan B Bridge
28	98.61	Raudka
29	98.01	Mads Eyde
30	97.34	Tolle
31	96.69	Bjertnes
32	96.08	Tjarnemo
33	95.63	Table presents
34	94.91	Palm
35	94.9	Metselaar
36	94.09	Ice Surprise
37	92.86	Froh
38	92.32	Mixed Troubles
39	92.26	Senator
40	92.13	Kreijns
41	91.83	Sagacious Serpents
42	91.67	Fundacja Raglot

43	91.61	Jorgi Litli
44	91.06	Diana
45	90.61	Kill Bill 3
46	89.48	Mula Velha
47	88.49	Captain and crew
48	88.04	Brica Juniors
49	87.88	Gerard 25
50	87.86	Sea Star
51	87.8	Heds
52	87.57	The Norwegian Trolls
53	86.48	Vid Lakinn
54	85.07	Vlak
55	84.75	Bron
56	84.67	ACDR S Martinho
57	84.47	Trio Trouble
58	83.44	Stella i orloti
59	83.37	Bronulu
60	82.53	Baleal Viviane
61	81.93	Las Meigas
62	80.14	Login
63	79.22	Klambra
64	79.06	Pickles & Justitz
65	78.97	4 IMPS
66	78.56	Peter og Ulfarnir
67	77.64	Lopes
68	77.46	Luz e Mar
69	75.91	Siggi
70	75.86	Luchtkastelen
71	75.32	Fiveclubs Partyband
72	73.82	Wild Cats
73	72.19	Father and Son
74	71.86	Finland Mixed
75	70.6	Orion
76	68.77	Iberico
77	68.13	Ruiten 7
78	65.73	Ruff Enough
79	64.5	Hali
80	63.61	The Beach Boys
81	62.98	Rochedos
82	56.97	Lila
83	56.25	Porto
84	55.47	Glamour
85	47.2	Dass