



26th Madeira International Bridge Open

6th-12th November 2023

Tuesday 7th November

Bulletin 1

Charity Challenge Success

On Sunday afternoon 62 pairs settled down to play for the Charity Challenge, so far you have raised nearly €2000. If you would like to add to this total you can make a donation by handing over your hard earned cash to a tournament director, any member of the organising team or come to the Bulletin room and leave it in our safe hands. Details of the charity are on page three of this bulletin. We will give the final total when all donations have been counted. On the right you can see Lars Nielsen and Mette Drogemuller who won the event with a score of 65.97%, a very fine effort. Southern Europe pipped Northern Europe with Iceland finishing third.



On Monday night a boisterous session of the Warm-Up Pairs was held which continued into the small hours. There were 132 pairs entered - a new record for this event and after 13 two board rounds the winners were **Gabriel Gislason and Gisli Steingrímsson** with 65.38%, they were followed by **Ingi Agnarsson and Aron Thorfinnsson** with 64.75% while in third place **Wolfgang Lauss and Heinrich Berger** scored 64.24%

Tomorrow in the cold light of day a full report of the hands will be in the next Bulletin.

Please note that the departure time for the Catamaran excursion on Friday 10th has been brought forward to 9.00 a.m.

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.

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

Location - Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

TUESDAY 7 th November	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament Session 1
WEDNESDAY 8 th November	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament Session 2
THURSDAY 9 th November	16.00 20.00	Open Pairs Tournament Session 3 Final Results
FRIDAY 10 th November	18.00 19.30 20.30	Team Assignments Deadline for Teams Tournament Entries Open Teams Tournament Session 1 (3 matches)
SATURDAY 11 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 12 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.

The Reykjavik Bridge Festival 2024

will be held in Harpa Concert hall
on 25th of January through 28th of January

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INTER-NATIONS CHALLENGE (CHARITY EVENT)

Sunday 5th November, 16.00

The proceeds from this year's Charity Challenge tournament will go to the Special Education Unit at the Dr. Horácio Bento de Gouveia Middle School.

Over the past few years, the school has developed a focus on inclusivity, initiating and managing new approaches, policies and educational practices to conform with current national and regional legislation.

This focus challenges all of us to follow a clear path, the path of inclusion: of building a more democratic school, based on universal rights, principles and fundamental values that are widely shared; a school for all, without exceptions, and for each individual; a universal school, where each child and young person is given the care, attention and respect they deserve in a mainstream environment, and the opportunity to realise their full learning potential; where individual difference is seen not as a problem but rather as a value, enriching and challenging the creativity and professionalism of education professionals.

It was in this spirit that in 2013 the school embraced the challenge of creating an in-house Special Education Unit. In the intervening period the unit has remoulded itself to better meet the needs of the children it serves, and to meet the guidelines and legal framework.

Hence, the Special Education Unit:

- Forms part of the continuum of educational responses provided by the school for pupils with identified long-term difficulties in communication, interaction, cognition or learning;
- Offers a dynamic, supportive structure which brings together human and material resources with a view to achieving inclusion up to the end of compulsory schooling, and promotes flexibility in the curriculum;
- Promotes a sense of belonging and participation in children and young people in school classes, routines and activities, by a range of strategies which facilitate access to the curriculum;
- Promotes and supports access to leisure, social participation and independent living;
- Develops interdisciplinary intervention methods to facilitate learning processes, autonomy and adjustment to the school context;
- Encourages the creation of structured environments, rich in communication and interaction, which foster learning;
- Supports the process of transition to post-school life, making the most of existing school resources and establishing partnerships, and inviting the community to participate and enrich the educational process of these students;
- Promotes consistent involvement of families, and utilises technical interventions at a therapeutic level, or any other services which will benefit the students.

The implementation of these policies is possible only with everyone's involvement - everyone. And by 'everyone' we mean not only the school, but the entire community. Ultimately, it is the community - with its dynamism and the people who are part of it - which guides and gives meaning to the values the school follows. Each one of us has an important role to play in the great challenge which is the education and social integration of our young people. Each of us is an irreplaceable and essential contributor to the development of a more open, inclusive and humane society.

The Teaching Team of the Special Education Unit

Elisabete Carvalho and Maria João Martins



Horácio de Ornelas Bento de Gouveia (5 September 1901 - 23 May 1983) was a Madeiran writer, poet, journalist and teacher.



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

Tuesday 7 th November	10.30 – 13.00 14.30 – 16.00
Wednesday 8 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Thursday 9 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Friday 10 th November	18.00 – 20.30
Saturday 11 th November	13.30 – 14.30
Sunday 12 th November	13.00 – 14.30

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

SIDE EVENTS

2 nd November – 13 th November 2023	Congress Room
Monday 13 th Cool-down Pairs (€10)	20.30

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

- WEDNESDAY 8th 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 10th 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 12th 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	€ 170.00
Pairs + Team	€ 285.00
Pairs + Traditional Dinner	€ 200.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€ 310.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€ 315.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional + Closing Dinner	€ 330.00
Traditional Dinner	€ 30.00
Friday Excursion	€ 30.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€ 20.00
Closing Dinner	€ 45.00

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th Madeira International Bridge Open

31st October - 11th November 2024

(Main Events 5th-10th November)



Optional Excursions Friday 10th November

Option A: Levada Walk (½ day, lunch included)
coach leaves hotel 09.00



The amazing Levada do Rei (King's Levada), which runs for 5.3 km and takes about 3½ hours to walk. The levada offers spectacular views of the agricultural terraces of São Jorge and Santana. The walk starts and finishes in the same location and rises from 530m to 710m along the contours of the island's interior through mature natural forest rich in biodiversity.

The tunnels formed by the luxuriant vegetation allow sight of a wide variety of species including Madeira laurels, bay trees, Madeira mahogany and animal species such as firecrest and finch. We will take lunch at the hotel Quinta do Furão and return to VidaMar at approximately 15:00.

Please bring good walking shoes or boots, a warm coat (in case of low temperatures in the mountains) and a bottle of water. Grade: easy; total distance: 10.6 km; Duration: approx. 3½ hours.

Option C: Catamaran (limited availability)
coach leaves hotel 9.00



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: Over the Mountains (full day, lunch included)
coach leaves hotel 09.15



First stop Monte, a small village on the hills 6km above Funchal where you can see the remains of the almost-forgotten rack-and-pinion railway which used to connect Monte to Funchal, in particular the original base station which still stands at the foot of the hill. Monte is notable for its gardens and older green spaces, some of which are open to the public, and their exotic plants and flowers. Monte is now linked to Funchal and the Botanical Gardens by cable car. Next we will head to Ribeiro Frio, taking in a 30-minute walk along the levada to the Miradouro dos Balcões, a route lined with beautiful trees, flowers and rock formations ending in a stupendous view of some of Madeira's highest peaks; along the way you will meet some of the island's birds, which are used to visitors. You can take the time to enjoy the vegetation and the superb landscapes. We will take lunch at the hotel Quinta do Furão in the Santana area. We return to Funchal via the Guindaste viewpoint, where we will make a brief stop to admire the breathtaking view of the north coast. Return to VidaMar approximately 16.15.

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Mission Impossible

Mark Horton

As part from being arguably the greatest ever vintage in the history of Bordeaux, 1982 was notable for the most dramatic turnaround in the history of the Gold Cup, a Scottish team overturning a deficit of 51 IMPs on the last set of their semi-final.

This year Janet de Botton's team found themselves a mere 48 IMPs adrift of Sandra Penfold's squad (it would have been 54 IMPs but for a renegade mobile phone). As Dr Johnson might have said, 'When a man goes into the last set of a match trailing by 48 IMPs it concentrates his mind wonderfully.'

Board 57. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ AKQJ54 ♥ J5 ♦ KJ108 ♣ 4</p>		<p>♠ 732 ♥ Q10732 ♦ 9 ♣ J987</p>	
<p>♠ 1086 ♥ K84 ♦ Q754 ♣ KQ2</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ A96 ♦ A632 ♣ A10653</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
–	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♦

All Pass

1NT 5-12

It looks as if 2♣ was a transfer to diamonds or Gazzilli, with South's 2♦ being game forcing. The former looks more likely given the jump to slam.

West led the ♣K and declarer won, cashed the ♦A and played a diamond to the ten, East discarding the ♠7. Declarer cashed the ♠A and then claimed 12 tricks and +920. West could ruff a spade at some point, but declarer would then have the rest.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Mould</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

South might have preferred 4♣ to 4♠.

East led the ♦9 and declarer was soon claiming 12 tricks for +480 but losing 10 IMPs, taking the score to 114-152.

The next two deals were just what the doctor ordered for Penfold, flat games.

Board 60. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 542 ♥ K3 ♦ K10743 ♣ Q54</p>		<p>♠ Q976 ♥ J106 ♦ Q6 ♣ A987</p>	
<p>♠ 3 ♥ AQ9852 ♦ AJ98 ♣ KJ</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ AKJ108 ♥ 74 ♦ 52 ♣ 10632</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦*	2♠
3♠*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Double	All Pass	

2♦ must have shown heart support. Depending on agreements either East or West might have doubled 4♠.

North led the ♠2 and South won with the ♠10 and switched to the ♥7, declarer taking the ace, playing the ♣J to dummy's ace and running the ♦Q. North won and cashed the ♥K for one down, -100.



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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Holland	Bakhshi	Mould
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Declarer had no problem scoring 10 tricks, +420 and 11 IMPs, 125-152.

Board 61. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ K96542	
	♥ A873	
	♦ J	
	♣ 92	
♠ 3		♠ A7
♥ 92		♥ Q1054
♦ 1098765		♦ KQ42
♣ Q875		♣ J63
	♠ QJ108	
	♥ KJ6	
	♦ A3	
	♣ AK104	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	Hoftaniska	Trendafilov	Charlsen
—	Pass	1♦	Dble
2NT*	3♦*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
2NT	Diamonds		
3♦	Good hand		
4♦	Good hand		
4NT	RKCB		
5♠	2 keycards +♠Q		

East led the ♦K and having taken dummy's ace declarer ruffed a diamond and played the ♠9, East going up with the ♠A and exiting with the ♠7. Declarer won in dummy, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, went to dummy with a spade and ruffed the ♣10. His next move was a heart to dummy's jack, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Holland	Bakhshi	Mould
—	Pass	1♦	Dble
4♦	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer collected 12 tricks, but 13 IMPs went away, 138-152.

Board 62. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K10974	
	♥ Q1054	
	♦ 103	
	♣ K2	
♠ 53		♠ A62
♥ A983		♥ 76
♦ AQJ9765		♦ 84
♣ —		♣ J109743
	♠ QJ8	
	♥ KJ2	
	♦ K2	
	♣ AQ865	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	Hoftaniska	Trendafilov	Charlsen
—	—	Pass	1NT
3♦	Dble*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Dble	Takeout		

West led the ♦A and continued with the ♦J so that was four down, -200.

You can make 3NT – but only as E/W!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Holland	Bakhshi	Mould
—	—	Pass	1NT
4♦	Dble*	All Pass	
Dble	Values		

When you have doubled a suit contract holding the balance of power there is a lot to be said for leading a trump. Had North adopted that strategy here, 4♦ would have been one down.

After the lead of the ♥4, declarer ducked South's jack and won the switch to the ♦2 with the queen. The ♥A and a heart ruff allowed him to claim his contract, +510 and 7 IMPs, 145-152.



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Board 63. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ AK7	♠ 108543	♠ 62
♥ K96	♥ AQJ75	♥ 843
♦ Q973	♦ 10	♦ K4
♣ K96	♣ A8	♣ J75432
		♠ QJ9
		♥ 102
		♦ AJ8652
		♣ Q10



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	2♣*	2NT*	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♣	Majors		
2NT	Transfer		

West led the ♠K and switched to the ♣6 but declarer let it run to his queen and continued with the ♠Q. West won and exited with the ♣9 to dummy's ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by the ♥10 and a second heart, declarer claiming 11 tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Mould</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1NT	Dble	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

South's actions on this deal, especially the decision to bid 5♦ rather than pass 4♥ or bid 4♠ reminds me of a famous line from Gerard Hoffnung's *The Bricklayer's Lament*, 'At this point I must have lost my presence of mind.'

Three rounds of spades saw East ruff (apparently with the ♦K) and switch to the ♣5 for the ten, king and ace. Declarer then ran the ♦10 to West's queen and finished with eight tricks, three down, -800 and 16 IMPs that gave de Botton the lead, 161-152.

Board 64. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ9652	♠ A	♠ 8
♥ 9	♥ 8762	♥ AKQJ104
♦ J542	♦ Q986	♦ A3
♣ Q5	♣ KJ42	♣ A1093
		♠ K10743
		♥ 53
		♦ K107
		♣ 876



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Dble	2♣
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1NT	Clubs		

South unerringly found the lead of the ♦7 and declarer ducked. He took the continuation of the ♦K with the ace (the unnatural ♦10 is best, retaining the king as an entry) and declarer won and ran his hearts. As long as he retains dummy's ♦J a spade exit will result in nine tricks, but it went away on the last heart and when declarer exited with a spade it did not matter that South played the king, as after winning with the ace North could exit with the ♦9 enabling South to win and play a club, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Mould</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♦	Multi		
2♥	Pass or correct		

A low spade, heart or diamond would have left the defenders in the box seats, but South not unreasonably started with the ♣7 for the five, jack and ace. Declarer drew trumps and played a club to the queen ensuring his contract, +620 and another 12 IMPs to de Botton who had won the set 69-0 (as Barry Rigal once (in)famously said on VuGraph 'That's a very good position to be in.') and the match 173-152.



What's In A Name?

Laura Woodruff

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet."

W. Shakespeare

Casting around for fillers for the bulletin, it occurred to us to wonder who has the longest name at the tournament, and who the shortest. We decided that double-barrelled surnames and hyphenated forenames wouldn't count, but even so there are some impressive monickers to be found, especially among the Icelanders.

In normal circumstances it would be hard to beat English for long – some might say ridiculously long – surnames. English spelling, bizarre and impenetrable to foreign minds, and often to native anglophones too, lends itself to looooooong syllables. The archetypal ridiculous English surnames are Featherstonehaugh (pronounced Fanshaw, for no good reason that we can see) and Cholmondeleigh (pronounced Chumley, ditto). That's without even touching on multiple-barrelled surnames such as Plunkett-Erle-Drax (yes, that is the real surname of a real English Member of Parliament, owner of the longest wall in Britain at three miles and over two million bricks). Unfortunately we haven't many British players here, so the prize for the longest name may have to be awarded elsewhere.

While we're on the subject of English names – in this case place names – we cannot fail to mention Knightsbridge, the longest two-syllable word in the English language; nor Buckfastleigh, the longest place name with no repeating letters. Then there are the many place names which are traps for foreigners: Leicester (Lester), Gloucester (Gloster), Worcester (Wooster), Towcester (Toaster), Belvoir (Beever), Beaulieu (Bewlee), Berkeley (Barclee), Bovey Tracey (Buvvy Tracey) and Groby (Groo-beh), to name but a few. The element -borough or -brough or -burgh, meaning 'town', has at least three different pronunciations, none of them resembling the American attempt

bow-row or even their own spelling: Edinburgh is E-din-buh-ruh; Loughborough is Luff-bruh; and Brough is just Bruff.

Then we have some Scots, Welsh and Irish places to fox the unwary: Kirkcudbright in Scotland (Kur-coo-bree); Machynlleth in Wales (Ma-kuhn-lleth) (the ll in Welsh is more or less unpronounceable by anyone except Welsh people*); and Irish contributions to foreign pain such as Dun Laoghaire (Dun-leary) and Portlaoise (Port-leash).

(If you're wondering why the th in 'this' is different from the th in 'think', it just is. Icelanders understand it, because they sensibly have different letters for the two different sounds: ð and þ. There is no such aid in English: you just have to know.)

Anyway, to return after this brief digression to the subject of the article, we had several contenders for shortest forename-surname combo but Joe Grue, Rob Lawy and Tim Rees have been disqualified because Joe, Rob and Tim are abbreviations. There are various eight-letter names: John Hurd, Tyge Fogh, Mads Eyde, Måns Berg. But we think Dirk Nap wins.

As to the longest ... we have ruled out all the Portuguese strings of surnames such as Mão de Ferro e Cunha de Almeida Santa Rita Carvalho Vasconcelos (I made that one up, but it could well exist), and also two-word forenames. Without actually counting all the letters of all 500-odd names, we think it's a tie between Christopher Wormleighton (so English after all) and Ingibjorg Gudmundsdottir. If anyone can beat 23, please let us know.

**The most famous Welsh place name of all, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantisliliogogoch, is an invention of a local entrepreneur who wanted to promote tourism in the area. The official name of the village is Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, but that doesn't look as interesting in a railway-station selfie.*



Charity Begins At Home

Mark Horton

Here are four deals from the Charity Pairs, all with at least one interesting point:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠	AJ8532		♠	1074
♥	62		♥	K54
♦	K62		♦	Q4
♣	52		♣	AKQ83
		<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>		
			♠	Q96
			♥	Q1087
			♦	109853
			♣	7
			♠	K
			♥	AJ93
			♦	AJ7
			♣	J10964

West	North	East	South
2♠	3♣	3♠	4♠*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

When North overcalls 3♣ it is tempting to ask for keycards, but this will commit you to 6♣ unless partner's response is 5♣. Given that the ♠K may be worthless, a cue-bid in support of clubs, strongly suggesting you control both red suits is a better move. With a minimum North wisely signs off in 5♣.

East leads the ♠6 for the king and ace and West exits with the ♣2. Clearly 5♣ is not in danger, but what is the best line for a possible overtrick?

Declarer should win, ruff a spade, come to hand with a club, ruff another spade, come to hand with the ♥K and then play a heart to the nine. If West can win that he will have no good exit.

Two pairs bid 6♣ – one of them making it for all 60 matchpoints. Only two pairs made 5♣ with an overtrick, 53-7, while +400 was 34-26.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ KJ4	
	♥ A	
	♦ AJ109	
	♣ AJ974	
♠ 987	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ A105
♥ 972		♥ KQ10854
♦ K7632		♦ 5
♣ K10		♣ Q53
	♠ Q632	
	♥ J63	
	♦ Q84	
	♣ 862	

West	North	East	South
-	-	1♥	Pass
2♥	Double	3♥	All Pass

When South leads a low spade North should play the ♠J, not the ♠K. This is useful because if declarer wins with the ♠A North knows South has the ♠Q.

If declarer plays a diamond to the king at trick two, North wins and can calmly return a diamond. Assuming nothing untoward happens, declarer will not be able to avoid going two down, South inevitably securing a trump promotion. As usual, -200 is the kiss of death, 48-12.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ AQ10952	
	♥ 10	
	♦ A	
	♣ AQJ82	
♠ 4	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ J73
♥ Q76543		♥ A2
♦ Q8		♦ K106542
♣ 9764		♣ 105
	♠ K86	
	♥ KJ98	
	♦ J973	
	♣ K3	

West	North	East	South
-	-	3♦	Pass
5♦	Double	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	Double	All Pass



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When North doubled 5♦ it was very tempting to pass, as it was clear that the penalty would be substantial. However, the question was would it compensate for a possibly missed slam? Given that North had forced his side to the five-level, I judged it best to commit to slam. Wrong in the sense that passing and leading a diamond (which was my intention had I elected to defend delivers a massive penalty.

+1210 was 60-0, but +1400 would have been a simpler way to make a living.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AKJ96	♠ Q542	♠ 73
♥ —	♥ K1098	♥ AQJ7652
♦ KQJ9	♦ 843	♦ 75
♣ A872	♣ Q10	♣ 65
	♠ 108	
	♥ 43	
	♦ A1062	
	♣ KJ943	



West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

I'll leave you to choose how best to describe West's rebid. However, it did put the spotlight on North.

Clearly you are not going to lead a heart and a spade is sure to give a tempo (although its good enough here). Given a choice between the minors it must be best to start with the ♣Q. Playing with a partner you can trust, a discouraging ♣3 is a possibility, but a safer option is to overtake with the ♣K. If declarer ducks, the obvious spade switch will ensure two down. The best declarer can do is take the ♣A and play a high diamond, but South wins, cashes the ♣J and then plays a spade, ensuring one down.

+200 gets you 49-11, +100 36-24. However, leading a diamond makes 4♠ unbeatable and leaves you with only 11-49. Only one defender led the ♣Q.

A New Arrival

Ceri Pierce

Madeira Bridge Festival is delighted to welcome possibly the youngest player we have had attend our tournament, Armin Wlad, of Poland, aged ten – we know of no one younger. Armin has only been playing bridge for two years, and prior to that, aged six to eight, he played chess.

He has had outstanding success in his brief bridge career to date. Earlier this month he won a bronze medal in the Polish Youth Bridge Championships in Tęgorz. He is Vice-Champion of the Polish Mixed Under-12s with his partner Julia Ziętańska, a clubmate from CKiS Skawina. In the following days together with his partner, Hubert Ożibko from Warsaw, he won another three bronze medals one after another in the categories: Open Under-12, Teams Under-12 and Boys Under-12 – and the boys had only been training together for a month, although notably, Armin could have started in the younger Under-10 category. Armin is now the proud owner of no less than four medals.

Arim has kicked off his debut in Madeira by finishing in a very creditable 8th place in the Charity Pairs here on Sunday with 57.43% playing with his father Aleksander - a fantastic score in a very strong field of players.

Congratulations Arim. I suspect we will be seeing a lot more of you in the years to come.





Charity Pairs

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Another Swiss event commenced on Sunday night, this time with eight three-board rounds. I decided to kibbitz at table one and follow the leading pairs throughout the event, which makes my life easier as I do not have to move around the room (and I had already hit my steps target for the day). This deal came up in round three - Lars Nielsen & Mette Drogemuller v Gabriel Gislason & Gisli Steingrímsson.

N/S played in 4♠ on Board 9.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A76		♠ 105
♥ J		♥ AQ932
♦ AJ		♦ 872
♣ AKJ10862		♣ Q93
♠ Q98	♠ N	
♥ 1076	♥ W	♠ 105
♦ KQ9543	♦ E	♥ AQ932
♣ 4	♣ S	♦ 872
		♣ Q93
		♠ KJ432
		♥ K854
		♦ 106
		♣ 75

West	North	East	South
Steingrímsson Nielsen	Gislason	Drogemuller	
–	1♣	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♠	All Pass	

The heart overcall helped as South could now show a five-card spade suit immediately. North did not explore any slam potential, being content with a game contract. West led the ♥6 to partner's ace and another heart was returned and ruffed in dummy. Declarer now cashed the ace of trumps and played a trump to the jack and queen. West was now able to return the ♦K, knocking out dummy's entry and preventing the clubs from being set up for one-off.

Only three pairs managed to make 4♠. One winning line is as follows:

Win the 2nd heart with a ruff in dummy and play ace and another spade to the king spurning the finesse. Now play a club to the ace, and counter-intuitively play ace and another diamond. This puts West on lead and whatever he does

East's fate is sealed. Let's say he plays another diamond. You can ruff this, play a trump to draw his queen. The position is thus :

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ –		♠ –
♥ –		♥ Q9
♦ –		♦ –
♣ KJ108		♣ Q9
♠ –	♠ N	♠ –
♥ 10	♥ W	♥ Q9
♦ K54	♦ E	♦ –
♣ –	♣ S	♣ Q9
		♠ J
		♥ K8
		♦ –
		♣ 5

If West now plays a diamond, East is squeezed. If West plays a heart, South can win it with the king, cash the last trump and East is squeezed again having to bare his ♣Q or discard the winning heart. Bravo!

This line is superior to relying on a 2-2 club break as it works if the clubs are either 2-2 or 3-1.

The next two matches saw Nielson and Drogemuller retain their seat at the top table. In round five they played against Bernódus Kristinnsson & Omar Oskarsson and bid a solid slam which netted them 49 matchpoints from a possible 60.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ AQ10952		♠ J73
♥ 10		♥ A2
♦ A		♦ K106542
♣ AQJ82		♣ 105
♠ 4	♠ N	♠ J73
♥ Q76543	♥ W	♥ A2
♦ Q8	♦ E	♦ K106542
♣ 9764	♣ S	♣ 105
		♠ K86
		♥ KJ98
		♦ J973
		♣ K3



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West	North	East	South
Kristinsson	Nielsen	Oskarsson	Drogemuller
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

North has a fantastic shape and once South has shown support with scattered values, slam is definitely on the cards (no pun intended).

The defenders cashed their A♥ and that was their lot, even though they had paid their table money.

N/S did not quite hit the top spot though, as at the next table, the Bulletin Team partnership of Tacchi and Horton somehow managed to get the opponents to double them in 6♠. I shall find out how over a glass of wine later.

Nielson and Drogemuller remained at the top table as they saw off pair after pair which is very unusual. I had not anticipated getting to know them quite so well. But they played solid bridge throughout, avoided making any mistakes and finished with a well deserved win.



The winners: **Lars Nielsen & Mette Drogemuller** playing against the second placed pair **Antonio Palma & Maya Heed**.



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Warm-Up Pairs Results

	Names
1	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrímsson
2	Ingi Agnarsson - Aron Thorfinsson
3	Wolfgang Lauss - Heinrich Berger
4	Boudewijn van Peer - Jaap van den Berg
5	Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaal
6	David Willis - Steve Root
7	Sveinbjörn Eyjolfsson - Thorvaldur Palmason
8	Franz Roettger - Kerstin Sosnowski
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11	Margie Cole - Alejandro Bianchedi
12	Jesper Kragh - Line Eyde
13	Sveinn R Eiriksson - Hrannar Erlingsson
14	Frederik Wrang - Julius Sigurjonsson
15	Marit Aastrand - Per Hult
16	Arngunnur Regina Jonsdottir - Anna Nielsen
17	Michel Ingelbert - Françoise Ingelbert
18	José Macedo - João Machado
19	Christian Lahrmann - Maya Lo Bjork Heed
20	Werner Kuhn - Beatrix Wodniansky
21	Sverrir Thorisson - Gunnlaugur Karlsson
22	Laura Woodruff - Nuno D Martins
23	Veri Kiljan - Junko Hemus
24	Peer Koester - Silvia Klasberg-Brawanski
25	Nikolaj la Cour - Soren Vilsen
26	René Stienen - Elly Schippers
27	Marek Pietrzak - Aleksander Wlad
28	Martin Taylor - Justin Hackett
29	Lisbeth Smed - Ingrid Ledertoug
30	Hans Kreuning - Herman Klouwen
31	Mariken Schoenmakers - Torgeir Maanum
32	Steinar Jonsson - Stefan Johansson
33	António Campos Palma - Andrea Nilsson
34	Stefan Skorchev - Jon Ingthorsson
35	Dainis Uljanovs - Janis Romanovskis
36	Tyge Fogh - Birgitte Rønn
37	Jari Salonen - Seppo Niemi
38	Ernst Pichler - Terry Weigkricht
39	Mette Drogemuller - Sebastian Reim

40	Peter Basse - Kirsten Steen Moller
41	Justyna Kalisoras - Maciej Kedzierski
42	Svanhildur Hall - Hallveig Karlsdóttir
43	Victoria Gromova - Maija Romanovska
44	Joachim Cappeller - Guido Hopfenheit
45	Charlotte Brandgaard - Daniel Brandgaard
46	Bengt Emanuelsson - Haakan Tjarnemo
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59	Barbara Hackett - Diana Hopfenheit
60	Dennis Ottevanger - Agnes Wesseling
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62	Robert Boeddeker - Flora Zarkesch
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64	Margarida Alves Correia - Helena Felgas
65	John Korver - Ankie Korver-de Haas
66	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
67	Lynton Stock - Gillian Stock
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69	Espen Haugstad - Hilde Vollan
70	Annette van Wees - Rob van Wees
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