DAILY BULLETIN

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# 15th International Bridge Festival Madeira

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### This year it's even bigger!

Did you think that the biggest bridge tournament in Portugal, the 14th International Madeira Bridge Festival, wouldn't be beaten? You thought wrong: This year's Festival – the 15th – is even bigger.

Part of the winning team at last year's prize-giving

We promise a week-long bridge activity, some sight-seeing, a typical dinner & folklore and some sunshine for you to work on your tan at the pool.

We'll start the week with the welcome cocktail. After dinner, we're doing the warm-up single-session tournament. From Tuesday to Thursday we're having the Pairs' Tournament and from Friday to Sunday the Teams' Tournament. In the end: The prize-giving dinner Sunday evening.

See you all at the welcome cocktail at 6 pm in the S. Francisco Wine Lodges. Go to page 3 on how to get there.

Pedro Nunes

| ENTRY FEES | | |
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| MONDAY WARM-UP | PAIRS | TEAMS |
| **10 €** / Player | **100 €**/Player | **300 €**/Team (up to 6 players) |

# THE ENTRY FORMS

Welcome to Madeira and our 15th International Bridge Open!

Are you staying in the CS Madeira? If so, you have received an envelope with some forms and this bulletin.

Be sure to fill them in. You will have to bring them to the Welcome desk (on the Hotel's Reception Desk nearest to the playing rooms) on Tuesday between 14.30 and 16.00 in order to receive your vouchers.

You will be then given your entry fee vouchers, both for the pairs and teams events, as well as any other vouchers you have requested

Please note that if you are not staying in the hotel with the Special Bridge Package but still wish to participate in the social program you should let us know. Contact the Welcome desk Wednesday (from 15.00 to 16.00), where you will be given your Prize Giving Dinner vouchers and where you may buy any other voucher you need (as for Wednesday's typical dinner or for a non-player accompanying you to Sunday's dinner).

The Organization would like to warn you that you should not use your vouchers as markers on your latest bridge book while you're in the pool, or as wedges under the wobbling bed table, for if you lose them you will be required to buy new ones!

Another important note. We will be asking you to give us an estimate of your strength as a player on your entry form. This will be used to calculate the overall strength of the tournament, mainly for Portuguese ranking points distribution. So you will find a line with **V Index**, where you should fill according to the following table:

International Level – **1I**
1st Series High **1A** – about Top 5% of your NCBO but not international
1st Series High **1B** –between Top 5% and Top 15% but not international
2nd Series **2X** – between Top 15% and Top 55% - Competent players but not Top 15%
3rd Series **3X** – Lowest 55% - Mostly club players
No Classification **SC** – Not affiliated with your NCBO – Only social bridge players

**Your Vouchers are like money – Don't lose them!**

# The Welcome Cocktail

Wondering on how to get to the São Francisco Wine Lodges?
Have a look at the map below:

It's a 20 minute walk or a 5 minute drive from the hotel.
Just go straight ahead, keep on the main road.

See you there!

**Remember the official Madeira International Bridge Open t-shirts we had last year? We have even cooler ones this year!**

**We heard that in some places temperatures go under 15°C in the winter, (really?!! How can you stand it?) so we also have polo sweaters to keep you warmer.**

**Don't leave without one of each!**
**And don't forget to take one for your friends who didn't make it here this year – they will be really jealous.**

# "Encumeada"

Our typical dinner, on Wednesday, will be held on a different venue this year. Located on the hills above Ribeira Brava, about 30 minutes away, the "Encumeada" Restaurant is a well-known Madeirian restaurant where we will have the typical "espetada" and "milho frito". We will be, as always, entertained by a traditional folklore group.

The Top Atlântico DMC Desk will be at the Hotel lobby.
It will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
If you have booked through this agency you should do your payments there.

# Anna Malinowski, Norway

By Jon Sveindal

Anna is a first time visitor to Madeira. She lives with her dogs in Skotbu, a village some 30 kms south of Oslo, and she has been one of our leading ladies for quite some time. One of the peaks of her career was the World Team Olympiad in Maastricht in 2000. She played with Anne Lill Hellemann for Norway, and they came 4th. Anna & Anne Lill were selected to play for the four pairs European Women Team against the US in the 3rd IOC Grand Prix in Lausanne the same year, a battle they won. She also won the Open European Mixed teams in Sanremo in 2009 playing with Erik Sælensminde for the Hauge team, and came 2nd in the cash prize race for overall performance – women. And (of course) she has a number of national titles to her credit.

Anna does not think that magic is necessary to do well in bridge. But she is an imaginative player, who firmly believes that bridge is not won by brilliancies, but by being in the right contract.

The match against New Zealand in 2000 is her most precious bridge experience. On the first board the opponents reached 7 diamonds, with a cashable ace missing. The lead was not found – 7 made. However, the Norwegian ladies came back strong, and this was # 5.

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If you have a well-played hand or a fun story at the table, don't be shy!
Contact any of the bulletin staff or TD

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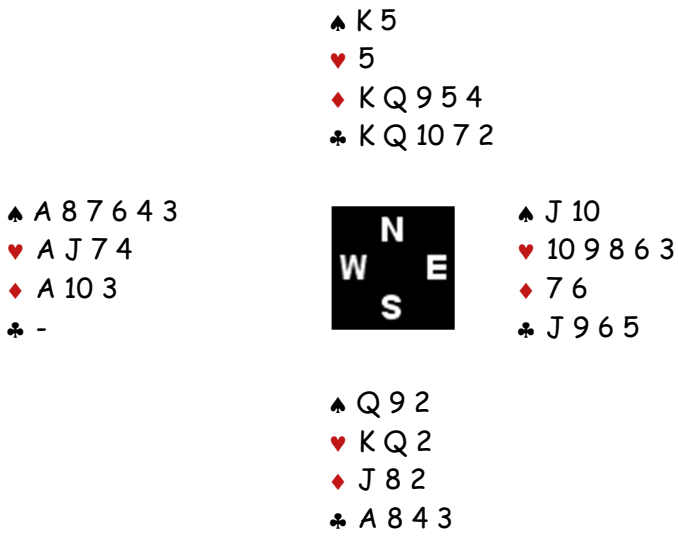


| West | North | East | South |
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| | 2 NT(*) | Pass | 3♣ |
| 3♠ | Pass | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | Pass(**) | 4♥(!) | Dble. |
| All Pass | | | |

2 NT showed 10-13 and 5-5 in the minors, and 3 clubs was to play. South didn't seem interested in game, still she bid 4 clubs vulnerable. Anna guessed that she would very likely have four clubs, and some diamond fit. North pondered a bit before passing 4 clubs, but Anna had worked out that she would face a heart fit, so she "balanced" with 4 hearts.

South started with the club Ace, and Anna was more than happy with dummy! She ruffed the lead, played ace and another spade, and was 590 plus for a big win not long after. (The contract cannot be beaten on a club lead, but the defence might have taken it down on a diamond lead!)

I wish Anna the best of luck in her Madeira debut, not least because I will be her partner☺.

# Program 2012

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| **Monday** (05/11/2012) | 18.00 | Welcome Cocktail at S. Francisco Wine Lodge |
| | **21.30** | **Warm-up Pairs** |
| **Tuesday** (06/11/2012) | 09.00 | Free morning(*) |
| | 15.00 | Welcome Desk Opens |
| | 15.30 | Pairs Tournament Entries – Confirmations |
| | 16.15 | Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries |
| | **16.30** | **Open Pairs Tournament – 1st Session** |
| **Wednesday** (07/11/2012) | 09.00 | Free morning(*) |
| | **16.30** | **Open Pairs Tournament – 2nd Session** |
| | 21.00 | **Dinner (**) – Bus leaves at 20.30** |
| **Thursday** (08/11/2012) | 09.00 | Free morning(*) |
| | **16.30** | **Open Pairs Tournament – 3rd Session** |
| | 20.30 | Final Results |
| **Friday** (09/11/2012) | 09.30 | **Half-day Tour(**)** |
| | 20.45 | Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries |
| | **21.00** | **Open Teams Tournament – 1st Session** |
| **Saturday** (10/11/2012) | 09.00 | Free morning |
| | **15.00** | **Open Teams Tournament – 2nd Session** |
| | **21.00** | **Open Teams Tournament – 3rd Session** |
| **Sunday** (11/11/2012) | **15.00** | **Open Teams Tournament – 4th Session** |
| | 20.00 | Final Results |
| | 21.00 | **Closing Dinner and Prize Giving** |

(*) Contact Top Atlântico DMC for more tours
(**) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package

**The Half-day Tour can be one of the following:**

a) Boat Trip along the West coast of Madeira (limited places)
b) Tour to the North of Madeira, including lunch and a tour of S. Vicente's Caves (taking about 5 hours).

Don't forget to visit our site at www.bridge-madeira.com, where you may find all the information you need, including the Daily Bulletins. On the left QR code to access the main page. On the right QR code to access directly this bulletin.

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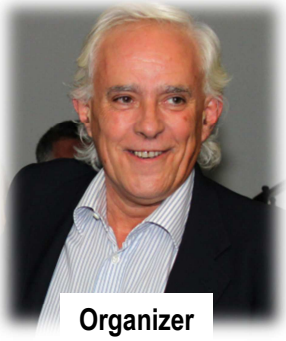

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