



27th Madeira International Bridge Open
4th-10th November 2024

Tuesday 5th November

Bulletin 1

All Warmed Up

Yesterday the Warm-up Pairs began the festival proper with its usual boisterous start. We had 152 pairs - an increase of 20 on last year. Already the pre-tournament sessions have attracted 29 tables more than last year with the Charity Pairs rising by nine tables. It will have raised considerably more money than last year but we will have a more accurate total in the next couple of days. If you would like to make a donation to the charity then speak to any of the directors, Welcome Desk or bulletin staff.

Today we start the Open Pairs. At the close of registration yesterday 291 pairs had registered, an increase of 45 over the 246 pairs of last year. No doubt there will be a few latecomers and the total could exceed 300. I remember a few years ago we were celebrating reaching the mark of 200 pairs. It is amazing how this festival continues to grow.

The rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds attending the Welcome Cocktail as they partook of amuse bouches and liquid refreshment.



Today at 10:30 David Burn will deliver his first 'Burn Your Card' discussion in Selvagens 1 on the interesting deals of the previous day. There will be additional discussions on Wednesday through Friday.

N.B. The first session of the pairs starts today at 17:00.

This differs from the normal time of 16:00 on Wednesday and Thursday.

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 BRIDGE PROGRAM

4th-10th November 2024

Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

Tuesday 5th 17:00 Open Pairs Session 1

Wednesday 6th 16:00 Open Pairs Session 2

Thursday 7th 16:00 Open Pairs Session 3
20:00 Final Results

Friday 8th 18:00 Team Assignments
19:30 Teams entries close
20:30 Teams Session 1
(3 matches)

Saturday 9th 11:00 Teams Session 2
(2 matches)
13:15 Lunch Break
(light lunch included)
14:30 Teams Session 3
(4 matches)

Sunday 10th 14:30 Teams Session 4
(3 matches)
19:00 Final Results

Please arrive 30 minutes before start of play.
Starting positions will be sent by email.

ENTRY FEES

Pairs	€170/€130*
Teams	€170/€130*
Pairs + Team	€285/€225*
Pairs or Teams + Traditional Dinner	€200/€160*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€310/€250*
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€320/€260*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional + Closing Dinner	€330/€270*
Traditional Dinner	€35
Friday Excursion	€35
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€20
Closing Dinner	€50

* Special prices for Juniors (23 or under).
Please bring your ID badge.

CASH PRIZES

Cash prizes must be collected between these times, from room Desertas II on Level 4 (ground floor), Tower 1 near the hotel Reception desk.

Please bring a form of identification.

Friday 8 th November	8:00 – 20:30
Saturday 9 th November	10:00 – 11:00 13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 10 th November	19:30 – 20:30

Cash prizes must be collected between these times. Please bring your identity badge and a form of identification.

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

INTER-NATIONS CHALLENGE (CHARITY EVENT)

Sunday 3rd November, 16:00

Charity Challenge 2024

This year's event saw 80 Pairs take part and after a hard fought battle, **Mike Theelke** and **Paul Hooker** from the UK claimed victory, followed by **Chrstine Winckel** and **Hans Metselaar** (Netherlands) in second place, **Lasse Utter** and **Maria Tulonen** (Finland) in third and the multi-national partnership of **João Amaral** (Portugal) and **Žiža Jović** (Sweden) in fourth place.

The final amount raised for this year's charity Um Dia pela Vida (*One Day for Life*), a charity that raises funds for prevention programmes and other activities developed by the Portuguese League Against Cancer, will be published as soon as we know the final amount. In the mean time if you would like to donate any more to this incredibly worthwhile cause, as cancer touches us all in one way or another, please see any of the Tournament Directors or Bulletin Staff.



Um Dia pela Vida (*One Day for Life*) is an initiative of the Portuguese League Against Cancer as part of Relay for Life, an international programme under the umbrella of the American Cancer Society. Around the world, more than 30 countries are already part of this programme.

In Ponta do Sol, on the coast 20km west of Funchal, the *One Day for Life* project will run from October 2024 to March 2025.

The main objectives of the project are to inform, educate and support communities in raising awareness of and funds for prevention programmes and other activities developed by the Portuguese League Against Cancer. *One Day for Life* represents the hope that those who have been taken away by cancer will not be forgotten, that those who are overcoming it will be supported, and that one day cancer will be beaten.

With this in mind, the Madeira Regional Centre of the Portuguese League Against Cancer and the local committee of the *One Day for Life* project would like to thank you for taking part in and supporting the *One Day for Life* project.

Thanks, too, to José Júlio Curado for making this event possible by liaising between the Portuguese League Against Cancer and the Madeira Bridge Association.



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

Tuesday 5 th November	10:00 – 13:00 15:30 – 17:00
Wednesday 6 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Thursday 7 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Friday 8 th November	18:00 – 20:30
Saturday 9 th November	13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 10 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.

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You must show your badge at all events (bridge and social)

COLLECTION OF BADGES/ENTRIES

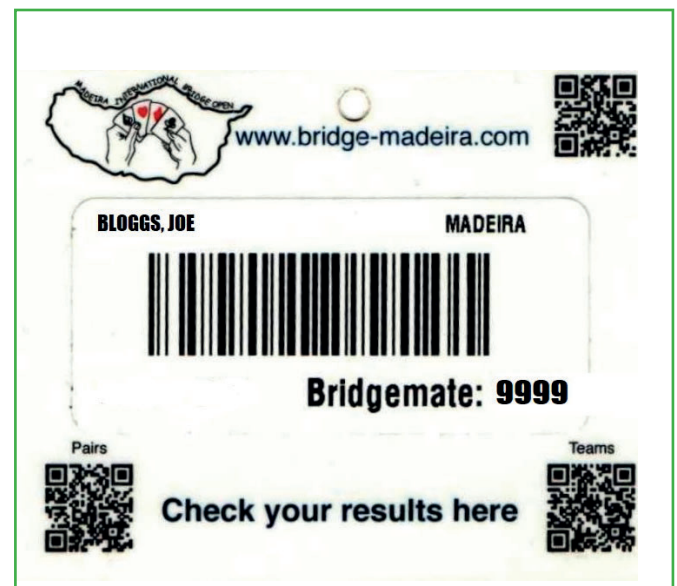
If you have booked in advance, you can collect your Identity Badge from the Welcome Desk.

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.



SIDE EVENTS

Post-tournament

Monday 11th
Cool-down Pairs - €10

Selvagens V
20:30



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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 6th November 20:45

Traditional Madeiran dinner of *espetada* with folk dancing and music.

Restaurant *O Lagar*, Camara de Lobos
Coach leaves from outside Vidamar at 20:15 (journey time 15 minutes). Return to the hotel at 23.30.

Friday 8th November

Excursions: Details of excursions can be found on the following page.

Sunday 10th November 20:30

Closing Dinner and trophy presentation
Ocean Room, Level 2, VidaMar

WhatsApp Group

We now have a WhatsApp group for news, information and results from the Madeira International Bridge Open.

Simply click on the WhatsApp icon in the website footer, or use this link:

www.tinyurl.com/madeirawhatsapp



QR Code - WhatsApp Group



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Optional Excursions Friday 8th November

Option A: Over The Waves

coach leaves hotel 09:30



As you navigate in search of the perfect spot the dolphins reveal themselves, playful, talkative and full of life. This three-hour wildlife spectacle will live long in memory. You might even strike lucky and see whales, turtles and seabirds. In good weather you can take an invigorating dip in the warm waters off Cabo Girão. If the breezes are in our favour we switch off the engines and set sail, allowing the wind to guide us. This day out deserves to be experienced at least once in a lifetime.

What to bring: sunscreen, beach towel, swimming costume, warm jacket.

Option B: Levada Dos Cedros

(Half-day lunch included) coach leaves hotel 9:00

The Levada dos Cedros is an enchanting 7.2-kilometre trail of medium difficulty, which can be walked in about three hours. The magical route begins at Fanal. Enjoy the serenity of the Rest and Quiet Reserve in the Madeira Natural Park,



where a century-old forest of til (*Ocotea foetens*) trees awaits you with its timeless beauty. Built in the 17th century, the Levada dos Cedros one of the oldest on the island. Along the way you can explore the Laurissilva, an indigenous forest with trees 30 to 40 metres high. The trail passes along the slopes of Ribeira da Janela before ending at Curral Falso. This is the ideal moment to connect with the island's natural landscape, offering a deep connection between humans and nature.

What to bring: sunscreen, trainers or suitable walking shoes, warm jacket.

Option C: Mythical Landscapes

(Half-day lunch included) coach leaves hotel 9:15



Embark on a poetic journey, where nature designs every stop. Descend to Fanal via the mystical Paul da Serra, where serene cattle graze in a beautiful landscape surrounded by every shade of green. As you descend from Fanal, the Ribeira da Janela cave reveals its mysteries to the curious. As you continue your journey, the natural pools of Porto Moniz invite you to take an invigorating dip. Walk along the promenade to a cosy restaurant, where the view is as pleasing as the meal. End this enchanted trip with a traditional poncha in Serra de Água toasting good company and the beauty you've experienced.

What to bring: sunscreen, trainers or suitable walking shoes, warm jacket, beach towel, swimming costume.



Saturday IMP Pairs 2

Ceri Pierce

The IMP pairs were held on Thursday and Friday at 4pm – they are independent events and start at a very civilised time, and the fat lady has usually sung by about 7.:30pm, leaving plenty of time for dinner, wine and more singing.

I sat and watched a few boards to see if anything interesting was occurring – some more ♦7 hands and beer, maybe....

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AKJ98		
♥ J5		
♦ Q8		
♣ A1064		
♠ 32		♠ Q64
♥ 10982		♥ Q63
♦ 1074		♦ J5
♣ KQJ7		♣ 98532
♠ 1075		
♥ AK74		
♦ AK9632		
♣ —		



Board 17 was a nice slam, with most pairs bidding and making 6♠. At the table I was watching, the bidding proceeded as follows :

West	North	East	South
	<i>Gudmundsson</i>		<i>Torfason</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

At other tables, I observed the same auction but South signed off in Four Spades after the 3NT bid.

The bidding does raise some interesting points about your 2 over 1 agreements (or lack of) which are critical:

Is 3♣ an actual reverse or is it just shape showing?

Is 3♥ still 4th suit forcing (showing extras, or asking for more information even if you are in a game force)?

If South bids 3♥ after 3♣ is 3NT now to play, or a serious slam try in spades?

What is the capital of Venezuela?

One can indeed spend many a happy hour discussing your 2 over 1 continuations.

We are searching for players who have attended the Madeira Festival at least 25 times. If you are one of these special people please let the organising team know. You can leave your details at the Welcome Desk or contact a member of the Bulletin staff in the Executive Meeting Room (at the other end of the fourth floor from the playing area).



Charity Pairs

David Burn

'This is your captain speaking – conditions in Madeira are a bit blustery and there's some rain around, so if we can't see the runway we may have to fly around for a while until we get a break in the clouds.' This didn't sound too promising, but a few moments later came the announcement 'We're in luck – there it is'. My good fortune continued when thirty seconds before the Charity Pairs was due to start, a young German player came up and announced that he didn't have a partner. The miracles of technology enabled him to send me his convention card from his phone, and after thirty seconds' discussion we sat down to play.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J9			
♥ J106			
♦ AJ10432			
♣ J7			
♠ AK75			♠ Q8643
♥ Q9854			♥ 73
♦ Q6			♦ 75
♣ K4			♣ Q985
			♠ 102
			♥ AK2
			♦ K98
			♣ A10632

West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>		<i>Farwig</i>	
–	2♦	Pass	3♦
Double	Pass	3♠	4♦
All Pass			

The 2♦ opening was a standard weak two bid, and the rest of the auction was the usual matchpoint stuff – everyone pushes everyone else around until some dangerous level is reached. Here 4♦ was makeable (unlike 3♠, which wasn't but was allowed to get through at a few tables) but North – perfectly reasonably – tackled the trumps by cashing the ace and running the jack, playing the takeout doubler for a singleton. Down one saw the new partnership off to a decent start, 58 matchpoints out of 78.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q765			
♥ K876			
♦ QJ4			
♣ 103			
♠ AJ1098			♠ K
♥ 2			♥ A1093
♦ K8732			♦ 96
♣ 52			♣ AKQ974
			♠ 432
			♥ QJ54
			♦ A105
			♣ J86

West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>		<i>Farwig</i>	
–	–	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♣	At least two		
1♥	spades		
2♠	forcing		

The defence didn't get off to the best start – North led ♦Q which South overtook to continue with ♦10, so I was able to win with ♦K and continue with ♦8 to clear the suit. At this point, though, North defended impeccably – with the clubs breaking I had the rest of the tricks, but it was nevertheless essential for North to shift to a spade. Those mystified as to why this was required have not played junior international bridge, where winning the last trick with ♦7 entitles you to claim a beer. If North had played a heart or a club I could have run dummy's winners before overtaking ♠K with ♠A to cash my diamonds, but his actual play of a spade ruined the timing and I had to wait for my drink.



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How do you play this suit for four tricks?

♦ J72

♦ A10864

The answer, as usual is 'it depends' – on how many entries you have to the North hand. If these are in unlimited supply, your best shot is to run the jack. With one or two entries only, it is better to start with the two. How many entries do you have? The answer, as usual, is 'it depends'.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 864		
♥ 10842		
♦ K9		
♣ 8762		
♠ AQJ103		♠ 752
♥ K		♥ A93
♦ A10864		♦ J72
♣ Q10		♣ AKJ4
		♠ K9
		♥ QJ765
		♦ Q53
		♣ 953



West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>		<i>Farwig</i>	
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

I didn't know what partner's bidding meant, so I didn't try for slam. North led a heart. How many entries did I have for the various finesses I might take?

Three, if I won the first trick with dummy's ♥A. I could play a spade to the ten, cross to a club, repeat the spade finesse, draw trumps and have one entry to play diamonds. Or, I could play a spade and believe South's ♠9, so draw trumps without using a club entry. Of course, in a high-class tournament like the Madeira Festival the first spade finesse might win the trick even when North had the king, so it wasn't at all clear to me that I should be taking it at all. If I simply played trumps from the top I would have eleven tricks (assuming no singleton ♠K or highly unlikely red suit squeeze) whatever the diamond layout, while taking every finesse in sight might involve making only ten and didn't seem all that likely to make twelve.

I did this, and received a pretty rotten score for doing it – some pairs were in slam and made it, while 660s and 680s featured prominently on the traveller. I still don't know what the percentage play was. Pairs is not an easy game, even for charity.



-10%

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BUFFET DINNER

Ocean Restaurant
(drinks included - restricted)





More Charity Pairs

Ceri Pierce

The Charity Pairs on Sunday saw Ron and I once again sit down to have a game of cards (not necessarily bridge). Andrea Nilsson and Erik Wiberg defended this hand well after a pressure double, which so impressed their opponents that they sent it in to the bulletin room.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A6	♠ J74	♠ 1092
♥ K9432	♥ 7	♥ AQ8
♦ AJ983	♦ 1076542	♦ KQ
♣ 4	♣ Q92	♣ KJ1076
	♠ KQ853	
	♥ J1065	
	♦ —	
	♣ A853	

East – West arrived in Four Hearts which was doubled by South, who clearly fancied their chances holding a sure heart trick, a club and a spade (maybe two) and hopefully some small contribution from partner to go along with the bad break. An uneventful auction is likely to go something along the lines of:

West	North	East	South
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At this particular table, South led the ♠K and East went up with the ♠A straight away. If East ducks the first spade, or wins the ace and continues a spade, then the contract makes, but alas we are not all world champions.

Knowing the hearts are likely to break badly due to the double, East played one round of hearts to the ace. When North followed, East knew that the trump suit is now breaking 4-1 which was somewhat a relief. East now played the ♦K upon which South discarded a club. East continued with the queen of diamonds, which South ruffed. South now cashed the ace of clubs and

was now able to carefully underlead their queen of spades to their partners jack - who promptly played another diamond. Declarer ruffed with the queen hence setting up a further heart trick for south for one off. Had East ducked the spade lead at trick one, North could not have got back in and given his partner a ruff.

There were a few other interesting scores on this board - one East player was in 4♥ Redoubled - which made for 1080 and 76 match points from a possible 78 (congratulations Lasse Utter and Maria Tulonen) and one pair was in 3♥ doubled going five off - but that was by North - South!

Meanwhile back at the ranch, Ron and I happened across our new Bulletin team member, David Burn (who will be presenting 'Burn Your Card' at 10:30am in the Selvagens suite throughout the week, where the interesting hands of the previous day will be discussed), playing with my young German partner from the IMP Pairs, Ole Farwig. There is a certain amount of healthy competition within the Bulletin team, so we were all on high alert for this round, which was anything but dull.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 82	♠ 764
♥ K65	♥ AQ43
♦ Q742	♦ 83
♣ AJ63	♣ K1084
♠ KJ93	♠ AQ105
♥ J92	♥ 1087
♦ A10965	♦ KJ
♣ Q	♣ 9752

West	North	East	South
Burn	Tacchi	Farwig	Pierce
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Double
2♥	3♣	Double	All Pass



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East led the ♦3 to partner's ace. He switched to the ♣Q which East was very pleasantly surprised to see and North won. Trumps were now drawn by both declarer and East and when the dust had settled North – South were three light for -800 and just 4 matchpoints to us, 75 matchpoints to them. Darn it.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 53	♠ AK108	♠ 64
♥ A109864	♥ KQ72	♥ J
♦ 3	♦ J10	♦ A97654
♣ AJ108	♣ K53	♣ Q942
	♠ QJ972	
	♥ 53	
	♦ KQ82	
	♣ 76	

However, all was not quite lost – we had another board to go and it did not disappoint.

West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>	<i>Tacchi</i>	<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Pierce</i>
–	–	3♦	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

The smile was on the other face this time. The vulnerability suggested that 3♦ doubled may reap more rewards than 4♠ or 3NT and this indeed turned out to be so.

Two rounds of spades were followed by a club switch which was won in dummy. A diamond to the ace and a second diamond won by the jack left the defence with three diamonds, a club and two spades for +500 and just 1 matchpoint to the opponents and 77 to us – and a resounding victory of 3 matchpoints over the two boards.

On this board, 18 North-South pairs played this hand in what you would think is a normal Four Spades and all of them went two off due to the cross ruffs in diamonds and hearts available to East-West.

Pairs Tournament Information

Tomorrow we'll share a link in the whatsapp group with seating for the first session.

You can also access this information on the wall opposite the Welcome Desk, near the Selvagens suite, and at the entrance to the Congress Centre.

Please check your section and table before entering the playing room. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes before the start of play so that we can start on time.

Section information:

- In the Desertas Suite, hotel Tower 1: Section A
- in the Selvagens suite, hotel Tower 2: Sections B, C, D, E, F and G
- in the Congress Centre: Sections H, I, J and K

We thank you for your participation in our tournament and hope that you will enjoy both the event and our beautiful island.

Best wishes and good luck.

The Nuns' Valley

Ceri Pierce

Last year I wrote about the beautiful scabbard fish, a fish that only it's mother could love (photo inserted due to my continued morbid fascination with this creature) – do seek them out on the supermarket fish counter or in the Mercado dos Lavradores (Farmers' Market) in central Funchal. I am assured that despite its looks, it is delicious.



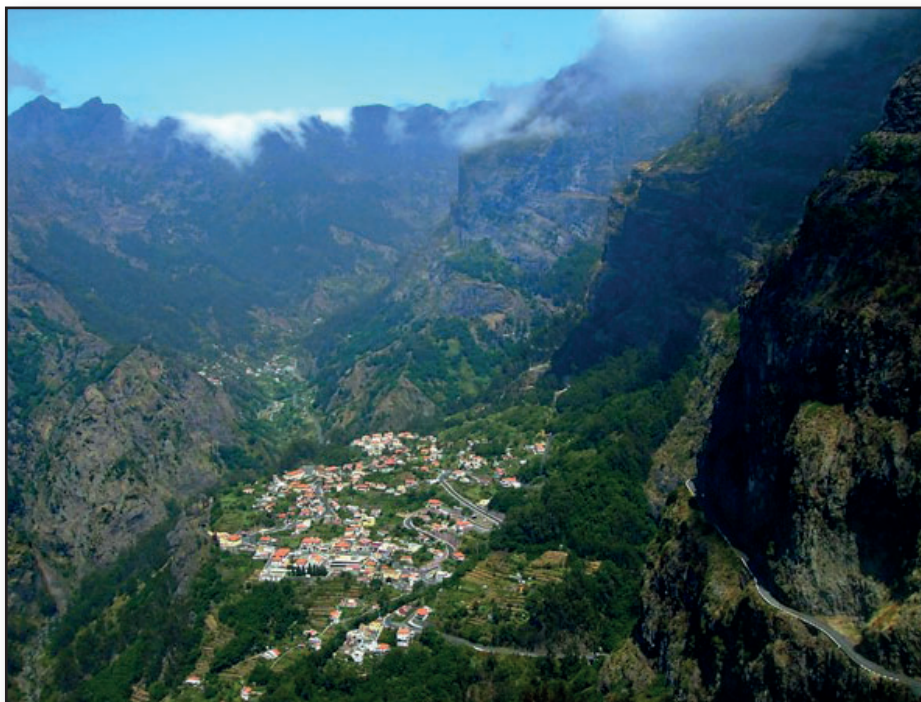
This this year, however, I have a much more savoury topic. Literally. Chestnut Soup.

Every year I make a point of cadging a lift up to the Curral das Freiras to enjoy a bowl of chestnut soup as the Bridge Festival coincides with the chestnut season. It is truly delicious. There are versions containing meat as well as a vegetarian version (my favourite). I can highly recommend a trip up there for lunch. I have failed to find it anywhere else in the world other than Madeira (so far).

The Curral das Freiras ('The Nuns' Valley') is surrounded by mountains in the heart of the island and as well as stunning views it has a fascinating history. In 1566 the nuns from the Santa Clara convent fled from pirates attacking Funchal. The valley was only accessible on foot and was so isolated that the nuns found safety and seclusion there.

Nowadays, as you sit in a local restaurant overlooking the valley, you can see wisps of smoke rising here and there where chestnuts are being roasted.

In Madeira, locals celebrate the Chestnut Festival – which originated from when the local parishes had a surplus of chestnuts. They were then used in several culinary delights from soup to cakes and from pudding to liqueur.





Charity Pairs Results

	%	Names
1	64.83	Mike Theelke - Paul Hooker
2	60.9	Christine Winckel - Hans Metselaar
3	60.42	Lasse Utter - Maria Tulonen
4	60.2	João Amaral - Ziza Jovic
5	59.01	Willem van Eijck - Inez van Eijck
6	58.56	Jeppe Juhl - Szczepan Smoczynski
7	57.67	Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen
8	57.25	Sophie Cunningham - Paul Cunningham
9	56.83	Nick Nautilus - Frederic Boldt
10	56.73	João Machado - José Macedo
11	56.7	Eric van Valen - Rob Jagroop
12	56.45	Alejandro Gaytan de Ayala - Patrice Fincias
13	55.73	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
14	55.42	Andrea Nilsson - Erik Wiberg
15	55.08	Janis Romanovskis - Dainis Uljanovs
16	55.01	Ingvar Ingvarsson - Magnus Thorkelsson
16	55.01	Dierik Mistiaen - Leentje Verleyen
18	54.71	Mark de Meer - Roeland Maat
19	54.36	Wim Arendse - Jos Kloet
20	54.22	Anne-Lill Hellemann - Roennauq Asla
21	54.19	Gunnar Thordarson - Thordur Sigurdsson
22	54.17	Flora Zarkesch - Robert Boeddeker
23	53.95	Wim van Luijk - Anneke van der Meer
24	53.87	Boudewijn van Peer - Corné Hendriks
25	53.64	Jane Marland - Pierre Fougerouse
26	53.06	Vigfus Vigfusson - Johanna Gisladottir
27	53.05	Lasse Aaseng - Glenn Grotheim
28	52.84	Gisli Thorarinnsson - Kristinn Kristinnsson
29	52.64	Rachael Moller - David Gurvich
30	52.6	Rolf Tolle - Svein Markussen
31	52.57	Ole Farwig - David Burn
32	52.12	Rosemary Shaw - Reynir Helgason
33	52.01	Peer Koester - Silvia Klasberg-Brawanski
34	51.89	Laura Woodruff - Unnar Gudmundsson
35	51.77	Gunnlaugur Saevarsson - Skafti Jonsson
36	51.27	Fred Kreek - Helene Thygesen
37	51.21	Sarko Kassabian - Marie Therese Hambrick
38	51.12	Carlos Luiz - Allie Hoenstok
39	50.47	Sander van der Zwet - John van der Zwet
40	50.44	Hans Kreuning - Sahar Ouda
41	49.85	Babs Mathews - Joyce White

42	49.5	Franz Roettger - Kerstin Sosnowski
43	49.28	Antoinette Eltz - Artur Malinowski
44	49.22	Gitte Hecht-Johansen - Lone 'Mama' Kiaer
45	49.21	Sigurdur Gislason - Kristian Albertsson
46	49.12	Poul Mogensen - Susan Just
47	48.63	Gudmundur Einarsson - Matthias Einarsson
48	48.52	Harpa Fold Ingolfssdottir - Svala K Palsdottir
49	48.32	Peter Hoogeveen - Joyce Hoogeveen-de Leeuw
50	48.22	Miko Leitgeb - Valerie Bee
51	47.92	Marco S Teixeira - Frederico Teixeira
52	47.81	Rosa Richardson - Robert Richardson
53	47.71	Charlotte Juhl - Henning Ostergaard
54	47.58	Dhr Thiele - Mn Verdegaal
55	47.44	John Korver - Caroline van Valen
56	47.36	Ron Tacchi - Ceri Pierce
57	47.35	Antonie Hendriks - Marinus Hendriks
58	46.97	Lech Zwiello - Maria Kroppa
59	46.82	Villy Havasi - Torleif Hagg
60	46.62	Peder Skyum - Michael Cholewa
61	45.91	Jon Gunnar Sigurjonsson - Hulda Gislasdottir
62	45.63	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
63	45.54	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Jónunn Kristinsdóttir
64	45.3	Irina Kobboldt - Andreas Pauli
65	45.29	Mikael Rimstedt - Maya Lo Bjork Heed
66	44.9	Sigurdur Ingimarsson - Svanhildur Hall
67	44.4	Ken Era - Marilyn Malinowska
68	44.39	Stien van den Biggelaar - Cor Stams
69	44.16	Anka van den Bergh - Frank van Breuseghem
70	43.97	Eduardo Fernandes - Pedro Morgado
71	43.94	Ursula Zimmer - Dagmar Winkler
72	43.79	Jutta Bartley - Helene Britz-Cocker
73	43.07	Vigdís Sigurjonsdottir - Erle Vilborg Adolfsdottir
74	40.36	Johanna ten Have - Jaap van den Berg
75	38.98	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes
76	38.32	Michael Scheible - Gabriele Scheible
77	37.87	Martin Schaltz - Anne Mette Schaltz
78	37.06	Nigel Balcombe - Carole Chris
79	35.46	Frits Vlaanderen - Floris Vlaanderen
80	34.24	Filomena Morgado - Filipe Vasconcelos



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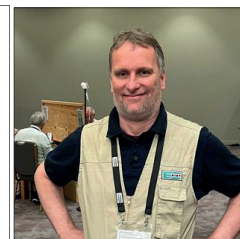
José Júlio Curado – Chief Tournament Director: In October 1996 José decided he wanted to know the Laws of Bridge. Two years later he was invited to direct the first edition of this tournament with Rui Marques. He liked it so much that he kept coming back and in 2005 he moved to Madeira. By the end of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

Marc van Beijsterveldt: 64 years old and this year directing in his 8th festival. Ever since his first time in Madeira it has been his favourite bridge festival. He has directed all over the world and they all have their pluses and minuses, but Madeira is exceptional. He has directed since 1994 in World and European championships and festivals all around Europe.



Jakub (Kuba) Kasprzak: A new addition to the team, Kuba is an international director, on the TD panels of both the EBL and WBF. From Gdansk, Poland, he is married with two small children.

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.



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

Diarmuid Reddan: Diarmuid Reddan is an Irish Tournament Director recently promoted to NBO International Director and also directed at the Europeans 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 2022.



Frederico Palma: has been involved with contract Bridge since 2006 when, influenced by his father, he started to learn the game. He started directing in Lisbon in Centro de Bridge de Lisboa. It hasn't been an easy task, but he would like to continue developing his directing skills, and that's why he is joining the directing team in Madeira again this year.



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