



25th Madeira International Bridge Open

7th-13th November 2022

Tuesday 8th November

Bulletin 1

All Warmed Up



On Monday night 105 pairs contested the Warm Up Pairs. It was evidently an occasion where a significant proportion of the entry were warming themselves with drinks from the bar.

The North South winners were Julius Sigurjonsson and Simon Hult with the healthy score of 65.24%. In the East West direction Even Morken and Olav Ellestad took the first place with an impressive 68.93%.

Previously on Sunday afternoon the Charity Pairs saw 52 pairs come together to play in a generous spirit in aid of this year's charity 'The Associação dos Amigos de Pessoas com Necessidades Especiais da Madeira.' We are hopeful that this event will generate the biggest total yet. When all donations have been processed we will report on the final total.

This morning at 10.30 Mark Horton will deliver his first "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 7th – 13th November 2022

Location - Congress Room + Selvagens 1-2-3

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

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

IMP Pairs 1 Results

N/S	Names
1	Bernóðus Kristinsson - Omar Oskarsson
2	Marja Tulonen - Lasse Utter
3	Harald Nordby - Ellen Vigmostad
4	Harry Burmania - John Linse
5	Jussi Angervo - Seija Lahtinen
6	Frederic Boldt - Nick Nautilus
7	Ron Tacchi - Ceri Pierce
8	Peter Vlas - Volkert Struyken
9	Birgit Bärlund - Lars Carlsson
10	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
11	João Machado - José Macedo
12	Poul Mogensen - Susan Just
13	Lech Zwirello - Maria Kroppa
14	Bénédicte Monclin - Claude Charpentier
15	Piotr Kardasinski - Liliana Suflida

E/W	Names
1	Jannes Van't Oever - Antony Lee
2	Hans Metselaar - Jan de Winter
3	Svein Markussen - Roennaug Asla
4	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
5	Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
6	Adalsteinn Jörgensen - Svala Pálsdóttir
7	Pedro Nunes - Eduardo Fernandes
8	Haakan Tjarnemo - Mike Reuser
9	Birgir Olafsson - Skuli Sigurdsson
10	Laura Woodruff - Shelley Shieff
11	Solveig Bystrom - Nils Andersson
12	Svend Germann - Gerda de Graaf
13	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
14	Michel Ingelbert - Françoise Ingelbert



INTER-NATIONS CHALLENGE (CHARITY EVENT)

Sunday 6th November, 16.00

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

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

Sunday afternoon saw 52 pairs compete to win this event, with Mark Horton and Carlos Luiz taking the North South section and Haakan Tjarnemo and Bengt Emanuelsson winning with the East West cards.

Over €1700 has already been raised. If you have not made a donation and wish to do so, please see any member of the organising team



Charity Pairs Results

N/S	Names
1	Carlos Luiz - Mark Horton
2	Frederic Boldt - Nick Nautilus
3	Allie Hoenstok - Mike Reuser
4	Lisbeth Smed - Ingrid Ledertoug
5	Ron Tacchi - Louise Mitchell
6	Birna Stefnisdottir - Adalsteinn Steinthorsson
7	Stefan Jonsson - Rosemary Shaw
8	Flora Zarkesch - Robert Boeddeker
9	Peter Vlas - Volkert Struyken
10	Maria Kroppa - Lech Zwiello
11	Anne-Lill Hellemann - Rolf Tolle
12	Birgir Olafsson - Skuli Sigurdsson
13	Carla Ekeren - Ronald Paping
14	Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen
15	Svala K Palsdottir - Magni Olafsson
16	Sigurdur Gislason - Magnus Thorkelsson
17	Miguel Sarmiento - Isabel Sarmiento
18	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Soffia Danielsdottir
19	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
20	Svanhildur Hall - Hallveig Karlsdóttir
21	Lasse Utter - Maria Tulonen
22	Reynir Vikar - Lilja Rós Sveinsdóttir
22	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
24	Vigdís Sigurjonsdottir - Sveinn Símonarson
25	Eduardo Fernandes - Hans Metselaar
26	Hrefna Hardardottir - Soley Jakobsdottir

E/W	Names
1	Haakan Tjarnemo - Bengt Emanuelsson
2	Stefan Skorchev - Jacob Duschek
3	Hannes Sigurdsson - Pétur Sigurdsson
4	Vigfus Vigfusson - Johanna Gisladottir
5	Laura Woodruff - Ceri Pierce
6	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
7	Michel Ingelbert - Françoise Ingelbert
8	Matthias Einarsson - Gudmundur Einarsson
9	Egil Hansen - Svein-Harald Riisnes
10	Hjálmar Pálsson - Unnar Gudmundsson
11	Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
12	José Macedo - João Machado
13	Stefan Fuchs - Sabine Bogner
14	Mark Kaptein - Mariken Schoenmakers
15	Bjarni Sveinsson - Olafur Johansson
16	Thorgils Torfi Jónsson - Sigurdur Skagfjord
17	John Utting - Lucian Comanescu
18	Liliana Suflida - Piotr Kardasinski
19	Gareth Bartley - Jutta Bartley
20	Olof Thorarensen - Helgi Bergmann Sigurdsson
21	Fátima Menezes - Nuno Menezes
22	Dagbjort Hannesdottir - Una Arnadóttir
23	Antony Lee - Jannes Van't Oever
24	Bénédicte Monclin - Claude Charpentier
25	Torfason Thorbergur - Sigurdur Gunnarsson
26	Filipe Vasconcelos - Sofia Furtado



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

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

Tuesday 8 th November	10.30 – 13.00
	14.00 – 16.00
Wednesday 9 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Thursday 10 th November	14.30 – 16.00
Friday 11 th November	18.00 – 20.30
Saturday 12 th November	Closed
Sunday 13 th November	13.00 – 14.30

IMP Pairs 2 Results

Rank	Names
1	Pedro Morgado - Eduardo Fernandes
2	Harald Nordby - Ellen Vigmostad
3	Stefan Jonsson - Soffia Danielsdottir
4	Peter Vlas - Volkert Struyken
5	Miguel Teixeira - Carlos Luiz
6	Ricardo Fernandes - Bruno Macedo
7	Frederic Boldt - Nick Nautilus
8	Jacqueline Oranje - Ernst Hopstaken
9	Jannes Van't Oever - Antony Lee
10	Sophie Leroux - Francis Gouffé
11	Stefan Fuchs - Sabine Bogner
12	Gerwin Middelkoop - Arjen Salari
13	Vigdis Sigurjonsdottir - Sveinn Símonarson
14	Harry Burmania - John Linse
15	Birgit Bärlund - Lars Carlsson
16	Poul Mogensen - Susan Just
17	Thorgils Torfi Jónsson - Sigurdur Skagfjord
18	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
19	Nel Barlow - John Arblaster
20	Svein Markussen - Roennaug Asla
21	Lech Zwirello - Maria Kroppa
22	Birgir Olafsson - Skuli Sigurdsson
23	Filomena Morgado - Luís A Correia
24	Piotr Kardasinski - Liliana Suflida
25	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
26	Lisbeth Smed - Ingrid Ledertoug
27	Adalsteinn Jörgensen - Svala Pálsdóttir
28	Haakan Tjarnemo - Mike Reuser
29	Karl-Heinz Heine - Helga Alisch
30	Erik van Dijck - Maurice Bonne
31	Hannes Sigurdsson - Pétur Sigurdsson
32	Bjarni Sveinsson - Olafur Johansson
33	Svanhildur Hall - Hallveig Karlsdóttir

34	Adalsteinn Steinthorsson - Birna Stefnisdottir
35	Jos Winkelman - Wiveca Jongeneel
36	Hjálmar Pálsson - Unnar Gudmundsson
37	Arjan Roelofs - Victor Oranje
38	Dagbjort Hannesdottir - Julius Sigurjonsson
39	Marja Tulonen - Lasse Utter
40	Rob van den Bergh - Hans Kreuning
41	Solveig Bystrom - Nils Andersson
42	Jussi Angervo - Seija Lahtinen
43	Magnus Thorkelsson - Sigurdur Gislason
44	Françoise Ingelbert - Michel Ingelbert
45	Frank van Gorp - Joop Stronks
46	Gudmundur Einarsson - Matthias Einarsson
47	Magni Olafsson - Torfason Thorbergur
48	Vigfus Vigfusson - Johanna Gisladottir
49	Gareth Bartley - Jutta Bartley
50	Jon Gudmundsson - Sigurdur Valdimarsson
51	Jan de Winter - Hans Metselaar
52	Claude Charpentier - Bénédicte Monclin
53	Nuno Pereira - Bruno Bacanhim
54	Pedro Nunes - Henrique Ribeiro
55	José Macedo - João Machado
56	Hrefna Hardardottir - Soley Jakobsdottir
57	Lars Mikkelsen - Lisbeth Grove
58	Reynir Vikar - Lilja Rós Sveinsdóttir
59	Doris Sousa - Rui Moniz



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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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

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

ENTRY FEES

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

SIDE EVENTS

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

***€30 for all 3**



Optional Excursions Friday 11th November

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



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

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

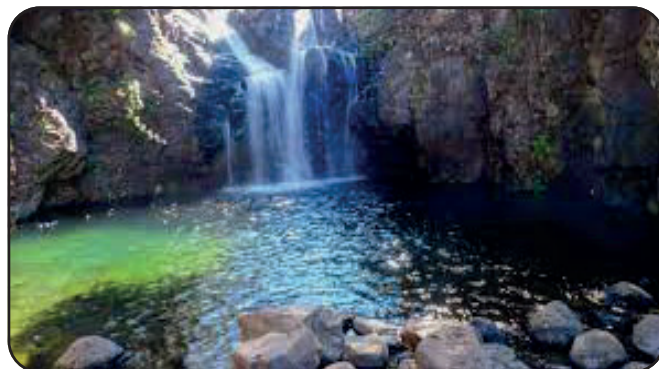
Arrive back at VidaMar at approximately 16.15.

Option C: Catamaran (limited availability)
coach leaves hotel 10.00



A relaxing trip along the south coast of Madeira, with a good chance of spotting whales and dolphins in all their magnificence and in their natural habitat. (3 hours).

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



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

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

Return to VidaMar at approximately 15.30.

Please bring good walking shoes or boots, a warm coat (in case of low temperatures in the mountains) and a bottle of water. Grade: easy; Distance: 7 km; Duration: approximately 2¼ hours.

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

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



Early Doors

Ron Tacchi

Early Doors is an expression used in sports to denote the first phases of a game. It is frequently used by football pundits and a such has become an iconic saying. So here in Madeira I am reporting 'Early Doors' on the pre-events

After a somewhat traumatic journey to this beautiful island I set up base camp in a new venue – the former Koi restaurant. This is where you will find the bulletin team ensconced and there you can regale them with your stories of derring-do at the bridge table. We are always eager to receive news of interesting or amusing happenings.

As in the past couple of years we hope to have your bulletins available at breakfast time, however, should you be tardy in rising they will also be available at the Welcome Desk. Further copies will be available in the Congress Centre thirty minutes before play commences. Earlier editions will be placed on the table under the results screen next to the Welcome Desk.

To increase the chance of finding some early copy I teamed up with Ceri, another member of the bulletin team, and we entered the Portuguese National Simultaneous Pairs. We fared reasonably well, finishing in sixth position which was, perhaps a generous reflection on our labours. On Board 20 I made one of my most egregious bidding decisions. I held:

♠ A 10 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 6 3 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 8

My partner opened a strong no trump and I responded with Stayman, more in hope than expectation. I was planning on bidding 2♥ after the expected 2♦ response. We had agreed to play non-promissory Stayman so my 2♥ would be a weak bid. So I was momentarily flustered when partner essayed 2♥. I then got myself into a state of confusion and started thinking along the lines that we are playing pairs not teams and somehow I convinced myself not to immediately bid game. Fortunately it seems that the majority of the other pairs did likewise. When you stop and analyse

the hand it is a powerhouse. The fifth trump is worth a king and then you also have a singleton and another five-card suit. I make that the hand is worth 10+ distributional points. So how good was the hand? When I tell you that there were twelve tricks for the taking (albeit with two successful finesses) I think it shows what a poor bid I made.

We joined forces again to play in the first edition of the IMP Pairs where we again had a modest session finishing in seventh place. One hand amused me, it was Board 4.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AKQ		
♥ AK		
♦ AJ4		
♣ AKJ97		
♠ 10 6 5 4		♠ J 9
♥ Q 8 7 2		♥ J 6 5 4 3
♦ 10 7 5		♦ K Q 8
♣ 6 3		♣ 10 8 5
		♠ 8 7 3 2
		♥ 10 9
		♦ 9 6 3 2
		♣ Q 4 2

I cannot recall having a 29 count before and as we were a scratch partnership our system had not got down to the finer points of bidding hands in excess of 25 points. I started with our game-forcing bid of 2♦ and unsurprisingly heard a response of 2♥. I toyed with bidding 4NT which I hoped would be taken as quantitative and so with a four plus count bid the small slam but decided that this was unlikely to arrive at the best result so I made a classic 'bid what you think you can make' bids and placed the 6NT card on the green baize. The contract is not without hope, a 3-3 spade break will bring home the bacon. So after a heart lead to the queen and ace I cashed three rounds of spades to get the bad news about them. I now had to consider if I had any genuine chance of making the contract or should I play for some sort of pseudo-squeeze. My only hope seemed to be that the hand with the short spades held the king and queen of diamonds and would be put to the test when he came down to four cards.



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West did not help partner by coming down to one spade, two diamonds and a heart. East now had to decide whether to keep two cards in each red suit or three diamonds. Luckily for me it was the 2-2 decision and so now a small diamond brought forth the queen and when I regained the lead with my king of hearts the ace of diamonds felled the king leaving my jack good for the twelfth trick.

On the third day we rose again to our new office and decided that due to pressure of work we would allow the pleasure of playing in the second IMP Pairs event to others. My duties required me to journey over to the Congress Centre and I took the opportunity to kibitz Eduardo Fernandes and his partner Pedro Morgado against Miguel Teixeira and Carlos Luiz for a couple of boards.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 10932	
	♥ K1087	
	♦ Q	
	♣ 9865	
♠ 6		♠ KJ85
♥ AQ53		♥ 2
♦ AKJ102		♦ 8763
♣ AQ3		♣ K1042
	♠ AQ74	
	♥ J964	
	♦ 954	
	♣ J7	



West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass		
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Before dummy came down Eduardo indicated to me that he thought the contract should have been 6♦, and he was right. The board was close to being flat in 3NT but the question remains as to how to arrive at the slam. The problem is that someone has to take a rosy view of their hand. It probably has to be West and maybe, just maybe, he could try 4♣ rather than 3NT. In this case partner will cue-bid hearts and now you are off to the races. Even though he did not bid the slam, Eduardo and his partner won the event.

Sections For Open Pairs

In the Open Pairs there will be up to eight sections, each designated by a letter and a colour. Section A,B,G and H will be in the Selvagens on Level 4 of Tower 2, just past the Welcome Desk, sections C, D, E, and F will be in the Congress Centre.

The colours will be as follows:

- A Yellow
- B Light Blue
- C Orange
- D Light Green
- E Dark Blue
- F Light Purple
- G Dark Green
- H Red



Elephants Can Remember

Mark Horton

I was intending a watching brief in Sunday's Charity Pairs, but when Carlos Luiz dropped by to kibitz, we decided to play – remarkably the first time we have sat opposite each other in the 25 years of the Festival.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 63	♠ A7	♠ KQ109854
♥ K65	♥ AQJ1032	♥ —
♦ AJ1095	♦ 76	♦ K83
♣ Q85	♣ AK9	♣ 732
	♠ J2	
	♥ 9874	
	♦ Q42	
	♣ J1064	

West	North	East	South
—	Carlos	—	Mark
Pass	Double	4♠	Pass

East's decision to open 4♠ left little room for manoeuvre. If N/S can make 11 tricks then it is likely that 4♠ will go down, so I decided to let matters rest. When I elected to lead the ♦2 declarer was not hard pressed to record an overtrick and pick up 10.1 IMPs.

Notice that if N/S play in 5♥ the defenders need to do the right thing. On a spade lead declarer wins and plays back a spade, putting East in the hot seat. That's one reason why if East opens 3♠ West might do well to respond 4♦ – a fit non-jump.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ —	♠ Q10953	♠ K7
♥ 763	♥ 10842	♥ QJ5
♦ KJ1082	♦ A	♦ Q94
♣ KJ872	♣ 964	♣ AQ1053
	♠ AJ8642	
	♥ AK9	
	♦ 7653	
	♣ —	

West	North	East	South
—	Carlos	—	Mark
Pass	4♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	5♥

My optimistic decision to cue-bid 5♣ got us close to the slam that cannot be defeated, even if declarer does not divine the spade position. Only one pair bid this slam, which was worth 11.1 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 98	♠ QJ632	♠ K5
♥ K98	♥ A4	♥ J1062
♦ K1075	♦ A43	♦ QJ986
♣ A932	♣ K87	♣ J4
	♠ A1074	
	♥ Q753	
	♦ 2	
	♣ Q1065	

West	North	East	South
—	Carlos	—	Mark
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠



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It generally pays to push for thin games at this form of scoring. There were no problems in the play, declarer taking 11 tricks which were worth 3.8 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J842			
♥ AK93			
♦ 93			
♣ 654			
♠ AQ10	♠ 63		
♥ 108542	♥ QJ76		
♦ 2	♦ A864		
♣ KQ93	♣ J102		
	♠ K975		
	♥ —		
	♦ KQJ1075		
	♣ A87		

West	North	East	South
	Carlos	Mark	
—	Pass		Pass 1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When West led the ♣K, 4♠ was rapidly put to the sword, finishing three down, -150. Given that with careful play E/W can make 4♥ (declarer wins the spade lead, plays a heart to the queen discovering the bad break and must then take the spade ruff and play on clubs) that did not look too bad, but only one pair managed to take 10 tricks (doubled to boot!) so 3.4 IMPs went away.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q985		
	♥ K10		
	♦ Q63		
	♣ K965		
♠ AK72	♠ 1064		
♥ J86542	♥ 93		
♦ 7	♦ K52		
♣ QJ	♣ A10732		
	♠ J3		
	♥ AQ7		
	♦ AJ10984		
	♣ 84		

West	North	East	South
	Carlos		Mark
—	—	Pass	1♦
2♥	Double	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

3♦ made easily, but the money contract is 3NT. I considered rebidding 2NT (North would have raised) but on another day North might have advanced to 3NT, hoping his ♦Q would be important. Only two pairs bid 3NT.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ A984		
	♥ Q1073		
	♦ K86		
	♣ 93		
♠ K73	♠ 6		
♥ K95	♥ A62		
♦ A52	♦ QJ74		
♣ 8642	♣ AKQJ5		
	♠ QJ1052		
	♥ J84		
	♦ 1093		
	♣ 107		

West	North	East	South
	Carlos		Mark
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥3 and declarer took dummy's ace and cashed three clubs. I discarded an 'encouraging' ♦10 and declarer, convinced that the diamond finesse was working, took two more clubs, pitching a diamond, before taking the diamond finesse. North won and exited with a diamond and declarer could not manage more than eight tricks, a gift of 10.5 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ AQ8753		
	♥ K6		
	♦ 64		
	♣ 876		
♠ 92	♠ J104		
♥ AJ105	♥ Q92		
♦ 98	♦ A1073		
♣ AK954	♣ J103		
	♠ K6		
	♥ 8743		
	♦ KQJ52		
	♣ Q2		



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West	North	East	South
	Carlos		Mark
–	–	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	Double	All Pass	

North led the ♦6 and declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the ♥9, North winning with the king and returning a diamond. With hearts 4-2 declarer was in deep trouble and went three down, -500 to lose 9.9 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 102	
	♥ Q94	
	♦ AKQ9	
	♣ KJ93	
♠ Q86		♠ KJ974
♥ KJ32		♥ 10865
♦ J765		♦ 832
♣ 107		♣ 8
	♠ A53	
	♥ A7	
	♦ 104	
	♣ AQ6542	

West	North	East	South
	Carlos		Mark
–	1NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

With no agreements apart from Stayman and basic transfers I applied the KISS convention (Keep it simple, stupid). The diamond situation was a potential source of concern, but partner had the option of converting to 6NT. It was worth 6.9 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 5	
	♥ J872	
	♦ 1094	
	♣ J10743	
♠ K872		♠ QJ1064
♥ K4		♥ 1065
♦ 8732		♦ Q5
♣ K86		♣ A95
	♠ A93	
	♥ AQ93	
	♦ AKJ6	
	♣ Q2	

West	North	East	South
	Carlos		Mark
–	–	2♠	Double
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Only four pairs managed to take 10 tricks in hearts – luckily Carlos was one of them and it was worth 10.5 IMPs.

On a spade lead the simple line is to win in dummy, ruff a spade and play a heart for the queen and king. You ruff the spade return, cash the ♥J and then run the ♦10.

I'll just mention one more deal, Board 6, where E/W are cold for 6♥:

Board 1. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 1032	
	♥ 852	
	♦ 5	
	♣ K109754	
♠ AQJ8		♠ 97
♥ AJ107643		♥ KQ
♦ –		♦ AQ1093
♣ A8		♣ Q632
	♠ K654	
	♥ 9	
	♦ KJ87642	
	♣ J	

Hans Kreuning and Rob van den Bergh were the only pair to defeat 7♥ when one of them led a trump at trick one which was the only lead to defeat it. Remarkably, five pairs went down in 6♥ on a diamond lead (and one went down in 7♥ which is very expensive). I was expecting our -650 to be a double digit pick up, but in the event, it was worth only 0.5.

We have arranged to have another outing in 2047.



Friday, IMP Pairs 1

Ceri Pierce

The first of the IMP Pairs was held on Friday at 4pm, a much more sensible time to play (for me) than on Thursday, leaving plenty of time for dinner and a bottle of wine afterwards. It is important to get one's priorities in life right.

The Bulletin staff paired up again and we were well and truly duffed up on the very last round, and had been doing reasonably well until then. Our opponents deserve a begrudging 'Well done'.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K852	♠ Q106	♠ AJ973
♥ K954	♥ AQ82	♥ J6
♦ J	♦ Q752	♦ K94
♣ KJ107	♣ Q2	♣ A83
	♠ 4	
	♥ 1073	
	♦ A10863	
	♣ 9654	

West	North	East	South
Olafsson	Tacchi	Sigurdsson	Pierce
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Double	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥7 won by the ♥Q. Back came a diamond and declarer put in the King which lost to the Ace. Best defence now is to continue with another diamond which is ruffed in the dummy. The only problem left for declarer is to find the ♠Q and the ♣Q.

South has shown up with the ♦A and it is a simple counting exercise to place North with all of the remaining points and both of the missing queens for his double of 1♣. Declarer can finesse the ♠Q, draw trumps and return to dummy with the ♣A to take the ♣Q finesse. 10 tricks and a nice score for the opps - six pairs had managed to go one off and two pairs failed to bid the game,

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 954	♠ Q2
♥ KQ10432	♥ AJ876
♦ K2	♦ AQ543
♣ 103	♣ 4
♠ AJ63	
♥ 5	
♦ 10987	
♣ AQJ6	
	♠ K1087
	♥ 9
	♦ J6
	♣ K98752

West	North	East	South
Olafsson	Tacchi	Sigurdsson	Pierce
1♦	2♥	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♦	

East/West bid fairly directly to 6♦. It should have been a good board for us, but luck was most definitely with the opponents on this occasion.

The slam needs the ♦Kx doubleton being onside which is 20%.

But the odds get worse as two more finesses are required:

The ♣K finesse is 50% which reduces the overall odds to 10%.

The ♠Q finesse is 50% which reduces the overall odds to 5%.

How annoying.

We will finish with one of our better boards.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J987	♠ 6543
♥ AKQJ62	♥ –
♦ 5	♦ K962
♣ 54	♣ J10972
♠ Q2	
♥ 107543	
♦ AQ84	
♣ K6	
	♠ AK10
	♥ 98
	♦ J1073
	♣ AQ83



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West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Partner passed West's opening 1♥ bid in tempo. East had nothing to say. I doubled. West Passed. – North Passed – and for a change North had his bid.

The contract was not a success and went for 1100. There was little declarer could do, except make the king of diamonds, play a club to the king and hope to make a trump somewhere along the way.

It is quite unusual for a freely bid 1 level contract to go four off. We estimate the odds of that are about one in 50,000. Maybe East could have considered a rescue redouble to limit the damage.

One other pair, Han Begas and Lucia Grosmann also collected 1100 defending 1♥ doubled, so our opponents were not quite alone.

Four North/South pairs played in 4♥ which is probably quite tricky to reach after a 1♥ opening from West. It would take some convincing for South to accept that North's repeated heart bids were natural, but 3NT is also cold and five pairs ended up in that spot.

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

Diolch yn fawr.



Bernodus Kristinsson and Omar Oskarsson, North-South winners of the IMP Pairs on Friday



Jannes Van't Oever and Antony Lee East-West winners of the IMP Pairs on Friday

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.



Saturday, IMP Pairs 2

Ceri Pierce

The second the IMP Pairs was held on Saturday at 4pm and the numbers playing were double that playing in IMP Pairs 1 as the 200 or so pairs registered to play in the festival this year started to arrive.

Congratulations to the winners Pedro Morgado and Eduardo Fernandes.

Some interesting deals came along, as they usually do.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J6		
♥ 65		
♦ KJ543		
♣ Q975		
♠ K93		♠ 84
♥ KQJ108		♥ 9742
♦ 7		♦ A982
♣ J862		♣ AK10
	♠ AQ10752	
	♥ A3	
	♦ Q106	
	♣ 43	

The bidding at most tables commenced as follows:

West	North	East	South
–	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
?			

Firstly, there is a thin case for East to bid 4♥ instead of 3♥. The hand is a minimal opening hand but improves when partner bids 2♥. With a 9th trump, some players I know would re-evaluate their hand and count that as another king and have a stab at 4♥ at IMP scoring.

However, if you settle for a 3♥ bid, West surely must now bid four in his sleep with a good trump suit, seven loser hand and the king of spades working.

11 pairs bid to four, six pairs bid to three. Three pairs allowed North/South to play in 2♠ or 3♦.

Making 4♥ is routine, as East holds the magic ♣10, allowing the ♣Q to be picked up. You lose just the ace of trumps and the ace of spades.

Four North/South pairs found a sacrifice in 4♠ which should only make 7 tricks - three off doubled for 500 is not a complete disaster at IMP scoring, and in reality, the contract was only doubled once and only went two off three times. Fortune (sometime) favours the brave. After a singleton diamond lead, a diamond ruff and a club return, East must resist giving partner a 2nd diamond ruff or cashing a 2nd club, and instead return a heart to set up the 3rd undertrick.

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3	Lisbeth Smed - Ingrid Ledertoug
4	Bernódus Kristinsson - Omar Oskarsson
5	Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen
6	Franz Roettger - Kerstin Sosnowski
7	Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaal
8	Conny ten Cate - Jan ten Cate
9	Gunnar Björn Helgason - Einar Jonsson
10	Marie Eggeling - Michael Böcker
11	Sigurdur Gislason - Magnus Thorkelsson
12	Han Begas - Lucia Grosmann
13	Knut Blakset - Dorte Rechendorff
14	Svala Pálsdóttir - Adalsteinn Jörgensen
15	Sebastian Reim - Michael Pauly
16	Miguel Sarmento - Isabel Sarmento
17	Sigurdur Skagfjord - Thorgils Torfi Jónsson
18	Frimann Stefánsson - Björn Thorláksson
19	Eduardo Fernandes - Pedro Morgado
20	Anette Vainer - Nikolaj la Cour
21	Anam Tebha - Stephen Zolotow
22	Lisbeth Grove - Lars Mikkelsen
23	Hrafnildur Skuladottir - Soffia Danielsdottir
24	João Machado - José Macedo
25	Andrew Conway - Andrew Clery
26	Espen Haugstad - Hilde Volla
27	Andrei Kavalenka - Ceri Pierce
28	Ralf Schlotmann - Claus Daehr
29	Simon Ortmann - Katherine Ortmann
30	Dennis Kruis - Marcel Winkel
31	João Cabral - Pedro Sampaio Nunes
32	Helena Felgas - Margarida Alves Correia
33	Maria Tulonen - Lasse Utter
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36	Jon Gudmundsson - Sigurdur Valdimarsson
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39	Luís Álvares Ribeiro - Jorge Lopes
40	Sabine Bogner - Stefan Fuchs
41	Gareth Bartley - Jutta Bartley
42	Frederico Teixeira - Luís M Silva
43	Annie Storm - Lotte Nerem
44	Poul Mogensen - Susan Just
45	Pétur Sigurdsson - Hannes Sigurdsson
46	David Ludviksson - Emma Axelsdottir
47	Willem Flisijn - Harry Burmania
48	Omid Karimi-Müller - Helmut Horacek
49	Hrefna Hardardottir - Soley Jakobsdottir
50	Pedro Macedo - Bruno Macedo
51	Christina Lund Madsen - Henning Ostergaard
52	Birgir Olafsson - Gudni Ingvarsson

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4	Hans Kreuning - Rob van den Bergh
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