



22nd Madeira International Bridge Open

4th-10th November 2019

Wednesday 6th November

Bulletin 2

Day One of The Pairs Begins



Tuesday night saw the opening of the Open Events with the first session of the Open Pairs, the first of three stanzas. 188 pairs amassed to do battle at 20.00 and at the end of the afternoon encounters the first three places were as follows with less than a third of a percent separating them with Iceland ahead of Austria and The Netherlands one behind.

- 1 **Magnus Magnusson & Sveinn Eriksson** 63.87%
- 2 **Yordan Valkanov & Veselein Velischkov** 63.78%
- 3 **Agnes Snellers & Wubbo De Boer** 63.53%

With more than twenty pairs less than 5% behind no one can be complacent about their final position.

There may be some minor technical difficulties in accessing the results on-line, please rest assured these will be ironed out as soon as possible.

The TDs have a few words of advice for you on page 5, both in English and Portuguese.

Social Program

Do not forget to sign up for any of the social events; today there is the traditional dinner at the O Lagar. On Friday there is the choice of three excursions – A Catamaran Trip, A Tour of the South West of the island or a Levada Walk. Full details of these are on page 6.

Tickets for the Closing Dinner on Sunday 10th November are also available.

Please visit the Welcome Desk to purchase tickets or for more information.

This morning at 10.30, Mark Horton will conduct his 'Mark Your Card' to discuss the first session of the Open Pairs in Selvagens 1.



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MAIN PROGRAMME 5th – 10th NOV 2019

Location - Congress Room & Selvagens 1-2-3

WEDNESDAY 6 th November	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament (2 nd Session)
THURSDAY 7 th November	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament (3 rd Session)
	20:00	Final Results
FRIDAY 8 th November	19:00	Deadline for Teams Tournament Entries
	20:00	Team Assignments
	20:30	Open Teams Tournament (1 st Session)
SATURDAY 9 th November	11:00	Open Teams Tournament (2 nd Session)
	13.15	Lunch Break (light lunch included)
	14:30	Open Teams Tournament (3 rd Session)
SUNDAY 10 th November	14:30	Open Teams Tournament (4 th Session)
	19:00	Final Results

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

Every morning at 10.30, Mark Horton will conduct his 'Mark Your Card' to discuss the previous day's hands in Selvagens 1.



Tapas Y Copas 10% Discount

The Tapas Bar opposite the hotel is offering all participants of the Madeira International Bridge Festival a 10% discount. To enjoy this benefit simply show your badge before you order.



Open Pairs–Session 1

Ceri Pierce

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A872	♠ —	♠ J963
♥ A103	♥ 976	♥ KQ52
♦ Q1097	♦ K632	♦ 84
♣ K3	♣ Q98752	♣ J106
	♠ KQ1054	
	♥ J84	
	♦ AJ5	
	♣ A4	

N/S bid to 2♠ on the following auction:

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

When South bid 1♠ this kept E/W out of a spade contract. The play went as predicted and South drifted two down. Interestingly, E/W can actually make 2♠ and had N/S been non-vulnerable, they would have potentially had a good save by sacrificing in 2♠!

2♠ by E/W takes some delicate play because of the bad spade distribution. Assuming East is declarer, he will lose one club and two diamonds and will have to restrict the spade suit to two losers. At some point in the play, he will need to ruff a diamond with the 9♠, forcing South to over-ruff with the ♠10.

The end position is this – with only one spade left to lose:

♠ A872	♠ —	♠ J63
♥ —	♥ —	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ —	♣ 8752	♣ 6
	♠ KQ54	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

Now East can lead the ♠J from his hand and duck the ♠K if it is covered, unblocking the ♠7 from dummy, end-playing South in the trump suit. (Declarer must remember not to undo all his good work by failing to unblock the ♠7.) If South declines to cover, the jack wins and the process repeated. Ouch!

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A97	♠ J10	♠ K6542
♥ KJ108	♥ A92	♥ 5
♦ AQ954	♦ KJ	♦ 1076
♣ 8	♣ A109765	♣ KJ43
	♠ Q83	
	♥ Q7643	
	♦ 832	
	♣ Q2	

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♠	Double
3♥	Pass	4♦	All Pass

E/W wandered into a making Four Diamond contract which made without too much trouble for +130. Playing matchpoints the better contract is 3♠ for +140. It is often better to raise partner's suit with three card support (no matter how much you would like to be declarer), especially when you have a singleton. South has implied that he has hearts on the bidding, so West has muddled the waters here a little with his 3♥ bid, making it very difficult for East to now bid 3♠ and hit the top spot.



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

Wednesday 6th November	15:00 – 16:00
Thursday 7th November	15:00 – 16:00
Friday 8th November	18:00 – 21:00
Saturday 9th November	10:00 – 15:00
Sunday 10th November	13:30 – 16:00

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

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- WEDNESDAY 6th November** 20:15 - Traditional Dinner.
Held at the Restaurant O Lagar, traditional restaurant in Estreito de Camara de Lobos. Traditional Madeiran dinner of "Espetada" with folk dancing and music.
The coach leaves VidaMar outside the lobby of Tower 2 at 20.15 for a 20.45 start.
Return to the hotel at 23:30.
- FRIDAY 8th November** Coach leaves the Hotel for your chosen excursion option.
Details of excursions choices will be published in a later bulletin.
Further information is available at the Welcome Desk.
- SUNDAY 10th November** 19:30 Cocktails.
20:30 Closing Dinner and trophy presentation in the Ocean Room – Vidamar Resort Madeira, 2nd floor.

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

ENTRY FEES

Pairs	€ 140.00
Teams	€ 155.00
Pairs + Teams	€ 260.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner.....	€ 275.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner.....	€ 285.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional + Closing Dinner.....	€ 295.00
Typical Dinner	€ 25.00
Friday Excursion.....	€ 25.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players).....	€ 20.00
Closing Dinner	€ 40.00



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A Word from Your TDs

Welcome. We look forward to helping you all have an enjoyable, fair game every day.

Here are a few pointers for negotiating the different playing methods and styles.

Your opponents only need to alert a NT bid if it is NOT balanced, regardless of the range.

They should only alert a suit bid if it is not natural e.g. 2♥ if it is hearts and a minor.

Of course, ALL artificial bids must be alerted.

If you want to know a bid's meaning please ASK.

Nothing needs to be announced.

On Friday we had cause to make a ruling we hate – we gave the worst score to BOTH sides. If we cannot be clear what has happened because the four players do not cooperate with each other or the TD, we have no choice. So if you need to explain something to the TD, we ask you to trust us and the process we follow. We promise you will get a chance to have your say.

And our first and final bridge tip: you need your partner to play well - so always be nice! (even if you think he does not deserve it.) Thank you very much.

Uma palavra dos seus TDs

Bem-vindo, estamos ansiosos para ajudá-lo a divertir-se com um jogo agradável e justo.

Aqui estão algumas dicas para se entender com os adversários relativamente a métodos e estilos de jogo.

Os adversários só precisam de alertar vozes de ST que mostrem mãos desbalanceadas, independentemente do intervalo de pontos. Também só precisam de alertar uma voz em naipe se esta não for natural p.ex: 2♥ natural são alerta mas se mostrar ♥ e um menor qualquer tem de ser alertado.

E claro, todas as vozes artificiais devem ser alertadas.

Se precisar saber o que uma voz quer dizer, PERGUNTE.

Nada precisa ser anunciado.

Sexta-feira tivemos de tomar uma decisão que odiamos - dar um mau resultado a ambos os lados. Se não conseguirmos perceber do que aconteceu, porque os quatro jogadores não cooperaram entre si ou com o TD, não temos escolha. Se precisar da nossa ajuda, confie em nós e na metodologia que seguimos. Pode ter a certeza de que terá a oportunidade de contar a sua versão dos factos.

Finalmente deixamos-lhe uma primeira e última dica de bridge: Precisa que o seu parceiro jogue bem e a seu favor, portanto seja sempre amável com ele (mesmo que ache que não merece). Muito Obrigado.

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DINE AROUND

VIDAMAR RESORT HOTEL

The Vidamar Hotel is pleased to offer participants of the Madeira Open 2019 the discounts as above. Just show them your badge.



Optional Friday Excursions 8th November

Option A: **Catamaran** (limited availability) coach leaves hotel 9:30



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) Returning to hotel at 13.30

Option B: **South-West Tour** (lunch included) coach leaves hotel 10:00



Ribeira Brava – our first stop will be at this beautiful town on the South coast, named for the wild river which flows through it. The town boasts cafes, promenades, a market, a church and a fort.

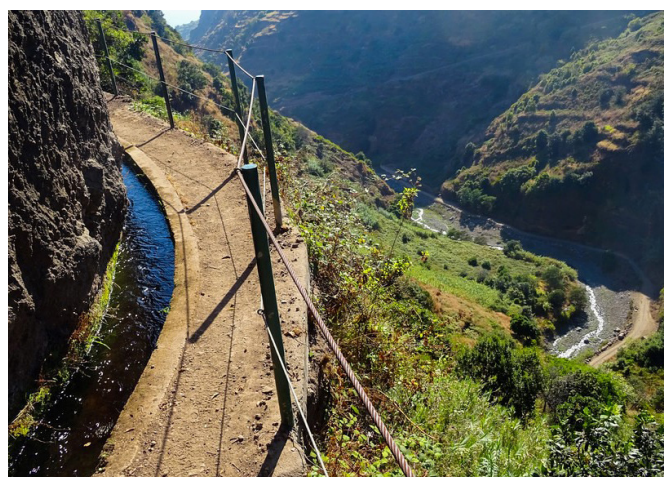
Paúl do Mar – a fishing village known for its excellent surfing conditions and beautiful sunsets. Soon afterwards we stop at Jardim do Mar, a pretty seaside village surrounded by cliffs and adorned by the colourful gardens of its small houses.

Calheta – a charming place with beautiful scenery and one of the few sandy beaches on the island.

Ponta de Sol – a picturesque village on the sea, where we will break for lunch.

On the return journey we stop at Cabo Girão, the highest sea cliff in Europe, 580 metres high and famous for its suspended glass platform. Arrive back at the hotel at 16:00.

Option C: **Levada Walk 'Sugar Route'** (lunch included) coach leaves hotel 09:00



Ribeira Brava – our first stop will be at this beautiful town on the South coast, named for the wild river which flows through it. The town boasts cafes, promenades, a market, a church and a fort.

The walk along the Levada Nova begins in Tabua, a village near Ribeira Brava. It is a pleasant walk, within most people's capabilities, and offers a view of this part of the island from a different perspective.

The beautiful landscapes are one of the main features of this walk. Between valleys and mountains, walkers can delight in the magnificent views over the villages. Small towns and plantations make up a unique landscape. Lunch at Ponta do Sol, a picturesque seaside village.

On the return journey we stop at Cabo Girão, the highest sea cliff in Europe, 580 metres high and famous for its suspended glass platform. Arrive back at the hotel at 16:00.

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; Distance: 6.2 km; Duration: approximately 2½ hours.



The Wonder of Wuhan

Mark Horton

Bulletin number 9 of the 2019 World Bridge Championships carried an announcement about IPBA awards for play in online events.

FUNBRIDGE and the WBF are sponsoring three new IBPA awards for play in online events: Best Declarer Play, Best Defence and Best Bid Hand. The agreement is that these awards will carry the same cash value to journalists and players as do the regular annual IBPA awards. Players and journalists are encouraged to submit their award candidates to the IBPA Bulletin for publication. Players may write up their candidate deals themselves, have a journalist write about them or submit them directly to the editor of the IBPA bulletin at: ibpaeditor@sympatico.ca

In addition to the International Bridge Press Association and the World Bridge Federation, FUNBRIDGE has agreements with the European Bridge League, the ACBL, Le Bridgeur and 14 National Contract Bridge Organisations to provide their online tournaments.

Incredibly, a candidate deal was dealt in a Robot tournament on Wednesday night - and the declarer was in Wuhan! Simon Stocken, eager to get his hands (metaphorically speaking) on some cards, had invested US\$1.35 to play in an ACBL Robot tournament when this hand appeared on the screen:

This is the deal in question:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A87432
♥ AK
♦ K3
♣ AJ10

West	North	East	South
<i>Robot</i>	<i>Robot</i>	<i>Robot</i>	<i>Simon</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	Pass	7NT
All Pass			
2♦	Game forcing		
4NT	RKCB		
5♠	2 key cards +♠Q		
5NT	Kings?		
6♠	No		

Simon (no mean Poker player) was holding the South cards and decided to go 'all in' by bidding 7NT. He knew that partner held the ♠KQ and the ♦A, but absent any side kings, must have a little more and if that was in diamonds there would probably be a play for all the tricks.

West led the ♥10 and dummy was a little disappointing:

♠ KQ10
♥ J82
♦ AJ8652
♣ 9

—

♠ A87432
♥ AK
♦ K3
♣ AJ10

Simon won with the ♥A and cashed five rounds of spades to reach this position:

♠ —
♥ J8
♦ AJ86
♣ 9

—

♠ 4
♥ K
♦ K3
♣ AJ10

With a nod to Vienna, he cashed the ♥K and followed it with the ♦K. So far West, who had turned up with a singleton ♠J had pitched a diamond, a heart and two clubs. East, who had three spades, had parted with two clubs and a heart and now discarded a second heart.

At this point, these cards remained:

♠ —
♥ J
♦ AJ8
♣ 9

♠ —
♥ —
♦ Q109
♣ K8

♠ —
♥ Q7
♦ —
♣ Q75

♠ 4
♥ —
♦ 3
♣ AJ10



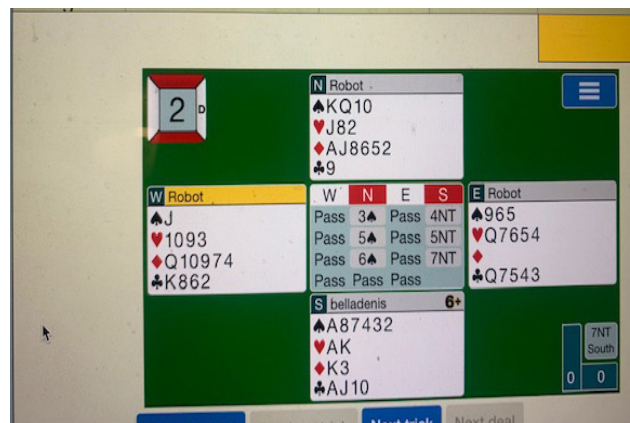
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When Simon cashed the last spade, West had to part with a club and the now redundant ♦8 went from dummy. East could happily part with a club, and then threw a heart when a diamond went to the jack. However, when Simon played the ♦A from dummy, East became the second victim of the non-simultaneous double squeeze. He had to throw a club and declarer played a club to the ace, felling the outstanding honours and promoting the ♣J to glory.

This had been the complete deal:

♠ KQ 10		
♥ J82		
♦ AJ8652		
♣ 9		
♠ J		♠ 965
♥ 1093		♥ Q7654
♦ Q10974		♦ —
♣ K862		♣ Q7543
		♠ A87432
		♥ AK
		♦ K3
		♣ AJ10



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd Madeira International Bridge Open

29th October – 9th November 2020

(Main events 2nd – 8th November)

Welcome to the Welcome Desk

The Welcome Desk is situated in the lobby of the VidarMar Tower 2 and has an Ace (no pun intended) team running it. They are here to provide any help and information you may need during your stay in Madeira.



Your Welcome Desk staff are (from left to right)
Sara Silva, Carolina Teixeira and Betty Gois



Predict a Board

Mark Horton

I think it was at the world Championships in Maastricht in 2000 that I came up with the concept of introducing a predict-a-bid feature into the VuGraph theatre. The idea was that every spectator would be given an electronic gadget on which they could try to predict the players' bids on each deal. There would be daily cash prizes for those with the highest scores.

Looking at the deals for the opening session of the pairs, here are my suggestions as to what may happen on three of them:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 107	♠ QJ93	♠ 42
♥ QJ864	♥ A10975	♥ 3
♦ Q76	♦ —	♦ J1098432
♣ KJ7	♣ Q1062	♣ 985
	♠ AK865	
	♥ K2	
	♦ AK5	
	♣ A43	

Given a free run, N/S should be able to find a route to 6♠. If South opens 2NT and the spade fit is located then the problem might be to stop in time. However, suppose East attempts to throw a spanner into the works (those who suffer from adverse vulnerability syndrome should look away now) by opening 3♦ (I'm assuming North won't open the bidding, but that might not always be the case). Were South to then bid a heavy 3NT North will want to have some methods (using 4♣ as Stayman along with transfers is not a bad idea) but even with no agreements North can bid 4♦ and then go on over South's 4♠.

If South doubles 3♦ North can bid 4♦ (but only if West does not raise).

Although an opening 3♦ will complicate matters I expect more than half the field to reach 6♠. A few might attempt 6NT and at least one pair will go overboard in 7♠.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 32	♠ A1064	♠ KQJ985
♥ 95	♥ AJ62	♥ 1074
♦ KJ95	♦ 832	♦ 64
♣ AQ1096	♣ K8	♣ 75
	♠ 7	
	♥ KQ83	
	♦ AQ107	
	♣ J432	

If North opens 1♣/1♦ East has an easy 2♠ overcall (or 1♠ if you are of a nervous disposition). After that N/S should be able to find a route to 4♥. Maybe South will double and then go on to 4♥ when North bids the suit.

If East leads the ♠K (and what could be more natural?) declarer wins, ruffs a spade and plays a club. Say West wins and returns a trump. Declarer wins in dummy, plays a club to the king, ruffs a spade high, draws trumps and plays a diamond to the ten. West wins, but will be left with ♦K9 ♣Q10 and have no way to prevent ten tricks being scored.

However, West might try (I could say should try) bidding 2♣/3♣ over South's double. Now East can lead a club and West wins and returns the suit, removing a vital entry to the North hand.

I expect the field to reach 4♥.

More than half of those who do will make it when a spade is led.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AJ8	♠ Q932	♠ K74
♥ Q1097	♥ 42	♥ 5
♦ AK	♦ J7543	♦ Q1096
♣ J1072	♣ 65	♣ AKQ43
	♠ 1065	
	♥ AKJ863	
	♦ 82	
	♣ 98	



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E/W can make 6♣, but how many will bid it in these days where a 1♣ opening can be based on almost any number of clubs.

If South overcalls 2♥ (echoing the theme of the previous deal) what should West do? If you

double and partner bids 3♣ are you going to go past 3NT? If partner rebids 3♦ does that promise real clubs (and you still have to decide if you should be looking for a slam).

I'll go for less than half the field reaching 6♣.

Defensive Tests

Mark Horton

One of the many great things about the Madeira Festival is the fact that people are happy to tell you about the deals, regardless of the result. These two from the warm-up event were defensive tests that were difficult to pass – indeed one of them proved to be nigh on impossible.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ AQ9872	
	♥ K72	
	♦ 432	
	♣ A	
♠ 54	W N E S	♠ KJ6
♥ Q10986		♥ 3
♦ Q75		♦ AK109
♣ KJ9		♣ 87532
	♠ 103	
	♥ AJ54	
	♦ J86	
	♣ Q1064	

West	North	East	South
Ruth	German	Kiste	Winkel
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East led a top diamond and continued with two more rounds of the suit, West winning and switching to a spade. When declarer played low East won with the jack and returned the ♥3. Declarer put in the jack and took West's queen with the king. Sensing that the ♠K was off-side declarer cashed the ♠A and exited with a spade. Now East had an easy looking exit with the last diamond, but watch what happened:

Declarer ruffed and played off his trumps. When the last one hit the table this was the position:

♠ —	♠ Q	♠ —
♥ 109	♥ 72	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ KJ	♣ A	♣ 8753
N W E S		
♠ —	♠ —	♠ —
♥ A	♥ —	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ Q106	♣ —	♣ —

East and dummy threw clubs, but West was the victim of a criss-cross squeeze. Whichever suit he unguarded would allow declarer to cash the relevant ace and then return to his other ace to cash a winner. East could have broken up the position by switching to a club at the end.

14 pairs recorded +110 - did they all make 2♠ this way?

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 54	N W E S	♠ AKJ	
♥ 7		♥ J95	
♦ 1098		♦ K7532	
♣ A876432		♣ 109	

West	North	East	South
Castellani	German	Di Sacco	Winkel
3♣	3NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

East leads the ♣5 and you win with your ace, declarer following with the queen.



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What do you do now?

I was given this hand as a problem - this is how I reasoned:

Declarer has two club tricks and at least three spades, because even if he is missing the queen, the finesse is working. It's hard to calculate how many tricks declarer has in diamonds - on a bad day it could be as many as five.

There is not much point in playing a spade, so it's a question of choosing between the red suits. A heart might give us two quick tricks in the suit if partner has the ♥AQ, but otherwise we might only get one in hearts, as partner holding say ♥KQ will be able to win the first round of the suit, but declarer will then have time to set up the diamonds.

If declarer has something like ♠Q983 ♥K1064 ♦AQ ♣KQJ then failing to switch to a heart will allow declarer to take eleven tricks, but on balance it feels better to switch to a diamond, hoping to set up a trick in that suit to go with any heart tricks partner may have.

The bad news is that partner does indeed have the ♥AQ. However, this was the full deal:

♠ 54	♠ Q98	♠ 107632
♥ 7	♥ K10642	♥ AQ83
♦ 1098	♦ A6	♦ QJ4
♣ A876432	♣ KQJ	♣ 5
	♠ AKJ	
	♥ J95	
	♦ K7532	
	♣ 109	

Partner's diamond holding is such that switching to that suit will hold declarer to nine tricks.

22 pairs played in no-trumps. One went down in 3NT, the others all recorded +430.

Before we leave this deal, suppose East ignores partner and leads a spade? Now as long as the defenders are careful (West must take the ♣A and play a second spade) declarer should be held to nine tricks.



Peter Fredin and Gary Gottlieb – winners of the Warm-Up Pairs

Nerd Interlude

188 pairs are taking part in the Open Pairs. I was desperately googling away to try and find an interesting fact about 188 but all I could find was that it is the number of semigroups of order 4. After further research as to what a semigroup is I was no wiser. Then I was heart-broken to find that if just two more pairs had signed up then the number 190 is immensely interesting in that it is the largest number that both it and its distinct divisors are all palindromes in Roman Numerals. Let us hope that next year we get 206 pairs because that is the smallest number that when written in full in English contains each of the five vowels exactly once!

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.





The Warm-Up Pairs – Continued

Fortune Told

In the Bulletin Room we now have a new gambling game, it is a bit like Mark Horton's predictions yesterday for the Warm-Up Pairs. In this game you also have to predict something which ought not to be random but is: that is 'To which floor will the lift actually go?' A good bet is the 'Full House' whereby you guess that the lift will initially descend to the bottom of the hotel where it hovers in a worrying manner before soaring to the top and then slowly and grudgingly opening its doors.

So how did Mark's predictions fare when all the results were available. His first case was that West would play in 5♠ after North intervened over the opening 4♠ bid:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 3			
♥ K 10 9			
♦ A Q J 10 7 6			
♣ Q 9 8			
♠ AKJ108765	N W E S	♠ Q 4 2	
♥ —		♥ A J 8 7 5 3	
♦ 5 4		♦ K 3 2	
♣ J 6 5		♣ 4	
♠ 9			
♥ Q 6 4 2			
♦ 9 8			
♣ AK 10 7 3 2			

After checking the 45 times the hand was played. The final contract of 5♠ was reached ten times, one of which was doubled. There were 28 cases of E/W being allowed to play in 4♠. The best result for N/S was when they were allowed to play in 6♣ undoubled for one off. The best result for E/W was 5♦ doubled by North, who perhaps did not play the cards to the best advantage when he failed by four tricks and thus Sakia Hermans and Ingeborg Slikker wrote 1100 in their plus column. If we are strict then our illustrious columnist was correct 20% of the time.

The next prognostication was North would play in 3NT after interference in ♥ by E/W:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 6 2			
♥ K 6 3			
♦ J 3 2			
♣ A 5 2			
♠ 9 8 7 4	N W E S	♠ A J 5 3	
♥ A 5 4		♥ Q 10 9 8 7	
♦ 10 9		♦ 5	
♣ K 9 4 3		♣ J 10 8	
♠ 10			
♥ J 2			
♦ A K Q 8 7 6 4			
♣ Q 7 6			

In all of the 45 times the hand was played, all but 16 were played in 3NT. The contract failed twice, once inexplicably on the lead of a heart and once when Mike Reuser and Christine Winkel led the ♣J – congratulations. Thus the prediction was very close to being 100% in the cases where the contract was 3NT.

The final offering was that E/W would reach 4♥ and that South would not lead a club to prevent 12 tricks.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q J 8			
♥ 8 7 2			
♦ 10 7 2			
♣ A Q J 3			
♠ A 5	N W E S	♠ K 7 4 3	
♥ K J 5		♥ A Q 9 6	
♦ J 4		♦ A K 9 8 3	
♣ 10 9 8 7 4 2		♣ —	
♠ 10 9 6 2			
♥ 10 4 3			
♦ Q 6 5			
♣ K 6 5			

Firstly the final contract was 4♥ only twice, both occasions a heart was led one declarer making plus one, the other plus two. 25 times 3NT was reached, failing 5 times, making 8, plus one 11 and in one remarkable instance plus two. The other 18 cases were played in a part-score. It is difficult to know what score to award as the defence did not have much of a chance to prove or disprove the suggested line.

What do these statistics prove? Probably that you are better off guessing where the lift will arrive than the machinations of bridge players.



Open Pairs Session 1 Results

	%	Names
1	63.87	MAGNUSSON Magnus Eidur EIRIKSSON Sveinn
2	63.78	VALKANOV Yordan VELISCHKOV Veselin
3	63.53	SNELLERS Agnes DE BOER Wubbo
4	62.03	OTTEVANGER Dennis VAN GELDEREN Gerrit
5	61.95	BOLDT Frederic GRÜNKE Paul
6	61.7	COPE Simon BILDE Dennis
7	61.33	TAYLOR Martin HACKETT Justin
8	60.7	ROETTGER Franz SOSNOWSKI Kerstin
9	60.52	WENNEBERG Bjorn WEGNELIUS Henrik
10	60.46	FINNSSON Urban FINNSSON Berit
11	60.44	GÖRNANDT Peter BERGDAHL Tommy
12	60.31	KREUNING Hans BERGH Rob van den
13	60.17	MACEDO José MACHADO João
14	60.14	KELDERMAN Joke WAUTERS Paul
15	60.12	SNAPPER Robert NEVES Bruno
16	59.98	WINKEL Marcel GERMANN Svend
17	59.91	DI SACCO Maurizio CASTELLANI Enrico
-	59.91	GROMOELLER Michael HAEUSLER Helmut
19	59.88	NEDELCU Mihnea Adrian MICESCU Viorel
21	59.53	AHLEN Nils OLOFSSON B.G.
22	59.5	CHAMORRO Alfonso GONÇALVES Carlos
23	58.72	BERTHEAU Peter RIMSTEAD Ola
24	58.51	HEERES Tim SWIDDE Marcel
25	57.65	VERBURGH Aris HERBER Louk
26	57.09	KOSTER Robbie de POPPE Eva-Margreet
27	56.95	ERLINGSSON Hrannar KRISTINSSON Sverrir
28	56.83	LINSE John HEIJDE Hans van der
29	56.71	KONYVES Andreas LICHTENSTEIN Joachim
30	56.71	SERGEY Orlov DIKHOVA Tatiana
31	56.71	ERNE Petra GOOR Patrick
32	56.64	CRUZEIRO Jorge PEREIRA Paulo Gonçalves
33	56.6	MEUER Axel SCHRAVERUS-MEUER Mirja
34	56.46	HULT Simon EKENBERG Simon
35	56.37	DAHR Claus SCHUELLER Matthias
36	56.32	MILAVEC Alexander WEIGKRICH Terry
37	56.28	TEIXEIRA Miguel BRENNER Diego
38	56.26	BARTLEY Jutta BARTLEY Gareth
39	56.13	LUIZ Carlos LEITÃO Mariana
40	55.95	GOTARD Thomas EGDELING Marie
41	55.79	RUDAKOV Evgeny RUDAKOVA Elena
42	55.61	JENSEN Annette B BECH Sonja
43	55.22	HALLQUIST Carina HALLQUIST Sven-Erik
44	55.1	MÜLLER-MAUBACH Sybil RODERBURG Rosemarie
45	55.04	SIMON Joseph ARTMER Ilse-Betina
46	55.02	LIMMEN Gerard SCHIPPER George
47	54.7	WOODCOCK Susan CLARKE Stuart
48	54.57	THORVALDSSON Kristján KRISTJÁNSSON Árni

49	54.57	PALMA António Campos CULLIN Per-Ola
50	54.51	ASGRIMSSON Magnus BERGSSON Thorsteinn
51	54.5	HOP Gerbrand SCHOONEN Anne
52	54.46	CAPPELLER Gabriele CAPPELLER Joachim
53	54.21	REUSER Mike METSELAAR Hans
54	54.13	TJARNEMO Haakan EMANUELSSON Bengt
55	54.11	INGTHORSSON Jon OLAFSSON Kristinn
56	54.05	OLAFSSON Sigurdur SIGLRYSSON Jon
57	53.95	GROSMANN Lucia BEGAS Johannes
58	53.83	BASSE Peter OSTERGAARD Henning
59	53.71	STIENEN René SCHIPPERS Elly
60	53.64	ZEERBERG Niels LOUNRMANN Christian
61	53.54	ASLA Roennaug MARKUSSEN Svein
62	53.49	EKENBERG Simon HULT Simon
63	53.49	INGELBERT Françoise INGELBERT Michel
64	53.46	GOLDBERG Lars GOLDBERG Ullabritt
65	53.28	RIMSTEDT Mikael GUTTORMSEN Haldis
66	53.22	BLATTER BURGER Marlyse BURGER Jürg
67	53.08	SMED Lisbeth LEDERTOUG Ingrid
68	52.91	LAMMERS Erwin DE HAAS Olivier
69	52.78	PINTO Rui PINTO António Rocha
70	52.78	THEODORSSON Björn KRISTJONSDOTTIR Valgerdur
71	52.59	PURGAILIS Maris MINMO MIKK
72	52.59	RIISNAS Svein-Harald HANSEN Egil
73	52.44	SCHERDERS Kees BOUWMAN Eva
74	52.4	PEIXOTO António MACHADO Margarida
75	52.36	FLENSTED-JENSEN Camilla FLENSTED-JENSEN Knud
76	52.32	RODRIGUES Alexandre MACEDO Bruno
77	52.3	KRUIS Dennis SPEELMAN Betty
78	52.18	SIGURJONSSON Julius KRANTZ Corey
79	52.16	NAEGELI Irene NAEGELI Heinrich
80	52.12	KRONABETTER Manfred KLEEDORFER Otto
81	51.87	VAN DEN BICHELAER Trudy VAN DEN BICHELAER Robert
82	51.75	BENDER Maria INGOLFSDOTTIR Harpa Fold
83	51.55	DE WINKE Jan KAM Justin van der
84	51.31	TENN Marko JULLIS Toivo
85	51.17	HAVINGA Berend HARKMANS Wim
86	51.17	SARMENTO Paulo Courteilles BARBOSA João Vide
87	51.16	PARRA Gabriella HOPSTAKEN Ernst
88	51.06	DZIEKANSKI Krzysztof DZIEKANSKA Ewa
89	50.91	TOLLE Rolf HELLEMANN Anne-Lill
90	50.81	GUEDES Miguel Sousa FERREIRA João Campos
91	50.79	BALDVINSSON Jon JONSSON Sigtryggur
92	50.64	BARENDREGT DE WILDE Heleen DE BRUINE Marie-Jose
93	50.53	KROPPA Maria ZWIRELLO Lech
94	50.44	BENZ Janine JUSTITZ Marijke



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95	50.29	FISCHER Doris SAURER Bernd
96	50.13	KRAVCHENKO Igor KAVALENKA Andrei
97	50.04	LUY Monika Ferdinand SCHEIT
98	50.03	VIGFUSSON Vigfus GISLADOTTIR Johanna
99	49.96	NIELSEN Rasmus FOGH Tyge
100	49.94	RENTES Kees VAN DEN HOEK Jan
101	49.89	SLIKKER Ingeborg HERMANS Sashia
102	49.76	CARLSSON Lars FORSBERG Leif-Erik
103	49.58	SHAW Rosemary NOLSOEE Jens-Pauli-G.
104	49.37	JONSSON Sigtryggur BALDVINSSON Jon
105	49.22	FRIDRIKSDOTTIR Sigrídur OLAFSSON Birgir
106	49.2	SIGURJORNSDOTTIR Erla INGVARSSON Gudni
107	49.2	HARRIS Diana GAGNÉ Paul
108	49	WRANG David WRANG Thomas
109	48.84	BARENDREGT Rosaline LAMO Yngve
110	48.66	BAILEY Alan BAILEY Jette
111	48.62	JUURI-OJA Pirjo JUURI-OJA Erkki
112	48.61	RUTSTRÖM Leif JÖRGENSEN Gerhard
113	48.58	WOODCOCK Nick FJORTOFT Sue
114	48.51	GLADIATOR Anne REIM Andrea
115	48.42	THUNBERG Morten JENSEN Heidi
116	48.29	MIDDELKOOP Gerwin BACANHIM Bruno
117	48.19	VERMEULEN Pim NPL Surn NPL Name
118	48	KOSTER Robbie de POPPE Eva-Margreet
119	47.99	GONZALEZ APARICIO Beatriz ESTRADA IBARS Rosa
120	47.9	MARTINS Nuno D SILVA Luís M
121	47.86	DREVON Sophie DE LONGEVIALLE Violaine
122	47.8	MORGADO Filomena MENEZES Fátima
123	47.75	GUDMUNDSSON Unnar OSKARSDOTTIR Kristin
124	47.75	VICENTE Bruna MORENO Miguel
125	47.7	R MADRIÑAN Manuel Jesus SANTOS VILAR-IÑO Emilio
126	47.6	HENNEBERG Marlene HENNEBERG Jens Ove
127	47.45	BJORGVINDSDOTTIR Sigurjona GUDMUNDSSON Gunnar
128	47.28	HAVINGA Karin MEIJER Nelleke
129	47.23	FERNANDES Ricardo TEIXEIRA Frederico
130	46.98	VAN DEN BERG Jaap VAN DEN BERG Anne-Marie
131	46.89	GONÇALVES Carlos PINTO Eduardo
132	46.79	PARVIANINEN Eeva JALONEN Olli
133	46.69	RØNN Birgitte MERETE ENEVOLDSEN Karen
134	46.5	SALARI Arjen VAN OMMEREN Hans
135	46.49	ABEL Ans KREIJNS Hanneke
136	46.47	SOMORROSTRO Araceli Gil De VAZQUEZ ALVAREZ Marisol
137	46.41	KURBALIJA Diane KURBALIJA Filip
138	46.34	WIJNANDS Ingeborg VAN BAKEL Danny
139	46.3	HERTZ Kathryn BÖHLKE Eckhard
140	46.15	VAN DER LIST Maria KROEZEN Peter
141	46.14	VINTHER Kaster RICARD Eva
142	46.08	KESO Tuula BÄRLUND Birgit

143	45.98	UTTER Lasse TOLONEN Marja
144	45.78	MORGADO Pedro FERNANDES Eduardo
145	45.74	DIMITROV Aleksey HANSEN Renate
146	45.65	NÆSS Geir-Olav NÆSS Ann-Karin-Dahl
147	45.61	MOLLER Kinsten Steen MULLER Niels
148	45.41	EYDE Mads HAGEN Anders
149	45.3	NIELSEN Lars-K ROHRBERG Matias
150	44.68	HELMERTZ Per-Inge TJARNEMO Jonas
151	44.58	HENNE Jochen LEUSCHNER Katrin
152	44.35	GISLASON Sigurdur BJARNASON Reynir
153	44.31	SJÖSTEDT Anders LANDMARK Anders
154	44.04	OLAFSSON Magni VIKAR Reynir
155	44	BURMANIA Harry FLISIJN Willem
156	43.82	BACANHIM Bruno MIDDELKOOP Gerwin
157	43.34	EYTHORSÐÓTTIR Hjordis OLAFSSON Magnus
158	42.79	NIEMI Seppo EIDE Lisbeth
159	42.79	SARMENTO Miguel SARMENTO Isabel
160	42.62	CHAMBERS John DUNN Clive
161	42.13	HJALMARSDÓTTIR Hulda SKULADOTTIR Hrafnildur
162	41.89	RUTH Tomas KISTE Knut
163	41.87	WOODCOCK Nick FJORTOFT Sue
164	41.67	LEROUX Sophie GOUFFÉ Francis
165	41.34	BEHRENS Karl BEHRENS Regina
166	41.32	MENEZES Nuno ARTMER Gero
167	41.16	ANDERSON Ann-Sophie BRANTINGSON Eva
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169	40.83	RANDRUP Birgitte BOGH-SØRENSEN Flemming
170	40.36	FOURSANS BOURDETTE Chantal FOUR-SANS-BOURDETTE Jean-Louis
171	40.1	THORARINSSON Gisli SIGURDSSON Thordur
172	39.6	ZOMER Marco BOUWEN Kees
173	39.44	MINMO MIKK PURGAILIS Maris
174	38.96	BALMER Charlotte OPPENHEIM Nicole
175	38.86	RIJKEBOER Sarah RIJKEBOER Albert
176	38.83	STOLL Wolfgang STOLL Christel
177	38.13	STREIMELWEGER Renate ADELSBERGER Heimo
178	38.03	LOGOTHETIS Leandre-Alexis LOGOTHETIS Simon
179	37.48	LYDSSON Skarphedinn HOLM HAUKSSON Bjarni
180	37.26	BARROS PARRA Conchi REY Julio-Jose-Fernandez
181	37.21	RODRIGUEZ FREIRE Celia SAYAGUES GOMEZ Aurora
182	36.13	LINDGREN FAGERHOLM Ulla ALOPAEUS Marianne
183	36.04	VOREN Rina GUUS Janus
184	35.7	BRITZ-COCKER Helene DARWAZEH-RUEHL Angelika
185	32.05	CALAMARO Maria-Jose MORRESI Isabelle
186	31.78	SALGUEIRO Pedro AMARAL João
187	30.54	BARTOLOMIJ Ria VAN OS Edie
188	26.86	FERNANDES José A FERNANDES Norberto