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VidaMar Resort, Funchal

Thursday 5th November

Bulletin 3

Rising and nearly falling



The Open Pairs continues, with a new group of intrepid people making the journey into the abyss (i.e. the route to the Ocean Room). Having now experienced the stairs for ourselves, we have asked for better signposting, especially of the bottom part of the staircase from Level -1 to Level -2. One section has been moved upstairs to reduce congestion in the lifts and the temperature in the Ocean Room.

Meanwhile, Josephine the miniature dachshund made the trip in style, chauffeured by Gianluca Barrese on the boards trolley

The leaders after the second session are **António Palma** and **Mikael Rimstedt** on 61.76%, up four places. In second are **Judith Nab** and **Vincent Nab** on 61.09%, 24 places above their first session ranking. Lying third are **MichaelGromoeller** and **Helmut Haeusler** on 63.66%, an even more impressive rise from 33rd.

[A special mention must be made here of local heroes Eduardo Fernandes (our logistics man) and Pedro Morgado (connoisseur of Jura whisky), who won the second session and rose from 59th to 4th.]

You will find the sequence of movements between Sections for Session 3 on Page 3. Starting places for Session 2 will also be published on the website, in the WhatsApp group and on the windows of the lobby of Tower 2, the Congress Centre doors, and outside or opposite the door of the Ocean Room.

New Arrivals

If you have just arrived to play in the Open Teams please collect your badge from the Welcome Desk at the first opportunity.

Welcome Desk opening hours: Thursday 14:30 to 16:00; Friday 18:00 to 20:00. There willl be long queues just before the tournament starts, so please try to visit the Welcome Desk at an earlier time.

Reminder:

If you are playing in the Ocean Room at the pool level, please **set off 30-45 MINUTES before the start of play** since it requires two lift journeys to get down there.



You will need to show your Identity Badge at the bar to obtain a discount. No badge, no discount.

Closing Dinner - Table Reservations

This year you can **reserve your table for the closing dinner**.
Reservations can be made until Saturday 13:30.
You just need to give the Welcome Desk the names and Bridgemate numbers of the people who will be sitting with you.
Please note that if your table is not full, we may seat other guests at it to fill the vacant seats.



FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE VENUE



1 CONGRESS CENTRE

Opposite the entrance to VidaMar.

Several sections of the main events are played here.

5 DESERTAS SUITE

In VidaMar Tower 1 (turn right at Reception).

Sections of the main events will be played here.

6 OCEAN ROOM

In VidaMar Tower 1, on Level 0, near the pools. Access is from either tower: Tower 1 has two lifts and Tower 2 has one.

Sections of the main events will be played here.

Please start making your way to this playing area early, because the lifts will be busy.

2 WELCOME DESK

In VidaMar Tower 2.

You will need to collect your bar-coded identity badge here. The Welcome Desk is also the best place to ask for other information. You can purchase excursions and the Traditional and Closing Dinners at the Welcome Desk.

Opening hours are published in this bulletin, on-site and on our website.

4 SELVAGENS SUITE

In VidaMar Tower 2.

The and Cool-Down Pairs is played in Selvagens 1 and 2, and sections of the main events in Selvagens 1-2-3.

This is also where Mark Horton gives his 'Replay the Hands' sessions from Tuesday to Friday.

The Vugraph room (Teams only) will be in either the Selvagens Suite or the theatre space in the Congress Centre, depending on the number of teams.

Change of Sections for Sessions 1→2 and 2→3

If you are at a table numbered **14 or higher**, **separate instructions apply**.
PLEASE CHECK THE STARTING LIST FOR DETAILS.

Selvagens	**A**	**B**	**H**	**L**	**M**
Congress Centre	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	
Ocean Room	**G**	**J**	**K**		

Note - Section H is now in Selvagens

Session 1			Session 2			Session 3	
A	NS*	→	**C**	EW	→	**K**	EW
A	EW*	→	**D**	EW	→	**G**	NS
B	NS	→	**B**	NS	→	**B**	NS
B	EW	→	**E**	EW	→	**J**	NS
C	NS	→	**G**	EW	→	**M**	NS
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D	EW	→	**J**	NS	→	**A**	EW
E	NS	→	**J**	EW	→	**B**	EW
E	EW	→	**K**	EW	→	**L**	NS
F	NS	→	**K**	NS	→	**M**	EW
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H	EW	→	**L**	EW	→	**E**	NS
J	NS	→	**A**	EW	→	**D**	EW
J	EW	→	**B**	EW	→	**C**	NS
K	NS*	→	**A**	NS	→	**E**	EW
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M	NS	→	**F**	EW	→	**J**	EW
M	EW	→	**C**	NS	→	**H**	NS

TEAMS REGISTRATION

The list of registered teams is published at https://www.bridge-madeira.com/2026-registered-teams/

If your name does not appear on this list, you will need to do one of the following:

a) If **you know who your team-mates are** you need to register the team by 14:00 on Friday 6th November (otherwise we do not know who is playing in which team).

After this time if it is in the interests of the tournament we will accept registrations until 19:00 from teams of players who have already booked and paid, but assignments will be random. (Between 14:00 and 18:00 you will need to register online.) You can:

- register at the Welcome Desk, or
- fill in the green form at the Welcome Desk and put it in the box, or
- register online at booking.bridge-madeira.com/registrations; you will need the Bridgemate numbers of all the players, and each player must have paid their entry fees (and hotel package if applicable) in full.

b) If **you have already notified us that you need us to find team-mates** for you, you do not need to do anything: we will match you with the pair closest in standard. Note that if you do not want to play in a team of more than 4 persons, you need to tell us.

c) Otherwise, if **you do not have team-mates** and would like us to find them for you, you need to tell us no later than 20:30 on Thursday 5th November. Please complete the green form at the Welcome Desk and put it in the box provided, or fill in the online registration at booking.bridge-madeira.com/registrations, or tell the Welcome Desk as above.

If b) or c) apply – i.e. if you have asked us to find team-mates for you - BUT YOU THEN ARRANGE TEAM-MATES YOURSELVES, you need to tell us so that we don't arrange different team-mates for you. Please notify the Welcome Desk, who will register the team for you; or register online, or fill in the green form with the names and Bridgemate numbers of everyone in the team (as above).

We will notify pairs of the teams we have arranged for them at lunchtime on Friday 6th November.

General Conditions

Anyone who has paid the entry fee for the Open Teams is entitled to play in the event provided they have filled in the green form or registered online or at the Welcome Desk by 14:00 on Friday 6th November.

If, however, you have not notified us by 20:30 on Thursday 5th November that you need team-mates, we will make up teams from the pairs who are in the same position at 14:00 on Friday and you may find yourselves in a team with players of a very different standard.

After 14:00 we may not be able to accommodate you in the event at all.

Entries from teams or players who have not already booked a place in the event may be accepted if there is space, and if the additional team will not result in an odd number of teams.

Timetable in brief:

Thursday 5th November

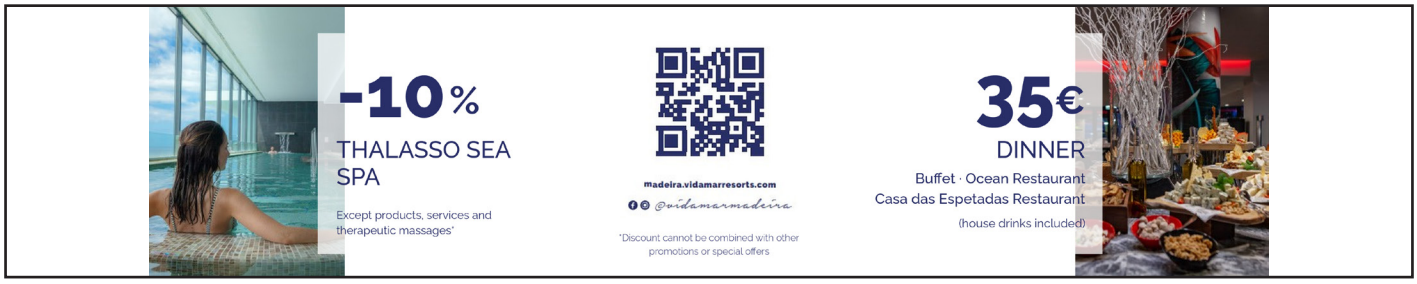
20:30 Deadline for requests for team-mates (we will match you with the pair of the closest level). After this time we will allocate pairs to teams in the order in which we receive the request, without any attempt to match players by level.

Friday 6th November

14:00 Deadline for Teams registration to be guaranteed a place.

19:00 Final deadline for Teams registration.

19:30 Publication of Teams Assignments.



Alerting Regulations

The Madeira International Bridge Open has adopted the **EBL regulations on alerting and announcing**.

- **Do not announce any calls** (there will be no penalty if a player announces, but it is not necessary to do so).
- The following classes of calls **should be alerted:**
  - . Conventional bids. (Natural bids are not alertable, even if they show an unexpected range or number of cards – e.g. Mini No Trump, 4-card majors.) BUT Prepared Club (2+ cards) is alertable.
  - . Bids which have special meanings or which are based on, or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organisation.) See Law 40(B).
  - . Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit. (In other words, if a bid is unexpectedly non-forcing, it must be alerted.)
- Do **NOT alert the following:**
  - . Doubles (any meaning).
  - . Any No Trump bid which shows a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a No Trump contract.
  - . Any call at the four level or higher, except on the first round of the auction, when conventional bids must be alerted. (The first round of the auction starts with the first bid, excluding Passes.)

Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the policy as well as the letter.

The EBL Alerting Policy may be found at https://www.eurobridge.org/regulations/systems/alerting-policy/.



System Cards

Every pair must have a completed system card. You may bring your own (WBF or your national standard format – EBU, FFB, ACBL etc.), or use our simple system card, which can be filled in in a few minutes for scratch partnerships.

If you are playing an unusual or artificial method and do not have a completed convention card, we may require you to play a simple system until you have completed a system card.

It would be a courtesy to inform opponents of your No Trump range at the start of each round, but this is not compulsory – there will be no penalty for forgetting. If you are playing an unusual system, you must give a brief description to your opponents at the start of the round, especially if they are inexperienced players.

Permitted Systems

The Madeira International Bridge Open has adopted the **EBL Category 3 policy on permitted systems**.

- Highly Unusal Methods (HUMs) are not permitted.
- Brown-sticker methods are not permitted.
- If you are playing an artificial system such as Precision or Vienna or any other unexpected method, you must inform the opponents at the start of the round or match.

Welcome Desk

Lobby 2



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

Thursday 5th Nov.	14:30 – 16:00
Friday 6th Nov.	18:00 – 20:00
Saturday 7th Nov.	13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 8th Nov.	13:00 – 15:00

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Badges

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.

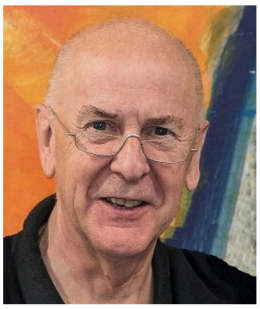
Please note that your Identity Badge will only be issued to you in person. You will need your Bridgemate number.

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.

Replay the Hands

Selvagens 1 4

MARK HORTON



Tuesday to Friday at 10:30, Mark Horton will conduct his review of the previous day's hands in Selvagens Room 1 in his popular 'Mark Your Card' session.

Entry Fees

Pairs or Teams	€185/€145*
Pairs + Teams	€305/€245*
Pairs or Teams + Traditional Dinner	€215/€175*
Pairs or Teams + Closing Dinner	€230/€190*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€330/€270*
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€340/€280*
Pairs + Teams + Both Dinners	€355/€295*

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

Traditional Dinner	€40
Friday Excursions	€40
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€20
Closing Dinner	€50

All prices per player.

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

Prizes

Main Events

Tower 2 Reception 3

Cash prizes must be collected from Tower 2 Reception, Level 4 (ground floor), near the Welcome Desk, between the following times:

Saturday 7th Nov.	10:00 – 20:00
Sunday 8th Nov.	10:00 – 18:30

Please remember that to collect your cash prize, a valid ID is required.

Side Events

Welcome Desk 2

Prizes for the pre-tournament side events can be collected from the Welcome Desk. You will need your identity badge.

Prizes for the Cool-Down Pairs will be distributed at the end of the session.

Social Programme



O Lagar Traditional Dinner · Wednesday 4th November



Closing Dinner and prize-giving · Sunday 8th November

Programme

Main Programme

Thursday 5th	'Replay the Hands' - Discuss yesterday's deals with Mark Horton	10:30
	Open Pairs Session 3	16:00
	Final Results Open Pairs	20:00
Friday 6th	Excursion (optional)	A 09:00 / B 09:15 / C 09:30
	'Replay the Hands' - Discuss yesterday's deals with Mark Horton	10:30
	Teams registration closes (guaranteed entry)	14:00
	Final Teams entries (no guaranteed entry)	19:00
	Publication of Teams assignments	19:30
	Teams Session 1 (3 matches)	20:00
Saturday 7th	**Teams Session 2 (2 matches)**	11:00
	Lunch break (light lunch included for players)	13:15
	Teams Session 3 (4 matches)	14:30
Sunday 8th	**Teams Session 4 (2 matches)**	11:00
	Lunch break	13:15
	Teams Session 5 (1 match)	14:30
	Final Results	16:30
	Closing Dinner	19:00

Please arrive 20 minutes before start of play.
Starting positions will be posted on our website and shared in our WhatsApp group.

Post-tournament

Monday 9th	Cool-down Pairs (10€)	20:30

The Cool-down Pairs will be played in *Selvagens 1 and 2* 4.
Main events will be played in the *Congress Room* 1, *Selvagens 1-2-3* 4, *Desertas* 5 *and Ocean Room* 6.



Social Programme

Excursions

Friday 6th November 09:00/9:15/9:30

Details of excursions can be found on the following page.

Closing Dinner and prize-giving *VidaMar*

Sunday 8th November 19:00

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

This year, you can reserve your table at the Closing Dinner between 4th and 7th at the Welcome Desk.
You just need to let us know the names or Bridgemate numbers of the players who will be sitting with you.
Please note that if your table is not full, we may seat other guests at it to fill the vacant seats.



If anyone has any amusing anecdotes, photos or hands that we could put in the Bulletin, please send them to

bulletin@bridge-madeira.com

Players' contributions make the bulletin more interesting and varied, so we welcome anything you would like to send us (though we don't guarantee to put everything in).

WhatsApp Group

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



Polo Shirts

You can order tournament Polo Shirts and T-shirts from our website to collect from the Welcome Desk. Simply click or scan the QR Code.



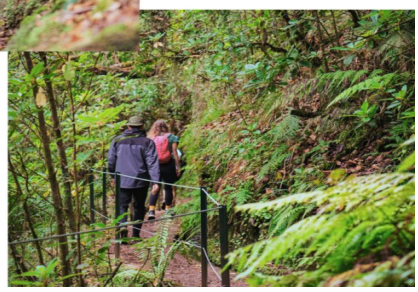
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Optional Excursions Friday 6th November

Please be at the departure point 15 minutes in advance

Option A - LEVADA WALK — 09:00 — half day, lunch included





Levada do Rei is an ideal levada walk for everyone, from beginners to families and nature lovers. Starting in São Jorge, in the municipality of Santana, the trail runs for around 10 km (about 3.5 hours) alongside streams and waterfalls, through the lush Laurissilva forest. After the walk, lunch is included.

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

Option B - BUS TOUR — 09:15 — full day, return around 16:00

Discover the island on this full-day guided tour. We start at the church and gardens of Monte, then climb to Pico do Areeiro, one of Madeira's highest peaks. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to the lighthouse at Ponta do Pargo, the natural lava pools of Porto Moniz and the dramatic cliffs of Ribeira da Janela.

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





Option C - BOAT TRIP — 09:30 — three hours, limited places





As you search for the ideal spot, the dolphins make their appearance, playful, chatty, and full of energy. This three-hour wildlife experience will stay with you for years to come. If you're lucky, you might also spot whales, turtles and seabirds. On a calm day, you can even take a refreshing swim. If the winds are favourable, we'll turn off the engines and let the breeze carry us.

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

The Sorrows of a Tournament Organiser

Back in the mists of time, I was the (volunteer) National Tournament Organiser for Wales for several years. In a country in which there are no sensible roads[1] between North and South, this was no simple task. Even finding a venue which was more or less the same journey time – not the same distance, because there are better roads in the South than in the North – from either end of the country was almost impossible unless we moved the event across the border into England, and that would obviously have been unthinkable. There are few large towns, and hence few large venues, in Mid-Wales.

The Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod (don't even attempt it) Wells became Bridge Central. If it wasn't available, because of a wedding or funeral or farmers' convention or something, days of ringing round sports centres, municipal meeting rooms, even concert halls, ensued. Once a venue had been found there was then the problem of finding enough hotels or B&Bs in the sheep-strewn landscape.

The players always complained that the venue was too hot or too cold, too isolated or too noisy, too downmarket or too upmarket; and the hotels hated us because bridge-players don't buy enough drinks to be profitable[2]; and all come down for breakfast at 9:29 and 59 seconds.

20 years on I find myself wrestling with the vastly greater numbers at the Madeira International Bridge Open. I must have a death wish. Although I am not the Organiser – that heavy crown lies on the head of Miguel Teixeira – I am part of the backroom team that corrects players' names on the database when they have failed to spell their own properly; answers emails from people who want information which is already available on the website; tries to find compatible partners for players who book the tournament without one (or have shot the partner they started with for going down in 4♠[3]); fields complaints from players who wanted a sitting table but didn't get one because 27 other people needed one more; cobbles together last-minute material for the daily bulletins; uploads thousands of photographs to the website; cajoles local club members into agreeing to be on standby in case of illness or a half table; and tries to make sure the events start on time.

If we occasionally fail in the last of these tasks, the players themselves cannot escape all blame. The Welcome Desk is open for 7½ hours on Monday (before the Warm-Up Pairs), and 4½ hours on Tuesday (before the Open Pairs), yet inevitably there will be 50 or 60 players who leave it until 15:59 and 59 seconds on Tuesday to collect their identity badges. If I have one plea for our honoured guests, it is that they remember that we have 789 other clients to deal with; and that although we will try our utmost to help you, we have only so many hands and computer terminals between us.

Having said all that, we love you all. We love it that you come, from thousands (sometimes tens of thousands) of kilometres away to our beautiful island and our wonderful tournament. If there is anything you think we could do better, we shall be happy to hear from you.

In the meantime I am going to lie down in a darkened room.

Laura

1. *It is quicker to get from Cardiff to Scotland than from Cardiff to North Wales.*
2. *Except Scandinavians, generally not found in large numbers in Wales (unlike sheep).*
3. *See Bennett case.*



Ying and Yang

Ron Tacchi

I am partnering the charming Chantal Girardan in the Open Pairs. Why Ying and Yang? Well she is a lady and I am obviously a man, she is French and I am English, however she lives in England and I in France. So between us we sort of complete a circle. It is our first outing as a bridge partnership so we quickly agreed a simple five-card major system. I shall present our deals in the order in which we played them.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q5 ♥ KQ97 ♦ K954 ♣ K72	
♠ A1098 ♥ A6 ♦ J7 ♣ QJ1053	N W E S	♠ KJ743 ♥ J542 ♦ AQ82 ♣ —
	♠ 62 ♥ 1083 ♦ 1063 ♣ A9864	

West *Chantal*	North	East *Me*	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass



This was our very first board and I was hoping for an easy entry into the tournament. It seemed to me in my somewhat tremulous state (I do not enjoy the trip down to the Ocean Room) that there were two main lines of play, either a crossruff or setting up the clubs with the crossruff in reserve. So I won the ♥8 lead and proffered the queen of clubs and after a momentary hesitation from North I let it ride to South's ace. A heart was returned and when North won he was in a bit of a quandary and eventually played a diamond which ran to dummy's jack. I continued my plan with the clubs and when North covered I ruffed and now the contract was sure, all I needed for an overtrick was to pick up the trumps. I had no strong indications that the trumps were anything other than 2-2 so I played a spade to the ace and one back and when the queen appeared I could claim the rest for plus one which I hoped would at least be slightly above average. The crossruff should always be held to eleven tricks as it should become apparent to the defence and therefore they should lead trumps at every available opportunity. Alas it seems the defence in general was not top notch and there were cases where South started with the ace of clubs and so our par score netted a mere 41%.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K54 ♥ Q8 ♦ 1074 ♣ AKJ42	
♠ Q109 ♥ 975 ♦ J832 ♣ 975	N W E S	♠ AJ ♥ J63 ♦ AQ65 ♣ Q1083
	♠ 87632 ♥ AK1042 ♦ K9 ♣ 6	

West *Chantal*	North	East *Me*	South
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

This hand is all about the trump suit. After partner's diamond lead I took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer needs to attack trumps. The first thing is to assume the trumps are 3-2 otherwise there is no winning layout. After that there is the choice of placing the ace with West or playing for it to be doubleton. The former seems to be 50% whilst doubleton ace is only 40% and so declarer correctly, but unluckily, played a spade to the king and so failed, but gave us a fortunate 78%.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ A10985 ♥ 1096 ♦ QJ5 ♣ 106	
♠ 6 ♥ K52 ♦ K643 ♣ K9842	N W E S	♠ QJ42 ♥ Q ♦ A72 ♣ AQJ75
	♠ K73 ♥ AJ8743 ♦ 1098 ♣ 3	

West *Chantal*	North	East *Me*	South
—	—	1♣	1♥
3♣	3♥	5♣	All Pass

Our discussions prior to play had not encompassed minor-suit raises but I took the unilateral view that it would not be pathetic and I was well rewarded with the sight of dummy, particularly the singleton spade. After the lead of the ace of hearts there was little to the play and I was soon writing 400 in my plus column and netted another 78%. Fortune favoured the brave, this time. Strangely we had three hands on which we scored 78%.



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ 9654 ♥ 765 ♦ Q1076 ♣ Q4	
♠ QJ87 ♥ AQ ♦ 4 ♣ AJ10752	N W E S	♠ K2 ♥ J10983 ♦ KJ9 ♣ K96
	♠ A103 ♥ K42 ♦ A8532 ♣ 83	

West *Chantal*	North	East *Me*	South
—	—	—	1♦
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	3♦	3NT	All Pass

The diamond lead saw me take North's queen with my king. My obvious plan was to keep North off lead (I could not see the ♦10 in his hand). After the opening bid I could be pretty certain the aces and kings would be in the South hand but I could not guarantee the position of the missing club honour. So I formed what I thought was a cunning foolproof plan in that I would take a successful heart finesse and then finesse against the queen of clubs in the North hand. Indeed my plan was foolproof and was carried out with precision but I had not properly thought about the endgame. I guaranteed an overtrick by discarding my two spades on the long clubs, however if I had stopped to think I could have discarded three hearts and then played a spade and that would have allowed two overtricks. That would have been another 78% instead of 49%.

At the end of the session we were below the halfway mark, but hopefully today will be an improvement as we form a more cohesive partnership.

Mark your Card

Mark Horton

In a matchpointed event every deal may contain a point of interest. Ron Tacchi features four tricky deals in his report and here are three more.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ Q3 ♥ 874 ♦ QJ865 ♣ 965	
♠ J7 ♥ AK1092 ♦ K3 ♣ QJ72	N W E S	♠ A10542 ♥ 653 ♦ A104 ♣ 83
	♠ K986 ♥ QJ ♦ 972 ♣ AK104	

This is an innocuous looking deal, but in a matchpointed event danger is lurking around every corner.

If E/W happen to bid 4♥ N/S will score almost nothing. It's not that likely but when West opens 1♥ East already has something to think about. With two aces, three card support and a ruffing value, raising to 2♥ is a little timid (although at match points you generally don't need to push for close games) while making a limit raise to 3♥ is perhaps too aggressive.





The middle ground is to respond 1♠ and then bid 2♥ over West's 2♣. It's not perfect, but sometimes it will locate a 5-4 spade fit and get you to a reasonable game.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q8 ♥ 53 ♦ J86542 ♣ 943	
♠ K64 ♥ A87 ♦ — ♣ AK108652	N W E S	♠ J532 ♥ J64 ♦ KQ109 ♣ QJ
	♠ A1097 ♥ KQ1092 ♦ A73 ♣ 7	

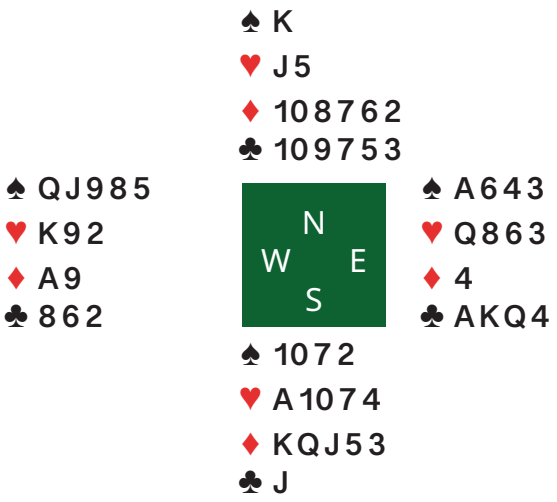
West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♣	Pass	?	

What should East do?

My instinct was to bid 2NT, but it is obviously risky and in the end I opted for 3♣ which led to the hopeless club game.

A few Easts ended up declaring 3NT, the best result going to the pair who were doubled for +550, worth 316/6, Malou Sprinkhuizen and Arwen Oranje.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
—	—	1♣	1♦
1♠	3♦	4♦*	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

When North leads a diamond declarer wins and plays a spade. The ♠J is better than the ♠Q, as when North covers it is slightly more indicative of being a singleton. Suppose declarer goes wrong on the second round of spades? Do you see any chance of recording 11 tricks?

If clubs are 3-3 you will be able to dispose of a heart, and lose only to the ♠10 and the ♥A, so you might try ruffing a diamond and then playing on clubs. If South decides to ruff in at any point declarer will lose only two tricks.

The likelihood of a 3-3 split in clubs is small but suppose declarer decides to play the suit immediately. South can now afford to ruff in and exit with a diamond, but might decide to discard instead. Having ruffed the fourth club declarer ruffs a diamond and plays a heart to the queen. Now North must be awake and unblock the ♥J, otherwise declarer will duck the next round of hearts, endplaying North.

Open Pairs Standings After Session 2

	%	Names
1	62.43	António Campos Palma - Mikael Rimstedt
2	62.27	Judith Nab - Vincent Nab
3	61.60	Michael Gromoeller - Helmut Haeusler
4	61.10	Eduardo Fernandes - Pedro Morgado
5	61.00	Gregers Bjarnarson - Henrik Frydenlund
6	60.59	Vesa Fagerlund - Jouni Juuri-Oja
7	60.46	Ralph Retzlaff - Matthias Schueller
8	60.22	Luis Carlos Proto - Dante Salaverri
9	60.14	Wojciech Strzemecki - Piotr Marcinowski
10	60.00	Pim Coppens - Thibo Sprinkhuizen
11	59.97	Christina Lund Madsen - Henning Ostergaard
12	59.97	Aida Jansma - Jan Jansma
13	59.78	Beatrix Wodniansky - Michael Pauly
14	59.77	Jari Salonen - Kauko Koistinen
15	59.51	Hong Ding - Martin Schaltz
16	59.44	Ton Bakkeren - Frank Bakkeren
17	59.42	Anna Sarniak - Sophia Baldysz
18	59.41	Thor-Erik Hoftaniska - Christian Bakke
19	59.36	Leszek Sztyrak - Andrzej Twardowski
20	58.70	Paulo Courteilles Sarmento - Pedro Madeira
21	58.51	Carla Groenland - Guy Mendes de Leon
22	58.35	Markku Pekkinen - Pekka Viitasalo
23	58.01	Boguslaw Gierulski - Jerzy Skrzypczak
24	57.89	Ronny Jorstad - Olav Ellestad
25	57.77	Andrei Kavalenka - Tomasz Modrzejewski
26	57.60	Berend van den Bos - Tim van den Bos
27	57.52	Arild Aarmot - Finn Brentebråten
28	57.51	Rui Pinto - Miguel Cerquinho
29	57.50	Piotr Suchodolski - Slawomir Czech
30	57.41	Frederico Macedo Santos - Nuno Baltazar
31	57.39	Iancu Bacalu - Lucian Taciuc
32	57.38	Rolf Tolle - Anne-Lill Hellemann
33	57.34	Antti Elsinen - Tiina Elsinen
34	57.26	Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira
35	57.25	Maria-Jose Calamaro - Cristina Pouseiro
36	56.97	Frederik Wrang - David Wrang
37	56.95	Sveinn R Eiriksson - Julius Sigurjonsson
38	56.94	Anke van den Bergh - Nic van den Bergh
39	56.92	Agnes Snellers - Wubbo de Boer
40	56.89	Radoslaw Szczepanski - Arkadiusz Majcher
41	56.85	Gonçalo Zanartu - Tiago Morais Sarmento
42	56.80	Sean Mekie - Steve Root
43	56.77	Yasemin Basegmez - Ralf Speckmann
44	56.75	Charlotte Auken - Morten Henningsen
45	56.69	Justin van der Kam - Betty Speelman
46	56.59	Carsten Bernth - Tyge Fogh
47	56.41	Harry Burmania - Willem Flisijn
48	56.36	Anna Zack Efraimsson - Bengt-Erik Efraimsson
49	56.27	Christian Lahrmann - Mads Eyde
50	56.26	Robbie de Koster - Jasper Williams
51	56.24	Søren Veel Caspersen - Amalie Bune
52	56.05	Stian Evenstad - Nicolai Evenstad
53	56.04	Thomas Gotard - Adam Wildavsky
54	55.69	Thorsteinn Bergsson - Magnus Asgrimsson
55	55.62	Richard Probst - Cameron Small
56	55.57	Jerzy Kullass - Marek Wawrzyniak
57	55.49	Michal Wrobel - Justyna Kalisoras
58	55.48	Dafydd Williams - Bert Berkers
59	55.38	Paulo Gonçalves Pereira - Pedro Morbey
60	55.38	George Schipper - Allie Hoenstok
61	55.31	Ase Langeland - Roy Hugo Olsen
62	55.22	Frederic Boldt - Nick Nautilus
63	55.17	Nathalie Shashou - Nick Sandqvist
64	55.15	Egil Hansen - Svein-Harald Riisnes
65	55.03	Daniel McIntosh - Edward Levy
66	55.00	Zia Mahmood - Zain Mahmood
67	54.87	Peter Basse - Kirsten Steen Møller
68	54.83	Viorel Micescu - Eugen Chelu

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69	54.76	Sabina Grzejdziak - Igor Grzejdziak
70	54.74	Michael Cholewa - Peder Skyum
71	54.74	Krzysztof Pikus - Andrzej Sulima
72	54.68	Adam Blachnio - Leszek Kawski
73	54.67	Ole Gunnar Stavaas - Katarina Midskog
74	54.60	Dima Nikolenkov - Andrea Haidorfer
75	54.54	Ole Berset - Asbjørn Kindsbekken
76	54.54	Detlev Kroening - Hristo Gotsev
77	54.47	John Herland - Erik Eriksen
78	54.42	Frank van Gorp - Arjan Roelofs
79	54.41	Croz Croswell - Sharon Winton
80	54.37	Marten La Haye - Philippus van Gool
81	54.34	Sander Goor - Tobias Westerveld
82	54.30	Jorge Cruzeiro - João Vide Barbosa
83	54.19	Axel Meuer - Mirja Schraverus-Meuer
84	54.15	Douglas Clink - David Leaver
85	54.08	Maarten Jongkind - Marion Tesselaar
86	54.00	Tonje Brogeland - Lisbeth Glaerum
87	53.92	Daniel Ravn Tylvad - Nikolaj Hammelev
88	53.76	Aleksandra Gorska - Krzysztof Jordan
89	53.64	Per Ove Grime - Bjorn Sundeng
90	53.63	Martijn Goor - Mark van den Broek
91	53.60	Lynton Stock - Gillian Stock
92	53.56	Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa - Joseph Rich
93	53.53	René Stienen - Elly Schippers
94	53.52	Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo
95	53.47	Frank van Wezel - Loekie Ahrens
96	53.41	Bettina Kalkerup - John Dalgaard
97	53.17	Sigurdur Ingimarsson - Svanhildur Hall
98	53.14	Marek Witek - Tadeusz Wieckiewicz
99	53.12	Inez van Eijck - Willem van Eijck
100	53.11	Lone Bilde - Bo Bilde
101	52.89	Joachim Cappeller - Barbara Hackett
102	52.87	Mariken Schoenmakers - Mark Kaptein
103	52.83	David Gurvich - Rachael Moller
104	52.82	Poul Mogensen - Susan Just
105	52.78	Toine van Hoof - Rob van den Bergh
106	52.63	Ole Farwig - Marius Gündel
107	52.60	Marieke van Der Valk - Rex Brocken
108	52.54	Rita Mucha - Alexandru Pana
109	52.53	Anam Tebha - Oscar Nijssen
110	52.44	Jerome Claessens - Chantal Barro
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113	52.06	Maurice Bonne - Patrick van Houdenhove
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115	52.00	Jen Middleton - Andi Boughey
116	51.98	Paul Kortleve - Egbert Henstra
117	51.95	Yaniv Zack - Ronni Barr-Benin
118	51.92	John Arblaster - Wilson McLeod
119	51.88	Adam Olszewski - Kazimierz Wierzbowski
120	51.83	Szczepan Smoczynski - Mary Gordon-Smith
121	51.78	Katarzyna Stachowiak - Michal Dembi?ski
122	51.78	Cato Sundeng - Jan Gudbran Ohren
123	51.69	Annette Brink - Chris Nap
124	51.67	Shelley Shieff - Anne Catchpole
125	51.64	Leentje Verleyen - Dierik Mistiaen
126	51.63	Barbara Drinovec Drnovsek - Tomaž Adami?
127	51.61	Aris Verburgh - Kees Bakker
128	51.60	Alan Maddock - Gabriel Carrasco
129	51.59	Hans Metselaar - João Fanha
130	51.52	Dainis Uljanovs - Janis Romanovskis
131	51.44	Morten Olsen - Geir Morten Skar
132	51.40	Helena Felgas - Margarida Alves Correia
133	51.39	Luís Álvares Ribeiro - Vemund Vikjord
134	51.38	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen
135	51.37	Janet de Botton - Thomas Charlsen
136	51.31	Bergvin Johann Sveinsson - Sveinn Símonarson
137	51.29	Espen Haugstad - David Ueland
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139	51.26	Marta Janeczek - Marek Pietrzak
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141	51.21	Bogdan Neagu - Marius Briciu
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143	51.19	Gerwin Middelkoop - Arjen Salari
144	51.19	Renée Mok - Karel Kroon
145	51.19	Flemming Bøgh-Sørensen - Birgitte Randrup
146	51.19	Torleif Hagg - Villy Havasi
147	51.16	Joanne Gray - Linda Hechter
148	51.15	Jan Stanczak - Ireneusz Jagielski
149	51.10	Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaal
150	51.05	Joy Blakey - Irving Blakey
151	51.05	Hanneke Kreijns - Pier Westra
152	51.01	Martin Taylor - Justin Hackett
153	50.95	Tadeusz Kowalczewski - Jaroslaw Kaczorowski
154	50.94	Sam Ehrlichman - Kari Tetzlaff
155	50.87	Bengt Emanuelsson - Haakan Tjärnemo
156	50.86	Sarah Amos - Andrea Knox
157	50.77	Jozef Malysz - Piotr Zawislak
158	50.76	Oliver Burgess - Alice Coptcoat
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160	50.73	Janusz Wierucki - Jan Chmielewski
161	50.70	Marta Lewandowska - Jolanta Lewandowska
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163	50.50	Ahmad Aljasem - Khaled Aljuwaihel
164	50.41	Lucian Comanescu - Dariusz Brudnowski
165	50.37	Eduardo Pinto - Carlos Gonçalves
166	50.36	Onno Janssens - Herman Klouwen
167	50.36	Virginie Bonnet - Gérard Salliere
168	50.33	Veronique Alves Bellosta - Michele Sotto
169	50.23	Pia Jensen - Lise Reimann
170	50.21	Didier Imbert - Niranjala Werthmuller
171	50.20	Bonnie Clementsson - Jan Clementsson
172	50.09	Kristinn Olafsson - Jon Ingthorsson
173	50.07	Klaus Polap - Erika Lindenthal
174	50.07	Andras Honyek - Zsuzsa Hamori
175	50.06	Jacek Tretowski - Dariusz Filipek
176	49.98	Andrea Nilsson - Thordur Sigurdsson
177	49.97	Malou Sprinkhuizen - Arwen Oranje
178	49.86	Tomas Ruth - Sverre Pallesen
179	49.84	Anna Lasocka - Bogdan Szulejewski
180	49.80	Henk Kramer - Heleen Verkade
181	49.77	Pim Vermeulen - Hans van Ommeren
182	49.64	Hilde Vollan - Anne Oma
183	49.54	Tarjei Vangdal - Tor Anders Hauge
184	49.51	Grazyna Koscielny - Bogdan Koscielny
185	49.47	Barbara Boruta - Andrzej Bilinski
186	49.42	Are Sivertsen - Ingar Kofoed Hansen
187	49.39	Ursula Mandel - Regina Werner
188	49.22	Hans Arne Forseth - Haldis Guttormsen
189	49.13	Anne Mette Schaltz - Sandra Probst
190	49.13	Marius Bartnes - Frederic Wilt
191	49.04	Peer Koester - Silvia Klasberg-Brawanski
192	48.94	Lasse Aaseng - Harald Eide
193	48.93	Joze Sadar - Bogdan Rasula
194	48.86	Joakim Johansen - Ann-Sophie Anderson
195	48.86	Joop Stronks - Marjolein Roelofs
196	48.83	Matilde Vala - Lena Espirito-Santo
197	48.82	Damian Garczarek - Zofia Trojan
198	48.78	Kerstin Sosnowski - Franz Roettger

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199	48.75	Magnus Spence-Jones - Matt Brown
200	48.71	Anette Vainer - Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg
201	48.65	Magnus Thorkelsson - Zarioh Mohamed
202	48.63	Birgitte Rønn - Charlotte Juhl
203	48.54	Sybil Müller-Maubach - Rosemarie Roderburg
204	48.51	Mike Eden - Carrie Eden
205	48.49	Hubert Bobrowski - Monika Borowska
206	48.47	Vivienne McNaughton - David Solomon
207	48.41	João Machado - José Macedo
208	48.35	Agustin Madala - Francisco Guerra
209	48.24	Soley Jakobsdottir - Dagbjort Hannesdottir
210	48.15	Pedro Sampaio Nunes - João Amaral
211	48.07	Ronald Goor - Max Dieleman
212	48.04	Agata Kurzawska - Piotr Dlugi
213	48.02	Stina Löfstrand - Kenneth Löfstrand
214	47.96	Elzbieta Chmielowska - Marta Jakubisiak
215	47.95	Liliana Suflida - Jacek Radomski
216	47.92	Pierre Carbonnier - Eva Reiner
217	47.90	Gennadii Rybnikov - Evgeni Zapadinsky
218	47.90	Tony Olech - John Dakin
219	47.70	Andrea Reim - Claus Daehr
220	47.67	Peter Goodman - Rob Lawy
221	47.59	Bjorn Fridriksson - Guðmundur Skúlasson
222	47.54	Madelaine Sheldon - Frank Wharton
223	47.53	Agnieszka Pietrzyk - Piotr Kardasinski
224	47.46	Denise Stamm - Margot Loren
225	47.42	Christian Fischer - Nikolaj la Cour
226	47.27	Lillemor Hjalmarsson - John Linse
227	47.27	Steffen Simonsen - Aasmund Forfot
228	47.13	Jan Inge Danielsen - Sigurd Frydenlund
229	47.05	Alexander Lucaciu - Philippe Etlin
230	47.03	Haraldur Bjarnthor Sverrisson - Magni Olafsson
231	46.97	Nils Rune Midtboen - Roar Hushagen
232	46.90	Danuta Krupnik - Dariusz Sarzynski
233	46.83	Ece Aga - Sandro Bohnsack
234	46.81	Gudmundur Einarsson - Matthias Einarsson
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245	46.00	Wiveca Jongeneel - Jos Winkelman
246	45.98	Stephen Sheldon - Russell Tenzer
247	45.82	Filomena Morgado - Dominique Custers
248	45.78	Hannes Sigurdsson - Petur Reimarsson
249	45.71	Cristina Steiger - Adolfo Steiger
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251	45.65	Isabel Sarmento - Miguel Sarmento
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253	45.61	Sylwester Cieslak - Andrzej Pawlak
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264	45.07	José A P Sousa - Mónica Ruiza de Alda
265	44.84	Luís M Silva - Frederico Teixeira
266	44.77	Malgorzata Zychlinska - Pawel Kandula
267	44.72	Ciprian Pitis - Katarzyna Zabicka-Bajon
268	44.71	Nora Groot - Paul Wauters
269	44.71	Pauline Cohen - Elizabeth Barnard
270	44.65	Fred Sundwall - Lars Carlsson
271	44.54	Rob van Wees - Annette van Wees
272	44.50	Bernódus Kristinsson - Omar Oskarsson
273	44.43	Dennis Viner - Gary Sheerer
274	44.25	Bartosz Szerszon - Aleksandra Modzelewska-Szerszon
275	44.21	Chantal Girardin - Ron Tacchi
276	44.06	Joanna Brandt - Elzbieta Lis
277	43.94	Rolf Andreas Moerck - Milan Milovic
278	43.82	Hervé Vincent - Pilar Rocabert
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281	43.56	António D Rocha - Manuela Manso
282	43.37	Sara Boo - Leah Erikson
283	43.29	Mohammad Husain - Saud Alshammari
284	43.28	Claire Robinson - Duncan Thomas
285	43.19	Sonja Bech - Mette Sand
286	43.13	Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen
287	43.03	Henriette Svenstrup - Oddmar Eli Danielsen
288	42.98	Eythor Jónsson - Anna Sigridur Karlsdottir
289	42.96	Maria Kroppa - Lech Zwirello
290	42.90	Heike Koistinen - Merja Viitasalo
291	42.83	Martin Craven - Ren Buss
292	42.75	Silvia Anna Giovanna Ostroman - Anna Maria Lupano
293	42.68	Gabriele Scheible - Irina Kobboldt
294	42.59	Dan Nybo Jensen - Kjeld Hansen
295	42.34	Teresa Ascenção - Francisco P Coutinho
296	42.24	Pedro Rebelo - Nuno Rebelo
297	42.23	Valerie Bee - Gitte Hecht-Johansen
298	41.95	Sophie Leroux - Fátima Menezes
299	41.85	Joanne Waterman - Andrea Blaine
300	41.18	Maria Joana Cudell - António Cardoso
301	41.07	Piotr Trebski - Krzysztof Pietruszka
302	40.72	Clara Fonseca - David Teixeira
303	40.64	Michel Ingelbert - Françoise Ingelbert
304	40.52	Goran Hammarstrom - Simon Bech
305	40.39	Hanne Bjarnarson - Anna Bjarnarson
306	40.18	Monika Jeronimo - Susana Barata
307	40.16	José Bastos - Filipe M Ferreira
308	39.94	Monique Joyeux - Chantal Sili
309	39.58	Borre Nilsen - Jens Svenningsen
310	39.47	Gerda de Graaf - Monique Uiterwaal
311	39.28	José Pastor - Manuela Triana
312	39.05	Susan Mullin - Enda Mullin
313	38.93	Dominique Tater - Beatrice Willien
314	38.47	Ewa Ziolkowska - Ewa Piotrowska
315	37.69	Reynir Vikar - Lilja Rós Sveinsdóttir
316	37.11	Paulo Frias Costa - José Miguel Vieira-Neves
317	35.73	Erle Vilborg Adolfsdottir - Elfa Dröfn Ingolfsdottir
318	35.21	Álvaro C Machado - Majella McDonald
319	35.16	Eirikur Rosberg Areliusson - Jóhannes Harðarson
320	34.97	Dan Andreasen - Ditte Christensen
321	34.80	Rannveig G Lund - Dagbjört Sigurbergsdottir
322	34.78	Lasse Dalkiaer - Nina Dalkiaer
323	33.36	Magdalena Tomaszewska - KrzysztofTomaszewskI
324	30.67	Thorbergur Torfason - Thorsteinn Berg

Your Directors

JOSÉ JÚLIO CURADO
Joint Chief TD



In October 1996 José Júlio decided that 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 moved from the Portuguese mainland to Madeira. By the end of this 12-day week, you will understand why.

MARC van BEIJSTERVELDT
Joint Chief TD



This will be Marc's 10th year directing in Madeira, his favourite bridge festival. He has directed all over the world, and says that although all have their pluses and minuses, Madeira is exceptional. As well as directing in World and European championships, Marc works for the Dutch bridge magazine IMP, having previously worked at the Dutch Bridge Federation from 1991 to 2023 organising national competitions and the Ruitenboertoernooi simultaneous (which once had more than 17,000 pairs participating).

PEDRO ÁLVARES RIBEIRO



Pedro hails from Oporto. He has been directing regularly in National tournaments since 2014. This is his third appearance as a Director at the Madeira International Bridge Open. He also likes to play and was the NPC of Portugal's team at the Chairman's Cup in Helsinki in 2022 and of the Portuguese Open Team at the European Championships in Herning in 2024.

FREDERICO PALMA



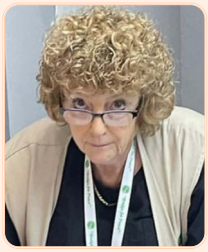
Another former footballer, Frederico is from Lisbon, where he directs at the bridge centre and in major tournaments. A lover of the beach and of music, he is an avid concert-goer when not fully occupied with his two young daughters.

DIARMUID REDDAN



Diarmuid was promoted in 2022 to NBO International Director, and also directed at the Europeans in Dublin in 2012. He has represented the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland in the Camrose Home Internationals, and was NPC of the Ireland Mixed Team in Madeira in 2022 and Herning in 2024; Riga this year will be his NPC hattrick. His other interests are golf and rugby.

JEANNE VAN DEN MEIRACKER



Hailing originally from the Netherlands, Jeanne is a top international tournament director who has recently returned to Europe following over a decade directing in the United States. In a previous existence she was a medical analyst. This is her second appearance at the Madeira International Bridge Open, so our prediction (and hope) that Jeanne would come back has proved correct.

JAKUB (KUBA) KASPRZAK



Now in his third year at our tournament, 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. His son Ignacy (now aged 7) played in the Polish League for the first time when he was 5 years old. Kuba's 6-year-old daughter Diana has already worked as a caddy, and wants to learn to play.

ZENNICA HAMMAR



An experienced National Director in Sweden (she lives all the way up north), Zennica is eager to get training for international tournaments and is very happy to join the team here in Madeira for the second year running. A true people person, she will help with the big Scandinavian crowd.

Your Directors - continued

JACOB DUSCHEK



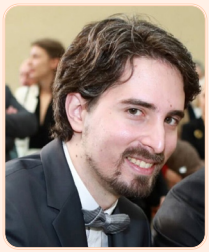
Jacob is a Danish tournament director living in Copenhagen. He was awarded the EBL Tournament Director title in 2013 and has been directing regularly at EBL Championships since then. He is the author of the textbook 'A Guide to the Bridge Laws'. His best results as a player are a bronze medal in 2011 and a silver medal in 2012 at the Danish teams championship.

MCKENZIE MYERS



McKenzie 'Z' Myers is Chief Tournament Director of the United States Bridge Federation and Senior Manager of Field Operations for the ACBL, where he oversees some 120 tournament directors across North America. Until now he has only rarely directed on what he calls 'the good side of the Atlantic', and this is his first visit to Madeira. When not directing, Z is an avid hiker and enjoys frequent international travel with his wife Caitlin.

AURÉLIEN LECOQ

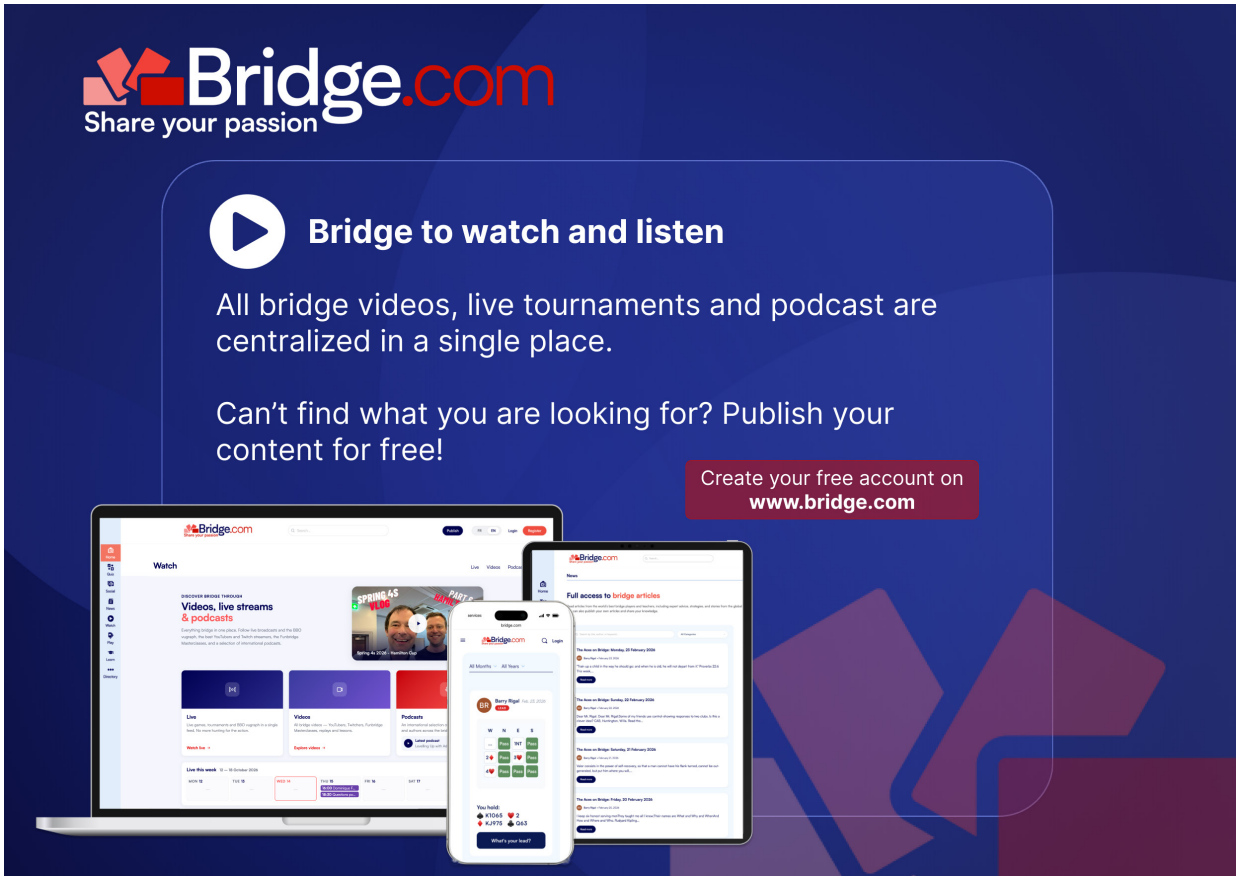


Aurélien joins us as our first ever dedicated scorer. Originally from Granville in Normandy, he works full time for the French Bridge Federation. Aurélien is a National director and also on the EBL register of tournament directors, making his first international appearance at the Winter Transnationals in Prague this year. We hope that he, in common with everyone else who comes to our tournament, will want to come back.

HANS VAN STAVEREN



Hans is a regular feature of our directing team. He is the IT manager for the European Bridge Leauge and World Bridge Federation. In this tournament we use his hand-generator security program.



Useful Numbers

In an emergency, call

European Emergency Number - free from any phone, mobile or landline

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hospital	(+351) 291 705 600
SMS / Urgency Medical Services	(+351) 291 204 480
Proteção Civil / Civil Protection	(+351) 291 700 112
SANAS / Emergency at Sea	(+351) 291 230 112
Funchal Fire Department	(+351) 291 200 930
Madeira Volunteer Firefighters	(+351) 291 223 056

HEALTH CENTRES

Nazare	(+351) 291 764 700
BomJesus	(+351) 291 208 700
Sao Roque	(+351) 291 705 410
Monte	(+351) 291 784 880
Santo Antonio	(+351) 291 708 380
Camara de Lobos	(+351) 291 910 380

POLICE

PSP / Public Security Police	(+351) 291 208 400
PJ / Judiciary Police (crime)	(+351) 291 220 800
GNR/ Republican National Guard	(+351) 291 214 460
PM/ Maritime Police	(+351) 916 600 707

MADEIRA AIRPORT

Madeira Airport	(+351) 291 520 700
Airport Border & Immigration Force	(+351) 291 214 150

Need Help?

For anything related to the festival - your entry, your badge, transport or the social programme - please contact the organisation or come to the Welcome Desk in the lobby of VidaMar Tower 2.

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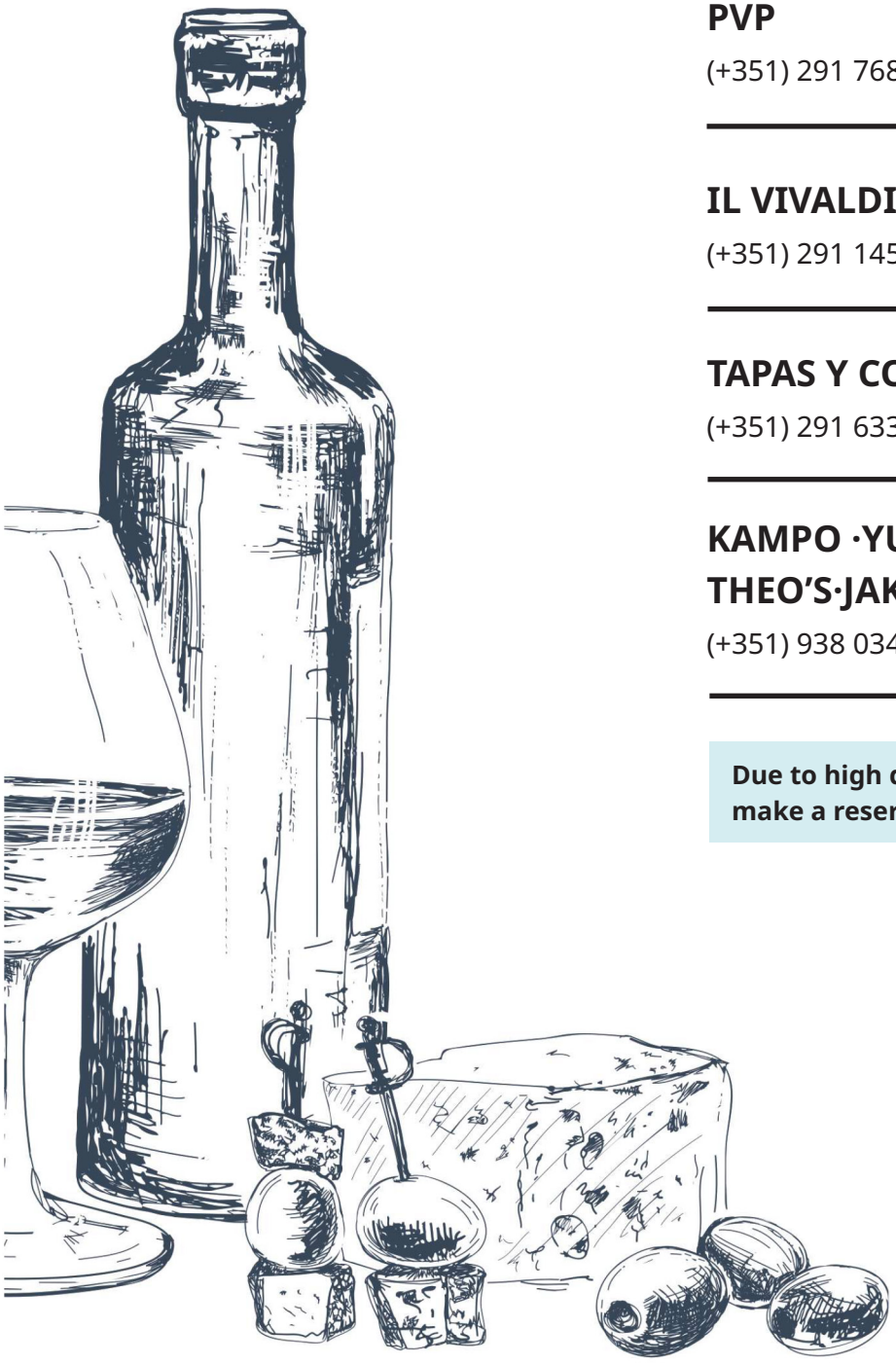
Airport Transfers

Dália Marques
(+351) 936 921 423

Please save these numbers on your phone before you head out on an excursion.

Restaurant Discounts

To enjoy a discount at any of these restaurants, simply show your barcoded Identity Badge from the Madeira International Bridge Open when you pay.



PVP
(+351) 291 768 460
10%

IL VIVALDI
(+351) 291 145 554
10%

TAPAS Y COPAS
(+351) 291 633 751
10%

KAMPO ·YUKI· AKUA · THEO'S·JAKET
(+351) 938 034 758
10%

Due to high demand, we recommend that you make a reservation as soon as possible.

Our Sponsors

DRD (REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF SPORT)

Regional government arm responsible for summer camps, internet cafés, youth associations, volunteering and other youth programmes.

MADEIRA TOURISM

The Tourism Board for the Madeira Archipelago. Visit the website for information about events, activities, transport and accommodation in Madeira and Porto Santo.

APM (MADEIRA PROMOTION)

Non-profit association of the Regional Board and the Funchal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, for the development of a commo Non-profit association of the Regional Board and the Funchal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, for the development of a common strategy for promotion of Madeira. strategy for promotion of Madeira.

FUNCHAL CITY COUNCIL

Our local City Council, based in the former Palace of the Counts of Carvalhal, built in 1758.

MC COMPUTERS

Acknowledged regional IT leader, developing and managing projects for the biggest public and private clients.

NOS MADEIRA

Portuguese media and communications company. With a regional base in Madeira, leader in cable television distribution and the home-video distributor for Walt Disney Pictures, Warner Bros., DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures releases in Portugal.

ECM – MADEIRA BREWERY

Established in 1872 and the largest producer and distributor of beverages in the region, ECM manufactures and distributes its own brands of beers, soft drinks and water.

VIDAMAR HOTEL

Our beautiful venue for the International Bridge Open, VidaMar Resort Madeira is one of three 5-star resorts in the hotel chain.