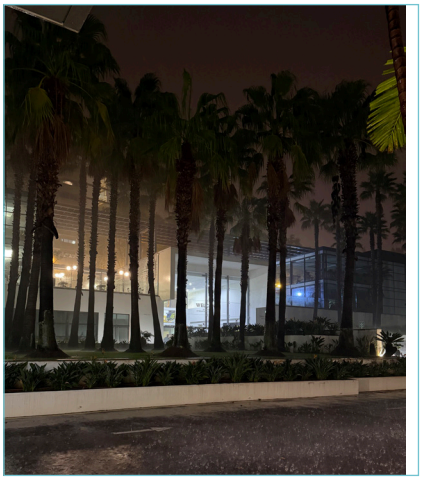
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Madeira International Bridge Open 2026
2nd - 8th November 2026
VidaMar Resort, Funchal

Sunday 8th November — Bulletin 6

The Last Leg



After two days of the Open Teams, the scores on Saturday were as turbulent as the uncharacteristic Madeiran weather. We rarely see such rain and wind at this time of the year, but at least it is perfect bridge weather and there is no regret that you are playing bridge instead of sun-bathing, hiking or whatever it is that takes your fancy on this beautiful island. (You may still have been able to take a swim en route to your restaurant last night.)

On Saturday afternoon the same four teams slogged it out in rounds 6 and 7 - **Rodeo Totale, Villa encosta do sol, Selena** (last year's winner) and **JOÃO FERREIRA**. In round 8, **Selena** and **Villa encosta do sol** were joined by **Salonen** and **DON JULIO** in the top four; and in round 9, **Villa encosta do sol** were replaced by **FLY AND DUCK**, which left the overnight standings thus:

1st **Selena** (Selena Pepic - Tim van de Paverd - Bartosz Chmurski - Piotr Tuczynski) 129.91 VP

2nd **Vicuña** (Mikael Rimstedt - Luis Lantarón - António Palma - Maria Sainz de Vicuña) 123.46 VP

3rd **DON JULIO** (Sveinn R Eiriksson - David Wrang - Frederik Wrang - Julius Sigurjonsson) 122.75 VP

4th **Salonen** (Jari Salonen - Kauko Koistinen - Jouni Juuri-Oja - Vesa Fagerlund) 122.20 VP

All to play for on the final day – don't forget the 11:00 start.

Aiport Transfers

If you have booked an airport transfer for your departure flight, please check the printed list on the boards near the Welcome Desk.

For group arrangements please contact the transfer coordinator via (+351) 936 921 423 (WhatsApp message).

Schedule of Play (top 2 tables on BBO)

Sunday

Round 10	11:00 - 12:00
Round 11	12:15 - 13:15
Lunch break (lunch not provided)	
Round 12	14:30 - 15:30
Closing Dinner	19:00

Closing Dinner

At the end of the Open Teams the Closing Dinner will be served in the Ocean Restaurant. Doors will be open from 19:00 on both sides (Towers 1 and 2).

Do not forget to bring your badge. After the dinner there is the prize-giving and dancing to live music.

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).

BBO VuGraph will be held here.

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** is in the *Desertas Suite* 5 (turn right at the reception in Tower 1).

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.

Programme

Please arrive 15 minutes before start of play.

Main Programme

(Congress Room 1, Selvagens 1-2-3 4, Desertas 5)

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

Post Tournament *(Selvagens 1 and 2 4)*

Monday 9th

Cool-down Pairs (10€)	20:30

Social Programme

Closing Dinner and Prize-giving *VidaMar*

Sunday 8th November 19:00

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Welcome Desk

Lobby 2

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

Sunday 8th Nov. 13:00 – 15:00

Badges

You must bring your Identity Badge to all events, including social events.

WhatsApp Group

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

Table Assignments

Players can check the table assignments for the next session on the website or in the MIBO WhatsApp group.

Starting positions for the next matches can be found on the screens on the walls of the lobby of Tower 2 and the Congress Centre

Results from previous rounds may be found by using the buttons on the page:

https://www.bridge-madeira.com/2026-open-teams/

Prizes

We congratulate all players who performed well enough to win a prize.

To collect your prizes from the main events, please see Pedro (pictured) at his 'office' next to the entrance of the Selvagens playing room.

If you qualify for a cash prize, please see him before 18:30 today.

Prizes for the pre-tournament side events can be collected from the Welcome Desk. You will need your badge and official ID such as your passport.

For the Warm-Up Pairs and Open Pairs, you'll find the list of winners by name below.

For the Teams, please refer to the list on the next page after the results are final to see if you are or might be eligible.

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



Open Pairs

1st Overall	Michael Gromoeller - Helmut Haeusler	€2,600
2nd Overall	António Campos Palma - Mikael Rimstedt	€2,000
3rd Overall	Judith Nab - Vincent Nab	€1,600
4th Overall	Gregers Bjarnarson - Henrik Frydenlund	€1,400
5th Overall	Luis Carlos Proto - Dante Salaverri	€1,200
6th Overall	Jari Salonen - Kauko Koistinen	€1,000
7th Overall	Wojciech Strzemecki - Piotr Marcinowski	€750
8th Overall	Ronny Jorstad - Olav Ellestad	€700
9th Overall	Christina Lund Madsen - Henning Ostergaard	€650
10th Overall	Anna Sarniak - Sophia Baldysz	€600
11th Overall	Vesa Fagerlund - Jouni Juuri-Oja	€550
12th Overall	Thor-Erik Hoftaniska - Christian Bakke	€450
13th Overall	Hong Ding - Martin Schaltz	€400
14th Overall	Paulo Courteilles Sarmento - Pedro Madeira	€350
15th Overall	Sveinn R Eiriksson - Julius Sigurjonsson	€350
1st Junior	Daniel Ravn Tylvad - Nikolaj Hammelev	€350
1st Senior	Eduardo Fernandes - Pedro Morgado	€350
2nd Senior	Marek Witek - Tadeusz Wieckiewicz	€250
1st Mixed	Sabina Grzejdziak - Igor Grzejdziak	€350
2nd Mixed	Carla Groenland - Guy Mendes de Leon	€250
1st Women	Tonje Brogeland - Lisbeth Glaerum	€350
2nd Women	Jen Middleton - Andi Boughey	€250
1st Foreign	Berend van den Bos - Tim van den Bos	€350
2nd Foreign	Aida Jansma - Jan Jansma	€250
1st Transnational	George Schipper - Allie Hoenstok	€350
2nd Transnational	Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa - Joseph Rich	€250
1st Eastern	Viorel Micescu - Eugen Chelu	€350
2nd Eastern	Dima Nikolenkov - Andrea Haidorfer	€250
1st Western	Alan Maddock - Gabriel Carrasco	€350
2nd Western	Javier Popowsky - Alejandro Bianchedi	€250

1st Denmark	Charlotte Auken - Morten Henningsen	€350
2nd Denmark	Peter Basse - Kirsten Steen Møller	€250
3rd Denmark	Lone Bilde - Bo Bilde	€200
1st Finland	Markku Pekkinen - Pekka Viitasalo	€350
1st Germany	Ralph Retzlaff - Matthias Schueller	€350
2nd Germany	Joachim Cappeller - Barbara Hackett	€250
3rd Germany	Beatrix Wodniansky - Michael Pauly	€200
1st Iceland	Thorsteinn Bergsson - Magnus Asgrimsson	€350
2nd Iceland	Sigurdur Ingimarsson - Svanhildur Hall	€250
3rd Iceland	Bjorn Fridriksson - Guðmundur Skúlasson	€200
1st Netherlands	Pim Coppens - Thibo Sprinkhuizen	€350
2nd Netherlands	Ton Bakkeren - Frank Bakkeren	€250
3rd Netherlands	Sander Goor - Tobias Westerveld	€200
1st Norway	Rolf Tolle - Anne-Lill Hellemann	€350
2nd Norway	Stian Evenstad - Nicolai Evenstad	€250
3rd Norway	Arild Aarmot - Finn Brentebråten	€200
1st Poland	Boguslaw Gierulski - Jerzy Skrzypczak	€350
2nd Poland	Piotr Suchodolski - Slawomir Czech	€250
3rd Poland	Leszek Sztyrak - Andrzej Twardowski	€200
1st Portugal	Rui Pinto - Miguel Cerquinho	€350
2nd Portugal	Diego Brenner - Miguel Teixeira	€250
3rd Portugal	Paulo Gonçalves Pereira - Pedro Morbey	€200
1st Sweden	Frederik Wrang - David Wrang	€350
1st United Kingdom	Sean Mekie - Steve Root	€350
2nd United Kingdom	Daniel McIntosh - Edward Levy	€250
3rd United Kingdom	Croz Croswell - Sharon Winton	€200
1st Madeira	Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo	€350

Warm-Up Pairs

1st N-S	João Vide Barbosa - Andrea Nilsson	€500
2nd N-S	Yaniv Zack - Ronni Barr-Benin	€400
3rd N-S	Eythor Jónsson - Anna Sigridur Karlsdottir	€300
4th N-S	Jan Jansma - Aida Jansma	€200
5th N-S	Eeva Parvianinen - Olli Jalonen	€100
1st E-W	Christian Lahrmann - Mads Eyde	€500
2nd E-W	Wubbo de Boer - Agnes Snellers	€400
3rd E-W	Jon Ingthorsson - Kristinn Olafsson	€300
4th E-W	Jozef Malysz - Piotr Zawislak	€200
5th E-W	Goran Hammarstrom - Simon Bech	€100

Teams

1st Overall	€3,500
2nd Overall	€2,700
3rd Overall	€2,200
4th Overall	€1,700
5th Overall	€1,500
6th Overall	€1,400
7th Overall	€1,300
8th Overall	€1,200
9th Overall	€1,100
10th Overall	€1,000
11th Overall	€900
12th Overall	€800
13th Overall	€700
14th Overall	€600
15th Overall	€500
1st Foreign	€700
2nd Foreign	€400
1st Portugal	€700
2nd Portugal	€400
1st Madeira	€350

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Juventude e Desporto

Embarkation

Mark Horton

Round 1

One hundred and thirty seven squads set out in pursuit of the Open Teams title. Were any of them aware of the old Russian proverb, *'It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive'*?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ KQ985 ♥ A108643 ♦ K6 ♣ —	
♠ J74 ♥ KQ2 ♦ J7652 ♣ J92	N W E S	♠ A32 ♥ — ♦ Q843 ♣ K107653
	♠ 106 ♥ J975 ♦ A109 ♣ AQ84	

Vicuña v ODBC

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buss	*Palma*	*Craven*	*M Rimstedt*
—	1♥	2♣	2NT*
3♣	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

2NT Support
5♣ Exclusion Blackwood
5♦ 1 keycard

East started with two rounds of spades and declarer won with the ♠Q, played a diamond to the ace, cashed the ♣A pitching the ♠9 and played a heart for the queen and ace, soon claiming, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lantaron	*Olech*	*Vicuña*	*Dakin*
—	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

2NT 4+♥, 11+
4♣ Void
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

East led the ♦4 for the nine, jack and king and when declarer's next move was to lay down the ♥A he was one down, -50 and 11 IMPs to **Vicuña**.

On the next deal E/W held ♠AJ10985 ♥K7 ♦Q3 ♣Q62 opposite ♠Q7643 ♥A ♦A1092 ♣AK9. Spades were 1-1 but both sides stopped in game.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ J76 ♥ 853 ♦ J3 ♣ QJ987	
♠ K9852 ♥ 76 ♦ A9542 ♣ 2	N W E S	♠ AQ4 ♥ AQJ109 ♦ Q10 ♣ 1065
	♠ 103 ♥ K42 ♦ K876 ♣ AK43	

Vicuña v ODBC

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buss	*Palma*	*Craven*	*M Rimstedt*
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

2♥ Transfer

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♦8, declarer winning with the ♦Q, taking two rounds of spades ending in dummy and playing a heart for the ten and king, finishing with 11 tricks, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lantaron	*Olech*	*Vicuña*	*Dakin*
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♣ Gazzilli
2♥ 2♥, fewer than 8 points

North led the ♦J covered all around and declarer was soon claiming 11 tricks, +650 and 10 IMPs to **Vicuña** who won 23-5, 16-4 VP.

Round 2

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ K54 ♥ J9543 ♦ A2 ♣ 862	
♠ 1073 ♥ AKQ7 ♦ K643 ♣ KQ	N W E S	♠ A ♥ 6 ♦ J1087 ♣ A1097543
	♠ QJ9862 ♥ 1082 ♦ Q95 ♣ J	

Erichsen v Lekta

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skúlaso	*E Erichsen*	*Friðrik*	*H Erichsen*
—	Pass	3♣	All Pass

South led the ♠Q and declarer finished with 12 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Evenstad	*Asgrimss*	*N Evenstad*	*Berysson*
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble*	2♠	3♣	3♠
4♠*	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

East's more realistic evaluation of the East hand saw E/W reach the slam.

South led the ♥2 and declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♣K, overtook the ♣Q, cashed the ♣10 and ran the ♦10 for +1370 and 15 IMPs to **Erichsen**.





Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J107 ♥ AK9 ♦ AJ74 ♣ Q83	
♠ Q984 ♥ J852 ♦ 982 ♣ AJ	N W E S	♠ K65 ♥ 1043 ♦ Q5 ♣ 96542
	♠ A32 ♥ Q76 ♦ K1063 ♣ K107	

Erichsen v Lekta

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skúlaso	*E Erichsen*	*Friðrik*	*H Erichsen*
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ Inverted raise

West led the ♠4 for the ten, king and ace and declarer played a diamond to the ace and a diamond back, finishing with ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Evenstad	*Asgrimss*	*N Evenstad*	*Berysson*
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥3 and declarer took West's ♥J with the ♥A, played a diamond to the king and a diamond to the jack and queen. Declarer took the heart return with dummy's ♥Q, played a diamond to the ace and a club to the ten, West winning with

the ♣J and playing a heart. Declarer was left a trick short, -100 and 12 IMPs to **Erichsen**.

Board 13. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q9 ♥ A84 ♦ J5432 ♣ 753	
♠ AK10743 ♥ Q10 ♦ A6 ♣ A102	N W E S	♠ 652 ♥ KJ6532 ♦ Q10 ♣ K4
	♠ J8 ♥ 97 ♦ K987 ♣ QJ986	

Erichsen v Lekta

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skúlaso	*E Erichsen*	*Friðrik*	*H Erichsen*
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
2NT Asking
3♣ Hearts

North led the ♦2 for the ten, king and ace and declarer played the ♥Q, drawing trumps and claiming when the spades divided 2-2, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Evenstad	*Asgrimss*	*N Evenstad*	*Berysson*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



That meant 13 IMPs to **Lekta**, too little too late as **Erichsen** won 38-17, 16.68-3.32 VP.

Round 3

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ AQ10 ♥ 10984 ♦ 92 ♣ QJ97	
♠ K98542 ♥ QJ6 ♦ J4 ♣ K6	N W E S	♠ 6 ♥ 72 ♦ KQ1083 ♣ 105432
	♠ J73 ♥ AK53 ♦ A765 ♣ A8	

Villa Encosta Do Sol v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paverd	*Gündel*	*Pepic*	*Farwig*
—	Pass	2♦	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

3♣ Puppet Stayman
3♦ Not 5♥/♠
3♠ Hearts

West led the ♦J and declarer won with the ♦A, cashed the top hearts and played a spade to the queen followed by the ♣Q. West won, whereupon declarer claimed, +420.

Closed Room

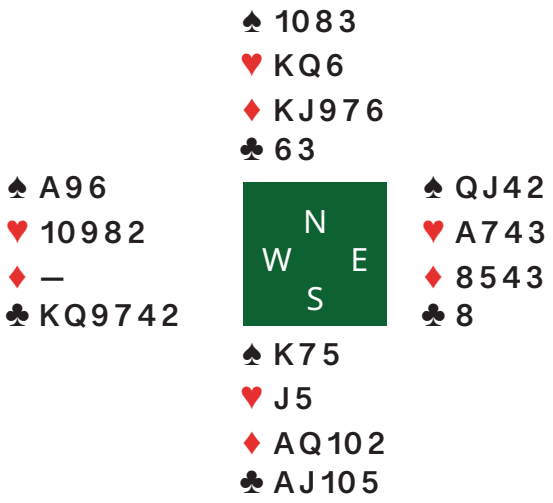
West	North	East	South
Hausler	*Tuczyński*	*Gromöller*	*Chmurski*
—	Pass	Pass	1NT*
2♦*	Dble*	Rdbl*	Pass
2♠	Dble*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1NT 14-16
2♦ One major
Dble Values
Rdbl Asking for the suit
Dble Takeout

West led the ♦J and continued with the ♦4, declarer winning and continuing with the ♦5, West ruffing with the ♥J and exiting with the ♠4. Declarer won with dummy's ♠Q, played a heart to the ace and

played another diamond. That allowed West to score the ♥Q, give partner a spade ruff and collect the ♣K for two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to **Villa Encosta Do Sol.**

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Villa Encosta Do Sol v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paverd	*Gündel*	*Pepic*	*Farwig*
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
3♣	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ♥A and played the ♣8, putting up the ♣K when South followed with the ♣5. Rather than exit with a heart, declarer continued with the ♣7 and South won with the ♣10 and played the ♥J followed by the ♦A. Declarer ruffed, played a spade for the queen and king (not easy for South to find the play of ducking) ruffed the diamond return and played four rounds of spades, overruffing South's ♣J and exiting with a heart which ensured that the ♣9 would score, one down, -100.

Closed Room

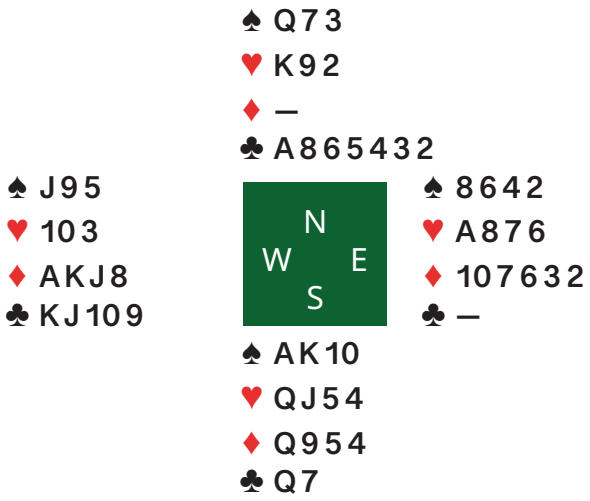
West	North	East	South
Hausler	*Tuczyński*	*Gromöller*	*Chmurski*
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♣ Puppet Stayman
3♦ Not 5♥/♠

West led the ♣K and declarer took the ♣A and played the ♥5 to dummy's ♥K, followed by the ♥6, East taking the ♥A and switching to the ♠4. Declarer played the ♠7 and when West had to win with the ♠A declarer had a ninth trick, +600 and 11 IMPs to **Selena**.

East must switch to the ♠Q. If South covers, West wins and exits with a heart, setting up a fifth trick for the defence.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



Villa Encosta Do Sol v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paverd	*Gündel*	*Pepic*	*Farwig*
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♣	Dble*	All Pass

East led the ♦2 and declarer ruffed and played a club for the queen and king, claiming nine tricks, +280.

If declarer leaves the trump suit alone, using dummy's entries to ruff diamonds, West will eventually be endplayed to give a trick to the ♣Q for a second overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hausler	*Tuczyński*	*Gromöller*	*Chmurski*
1NT*	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT 11-14

West led the ♦A and when East followed with the ♦3 he switched to the ♠5, declarer winning with the ♠A and playing the ♣7, ducking West's ♣9 as East discarded the ♦2. West might have continued with the ♣K at this point, but the ♠9 was an equally good move, declarer winning with dummy's ♠Q and playing on hearts. East took the second round and returned the ♦6, West winning and now playing the ♣K which ensured three down, -150 and 10 IMPs to **Villa Encosta Do Sol**.

However, it was **Selena** who won the match, 27-21, 12.42-7.58 VP.

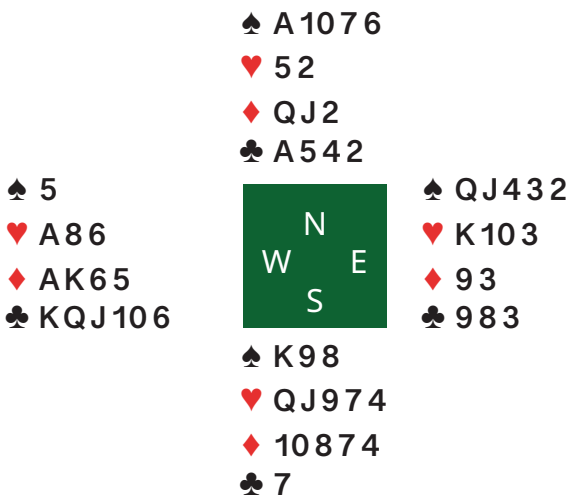
Long Day's Journey into Night

Mark Horton

The players faced the daunting prospect of six matches – a good day putting your team in with a chance to challenge for the title on Sunday.

Round 4

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Make v Erichsen

Open Room

West	North	East	South
E Erichsen	*Bakker*	*H Erichsen*	*Boone*
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Dble
2♦	Pass	3♣	All Pass

1♥ Transfer

North led the ♥5 and declarer won with dummy's ♥K, played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, a heart to the ace and a diamond, for +130.

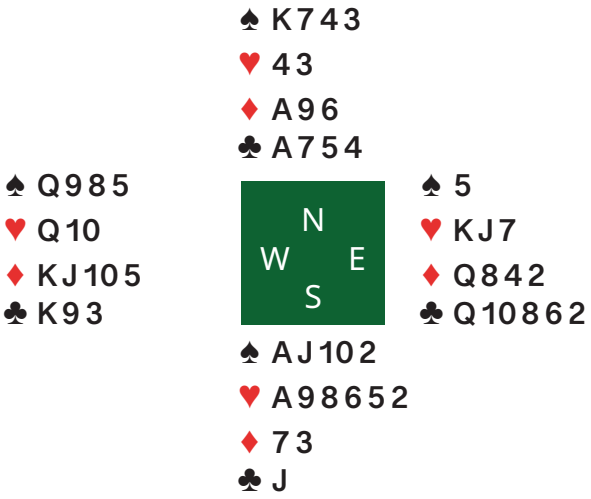
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West	North	East	South
Verdegaal	*N Evenstad*	*Thiele*	*S Evenstad*
1♣*	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠7 for the queen and king and South wisely switched to the ♥Q, declarer winning with the ♥A and playing on clubs. North took the third round and returned the ♥2, South taking dummy's ♥10 and switching to the ♦4. Declarer had eight tricks, but no way to manufacture a ninth, -100 and 6 IMPs to **Erichsen**.

Declarer could have tried winning the second heart with dummy's king, coming to hand with a diamond and cashing the clubs, hoping to endplay North on the third round of diamonds. That should not work as long as North is alert.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Make v Erichsen

Open Room

West	North	East	South
E Erichsen	*Bakker*	*H Erichsen*	*Boone*
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

East led the ♦4 and declarer took the ♦A and played two rounds of hearts, West winning with the ♥Q and returning the ♦J. When it held West continued with the ♦5 and declarer ruffed in dummy, ruffed a heart and played a spade for the jack and queen. West exited with a spade and declarer won in dummy and played the ♥9 discarding a club when West ruffed. West exited with the ♦10 and declarer ruffed with the ♠K, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club, finishing two down, -100.

There are ways of making nine tricks, but a certain amount of guesswork is involved. One is to leave trumps alone, playing to ruff a diamond and two clubs in dummy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verdegaal	*N Evenstad*	*Thiele*	*S Evenstad*
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣6 and declarer won and played two rounds of hearts, West winning and switching to the ♦J. Declarer took the ♦A and played a spade for the jack and queen, West continuing with two rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed in dummy, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ten and a heart. When West discarded declarer played another heart and when West, who could have inflicted a two trick defeat by ruffing the previous heart and exiting with a minor discarded again declarer could score the last two tricks on a high crossruff for +620 and 12 IMPs to **Erichsen** who won 28-1, 17.87-2.13 VP.

Round 5

Erichsen v Selena

On Board 11 EW held ♠A742 ♥AKQ7 ♦A10873 opposite ♠KJ10 ♥9653 ♦- ♣A107542 but both teams stopped in game and scored +510.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 1063 ♥ A97 ♦ Q74 ♣ 7643	
♠ J52 ♥ J2 ♦ K82 ♣ KQJ92	N W E S	♠ 974 ♥ Q10543 ♦ 1063 ♣ 105
	♠ AKQ8 ♥ K86 ♦ AJ95 ♣ A8	

There is no bidding or play record from the Open Room, but North took 11 tricks in 4♠ for +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Evenstad	*Chmurski*	*N Evenstad*	*Tuczyński*
1♣	Pass	1♦*	Dble
Pass	Pass	1♥	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♦ Transfer

West led the ♣K and declarer won the second round of the suit and cashed the top spades. When the suit divided declarer took the last spade, cashed the top hearts and exited with a club forcing West to lead away from the ♦K, +600, but 2 IMPs to **Erichsen**.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ Q965 ♥ A643 ♦ KQ52 ♣ 5	
♠ 72 ♥ 9 ♦ 10963 ♣ J109763	N W E S	♠ AKJ1083 ♥ 105 ♦ 87 ♣ AQ4
	♠ 4 ♥ KQJ872 ♦ AJ4 ♣ K82	

Erichsen v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pepic	*E Erichsen*	*Paverd*	*H Erichsen*
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣J and declarer lost only to the black aces, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Evenstad	*Chmurski*	*N Evenstad*	*Tuczyński*
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♥K and North overtook it to return a spade. Declarer put in the ♠J, ruffed a heart and played a club for the queen and king. North ruffed the club return, put South in with a diamond, ruffed a club and cashed a diamond for three down, -500 and 2 IMPs to **Selena**.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ 8 ♥ 975432 ♦ KJ ♣ J862	
♠ 62 ♥ AJ86 ♦ Q93 ♣ A1075	N W E S	♠ AK1073 ♥ Q10 ♦ A865 ♣ 43
	♠ QJ954 ♥ K ♦ 10742 ♣ KQ9	

Erichsen v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pepic	*E Erichsen*	*Paverd*	*H Erichsen*
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ Checkback

North led the ♣2 for the queen and ace and declarer continued with a spade to the ace and the ♥Q for the king and ace. A heart to the ten saw South pitch the ♠5. Declarer cashed the ♦A and then played a diamond to the nine and king. North returned the ♣6 and South took the ♣K and returned the ♣9. North ducked the ♣10 but declarer exited with the ♣7 and North's enforced heart return meant ten tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Evenstad	*Chmurski*	*N Evenstad*	*Tuczyński*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Checkback

North led the ♥7 from the queen, king and ace. A spade to the ten saw South win with the ♠J and switch to the ♣K followed by the ♣Q. Declarer took the ♣A, played a spade to the ace and cashed the ♥10. When declarer continued with a diamond to the queen North won and returned the ♦J. The best declarer could do was duck allowing North to cash the ♣J for one down,-50 and 10 IMPs to **Selena**.

To make 3NT declarer needed to withhold dummy's ♦Q. If South had played the ♣9 on the second round of the suit, the defenders would have been in control.

That brings us back to the spade suit – and if declarer wins the first round of the suit and ducks a diamond nine tricks should be possible.

Selena won 16.90 - 3.10VP.



Dog Day Afternoon

Mark Horton

Round 6

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 8 ♥ AK1082 ♦ K63 ♣ K1064	
♠ KQ10962 ♥ Q53 ♦ A ♣ A82	N W E S	♠ AJ5 ♥ 9764 ♦ 9854 ♣ Q7
	♠ 743 ♥ J ♦ QJ1072 ♣ J953	

Rodeo Totale v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tuczyński	*S Bałdysz*	*Chmurski*	*Sarniak*
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥A and when she saw South's ♥J she continued with the ♥K followed by the ♥2. That gave declarer his ninth trick, +400.

Not easy for North to find a diamond switch at trick two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sztyrak	*Paverd*	*Twardowski*	*Pepic*
—	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♠	All Pass		





Having written a Bols Bridge Tip entitled 'Don't be afraid to respond' I can endorse South's 1NT. When 2♠ was passed out +140 meant 6 IMPs to **Selena.**

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A ♥ Q965 ♦ AJ1076 ♣ AKQ	
♠ J953 ♥ 842 ♦ 32 ♣ 10762	N W E S	♠ Q872 ♥ AJ7 ♦ Q95 ♣ J53
	♠ K1064 ♥ K103 ♦ K84 ♣ 984	

Rodeo Totale v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tuczyński	*S Bałdysz*	*Chmurski*	*Sarniak*
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠2 and declarer won with the ♠A, ran the ♦J, cashed the ♦A and played a heart to the king finishing with 11 tricks, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sztyrak	*Paverd*	*Twardowski*	*Pepic*
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

East led the ♠2 and having won declarer played a diamond to the king and was doomed, finishing two down, -200 and 13 IMPs to Rodeo Totale.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 102
♥ AKQ742
♦ 72
♣ 974

♠ KJ3
♥ 1098
♦ AKQJ
♣ Q106

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W E
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♠ AQ874
♥ J5
♦ 983
♣ K82

♠ 965
♥ 63
♦ 10654
♣ AJ53

Rodeo Totale v Selena

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tuczyński	*S Bałdysz*	*Chmurski*	*Sarniak*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

With a balanced hand, many players would have passed East's 3NT.

North started with the three top hearts and declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠A, drew trumps and claimed 10 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sztyrak	*Paverd*	*Twardowski*	*Pepic*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Here too North led the ♥AKQ, but declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠7 and was one down, _100 and 12 IMPs to **Selena**, winning 19-16,

Round 7

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J753
♥ 2
♦ AK7632
♣ 82

♠ 64
♥ 105
♦ 854
♣ QJ10643

N
W E
S

♠ KQ102
♥ Q9876
♦ Q
♣ A97

♠ A98
♥ AKJ43
♦ J109
♣ K5

Selena v João Ferreira

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pinto	*Tuczyński*	*Lima*	*Chmurski*
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣Q and declarer won the second round of the suit with the ♣K, played the ♦J to dummy's ♦A, cashed the diamonds and claimed 12 tricks, East being squeezed in the majors, +490.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paverd	*Madeira*	*Pepic*	*Sarmento*
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Here declarer was allowed to win the first round of clubs with the ♣K and appreciating the potential blockage in diamonds he ran the ♦9 which meant two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to **Selena**.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ J98 ♥ AQ543 ♦ 987 ♣ 75	
♠ A1074 ♥ K6 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ AKQ	N W E S	♠ K ♥ 109872 ♦ Q5 ♣ 109632
	♠ Q6532 ♥ J ♦ 10643 ♣ J84	

Selena v João Ferreira

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pinto	*Tuczyński*	*Lima*	*Chmurski*
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♣ Strong
2♦ Waiting
3♦ Transfer





North led the ♦8 and declarer won with dummy's ♦Q and played a heart for the jack and king and ace, North switching to the ♠8. Having won perforce with the ♠K declarer played the ♥7 and then played on diamonds, overruffing North's ♥4 on the third round of the suit. He was assured of 10 tricks, +420.

After a diamond lead you can get up to 11 tricks by continuing to play hearts. If North wins and plays a spade you win, cash two more diamonds, take two clubs and then play a diamond.

An initial spade lead should hold declarer to 10 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paverd	*Madeira*	*Pepic*	*Sarmento*
—	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2♥ Hearts and a minor
2NT Asking
5NT Pick a slam

South led the ♠6 and declarer had no chance, finishing two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to João Ferreira.

On Board 6 EW held ♠AKQJ10 ♥AQ76 ♦- ♣K854 facing ♠96 ♥K93 ♦Q1052 ♣AJ3. When West opened 1♠ North overcalled 2♦ with ♠- ♥1082 ♦AKJ986 ♣Q1076 and when West reopened with a double East converted it. There is a way to restrict declarer to five tricks, but it requires East to lead a low trump and West to discard a spade. It was -300 in both rooms.

The final score was 22-11 VP to **Selena** VP.

Open Teams after Round 9

	VPs	Team
1	129.91	Selena
2	123.46	Vicuña
3	122.75	DON JULIO
4	122.20	Salonen
5	121.08	Een ons te veel
6	120.13	FLY AND DUCK
7	118.47	De Botton
8	116.71	JOÃO FERREIRA
9	116.39	Villa encosta do sol 1
10	115.81	Bastion Smaku - The Castle of Flavor
10	115.81	Huijben
12	114.95	GOTARD
13	113.61	MAKE
14	113.58	Egil
15	112.84	Star
16	112.66	MAMA VEED
17	109.58	Weasel
18	109.52	Comando Txuleton
19	109.49	TAMAT
20	108.76	Ases da Invicta
21	108.44	Sushi
22	108.14	CABANOS
23	106.87	Solar express
24	106.45	Warburg Plan B
25	106.15	Meritum
26	105.61	Erichsen
27	104.86	NorNed
28	104.43	Anchor
29	104.17	Lasse Stefanz Orkester
30	103.73	Pekelsi
31	103.51	Bagladies
32	103.46	EMI
33	103.19	Ronnie and friends
34	103.11	The usual suspects
35	103.10	CRUZEIRO
36	102.70	NUNO MATOS
37	102.54	Norway, Aarmot
38	102.07	Reisegruppe Reichenau
39	101.50	Bachexo
40	101.12	TEAMM netherlandssss
41	100.63	Mamma mia
42	100.12	Brooklyn Bridgers
43	98.32	Just Made
44	98.22	ARGENTINA
45	97.59	Loki
46	97.47	Nyyyt
47	97.43	Ponte Para o Futuro
48	96.95	Plan B
49	96.93	Balloo
50	96.92	HONG OVER
51	96.27	Secret Agents
52	96.17	Repeat Bet
53	96.09	Stantons
54	96.06	Ice-Dan Vikings
55	95.73	C-jam
56	95.64	PORTUGALÊS
57	95.37	BeAlert
58	95.20	Rodeo Totale
59	93.15	BAMBI
60	93.06	Undercover
61	92.83	Gwn goed beetpakken
62	92.01	RICH
63	91.69	Flora and Friends
64	91.27	Playmates
65	91.01	Galoviç
66	90.81	Fruitvliegjes
67	90.44	Danish Dynamite
68	89.55	The MASK
69	89.41	Carbonnier
70	89.12	New Friends
71	89.11	wimajope
71	89.11	Canada ladies
73	89.05	Stonecutters
74	88.72	Old Chelsea
75	87.88	Where is my mind
76	87.83	Uk team
77	87.01	Trojans Conquer Madeira
78	86.99	Temptation Island
79	86.67	ARKI
80	85.24	5 Bruxas
81	84.90	Belgium and France Team
82	84.59	Madeira
83	84.34	Villa encosta do sol 2
84	84.05	Sand in the brain
85	83.99	SweGer
86	83.35	AroundtheBlockaFewTimes
87	82.77	Lekta
88	82.56	Bidtrainer
89	82.51	MMGG
90	82.22	TOLLE
91	82.13	Three S's and the Law
92	81.92	Vriendenkring
93	81.59	Another Level
94	81.48	3P&N
95	81.36	FAR ICE
96	81.27	Frysland-Utrecht Combo
97	80.63	PLAJ
98	80.55	SPAINPOR
99	79.49	ANNECY
100	79.30	Purple Reign
101	78.55	The Noise Festival
102	78.50	PJ Double
103	78.36	Top of nothing
104	78.30	sarmentos
105	77.99	ABBA
106	77.82	Suzie Q
107	77.58	Beers for Fears
108	77.21	LOLa
109	77.11	X-Factor
110	75.78	Masuria
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121	69.96	Celtic Connection
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123	66.33	ODBC
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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



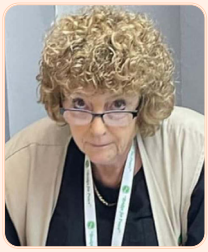
Another former footballer, Frederico is from Lisbon, where he directs at the bridge centre and in major tournaments. A lover of the beach and of music, he is an avid concert-goer when not fully occupied with his two young daughters.

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



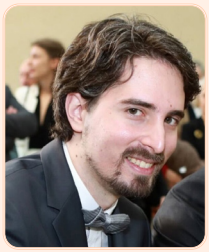
Jacob is a Danish tournament director living in Copenhagen. He was awarded the EBL Tournament Director title in 2013 and has been directing regularly at EBL Championships since then. He is the author of the textbook 'A Guide to the Bridge Laws'. His best results as a player are a bronze medal in 2011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

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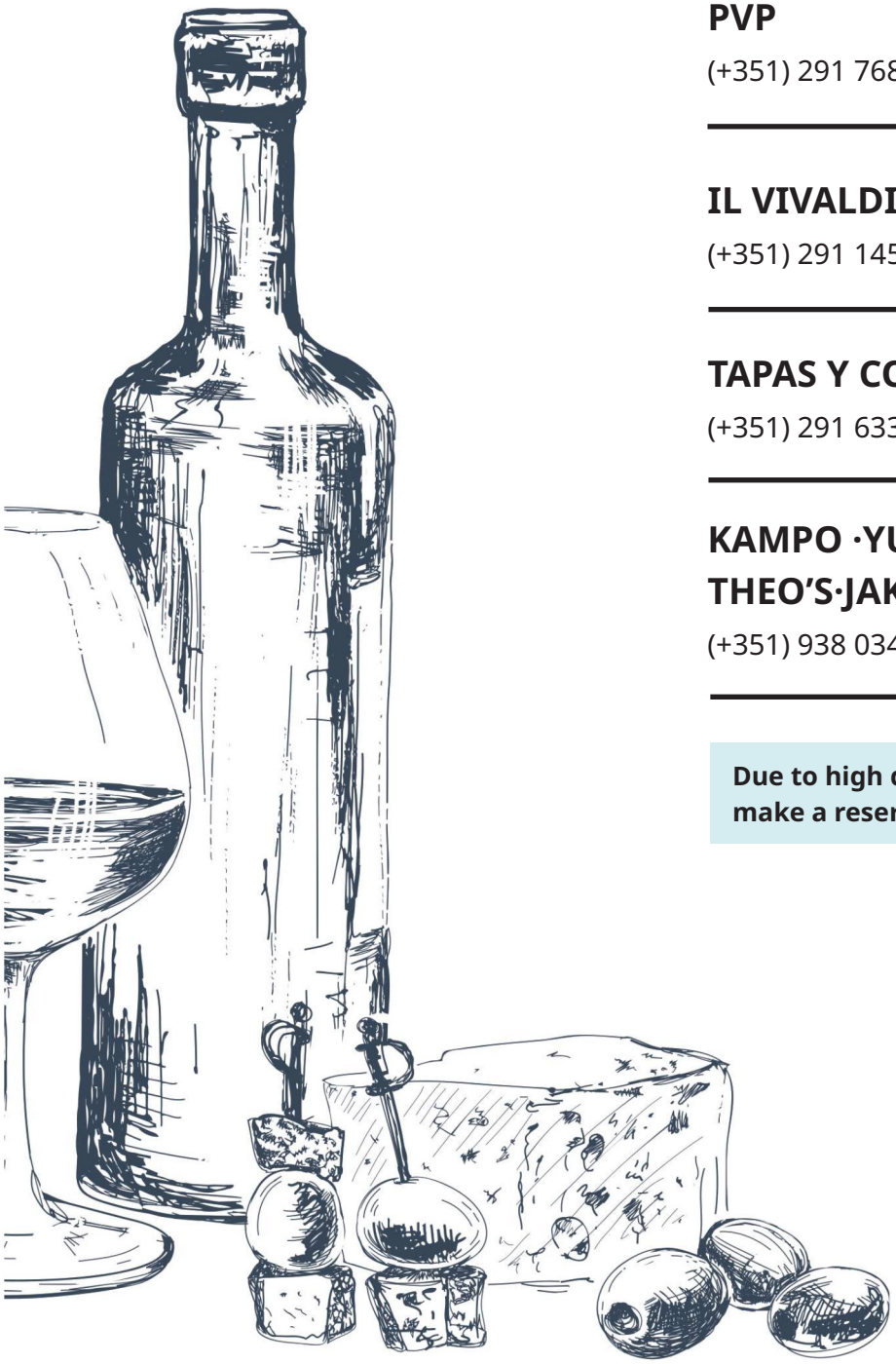
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Portuguese media and communications company. With a regional base in Madeira, leader in cable television distribution and the home-video distributor for Walt Disney Pictures, Warner Bros., DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures releases in Portugal.

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.