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And... here we go again



Welcome to the 10th Madeira International Bridge Open. We are very happy to have you here to the first session of our pairs tournament. We expect over 100 pairs. This is the biggest tournament we ever had.

Yesterday 48 pairs played in the warm up session. Hrafnhildur Skuladotr and Alda Gudnadottir won with 66.11%. No more time for improving your system. Now it's the real thing. Enjoy!

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEE	
PAIRS	TEAMS
75 €/ Player	250 €/Team (up to 6 players)

Warm-up Pairs

48 Pairs - 36 Boards

Pr.		Max	Act	
Pos	No. Names	Sco	Sco	%
1.	(61) Hrafnhildur Skuladotr & Alda Gudnadottir	720	476.0	66.11
2.	(4) F. Bielars & L. Bielars	720	467.9	64.99
3.	(27) S Sester & O Oja	720	439.3	61.01
4.	(62) Gerrit De Benis & Peter V Montfoort	720	434.9	60.40
5.	(46) Jaap V D Berg & Willem V D Linden	720	434.7	60.38
6.	(63) Bjorguin Kristinsson & Aron Thorfinnsson	720	431.0	59.86
7.	(51) Bruno Macedo & Pedro Macedo	720	426.0	59.17
8.	(64) Hrannar Erlingsson & Sveinn Runar Eiriksso	720	411.3	57.13
9.	(67) Joao Machado & Jose Macedo	720	406.1	56.40
10.	(26) G. Tordarson & G. Gardarsson	720	389.1	54.04
11.	(22) V. Gonca & M. Purgailis	720	388.3	53.93
12.	(3) G. Matsson & H. P. Rognvaldsson	720	387.7	53.85
13.	(21) S O Arnason & F Thorhallsson	720	387.0	53.75
14.	(41) R Brantsma & R Ritmeijer	720	386.1	53.63
15.	(23) G. Gistason & S. Ragnarsson	720	378.0	52.50
16.	(44) Renate Hansen & Andreas Babsch	720	377.9	52.49
17.	(7) S. R. Thorvaldsson & G. Steingstinsson	720	374.9	52.07
18.	(49) Horacio Franco & Adriano Medeiros	720	373.0	51.81
19.	(11) Van Der Gragt & Van Der Gragt	720	369.0	51.25
20.	(70) Kristinn Kristinsso & Halldor Svanbergsso	720	367.7	51.07
21.	(31) G Sveinsson & I O Sigurdsson	720	367.0	50.97
22.	(72) Luis Correia & Nuno D Martins	720	362.1	50.29
23.	(28) A Muliar & P Steiner	720	360.0	50.00
24.	(10) H P Ingolfssdottir & B Durbonetlard	720	357.0	49.58
25.	(25) A. Jonsdottir & T. Thormodsdottir	720	352.7	48.99
=26.	(32) L Veloza & S Costa	720	349.1	48.49
=26.	(68) Gudny Gudjonsdottir & Halldora Magnusdott	720	349.1	48.49
28.	(1) Terri Verret & Pierre Maigneault	720	346.3	48.10
29.	(8) I Snepvangers & M Mommers	720	343.0	47.64
30.	(48) Natalija Veksha & Karlis Rubins	720	342.9	47.63
31.	(66) Agaath V Bommel & Jack Wagenmakers	720	341.8	47.47
32.	(24) G. Saevarsson & R. P. Jonsson	720	339.1	47.10
33.	(71) Halldor Thorvaldsso & Baldur Bjartmarsson	720	336.0	46.67
34.	(5) G. K. Johannesdottir & S. Danielsdottir	720	335.7	46.63
=35.	(9) U Arnadottir & J Sigurjonsdottir	720	332.0	46.11
=35.	(69) Angela Matias & Acacio Matias	720	332.0	46.11
37.	(30) G Posarinsson & P Sigurdsson	720	328.3	45.60
38.	(2) O. Sigurdsson & S. Steingrinsson	720	327.7	45.51
39.	(29) P Palsdottir & I Fridriksdottir	720	327.0	45.42
40.	(65) Pirjo Juuri-Oja & Erkki Juuri-Oja	720	318.9	44.29
41.	(50) Bruno Neves & Luis M Silva	720	314.0	43.61
42.	(42) M Bouscher-Snapper & B Abreu	720	312.9	43.46
43.	(12) J Gudmundsson & J Sigvaldson	720	310.0	43.06
44.	(47) P Morgado & Fernando Ribeiro	720	297.2	41.28
45.	(45) Leo Lucks & Lauri Naber	720	297.1	41.26
46.	(6) H. Hjalmarssdottir & S. Eyjolfs	720	289.9	40.26
47.	(52) Erla Sigurjonsdottir & Sigfus Thordarson	720	288.0	40.00
48.	(43) Gitte Hecht Johanssen & Nevena Senior	720	223.3	31.01

Totals 34560 17286.0

Warming up

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Lots of interesting hands on the warm-up last night.

Out of 36 boards not less than 8 of them allowed a slam for either side. For instance on board 22 NS could make 6♣, by dropping the singleton ♠K when you only have 5 cards between the two hands. My kind of slam! Amazingly enough no one bid it.

Board 15, on the other hand, saw a lot of fireworks. The points are evenly split between the lines, but that doesn't tell the whole story. NS have 10 hearts between them and EW 11 diamonds between them. As cards lie, and considering best defence, NS can make only 2♥, but EW can make a whopping 6♦! Most NS pairs found that out, but only after doubling 5 or 6♦ by their opponents. Only 2 NS pairs managed to buy the contract at the 4 level, and surprisingly they both managed to win 4♥ (one of them doubled). The next best result for NS is to go quietly when opponents bid to 5♦. If you managed that, you got 24 out of 30 matchpoints! Even going 500 down in 5♥ is better than average. (19 out of 30 matchpoints). On the EW line two pairs got to 6♦ (obviously doubled) and got 29 out of 30 matchpoints, closely followed by 5♦ xx with one overtrick. A cool 1000 for only 26 matchpoints. The "run of the mill" -650 (5♦x with 1 overtrick) paid 12 mp to NS and 18 mp to EW.

Board 21 is another interesting slam. NS might be able to bid to 6♠. If they do, declarer will have to take the right view on the diamond position, or it may be very costly. With favourable vulnerability, East likely to pre-empt in Hearts. If he does so and then leads the ♦10 declarer should be able to read it as a singleton, especially after 3 rounds of spades. Even without a diamond lead a shrewd declarer might be able to guess the diamond position after a pre-empt. However, if there was no bidding by East, the natural play seems to go for diamonds 3-2. When they misbehave, you still have the chance of the club finesse, but when that fails too you can lose up to 1 club and 3 hearts for a heavy 3 down. One NS pair (Thorvaldsson & Steingstinsson) managed to get everything right and earned a full top.

On lower level board 3 also had a wide range of results. This was one of those lousy mis-fitting hands where whoever ended up playing would be going down. In fact only one pair managed to make the contract, and was dully punished with a bellow average 14 out of 30 matchpoints. Results ranged from +800 to -800. The most popular contract was 3♦ by East (often doubled).

Board 3. Dealer S. EW Vul.

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

	♠ A 9 5 4
	♥ 6
	♦ A J 10 8 7 4 2
	♣ 8

♠ K
♥ A K 7 2
♦ K 9
♣ Q J 6 4 3 2

Double-dummy there's a line where you can try to manage to go only one down. The normal lead for South is a top heart. After that the best move is to switch to the ♣Q to kill the dummy and prevent a discard on the ♣K. When declarer plays the ♣K North ruffs small. Now you have to overruff, cash the ♠A and exit with the ♦J. South wins with the King, but what can he do. A diamond return will elapse North's diamond trick. South may cash the ♠J and the ♥K, but declarer will just discard losing spades. And now South will have to give dummy the lead for a spade discard. Alternatively North may ruff, but declarer will overruff and again remove North's trump trick.

The defenders may do better, though. South may play small on the ♦J allowing North to be on hand to cash the spade winners and play the fifth one to promote South's ♦K. Not an easy defence.

Fire!

Is everybody on fire to start the "battle" today?

Some of you might have heard that a fire destroyed the facility of the Club Sports Madeira. This venue was the local bridge home for the island.

Unfortunately the insurance is not enough to rebuild the beautiful building located next to the Theatre in the centre of Funchal.

Nowadays next to playing bridge the "players" also like to play poker and since the casino is not ready for poker players, I came up with the idea to organise one or more poker nights.

These night(s) will be organised as a private poker event restricted to bridge players and perhaps other hotel guests.

The game is no-limit hold'em with a 10 euro buy in and re-buys /add-on's possible up till the start of the 3rd round.

Of course donations for the restoration of the bridge home are welcome as well.

Dominique

Prizes 2007

The € 27.500 prize money is divided as following:

Open Pairs	
1 st	3.000,00 €
2 nd	2.250,00 €
3 rd	1.750,00 €
4 th	1.250,00 €
5 th	900,00 €
6 th	750,00 €
7 th	600,00 €
8 th	500,00 €

Open Teams	
1 st	3.500,00 €
2 nd	2.400,00 €
3 rd	1.600,00 €
4 th	1.100,00 €
5 th	750,00 €

Special prizes Pairs	
1 st Ladies	250 €
2 nd Ladies	100 €
1 st Mixed	250 €
2 nd Mixed	100 €
1 st Senior	250 €
2 nd Senior	100 €
1 st Junior	250 €
1 st Foreign*	250 €
1 st Portugal	250 €
1 st Madeira	250 €
2 nd Madeira	100 €

Special prizes Teams	
1 st Foreign	500,00 €
2 nd Foreign	250,00 €
1 st Portuguese	500,00 €
2 nd Portuguese	250,00 €

* For every country represented by at least 8 pairs there will be a prize of 250 € for the winning pair

Program 2007



Tuesday (06/11/2007)	15.30	Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations
	15.45	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session
Wednesday (07/11/2007)	09.00	Free morning
	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
	20.00	Dinner (*)
Thursday (08/11/2007)	09.00	Free morning
	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.00	Final Results
Friday (09/11/2007)	09.30	Half-day Tour(*)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (10/11/2007)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (11/11/2007)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package

If you have a well-played hand or a fun story at the table, don't
be shy!

Share it with us...

Contact any of the bulletin staff or TD

Renault is launching their new Laguna this week in Madeira at our tournament.

The car will be outside the lobby - you can see a banner near it - during the time we are playing.

It will be available to a closer look or even a test drive - just let us know.



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