

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2004

7th International Bridge Festival

Madeira

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Welcome!

Warm mornings by the pool, lunch in a nice place with a sea view, afternoon playing bridge - it's the 7th Madeira Bridge Open!

We hope you had a pleasant trip.

You can now see that Madeira is everything it was advertised - good weather and wonderful landscapes. If you haven't seen it yet we're sure you'll be able to enjoy all that during the week.

We are very glad you came and hope you have a memorable week. We are trying to do our best to offer you a good time.

Please tell us what you need, and we'll help you in all we can.

As usual, we'll be playing with people from many countries:

Iceland (winners last year of the pairs), Estonia (winners last year of the teams), Norway, Sweden, Great Britain, Romania and probably others that we don't know yet.

And here we are again to welcome you with today's cocktail.

Take the opportunity to have a look at the room we'll be playing in and get to know the organizers, directors and opponents (especially those last).

Later this evening you can come and play in our national simultaneous. It will begin at 9.30 pm so that you have plenty of time to have dinner.

Tonight we only play for fun, but be prepared, for tomorrow the real battle begins...

Have a good game all!

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MONDAY WARM-UP	PAIRS	TEAMS
7,50 € / Player	75 € / Player	200 € / Team (up to 6 players)

Your week at Madeira

As is becoming a habit here we are for a "guided tour" of the week's programme. Your week begins today, Monday, with your arrival to our magnificent island.

The welcome cocktail on **Monday** at 18h30 will be your first chance to get in touch with organizers and players alike.

Monday the Simultaneous Pairs is hosted by tournament directors **Rui Marques** and **José Júlio Curado** and intends to be a warm up. This competition is played in various clubs at different locations all over Portugal, and all results are gathered into a single classification nation wide.

Tuesday The real competition begins at 16:00 with our pairs tournament but be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes early so you can apply to the TD's, even if you are already pre-inscribed.

Wednesday The second session only starts at 16.00 h., so you have plenty of time to go to the pool, have a nice game of Golf, a long lunch or a walk around the Island. We fully recomend this last possibility for the "Levada" walks will give you the oportunity to see some of the best landscape views of Madeira Island. Yes, we know most

bridge players don't like to walk (most of them don't even like to play E/W), but...

Wednesday evening at the typical dinner you will be able to try traditional dishes from Madeira, see and hear traditional folk songs and music from Madeira and even if you are in the mood learn to dance with the folk dancers.

Thursday Again the play is only on the afternoon, so you can try another of our sugestions for Wednesday, or even do the same thing again if you prefer.

Friday If you were here last year you know what to expect from Friday's tour - a visit to the exquisit Botanical Garden and trip to Monte by Cable car. The lunch and rest of the afternoon is again your choice.

Saturday has another golf morning. Don't forget to ask your Hotel desk to make prior arrangements.

Sunday evening is time for the closing dinner at Restaurante Bahia (Casino da Madeira) where you can see and, if you were lucky, participate at the prize giving. The dinner will close with a high quality and very entertaining show. Hope you enjoy the programme and **"Até à Vista"**.

A Wrong Decision!

How right can a wrong decision be? Will the wrong decision be the right one if it turns out well? Or do you have to consider the whole picture?

Take the following deal from the Olympiads in Istanbul that finished just this weekend.

It's the Last Sixteen Knock-Out stages and it's a grudge match: Italy vs. USA. As you may remember these two countries (although quite a different USA team and a slightly different Italian team) played in the finals of the last World Open Championships (the Bermuda Bowl), the American winning by just 1 IPM!

In the Open room sat some familiar faces to the Madeira bridge scene. Zia Mahmood was here in the eighties, playing with one of the great bridge Ladies of all times - Rixie Markus. Norberto Bocchi was a winner of the teams event two years ago here, the same year his partner Giorgio Duboin ended up in second place.

It's 3 boards to the end and this is what the players pick-up:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 4 3		
♥ A 9 8 5		
♦ Q 6		
♣ 10 6 5 2		
♠ A J 8	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 10 6
♥ 6 3		♥ Q 10 7
♦ A K 5 3 2		♦ 9 8 4
♣ Q 8 3		♣ A K J 4
		♠ 9 7 5 2
		♥ K J 4 2
		♦ J 10 7
		♣ 9 7

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Rosenberg led a small heart and the defence took the first four tricks. He then exited with a club. Declarer could now count 8 tricks and just had to find the ♠Q for the 9th. He started cashing his tricks, trying to find out some more about the distribution. He won the club return in hand, with the Queen, cashed the Ace and King of diamonds and played a club to dummy's Ace, followed by the

King and Jack. On the last club, declarer parked his last diamond (he had already thrown two on the hearts). He now paused to consider. North had followed suit all the way and South had pitched two spades on the clubs. Duboin now had a pretty good idea of the opponent's distribution. North had started with 4 Hearts, 4 Clubs, at least 2 diamonds (three at most) and so at most 3 spades (2 at least). South had 4 Hearts, 2 Clubs, at most 3 diamonds (2 at least) and so at least 4 spades (5 at most). So South was (at least) a 4 to 3 favourite to have the elusive Queen of spades. The tactical bridge had been completed but the strategy to employ had yet to be decided. Duboin then grabbed the score sheet and studied it, as seen by all in the VuGraph. He finally decided to play North for the ♠Q and won his contract. He made an anti-percentage play to try and win another swing - which he thought was necessary to overcome the Americans. Mark Horton wrote it like this on the Olympiad's Daily Bulletin:

"On Vugraph, Duboin made a point of picking up his scorecard for a look as a prelude to finessing North rather than South for the ♠Q. Estimating that his team was still trailing and believing a swing was need, Duboin made an anti-percentage play to try to turns things around.

As you can see, Duboin was right. In the closed room, the defense went exactly the same, and Weinstein played the same way to get the same information. After giving the matter due thought, Weinstein played the ♠K and was down one."

Well it was the wrong decision since the percentages were against it. But it was the right one given that the Italians thought they needed a swing. Again it was a wrong one for the Italians ended up wining by 11 imps and only picked up 10 imps on this board. Had the ♠Q been on the other side the Italians would have lost a match by 9 imps they should have won by one. But how can a decision have been wrong when it succeeds? He did make the contract!

It's still a wrong decision! Players at that level should play with the odds! You see, had Duboin played exactly as Weinstein did in the closed room the match would have gone to Italy by 1 imp! That would have been a sweet revenge and a nice twist of fate! Why should players think by their own minds and trick destiny?

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Programme 2004

Monday	18:30	Welcome Cocktail
(08/11/2004)	21:30	Warm-up Pairs
Tuesday	15:00	Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations
(09/11/2004)	15:45	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament - 1 ^o Session
Wednesday	09:00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(10/11/2004)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament - 2 ^o Session
	21:00	Typical Dinner & Folklore
Thursday	09:00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(11/11/2004)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament - 3 ^o Session
	20:00	Final Results
Friday	09:30	Tour around Funchal city, with ride on cable car
(12/11/2004)	21:00	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21:30	Open Teams Tournament - 1 ^o Session
Saturday	09:00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(13/11/2004)	15:30	Swiss Open Teams Tournament - 2 ^o Session
	21:30	Swiss Open Teams Tournament - 3 ^o Session
Sunday	15:00	Swiss Open Teams Tournament - 4 ^o Session
(14/11/2004)	20:00	Final Results
	20:30	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

() Golf may be arranged at the front desk of your hotel*

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