

# 8<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 7-13, 2005

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### Welcome!

Here we are once again just about to start our 8th International Bridge Festival Madeira.

This year we all meet in the Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel, where you can watch the sea from everywhere in the building except the bridge room, where you are supposed to be looking only at what is happening at your table.

We shall have a wonderful week with good weather, good bridge, nice food and all the wonders Madeira has to offer.

Congratulations to the teams that played in the Bermuda, the Venice Cup, the Seniors' Bowl and the World Transnational Open Teams and still decided to join us here. Speaking about these Championships, a special note to the Portuguese, who got 13<sup>th</sup> on the Bermuda Bowl, qualifying to the quarterfinals with the same team on the World Transnational Open. The ladies got 16<sup>th</sup> on the Venice Cup and the Senior team went up to the quarterfinals.

But enough of Bermuda, we'll meet you at the cocktail party.

If after that you feel like playing a bit of bridge in the evening, we're organizing a practice pairs session today. See you...

#### ENTRY FEE

MONDAY WARM-UP	PAIRS	TEAMS
10 € / Player	85 € / Player	250 € / 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** evening, 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 pair's 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 doesn't start until 16.00; 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 recommend this last possibility for the "Levada" walks will give you the opportunity 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 suggestions 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 exquisite 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 "Sala Oceano" (Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel) 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"**.

## High Level Bridge in Estoril

The 2005 Bermuda Bowl has just finished last Saturday. Congratulations to the Italian team, this year's winners and new World Champions! The Lavazza team finally got the only title that still eluded them – they already won the teams in Madeira a few years back. Here's a couple of high level decisions that helped them get ahead on the crucial 6<sup>th</sup> segment. See what you would do before moving on to see the results.

You hold:

♠ Q 4

♥ A Q J T 5 4 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 4

And the auction goes, with no one vulnerable, Pass on your left, 4 ♦, natural and pre-emptive by partner, Pass on your right. What would you do?

Then, Vulnerable vs. not, you hold:

♠

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ 9 6 3 2

♣ A K Q 5 4

You pass in first seat, 4♠ natural and pre-emptive on your left, passed back to you. What would you do now?

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On the first hand Meckstroth bid what seemed a normal 4♥, but Fulvio Fantoni showed great judgement on passing his partner's opening bid. When you think of it, partner opened over the level of 3 NT so there is no way he can cover 3 of your 6 losers, so you should let him play in his own suit. That was worth 5 imps to Italy.

## Board 11. Dealer S. None Vul.

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

On the second hand you have to decide who has the high cards. If it is partner he may not have a clear-cut action over 4♠, if it is RHO you should stay out of it. Unexpectedly it was Paul Soloway that took the high road and Lorenzo Lauria that meekly sold out. Lauria may have thought that his partner would double with high card strength, with or without trump tricks, since most people treat 4 NT over 4♠ as a kind of take-out double. Soloway may have feared that the Italians in the closed room would not sit out of the action and jumped in trying not to create a swing (USA was ahead starting this segment). The result was - on the closed room the Americans played a quiet 4♠, making an overtrick. On the open room the auction continued Double, Pass, Pass, Redouble, 4NT, Pass, 5♦, Double, all Pass. Even though the Italians did not find the double dummy defence of leading a club or switching to clubs after a heart lead, they still picked up 800 and 8 imps.

Board 15. Dealer S. None N/S.

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

Just a note: In the Venice Cup the German ladies did even worse by passing 4♠xx for minus 1080. That may seem foolish, but it was the penultimate board of their match and they were trailing for a lot – they needed action.

## THE ORGANIZERS



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...is an Economist and works in one of Portugal's major Banks (owned by one of Spain's major bank's). He is also Club Sports Madeira Bridge section manager and the President of ABM (Madeira Bridge Association).



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## The Editors



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She has a college degree in Pharmacy  
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## Our Tournaments Directors

Rui Marques



José Júlio Curado



## Programme 2005

<b>Monday</b> (07/11/2005)	18:30 Welcome Cocktail <b>21:30 Warm-up Pairs</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> (08/11/2005)	15:00 Pairs Tournament Entries – Confirmations 15:45 Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries <b>16:00 Open Pairs Tournament – 1<sup>o</sup> Session</b> <i>09:00 Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> (09/11/2005)	<b>16:00 Open Pairs Tournament – 2<sup>o</sup> Session</b> <b>21:00 Typical Dinner &amp; Folklore</b> <i>09:00 Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
<b>Thursday</b> (10/11/2005)	<b>16:00 Open Pairs Tournament – 3<sup>o</sup> Session</b> 20:00 Final Results
<b>Friday</b> (11/11/2005)	<b>09:30 Tour around Funchal city</b> 21:00 Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries <b>21:30 Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 1<sup>o</sup> Session</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (12/11/2005)	<i>09:00 Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i> <b>15:30 Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 2<sup>o</sup> Session</b> <b>21:30 Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 3<sup>o</sup> Session</b>
<b>Sunday</b> (13/11/2005)	<b>15:00 Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 4<sup>o</sup> Session</b> 20:00 Final Results <b>20:30 Closing Dinner and Prize Giving</b>

*(\*) 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...