

8th International Bridge Festival Madeira

Funchal, November 7-13, 2005

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Ready...Steady...GO!

And we start today. Let's not get carried away with touring in Funchal: Bridge is at 4 p. m.

Everybody is already here. People came from all over Europe.

Old friends, new friends, we are very happy to have you here. Last night, in our warm up session, the Estonians Lidia and Aavo Heinlo won by a close 1.6%. The Portuguese Joaquim Trindade and Henrique Ribeiro were second.

Today we start the real thing. Hope you enjoy the tournament!



ENTRY FEE	
PAIRS	TEAMS
85 €/ Player	250 €/Team (up to 6 players)

PLAY FOR FUN MADEIRA 07/11/2005

9 Pairs - 24 Boards

Pos	No.	Names	Sc0	Sc1	%
1.	(9)	Lidia Heinlo & Aavo Heinlo	144	96	66.67
2.	(1)	J. Trindade & H. Ribeiro	126	82	65.08
3.	(7)	Joao Machado & Jose Macedo	126	74	58.73
4.	(3)	Jaime Sousa & Silvio Costa	126	67	53.17
5.	(8)	Goncalo Esmeraldo & Nuno Martins	126	62	49.21
6.	(5)	Angela Matias & Acacio Matias	126	58	46.03
7.	(6)	Dominique Custers & Bob Teijema	126	52	41.27
8.	(4)	Nuno Pereira & Rodrigo Rodrigues	126	46	36.51
9.	(2)	Stephanie Vd Stelt & Coby Van Os	126	39	30.95


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Brotherly clash

Last week, during the Transnational Teams event, part of the world championships that were held in Estoril, this interesting hand came up. It was board 19 of the 8th Round as representatives from Madeira clashed with each other.

Board 19. Dealer S. EW Vul.

♠ K 8 6 5 2 ♥ K ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q 9 8 7 3		♠ Q 4 3 ♥ Q J 6 2 ♦ J ♣ A J 10 5 4 ♠ A J 9 7 ♥ A T 3 ♦ A K 9 8 4 3 ♣ ♠ 10 ♥ 9 8 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ K 6 2
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Out of the 134 pairs playing EW, 79 got to 6♠, 3 of them doubled. It looks like a nice spot, but the bad breaks in spades and diamonds makes it a tough contract. In fact only 42 declarers managed to find 12 tricks. Here's what might have happened at some tables: On the normal lead of the ♥Q, declarer wins in hand and draws 2 rounds of trumps. When the trumps fail to behave it's time to start on diamonds, but North can ruff the second round and return a club, leaving declarer without enough entries to reach the good diamonds.

Declarer can do better: win the heart, play a trump to the Ace, cash the Ace of diamonds, play a second trump to the King and now lead the second diamond from hand. If North ruffs, he will ruff a loser and declarer is home,

still having 2 trumps in dummy and needing only one ruff to set up the diamonds. If North discards, declarer will be in dummy to ruff another diamond. It looks like everything is all right now for the slam bidders, but North can still have the last word. If he simply refuses to overruff until the diamonds are good and declarer has exhausted dummy's entries, he may still make the ♠Q and cash the ♣A. Declarer will still have a club in hand - he will have ruffed two, discarded one on the ♥A and one on a good diamond. The only legitimate way for West to make twelve tricks seems to be to read the cards perfectly. He wins the heart lead, plays a diamond to the ace. Now he comes to hand with the ♠K and plays another diamond. North must again discard. Now comes a diamond ruffed with the ♠5. Once again North must discard or as above there will still be enough entries to the set up diamonds. But now declarer is one time ahead and if North keeps discarding while West ruffs a club in dummy and a diamond in hand, he will simply play a trump to the Ace, keeping the last trump in dummy to reach the good diamonds.

As for the teams from Madeira, Team "Teixeira" managed to gain 14 imps on team "Morgado", by making 6♠x on the open room against 4♠ in the closed room.

Well..., somebody had to lose.

Prizes 2005

Open Pairs		Open Teams	
1st	3.000,00 €	1st	3.500,00 €
2nd	2.250,00 €	2nd	2.400,00 €
3rd	1.750,00 €	3rd	1.600,00 €
4th	1.250,00 €	4th	1.100,00 €
5th	900,00 €	5th	750,00 €
6th	750,00 €		
7th	600,00 €		
8th	500,00 €		

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

Programme for Pairs Tournament

Tuesday (08/11/2005)	15.00	Pairs Tournament Entries confirmations	
	15.45	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries	
	16.00	OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT	1st Session (Sala Desertas)
Wednesday (09/11/2005)	9.00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities(*)</i>	
	16.00	OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT	2nd Session (Sala Desertas)
	21.00	Typical dinner & Folklore	
Thursday (10/11/2005)	9.00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities(*)</i>	
	16.00	OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT	3rd Session (Sala Desertas)
	20.00	Final Results	

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

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