

Dear bridge friend,

The Club Sports Madeira, together with ABM, Madeira Bridge Association, organizes every year, in November, an International Bridge Festival. The festival goes for a whole week and consists of two main events: A Pairs contest played on three sessions from Tuesday to Thursday and a Swiss Teams contest played starting Friday that goes on until Sunday. People arriving Monday get the chance of playing a warm-up play-for-fun Pairs Tournament with a special prize for the winners. As in previous years, the Swiss Teams is going to be broadcasted by Bridge Base Online and a Daily bulletin is published throughout the week. The Chief TD is, once again, Rui Marques, EBL Chief assistant TD and WBF senior TD.

Madeira, as I am sure you know, is a very beautiful island in the middle of the Atlantic with a well-known tradition in tourism, warm people and great weather. The program has been designed in such way that Bridge players and their families also get the opportunity to know the island and enjoy a holiday week. This has been one of the reasons why previous visitors keep coming back, the other one being a very well organized Tournament with lots of nice prizes.

For this year's edition, the 9th, we have come up with a very attractive package for people coming from outside Madeira. The tournament will be held in Crowne Plaza Hotel, one of the finest in the island, and players staying in there will not pay any further fees to play.

For every country represented for at least 8 pairs and/or 5 teams we will create a special prize named after it. We want to give as many "National Prizes" as possible. In order to create one with your country's name on it, I would like to ask for your help in passing this information to Clubs and players in your area. There is an attachment to this e-mail with more detailed information, but feel free to contact me through this address or visit our website, www.bridge-madeira.com where you can find out more about us.

I am sure that players coming from your area will thank you personally on their arrival back home! As for me, I want to thank you very much in advance for all your collaboration, hoping to meet you here in November!

Yours sincerely,

Jose Julio Curado