

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2008

11th International Bridge Festival

Madeira

Funchal, November 3-9, 2008

Here we are again for the 11th time!

The 11th Madeira International Bridge Open is about to start on this beautiful city of Funchal.

The sea, the mountains, the city ... just waiting there for you to take a walk around - as soon as possible!

Mind you - the swimming pool is also there waiting for you...

decisions, decisions... if only it was as easy as deciding between NT and hearts on that hand last night...



The 2007 winning pair receiving their prize

Anyway, Funchal is 500 years old - Happy Birthday! There are festivities all year round. We are very happy to be part of them.

See you at the welcome cocktail on Monday at 6:00 pm.

Pedro Nunes

ENTRY FEE		
MONDAY WARM-UP	PAIRS	TEAMS
10 € / Player	80 €/ Player	250 €/Team (up to 6 players)



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We strongly suggest anticipating your booking.

This promotion is only valid directly at our desks at the airport and downtown office.

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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

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 1

By David Bird

♠ A K J 7
♥ 8
♦ A K Q J 6 5
♣ 6 4

♥K led

♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ A 5 4
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ A Q

How will you play 7♠ when West leads the ♥K?
(Answer on Daily Bulletin 1)

THE ENTRY FORMS

Welcome to Madeira and our 11th International Bridge Open!

Are you staying in the CS Madeira? If so, you have received an envelope with some forms and this bulletin.

Be sure to fill them in. You will have to bring them to the Welcome desk on Tuesday between 15.00 and 16.00 in order to receive your vouchers.

The **Pair Registration vouchers** will be immediately given to you. The other vouchers will be left in your mail box, at the reception, Thursday morning.

Please note that if you are not staying in the hotel with the Special Bridge Package but still wish to participate in the social program you should let us know that by filling in the yellow form ("Social Program - Player without bridge package") you will receive from the Tournament Director together with the entry form. Contact the Welcome desk Thursday (from 15.30 to 16.30), where the vouchers will be available.

Your Vouchers are like money - Don't lose them!

Declare or Defend?

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

If you are a regular reader of either bridge books or articles you surely have come across this question lots of times. It's usually a double-dummy problem with lots of *nuances*. But try this one without seeing through the cards. It came up on Madeira's Regional Team Championships.

E/W Vul.
Dealer W

♠ J
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 6 5 2
♣ 10 6 3

♠ K 5 4 3
♥ K 7 4 2
♦ K J 9 8
♣ Q



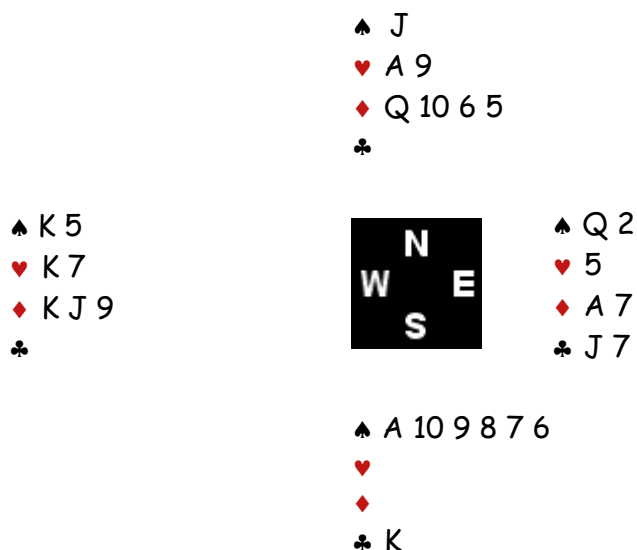
♠ Q 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ A J 7 5 4

♠ A 10 9 8 7 6
♥ 10 8
♦ 4
♣ K 9 8 2

3 NT by West

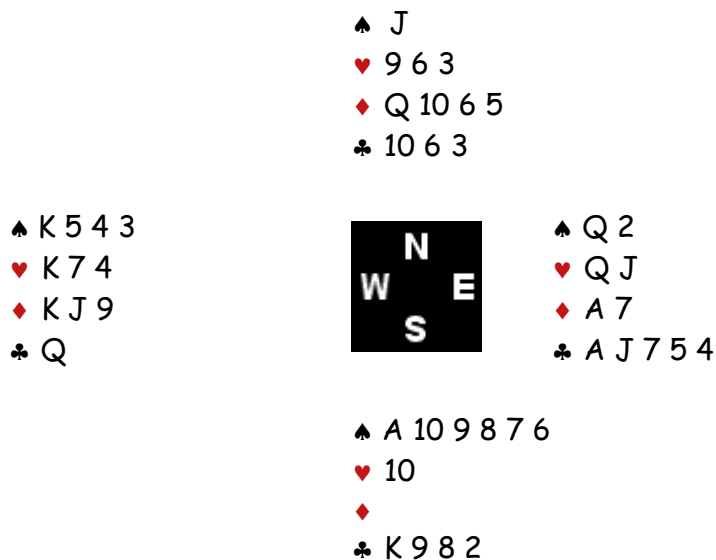
Remember, we're not looking for a Double-dummy answer, but sensible card-play, both from declarer and defence.

Let's first try a diamond lead. This one gives a trick away, but declarer is not home yet. A heart to the Queen seems right now. When it holds we play a club back - nothing else looks attractive. It's quite unnatural to play the King in South's seat (declarer may easily hold Qx or 10x) so let's play low. Declarer now plays another heart to the Jack. If North takes the Ace declarer has 9 tricks - 1 spade, 3 hearts, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs. If he plays low that still could be curtains for the defence. Declarer may now play Ace and another club. If North holds the trick he must lead the ♠J in this position



This goes to the Queen and Ace. Now if South cashes the ♣K declarers ninth trick will be dummy's ♣J, so he must lead another spade, forcing partner to let go a diamond. With virtually every card placed it's now easy for declarer to end-play North in one of the red suits waiting for his ninth trick in the other one. If North unblocks the ♣10, West must keep an extra spade. Now South is on play and has no answer - a spade will ride to the Queen and a club will promote East's Jack. Looks like one for the declarer.

So now let's say that North goes in with the ♥A at the second trick. This is the position:



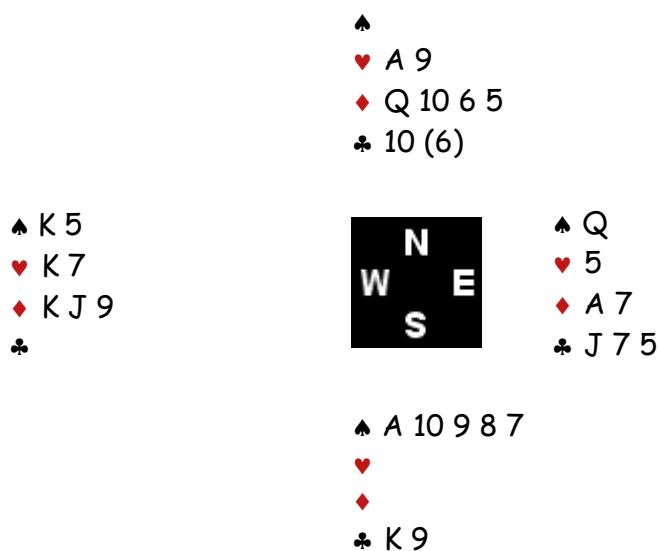
When the ♠J is led declarer will fall from grace if he covers with the Queen, for South will then clear the spades and West won't be able to set up his second club trick - South will jump in with the King and put the contract 3 down! So declarer will have to duck in both hands, and, as cards lye, is in control again. Without looking at the cards tough, and if there's no information from the bidding, this seems against the odds. It's

much more natural to play for the ♣K with North than to play for a singleton ♠J with North and the ♣K with South.

Since I don't think it's that easy to play the ♥A at trick two either, I'll call this round a draw.

What if South manages to get his spades in on the bidding? Now the ♠J lead is normal. Let's see what happens.

It's quite natural that the ♠J holds - declarer may well expect it to be singleton. Notice the peeps now. South's lower spade is the 6. If West plays the ♠5 to the first trick this may well interfere with the signalling. It's possible then that North will play a diamond. This will lead us to a position quite similar to the above one, but with one spade trick gone:



See what happens when a club is led from dummy. It doesn't matter if North unblocked or not for West has no useful discard. If North takes the trick West may discard a Spade and again end-play North in one of the red suits, but then he will have only two club tricks to go with the six red winners, finishing one short. Even with a diamond return declarer goes down - a clear cut round for the defence then.

You can try a club or heart lead too. These will make it easier setting up dummy's club suit, but won't give away the diamond trick. Still it looks to me that declarer is bound to have the upper hand. He should be able to either end play North twice (once in clubs and once in one of the red suits) or South once depending on the unblocking or not of the ♣10. I'll leave it up to you to figure that out.

So what's the right answer to our title's question? Well, it really depends on the bidding - it so often does...

Program 2008

Monday (03/11/2008)	18.00	Welcome Cocktail
	21.30	Warm-up Pairs
Tuesday (04/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	15.00	Welcome Desk Opens
	15.30	Pairs Tournament Entries - Confirmations
	16.15	Closing time for Pairs Tournament Entries
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 1st Session
Wednesday (05/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
Thursday (06/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
	21.00	Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
Friday (07/11/2008)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (08/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (09/11/2008)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) See next page for extra trips

(**) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package

The Half-day Tour can be one of the following:

- Boat Trip along the South coast of Madeira
- Tour around Funchal visiting S. Francisco Wine Lodges, the Cathedral, the Market, an Embroidery Factory and the Botanical Garden.

The Top Atlântico Desk will be at the Hotel lobby.

It will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

If you have booked through this agency you should do your payments there.

Did you know that O'Briens Pub is part of the CS Madeira?

It opens at 6 pm and closes at 1 am (3 am on Friday and Saturday).

You can have a drink or a light meal there.

Extra Trips

These trips are not included in the package - please contact Top Atlantico if you want to purchase any of them.

4th November 08 - Tuesday

1 – Nau Santa Maria Boat Trip – 3 hour trip(10h30 to 13h00)



Sailing along the coast of Madeira in the Santa Maria will take you back to the 15th century. Passing by the Funchal Bay, Cabo Girão, if weather permits a stop will be made for swimming
Includes transport

Price per person: € 34,50

5th November 08 - Wednesday

2 – Jeep Safari – 3 hour trip – minimum 8 persons



Pick up from the hotel by jeep. Passing by Campanário, lugar da Serra, Trompica, Câmara de Lobos, Cabo Girão return Funchal. Some where along the way a poncha(typical strong drink) will be served

Price per person: € 40,00

6th November 08 - Thursday

3 – Walking tour - Vale Paraíso/Camacha (Levada) – 3 ½ hour trip- minimum 20 persons



This tour takes about one hour and a half walking, along a Levada (water channel), through the forest of Madeira. At every step you can see magnificent landscapes, the indigenous plants and exotic birds. The tour will then continue to Camacha, the centre of the wickerwork industry. This is an easy walking tour

Price per person: € 20,00

4 – PACKAGE (Tour nº1, 2 and 3)

Price per person: 89,00

UNTIL 01ST OCTOBER 08

5 – Golf at the Palheiro Golf



Set in the terrain of a 200 year old country estate, each hole has its own individual character, offering stunning views to the mountains and the atlantic ocean.

To complete the 18 holes it takes normally about 4 hours.

Price per Green fee: € 90,00

Transport (round trip) per person: € 14,00

Note: the type of transport used for these trips depends always on the number of persons per excursion. Can be a minibus or coach or others if mentioned. Also excursions can be cancelled depending on the number of persons.



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