



23<sup>rd</sup> Madeira International Bridge Open

2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Bulletin 5

## The Swiss Teams Warm Up

After two rounds of day 1 of the Swiss Teams there are still six undefeated teams. Heading the pack with an impressive 38.68 VPs is the local Team Nuno Matos. They are closely followed by the multinational team of GBRD with 35.37 VPs and awash with World Champions. Don Julio takes the third spot with 35.22 VPs. The other three undefeated teams are Plan B Bridge, Autobahn and GinTonic. Tomorrow will be a long day of four matches starting at 11.00 a.m.



### Dear Friends

First I want to thank you all for coming to Madeira to support us in these difficult times. We know that for some of you it was not an easy journey, and we hope that the tournament has been sufficient reward for the effort.

As you know, new Covid-19 regulations came into force at midnight on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, one of the casualties is Sunday's Closing Dinner, which is not permitted under the regulations. We are more sorry than we can say that we cannot celebrate with you at the end of our tournament and thank you in person for your presence.

In place of the dinner and prize-giving ceremony, prizes will be presented at the end of the Teams tournament in the Congress Centre. Please wait for a few minutes for the results to be finalised, and then we will give the prizes to all the winners.

We expect Saturday lunch to be provided as usual.

My good wishes to you all

Miguel Teixeira

In light of the new regulations (see page 3) it is of paramount importance that you wear your masks when required. In particular, around the Congress Centre this means that masks must be worn at ALL times except when seated at the table. So please when outside the centre keep your mask on at all times. If not you will jeopardise the event.



The schedule for the Open Teams has been changed. It will now consist of eight rounds of twelve boards.

Friday	8.30 p.m.	2 rounds
Saturday	11.00 a.m.	1 round
	2.30 p.m.	3 rounds
Sunday	3.00 p.m.	2 rounds





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MAIN PROGRAMME 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Location - Congress Room

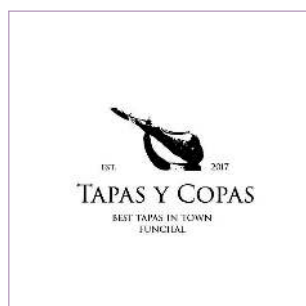
SATURDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00	Open Teams Tournament (2nd Session)
	13:15	Lunch Break (light lunch included)
	14:30	Open Teams Tournament (3rd Session)
SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> November	15:00	Open Teams Tournament (4th Session)
	19:00	Final Results

NOTE: Please arrive 30 minutes before the start to guarantee your place

The **Welcome Desk** in the lobby of VidaMar Tower 2 will be open at the following times:

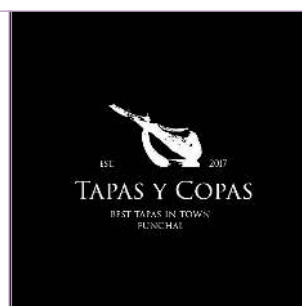
If you need help or information outside these times, please ask at the hotel's Reception Desk or speak to one of the Directors.

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	13:00 – 16:00
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	14:30 – 16:00



The TAPAS Y COPAS restaurant (on the opposite side of the road to the hotel) is giving a 10% discount to all participants in the Madeira bridge Festival, To claim this just show your badge before you order.

And as a second generous guessture they are offering the winners of the Open Pairs a €50 voucher.



José Curado explains how to verify the deals using Hans van Staveren's procedure.

In short, if someone wants to check that there is no hanky-panky going on with the procedure they should:

1. Download the “present key” before 19:30 on Friday evening 30th October 2020
2. Check the winning Euromillions numbers for Friday 30th October 2020 (the “future key”).
3. Download the “past key” which will be published after the event (in Bulletin 7 and here)
4. Run the program (download from <http://www.xs4all.nl/~sater/SquareDeal.zip>) using the 3-part key according to the instructions: the “present” and “past” files and the 5 numbers and 2 stars from the lottery results, comma separated (the program will prompt you).
5. Compare the hands generated this way with the hands actually played.

This is fully explained on the website at:

<https://www.bridge-madeira.com/hand-generator-security-keys/>



## New Safety Regulations

Miguel Albuquerque (Regional President) has introduced new COVID directives starting from midnight Friday 6th November.

- Restaurants will be closed at 23h00. Each table to have a maximum of 5 people unless they are all from the same household. Bars to be closed at midnight and PSP, GNR and ARAE\* will reinforce these directives. In restaurants, bars etc., customers will not be allowed to remain inside after closing
- Nightclubs in Madeira will be closed for 1 month
- Gatherings of more than 5 people on public street are forbidden except if the people are all from the same household
- Ban of consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places†
- Gymnasiums will be required to reduce their capacity to 50% and measure the temperature of all users. All competitions for non-professional sports are suspended for 30 days‡
- Churches in Madeira are now limited to one third of maximum capacity
- Children older than 6 years are obliged to wear masks
- Public Transport: Capacity is reduced to 2/3 of maximum capacity
- Hairdressers and Tattoo Studios: Capacity is reduced to 50% of maximum. Prior appointment is mandatory
- Casino: Capacity is reduced to 50% of maximum
- Marine tourism: Boat capacity is reduced to 50% of maximum. Prior appointment is mandatory.

\* Polícia de Segurança Pública, Guarda Nacional Republicana, Autoridade Regional das Atividades Económicas

† This means in the street and in parks and on beaches, rather than in bars

‡ We do not expect this to affect the tournament, except as separately indicated

A link to the full regulations is: [www.bridge-madeira.com/covid-19-update/](http://www.bridge-madeira.com/covid-19-update/)

## Can You Help?

The archive of the Madeira Bridge Association was destroyed in 2007 in a fire at the historic Club Sports da Madeira. As a result, we no longer have results and bulletins from the Madeira International from 1998 to 2004 (and access to the 2005 bulletins only courtesy of bridgedailybulletins.nl).

If any collector happens to have any of this material, and is willing either to copy it or to lend it to us, we should be eternally grateful. Or if anyone has saved .pdf versions on a computer, please email them to us at [open@bridge-madeira.com](mailto:open@bridge-madeira.com).





## A Nice Little Defence

Ceri Pierce

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K 1093	
	♥ J93	
	♦ 72	
	♣ 5432	
♠ A72		♠ J654
♥ A85		♥ K42
♦ 108543		♦ J6
♣ 109		♣ AK86
	♠ Q8	
	♥ Q1076	
	♦ AKQ9	
	♣ QJ7	

Declarer (South) had five tricks in the bag and needed two more – one of which was the ♦Q and was on lead. The end position was thus:

	♠ K 1093	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	
♠ A2		♠ J65
♥ —		♥ —
♦ 108		♦ —
♣ —		♣ 8
	♠ Q8	
	♥ —	
	♦ Q9	
	♣ —	

In the first match of the Teams board 5 was an innocent looking board.

At both tables East opened 1♣ and South over-called 1NT.

Nystrom sitting West found a double against 1NT with his 8 count and magnificent 5 card diamond suit, whilst it was quietly passed out in the other room.

1NT should make, but Nystrom and Wrang had the wind behind them at this stage of the match and as is often the case could do no wrong. They found a neat little defence to take the contract one off, taking advantage of declarer's momentary lapse of concentration.

Now South decided to lead ♠Q from his hand, no doubt hoping to drive out the ace, or if it is ducked, and the ♠Q holds, then simply cash the ♦Q. However, West was in like Flynn with his ♠A and exited a spade, sticking declarer in dummy where all he could do was cash a spade and exit a spade, whereupon East was in like Flynn to cash the winning club and defeat the contract. 7 IMPs to East/West.

# -20%

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## EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

*Laura Woodruff*

On Wednesday I was feeling slightly under the weather (that's slightly unwell, for those who are not familiar with English metaphors, though the actual weather this week has not encouraged levada walks or siestas on the balcony). I was assured that the Bulletin Office could manage without my help, so I took a day off, intending to sit around doing nothing, have a bath, commune with the cat, and catch up on some reading.

I'd reckoned without the American election. So gripped was I by the knife-edge polling in Michigan that I even created a spreadsheet so that I could see at a glance what the current margin was and how many votes remained in play. My three sisters and I exchanged obsessive messages on WhatsApp about the demographics of the uncounted counties, and the one who had actually voted in Nevada began to wonder whether her single vote might mean the difference between four more years of the Orange One and a sensible, albeit uninspiring, President. In the meantime, the website had to be updated with the Open Pairs scores, and something posted on Facebook for our army of adoring fans.

Wisconsin duly flipped to Biden, and Michigan followed suit. The Bulletin arrived by email and was uploaded to the website, though in the heat of the moment I forgot to add the menu link. At this point I thought it might be safe to go to bed, but then all of a sudden people started talking about Pennsylvania and Georgia. GEORGIA? Two more lines were added to the spreadsheet. I looked up the voting patterns of Fulton (Biden 72%) and DeKalb (Biden 83%) counties. 80 photographs of the second session of the Open Pairs arrived from Marco, our lovely photographer. I made a cup of tea and some cheese on toast, and uploaded the photos to the website, cursing as usual the horrible media manager plugin, which really doesn't work.

At some point the polling clerks in the United States stopped work for the night, so I did go to bed.

On Thursday morning Ceri from the Bulletin Office messaged me to remind me about the menu link to Bulletin 3, so it was back to the computer. Now someone was making noises about Biden's margin narrowing in Arizona, without which he needed one of the other undeclared states (as well as Nevada). I was a bit worried about Nevada until I realised they were all still in bed there, and the totals hadn't changed since last night. Two more lines were added to the spreadsheet. Another 60 photographs arrived from Marco, this time of the espetada and knees-up at O Lagar. Further wrestling with the media manager plugin followed. Georgia and Pennsylvania woke up and began counting again, so it was back to the spreadsheet. The cat asked for his lunch. The Regional President announced some new Covid-19 regulations; a hunt for the official wording ensued, and then a spot of translating. The website homepage had to be updated again, and the Facebook page. A .pdf needed to be created showing the new regulations in both languages. Trump's lead in Georgia fell to just over 13,000 and Biden's in Nevada grew to just over 11,000. Pennsylvania went to lunch.

Ron sent me the front page of Bulletin 4 to check the wording of the short version of the regulations (the one without the children's playgrounds). Trump's lead in Georgia fell to 12,000. North Carolina stopped counting until next week (perhaps they were nervous about the "Stop the count" demonstrations outside, given the Tarheel State's record of gun violence). I started writing this article to fill in the time between refreshes on the Guardian's website. The cat asked for his tea. Ron sent me a second version of Bulletin 4 for checking. Microsoft Word began to crash every second sentence in protest.

If I ever manage to finish this, Trump's lead in Pennsylvania is down to 108,000 with 800,000+ votes still to be counted. I'm going for my dinner.



## The Old Alliance

Mark Horton

When BBO flashed up for round 1 it was no surprise to find the names Teixeira and Luis among the two featured matches as Team Matos took on Clube N.S. Vicente.

I had spent the previous two hours watching a very one-sided final in the latest OCBL event, so I was hoping for something more exciting as play got under way.

### Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 7 6 5 ♥ A 9 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A 9 8 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ A Q 6 4 3 2 ♣ K Q 7 5	♠ K J 9 ♥ J 10 8 6 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 10 4
		♠ A 8 3 2 ♥ Q 7 5 3 ♦ K J 8 ♣ 6 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Morgado</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernand</i>	<i>Luis</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	Double*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

East led the ♥J and West took the ace, declarer quickly collecting 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Machado</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Macedo</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
2♠*	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

East led the ♠K and declarer took dummy's ace, cashed the king and jack of diamonds and only then played a club to the queen. When it held he tried a heart to the queen, but West won with the ace and played the ♠Q. Declarer ruffed cashed the ♥K and crossed to dummy with a diamond

to play a club, but he could not avoid the loss of two clubs and was one down.

The simple line is to play a club at trick two, then return to dummy with a diamond and play a second club.

Even having drawn two rounds of trumps declarer could have got home, playing West for ♥Ax, but that's hardly obvious.

It was a missed opportunity costing 6 IMPs.

### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 4 ♥ A K ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 ♣ A 10 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ 8 7 6 ♥ 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ 5 4 2	♠ 10 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ A J 9 3 2 ♣ J 9 7 3
		♠ A K 9 5 3 2 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ K ♣ K Q 8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Morgado</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernand</i>	<i>Luis</i>
-	-	-	1♠
1NT	All Pass		

With a decent five-card suit East should have made some move towards game. North led a spade and South won with the king and returned the two, declarer winning, unblocking the hearts and playing a diamond to the ace which gave him ten tricks, +180.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Machado</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Macedo</i>
-	-	-	1♠
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Here South ducked the lead of the ♠8 and having won with dummy's ten declarer came to hand with a heart and played the ♦Q, going up with dummy's ace for +630 and 10 IMPs.

On Board 4 E/W held ♠AQ7 ♥K76 ♦KQJ43 ♣Q8




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opposite ♠J1053 ♥AQJ952 ♦8 ♣32 and in the Open Room they climbed to the dizzy heights of 6♥, mercifully undoubled. South held the ♣AK and the ♦A, North the ♠K so even the game reached in the other room was impossible, still another 5 IMPs away.

On Board 6 N/S had ♠Q8 ♥AJ986 ♦9542 ♣K6 facing ♠AK7 ♥54 ♦AKJ86 ♣1093. The ♣A was onside so when the suit was led declarer won with dummy's king and played diamonds finding the doubleton queen onside for nine tricks in 3NT. They stopped in 2♦ in the Closed Room so Team Matos increased their lead to 29-1.

### Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J10532 ♥ 4 ♦ 52 ♣ 108765		♠ K76 ♥ Q7652 ♦ K87 ♣ J4	♠ AQ ♥ K10983 ♦ 43 ♣ A932  ♠ 984 ♥ AJ ♦ AQJ1096 ♣ A932
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#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Morgado</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernand</i>	<i>Luis</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	


South's rebid meant West's opening lead of the ♠3 was awkward. Dummy's queen lost to the king and back came the six to dummy's ace, West following with the two. A diamond to the queen held and I was expecting declarer to unblock the clubs en route to 12 tricks. However, he took two rounds of hearts ending in dummy, then repeated the diamond finesse and cashed four more tricks in the suit, squeezing West in the black suits for +1440.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Machado</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Macedo</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥6 and declarer took 12 tricks,+690 and another 13 IMPs went away.

### Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q7 ♥ A86 ♦ 109532 ♣ AJ7		♠ — ♥ KJ1043 ♦ AQJ876 ♣ Q4  ♠ 6532 ♥ 752 ♦ 4 ♣ K6532  ♠ AKJ10984 ♥ Q9 ♦ K ♣ 1098	
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#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Morgado</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernand</i>	<i>Luis</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
3♣	Fourth-suit forcing		

West led the ♣7 and the defenders cashed the first four tricks, -100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Machado</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Macedo</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3NT is unbeatable, but it was asking a lot for South to pass.

West led the ♦2 and declarer put up dummy's ace and tried to cash the queen. East ruffed with the ♠6 and declarer overruffed, cashed three rounds of trumps and tried the ♥9. When West withheld the ace declarer could win with dummy's king and score a trick with the ♦J, +620 and 12 consolation IMPs.



## The Mystic's Marks

Ron Tacchi & Mark Horton

For the final session of the Open Pairs Mark gave us predictions on Boards 9,10,13 and 23. How did he fare?

### Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 42		♠ 9
♥ 763		♥ Q852
♦ J86532		♦ KQ7
♣ K3		♣ 87542
		♠ AKQ873
		♥ AKJ109
		♦ 9
		♣ 9

All but four pairs bid the grand slam. One pair tried for the matchpoint bonus by bidding 7NT, somehow or other they failed, a little bit surprising when you notice that the king of clubs is onside and doubleton, also the queen of hearts is nicely placed so you cannot take a wrong decision in the heart suit. If the East/West cards had been distributed slightly differently, say West was dealt the KQJ of diamonds and his ♣K was twice guarded there would be an automatic squeeze against him. But back in reality Mark's suggestion that the major part of the field would bid the grand was accurate.

### Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

		♠ AQ9642
		♥ J3
		♦ 109
		♣ KJ7
♠ 107		♠ K5
♥ AQ986		♥ K752
♦ K42		♦ AJ5
♣ A32		♣ Q1094
		♠ J83
		♥ 104
		♦ Q8763
		♣ 865

Mark postulated that as a result of playing matchpoints most pairs would eschew the certain ten

trick line in 4♥ and play for the important overtrick by directly attacking the club suit and thus over 50% would make eleven tricks. Apart from a gloriously futile 4♠ sacrifice, worthy of the Light Brigade, which cost 1100. Every other table was in 4♥. Aside from two pairs finding the other certain trick line of one down, only five pairs failed to make an overtrick. Yet again a good score for Mark.

### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

		♠ J87642
		♥ 10
		♦ QJ6
		♣ Q109
♠ A1093		♠ K
♥ AQ842		♥ KJ7
♦ 7		♦ AK109532
♣ J62		♣ A7
		♠ Q5
		♥ 9653
		♦ 84
		♣ K8543

Mark's prediction was that less than 10% would reach the heart grand slam. Four pairs bid the wrong grand (diamonds or NT). Eleven stopped in game and another bid 6♦. That leaves eight pairs - what did they do? To my surprise, and perhaps that of Mark's also, seven of them played at the seven-level.

More than Mark's original observation but I believe that this one is in his favour.

### Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

		♠ A96
		♥ 85
		♦ 10987
		♣ A932
♠ KQJ543		♠ 7
♥ QJ96		♥ K1032
♦ 43		♦ AKJ5
♣ J		♣ 10876
		♠ 1082
		♥ A74
		♦ Q62
		♣ KQ54





The prophecy on this hand was that 10% would actually bid game. Three tables handily subscribed to this belief by placing four green cards on the table, and all but six of the rest languished in a part-score, so exactly ten percent played in 4♥. Another triumph for Mark.

## Open Pairs - Roll of Honour

Guido Hopfenheit and Sebastian Reim held on to their second session lead to win the 2020 Open Pairs. Congratulations to our German visitors on a fine victory.

Runners-up, with an astonishing final session score of 70.38% and a climb of 19 places, were Mark Thiele and Renée Verdegaaal of the Netherlands. In third place were our own Carlos Luiz and his long-time partner Nuno Paz, of the Azores.

Swedish visitors Fredrik Nystrom and Sanna Clementsson take 4th prize, and Portuguese mainlanders Paulo Sarmiento and João Barbosa 5th.

Leading the local pack were Bruno Macedo and Luís Miguel Silva, who also win the consistency prize for remaining in 6th place throughout. The top Mixed pair outside the ranking prizes was Shahzaad Natt and India Leeming – of England but living in Lisbon – in 9th place. The leading Women’s pair was Marie Eggeling (Germany) and Ceri Pierce (Wales).

To collect prizes please come to the Administration Office (Selvagens 5 - Tower 2) on Saturday 10:00 - 11:30 or 13:30 - 15:30 and Sunday 19:30 - 20:30



**Sanna Clementsson and Fredrik Nystrom**



**João Barbosa and Paulo Sarmiento**



**Shahzaad Natt and India Leeming**



**Bruno Macedo and Luís Miguel Silva**



**Ceri Pierce and Marie Eggeling**



## NEW FOR 2020 VIRTUAL MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN

Online sessions are available to all on BBO – unless you're in Madeira, of course, in which case we're expecting to see you at the table.



### ONLINE OPEN PAIRS (BBO \$8 per session)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 17:00

Three sessions of Matchpoint Pairs on BBO. Players may enter any or all of the three sessions. The online tournament qualifier will take place over two sessions. The third session will be a final for the top of the field, for those who have played in both of the qualifying sessions, plus an open final.

### ONLINE OPEN SWISS TEAMS (BBO \$5 per session)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

For each day the start time will be approximately one hour after the live session commences.

**You may register as a pair and be assigned team mates by the system, or register as a foursome if you are familiar with how to do this on BBO. Instructions will be available later in the week for how to join as a team, rather than as a pair.**

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*To register for all events on BBO, go to COMPETITIVE – ALL TOURNAMENTS and search for host iBEX\_12 (Madeira Festival), then click to invite your partner, who must also be online on BBO.*

**Registration will be open two hours prior to the start of play each day.**



## Open Pairs Session 3

Ceri Pierce

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 3 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ 9 7</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ J 7 6 ♥ K 4 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ 10 8 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ A 9 7 5 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A Q J 5</p>
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Once again board 1, an innocent enough looking board, presented some difficulties – what do you do with the West hand after a 1♦ opening?

Several solutions are available – you can just about manage 1NT, you can overcall a Spade or you can double. As it turns out the winning action is to overcall a Spade. The trend nowadays is to overcall with quite a strong hand and follow up with a double in these situations.

If you should decide to double, partner has a problem and will polish their seat for a while before bidding 2NT if you are not playing Lebensohl, or 2NT (to play in 3♣) if you are playing Lebensohl. In either case you will go three off, whereas 2♠ makes, sometimes with an over-trick.

So – the moral of the story is – if you have a five-card major, then bid it.

I personally like Lebensohl and use it in many situations. However I have recently discovered transfer Lebensohl which I have employed when opps have interfered over 1NT or a 1NT overcall. For the un-initiated this is how it works:

As with standard Lebensohl, if we respond with a suit on the 2-level it is natural and non-forcing.

In standard Lebensohl, a new suit at the three level is a forcing 5+ card suit, or staymanic if a cue. Using transfer Lebensohl, if we bid a suit on the 3-level, starting with 3♣, it is a transfer to the next suit\* up, showing the suit (5+) transferred to with invitational or better values. (With less than an invitation, we either sign-off on the 2-level, or bid 2NT to relay to 3♣ to sign-off – the old-fashioned Lebensohl way).

Now, when we show invitational or better, opener

can sign-off (just bid the suit transferred to), or he can accept the game try (by doing many things, including 3NT if he wishes). If opener “signs off” and you have the “or better,” of course you just bid again. Some examples:

1NT (2♥) 3♣ = Diamonds, invitational or better (to sign off in diamonds, responder would have bid 2NT to relay to 3♣, then bid 3♦) 1NT (2♠) 3♦ = Hearts, invitational or better. (If opener bids 3♥, he rejects your invitation, but you bid again with a game forcing hand.)

Now, what about the \*next suit up? When transferring to your suit at the 3-level, you have to take the opponents suit into account. For example, if 2♥ showed hearts and a minor, it wouldn't make much sense for you to transfer via 3♦ into hearts. Accordingly, this is what we do: Transferring into “their suit” (such as 3♦ into their hearts) shows does not show their suit, but the next higher suit – i.e., spades. So, transferring “into their suit,” is like transferring “through” their suit. What if you actually bid their suit? (Example, they bid 2♦ to show ♦ and whatever, and you bid 3♦). Cue-bidding their suit means the same as it means with regular Lebensohl, typically staymanic, no stopper (if you want to make a staymanic bid with a stopper, you go through the 2NT relay, then cue-bid 3♦).

Maybe some examples will help:

After 1NT (2♠ = ♠ and whatever, or just ♠):

2NT = Relay to 3♣ (either to play in 3♣, or as a prelude to sign-off in 3♦ or 3♥, or to follow with 3♠ to show Stayman and a ♠ stopper, or to follow with 3NT to just show a ♠ stopper-no Stayman)

3♣ = ♦ Invitational or better. Opener rejects by bidding 3♦, but responder bids on naturally with a GF. Opener accepts the invitation by bidding above 3♦.

3♦ = ♥ Invitational or better. (Opener rejects by bidding 3♥, but responder bids on naturally with a GF. Opener accepts by bidding above 3♥.)

3♥ = ♣ Invitational or better – remember transfer to “their” suit is “through” their suit to the next highest suit, ♣ in this case.

3♠ = Cue-bid showing Stayman, no ♠ stopper.

3NT = To play, no 4-card heart suit, no ♠ stopper (slow shows).



# Team Standings After Two Rounds

	VPs	TeamName
1	38.68	Team Nuno Matos
2	35.37	GBRD
3	35.22	Don Julio
4	34.31	Plan B Bridge
5	31.02	Autobahn
6	25.53	GinTonic
7	23.91	Zarco
8	22.34	Lucia
9	21.09	Baleal
10	20.33	Sushi
11	20.1	DARFF

12	18.59	Caveiras
13	15.94	Double Jungle
14	14.7	NO TRUMP!
15	13.09	5 Selvagens
15	13.09	Bonnie
17	12.6	NEDPOR
18	12.46	Silpersnanev
19	12.36	Kiko
20	11.21	Wie Koe
21	10.76	CN S Vicente
22	9.74	Machilenka
23	5.56	4 No-Trump

Round 1 Results		IMPs	VPs
DARFF	Silpersnanev	63-16	19.54 0.46
Team Nuno Matos	CN S Vicente	57-13	19.24 0.76
GBRD	Lucia	33-14	15,37 4,63
Baleal	NO TRUMP!	25-41	5,30 14,70
Autobahn	GinTonic	35-31	11,38 8,62
4 No-Trump	Caveiras	15-41	3,27 16,73
5 Selvagens	Bonnie	28-28	10,00 10,00
Sushi	Double Jungle	45-16	17,24 2,76
Zarco	Wie Koe	31-36	7,00 7,00
Don Julio	Machilenka	41-13	17,08 2,92
Plan B Bridge	NEDPOR	38- 8	17,40 2,60
Kiko	Bye		12,00

Round 2 Results		IMPs	VPs
DARFF	Team Nuno Matos	14-60	0,56 19.44
Plan B Bridge	Sushi	32- 5	16,91 3.09
Caveiras	Don Julio	20-55	1,86 18.14
NO TRUMP!	GBRD	12-74	0,00 20.00
Kiko	Autobahn	18-66	0,36 19.64
GinTonic	5 Selvagens	41-14	16,91 3.09
Bonnie	Zarco	24-51	3,09 16.91
Wie Koe	Baleal	26-47	4,21 15.79
Lucia	4 No-Trump	48-16	17,71 2.29
Machilenka	Double Jungle	23-33	6,82 13.18
NEDPOR	CN S Vicente	20-20	10,00 10.00
Silpersnanev	--		12,00





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<b>Team</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Roster</b>
1	DARFF	Palma - Wrang - Nystrom - Wrang
2	Silpersnanev	Snapper - Neves - Silva - Pereira
3	Team Nuno Matos	Teixeira - Brenner - Luiz - Paz
4	CN S Vicente	Machado - Macedo - Morgado - Fernandes
5	GBRD	Brock - Myers - Auken - Welland - Pierce - Woodruff
6	Lucia	Grosmann - Begas - Stienen - Schippers
7	Baleal	Cruzeiro - Carvalho - Barbosa - Sarmento - Timóteo
8	NO TRUMP!	Kok - Huvers - Burmania - Linse
9	Autobahn	Jokisch - Kasimir - Reim - Hopfenheit
10	GinTonic	Poppe - de Koster - Thiele - Verdegaaal
11	4 No-Trump	van den Bos - van den Bos - van den Bos - Bouman
12	Caveiras	Ferreira - Teixeira - Pinto - Guedes - Sousa - Lima
13	5 Selvagens	Fanha - Calamaro - Cunha - Ramos - Moreno
14	Bonnie	Emanuelsson - Tjärnemo - Salari - Middelkoop
15	Sushi	Sandqvist - Shashou - Natt - Leeming
16	Double Jungle	Bartley - Bartley - Boldt - Grünke
17	Madeirenses da Madeira	Macedo - Macedo - Martins - Gonçalves
18	Wie Koe	Adelsberger - Adelsberger - Roderburg - Müller-Maubach
19	Don Julio	Sigurjonsson - Koistinen - Eiriksson - Magnusson
20	Machilenka	Arraiano - Moraes - Coutinho - Kavalenka
21	Plan B Bridge	Lahrman - Zeeberg - Teixeira - Fernandes
22	NEDPOR	Poppe - Vorselman - Peixoto - Machado
23	Alert+	Bausback - Pauly - Eggeling - Metselaar



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