

# 27TH CACBF & 1° INTERNATIONAL OPEN FESTIVAL

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## TOP QUALIFIERS OPEN PAIRS

Philippe Mathieu (I.) & Dominique Guerin (Guadeloupe)





## BRIDGE GOD IS TAKING OFF

BridgeGod.com is a brandnew website designed by Gonzalo Goded, member of the Spanish open team who is participating here in the Open Pairs and Transnational Teams. On his website gradually all kind of interesting hands will be published. You can play these hands yourself, like Gonzalo's 4♥ as published on page 3 of this bulletin.

Visit [www.bridgegod.com](http://www.bridgegod.com), look where it says 'click here' below the Panama heading and 2 clicks later you will be playing this board sitting North against a virtual Diego Brenner on your left.

Please note that the site is still on Beta and so far only works with Firefox, Google Chrome and iPad. Site creator Gonzalo would love to hear anything related with your experience trying Bridge God.

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## RIGHT SPOT PAYS OFF

After two sessions in the round robin of the Open Pairs Luis Rato and Gonzalo Goded from Spain were on lead. Board 5 was a good example from where the points came from.



N/NS  ♠ 9 8 2 ♥ 5 2 ♦ K J 9 7 5 3 ♣ 8 7	♠ 6 5 3 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ Q ♣ A J 10 9 3  <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W E S                 </div> ♠ A Q 10 4 ♥ A Q J ♦ 10 6 4 2 ♣ Q 2	♠ K J 7 ♥ 10 9 8 7 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 6 5 4	
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Goded</i>		<i>Rato</i>
	Pass	1♣	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

North might have passed 1♣ doubled and pick up eight or eleven hundred. In fact any plus score would be good for North-South as most of the times 3NT in their line would go down on a diamond lead. Red against green however Gonzalo Goded opted for the heart game.

Against 4♥ East led the trump ten. Declarer won the Ace and ran the ♣Q. East won and switched to his ♦A. Goded ruffed the second diamond, played a spade to the ten, cashed a trump and then continued to play clubs:

♠ 9 8 ♥ - ♦ K J ♣ -	♠ 6 5 ♥ K ♦ - ♣ J  <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W E S                 </div> ♠ A Q ♥ Q ♦ 10 ♣ -	♠ K J ♥ 10 9 ♦ - ♣ -	
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Declarer needed to make three tricks for his contract. No problem at all as you can see. It was even getting better for Goded when East forgot to ruff the ♣J, pitching a spade in stead. When declarer discarded the ♠Q and cashed the ♠A he claimed the last two tricks in the cross-ruff. Needless to say that eleven tricks was a top score for North-South.

## CACBF PANAMA 2013 PARTICIPANTS (revised)

1	BARBADOS OPEN Michael Gill Charles Hollingsworth Roglyn Hinds Yvonne Seale Harley Moseley Colin Depradine	8	MARTINIQUE OPEN Martine DE TESSIERES Félicien DAUX Nicolette DABRETEAU Denise DORN Solita DUPLAN MarieChantal RIMBAUD Louis SUIVANT
2	BERMUDA OPEN Sheena Rayner Magda Farag Judith Bussell Stephanie Kyme Margaret Way John Hoskins Jack Rhind NPC	9	PANAMA OPEN Angel VillaReal John Maduro Claudio Varela Roberto Bendaud JuanCarlos Vega Ricardo Hill
3	COSTA RICA OPEN John Mac Gregor Isabelle Chaplet Steve Allen Glynford Hatfield	10	TRINIDAD&TOBAGO OPEN Jackie Thompson Pat Howard Denise Josa Alana Xavier Deborah Fletcher Alvin FitzPatrick NPC Ralph Jaikaransing
4	FRENCH GUYANA OPEN Guy VIVENS Manuel CORNUAULT Marie VIVENS Jean-Philippe HUMBERT	1	GUADELOUPE LADIES Chantal Bistoquet Christiane Thirion jacqueline Cassin Solange Bringold Nathalie Leblondet Sophie Fabbriatore
5	GUADELOUPE OPEN Dimitri Lasserre René Aragones Philippe Mathieu Dominique Gerin Jean-Claude Pelletier Alain Kempczynski	2	JAMAICA LADIES Elizabeth Williams Carol Coore Felicity Moore Rose Marie Mahfood
6	GUATEMALA OPEN Allison Richard Sanche Daniel Spinola Andres Spinola Sergio	1	GUADELOUPE SENIORS Michele Aragones Annie Tracol Christine Baert Nicole Gire
7	JAMAICA OPEN Walter Brown Ahmad Mian Audley Astwood George Jones Valerie Marshall Rex James	2	PANAMA SENIORS Paul Kimmel Ramona Rhoades Flory Saltzman Alain Muggler Louise Hedrich

## THE WBF VICTORY POINT SCALES

As announced at the 2012 World Championships in Lille a Scoring Committee was set up by the WBF President in January 2012.

After careful analysis, the committee proposed - and the WBF Executive Committee accepted - the following:

1. The adoption of a 20-point victory point scale with the following features:
  - a. The scales are continuous and given to two decimal places
  - b. Subject to a cap, each IMP margin translates to a specific VP award
  - c. Each additional IMP in the winner's margin is worth no more than the previous one
  - d. Relative to the current WBF scales, the "blitz" margins in the new scale will be approximately equivalent to the 25-2 in the old scales. There is no reduction of VPs for the loser when the margin exceeds the blitz margin.
2. The new scales correct perceived weaknesses and anomalies in the old scales
3. It is recommended that the new scales be used in all future World Bridge Championship (including Youth tournaments) and are made available to all NBOs. NBOs are encouraged to adopt the new scales, although they are under no obligation to do so.
4. Also, the Committee will prepare new "discrete" scales (whole numbers) to be used by NBOs if they wish to during the transition from the old to the new VP scales.

The committee was chaired by Ernesto d'Orsi of Brazil and co-chaired by Max Bavin (UK). Other Committee members were Henry Bethe (USA) Bart Bramley (USA), Peter Buchen (Aus) and Maurizio Di Sacco (IT). Henry Bethe and Bart Bramley are the designers of the system.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !

**The new WBF Victory Point Scale will be used at the CACBF Zonal Championships as held here in Panama.**

**The complete scale is published on the next two pages.**



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !

**17.15 am Meeting for all CACBF NBO Presidents (continuation of last Friday's meeting)**

**Location: Ruby Room, downstairs from the playing area**

## THE *NEW* WBF VICTORY POINT SCALES

This scale will be used in WBF Championships and should be used for major team Tournaments

IMPS	No of Boards									
	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	20	32
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.50	10.47	10.44	10.41	10.39	10.36	10.33	10.31	10.28	10.22
2	10.99	10.92	10.86	10.81	10.77	10.71	10.66	10.61	10.55	10.44
3	11.46	11.35	11.27	11.20	11.14	11.05	10.97	10.91	10.82	10.65
4	11.90	11.77	11.67	11.58	11.50	11.38	11.28	11.20	11.08	10.86
5	12.33	12.18	12.05	11.94	11.85	11.70	11.58	11.48	11.34	11.07
6	12.75	12.57	12.42	12.29	12.18	12.01	11.87	11.76	11.59	11.27
7	13.15	12.94	12.77	12.63	12.51	12.31	12.16	12.03	11.83	11.47
8	13.53	13.31	13.12	12.96	12.83	12.61	12.44	12.29	12.07	11.67
9	13.90	13.65	13.45	13.28	13.14	12.90	12.71	12.55	12.30	11.86
10	14.25	13.99	13.78	13.59	13.43	13.18	12.97	12.80	12.53	12.05
11	14.59	14.32	14.09	13.89	13.72	13.45	13.23	13.04	12.76	12.24
12	14.92	14.63	14.39	14.18	14.00	13.71	13.48	13.28	12.98	12.42
13	15.24	14.93	14.68	14.46	14.28	13.97	13.72	13.52	13.20	12.60
14	15.54	15.22	14.96	14.74	14.54	14.22	13.96	13.75	13.41	12.78
15	15.83	15.50	15.23	15.00	14.80	14.46	14.19	13.97	13.61	12.95
16	16.11	15.78	15.50	15.26	15.05	14.70	14.42	14.18	13.81	13.12
17	16.38	16.04	15.75	15.50	15.29	14.93	14.64	14.39	14.01	13.29
18	16.64	16.29	16.00	15.74	15.52	15.15	14.85	14.60	14.20	13.46
19	16.89	16.53	16.23	15.97	15.75	15.37	15.06	14.80	14.39	13.62
20	17.12	16.77	16.46	16.20	15.97	15.58	15.26	15.00	14.58	13.78
21	17.35	16.99	16.68	16.42	16.18	15.79	15.46	15.19	14.76	13.94
22	17.58	17.21	16.90	16.63	16.39	15.99	15.66	15.38	14.94	14.09
23	17.79	17.42	17.11	16.83	16.59	16.18	15.85	15.56	15.11	14.24
24	17.99	17.62	17.31	17.03	16.78	16.37	16.03	15.74	15.28	14.39
25	18.19	17.82	17.50	17.22	16.97	16.55	16.21	15.92	15.45	14.54
26	18.38	18.01	17.69	17.41	17.16	16.73	16.38	16.09	15.61	14.68
27	18.56	18.19	17.87	17.59	17.34	16.91	16.55	16.26	15.77	14.82
28	18.73	18.36	18.04	17.76	17.51	17.08	16.72	16.42	15.93	14.96
29	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.93	17.68	17.24	16.88	16.58	16.08	15.10
30	19.06	18.69	18.37	18.09	17.84	17.40	17.04	16.73	16.23	15.24
31	19.22	18.85	18.53	18.25	18.00	17.56	17.19	16.88	16.38	15.37
32	19.37	19.00	18.68	18.40	18.15	17.71	17.34	17.03	16.52	15.50
33	19.51	19.15	18.83	18.55	18.30	17.86	17.49	17.17	16.66	15.63
34	19.65	19.29	18.97	18.69	18.44	18.00	17.63	17.31	16.80	15.76
35	19.78	19.43	19.11	18.83	18.58	18.14	17.77	17.45	16.93	15.88
36	19.91	19.56	19.24	18.97	18.71	18.28	17.91	17.59	17.06	16.00
37	20.00	19.68	19.37	19.10	18.84	18.41	18.04	17.72	17.19	16.12
38		19.80	19.50	19.22	18.97	18.54	18.17	17.85	17.32	16.24
39		19.92	19.62	19.34	19.10	18.66	18.29	17.97	17.44	16.35
40		20.00	19.74	19.46	19.22	18.78	18.41	18.09	17.56	16.46
41			19.85	19.58	19.33	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.68	16.57
42			19.95	19.69	19.44	19.02	18.65	18.33	17.79	16.68
43			20.00	19.80	19.55	19.13	18.76	18.44	17.90	16.79
44				19.90	19.66	19.24	18.87	18.55	18.01	16.90
45				20.00	19.76	19.34	18.98	18.66	18.12	17.01
46					19.86	19.44	19.08	18.77	18.23	17.11
47					19.96	19.54	19.18	18.87	18.33	17.21

IMPS	No of Boards									
	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	20	32
48					20.00	19.64	19.28	18.97	18.43	17.31
49						19.74	19.38	19.07	18.53	17.41
50						19.83	19.47	19.16	18.63	17.51
51						19.92	19.56	19.25	18.73	17.60
52						20.00	19.65	19.34	18.82	17.69
53							19.74	19.43	18.91	17.78
54							19.83	19.52	19.00	17.87
55							19.91	19.61	19.09	17.96
56							19.99	19.69	19.17	18.05
57							20.00	19.77	19.25	18.13
58								19.85	19.33	18.21
59								19.93	19.41	18.29
60								20.00	19.49	18.37
61									19.57	18.45
62									19.65	18.53
63									19.72	18.61
64									19.79	18.69
65									19.86	18.76
66									19.93	18.83
67									19.99	18.90
68									20.00	18.97
69										19.04
70										19.11
71										19.18
72										19.25
73										19.32
74										19.38
75										19.44
76										19.50
77										19.56
78										19.62
79										19.68
80										19.74
81										19.80
82										19.85
83										19.90
84										19.95
85										20.00



### WBF Discrete VP Scale

This scale is a simplified one that will not be used in WBF Events, and should rarely be used for anything other than local teams events

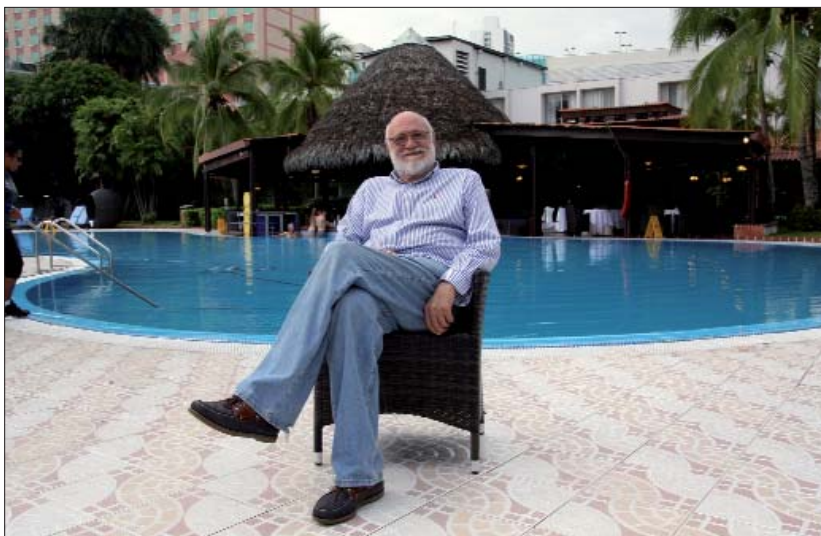
VPs	No of Boards									
	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	20	32
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11 - 9	1 - 2	1 - 2	1 - 3	1 - 3	1 - 3	2 - 4	2 - 4	2 - 4	2 - 5	3 - 7
12 - 8	3 - 4	3 - 5	4 - 6	4 - 6	4 - 6	5 - 7	5 - 8	5 - 8	6 - 9	8 - 12
13 - 7	5 - 7	6 - 8	7 - 9	7 - 9	7 - 9	8 - 11	9 - 12	9 - 12	10 - 14	13 - 18
14 - 6	8 - 10	9 - 11	10 - 12	10 - 12	10 - 13	12 - 15	13 - 16	13 - 17	15 - 19	19 - 24
15 - 5	11 - 13	12 - 14	13 - 16	13 - 16	14 - 17	16 - 19	17 - 21	18 - 22	20 - 25	25 - 32
16 - 4	14 - 17	15 - 18	17 - 20	17 - 21	18 - 22	20 - 24	22 - 26	23 - 28	26 - 31	33 - 40
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19 - 1	27 - 32	29 - 35	31 - 38	33 - 40	35 - 42	38 - 46	41 - 50	44 - 53	49 - 60	62 - 76
20 - 0	33 +	36 +	39 +	41 +	43 +	47 +	51 +	54 +	61 +	77 +

## WE ARE READY TO HELP ZONE 5

### 5 QUESTIONS TO GIANARRIGO RONA, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

#### *Gianarrigo, what brought you here in Panama and is this your first visit to the region?*

Sheena Raynor, President of Zone 5, invited me to the CACBF Zonal Championships here in Panama. I gratefully accepted her invitation because it gave me the opportunity to talk with all the CACBF boardmembers. Remember, it is my first visit to a CACBF event and to Panama anyhow. Mind you, I am not a beginner in Caribbean bridge. Four years ago I attended Frankie's Bridge Festival in Cuba and way back in the previous century - 1987 to be exact - I was npc of the Italian women who won the bronze medal in the Venice Cup at Ocho Rios, Jamaica.



#### *Are you satisfied the way bridge is developing in the region?*

Yes and no. There are quite a few enthusiastic people who are determined to promote our sport. Here in Panama, Angel VillaReal is a good example. Unfortunately the number of bridge players is far too low. The reason is that social life in the bridge clubs is dying. We have to find solutions to get in touch with potential newcomers. It would be great if bridge could be part of educational programs in the schools. Therefore we have to convince the governments that bridge has nothing to do with gambling, a well spread misunderstanding in the region.

#### *How can the WBF support Zone 5?*

In order to stimulate bridge it is all important that Zone 5 has a group of experienced teachers and tournament directors. I don't think it would be a good idea to invite those who are interested to become a bridge teacher or TD to our seminars in Europe. The reason is that to attend these seminars you need to have - to a certain extent - knowledge of bridge rules and bridge management. And these skills are lacking. However, we are happy and ready to send expert teachers and TD's - and pay their fees and flights - to Zone 5 to give basic courses. Out of these courses some talented pupils hopefully will be able to do work at Championships and top events, and of course follow our seminars.

#### *How is the relationship with Cuba?*

Cuba is a strange problem, a frozen situation so to speak. On the one hand the Cuban Bridge Federation did organize the CACBF Championships in 2011. On the other hand Cuba is still not an official member of the WBF. To be a member it is imperative for us to know that you are eligible to represent your country. There is work in progress but so far the Cuban authorities - the Ministry of Sport - have not given recognition to bridge. Consequently the WBF is not able to recognize the Cuban Bridge Fed.

#### *To change the subject, why the new VIP scale?*

After the Sao Paulo WC we were approached by a group of expert players guided by Michael Becker from the USA. We were requested to look into several items, one of those the VIP scale. The idea was to have 'every IMP count'. We appointed a committee which designed a new scale. Basically we changed the old scale (25-5) to a new scale (20-0). To have every IMP count it was necessary to make use of decimals. It is hard to say if this new way of scoring is really better. You could discuss the subject for a week so to speak. What we do know is that the new scale - the continuous scale - is mathematically correct. And of course the players have to get used to it. But they will be supported by sheets and computers in order to know their results fast. The bridge world is not completely new to the new scale. The ACBL uses a scale with quite a few similarities to the Continuous Scale for a long period of time.

## FINAL RESULTS QUALIFICATIONS OPEN PAIRS

1	2632.07	62.97%	Philippe Mathieu - Dominique Gerin	48	2043.24	48.88%	Ian McLennan - M. A. Mellado Fresard
2	2599.80	62.20%	Perla Sultan - Alejandro Bianchedi	49	2041.07	48.83%	Sonia Celis - Susana Celis
3	2538.69	60.73%	Doug Rotchell - Patricia Cummins	50	2032.15	48.62%	Sheena Rayner - Magda Farag
4	2511.77	60.09%	Rex James - George Jones	51	1994.25	47.71%	Pat Howard - Denise Josa
5	2498.59	59.77%	Ana Soto - Jaime Carrera	52	1975.36	47.26%	Ramona Rhoades - Paul Kimmel
6	2494.58	59.68%	Maximo Crusizio - Rodrigo Da Rosa	53	1964.76	47.00%	Gladys De Shields - Camila Ricaldoni
7	2485.88	59.47%	Joel Dattlof - Roger Mcnay	54	1921.08	45.96%	Pedro Rodriguez Cano - Dolores Julia
8	2484.31	59.43%	Marcela S. Rojas - Carlos Pellegrini	55	1916.51	45.85%	Ivonne Heller - Flor Villagomez
9	2479.83	59.33%	Peter Fredin - Gary Gottlieb	56	1913.40	45.78%	Roberto Bendaud - Claudio Varela
10	2453.25	58.69%	Luis Rato - Gonzalo Goded	57	1899.03	45.43%	Louis Hedrich - Flory Saltzman
11	2453.19	58.69%	David Brower - Linda Wainer	58	1897.30	45.39%	Ana Viviani - Claudine Abboud
12	2447.69	58.56%	Jim Mcvoy - Constance Mcvoy	59	1875.46	44.87%	Harley Moseley - Colin Depradine
13	2437.47	58.31%	Jessica Piafski - Felipe Ferro	60	1862.54	44.56%	Juan Carlos Vega - Ricardo Hill
14	2414.52	57.76%	Jean Humbert - Manuel Cornault	61	1860.75	44.52%	Lichi Rossi - Marta Abril
15	2411.63	57.69%	John MacGregor - Isabelle Chaplet	62	1832.11	43.83%	Leonardo Arguedas - Eduardo Pizza
16	2328.27	55.70%	Angel Villareal - John Maduro	63	1724.53	41.26%	Jorge Zuniga - Marianne Ruefenacht
17	2318.91	55.48%	Walter Brown - Valerie Marshall	64	1723.70	41.24%	Alana Xavier - Ralph Jaikaransing
18	2316.65	55.42%	Marie Ch. Rimbaud - Louis Suivant	65	1718.05	41.10%	Marjory Nimberg - Rich Nimberg
19	2303.39	55.11%	Glen Rose - Sharon Hammer	66	1695.39	40.56%	Claudia De Bodoya - Estela De Vivas
20	2300.45	55.03%	Jorge Aubone - Silvia Jorge	67	1672.92	40.02%	Nicolette Dabreteau - Denise Dorn
21	2295.68	54.92%	Felicity Moore - Rosie Mahfood	68	1667.07	39.88%	Guillermina Lammertyn - Leonor Fini
22	2271.08	54.33%	Charles Hollingsw. - Michael Gill	69	1622.59	38.82%	Gloria Mendoza - Beatriz Restrepo
23	2253.90	53.92%	Enrico Pagani - Mauricio Smith	70	1546.01	36.99%	Carmen Montana - Gladys Cirio
24	2252.53	53.89%	Christian Cheron - Aithana Aubert	71	1533.17	36.68%	Norma Morris - Eve Fernandez
25	2248.31	53.79%	Marie Vivens - Guy Vivens	72	1467.50	35.11%	Rosalba Pacheco - Viky Bustamante
26	2242.31	53.64%	Mart. De Tessieres - Felicien Daux	73	1221.91	29.23%	Analia Hierro - Ana Molina
27	2225.71	53.25%	Alberto Calvo - Carlos Vazquez				
28	2224.53	53.22%	Linda & Dennis Mac Garry				
29	2217.74	53.06%	Carol Coore - Elizabeth Williams				
30	2217.52	53.05%	Zia Mian - Audley Astwood				
31	2217.50	53.05%	Sergio Spinola - Daniel Sanche				
32	2201.78	52.67%	Michael Levine - Kay Enfield				
33	2201.42	52.67%	Margaret Way - John Hoskins				
34	2197.99	52.58%	Miguel Reygadas - Stefan Reich				
35	2187.63	52.34%	Roglyn Hinds - Yvonne Seale				
36	2174.35	52.02%	Oswaldo Rizzo - Graciela Angeloni				
37	2167.43	51.85%	Marvin Sossin - Norman Sklar				
38	2162.44	51.73%	Nina Benzaquen - Diego Brenner				
39	2146.94	51.36%	Cl. Lespinasse - Monica Pierangeli				
40	2138.65	51.16%	Judy Bussell - Stephanie Kyme				
41	2129.13	50.94%	M. Del Carmen Pineda - Jackie Thompson				
42	2108.91	50.45%	Alain Muggler - Marc Combet				
43	2100.01	50.24%	M. E. Fentealba-Poblet - C. Castro Aldana				
44	2085.26	49.89%	Karen Solie - Daniel Pellerin				
45	2078.97	49.74%	Axel Aberg Cobo - Eugenio Krom				
46	2074.78	49.64%	Ronnie Bauer - Daniel Rossi				
47	2054.03	49.14%	Ernestina Lucchetta - Silvia Harvey				

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First 34 pairs qualify for Finals A

Thirty pairs play Consolation

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## TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S PROGRAM

*Open Pairs Int. Festival, Salon Diamante*

### Today, Monday 20th

*Final A and Consolation*

10.00 am - 13.00 pm                      22 boards

*Final A*

14.00 am - 17.00 pm                      22 boards

### Tomorrow, Tuesday 21th

*Transfer to Playa Blanca*

09.30 am      Transportation CACBF players

10.30 am      Transnational team players



## REPORT NICE HANDS PLEASE



We kindly request all bridge players to report to us nice, interesting, exciting boards in order to have those published in the Bulletin.

Thanks so much,

Your Editor



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