



Bulletin I

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# WELCOME TO RHODES



## Old Friends Meet Again

The third edition of the Greek Islands International Festival finds us in a new island - after two years in Crete we now have the opportunity to enjoy the beauties of Rhodes. Still, given the huge success of the previous two events we are all certain that this year's event will also follow its predecessors.

Last night saw the first session of the Open Pairs, where 128 pairs compete in a friendly but also highly competitive event. Among the participants we can see champions from many countries, not to mention some of the biggest world stars. All these things make the event both interesting and unpredictable for the final result in the competitive part, although the first day was a clear mark that in the other (and perhaps more important) part we can be sure we will enjoy a highly pleasant and friendly event.

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### MONDAY'S PROGRAM

Bridge Lesson with Fantoni	15.00
Bridge Tournament	16.30
Friendly nights Pairs	21.30

## RESULTS

1	D' OVIDIO A	OURSEL A	67,82%	42	TSOUKATOU TH	KATRINIS M	54,09%
2	KRASIMIR V	MINKO A	67,17%	43	CHATZIBALIS M	LAGOURANIS F	53,65%
3	PAPACHATZIS N	PROKOPIOU I	66,34%	44	DECIARA R	DELLECAVE O	53,63%
4	FANTONI F	DELLECAVE G	65,53%	45	TSAVALOS A	TOULOUPAS I	53,22%
5	WATTAR W	ELCHEIKH M	64,02%	46	DOXIAKDIS K	KOUFAKIS E	53,13%
6	KLITSAS G	VAGIANOS G	63,67%	47	AVALLE D	CUZZI M	53,08%
7	SAPOUNAKIS A	VROUSTIS V	63,60%	48	SAKKAL C	MARTENS K	52,69%
8	PAPACHRISTOFOROU V	GIANNAS K	62,95%	49	PANOPOULOS K	DIAMANTIDIS N	52,56%
9	VIGMOSTA E	HARALD N	62,41%	50	MAVRIKOU E	NESTORA TH	52,22%
10	PEDICCIO V	JANOUSEK B	62,25%	51	KARAKATSANIS V	KARAKATSANIS H	52,22%
11	LUICER R	CIAMUFOS M	61,78%	52	FAWAZ S	AQUIN G	52,07%
12	DANELAKIS D	RAMOS E	61,72%	53	NUNES A	ISATAMA A	52,05%
13	CHAKER N	NAUFAL S	61,01%	54	THIZY A	CHAUGNY C	51,66%
14	ADELE H	NASR C	60,08%	55	IKONOMOPOULOS	CHRISTODOULOU S	51,54%
15	RITZMAN L	VENIER R	59,34%	56	FASOULAKIS A	KIRKEBYE L	51,12%
16	FRANCESCETTI P	KILANI A	59,19%	57	MAGRIPLIS E	KOFINAKOS P	50,56%
17	KARAMANLIS M	HANA M	59,09%	58	PAVLOUS S	SIDIROPOULOS S	50,45%
18	PANAGAKI M	MILITSOPOULOS I	58,83%	59	POURLIOTIS G	EFTICHIADIS D	50,18%
19	ARLOVICH A	VAINIKONIS E	58,81%	60	FASOULAKIS K	ERGAZAKIS N	50,16%
20	PAPAGEORGIU A	NIKA V	58,77%	-	MANTHOU E	KAMTSIOU T	50,16%
21	KATAN A	FARAHAT A	58,42%	62	CHANTRE M	ROSSETTI C	50,15%
22	RAHAL T	MAY M	58,39%	63	LERIAS E	PEZANAKIS N	50,09%
23	KANNAVOS P	KOUROS L	58,12%	64	LORDOS R	TILLYRIS F	49,99%
24	WEINGOLD J	ANTONIOU J	57,80%	65	LIVERA R	LIVERA M	49,88%
25	ZIA M.	EIDI M	57,27%	66	RICHETTI M	MONTAGUTI V	49,51%
26	MARIOTTI A	FRESIA A	56,85%	67	MANAF C	MAKAREM L	49,33%
27	KARAMANLI A	KARAMANLIS N	56,71%	68	VROUSTI T	SIMATIS A	49,33%
28	KAVALAKIS I	GIALLOUSIS M	56,17%	69	BIKA E	SOFIOS M	49,13%
29	MARANI F	DELLE V	56,02%	70	DOUKARELIS A	TRICHAKI R	49,10%
30	VAGIANOU M	VROUSTIS A	55,74%	71	SVIGOS A	LIGINOU IN	48,90%
31	CANNONE C	LORENZIN C	55,51%	72	RIOLO J	STARACE A	48,86%
32	IKONOMOPOULOS G	ZIPOVSKI D	55,42%	73	VELAITOU P	PAPIRAKI M	48,86%
33	PAPAKIRIAKOPOULOS G	MANOLAS I	55,20%	74	CHIDIAC P	BAROUDI N	48,84%
34	SYRAKOPOULOU CH	BOBOLAKIS S	55,01%	75	O'NEILL M	NATHANAIL D	48,79%
35	BARONI A	PRIMAVERA A	54,68%	76	PARVANOV A	STOILOV A	48,67%
36	ROMAGNOLI I	MEUS F	54,63%	77	VAINIKONIS V	OLANSKI W	48,58%
37	FAEDE B	TISSOT G	54,57%	78	MALAXOS S	POLITIS T	48,53%
38	DUVILLERET D	DESCOMBES D	54,55%	79	PANAGIOTIDOU D	KONSTANTINIDIS	48,48%
39	RONCONI R	TOMMASO L	54,36%	80	FAIZA E	EIDI G	48,38%
40	BESSIS A	BESSIS A.	54,35%	81	MAVRONIKOLAS I	KALOPETRIS S	47,90%
41	LEBATTEUX A	CHUISSIER N	54,18%	82	MARINAKIS A	ZERVOS I	47,77%

## RESULTS

83 LUPSAN O	LUPSAN C	47,75%
84 DARKADAKIS A	SIKIOTI CH	47,38%
85 GEORGIADIS G	IOANNOU T	47,34%
86 SPIRIDOU D	KETEN A	46,79%
87 VROUCHOS N	KELEPERAS K	46,77%
88 KOUROGENI A	LIOSIS G	46,76%
89 DELEH F	DELEH A	46,58%
90 PUILLET C	CARBONNEAUX J	46,44%
91 PAPASSAVAS TH	TSAGALIDIS D	45,97%
92 AGOURATSIOS T	VEINOGLOU E	45,92%
93 ZARA A	ELIAN A	44,69%
94 BONIS A	PAPAEANOUIL D	44,68%
95 PAPANDREOU M	PAVLINERIS G	44,54%
96 VARENNE I	TISSOT F	44,52%
97 FUENSANTA R	HEDY G	44,35%
98 MCBRIDE S	WARREN D	44,31%
99 RAMADANY	TRABOULSI S	43,59%
100 KACHAMI G	GHUBRIL F	43,24%
101 PAVLOGIANNIS N	CHARALABIDOU S	43,09%
102 AVDOULOS S	RITSONI I	42,84%
103 IOANNIDOU E	PERDI M	42,69%
104 RAULT C	FEARON U	42,68%
105 KARAGIANNI R	PAPANIKOLAOU T	42,60%

106 MICHALAKOU K	STAMATIOU N	42,44%
107 ROQUETTE S	BOYACI E	42,36%
108 TIRADELIS B	KLITSAS A	42,31%
109 ZANETAKIS N	NERATZI A	42,07%
110 GALANOPOULOU A	PAPADOPOULOS	41,88%
111 POPOROS A	ADAMAKIS I	41,75%
112 PAPADAKI D	PETRIDIS V	41,48%
113 PIRPIRIS D	AGAPITOU S	40,94%
114 PANOUTSAKOPOULOU	BOBOLAKI V	39,49%
115 PAPAIOANNOU M	PAPAIOANNOU I	39,35%
116 KASIMATI TH	SOFIANOU V	39,25%
117 RICCI I	MARTINI R	38,62%
118 KONTEATIS G	MICHAILIDOU A	38,39%
119 INDEFONSA I	BISIGNANO V	37,36%
120 KOTRONAROU A	KALIFRONAS M	36,50%
121 PALIGIANNIS F	XATZIOANOU E	35,99%
122 VROUCHOU R	GRIGORAS N	35,48%
123 LAROCCA A	STARACE A	35,40%
124 TZORTZAKAKI E	VOURDOGLOU G	34,39%
125 MCBRIDE C	AYET	34,13%
126 BINIS G	KLOUVAS I	33,82%
127 FILIPPOU K	FOKIALI E	33,59%
128 KATRINI D	CALLIGARI G	29,65%

### Fulvio's Welcome

Dear friends.

I am very happy to welcome you in the 3rd edition of the Greek Islands Bridge Festival, which in this year is hosted in the marvellous island of Rhodes.

We hope that this week will be for you not only an interesting bridge experience, thanks also to the presence of the many champions from all over the world, but also will give you the opportunity to relax and enjoy your vacations.

Our staff will be all the time available to assist you, so please don't hesitate to contact us for whatever need you may have.

With my warmest regards

Fulvio Fantoni

### Welcome to Greece

The Hellenic Bridge Federation welcomes all bridge players at the 3rd Bridge Festival organized this year in Rhodes Island.

It will be a great chance for fun and bridge during this week.

Enjoy your stay on this splendid island and try to succeed at the various bridge tournaments.

Presence of the well known world champion Fulvio Fantoni, as also the very experienced and efficient team of staff supervised by our great friend Michel Eidi, is a guaranty for success.

We must also not forget to thank once again our sponsor, Hasib Sabbagh, without whom this event would never have been a reality.

With very best regards,

John Koumenos, HBF President

# A Revealing Double

Theory recommends a takeout double at the first level with not necessarily so many high card points, if this is compensated by good distribution. Of course, as we all know, there are no rules without exceptions and here, on board 6 of the first day, we saw a case where the takeout double really allows declarer to play “with open cards”.

Board 6. Dealer East E-W Vul.

<p>♠ - ♥ J 9 7 5 4 ♦ 10 8 4 2 ♣ J 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 3 ♥ A K Q 8 3 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ Q 9</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ 10 ♦ - ♣ A 10 2</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ J 9 7 ♦ - ♣ J 5</p>			
<p>♠ A Q J 7 6 4 ♥ 10 6 ♦ A J ♣ A 10 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	<p>♠ K 8 5 2 ♥ - ♦ K 7 6 5 3 ♣ K 8 7 6</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ K Q 8 ♦ - ♣ Q 9</p>
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W     E						
S						
			<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ K ♣ K 8 7 6</p>			

After 1♥ by East and Dbl by South we can expect an interesting auction: First of all the final contract can be either ♠ by E-W (normal), or NT by E-W (in case West feels “inspired” and is afraid of finding bad breaks and spade length in South, as for example happened in the table of Zia), or even some ♦ contract by N-S (doubled of course). But let’s see first what could have happened if South had remained silent.

In one such table, Manolas-Papakyriakopoulos reached 6♠ by West, and Manolas received the highly unfriendly lead of a small diamond. Declarer put the 9 from dummy and South followed with a small diamond, denying declarer a diamond entry in dummy.

Seeing no clouds in the horizon, declarer tried to enter dummy with a heart - and here the whole bag of cards exploded. South ruffed and had a diamond to return, ensuring the defeat of the contract.



Of course, you can say the declarer should have cashed first the ♦ A - a correct technical play, stripping just in case his hand from diamonds. In that case South, after getting his heart ruff, would find himself endplayed: A club or diamond return give both a trick and an extra entry to dummy, while a spade return gives “only” a free finesse, but this happens to be exactly what declarer needs. He cashes all his spades and reaches the following end position.

Now North is forced to part with a club to retain his heart stopper, so East throws the now useless small heart and remains with Qx in ♣. Since South hasn’t returned a club he should have the ♣K (otherwise he could have beaten the contract with a club shift), so declarer’s only hope is to find North with the ♣J. After cashing the 2 hearts he accordingly plays the ♣Q from dummy and makes his 12 tricks.

The only way for declarer to go wrong (apart from missing the technical play of cashing the ♦ A) is to receive a ♣ shift by South and decide to play South for either Kx - (void) - Kxxxxx - xxxxx, or xxx - (void) - Kxxxx - xxxxx. In both of these cases he can make his spade slam only if he takes the ♣A, cashes the ♠A, and proceeds to squeeze North in clubs and hearts. I don’t know what are the odds for the best line, but it is certain that if South had doubled over 1♥ then there wouldn’t be the slightest doubt that South is a huge favorite to have all 3 remaining Kings.

But enough with the spades contracts: Let’s now turn our attention to NT. Since the play in the spade contract was really of a “no trump” nature, we can assume that since N-S can’t get a ruff then E-W will pick all thirteen tricks. And this is indeed so, as Deep Finesse verifies.

With a ♦ lead declarer just proceeds as in the 6♠ case. With a ♣ lead declarer must guess to put a small clubs from dummy (which is certain if South has doubled over 1♥). With a small heart lead declarer just puts the ♥8 and clears the spades, ending again with 13 tricks - this is again where the knowledge of heart shortage in South comes in handy. Even if somehow the contract is played by East and South leads a spade, East can make the contract with the squeeze we described for the 6♠ contract.