

## Interview with Simon de Wijs, 39

*Kees Tammens: What does your everyday life as a bridge pro look like?*

Simon De Wijs: "In March I stopped working at Levendaal and am now 100 % dedicated to bridge and my family when I am in the country. It creates a lot of opportunities. Marsha is halfway through a 2-year study and very busy. My twins Sarah and Lotte are eight and do very well in school. My son Job is seven, he often breaks a part of his body, but he is a happy and funny child."

*How are the last weeks before Bali running?*

"Quiet, but with a lot of system studying."

*You know most of the important opponents very well by now. Do you look at any of them differently?*

"I used to be impressed by the occasion, but these days I am used to playing against expert opponents."

*Would you like to add a personal comment about your partnership with Bauke?*

"It is like a marriage. After a good start we also went through tough times (right after Estoril, an unsuccessful WC) but since then we have learned how to handle it. Now I would say that our relation also outside of the bridge table is genuinely good."



**Simon De Wijs – World Champion**