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."

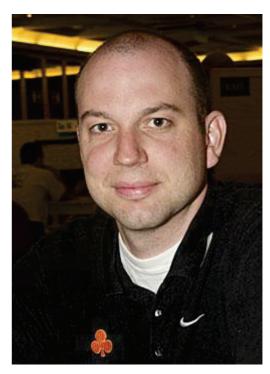
How are the last weeks before Bali running?

"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?



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"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."