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## DAY 1 REPORT

A normal spring morning on the Kashmir Lawns of the Gymkhana Club has a generally empty feel to it but today is the opening day's action of their three day Annual Bridge Tournament. Everywhere there are folks from all parts of the country hugging one another as old friends meet to do battle across the bridge table. The talk is all of slams, finesses and coups and teams are drawing up battle plans to conquer the other. The registration desk is a hub of activity as teams try to enter at the last minute. I ask the technical team as to how many teams have entered this year and even I am surprised at the number of 71 teams that have entered the fray. Over the last 12 months we at the Gymkhana Club have put in time, effort and energy to increase the club members participation at the event. A total of 18 Club teams participating is definitely a club record for number of members playing. Traditionally we used to enter not more than 10-12 teams and a more than 50% increase is an achievement. That's good news indeed from the Club's perspective, more so a total participation of 71 teams is in itself a great news from the total participation point of view.

Amongst star teams entered this year are Formidables, Dhampur Sugar, Bangur Cement, CV Rao, Hemant Jalan, Azure and the list goes on and on and on.

The main sponsor of the event are Dhampur Sugar and their trophy at the entrance has a bright, silvery new feel to it and tempting enough for the teams to want to grab and hold onto.

Overall, Formidables, Soumitra, KDI, and CV Rao are doing well. Amongst the DGC teams, DGC Aces, DGC Stalwarts and DGC Kings are leading the charge for Club prizes. But there is still a while to go before the qualification to the last eight.



*Lighting the inaugural lamp*



*Launch of the Tournament Souvenir*



*Participants at the Registration Desk*

## WE WISH TO INCREASE THE ENGAGEMENT – AND, ENJOYMENT!

Dear Bridge Lovers, Welcome to the Annual Delhi Gymkhana Bridge Tournament!

At the outset, let me convey our deep sense of appreciation to Mr. Ashok Goel for agreeing to sponsor our Club's tournament for an extended period of five years. Mr. Goel is a well-respected member of our Club and this extremely gracious gesture reflects both his passion for the game, and his loyalty to the Gymkhana Club. Many thanks, Goel Sahib!

A National tournament such as this requires significant financial and organisational support. Over the years, the management and members of the DGC have provided this – unflinchingly.

In recognition of this, an important focus of this year's tournament is on the Gymkhana club members. Thus, for instance:

- Vugraph has been introduced from Round 1, Day 1, with an emphasis on teams with DGC members for the league matches
- Two slots have been reserved for DGC members for the Pairs finals
- Additional prizes will be given to Gymkhana players in the MP Pairs event

We wish to increase the engagement – and, enjoyment! – of our Club members. This is the right thing to do, and it is the wise thing to do.

Towards this end, the Club has embarked on an ambitious program to attract more members to the game, and increase the skill levels of our current members.

Several members of the Club have won major international and national championships. As a matter of fact, teams captained by Kiran Nadar, Ashok Goel, and Anoop Dhawan – all members of our Club – are amongst the most formidable in the country and are greatly respected in the country's Bridge circuit. The Club intends to redouble its efforts to build a robust pipeline of top-notch bridge players.

You will notice in your midst a team of players from a small village near Meerut. The Club is privileged to



support such initiatives and will continue to look for opportunities to give back to our community. Please extend a helping hand when you see them.

Organizing this tournament has been a tremendous team effort and it is not possible to highlight just a few individuals for their contributions. Even so, I must single out Col. Mohit Nasa and Dr. Rajiv Anand for their extraordinary leadership, Vijit Bery for his boundless energy, and Veena Vishwanathan for ensuring that we are all well-fed. Please bow graciously when you see them!

Suggestions on how to improve the Tournament next year are very welcome and would be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy yourselves and may all your finesses succeed!

**Arun Jain**





## INTERESTING DEAL OF THE DAY

### Team Event - Swiss League

Board 1; R1

Dealer: N, Vul: none

|          |          |         |
|----------|----------|---------|
| ♠ AQ3    | ♠ J96    | ♠ KT852 |
| ♥ QT7652 | ♥ J9     | ♥ A3    |
| ♦ A8     | ♦ JT4    | ♦ Q9    |
| ♣ A4     | ♣ KT753  | ♣ QJ92  |
|          |          |         |
|          | ♠ 74     |         |
|          | ♥ K84    |         |
|          | ♦ K76532 |         |
|          | ♣ 86     |         |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | Pass  | 1 ♠  | Pass  |
| 2 ♥  | Pass  | 3 ♣  | Pass  |
| 3 ♠  | Pass  | 4 ♠  | Pass  |
| 4NT  | Pass  | 5 ♥  | pass  |
| 6 ♠  |       |      |       |

lead diamond 6

The morning coffee had not yet been digested. The first deal of the day, and good bidding by Alka Jain set the contract at 6 ♠. The only lead that could defeat it would be a ♣ lead by South. But the ♦ lead allowed the declarer to make the contract. The team thought, they had started on a good note but in the other room the opponents reached the same contract of 6 ♠. They got the same lead and the contract made on the other side also.

So, overall a lucky start for the day on both tables and a draw was a fair result on this board.

## DAY 1 AT A GLANCE



## EVENT PARTNERS



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## RESULTS AFTER ROUND 6



| Rank | Team | Name                     | Score |
|------|------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1    | 62   | Formidables              | 90.03 |
| 2    | 4    | Soumitra                 | 86.97 |
| 3    | 52   | KDI                      | 86.44 |
| 4    | 26   | C V Rao                  | 80.88 |
| 5    | 29   | Alpha                    | 79.53 |
| 6    | 16   | Hemant Jalan             | 79.39 |
| 7    | 50   | Maya Meera Sneha         | 77.89 |
| 8    | 57   | Azure                    | 77.53 |
| 9    | 23   | Bridgston                | 76.33 |
| 10   | 47   | Cogito                   | 76.09 |
| 11   | 11   | Them And Us              | 75.46 |
| 12   | 31   | Dhampur Sugar Mills      | 75.33 |
| 13   | 2    | DGC Aces - DGC           | 74.94 |
| 14   | 15   | Spartans                 | 73.64 |
| 15   | 63   | Bangur Cement            | 54.37 |
| 16   | 27   | Constellation            | 73.29 |
| 17   | 60   | Team Aapka               | 72.98 |
| 18   | 49   | Rohit Wrappers           | 72.79 |
| 19   | 69   | Poddar Housing Ltd       | 71.76 |
| 20   | 45   | DG Stalwarts - DGC       | 71.29 |
| 21   | 9    | Sham Sharma              | 70.85 |
| 22   | 70   | Anoop Dhawan             | 69.6  |
| 23   | 1    | DGC Kings - DGC          | 68.08 |
| 24   | 5    | Gentlemen                | 67.11 |
| 25   | 24   | Col Narendra Singh - DGC | 66.8  |
| 26   | 36   | Delhi Blues              | 66.31 |
| 27   | 54   | Sunrise                  | 66.31 |
| 28   | 21   | Kosmos                   | 65.19 |
| 29   | 34   | Rampage                  | 65.05 |
| 30   | 59   | Nuts & Bolts             | 64.76 |
| 31   | 6    | Smart                    | 64.53 |
| 32   | 13   | Mohit Mehta              | 62.21 |
| 33   | 37   | Blue Diamonds - DGC      | 61.62 |
| 34   | 48   | Multi                    | 61.51 |
| 35   | 68   | Blue Team - DGC          | 59.75 |

| Rank | Team | Name                 | Score |
|------|------|----------------------|-------|
| 36   | 41   | Delhi Bridge Club    | 39.14 |
| 37   | 43   | Himachal - Shimla    | 58.05 |
| 38   | 46   | Marpalaki - DGC      | 45.9  |
| 39   | 58   | Green Top - DGC      | 57.89 |
| 40   | 35   | Dr Sanghi            | 57.31 |
| 41   | 14   | Target               | 57.18 |
| 42   | 44   | Srinivas             | 56.81 |
| 43   | 39   | PBA                  | 55.82 |
| 44   | 25   | Koldel               | 54.86 |
| 45   | 12   | Black Cats - DGC     | 54.69 |
| 46   | 55   | Noida Bridge - DGC   | 54.62 |
| 47   | 66   | Force 5 - DGC        | 54.23 |
| 48   | 18   | Dass Bridge          | 54.12 |
| 49   | 8    | Dependable           | 53.75 |
| 50   | 65   | Tolly Types          | 52.85 |
| 51   | 53   | Fascination          | 52.73 |
| 52   | 67   | Ambitious            | 51.85 |
| 53   | 22   | Go-Go Girls          | 36.17 |
| 54   | 42   | Mars                 | 49.93 |
| 55   | 61   | Tolly Birds          | 49.34 |
| 56   | 38   | Galaxy               | 45.84 |
| 57   | 7    | Kwai - DGC           | 44.83 |
| 58   | 17   | Amitabh Verma        | 43.63 |
| 59   | 32   | Pegasus              | 42.89 |
| 60   | 30   | Rainbow - DGC        | 21.56 |
| 61   | 40   | Central Sec Club     | 42.56 |
| 62   | 71   | VV-DG - DGC          | 30.21 |
| 63   | 28   | Delhi Red - DGC      | 42.2  |
| 64   | 56   | Unpredictables       | 29.95 |
| 65   | 33   | Gurgaon Pearls - DGC | 41.4  |
| 66   | 51   | Dr Bagga             | 38.51 |
| 67   | 10   | The Ramblers - DGC   | 27.09 |
| 68   | 19   | Johri Club           | 35.24 |
| 69   | 20   | Himachal - Solan     | 34.26 |
| 70   | 3    | DGC Trump - DGC      | 25.98 |