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Congratulations to Railways "B" They will represent India at Bridge Olympiad 2004 @ Istanbul

The selection trials for selecting the Team to represent India in the Bridge Olympiad to be held at Istanbul, Turkey from 23rd Oct – 6th Nov 2004 were held at Mumbai from 8th April onwards.

The Sponsored event to be played on 8-9th April didn't take place as there was only one participating team (Tolani Shipping). All other Sponsored teams (DSM, Agsar Paints & Wellknit) paid the amount required for direct entry to the Selection trials. So these 3 teams along with the three automatic qualifiers - Railway "B" (Winner of Ruia), Railway "A" (Runner-Up of Ruia) & Maharashtra team (Winner of T.P. Khosla trophy - Summer Nationals) played the triple round robin (total of 15 rounds). FORMIDABLES got direct entry to Semi-Final, being winner of 2 tournaments - The zonal BFAME and BAM event at Winter Nationals.

The Round Robin started on Saturday (10th Apr) with 6 Rounds each played on 10th & 11th respectively and 3 rounds on 12th April. At the end of day 2 i.e 12 rounds, the results were: Railways "B" (204 VPs), Maharashtra (185 VPs), Railways "A" (181 VPs) DSM (176 VPs), Agsar Paints (170 VPs) and Wellknit (163 VPs). Railways "B" were virtually through to the Semifinal and the race for the 3rd & 4th spots were on.

The round robin finished with some exciting drama. The first 2 positions were grabbed by Railway "B" - 241 VPs and Railway "A" with 230 VPs. For the last spot there was a real drama as DSM-Machar team had 229 VPs but 1 VP penalty and Maharashtra team (T.P. Khosla winner of Summer Nationals) also finished at 228 VPs. There were appeals but finally both were declared at 228 VPs and in the tie-break the Maharashtra team won the 3rd spot. The 6*14 boards Semi finals between Formidables & Maharashtra and both the Railways teams started on 12th April.

After 2 sessions, Formidables took a lead of 31 IMPs and won the 3rd session 9-5 and the fourth 25-10 to take a 50 IMP lead after 4 sessions. Maharashtra recovered few IMPs in the last 2 sessions but Formidables finally went through to the Finals by winning the match by 38 IMPs. The Maharashtra team was represented by Anand KS Samant, Sridharan, Suhas Vaidya, A. Khare & Anil Tikare.

In the other semi-final, Railways "B" took a lead of 76 IMPs over Railways "A" after 4 rounds and Railways "A" forfeited the match. Roy, Bhattacharya, Ashim & others, represented the Railways "A".

So it was the same arch rivals - Railways "B" (represented by Pritish Kushari, Manas Mukherjee, Sumit Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Amarnath Banerjee & Hassan) vs Formidable (Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Sunit Choshi & K.R. Venkatraman) in the 8*16boards FINALS.

In the first set of Final, Railways took a lead of 8 IMPs (34-26) and virtually thrashed their opponents by 54 IMPs (80-26) in the second set. Formidables recovered 23 in the third but again lost another 35 in the fourth set to trail by 74 at half stage. However, on the last day, Formidables regrouped themselves and started the recovery path.

The fifth & sixth session saw them recovering 24 & 13 IMPs respectively and with 2 sessions to go the Railways lead had come down to 37 IMPs. The excitement reached its climax, when Formidables gained another 26 IMPs in the 7th set. They had recovered all but 11 IMPs with the last set of 16 boards to go. Can Formidables make a remarkable comeback or whether the Railways team coming under pressure? These were the questions being posed by all Bridge fanatics. Finally Railways kept their nerves and won the final set by 9 IMPs (47-38) to win by 20 IMPs.

Heartiest Congratulations to the Railways Team & Good Luck for the Bridge Olympiad 2004 at Istanbul, Turkey.

- Editor

ADVANCED LEBENSOHL

Almost all the bridge players today use Jacoby transfers over 1NT Opening. The main advantage of using transfers is to make 1NT opener declarer most of the time. The notrump bidder almost always has the stronger hand and therefore it is better to have the opening lead come up to his high cards and tenaces. It also keeps the stronger hand concealed from the defenders.

Advanced Lebensohl convention is a modification of Standard Labensohl where Jacoby Transfers have been integrated in the response structure. By using transfers, responder is able to show various types of hands which are difficult to show using standard methods: invitational hands in all the three suits not shown by the overcall, two-suiters with game or slam potential.

A) Advanced Lebensohl Responses after Opponents interfere over 1NT Opening

The corner stone of Advanced Lebensohl convention also is a bid of 2NT which is transfer to 3C. The responder may have, weak or invitational or game forcing hand in clubs, weak hand in other suits below the overcaller's suit or check in opponent's suit and 4-cards in the other major. The various responses are:

- **Double**, is for Penalties or take out or raise to 2NT depending on partnership understanding.
- **Two-level suit bid**, is natural and non forcing, to play.
- **Cue-bid of overcaller's suit**, is like Stayman and promises a 4-card major and denies a check in the opponent's suit. The cue-bid is game forcing.
- **Three-level suit bid**, is transfer to next higher suit, by passing opponent's suit and shows at least game invitational hand. If opponent has bid 2D, then 3C is transfer to 3H where as if opponent bids 2H, then 3D is transfer to spade.
- **Jump to 3NT**, shows a stopper in the opponent's suit and is to play. (different from Standard Lebensohl)
- **2NT**, is transfer to 3C. Opener bids 3C only if he has a hand with which he wants to reject game invitation in clubs. Other wise he bids 3D. Responder over 3C, then rebids:
 - **Pass**, shows a hand with long clubs (weak or invitational).
 - **New suit below the overcaller's suit**, is to play.
 - **New suit above the overcaller's suit**, is Natural shows clubs and the new suit, GF.
 - **Cue-bid of overcaller's suit**, is like game forcing Stayman and promises a 4-card major and also shows a check in the opponent's suit. Opener bids a 4-card major, otherwise 3NT.
 - **3NT**, to play but shows club suit.
- **Other major at 3-level or 3S (over 2D)**, shows a game forcing hand without a check in opponent's suit or both minors. Opener to bid 3NT with a check other wise look for a minor suit game.
- **Four-level bids**, as without intervention, 4C – Gerber; 4D/H – Texas transfer; 4S – Minors etc.

B) Examples: (assumes 15-17 NT)

♠ Ax ♥ xx ♦ xxx ♣ KQxxxx	♠ Qxx ♥ x ♦ QJ9xxx ♣ xxx	♠ xxx ♥ AKQxx ♦ Jxx ♣ xx	♠ Kxx ♥ AQxx ♦ xxx ♣ Kxx	♠ xxx ♥ AQxxx ♦ Qxx ♣ xx
After 1NT Opening & 2H overcall, bid 2NT as transfer to 3C. If opener bids 3C, you can pass (if you want) and if he bids 3D (showing fit in clubs), you can bid 3NT.	After 1NT Opening & 2H overcall, bid 2N which is transfer to 3C. Over 3C bid 3D which is sign-off. If opener bids 3D, pass to show weak hand.	After 1NT Opening & 2S overcall bid, 3D which is transfer to heart and at least invitational. After opener bids 3H bid 3S to force to game.	After 1NT Opening & 2S overcall bid 2N transfer to 3C. Over 3C bid 3S as spade stopper and 4 hearts, GF. This bidding is same in both the versions of Lebensohl.	After 1N Opening & 2S overcall bid 3D as transfer to 3H. If opener bids 3H, pass to show an invitational hand. This bidding is better than in normal Lebensohl.

We will continue our discussion on Lebensohl convention in next month's bulletin where we will discuss how to use Lebensohl Principle in other situations.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

06/04/2004 – 14 Tables

NS 1 : S. Sunderrajan – Ravi Sawhney	60.21%
NS 2 : V.N. Puri – Sanjeev Kumar Singh	59.52%
NS 3 : R.C. Khanna – Mrs. Suman Khanna	57.94%
EW 1 : Mrs. Uma Tiwari – Ms. Rinku Singh	59.49%
EW 2 : Mrs. Shashi Jain – Dr. R.L. Sanghi	57.56%
EW 3 : Vinod Sharma – Paresh Gupta	56.60%

13/04/2004 – 11 Tables

NS 1 : Mrs. Madhuri Modwel – J.D. Gupta	58.93%
NS 2 : Deepak Gulhati – N.P. Singh	58.29%
EW 1 : D.K. Tewari – Yogesh Tewari	66.97%
EW 2 : R.C. Khanna – Mrs. Suman Khanna	60.77%

20/04/2004 – 11 Tables

NS 1 : Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	70.11%
NS 2 Suraj Jain – Kamesh Rao	64.84%
EW 1 : Mrs. Beneeta Chandra – A.K. Sinha	58.82%
EW 2 : Ravi Sawhney – S. Sunderrajan	57.63%

27/04/2004 – 14 Tables

NS 1 : J.S. Bakshi – Mrs. Meera Bakshi	58.73%
NS 2 : Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	58.55%
NS 3 : A.K. Sinha – Mrs. Beneeta Chandra	57.72%
EW 1 : Ashim K. Ghosh – Deepak Yashpal	62.38%
EW 2 : R. Chakravarti – Vijay Kumar	59.51%
EW 3 : Shashi Munjal – Mohan Hirani	59.23%

AILBA Results

02/04/2004 - 20 Pairs

1. S.K. Agrawal - Amarjit
2. Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Litvik
3. Mrs. Urmil Agrawal – Mrs. Shashi Jain
4. Mrs. Dhawan – Mrs. Kochar

09/04/2004 - 25 Pairs

1. Mrs. Shashi Jain – R.C. Agrawal
2. Mr. & Mrs. Ranji Dhawan
3. Narvir Singh – Deepak Arora
4. R. Chakravarty – T.K. Bhattacharya
5. A.K. Narang – R.C. Consul

16/04/2004 - 22 Pairs

1. Mrs. Madhu Agrawal – Miss Poonam Datta
2. S.K. Agarawal - Amarjit
3. C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani
4. R.C. Agrawal – N.K. Jain

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary IBA

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

03/04/2004 – 15 Teams

1. **Formidables** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Subhash Gupta, B. Satyanarayana, Sunil Bhatia)
2. **SONCHEL**– (Mukesh Shivdasani, M.S. Sharma, Sudhir Aggarwal, Paresh Gupta, Vinod Sharma)
3. **RARA's THEME**– (Mrs. Asha Surana, Raghubir S. Jasuja, R.C. Consul, A.K. Narang, T.C. Pant)

10/04/2004 – 13 Teams

1. **P.C. Gupta's Team** – (P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari, J.B. Sengupta, Rajesh Jain)
2. **RARA's THEME**– (Raghubir S. Jasuja, Mrs. Asha Surana, R.C. Consul, A.K. Narang,)
3. **Sham Sharma's Team**- (Sham Sharma, A.K. Guha, Sunil Bhatia, Paresh Gupta)

17/04/2004 – 12 Teams

1. **SONCHEL**– (Mukesh Shivdasani, M.S. Sharma, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele)
2. **RARA's THEME**– (Raghubir Jasuja, Mrs. Asha Surana, T.C. Pant, R.C. Consul, A.K. Narang,)

18/04/2004 – 10 Teams (Special Monthly Event)

1. **ACES** – (Subhash Gupta, Sunil Bhatia, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele)
2. **TOPPERS** – (A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul, T.C. Pant, Paresh Gupta)

SELECTION TRIALS RESULTS Summer Nationals

Team of Four:

1. DSM - (Ashok Goel, N.K. Gupta, Vinod Sharma, Paresh Gupta, T.C. Pant)
2. FRIENDS – (Ravi Sawhney, V. Sawhney, R.R. Gupta, S. Sunderrajan, A.K. Ghosh, R. Nanda)
3. Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Sunil Bhatia)
4. Central Secretariat Club – (Harbhajan Singh, S.R. Malhotra, R.C. Aggarwal, R. Chakravarty, N.K. Jain, Mrs. Shashi Jain)

Open Pairs:

1. Subhash Gupta – Sandeep Thakral
2. Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele
3. R.C. Consul – A.K. Narang
4. Rajesh Jain – J.B. Sengupta

Selection Trials at DBA for Summer Nationals - A Report

Team of Four - T.P. Khosla Trophy

The selection trials for representing Delhi team at the Summer Nationals for T.P. Khosla Trophy (Team of Four) were held at DBA from 24th April onwards.

13 Teams participated in the all play all round robin on 24th & 25th Apr 2004. After completion of round robin (13 rounds with one bye round of 8 boards each), the following TOP 6 teams went through to the super league.

1. Formidables	- 246 VPs
2. Friends	- 237 VPs
3. Central Sec. Club	- 229 VPs
4. SONCHEL	- 222 VPs
5. DSM	- 219 VPs
6. COSMOS	- 208 VPs

The teams were grouped in 2 sections (Section A containing 1,4,5 & Section B containing 2,3,6) and played a 2*12 boards round robin within their section.

In section A, DSM beat SONCHEL 24-6 and lost to Formidables 16-14 to top with 38 VPs. Formidables beat SONCHEL 18-12 to get 34 VPs and qualify for Semi-finals.

In section B, Friends beat Cen.Sec. Club 21-9 and COSMOS by 18-12 to top with 39 VPs. Cen.Sec. Club beat COSMOS 18-12 to get 27 VPs and qualify for Semi-finals.

In the first semi-final (2*12 boards) played on 29th April 2004 between DSM & Central Sec. Club, DSM beat Cen. Sec. Club by 1 IMP. DSM won the first set by 34-17 & lost the second by 14-30 to win by 48-47 and qualify for the Finals. Central Sec. team was represented by Harbhajan Singh, S.R. Malhotra, R.C. Agrawal, R. Chakravarty, N.K. Jain & Mrs. Shashi Jain.

In the second semi-final played on 30th April 2004, Friends beat Formidables by 31 IMPs (65-34). Formidables won the first set by 6 IMPs (19-13) but lost heavily (15-52) in the second set. Formidables were represented by Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele & Sunil Bhatia.

The 3*12 boards final was played between DSM & Friends teams on 1st May 2004 at 1500 Hrs.

DSM took a 23 IMPs (39-16) lead in the first set and continued their good work by winning the second set by another 13 IMPs (34-21) to lead by 36 IMPs. They recovered 18 IMPs (30-12) in the last set and DSM were the winners by 18 IMPs. The Friends team was represented by R.R. Gupta, V.K. Sawhney, Ravi Sawhney, S. Sunderrajan, R. Nanda & A.K. Ghosh.

So the DSM team represented by Ashok Goel, N.K. Gupta, Paresh Gupta, Vinod Sharma & T.C. Pant will represent DELHI in the T-4 event of the Summer Nationals 2004 at Kasauli for T.P. Khosla Trophy.

Open Pairs - Agarwala Trophy

The selection trials for representing Delhi team for Agarwala Trophy (Open Pairs) were held at DBA on 1st & 2nd May 2004.

29 pairs participated in the event. An elimination round was played to select 6 NS & 6 EW pairs for the pair finals. The scoring was butler. The qualifiers were:

North - South

1. Yogesh Tewari - Arun Jain	63 IMPs
2. Mrs. Asha Surana - Raghubir Jasuja	29 IMPs
3. Subhash Gupta - Sandeep Thakral	25 IMPs
4. N.K. Jain - Mrs. Shashi Jain	11 IMPs
5. Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	9 IMPs
6. Rajesh Jain - J.B. Sengupta	4 IMPs

East - West

1. Deepak Arora - Narvir Singh	52 IMPs
2. S.N. Malhotra - Syal	28 IMPs
3. Amarjit - S.K. Agrawal	18 IMPs
4. Dr. Usha Kothari - T.C. Pant	18 IMPs
5. V.N. Puri - Sanjiv Singh	-2 IMPs
6. A.K. Sinha - K.B. Sikand	-2 IMPs

The 12 pairs played 11 rounds of 6 boards each. It was IMP scoring with each pair having a kitty of 18 IMPs and could win or lose a maximum of 18 IMPs.

The pair of V.N. Puri- Sanjiv Singh did not play and were replaced by R.C. Consul - A.K. Narang. They took full advantage of the opportunity and were the leaders along with Rajesh Jain - J.B. Sengupta, after 3 rounds with a score of 85 IMPs (+31). After 6 rounds the lead exchanged hands and Subhash Gupta - Sandeep Thakral with 149 (+41) took the lead. With one round to go, it was a great tussle between Subhash - Thakral (219), Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele (217) & R.C. Consul - A.K. Narang (215).

Finally the winners were Subhash Gupta - Sandeep Thakral, who got 26 in the last round for a winning score of 245. The final list was:

1. Subhash Gupta - Sandeep Thakral	245 IMPs
2. Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	238 IMPs
3. R.C. Consul - A.K. Narang	230 IMPs
4. Rajesh Jain - J.B. Sengupta	221 IMPs
5. S.R. Malhotra - Syal	214 IMPs
6. Amarjit - S.K. Agrawal	196 IMPs
7. Dr. Usha Kothari - T.C. Pant	190 IMPs
8. N.K. Jain - Mrs. Shashi Jain	186 IMPs
9. Narvir Singh - Deepak Arora	168 IMPs
10. Mrs. Asha Surana - R.S. Jasuja	167 Imps
11. A.K. Sinha - K.B. Sikand	100 IMPs
12. Arun Jain - Yogesh Tewari	NA

So the 2 pairs to represent Delhi in the Agarwala Trophy will be Subhash - Sandeep & Sudhir - Amod.

Heartiest Congratulations to all the Winners.

- Reported by Editor

International Bridge News

Some Interesting Deals From 47th Spring NABC, 2004

The 47th Spring North American Bridge Championships were held at Reno, Nevada from 18th to 28th March 2004. Some of the interesting deals from the tournament:

Bizarre Triple Squeeze

by Richard Pavlicek

This deal from the first round of the Vanderbilt contained an unusual ending that I don't recall seeing before.

	♠ AJT5 ♥ QJ ♦ 96 ♣ KJ973	
♠ 64 ♥ K76 ♦ J83 ♣ T8542	W E S	♠ 9832 ♥ A942 ♦ AKT2 ♣ 6
	♠ KQ7 ♥ T853 ♦ Q754 ♣ AQ	

West	North	East	South
	1C	Dbl	Rdbl
1H	1S	Pass	2H
Pass	3C	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The opening lead was the S6.

As East, I doubled the 1♣ opening for takeout, and my son Rich rescued to 1H after the redouble. Eventually, Brian Senior of England became declarer in 3NT.

It looks like nine easy tricks with the ♦AK inside, and it would be after a red-suit lead, but Rich found the almost-killing spade lead, won by South's king. The ♣A Q were cashed to discover the bad news (I pitched a spade), then South led a heart to develop his ninth trick. Suppose I win the ♥A and return a spade, won in dummy. If declarer leads another heart, West takes the king and leads a diamond to my ace-king, then a third spade severs declarer's communication. Whichever hand he wins in is left with a loser.

But wait! If declarer cashes one top club in dummy (he can't cash both because West still has the ♥K), I am caught in a bizarre triple squeeze, reminiscent of the late Geza Ottlik.

	♠ AJ ♥ Q ♦ 96 ♣ KJ9	
♠ K7 ♥ K7 ♦ J83 ♣ T85	W E S	♠ 9 ♥ 942 ♦ AKT2 ♣
	♠ Q ♥ T85 ♦ Q754 ♣	

The ♣K is played from dummy. If I pitch my spade, I can't lead a spade to break declarer's communication. So I must let go of my long card in a red suit, and declarer pitches from the opposite red suit. Next a heart is led to the king, and declarer can cope with any defense. If we cash both diamonds and lead a third spade, his hand is high thanks to the squeeze.

Alas, we didn't put declarer to the test — we tried to run diamonds after winning the heart. Sorry, Brian, for depriving you of the opportunity for the rare squeeze, but I'm sure you would have gotten it right anyway.

A Greek gift

Mike Polowan had eight tricks on this deal from the Vanderbilt — two spades, four diamonds and two aces — but where was the ninth trick?

	♠ Q ♥ QT984 ♦ 98754 ♣ 83	
♠ AT843 ♥ 765 ♦ AJ ♣ KJ2	W E S	♠ 9762 ♥ KJ32 ♦ 3 ♣ T974
	♠ KJ5 ♥ A ♦ KQT62 ♣ AQ65	

West	North	East	South
			1D
1S	Dbl	2S	3NT
All Pass			

He got a spade lead to the queen and immediately knocked out the ♦A. He won the spade continuation and ran all his diamonds. East high-logged in hearts and then pitched a club and another heart. West pitched a club and two hearts. Polowan next led a heart to his ace to draw the last heart from West and reduce him to all black cards. Then

he led the SK and West was fixed. He could take his ♠A and two long spades, but then he had to lead away from the ♣K and give Polowan the last two tricks.

The right inference

By Barry Rigal

Tarek Sadek, South, was quick to seize on the inference provided by a trump lead against his 6C slam.

	♠ A54 ♥ A82 ♦ AK5 ♣ AJT6	
♠ J932 ♥ QT95 ♦ T92 ♣ 94	N W E S	♠ T76 ♥ KJ764 ♦ Q83 ♣ K5
	♠ KQ8 ♥ 3 ♦ J764 ♣ Q8732	

West	North	East	South
	2NT	Pass	3C(1)
Pass	3NT (2)	Pass	4C(3)
Pass	4H(4)	Pass	5C(5)
Pass	6C(6)	All Pass	

- (1) Puppet Stayman
- (2) No major
- (3) What's your exact shape?
- (4) 3-3-3-4
- (5) To play
- (6) Overruled

East led the ♣9, which suggested that the ♣K was with West. So instead of finessing he flew with dummy's ace, played the ♥A and ruffed a heart. He crossed to the ♦A to ruff another heart and then he cashed the top three spades.

Now he exited with the second trump, and in the four-card ending East was on play to concede a ruff and discard or to lead a diamond and let Sadek put up the jack. Either way declarer had his plus 920.

- *Courtesy Daily Bulletins of Spring NABC 2004*

Update on the 2004 World Team Olympiad, Istanbul

by Anna Gudge

Following a satisfactory site inspection I am very pleased to be able to inform you that the World Team Olympiad, together with the Seniors International Cup, the World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship and the World University Championship under the auspices of FISU will take place in Istanbul, Turkey from 23 October - 6 November 2004. The Opening Ceremony will be on 23 October, and play will start in the Olympiad Open & Women's Series and in the Seniors Cup on the morning of Sunday 24 October.

The World Transnational Mixed Teams will start on either Monday 01 or Tuesday 02 November - the exact date will be notified to you as soon as possible. Teams knocked out of the Olympiad, and teams from the Seniors International Cup will be able to play in the Mixed Teams free of charge.

The dates for the World University Championship are changed from those originally published. The Opening Ceremony for this event will be on Sunday 31 October, and play will start on Monday 01 November, with the final ending on Saturday 06 November.

The World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship is open to players from all over the world, provided they are members in good standing of their own Bridge Federation, and we ask you to advertise the event as widely as possible and encourage players from your country to participate. Entries should be made through the players' own Federations in time for them to be sent to the WBF by 01 September 2004, although late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue. A brochure with information about the event can be downloaded from the WBF Website, at www.worldbridge.org (please note, however, that the dates stated for the World University Championship have now been changed); information can also be found in the Events section of www.ecatsbridge.com

On a more personal note, I have set up an email newsletter which you are welcome to register for - it will be used to send out general information about the Olympiad and Istanbul as it becomes available, and you will probably find it quite useful. Go to www.ecatsbridge.com and on the front page you will see a link on the right hand side, which suggests you Register for the Newsletters - click that and you will find the Olympiad Newsletter registration. If you register, please note that you will need to confirm the registration within a short period, so that the system knows it has a correct email address, so please look out for the email and follow the instructions.

With kind regards, anna

LAW 16

UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION

Players are authorized to base their calls and plays on information from legal calls and or plays, and from mannerisms of opponents. To base a call or play on other extraneous information may be an infraction of the law.

➤ **A – EXTRANEOUS INFORMATION FROM PARTNER**

After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as by means of a remark, a question, a reply to a question, or by unmistakable hesitation, unusual speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement, mannerism or the like, the partner may not choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information.

1. **When Such Information is Given** – When a player considers that an opponent has made such information available and that damage could well result, he may, unless the regulations of the sponsoring organization prohibit, immediately announce that he reserves the right to summon the Director later (the opponents should summon the Director immediately, if they dispute the fact that unauthorized information might have been conveyed).
2. **When Illegal Alternative is Chosen** – When a player has substantial reason to believe that an opponent who had a logical alternative has chosen an action that could have been suggested by such information, he should summon the Director forthwith. The Director shall require the auction and play to continue, standing ready to assign an adjusted score, if he considers that an infraction of law has resulted in damage.

➤ **B – EXTRANEOUS INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES**

When a player accidentally receives unauthorized information about a board he is playing or has yet to play, as by looking at the wrong hand; by overhearing calls, results or remarks; by seeing cards at another table; or by seeing a card belonging to another player at his own table before the auction begins, the Director should be notified forthwith, preferably by the recipient of the information. If the Director considers that the information could interfere with normal play, he may:

1. **Adjust Positions** – if the type of contest and scoring permit, adjust the players' positions at the table, so that the player with information about one hand will hold that hand; or,
2. **Appoint Substitute** – with the concurrence of all four players, appoint a temporary substitute to replace the player who received the unauthorized information (however the substitute should not be more experienced than the player he is replacing); or,
3. **Award an Adjusted Score** – forthwith award an artificial adjusted score.

➤ **C – INFORMATION FROM WITHDRAWN CALLS AND PLAYS**

A call or play may be withdrawn, and another substituted, either by a non-offending side after an opponent's infraction or by an offending side to rectify an infraction.

1. **Non-offending Side** – For the non-offending side, all information arising from a withdrawn action is authorized, whether the action be its own or its opponents'.
2. **Appoint Substitute** – For the offending side, information arising from its own withdrawn action and from withdrawn actions of the non-offending side is unauthorized. A player of the offending side may not choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the unauthorized information.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Changing directions

By Mike Roberts

The bidding on this deal was strange. On the first round, West and East bid and supported diamonds while North and South bid and supported spades. But at the end East-West took a save in clubs, not diamonds, against North-South's heart game, not spades.

	♠ AKJT54 ♥ A853 ♦ J8 ♣ 9	
♠ Q6 ♥ QJ9 ♦ AQT6 ♣ K854	W N E S	♠ 93 ♥ 4 ♦ K753 ♣ AJT762
	♠ 872 ♥ KT762 ♦ 942 ♣ Q3	

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♥	4♣	4♥
5♣	All Pass		

TOURNAMENT at DEHRADUN

A Team of Four & Pairs tournament with good prize money will be held at Dehradun Club on 8th & 9th May 2004, starting at 0930 Hrs.

The entry fee is quite nominal. Management committee have also made reasonable accommodation arrangements (Hostel type) for outstation teams at IIP

TOURNAMENT at CORBETT PARK

The K.K. Birla All India Bridge Tournament will be organized at "The Claridges Corbett Hideaway", GARJIA (Corbett Park), Ramnagar, Distt: Nainital from 13th (After Lunch) - 16th (Afternoon) May 2004. The event with total prize money of Rs. 1 Lac will have T-4 duplicate & Open Pair events.

The tariff for the tournament is between Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 16,000 (depending on the no. of cottages required) and is inclusive of tea, lunch, dinner as well as the complete entry fee of the tournament.

For further details, contact Mr. Arvind Prasad on 9810112634 or e-mail at arvind_prasad@leisurehotels.co.in.

DELHI BRIDGE SCHEDULE

1. Pair event is played at DBA on every Tuesday evening from 1830 Hrs. onwards.
2. Team event is played at DBA on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards.
3. Additional Team event held on first or third Sunday of every month.
4. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every alternate Friday or on Holidays at PHD House.
5. Central Secretariat Club holds an open Pair event on every Monday commencing at 1800 Hrs.

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Forthcoming Events - 2004

National

- 8-9th May – Tournament at Dehradun
- 13-16th May – Tournament at Garjia (Corbett Park)
- 11-13th Jun – Goa Bridge Festival, Panjim
- 18-27th Jun – Summer Nationals, Kasauli (H.P)

International

- 19th June – 3rd July – 47th European Bridge Team Championships & 10th Swedish Bridge Festival at Malmo, Sweden
- 8th – 18th July – Summer NABC, Newyork City
- 8th – 10th Sep – The Generali Master World Individual Championship, Verona, Italy
- 23rd Oct – 6th Nov – World Bridge Olympiad, Istanbul

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