

Bridge Humour

Playing in an individual event, I was awaiting my partner to arrive at our table. It turned out to be a lady, who hurriedly picked up her cards. Knowing that she plays Precision, I enquired the No-trump range? She ignored my question and enquired: Precision or Standard? I informed Precision and now again ignoring my answer she replied 13-15. We were already late and I opened the bidding as Precision 1C (16+ HCP). My lefty passed and the lady also passed promptly. Seeing my reaction to my partner's PASS, my right hand opponent also passed.

	♠ JT74 ♥ 632 ♦ 85 ♣ J842	
♠ Q86 ♥ AK8 ♦ J764 ♣ 653	W N E S	♠ AK3 ♥ QT94 ♦ QT3 ♣ T97
	♠ 952 ♥ J75 ♦ AK92 ♣ AKQ	

West led ♥A and as declarer (South), I saw the above dummy. The opponents cashed their 3 hearts & 3 spades tricks, and finally played the trump. After cashing my top diamonds, I was able to ruff one diamond in dummy with ♣2 and another with ♣J to score exactly 7 tricks and an absolute TOP on the board. The best comment came from my partner - **That's the advantage of playing STANDARD. You can even pass 1Club bid.**

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. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every alternate Friday or on Holidays at PHD House.
4. Central Secretariat Club holds an open Pair event on every Monday commencing at 1800 Hrs.

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Quiz of the Month

Double-dummy problem.

	♠ QT ♥ J54 ♦ QJ8763 ♣ J4	
♠ KJ7642 ♥ AKQ97 ♦ T5 ♣	W N E S	♠ 984 ♥ T632 ♦ 4 ♣ QT765
	♠ A3 ♥ 8 ♦ AK92 ♣ AK9832	

Contract : 6D by South

West leads the Ace of Hearts and continues with King of Hearts. How you plan to play the hand?

(Contributed by Vijay Goenka)

(See Page 8 for the Answer)

Forthcoming National Events

18-21st Sep – All India K.N. Modi at Nainital
03-05th Oct – All India Jubilee Hills at Hyderabad
10-12th Oct – All India Golcha at Jaipur
17-19th Oct – SP Singhania International at Kanpur
31st Oct – 2nd Nov – Oudh Gymkhana at Lucknow
07-09th Nov – Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament
21-23rd Nov – Holkar Open Prize Money, Indore
29th Nov – 3rd Dec – Tolani National Masters, Mumbai
03-13th Jan'04 – Winter Nationals at Aurangabad

Forthcoming International Events

02-15th Nov – World Championships at Monte Carlo

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WELL DONE INDIA - CONGRATULATIONS



Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Captain of the BFAME winning Team, receiving the Open Teams trophy from the Chief Guest. (Left to Right: Subhash Gupta, Sunit Chokshi, Rajeshwar Tewari, Chief Guest, Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Raju Tolani - NPC of the Indian Team, B. Satyanarayana & K.R. Venkatraman)

The BFAME championships were held at Amman, Jordan from 1st Aug to 10th Aug 2003 to select the Zone 4 representatives for the World Championships (Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup) to be held in Nov 2003 at Monte Carlo.

Both the Indian teams (Open & Ladies) returned home with glory. Not only they topped their respective groups, during the round robin, they won their Semi Finals & Final matches convincingly. The Open team with Mr. Raju Tolani as npc, defeated Pakistan in the finals by a margin of 87 Imps (208-121) in an 80-board playoff. The ladies team with Mr. Mahendra Chowdhary as npc, prevailed over their Pakistani counterparts in the final of 64-board by 46.7 imp (150.7-104).

The following members will be representing the Zone 4 in the World Championships at Monte Carlo:

Open Team: Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K. R. Venkatraman

Ladies Team: Mrs. Hema Deora, Mrs. Lina Mayadas, Mrs. Yvette Singapuri, Mrs. Marianne Karmakar, Mrs. Promila Shivdasani & Mrs. Sheelu Thadani.

Let us all WISH them the very best for the World Championships.

STAYMAN CONVENTION

(LIFE AFTER STAYMAN RESPONSE)

STAYMAN convention is one of the most widely used conventions in the world. It is one of the easiest conventions ever devised and its popularity is universal. The Stayman convention is known after Mr. Samuel Stayman who first published an article on this subject in 1940's. The Stayman convention is the response of 2 Clubs to a 1 No Trump or 3 Clubs to a 2 No Trump opening bid, asking for a 4-card Major Suit. The basic purpose of this convention is to discover whether the partnership has an eight-card major suit fit.

After Opening bid of 1NT and Stayman response of 2C, there are basically 3 possible rebids by opener:

- 2D – Shows no 4 cards Major Suit.
- 2H – Shows 4 cards Heart suit and opener may have 4 cards Spade suit.
- 2S – Shows 4 cards Spade suit and denies 4 cards Heart suit.

How to continue after these rebids? There are no universal agreements and the meaning of various bids varies from person to person. Does your partner know that 4NT bid by responder immediately after opener's rebid is Quantitative and not RKCB? Similarly how to make a Slam try or what are the various ways to sign-off. Let us see the meaning of various bids (the bids explained below are part of the system which currently I am playing with my partner Mukesh Shivdasani and many of these bids I have learned from Mr. Subhash Gupta) that are available to responder:

A) Bidding after 2D response to Stayman 2C (1NT-2C-2D-?)

- **2H**, non-forcing, showing weak hand with either atleast 4-4 in majors or 4 hearts and a longer minor. Opener passes with 3 hearts or bids 2S with 3 spades. Over 2S responder passes or bids 3C/D to play.
- **2S**, artificial and game forcing asking opener to describe his hand further. Opener rebids:
 - **2NT** – No 5 card minor (4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 hand). 3C then is relay. Opener bids:
 - 3D/3NT – 4-card diamond/club in 4-3-3-3 hand.
 - 3H/S – 3-card heart/spade and 4-4 in minors.
 - **3C/D** – 5-card club/diamond in 5-3-3-2 hand.
 - **3H** – 5-card club and 4-card diamond in 5-4-2-2 hand.
 - **3S** – 5-card diamond and 4-card club in 5-4-2-2 hand.
- **2NT**, Invitational to 3NT. Responder may not have any 4-card major.
- **3C**, non-forcing, showing a weak hand with a 6+card club suit unsuitable for play in NT. Responder will have a 4-card major for this bid.
- **3D**, invitational or game forcing hand with 5-5 in majors. Opener can choose a major at 3-level to play or accepts the game by bidding 3NT/4H/4S. Responder bids the game with forcing hand after opener chooses the major at 3-level.
- **3H or 3S (Smolen transfer)**, forcing, showing 4 cards in bid major suit and 5 cards in the other major, requiring Opener to choose between 3NT and game in Responder's longer major. The main reason to play Smolen transfer is to make 1NT Opener declarer in case 5-3 major suit fit is found.
- **4C or 4D**, slam invitational hand with 6 card heart/spade with 4 cards in the other major.
- **4H or 4S**, to play there. Responder will have a 6+card suit and 4 cards in the other major.
- **4NT**, Quantitative, responder has atleast one 4-card major.

B) Bidding after 2H response to Stayman 2C (1NT-2C-2H-?)

- **2S**, showing either 4 spades in an invitational hand or 4 spades and a longer minor in a weak hand or 4-1-4-4 hand singleton H, GF. Opener then bids:
 - 2NT with minimum hand and less than 4 spades or 3C maximum hand less than 4 spades. Responder then either passes or bids 3C /3D/3NT to play or bids 3S to show 4-1-4-4 GF hand.
 - 3S max hand with 4 spades. Responder then, passes or bids 4S or cue bids with 4-1-4-4 hand.
- **2NT**, Invitational to 3NT. Responder may not have any 4-card major.
- **3C**, artificial and game forcing asking opener to describe his hand further. Opener rebids:
 - 3D– any 4-card minor (3H asks), 3H– 5-card Heart suit, 3S– 4-card Spade suit, 3NT– 3-4-3-3 hand
- **3D**, artificial slam try with opener's major suit as trump. Opener bids naturally. Rebid of Opener's major shows 5-card suit and 3NT bid denies slam interest. Any new suit is a cue bid showing slam interest.

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UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 27

INSUFFICIENT BID

A bid that fails to supersede the immediately previous bid is an insufficient bid. Any insufficient bid may be accepted (treated as legal) at the option of offender's LHO. It is also accepted if that player calls.

If an insufficient bid is not accepted, it must be corrected by the substitution of either a sufficient bid or a pass.

- **Insufficient Bid not Conventional and corrected by the Lowest Sufficient Bid in the Same Denomination** - If both the insufficient bid & the bid substituted are not conventional and if the bid is corrected by the lowest sufficient bid in the same denomination, there is no penalty and auction proceeds as though no irregularity had occurred.

However, the Director can award an adjusted score in case where the Director judges that the insufficient bid conveyed such information to the offenders as to damage the non-offending side.

- **Insufficient Bid Conventional or Corrected by any other Sufficient Bid or Pass** – If either the Insufficient Bid or the lowest sufficient bid in the same denomination is conventional or if the bid is corrected by any other Sufficient Bid or by a Pass, the offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call for the balance auction (Lead penalties Law 26 may apply).

- **Attempt to Correct by a Double or Redouble** - Offender can not legally substitute a Double or Redouble for his insufficient bid. If the offender attempts to substitute a double or redouble, the attempted call is cancelled, and his partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (Lead penalties may apply).

Whenever the enforced pass of Offender's partner damages the non-offending side, the Director may award an adjusted score.

Laws 28-32 (Call out of Rotation) will be covered in next issue of the Bulletin.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

STAYMAN CONVENTION (LIFE AFTER STAYMAN RESPONSE)

(contd. from Page 2)

B) Bidding after 2H response to Stayman 2C (1NT-2C-2H-?) (contd.)

- **3H**, invitational, opener passes or bids the game
- **3NT**, to play however responder definitely has 4-card spade suit & opener can bid 4S with a fit.
- **3S/4C/4D**, Splinter bids showing shortness in the bid suit and 4+ card Heart support. Opener then returns to agreed suit if his hand is not suitable for slam purpose in light of responder's shortness. Otherwise cue-bids a control with a suitable hand or bids 4NT - RKCB.
- **4NT**, Quantitative with 4 cards in Spade (not RKCB). If responder wants to ask Aces or Keycards, he should first bid 3D to agree the suit and then bid 4NT as RKCB.
- **4S or 5C/D**, exclusion RKCB.

C) Bidding after 2S response to Stayman 2C (1NT-2C-2S-?)

- **2NT**, Invitational to 3NT. Responder may not have any 4-card major.
- **3C**, artificial and game forcing asking opener to describe his hand further. Opener rebids:
 - 3D/H – 4-card diamond / club suit
 - 3S – 5-card Spade suit
 - 3NT – 4-3-3-3 hand
- **3D**, artificial slam try with opener's major suit as trump. Opener bids naturally.
- **3H**, 1-4-4-4 hand (singleton ♠), GF. Opener bids 3NT with good spades otherwise bids 4-Card minor.
- **3S**, invitational, opener passes or bids the game (3NT or 4S).
- **3NT**, to play, responder shows 4-card heart suit.
- **4C/D/H**, splinter bids showing shortness in the bid suit and 4+ card Spade support.
- **4NT**, quantitative with 4 cards in Heart.
- **5C/D/H**, exclusion RKCB.

The above structure is definitely an improvement over simple methods as responder has many tools enabling him to bid much better.

The above structure of Stayman response after 1NT Opening bid, works very well with:

- Jacoby transfers (in majors or 4 suit transfers)
- Texas transfer

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

The Final between **Italy & Denmark** turned out to be an anti-climax affair as Italy with a C/O of 3.6 IMPs never gave any chance to Denmark and comfortably won the 96 board finals by 87.6 (271.6 – 184) IMPs. The session wise scores were (57-28, 30-16, 53-33, 35-52, 59-15, 34-40). The **Gold medallist Italy** team is being represented by Furio & Stelio de

Bello, Fabio Lo Presti & Francesco Mazzadi, Ruggiero Guariglia & Stefano Uccello, npc Gianpaolo Rinaldi and coach Andrea Pagani. The Silver medal went to the Denmark team, represented by Kare Gjaldback, Martin Schaltz, Bjorg & Jonas Houmaller, Andreas Marquardsen and Boje Henriksen. The Bronze went to the USA2 team represented by Kevin Bathurst, Ken Mignocchi, John Kranyak, Joe Grue, John Hurd and Joel Woodridge.

We will cover the interesting deals of the tournament. in the next issue of this Newsletter.

Answer to the Quiz on Page 10

Ruff the Heart King with the Diamond Ace. Cash the King of diamonds and play small diamond to the Queen in dummy. Play Jack of clubs and take finesse. If East covers, take with King and play your last diamond to the Jack in dummy. Take another finesse of Club with your 9. If East does not cover earlier the same play holds good i.e. win first with Jack and now with Ace or King. Discard dummy's spade on your Ace of Club, and after ruffing a club play all your trumps. The last 3- card position will be:

	♠ Q ♥ J ♦ 3 ♣	
♠ KJ ♥ Q ♦ ♣	N W E S	♠ 98 ♥ ♦ T ♣
	♠ A3 ♥ ♦ 8 ♣	

On the play of last trump from dummy, a perfect double squeeze occurs. Both East & West will have to discard one of their spades to keep their winners, and South scores his last two tricks with Spade Ace and Spade 3.

A Deal from BFAME

The following board came in the Semi Final match between India & Jordanan.

Board 10; Dealer : East; Vul : Both

	♠ K63 ♥ KJ6 ♦ A5 ♣ AT876	
♠ 8 ♥ T52 ♦ KT8764 ♣ KQJ	N W E S	♠ AJT542 ♥ AQ9 ♦ QJ93 ♣
	♠ Q97 ♥ 8743 ♦ 2 ♣ 95432	

W	N	E	S
1NT	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
		6♦	All Pass

The first impression seems to be that 6♦ could be a lucky make, but if you go on to analyze, one can find that it is an excellent slam specially if played by East, for a club lead gives it on a platter. The best defence could be a diamond lead to North's Ace and a Heart return. As obvious from the lay of cards, whatever you do is right.

Satya and Kiran got to the 6♦ contract gaining 13 IMPs for their team, while in the match between Pakistan & Syria, Syria doubled Fazli and Alana in 5♦. I don't know whether it was a 'frightner' double to keep them out of the slam, still it was worth 8 IMPs to Pakistan.

(Reported by Raju Tolani, who was npc to the Indian Team as well as Editor of the Daily Bulletins of the BFAME Tournament)

***** ANNOUNCEMENT *****

The Delhi Gymkhana Club Bridge Tournament will take place from 7th to 9th November 2003 at Delhi Gymkhana.

The event will have T-4 duplicate as well as Open Pair events.

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

05/08/2003

Section A:

NS 1 : Amod Rele – D.K. Tewari	65.84%
NS 2 : S.N. Mathur – M.S. Sharma	57.55%
EW 1 : T.C. Pant – Sangram Guha	61.20%
EW 2 : Paresh Gupta – Vinod Sharma	58.12%

Section B:

NS 1 : A.K. Sinha – S. Krishnamurthy	58.33%
NS 2 : Mukesh Shivdasani – S. Aggarwal	55.56%
EW 1 : A. Tankha – R. Chakravarty	58.48%
EW 2 : K.B. Sikand – P.K. Sethi	56.69%

12/08/2003

NS 1 : A.K. Narang – R.C. Consul	61.46%
NS 2 : Subhash Gupta – Sunil Bhatia	57.64%
NS 3 : Sanjiv Bery – Narvir Singh	55.90%
EW 1 : Gen. A.L. Suri – S. Sunderrajan	65.28%
EW 2 : Deepak Gupta – P.S. Tandon	55.90%
EW 3 : A.K. Sinha – S. Krishnamurthy	55.56%

19/08/2003

NS 1 : Mukesh Shivdasani – S. Aggarwal	67.01%
NS 2 : Ravi Sawhney – Dr. R.L. Sanghi	54.17%
EW 1 : Anand Bhatia – J.B. Sengupta	60.76%
EW 2 : Narvir Singh – Sanjiv Bery	53.82%

26/08/2003

NS 1 : K.B. Sikand – V.N. Puri	64.11%
NS 2 : N.C. Gupta – Gopal Saxena	61.08%
NS 3 : Amod Rele – D.K. Tewari	58.39%
EW 1 : Ashok Giridhar – Sandeep Narang	60.99%
EW 2 : Narvir Singh – Sanjiv Bery	59.72%
EW 3 : Vinod Sharma – Paresh Gupta	58.40%

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

02/08/2003 (Joint winners)

1. **Vijay Goel** – (N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Sunil Sarin, Rajesh Tibrewala)
1. **ARSM** – (A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul, S.N. Mathur, M.S. Sharma)

09/08/2003

1. **Anand Bhatia's Team** – (Anand Bhatia, Ganpat Rai, K.B. Sikand, P.K. Sethi)
2. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Mohandass, S. Dharni))

23/08/2003

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, A.K. Ghosh)
2. **Toppers** – (A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul, Mohandass, S. Dharni))

30/08/2003

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, S. Sunderrajan)
2. **Paresh Gupta Team** – (Paresh Gupta, Vinod Sharma, Subhash Gupta, Sunil Bhatia, Amarjeet)

Registration with BFI

All the Bridge Players of Delhi are kindly requested to get registered for the Master Point scheme of BFI. This will enable you in getting the MP awards for the local & National tournaments. Please note that the registration to BFI is mandatory for playing in National level Tournaments.

All India Ladies Bridge Assoc. Results

10/08/2003

- NS 1: Mrs. Judge – Mrs. Kunti Thakur
NS 2: Mrs. Rajesh Gupta – Mrs. Madhu Agarwal
- EW 1: Lalit Shrivastava – Sudhir Aggarwal
EW 2: Anand Bhatia – Sangram Guha

3rd NOIDA All India Invitational Bridge Tournament

The 3rd NOIDA All India Invitation Bridge Tournament was held from 14th to 17th August 2003 at NOIDA Golf Course.

TEAM EVENT:

In all, 43 teams comprising players from all over India participated in the Team event. Formidables, India Blues, Well-Knit, Tolani Shipping, C.V. Rao, DSM-Machar & MONOTONA, were some of the top teams.

After playing a round robin of 10 rounds (of 10 boards each), **Vijay Goel's** Team (Vijay Goel, Kinshuk Bhattacharya, N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Tapas Mukherjee & Kalyan Nandi) with 181 VPs, topped the swiss league. C.V. Rao's Team (Badal Das, S.N. Dey Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee, Alok Sadhu, Probir Paul & Pronob Bardhan) from Vizag came in 2nd position with 179 VPs. The quarter finalists were:

1. **Vijay Goel** - 181 VPs
2. **C.V. Rao** - 179 VPs
3. **Formidables** - 177 VPs
4. **WELLKNIT** - 177 VPs
5. **Pankaj Mehta 'B'** - 176 VPs
6. **I-Doctors** - 173 VPs
7. **DSM-Machhar** - 172 VPs
8. **Tolani Shipping** - 171 VPs

In the Quarter Finals **Tolani Shipping** beat Vijay Goel 83-62; **DSM-Machhar** beat C.V. Rao 68-53; **Formidables** beat I-Doctors 100-47 and **WELLKNIT** beat Pankaj Mehta 'B' by 62-30.

In the 32-board semi-final, **Tolani Shipping** took a firm grip in the first session itself against **WELLKNIT** by leading 54-9. They added 5 more IMPs to their kitty by winning the 2nd session 44-39 and the match by 50 IMPs (98-48).

In the second semi-final, **Formidables** led **DSM-Machhar** by 27 IMPs (54-27) in the first session. **DSM-Machhar** fought back in the 2nd session but could only recover 5 IMPs (40-35). **Formidables** won the match by 22 IMPs (89-67) to gain entry into the Finals.

In the 4*14 boards finals **Tolani Shipping** led **Formidables** by 4 IMPs (29-25) in the first set. They gained another 17 IMPs (39-22) in the second set to lead by 21 IMPs at the half way. **Formidables** fought back and took the third set by 34 IMPs (53-19) to take 13 IMP lead before start of last session. They added another 4 in the last session to win by 17 IMPs and the prize money of 1.2 Lacs. **Formidables** were represented by Subhash Gupta, Rajeshwar Tewari, B. Satyanarayana, K.R. Venkatraman & Sunit Chokshi. **Tolani Shipping** were represented by Arvind Vaidya, R.A. Agrawal, R. Bhiwandikar & Archie Sequeira and won Rs. 60,000 for being runners-up.

The Pair Event:

The Pairs event, which attracted 112 pairs was quite an exciting affair.

The field went through two grueling eliminations. In the first elimination 90 Pairs participated, out of which 44 Pairs went through to the 2nd elimination round. In the 2nd elimination there were 56 pairs out of which, the best 26 plus the six pairs of losing semi-finalists constituted the final 32 for an exciting FINALS.

Pritish Kushari - Manas Mukherjee, won the Pair event and the prize of Rs. 50,000. **Alok Sadhu - Sumit Mukherjee** were second and **V.M. Lal - P. Hegde** came third.

For those pairs who got eliminated in the main Pair event, 3 Side Pair events were also organized. These events were also played with lot of enthusiasm, as good prize money was at stake for the first 3 positions.

Shri Ajay Jadeja, the famous cricketer gave away the prizes to the Winners.

The Indian Bridge fraternity conveys its sincere thanks to **Shri Lalt Shrivastava, IAS, Chairman & CEO Greater NOIDA**, for organizing this excellent tournament.

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners.

- Reported by Editor

International Bridge News

BFAME 2003

The 12th BFAME Championships were held at Amman – Jordan from 1st – 10th August 2003. The following three events were played to select the Zone-4 representatives for World Championships at Monte Carlo in Nov 2003.

1. Open Teams 2. Ladies Teams 3. Senior Teams

The tournament started with the customary “Friendship Pairs” event. The final standing of the event were as follows:

1. Pervez Mirza & Rashi Ul Ghazi (Pakistan)	-	1024.18
2. Rajeshwar Tewari & Subhash Gupta (India)	-	1022.53
3. Mrs. Kiran Nadar & B. Satyanarayana (India)	-	1000.61

Open Teams:

7 Teams – India, Pakistan, Syria, Jordan, Bangladesh, Palestine & Sri Lanka participated in this event. The format was a double round-robin with “Bye” as the 8th team (18 VPs were given for the match against “Bye” team to every team). The final results after 14 rounds were: India – 273, Pakistan – 246, Syria – 206, Jordan – 200.3, Bangladesh – 199, Palestine – 190 & Sri Lanka – 184.3.

In the Semi Finals India beat Jordan and Pakistan beat Syria. Both matches turning out to be nearly one sided affairs. In the 80 boards (5*16) finals India started with a C/O of 8 against Pakistan. They beat Pakistan by 87 IMPS (208-121) to win the BFAME Open Teams. The session wise score in favour of India was (49-29, 31-19, 45-6, 30-38, 45-29).

Ladies Teams:

5 Teams – India, Pakistan, Jordan, Palestine & Sri Lanka participated in this event. The format was a triple round-robin with “Bye” as the 6th team (18 VPs were given for the match against “Bye” team to every team). The final results after 15 rounds were: Pakistan – 275, India – 269, Jordan – 250, Sri Lanka – 224. & Palestine – 138. Pakistan & India qualified to play the Finals.

In the 64 boards (4*16 boards) finals India started with a C/O of 12.7 against Pakistan. They beat Pakistan by 46.7 IMPS (150.7-104) to win the BFAME Ladies Team event. The session wise score in favour of India was (32-38, 42-11, 23-19, 41-36)

Senior Teams:

4 Teams – Pakistan, Jordan1, Jordan2 & Palestine participated in this event. The format was a double round-robin and the final results after 6 rounds were: Pakistan – 129, Jordan1 – 92, Jordan2 – 79 & Palestine – 52. Pakistan with a C/O of 16 & Jordan1 qualified for the finals. In the finals, Pakistan defeated Jordan1 by 84 IMPS (59-18, 69-42 i.e total 144-60) to win the BFAME Senior Teams.

The Winners and Runner-up of BFAME Open, Ladies & Senior team events will be representing the Zone-4 for the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup respectively at Monte Carlo from Nov 2-15, 2003.

World Youth Championship 2003

The 9th World Youth Championship were held at St. Cloud – Paris, France from 18th to 28th August 2003. 16 teams from all parts of the World participated in the event. After full round-robin of 15 rounds, the final scores were: **Denmark – 299, USA2 – 290.5, Italy – 286, Poland – 275**, France – 269, Norway – 264, England – 241, Canada – 235, China-Hong Kong – 220, Thailand – 199, Egypt – 194, Chinese Taipei – 187, USA1 – 164.5, Australia – 159, Chile – 142.5, Uruguay – 99.5.

In the 64 board first Semi-final, **Denmark** started with a C/O of 16 IMPs and beat **Poland** 194-166 (53-30, 26-58, 51-31, 48-47). The second semi-final between **USA2** and **Italy** was a real cliff-hanger till the last board. **USA2** with a C/O of 4.5 were in a pathetic stage after 2 sessions losing 54-20 & 88-26. Italy held a lead of 91.5 IMPs at half way stage and the game was over for the kibitzers. But not for the USA2. They came back strongly to defeat Italy 64-33 in the 3rd set to reduce the deficit to 60.5. The 4th set was totally out of this world. USA2 gave one of the rarest fights ever seen before and finally lost by 0.5 IMP, recoving 60 IMPs (82-22). *(Contd... on next page)*

INTERESTING HANDS OF THE NOIDA TOURNAMENT

- *Reported by Editor*

1. FREAKISH HAND

One of the most freakish deal occurred on the first day itself (courtesy: new cards not shuffled properly). This was played in the Round 1 between COSMOS, Delhi and Sharma & Co.

Board: 10, Dlr: East, Vul: Both

	♠ JT98765 ♥ ♦ KQJT98 ♣		
♠ A432 ♥ ♦ ♣ KQJT98765	N W E S	♠ KQ ♥ AJT98765432 ♦ ♣	
	♠ KQ ♥ A765432 ♦ ♣ A432		

In the open room the COSMOS E-W bid the hand as:

W	N	E	S
		4C(1)	P
5C	5S	6H	Dbl
All Pass			

(1)- 8 to 8&1/2 tricks in Hearts

In the Close room the bidding was:

W	N	E	S
		6H	Dbl
All Pass			

At both the tables the doubled contract was made, without any problems.

Can any one suggest, how you reach 7D with N-S hand, which is again ice cold?

The Editor was sitting as North and thought a lot before passing the DBL of partner. May be if I would have bid 6S, partner would have been forced to bid 7D, which would have scored. But would the East hand stand 7D doubled. Most probably he would have sacrificed in 7H doubled?

2. WELL JUDGED PLAY

This deal occurred in the round robin match between Pankaj Mehta 'B' Vs. Formidables.

Dlr: East

	♠ Jxxx ♥ QTxx ♦ x ♣ Jxxx		
♠ AKT8xx ♥ ♦ KQx ♣ AKxx	N W E S	♠ Q9 ♥ AKJxxxx ♦ Jxx ♣ x	
	♠ x ♥ xx ♦ Axxxxx ♣ QTxx		

The bidding in the CLOSE room went as follows:

Pradeep	Subhash	Mahendra Singh	R. Tewari
W	N	E	S
		1H	3D
4D	P	4H	P
6NT	All Pass		

North led the small diamond, taken by South with the Ace. Pradeep threw the King of diamond on this. The diamond return was taken by Queen and now Pradeep took the first round finesse of the 9 of spades, based on the pre-emptive bid of South to make his 12 tricks.

In the OPEN room, Sunit & Venky played in 5H going one down. It was a swing of 17 IMPS for the Pankaj Mehta team. NICELY DONE Pradeep.

DEALS FROM FINALS:

DEAL 1: Session 2: Dlr: East; Both Side Vul

	♠ Q98x ♥ K8x ♦ 8543 ♣ xx		
♠ Jx ♥ QT9x ♦ KT6 ♣ KT8x	N W E S	♠ AKTxx ♥ 64 ♦ Q92 ♣ Axx	
	♠ xx ♥ AJ7x ♦ AJ7 ♣ QJ9x		

The bidding in the OPEN room went as follows:

RA Agrawal	Sunit	A. Vaidya	Venky
W	N	E	S
		1S	Dbl
RDBL	2D	Pass	Pass
Dbl	2H	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

East led H6 and Sunit played low from dummy, which was covered by H9 and taken with HK. Declarer now played a club to the Queen and King by West, who led Spade J, covered by Queen and taken by Ace. East continued with Hearts and declarer took with Ace in dummy and played queen of club, taken by East with Ace. Declarer was now able to ruff a club and went 4 down (2 hearts, a ruff and Ace of diamonds) for 1100.

The bidding in the CLOSE room went as follows:

W	N	E	S
		1S	Dbl
RDBL	Pass	Pass	1NT
West	Pass	Dbl	2C
Dbl	2D	Dbl	All Pass

Ace of spade was led and West put his Jack asking for Heart shift. East obliged and led the H6 to low-H9-HK. Declarer played small club and East hopped up with Ace and continued hearts to dummy's Ace. Declarer now played Queen of clubs taken by West with King and cashed the Heart Queen on which East parted with his last club. West returned a low club and declarer pitched a low spade (it turned out to be fatal) and East ruffed with 2 of Diamond. Now East took his King of spade and backed a spade. As the cards lie declarer cannot avoid 4 more diamond tricks (The King & Ten to West and Queen & Nine to East). If declarer had ruffed the club with the Diamond 3, East would have been forced to ruff with 9 of diamonds, and would have been one less down.

Declarer now could get only 3 tricks and went 5 down for 1400, and Formidables gained 7 IMPs on the board.

DEAL 2: Session 3; Board: 6, Dir: East, Vul: EW

	♠ KQ ♥ Kx ♦ KQxx ♣ QT9xx	
♠ xx ♥ AQT9x ♦ xx ♣ Axxx	N W E S	♠ AJxxx ♥ 7xx ♦ AJxx ♣ x
	♠ xxxx ♥ J8x ♦ xxx ♣ KJx	

In the open room the bidding went:

R. Tewari	RA Agrawal	Subhash	A. Vaidya
W	N	E	S
		Pass	Pass
1H	2C	3C(1)	Dbl
3H	Pass	4H	Pass

(1)- Max. passed hand and minimum 3 card heart fit

North led a low club, dummy playing the singleton and Rajeshwar (declarer) took South's King with the Ace. He played a low diamond, covered by North with Queen and Rajeshwar ducked it. Agarwal now played the ♠K and declarer took it with Ace, came to hand with the Ace of trump, and played a diamond to the Jack. A spade was discarded on the ♦A and a low spade ruffed in hand falling the ♠Q of North and a club ruffed in dummy.

Both declarer & defender were in a ding-dong battle and were playing at their best. But now Rajeshwar made the first mistake. Instead of playing the ♠J, he played the last diamond from dummy. The contract is doomed now, as South can throw a club. Declarer can ruff in hand but when he plays the 3rd club from hand it will get over-ruffed by South. South now plays his last heart, taken by North's King and declarer will have to give another club for down one. Alas, the things on the table did not go this way. Arvind instead of discarding club, discarded a spade and Rajeshwar after ruffing, ruffed a club in dummy, and discarded his last club on the ♠J. The declarer had to give only ♥K besides the diamond trick and made 11 tricks. In the close room the Tolani pair also reached 4 Hearts but went one down, giving 13 IMPs to Formidables. The contract always makes, if instead of 4th diamond, the declarer plays the spade Jack and discards the club. Defender can take his King but is helpless after that.

DEAL 3: Session 4

	♠ x ♥ KQxxx ♦ Jxxx ♣ xxx	
♠ x ♥ xx ♦ AKQTxxxx ♣ xx	N W E S	♠ AKQxx ♥ ATxx ♦ ♣ AQxx
	♠ JTxxxx ♥ Jx ♦ x ♣ KJxx	

I think this deal was the decision making deal of the finals. Personally I feel, Tolani Shipping were rather unlucky, as Sunit took a rather passive approach of passing rather than bidding a slam or for that matter Grand slam, which could have been on. In the open room the bidding went:

Venky	RA Agrawal	Sunit Chokshi	A. Vaidya
W	N	E	S
		1C (1)	Pass
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
4D	Pass	4H	Pass
5D	All Pass		

(1)- Precision 16+ HCP

As the cards lie, the declarer can only make 11 tricks after the ♥K lead. In the close room Sequeira – Bhiwandikar bid 6 diamonds going down one.