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All India HCL Bridge Tournament - A great Success

The charm of a big bridge tournament is totally electrifying. With 46 teams and 127 Pairs from all over India participating in the Team of Four and the Open Pairs respectively, the HCL tournament held at Hotel Claridges provided the required impetus to all the participants to perform well and play some good bridge. The competition was tough and the prize money nearing Rs. 10 Lacs was really attractive for the participants. Rarely events with this big prize money are organized in India.

Only in its second year, the HCL sponsored tournament has already established itself as a premier bridge event of India. The tournament was very well organized and credit for the same goes to Mrs. Kiran Nadar, the force behind the tournament and Mr. Subhash Gupta, the organizing secretary and his team of dedicated workers. Hotel Claridges provided some mouth watering dishes on all the days. The technical management team took care of the Scoring, Daily Bulletins, Hand records of Pairs final very efficiently.

However, one point raised by Mr. Ajay Jadeja the chief guest that the "Young age" in bridge appears to be quite "high" and there are very few in this "Young age" highlighted once again that "Junior development" has been ignored in Indian bridge.

The HCL tournament was the curtain raiser for the current bridge session and bridge enthusiasts are going to have their fill of bridge bonanza in the coming few months. September will have the evergreen "Boat House Club" tournament at Nainital, followed by another big prize money event in Delhi – the PHD House tournament to be held from 14th to 17th Oct 2004. Another important tournament of North India – the Golcha Memorial at Jaipur will be played from 29th to 31st Oct 2004. Besides this tournaments at Hyderabad and Bhilai are also in the offering.

The scene will shift to Mumbai in November with the famous Tolani Master event and then to South at Visakhapatnam for the all-important 46th WINTER NATIONALS. So it is time to finalize on partners, your team, convention cards and Systems being played.

Coming to the International bridge scene, the coming month will bring the 6th GENERALI World Masters Individual Championships to be played at Verona, Italy from 8th to 10th September. The top 52 players of the world are participating in this tournament for the individual championship along with 28 top women players for the ladies championship. We wish "All the Best" to Mr. Subhash Gupta, who is representing India in this event.

The World Bridge Olympiad to be played at Istanbul, Turkey in November will follow soon and we expect the Railways team, who will be representing India to do their best.

All in all, it is going to be an interesting and enjoyable season for BRIDGE and we sincerely hope that each one of you would participate in maximum tournaments and be party to the success of this beautiful game.

Editor

BEST DEFENSE TO MULTI TWO DIAMOND

Many partnerships are today playing opening two diamond as Multi with various kinds of options. However very few partnerships are prepared with a defense against Multi 2D. The defense which is recommended below is from the article available on Chris Ryall's web site www.cavendish.demon.co.uk.

The recommended defense uses double as Multi purpose bid like the Multi two diamond opening. This is what exactly multi 2D deserves. In my opinion this is perhaps the best defense to Multi 2D opening however it is a complex system and a big tax on the memory and is recommended for regular partnerships only.

A) Bidding over Opponent's Multi two diamond

Double is used for various purposes and there are two ways to show minor suits which allows a great deal of flexibility in the bidding.

- **Double**, shows any of the following kinds of hands:
 - An opening bid in hearts or spades (five+ card and opening strength).
 - 19 - poor 22 point balanced hand
 - 19+ three suited hand.
- **2H**, Basically a strong no trump - say good 15 to poor 19. Something in both majors. This is certainly a good idea as it allows responder to pass or bid 2S to play with weak hands. (However depending on partnerships preference, you can play 2NT as strong no trump)
- **2S or 2NT**, as Transfers - opening bids in clubs or diamonds respectively. (If you use 2NT as strong NT, then 2H or 2S will transfer to Clubs or Diamonds).
- **3C or 3D**, Pre-emptive! Less than an opening bid. How nice!
- **3H or 3S**, Michaels cue bids. 5-5 (rarely 5-4) Major-minor two suiter (NF) say 8 to 8½ tricks.
- **3NT**, 22+ natural balanced.

B) Further bidding over (2D) - double (multi)

If the third hand passes, responder to the double bids as follows:

- **Pass** shows 4+ diamonds and may be weak or suspecting a misfit. You will cooperative double later.
- **2H/S**, weakness takeouts (Paradox bids, neither is forcing). 2H shows at least 2 cards and passable (but might raise spades) and 2S is invitational in hearts.
- **2NT**, shows interest in game opposite either major - say good 9+.
 - **3C** = 19-22 NT, then 3D Stayman and others natural.
 - **3D** = Min in hearts or max in Spades. Then, 3H (passable)/3S (GF) relays.
 - **3H** = GF max in hearts.
 - **3S** = Min in spades, natural bidding
 - **3NT to 4H** = 4441 or 4405(void minor) suit below singleton.
- **3 any**, natural and forcing.

If the third hand bids a major - double is takeout, 2NT is Lebensohl showing weak in a minor, 3-any natural and forcing.

C) Further bidding over (2D) - 2H (strong NT)

The main problem is you cannot play in 2NT - a similar situation to the Lebensohl over 1NT (overcall).

- **Pass(!) or 2S**, to play in the major.
- **2NT**, Lebensohl to play in 3C/D. If 2NT bidder rebids a major, it is GF and seeking a 4-4 fit in majors.
- **3 any** direct over 2H is natural and forcing.

D) Further bidding over (2D) – other bids

Bidding after transfer in a minor – intermediate suit bid is relay showing values but may still pass 3C/D. Immediate transfer completion is weak. Otherwise natural.

Further bidding after all other bids - natural.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

03/08/2004 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Daya Dhaon – Narvir Singh	63.89%
NS 2: J.S. Bakshi – Mrs. Meera Bakshi	57.13%
EW 1: N.K. Gupta – Sandeep Thakral	56.67%
EW 2: Suresh Kumar – S.K. Uppal	54.13%

10/08/2004 – 13 Tables

NS 1: Subodh Jain – M.S. Sharma	69.53%
NS 2: Mrs. Madhu Kochar – M.P. Agarwala	63.89%
NS 3: Mrs. Shashi Jain – Anand Bhatia	58.47%
EW 1: N.K. Gupta – Sandeep Thakral	60.42%
EW 2: R.K. Gupta – A.K. Narang	60.11%
EW 3: U.K. Pal – Ashim Kumar Ghosh	54.22%

17/08/2004 – 10 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Madhu Kochar – M.P. Agarwala	65.39%
NS 2: A.K. Narang – Yogesh Tewari	60.13%
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Sehgal – Jan Sorensen	57.30%
EW 2: Gopal Saxena – Deepak Arora	54.53%

24/08/2004 – 13 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	70.56%
NS 2: Sandeep Thakral – N.K. Gupta	67.50%
NS 3: Mrs. Kiran Nadar – Subhash Gupta	61.11%
EW 1: Sham Sharma – R.C. Consul	61.94%
EW 2: Urmil Aggarwal – Ashok Chandra	61.11%
EW 3: R.S. Jasuja – Arun Jain	57.50%

31/08/2004 – 12 Tables

NS 1: D.D. Gulhati – Brig. D.N. Khanna	57.99%
NS 2: A.K. Ghosh – A.K. Jha	56.88%
EW 1: V. Ravindran – A.K. Mishra	62.62%
EW 2: S.K. Agrawal – Ved Prakash	59.32%

A Record

Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal & Mr. Amod Rele have scored more than 70% score in the "DBA Tuesday Pair event" for a record fourth time this year. They scored 70.56% on 24th Aug and had earlier posted scores of 71.15% on 2nd March, 70.11% on 20th Apr and 70.53% on 4th May 2004.

WELL DONE SUDHIR & AMOD.

- Reported by Editor

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

07/08/2004 – 12 Teams

1. **COSMOS** – (Duleep Mutreja, A.Mandal, Joyjit Sen Sharma, S. Dharni, Rajesh Jain)
2. **DK** – (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, J.B. Sengupta, Anand Bhatia)

21/08/2004 – 10 Teams

1. **SONCHEL**– (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sunil Bhatia Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele)
2. **EXPLORER** – (Vijay Kumar, A.K. Narang, Yogesh Tewari, R. Chakravarty)

28/08/2004 – 14 Teams

1. **FRIENDS** – (A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha, R. Nanda, S. Sunderrajan, Ravi Sawhney)
2. **VIJAY GOEL**– (Vijay Goel, N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Sukamal Das)
3. **COSMOS** – (A.Mandal, S. Dharni, Dilip Mutreja, Vijay)

ALL INDIA LADIES BRIDGE ASSOC. Weekly Results

06/08/2004 - 12 Tables

NS 1: Suraj Jain – Dr. R.L. Sanghi
NS 2: Mrs. Sneh Thadani – Mrs. S. Bansidhar
EW 1: Kavita Dhawan – Ranji Dhawan
EW 2: Mrs. Shashi Jain – Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal

20/08/2004 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Suraj Jain – Dr. R.L. Sanghi
NS 2: Mrs. Sneh Thadani – Mrs. S. Bansidhar
EW 1: K. Mubayi – V. Tuli
EW 2: Pradeep Prakash – R.M. Gupta

27/08/2004 - 12 Tables

NS 1: D.D. Gulhati – Brg. D.N. Khanna
NS 2: D.N. Agarwal – S.M. Chabra
EW 1: S. Pasricha – Alok Khemka
EW 2: Kavita Dhawan – Ranji Dhawan

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

ALL INDIA HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2004 - A Report

The 2nd All India HCL Bridge Tournament was held at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 12th to 15th August 2004. The Tournament had 2 events - the Team of Four event for the "**Naresh Tandan Trophy**" and the Open Pairs event for the "**Neena Bonarji Trophy**". Total 46 Teams & 127 Pairs participated in the Team of Four & Open Pairs tournament, comprising players from all over India. Agsar Paints, Formidables, WELLKNIT, Tolani Shipping, DSM & MONOTONA were some of the top participating teams.

T-4 Event for "Naresh Tandan Trophy":



At the end of first day (after 6 rounds), **Pankaj Kapadia's team** comprising of Dipak Santra, Tapan Roy, Jagdish Biswas & Sankar Acharya and **Dhampur Sugar Mills** comprising of Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das, Sibnath Dey Sarkar & Pranab Bardhan lead the event with **123 VPs**. The teams from Chennai - **WELLKNIT** comprising of R. Krishnan, A.S. Vishwanathan, Krishna Kumar, R. Venkatesh & J.M. Shah with **120 VPs** and **AGSAR PAINTS** comprising of N.R. Kirubakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, P. Sridhar, Anil Padhye & S. Sunderram with **115 VPs** were in 3rd & 4th place respectively.

After playing 4 more rounds on the second day, **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** Team with **195 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage. **Agsar Paints** with **193 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were:

1.	Dhampur Sugar Mills	-	195 VPs
2.	Agsar Paints	-	193 VPs
3.	WELLKNIT	-	192 VPs
4.	Formidables	-	176 VPs
5.	Pankaj Kapadia's IV	-	174 VPs
6/7.	MONOTONA	-	171 VPs
6/7.	Lucknow Blue	-	171 VPs
8.	GUPTA's Bangalore	-	166 VPs

The teams had the right to choose their opponents as per the priority of their ranking in the round robin stage. **The Quarterfinal line up was:**

Dhampur Sugar Mills Vs. GUPTA's Bangalore
Agsar Paints Vs. Lucknow Blue
WELLKNIT Vs. Pankaj Kapadia's IV
Formidables Vs. MONOTONA

The teams who just missed the qualification to the quarterfinals (from 9th to 12th positions) were:

9/10. VETERANS	164 VPs
9/10. Calcutta Bridge Club	164 VPs
11/12. ALOK DAGA	162 VPs
11/12. RADHEY, MUMBAI	162 VPs

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **GUPTA's Bangalore 114-73** (20-38, 27-23, 67-12). Gupta's team (A.S. Gupta, S. Vijayraghavan, V. Krishnan & Bhaskar Rao), who were leading by 14 IMPS after 2 sessions, could not sustain their firepower in the 3rd set and were blitz by 55 IMPs. In the 2nd QF, **Agsar Paints** beat **Lucknow Blues 135-84** (27-24, 48-46, 60-14). The Lucknow team was represented by Virendra Singh, Dhanesh Chandra, Kanwar Wajahat, Kalka Prasad, Mukul Gupta, Murli Manohar. The 3rd QF was a tough tussle and finally **WELLKNIT** beat **Pankaj Kapadia's IV 98-89** (42-33, 24-31, 32-25). Pankaj Kapadia's team was represented by Dipak Santra, Tapan Roy, Jagdish Biswas & Sankar Acharya. In the 4th QF, **Formidables** beat **Monotona** by **127-68** (51-18, 29-12, 47-38). The Monotona team was represented by Dipak Paddar, Suhas Vaidya, Arun Bapat, Anand Samant, R. Sridharan & Anal Shah. The Semi final line up was:

Dhampur Sugar Mills Vs. WELLKNIT & Formidables Vs. Agsar Paints

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** by **85-71** IMPs (c/o 3-0,16-17, 21-41, 45-13).

In the second semi-final, **Agsar Paints** beat **Formidables** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K.R. Venkatraman) by **121.5- 113** IMPs (c/o 13.5-0,41-29, 33-39, 34-45).

So it was **WELLKNIT Vs. AGSAR PAINTS**, both the Chennai teams in the FINALS of T-4.

In the 4*16 boards final, **WELLKNIT** beat **AGSAR PAINTS** by **142 - 81 (C/O: 0-3, 30-29, 38-7, 27-23, 47-19)**. AGSAR, who had a carry over of 3 IMPS lost just 1 IMP in the first set, but in the second set, WELLKNIT with 2 big swings in their favor took the lead by 29 IMPs. The 3rd session was played with caution by both the teams and WELLKNIT added 4 more to their kitty, to lead by 33 IMPs. AGSAR further lost 28 IMPs, trying to recover in the last set.

Congratulations to the WELLKNIT team (R. Krishnan, A.S. Vishwanathan, Krishna Kumar, R. Venkatesh & J.M. Shah), who won the **"Naresh Tandan Trophy" and the first prize of Rs. 2.5 Lacs.** The loser **AGSAR PAINTS team** (N.R. Kirubakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, P. Sridhar, Anil Padhye & S. Sunderram) got Rs. 1.2 Lacs.

PAIRS Event for "Neena Bonarji Trophy"



The Pairs Tournament started with 127 Pairs taking part in the event. There were 2 elimination rounds, each played in 2 sessions. In the first elimination, 104 pairs played in 4 sections of 13 NS & 13 EW each. 12 best NS & 12 best EW pairs from sections "A" & "B" combined, and equal number from sections "C" & "D" combined along with one qualifier having the best score in the 13th position qualified for the 2nd elimination round. The winner of 1st elimination round were:

Section "A" & "B" combined:

NS: Mrs. Bhavana Naraindas – Mrs. Chitra Roy
EW: A.B. Chakrabarty – B. Saha

Section "C" & "D" combined:

NS: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Suraj Jain
EW: Sandeep Thakral – N.K. Gupta

In the 2nd elimination, there were 60 pairs (49 qualifiers + 11 losing quarter finalists) put into 2 sections. They played a 2 session * 20 boards elimination round and the best 13 NS + 13 EW out of the two sections qualified for the Pairs Finals. The winner of 2nd elimination round were:

NS: A.N. Nanerjee – G. Singha
EW: D. Santra – S. Acharya

The 26 qualifiers from 2nd elimination round were joined by the six losing semi-finalist pairs, to constitute the final 32 Pairs for the 62 boards FINAL.

In the first session of the Pairs final (of 32 boards), Subhash Gupta – Rajeshwar Tewari with 66.35% score were way ahead to the 2nd position holder Badal Das – Sumit Mukherjee (62.81%). Kamal Roy – Satyabrata Lahiri with 58.02 were third.

Subhash & Rajeshwar kept the tempo going in the second set also and finally won the event. The list of the event winners is as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Subhash Gupta – R. Tewari | 561.00 |
| 2. R.A. Agrawal - Goutam Biswas | 537.00 |
| 3. Badal Das - Sumit Mukherjee | 534.00 |
| 4. P.C. Gupta - D.K. Tewari | 525.50 |
| 5. Ashok Goel - Kamal Mukherjee | 517.00 |
| 6. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana | 509.50 |
| 7. C.S. Majumdar - Subir Majumdar | 502.50 |
| 8. Raju Tolani - Ajay khare | 502.00 |
| 9. Asim Mukherjee - Samir Basak | 500.50 |
| 10. Kamal K. Roy - Satyabrata Lahiri | 496.00 |

Congratulations to Subhash Gupta – Rajeshwar Tewari, the winners of the "Neena Bonarji Trophy" and the first prize of Rs. 1.0 Lacs. R.A. Agrawal – Goutam Biswas won Rs. 60,000/- for coming 2nd. Badal Das – Sumit Mukherjee came third & won Rs. 35,000/-.

The event got over with the prize distribution ceremony presided by the organizing secretary Mr. Subhash Gupta. The chief guest, **Mr. Ajay Jadeja** – the dashing and evergreen cricketer, gave away the prizes to the winners. Mr. Shiv Nadar, Chairman HCL Corporation graced the occasion and reassured the bridge fraternity that this annual event is here to stay and will grow further in time to come. Mr. Puneet Gangal on behalf of all the participants thanked the organizers and the sponsors of the tournament and conveyed the feelings of all the participants that right now this is one of the best-conducted tournaments in India and in future HCL will make this tournament one of the TOP most tournaments of India.

- Reported by Editor

SUNDAY Special at DBA

This month's SUNDAY special DBA Tournament will be a PAIRS event to be held at DBA on 5th Sep 2004 at 1430 Hours. All are welcome to participate.

- Secretary DBA

Selection for Golcha Memorial

Please note that the organizers of Golcha Tournament to be held at Jaipur from 29th to 31st Oct 2004 have fixed a quota of four teams from Delhi. We will hold a selection trial, if there are more than 4 teams interested in participating. Interested teams should contact DBA.

- Secretary DBA

Interesting Deals from HCL Tournament

BEST PLAYED HAND

Quarter Final: FORMIDABLES Vs. MONOTONA

	♠ T876 ♥ 854 ♦ AJ3 ♣ Q74	
♠ AKQ92 ♥ Q95 ♦ A8653 ♣	N W E S	♠ J53 ♥ QJ96 ♦ T8762 ♣ 9
	♠ 4 ♥ AKT732 ♦ K4 ♣ KJT2	

Bidding:

D.Poddar	R. Tewari	A.Bapat	S. Gupta
W	N	E	S
1C(1)	Pass	1D(2)	1H
1S	2H	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

- (1) - Precision (16+)
(2) - < 8 HCPs

Subhash Gupta, the top star of Indian bridge played the hand perfectly to gain precious IMPs for his team on the above deal. West led the Spade Ace and switched to Ace of Clubs and continued with the Club ruffed by East. East returned the Spade & Subhash ruffed. On the given auction, East had to have all the hearts for his double. You need two entries to double finesse. You play low diamond and hope west does not spoil your party by putting up the ♦Q. Deepak (West) did not put the Queen and Subhash finessed the ♦J, played heart, Queen to King, back to ♦A by overtaking the ♦K and heart finessed again.

BEST DEFENDED HAND

Round Robin in Team of Four

Prakash Dalvi defended the hand perfectly. The bidding was:

W	N	E	S
(P. Dalvi)			
			1D(1)
3C(2)	3D	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (1) - Precision (2) - Pre-emptive)

	♠ Kxx ♥ Jxxxx ♦ KQxx ♣ x	
♠ xxx ♥ AQ ♦ x ♣ QJT8xxx	N W E S	♠ AJx ♥ K987 ♦ Txxxx ♣ x
	♠ QTxx ♥ Tx ♦ AJx ♣ AK9x	

♣Q was led and Declarer won, led a spade to the King, losing to the Ace. Heart back to Queen and ♣J led, won by the South. Three diamonds are cashed and the end position was:

	♠ XX ♥ JXX ♦ K ♣	
♠ xx ♥ A ♦ T8x ♣	N W E S	♠ Jx ♥ K98 ♦ T ♣
	♠ QTx ♥ T ♦ ♣ 9x	

On the last diamond, declarer pitched H10, and Prakash Dalvi pitched his ♥A trying to create the impression that he was guarding the ♠J. Declarer played ♠Q and a low spade, East won and took 2 heart tricks. Defense took 3 Heart & 2 spade tricks to beat the contract.

WELL BID HAND

This deal occurred in the round robin match between Five Stars (Team No. 28) Vs. ZEECO (Team No. 10)

Vul: Both, Dir: East

	♠ KT ♥ J52 ♦ AKQT9632 ♣	
♠ J62 ♥ T643 ♦ 87 ♣ AQ43	N W E S	♠ A9 ♥ K8 ♦ J5 ♣ KJ98762
	♠ Q87543 ♥ AQ97 ♦ 4 ♣ T5	

Bidding:

M.R. Goyal West	V. Dey North	Ravi Kumar East	A.K. Guha South
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4H
Pass	6D	All Pass	

East led the Ace of Spades hoping his partner has the King. Contract made. On a club lead, declarer can ruff, take out trumps and play the King of spades. East can do whatever he likes, but with 2 entries in heart (with King on side), there is no way to stop the contract. NICELY BID.

INTERESTING HAND

The following interesting deal came in the 2nd elimination round of open pairs.

Vul: None, Dlr: West

	♠ K75 ♥ K ♦ AQJTx ♣ Kxxx	
♠ QJT9642 ♥ AJx ♦ x ♣ xx	N W E S	♠ A83 ♥ Q9xx ♦ xxx ♣ Jxx
	♠ T98xx ♥ Kxxx ♦ AQ9x ♣	

West opened a pre-emptive 3 Spades, and North took his chances by bidding 3NT. From here onwards, different pairs bid differently. At most of the tables this was passed out and east dutifully led the Spade Ace and a low spade. It was easy for North to chalk out his 10 tricks now. At few of the tables East bid 4 Spades over 3NT, which was doubled by South and passed. Hoping for a quick ruff, North led the heart King and it was easy to take spade finesse and your 10 tricks for a absolute TOP. Well there were some funny situations available in 3NT. On a low heart lead by East, West takes the Ace of Heart and Spade Queen back and before North can start, EW can take 7 spades & 3 heart tricks i.e. 6 down. Also 6 Diamonds is cold for N-S, but only one pair bid it.

Humorous Deal

The following interesting deal came in the 2nd session of open pairs.

Contract: 1NT by East
NS: Subhash Gupta – Rajeshwar Tewari
EW: Santra - Acharya

Board: 16, Dlr: West, Vul: E-W

	♠ J84 ♥ 943 ♦ A2 ♣ AJT74	
♠ Q962 ♥ Q86 ♦ QT ♣ Q863	N W E S	♠ K3 ♥ AKJ52 ♦ 8654 ♣ K9
	♠ AT75 ♥ T7 ♦ KJ973 ♣ 52	

Rajeshwar (South) led his 4th best diamond and NS cashed all the five diamonds. On the 3rd & 4th diamonds, Subhash (North) discouraged first in Hearts and then in Spades and East did his first mistake by discarding a small club on the fifth diamond. South played the ♣5 to North's ♣10, taken by East with the ♣K. Declarer could have taken his 5 tricks now to go only one down, but he became greedy and played ♠K. South hopped up with ♠A and led another club. Defenders took 5 diamonds, 4 clubs & a spade to take the contract 4 down for a top score of 400.

LUCK FAVOURS THE BRAVE

(2nd Round of Pairs Elimination – I)

Dlr: West, Vul: BOTH

	♠ KT96 ♥ K76 ♦ K83 ♣ T94	
♠ Q72 ♥ Q98 ♦ 7642 ♣ AKQ	N W E S	♠ AJ85 ♥ AJ5 ♦ AQJ9 ♣ 65
	♠ 43 ♥ T432 ♦ T5 ♣ J8732	

Bidding:

Moghe West	North	Puri East	South
1NT(1)	Pass	2D (2)	Pass
2NT(3)	Pass	6NT(4)	All Pass

(1) – 12-15, (2) – Forcing Stayman, (3) – No Majors, (4) – Kite Flying

Playing the first deal of the day, the Delhi pair of V.N. Puri- Dr. T. Moghe (as East-West), tried to push their luck on the above deal.

North led the ♣T, taken by the King and declarer led a low diamond to the Jack. Jack of Spades was led from dummy, taken by North with the King.

North continued with ♠9, taken by declarer with Ace and another diamond to queen was played. Diamond Ace was cashed falling the King and on the last diamond North had discarding problems. Declarer cashed the Queen & Ace of spades and the ♠Q and found North squirming. After 10 tricks have been played, North could only keep a spade and ♥Kx. Declarer threw the spade from dummy and played a low heart to the ♥J. When ♥A was played the King came down and the ♥Q became the 12th trick.

Interesting Deals from Team of Four Finals

Session - 1, Board: 6, Dir: East, Vul: E-W

	♠ T42 ♥ 64 ♦ KQ84 ♣ 8764	
♠ K76 ♥ K52 ♦ A97 ♣ AKQ2	N W E S	♠ QJ943 ♥ Q9 ♦ JT62 ♣ T3
	♠ A8 ♥ AJT873 ♦ 53 ♣ J95	

In the Closed room, the bidding went as follows:

West	North	East	South
Sridhar	Krishnakumar	Prabhakar	Krishnan
		Pass	1H
Dbl	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2N	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North lead the ♥6 and declarer put the ♥Q, taken by South with the Ace. South returned the ♥J and there was no way for the declarer to make the contract as defenders took their 5 heart and a spade trick to set the contract by one trick.

In the Open room, the bidding went different:

West	North	East	South
Venkatesh	A. Padhye	J.M. Shah	Sunderram
		Pass	2H
Dbl	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Probably the 2NT bid by East was a lebensohl sequence on the double of 2H. West showed a better hand by bidding 3NT and East converted to 4 spades, which became the final contract. The play has some interesting aspects to it.

On the table, South led the ♥A and continued with a low heart taken by the declarer with ♥Q. A low spade was led from hand and South ducked the Ace, taken by dummy with the King and the spade continuation was taken by South with the Ace. South continued with the ♥7 and the King was ruffed by North and over ruffed by the declarer. Declarer now played all the top clubs and ruffed the last one in hand. When a diamond was given to North, he was end played and declarer made his contract.

Considering the other variations, let us say South leads a small diamond, which is ducked by declarer. North after taking the ♦Q, shifts to a heart and declarer puts the nine from hand. If South does not take this trick with Ace, the heart trick will vanish as declarer can discard the heart queen on the Queen of clubs and will give another diamond and a spade to make the contract. If he takes the trick with ♥A, and returns another diamond, declarer takes it with ♦A and plays a spade. South can take the Ace but cannot return any diamond. Declarer after taking out trumps can pitch the diamond losers on Queen of Clubs and King of Heart.

Session -2, Board: 2, Dir: East, Vul: E-W

	♠ J83 ♥ J6 ♦ 87543 ♣ 973	
♠ K95 ♥ AKT5 ♦ T9 ♣ KQT8	N W E S	♠ AQ764 ♥ Q4 ♦ K ♣ J8642
	♠ T2 ♥ 98732 ♦ AQJ62 ♣ A	

In the Closed room, the bidding went as follows:

West	North	East	South
Anil	Krishnan	Sunderram	Krishnakumar
		1S	2S(1)
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3D
All Pass			
(1) - Michael's			

It seems there was some confusion between East-West on whether the PASS over 3D is forcing or not. As it turned out, there were only 2 losers in major suits and the contract got made.

The bidding in the OPEN room was:

West	North	East	South
Venkatesh	Sridhar	J.M. Shah	Prabhakar
		1S	2S
Dbl	Pass	3S	Pass
4C	Pass	4S	All Pass

Declarer had no problems in making 11 tricks.

DUMMY REVERSAL PLAY

The following was a perfect dummy reversal hand and both the declarer in Open as well as Close room played it perfectly.

Session -3, Board: 5, Dlr: N, Vul: N-S

	♠ 865 ♥ 9632 ♦ KQ8 ♣ KJ5										
♠ AT9 ♥ AQ8 ♦ A76 ♣ A764	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ KQJ74 ♥ KJT4 ♦ J954 ♣
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 32 ♥ 75 ♦ T32 ♣ QT9832										

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Kkumar	Prabhakar	Krishnan	Sridhar
	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	3S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	Pass	6S	All Pass

The bidding in the OPEN room was:

West	North	East	South
Sunderram	J.M. Shah	Anil	Venkatesh
	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
6S	All Pass		

The lead at both the tables was ♦2. Declarer played the Ace and ruffed a low club with ♣K. He went to dummy with ♠9 and ruffed the second club with ♠Q. Declarer again came to dummy with the ♠10 and ruffed the third club with the ♠J. After coming to the dummy with ♥A, the last trump was taken out with the Ace and one diamond was discarded on the 4th heart to make the contract.

FREAKISH DEAL

The following was an extremely lucky deal for AGSAR.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Kkumar	Prabhakar	Krishnan	Sridhar
			1S
Pass	1NT	3H	Dbl
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Session -3, Board: 15, Dlr: N, Vul: N-S

	♠ Q2 ♥ Q5 ♦ QT863 ♣ AJ65										
♠ 93 ♥ JT9 ♦ A7 ♣ Q98432	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8654 ♥ AK87643 ♦ 92 ♣
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ AKJT7 ♥ 2 ♦ KJ54 ♣ KT7										

East led a low heart and declarer was able to take 5 Spades, 3 Clubs and the heart queen for his 9 tricks.

The bidding in the OPEN room was:

West	North	East	South
Sunderram	J.M. Shah	Anil	Venkatesh
			1S
Pass	1NT	3H	Dbl
Pass	4H	Dbl	Pass
Pass	5D	All Pass	

The defense was pretty accurate. ♥A was cashed and the next heart ruffed. Small diamond was played from dummy and West took the Ace and returned a club ruffed by East to take the contract down one.

COMPETITIVE DEALS

The WELLKNIT Pair gained 6 IMPs on the following board, when they bid the tight game without any interference from the opponents.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Kkumar	Sunderram	Krishnan	Anil
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

Session -4, Board: 8, Dlr: W, Vul: None

	♠ J96 ♥ JT64 ♦ AKT8 ♣ J8										
♠ AQ42 ♥ A85 ♦ J543 ♣ K6	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ KT873 ♥ K ♦ 96 ♣ QT752
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 5 ♥ Q9732 ♦ Q72 ♣ A943										

South led the ♥2 and declarer took it with King,

played Ace and Queen of trump and discarded a diamond on ♥A. He played another trump to King and a low club to hand. South ducked the Ace and West after taking the trick with King, played another club. When the Jack came down the contract was through.

The bidding in the OPEN room was:

West	North	East	South
Prabhakar	J.M. Shah	Sridhar	Venkatesh
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
2S	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3H	3S	All Pass

WELLKNIT again bid aggressively on board 13 and gained 10 IMPs.

Session -4, Board: 13, Dlr: N, Vul: Both

	♠ KJ9865 ♥ K ♦ KQ8 ♣ J52	
♠ 32 ♥ AQ74 ♦ J65 ♣ AQ73	N W E S	♠ QT7 ♥ J9863 ♦ A93 ♣ K4
	♠ A4 ♥ T52 ♦ T752 ♣ T986	

In the close room, after North's opening of 1S, the Wellknit E-W bid 4H. The defense could get only 2 spades and a diamond, once the King of trumps fell on Ace. In the close room the Agsar EW competed but played in 3 Hearts making four.

- Reported by Editor

Live VuGraph

The 6th GENERALI World Masters Individual Championships to be played at Verona, Italy from 8th to 10th September would be shown live on **Bridge Base Online**.

Mr. Subhash Gupta is representing India in the event. So Bridge enthusiasts, please note down the date carefully to see live the World's TOP BRIDGE MASTERS in action. It is really going to be electrifying.

WINTER NATIONALS

Please note that the 46th Winter Bridge Championships 2004 will be held from 7th to 17th Dec 2004 at Waltair Club, Visakhapatnam.

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 9

PROCEDURE FOLLOWING AN IRREGULARITY

➤ A – Calling Attention to an Irregularity

1. **During the Auction Period** – Unless prohibited by Law, any player may call attention to an irregularity during the auction, whether or not it is his turn to call.
2. **During the Play Period** –
 - a. Unless prohibited by Law, declarer or either defender may call attention to an irregularity that occurs during the play period.
 - b. Dummy (dummy's restricted rights are defined in Laws 42 and 43):
 - i. Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during the play but may do so after play of the hand is concluded.
 - ii. Dummy may attempt to prevent declarer from committing an irregularity (Law 42B2).

➤ B – After Attention Is Called to an Irregularity

1. **Summoning the Director** –
 - a. **When to Summon** – The Director must be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity.
 - b. **Who May Summon** – Any player, including dummy, may summon the Director after attention has been drawn to an irregularity.
 - c. **Retention of Rights** – Summoning the Director does not cause a player to forfeit any rights to which he might otherwise be entitled.
 - d. **Opponents' Rights** – The fact that a player draws attention to an irregularity committed by his side does not affect the rights of the opponents.
2. **Further Bids or Plays** – No player shall take any action until the Director has explained all matters in regard to rectification and to the assessment of a penalty.

➤ C – Premature Correction of an Irregularity

Any premature correction of an irregularity by the offender may subject him to a further penalty (see the lead penalties of Law 26).

International Bridge News

2004 World Team Olympiad – Istanbul, Turkey (23rd Oct 2004 – 6th Nov 2004)

Round Robin Groups – Open Teams

Group A			Group B			Group C			Group D		
Team #	Country	Zone	Team #	Country	Zone	Team #	Country	Zone	Team #	Country	Zone
1	Argentina	3	1	Australia	7	1	Austria	1	1	Bermuda	5
2	Bangladesh	4	2	Bulgaria	1	2	Colombia	3	2	Bosnia	1
3	Belgium	1	3	Chile	3	3	Denmark	1	3	Botswana	8
4	Canada	2	4	China	6	4	Egypt	8	4	Brazil	3
5	Chinese Taipei	6	5	Croatia	1	5	England	1	5	Costa Rica	5
6	Georgia	1	6	Estonia	1	6	Finland	1	6	Cyprus	1
7	Guadeloupe	5	7	Germany	1	7	French Polynesia	7	7	Czech Republic	1
8	Hong Kong	6	8	India	4	8	Hungary	1	8	France	1
9	Iceland	1	9	Kenya	8	9	Ireland	1	9	Greece	1
10	Italy	1	10	Lebanon	1	10	Israel	1	10	Indonesia	6
11	Latvia	1	11	Luxembourg	1	11	Jordan	4	11	Japan	6
12	Mauritius	8	12	Martinique	5	12	Malaysia	6	12	Lithuania	1
13	Morocco	8	13	Monaco	1	13	Mexico	2	13	Pakistan	4
14	Netherlands	1	14	Norway	1	14	Philippines	6	14	Portugal	1
15	New Zealand	7	15	Singapore	6	15	Poland	1	15	South Africa	8
16	Russia	1	16	Switzerland	1	16	Reunion	8	16	Spain	1
17	Scotland	1	17	Tunisia	8	17	Romania	1	17	Sweden	1
18	Serbia & Montenegro	1	18	Turkey	1	18	Venezuela	5	18	Wales	1
19	United States	2									

Round Robin Groups – Women's Teams

Group A						Group B					
Team #	Country	Zone	Team #	Country	Zone	Team #	Country	Zone	Team #	Country	Zone
1	Australia	7	12	Italy	1	1	Argentina	3	12	Jordan	4
2	Austria	1	13	Korea	6	2	Costa Rica	5	13	Morocco	8
3	Brazil	3	14	Mexico	2	3	Croatia	1	14	Netherlands	1
4	Bulgaria	1	15	Pakistan	4	4	Denmark	1	15	New Zealand	7
5	Canada	2	16	Russia	1	5	England	1	16	Norway	1
6	China	6	17	Scotland	1	6	Germany	1	17	Poland	1
7	Egypt	8	18	Spain	1	7	Greece	1	18	Reunion	8
8	Finland	1	19	Sweden	1	8	Indonesia	6	19	South Africa	8
9	France	1	20	Switzerland	1	9	Ireland	1	20	United States	2
10	Hungary	1	21	Turkey	1	10	Israel	1	21	Wales	1
11	India	4	22	Venezuela	5	11	Japan	6			

Confirmation from some teams is still awaited. Therefore until all confirmations have been received, these groups must be considered provisional. (Information updated till 25.08.2004)

Courtesy: ecatsbridge Site

3rd PHD Tournament

The 3rd All India PHD Tournament will be held at PHD House, New Delhi from 14th to 17th Oct 2004. Detailed brochure will be published soon.

Contact Person: Mr. N.K. Jain (Tel: 0120 – 2512470)

GOLCHA BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The All India Rajendra Golcha Bridge Memorial Invitation Bridge Tournament will be held from 29th to 31st Oct 2004 at Jai Club, JAIPUR.

To provide better quality of Bridge and to make the Championships more competitive, the Management Committee of the tournament from this year onwards has decided to make it an invitational tournament. Invitation has been given to the TOP Indian teams and each Bridge Association has been given a fixed quota of teams to participate in the tournament.

Tournament at BHILAI

The 3^{7th} Purtej Singh Memorial Bridge Tournament will be held at BHILAI, Chattisgarh from 1st to 3rd Oct 2004.

There will be 3 events - Team of Four, BAM & Pairs with attractive prize money.

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 Friday at PHD House commencing at 1430 Hrs.
5. Central Secretariat Club holds an open Pair event on every Monday at 1800 Hrs.

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20TH ALL INDIA K.N. MODI BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Nainital Bridge Association will organize the 20th All India K.N. Modi Bridge Tournament from 23rd to 26th September 2004 at Boat House Club, Nainital.

There will be 3 events viz. "Team of Four Duplicate" for the running K.N. Modi Trophy, "Open Pairs" for a running trophy presented by Shri J.K. Lohia in memory of his brother late Shri Rishabh Lohia and a running trophy presented by Shri D.P. Varshni in memory of his father late Shri H.P. Varshni, for the "Board-a-Match" event. There will be attractive cash prizes for all events.

TOURNAMENT at KOLKATA

All India SREE CEMENT Bridge Tournament will be held under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India at Bengal Rowing Club, KOLKATA from 28th to 30th Jan 2005.

Information by: Mr. Pronob Bhattacharya, West Bengal Bridge Association

Forthcoming Events - 2004

National

23-26th Sep – All India K.N. Modi, Nainital
01-03rd Oct – Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad
01-03rd Oct – 37th Purtej Singh Memorial Bridge
Tournament, BHILAI
14-17th Oct – PHD Tournament, New Delhi
29-31st Oct – Golcha Tournament, Jaipur
20-24th Nov – Tolani Masters, Mumbai
07-17th Dec – Winter Nationals, Waltairs Club, Vizag

International

8th – 10th Sep – The Generali Master World Individual
Championship, Verona, Italy
23rd Oct – 6th Nov – World Bridge Olympiad, Istanbul
18th – 28th Nov – Fall NABC 2004, Orlando

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