

DELHI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

WISHES

A
VERY HAPPY
&
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

TO
ALL THE
BRIDGE PLAYERS &
THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

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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** ANNOUNCEMENTS ** PRIZE MONEY TOURNAMENTS

January 2004

PHD-GPI under the patronage of Shri K.K. Modi will organize their 2nd Prize money Bridge Tournament at PHD House, New Delhi from 22nd to 25th Jan 2004

February 2004

P.Y.C. Hindu Gymkhana, Pune will organize The "GOLDENERA SUPERBOWL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2004", a Prize money Bridge Tournament at PYC Hindu Gymkhana, Pune from 12th to 15th Feb 2004. The event will have T-4 duplicate & Open Pair events.

May 2004

A Prize Money Tournament will be organized at GARJIA (Corbett Park) from 7th (After Lunch) to 10th (Afternoon) May 2004. The event will have T-4 duplicate & Open Pair events. Details will follow soon.

Forthcoming National Events

03-13th Jan'04 – Winter Nationals at Aurangabad
15-18th Jan'04 – Madras Gymkhana, Chennai
22-25th Jan'04 – PHD-GPI Prize Money, New Delhi
31st Jan– 2nd Feb'04 – Shree Cement Prize Money, Kolkata
12-15th Feb'04 – P.Y.C. Hindu Gymkh. Prize Money, Pune
19-22nd Feb'04 – Lohia Memorial, Kanpur
29th Feb'04 – Ubhayakar Open Pairs at Home (All India)
13-14th Mar'04 – All India Rama Jain, New Delhi
07-10th May'04 – Tournament at Garjia (Corbett Park)

Forthcoming International Events

14-26th Jan'04 – Summer Bridge Festival, Canberra, Aust.
09-15th Feb'04 – 9th NEC Festival, Yokohama, Japan
18-28th Mar'04 – ACBL Spring NABC, Reno, NV
23rd Oct – 6th Nov'04 – World Bridge Olympiad, Istanbul

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The 45th Winter Bridge Nationals are Here

Maharashtra Bridge Association and Aurangabad Contract Bridge League are organizing the **45th Winter Bridge Nationals** jointly, under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India at **Hotel Auragabad Ashok, Aurangabad from Jan 3 – 13, 2004.**

This is one event for which every Bridge Player of India waits eagerly throughout the year. It is not only the most important place to play against all the top teams of India, but is the best meeting ground to know the **who's who** of the Indian Bridge and make friendship with the Indian Bridge Fraternity. Hence I call it the ***Mahakumbh*** of Bridge in India. I hope maximum teams will participate in this tournament and make it successful.

India as a team did not fare well in the recently held Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup at Monte Carlo but the Bridge scene in India seems to be improving a lot in recent days, with lot of Prize money tournaments being conducted by various sponsors and Associations. It is a positive sign and rather than cribbing on our past performance, we the Bridge fraternity of India and specially the TOP teams of India should use these tournaments as opportunity to learn and practice more, play with more killer instinct and use these tournaments as a stamina building exercise (I consider some of these points are lacking in many of us including the Top Indian players representing the country) rather than considering them as only a event where some prize money can be won.

The revolution brought by Internet has given us the opportunity to know the latest gadgets being followed by the TOP players of the world. We should try to improve our systems with some of these gadgets, and regularly update these on our convention cards. Coming to Convention Cards, it is an irony that we in India ask players to have their Convention Cards in place for a tournament and find that 90% of them have not even filled it or filled it as a formality rather than a tool, which they can use for building their partnership. Compare it with a small country like Netherlands, where it is mandatory to have 2 convention cards (one summary & the other Detailed one) for even club level games. Please note that if you have a nicely filled convention card, it gives you a psychological edge over your opponents (may be because only the good players in India have this habit of filling the convention card, hence you automatically become a formidable opponent) and you can always grab a new convention from the net or from your friends and put in your already filled card and be updated with the latest.

It is only because of the technology revolution that first time in India, the semi-finals and final of the Winter Nationals will be shown live on the Internet courtesy **Bridge Base Online**. Those of you who will not be able to make it to the Nationals may please download the BBO software on your PCs for viewing the live VuGraph on Jan 9 (Semi Finals) & Jan 10 (Finals).

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, JOYFUL & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
WITH LOTS OF GOOD BRIDGE IN 2004**

- From the Editor

TRANSFER RESPONSES OVER STANDARD 1C

In the earlier days most of the bidding was natural. However today experts use transfers in many situations. Most of the people use Jacoby Transfers when responding to partner's Notrump Openings. Transfers have many advantages like making stronger hand declarer most of the time.

Many experts who play Strong Club based system (Precision) use transfer positive responses in a wide variety of methods. However transfer responses to 1C Opening now have not been limited only to Strong Club system but experts use these over Standard 1C as well particularly those who prefer Walsh style of responses. In responding to 1C, Walsh style response bypasses the Diamond suit to bid a major unless the responder has an opening hand.

With transfer responses some difficult hands can be bid much better and also when responder shows a 4-card major, opener's 1NT re-bid shows 18-19 HCP which is certainly an advantage.

Responses and re-bids after 1C Opening

Playing transfer responses, we suggest to open 1C on all hands as you normally would do and also on all balanced 18-19 HCP hands (min 2 cards in Club). This means when you open 1D, you will never have balanced 18-19 hand and jump re-bid to 2NT can used for other better purposes.

<p>1C – ? 1D – Shows 5+ HCP and 4+ card Heart suit 1H – Shows 5+ HCP and 4+ card Spade suit 1S – Transfer to 1NT, can have either a) 5+ HCP without 4 card major or b) GF hand in D with or without major c) Or simply play it as 4+ D, 5+ HCP 1N – You can decide any one of following a) 8-10 HCP Balanced, no 4 card major b) 11-12 HCP, Invitational, no major c) GF hand in D with or without major 2N – 12+ HCP GF without 4 card major All other bids as you would normally bid</p>	<p>1C – 1H (showing 4+ spades) – ? 1S – Min 2 cards in S, 12-14 HCP but can be more. Can have 4 spades in a bad hand. 1N – 18-19 HCP, Balanced hand 2C, 2D, 2H as earlier 2S – Usually 4 Spades, 12 –14 HCP 2N – 16+ HCP, any of following hands: a) Long clubs good hand (better than 3C) b) 6+Clubs and 3 card Spade support c) 5 Card club with 4 card Spade, GF hand 3C – 16-18 HCP, Long clubs, NF, denies 3 S 3D – 4 card S support and 18-19 HCP Bal. 3H – 4 card S support 15-17 unbalanced hand 3S – 4 card S support 15-17, semi bal. hand 4C – 6+ Clubs and 4 card S support 4D/4H – Splinters, 18+ HCP, 4 card S support</p>
<p>1C – 1D (showing 4+ hearts) – ? 1H – Min 2 cards in H, 12-14 HCP but can be more. Can have 4 hearts in a bad hand. 1S – 4 card Spade in an unbalanced or semi-balanced hand with at least 4 clubs. If you have 4-3-3-3 hand, just bid 1H. 1N – 18-19 HCP, Balanced hand 2C, 2D, 2S same as you would bid earlier 2H – Usually 4 Hearts, 12 –14 HCP. You can bid with 3 card H in an unbalanced hand. 2N – 16+ HCP, any of following hands: a) Long clubs good hand (better than 3C) b) 6+Clubs and 3 card Heart support c) 5 Card club with 4 card Heart, GF hand 3C – 16-18 HCP, Long clubs, NF, denies 3 H 3D – 4 card H support and 18-19 HCP Bal. 3H – 4 card H support 15-17 unbal or semi bal. 3S/4D – Splinters, 18+ HCP, 4 card H support 4C – 6+ Clubs and 4 card H support</p>	<p>1C – 1S (Transfer to 1NT or 4+ Diamonds) – ? 1N – Generally 12-14 HCP balanced but can also be 4-4-1-4 or 34-1-5 with bad clubs 2C – same as earlier (can have 5 clubs only) 2D, 2H, 2S – Reverse 2N – 18-19 HCP, Balanced Hand 3C – 16-18 HCP, 6+ clubs, NF 3D/3H/3S – Splinters with long clubs</p>
<p>1C – 2N – ? 3C – Puppet to 3D, after which opener re-bids 3H/S – Short Suit and Long Clubs 3N – Diamond Shortage 4C – Diamond Shortage, slammish hand 4D/H/S – Short suit, 4-4-4-1 hand 3D – 5-4 in minors 3H/S – Natural, Reverse 4C – Long Clubs, Slam try</p>	

We will continue our discussion on Transfer Responses to Standard 1C opening in the next edition of our Newsletter where we will see further developments after initial response of 1D(H), 1H(S) and 1S(Transfer to 1NT or Diamonds).

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

LAW 42 – 43

DUMMY'S RIGHTS & DUMMY'S LIMITATIONS

➤ **LAW 42 – DUMMY'S RIGHTS**

A. Absolute Rights – Dummy has the following Absolute Rights:

1. Give Information – Dummy can give information, in the Director's presence, as to fact or law.
2. Keep Track of Tricks – Dummy may keep count of tricks won and lost.
3. Play as Declarer's Agent – He plays the cards of the dummy as declarer's agent as directed (see Law 45F if dummy suggests a play).

B. Qualified Rights – Dummy has the following Qualified Rights:

1. Revoke Inquiries – Dummy may ask declarer (but not a defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led.
2. Attempt to Prevent Irregularity – He may try to prevent any irregularity by declarer.
3. Draw Attention to Irregularity – He may draw attention to any irregularity, but only after play of the hand is concluded.

➤ **LAW 43 – DUMMY'S LIMITATIONS**

A. Limitations on Dummy

- General Limitations – Dummy has the following General Limitations:
 - Calling the Director – Unless attention has been drawn to an irregularity by another player, dummy should not initiate a call for the Director during play.
 - Calling Attention to Irregularity – Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play.
 - Participate in or Comment on Play – Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer.
- Limitations Carrying Specific Penalty
 - Exchanging Hands – Dummy may not exchange hands with declarer.
 - Leave Seat to Watch Declarer – Dummy may not leave his seat to watch declarer's play of the hand.
 - Look at Defender's Hand – Dummy may not, on his own initiative, look at the face of a card in either defender's hand.

B. Penalties for Violation

1. General Penalties – Dummy is liable to penalty under Law 90 for any violation of the limitations listed in A1 or A2 preceding.
2. Specific Penalties – If dummy, after violation of the limitations listed in A2 preceding:
 - a. Warns Declarer on Lead – warns declarer not to lead from the wrong hand, (penalty) either defender may choose the hand from which declarer shall lead.
 - b. Asks Declarer about Possible Irregularity – is the first to ask declarer if a play from declarer's hand constitutes a revoke, declarer must substitute a correct card if his play was illegal, and the penalty provisions of Law 64 apply as if the revoke had been established.
3. If dummy, after violation of the limitations listed in A2 preceding, is the first to draw attention to a defender's irregularity, no penalty shall be imposed. If the defenders benefit directly through their irregularity, the director shall award an adjusted score to both sides to restore equity.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS:

A total of 104 Pairs participated in this event. Michael Seamon and Geir Helgemo, a first-time partnership, led the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs after the semi-final round and again when it counted: at the end of the final round. Their total of 1825.36 was almost two full boards (51 was top) ahead of runners-up Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson, who posted a 1730.30 total. This was the first victory in the six-session event, considered one of the toughest and most prestigious of ACBL pair events, for either player.

The final standings were:

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|----|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1. | Geir Helgemo - Michael Seamon | 1825.36 |
| 2. | Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson | 1730.30 |
| 3. | Varis Carey - Henry Bethe | 1682.63 |
| 4. | Zia Mahmood - Jacek Pszczola | 1680.57 |
| 5. | Paul Soloway - Robert Levin | 1649.83 |
| 6. | Mark Feldman - Barnet Shenkin | 1634.96 |
| 7. | Steve Garner - Larry Cohen | 1614.41 |
| 8. | Ron Rubin - Russell Ekeblad | 1610.96 |

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS:

A total of 48 Teams participated in this event. The team captained by Malcolm Brachman, hovering in third place most of the day, won 2.5 out of 3 boards in the final round to claim the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Brachman (Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson) finished with 33.23 to 32.63 for the runner-up team.

Jacobs led throughout much of the six-session event; they led until after two qualifying rounds, after two semifinal round and after the first final session. Jacobs led the second final session until after round 5 when Welland took a slender 26.63-26.50 lead. The lead was up to .63 (28.13-27.50 Welland) after the sixth round. Meanwhile, Brachman quietly moved up. With one round to go, Welland led with 31.63, followed by Jacobs with 31.00 and Brachman with 30.73; The final standings:

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|----|---|-------|
| 1. | Malcolm Brachman, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson | 33.23 |
| 2. | Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki | 32.63 |
| 3. | George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin | 32.00 |
| 4. | Peter Bertheau, James Rosenbloom, Christal Henner-Welland, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni, Fredrik Nystrom | 31.69 |
| 5. | Steve Zolotow, Harold Lillie, Bill Eisenberg, Shawn Quinn | 27.86 |
| 6. | Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Kyle Larsen | 27.77 |

(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of FALL NABC)

Just another Zia masterpiece

By Aviv Shahaf

You can always count on Zia to produce something spectacular at the bridge table. I was kibitzing him during the final day of the Open Board-a-Match Teams when the following deal came up:

Dealer: East ; Vul: None

	♠ T73 ♥ A ♦ JT5 ♣ AQJ764	
♠ 82 ♥ 974 ♦ 742 ♣ KT532	N W E S	♠ K4 ♥ QJT865 ♦ KQ963 ♣
	♠ AQJ965 ♥ K32 ♦ A8 ♣ 98	

West	North	East	South
		1H	1S
Pass	2H	3D	3H
Pass	4S	All Pass	

The auction will not win many awards and 6S would have been a much better contract. However, when playing board-a-match you have to assume that the slam was also missed at the other table and try to win the board in the play.

The defense found their best lead – a low diamond to the 9 and Zia's ace, taking away a very important entry from declarer's hand. Zia played a heart to the ace and then a low spade to the queen. He paused for a while considering his options and finally decided, based in large on the auction, that East must be a little bit more distributional than 5-5 and therefore must have a club void.

He cashed the ace of trumps, drawing the outstanding trumps, and led the C8 out of his hand. West missed his opportunity to shine when he failed to cover with the 10 (would you have found that defense?) and Zia let the 8 ride!

Had he played to the queen (or jack) he would be stuck on the board (remember that annoying diamond lead...), but now he was still in his hand and was able to repeat the finesse and throw his losing diamond on the CA, making 7!

He was rewarded when the slam was also missed at the other table, but unfortunately, his teammates led a heart, making declarer's route to 13 tricks an easy one, so the board was a push.

(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of FALL NABC)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

02/12/2003

NS 1 : A.K. Narang – K.G. Sharma	64.69%
NS 2 : A.K. Sharma – T. Bhattacharya	58.67%
EW1 : D.K. Mutreja – Joyjit Sen Sarma	58.02%
EW2 : T.C. Pant – Paresh Gupta	56.70%

09/12/2003

NS 1 : J.B. Sengupta – Anand Bhatia	64.36%
NS 2 : Mrs. M. Kochar – M.P. Agarwala	59.54%
EW 1 : R.C. Consul – A.K. Narang	60.82%
EW 2 : A. Tankha – Gopal Saxena	57.47%

16/12/2003

NS 1 : T.C. Pant - Sudhir Aggarwal	61.46%
NS 2 : Sham Sharma – A.K. Guha	60.56%
EW 1 : Narvir Singh – Daya Dhaon	68.13%
EW 2 : Brig. D.N. Khanna – Sanjiv Bery	63.05%

23/12/2003

NS 1 : Santosh Kumar – A.K. Sinha	65.07%
NS 2 : Amod Rele – Arun Bapat	64.82%
EW 1 : R. Chakravarty – M.S. Sharma	58.13%
EW 2 : Brig. D.N. Khanna – Sanjiv Bery	57.53%

30/12/2003

NS 1 : Subhash Gupta - T.C. Pant	59.03%
NS 2 : C.R. Krishnamurthy – Mrs.V. Krishnamurthy	55.90%
EW 1 : Ganpat Rai – Deepak Arora	64.58%
EW 2 : M. Shivdasani – Sudhir Aggarwal	61.11%

All India Ladies Bridge Assoc. Results

05/12/2003 (18 Pairs)

1. Mrs. Urmil Agarwal – Mrs. Shashi Jain
2. C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal
3. Mrs. Brij Judge – Mrs. Kunti Thakur

26/12/2003 (19 Pairs)

1. Mrs. Shashi Gupta – N.K. Jain
2. Narvir Singh – Sanjiv Bery
3. C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

06/12/2003

1. **Formidables** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, T.C. Pant)
2. **PURI's Team**– (S.N. Mathur, V.N. Puri, Dr. Moghe, Madhu Sharma)

13/12/2003

1. **PURI's Team**– (S.N. Mathur, V.N. Puri, B.S. Gupta, S. Majumder)
2. **SHAM SHARMA's Team** – (Sham Sharma, S. Sunderarajan, A.K. Guha, R. Nanda)

27/12/2003

1. **Chakravarty's Team** – (R.Chakravarty, A.K. Guha, Sham Sharma, Madhu Sharma)
2. **MUTTS** – (V.N. Puri, Kamesh Rao, D.K. Mutreja, V.K. Mutreja, Joy Sen Sarma)

Delhi State Championships

TEAM OF FOUR – Final

The Final of Delhi State Championships for Team of Four was held at DBA on 6th Dec 2003 between **SONCHEL & TOPPERS**.

In the 3*12 boards final - **SONCHEL** (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, R.R. Gupta, A.K. Ghosh, S. Majumder) emerged victorious by defeating **TOPPERS** (A.K. Narang, K.G. Sharma, R.C. Consul, P.C. Gupta) by 50 IMPs (**90-40**). **SONCHEL** won all the three rounds (25-18, 32-21, 33-1).

Heartiest Congratulations to the **SONCHEL** Team.

- Reported by Editor

PROFILES OF DELHI STATE CHAMPIONS 2003

TEAM OF FOUR – SONCHEL

1. **MUKESH SHIVDASANI (Captain)** - 49-Year-old Capricorn who, from his Bridge playing days at I.I.T. Delhi, subscribes to the view that "Bridge is the world's second-most favourite indoor sports game". A Management qualification from I.I.M. Calcutta and over 27 years of work experience has further fortified his belief that "Bridge Players make better Managers".

Currently Mukesh is the Corporate Chief Executive - Human Capital for Max India. A keen player and the founding leader of the SONCHEL team, Mukesh has a library of Bridge books which would be the envy of any lover of the game.

2. **SUDHIR AGGARWAL** – 42-Year-old Aquarian, a Mechanical Engineer from Delhi College of Engg. Presently working as Vice President, Engineering in German multinational SMS DEMAG, world leader in design and supply of Steel Plant Equipment.

A very keen bridge player and Tournament Director for Tournaments in DBA. Has won Delhi State Pairs and Mixed Pairs earlier. Winner of Summer National Championship in Goa 2002 – both T.P. Khosla Trophy (as part of Delhi Team) and Agarwala Pairs (with Subhash Gupta as partner).

3. **R.R. GUPTA** – 70 Years of Age. Retired from IRS service in 1993. An excellent bridge player who played lot of bridge from mid sixties to nineties.

Winner of Summer National Team Championship Gurudutt Trophy - twice, Winner of Board-A-Match Singhania trophy in Winter National - once and runners-up in Holkar Pairs. Has won Delhi State Team Championship a couple of times.

4. **RAVI SAWHNEY** – 60 Years of Age. From Corporate background and has worked with TISCO (TATA STEEL) for 28 Years. An excellent person and a keen bridge player.

5. **SARASIJ MAJUMDER** – 53 Years of Age. A Post Graduate Civil Engineer working as Deputy General Manager, LSTK (Offshore) in Engineers India Limited (EIL). Winner of Petroleum Sports Control Board (PSCB) Team Championship 4 times and Master Pairs once and runners up in Team, Pairs and BAM Championships of PSCB a couple of times.

6. **ARUN KUMAR GHOSH** – 52 Years of Age. An Electronics Engineer working as Assistant General Manager, Instrumentation in Engineers India Limited (EIL). Won Petroleum Sports Control Board (PSCB) Team Championship in 2002 and was runners up in BAM Championship of same event.

OPEN PAIRS -

1. **DR. (Mrs.) NIKITA KAMAL** – An eye specialist from a family of Doctors. A keen bridge player and also keen swimmer and basketball player. Has been a national level player in Badminton and Table Tennis.

Apart from her profession as Eye Specialist, she is an Advisor on Health issues to Corporates. Provides Consultancy on Hospital Projects and Health Finance Management. She will be health advisor for Common Wealth Games to be held in 2010.

2. **AMARJIT WADHAWAN** – 61 Years of Age, Retired Mechanical Engineer. WON Summer National Championship - T.P. Khosla Trophy (as part of Delhi Team) at Goa for the Year 2002.

MIXED PAIRS -

1. **MRS. MONA SINGLA** – Retired IAS officer and has represented India in her younger days.

2. **SANJIV BERY** – 48 Years of Age. Has won Delhi State Mixed Pairs once earlier.

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners

International Bridge News

The 2003 Fall North American Bridge Championships, New Orleans

The 77th Fall NABC 2003 was held from 20th Nov to 30th Nov 2003 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Details of all the important events are given below:

Women's Life Master Pairs:

A total of 64 Pairs participated in this event. The event was won by **Lynn Baker – Kerri Sanborn**. The top position holders were:

1. Lynn Baker - Kerri Sanborn	1018.22
2. Joan Jackson - Robin Klar	989.45
3. Linda McGarry - Laurie Kranyak	968.01
4. Gail Bell - Bobbie Gomer	964.54
5. Georgia Heth - Lisa Sievers	918.88
6. Karen Allison - Peggy Sutherlin	917.28
7. Karen Lee Barrett - Nell Cahn	917.28
8. Jane Segal - Judy Kay	917.18

Life Master Pairs:

A total of 182 Pairs participated in this event. The event was won by **Kyle Larsen & Jo Morse**. The top position holders were:

1. Kyle Larsen - Jo Morse	3116.51
2. Jay Borker - Fred Gitelman	3014.57
3. Nels Erickson - Chris Larsen	3000.58
4. Howard Weinstein - Zia Mahmood	2986.31
5. Mark Dahl - David Butler	2911.58
6. Koksoy Evver - Dogan Prfan	2905.21
7. David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen	2897.66
8. Jeffrey Rothstein – Steve Zolotow	2874.10

Open BAM Teams:

A total of 52 Teams participated in this event. George Jacobs and Co. won 21.5 boards out of a possible 26 — an 82.69% result — in the first final session and coasted to a win in the Open Board-a-Match Teams.

The team – Jacobs-Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace-Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi-Giorgio Duboin – posted a final total of 40.52 to 36.10 for runners-up Reese Milner, Sam Lev, Brian Glubok, Michael Kwiecien and Jacek Pszczola. Third, with 35.13, was the Turkish squad of Suleyman Kolota, Yalcin Atabey, Enver Koksoy and Irfan Dogan.

The Jacobs squad has quite a history in the Open BAM. In 2001 they lost the event by less than one-hundredth of a board. In 2002 they finished three and a half boards ahead of the field.

Going into the two final sessions, the team was third. In the first final session, Jacobs-Katz and Versace-Lauria romped to a spectacular win: 21.5 boards out of a possible 26. In the second final session, the team won 15 out of 26 boards. That was good for a 4.42-board win. The final standings were:

1. George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin	40.52
2. Reese Milner, Sam Lev, Brian Glubok, Michal Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola	36.10
3. Suleyman Kolota, Yalcin Atabey, Enver Koksoy, Irfan Dogan	35.13
4. Ira Chorush, Hemant Lall, Allan Falk, Peter Friedland	34.05
5. Mitch Dunitz, Jill Levin, Bryan Maksymetz, Lars Andersson	33.84
6. Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby	33.55
7. Gerald Sosler, Kay Schulle, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti	33.45
8. Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Michael Rosenberg	32.35

MARSHA MAY STERNBERG WOMEN'S BOARD-A-MATCH - FINAL STANDINGS

A total of 20 Teams participated in this event. The event was won by **Steiner** squad. The final standings were:

1. Carlyn Steiner, Marinesa Letizia, Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Tobi Sokolow, Janice Seamon-Molson	38.13
2. Valerie Westheimer, Judi Radin, Shawn Quinn, Mildred Breed	36.93
3. Terry Michaels, Nadine Wood, Claire Tornay, Ellasue Chaitt	35.43
4. Irina Levitina, Lynne Tarnopol, Laurie Vogel, Jacqui Mitchell, Amalya Kearse, Gail Greenberg	35.20
5. Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Debbie Rosenberg	34.68
6. Robin Klar, Joan Jackson, Petra Hamman, Nancy Passell	34.21
7. Lynne Schaefer, Lynne Feldman, Ellen Melson, Cecily Kohler, Ellen Crawford, Martha Katz	33.70
8. Annette Lee McHann, Justina McKee, Donna Moore, Jeri Arnold	32.20

Bidding:

Manna R. Khandelwal	Anal Shah	H. Khandelwal	
W	N	E	S
		1NT	Pass
2H(1)	Pass	2S	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) – Transfer to Spades

Over partner's 1 NT (15-17), West first transferred to Spades and bid 3 NT showing a 5-3-3-2 hand. South led a low heart taken by Ace in the dummy by the declarer. He now led the ♣Q and South ducked. Declarer continued with the ♣J and Himani (South) again ducked. When the declarer led the last club from dummy, North discarded the ♥10, Signalling interest in the Diamond suit (playing reverse signals).

That's what Himani was waiting for. She had ducked twice to know partner's suit preference and came back the diamond and Himani-Rajeev cashed the 4 diamond tricks for DOWN ONE.

WELL DEFENDED HIMANI.

Deal No. 4:

The following hand reported by Rajeev Khandelwal was aggressively bid to slam by one of the pairs in the 2nd elimination of Pairs:

	♠ Jx	
	♥ x	
	♦ KTxxxx	
	♣ QJ9x	
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣		♣
	♠ Axx	
	♥ AKxxx	
	♦ x	
	♣ AKxx	

W	N	E	S
Pass	1NT	Pass	1H
Pass	3C	Pass	4C(1)
Pass	4D(2)	Pass	4S(3)
Pass	5C(4)	Pass	6C
All Pass			

- (1) – RKC with Clubs as the trump suit
- (2) – 0 or 3 Keycards (3) – Trump Queen Ask
- (4) – Trump Queen

However, it wasn't the best of slams as it goes down on a club lead. Also it requires favorable placement of DA (with 3-3 diamond break) and C10 to have any chance.

- Reported by Editor

P.Y.C. HINDU GYMKHANA PUNE
THE "GOLDEN ERA" SUPER BOWL
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2004
12th to 15th February 2004

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 12th February

- 11.45 a.m. : Inauguration
- 12.00 noon : Swiss League 6 rounds * 10 boards

Friday, 13th February

- 9.00 a.m. : Swiss League 3 rounds * 10 boards
(TOP SIX TEAMS to qualify for Super League)
- 2.30 p.m. : Open Pairs Elimination I,
Session I of 20-22 boards
- 3.00 p.m. : Super League, 3 rounds * 12 boards
- 5.30 p.m. : Open Pairs Elimination I,
Session II of 20-22 boards

Saturday, 14th February

- 9.30 a.m. : Super League remaining
2 rounds of 12 boards
TOP TWO Teams will qualify
for the 84 boards FINALS
- 9.30 a.m. : Open Pairs Elimination I,
Session III of 20-22 boards
- 2.30 p.m. : Open Pairs Elimination II
Session I of 20-22 boards
- 3.00 p.m. : Grand Finals, session I & II
of 14 boards each,
- 5.30 p.m. : Open Pairs Elimination II
Session II of 20-22 boards
- 8.30 p.m. : Cocktails and dinner for
all participants

Sunday, 15th February

- 9.30 a.m. : Grand Finals, remaining
56 boards 14 x 4,
32 Pairs Finals with
Barometer Scoring,
- 9.30 a.m. : Consolation pairs Event I
- 2.30 p.m. : Consolation pairs Event II
- 7.30 p.m. : Prize Distribution

PRIZES

	<u>TEAM OF FOUR</u>	<u>OPEN PAIRS</u>
1 st	Rs. 151,000	Rs. 25,000
2 nd	Rs. 75,000	Rs. 15,000
3 rd	Rs. 35,000	Rs. 10,000
4 th	Rs. 25,000	Rs. 7,000
5 th	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 5,000
6 th	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 3,000

ENTRY FEE

- T-4 Duplicate: Rs. 5000/- per Team
- Open Pairs: Rs. 700/- per Pair

- Reported by Suhas Vaidya

Tolani National Master Tourney

The Tolani National Master Tourney (A National level Team of Four tournament for National Masters and better) was organised at Ashok Ruia Bridge Centre, Andheri Sports Complex, Mumbai from 29th Nov to 3rd Dec 2003.

18 teams were locked in all play all 8 boards round robin matches. 8 matches were held on 29th & 9 matches on 30th Nov.

Bimal Sicka's team after first round hiccup of 7-23 had a roller coaster ride & finished way ahead of the field to the last 8 stage. Indian Railways "A" was second while Dream Team came third. JP Goenka, with a big surge in last 6 rounds finished 4th, Indian Railways "B" 5th, Bio Pack 6th, Tolani 7th & DSM 8th.

Quarter Finals:

Bimal Sicca	beat	Bio Pack
Indian Railways "A"	beat	Tolani
Dream Team	beat	Indian Railway "B"
DSM	beat	JP Goenka

Semi Finals:

In the 4*14 boards first Semi Final DSM beat Bimal Sicca by 43 IMP and in the second Semi Final Indian Railway 'A' beat Dream Team by 25 IMPs

Final:

In the 4*16 boards Final Indian Railway 'A' beat DSM by 45 IMPs. Railways team took the first session 61-27, however DSM came strongly back in action with a thumping 94-28 second set to lead by 32 IMPs at half way stage. Railways took the initiative back from DSM thrashing them 67-4 in the third set to lead by 31 IMPs. Railways increased the margin by another 14 IMPs to win the finals by 45 IMPs. The winners were represented by Pritish Kushari, Sumit Mukherjee, Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Amarnath Banerjee & UI Hassan. The runners-up were represented by Sunil Machhar, Jitu Solani, Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, N.K. Gupta & Vinay Desai.

Heartiest Congratulations to the Winners

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(Courtesy: Mr. Arvind Vaidya & "BridgeInIndia" site.)

Punjab Bridge Association - All India Prize Money Tournament

Punjab Bridge Association organised a prize money Bridge Tournament from 12th to 14th Dec 2003 at Sutlej Club, Ludhiana.

Team of Four Event:

27 Teams participated in the Team of Four event. After going through a round-robin of 6 rounds of 10 boards each, the following 6 teams reached the Super league stage.

1. Kamlakar	-	112 VPs
2. Delhi Blues	-	111 VPs
3. ABCD, Delhi	-	110 VPs
4. R.M. Gupta	-	108 VPs
5. PBA (Lakhanpal)	-	108 VP
6. PBA (KANG)	-	107 VPs

To choose the winners, an all play all Super league was played (5 rounds * 10 boards). The final ranking of winners was:

1. Kamlakar	-	98 VPs
2. Delhi Blues	-	83 VPs
3. ABCD, Delhi	-	76 VPs
4. PBA (KANG)	-	68 VPs
5. R.M. Gupta	-	68 VPs
6. PBA (Lakhanpal)	-	53 VPs

The winning Kamlakar Team was represented by Y. Kamlakar Rao (The BFI President), B. Ram Mohan Rao, Yatish Chandra & M.D. Chaudhary. The 2nd placed Delhi Blues Team was represented by T.C. Pant, Sudhir Aggarwal, Suni Bhatia, A.K. Narang & R.C. Consul.

PAIRS Event:

The Pairs Tournament started with a total of 60 Pairs taking part in the event. There were 2 elimination rounds. 18 qualified Pairs from the 1st elimination were joined by 14 pairs playing in the Super league for the 2nd elimination round. 14 Pairs (out of 32) qualified for the Finals of the Pair event.

The winners of the event were Inder Pal Singh - Paresh Gupta from Delhi. Mr. Subhash Gupta - Sudhir Aggarwal from Delhi came second.

BAM Event:

A consolation BAM event was held for pairs eliminated in the 1st elimination of Pair event. The winners were:

1. Sidhu's Team	-	68 Points
2. V.K. Aggarwal's Team	-	60 Points

- Reported by Editor

Inaugural HCL Prize Money Bridge Tournament

HCL Corporation organised their Inaugural HCL Prize Money Bridge Tournament at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 18th to 21st Dec 2003.

The tournament started with the Team of Four event. Around 50 teams were expected but the turn out was far less, may be because lot of Bridge Tournaments have taken place recently and Winter Nationals are also coming in a short while. There were 35 teams comprising players from all over India. Formidables, Agsar Paints, Well Knit, Tolani Shipping, DSM & MONOTONA were some of the top teams who participated in the tournament.

Team of Four Event:

AZURE Team (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) and **Tolani Shipping** (R.A. Agarwal, R. Bhiwandkar, Arvind Vaidya & Dr. J. Mukund) with 183 VPs, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage to finalize the quarter-finalists. The quarter finalists were:

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| 1. AZURE | - | 183 VPs | |
| | | | (VP Product – 29053) |
| 2. Tolani Shipping | - | 183 VPs | |
| | | | (VP Product – 28894) |
| 3. Formidables | - | 182 VPs | |
| 4. Agsar Paints | - | 175 VPs | |
| | | | (VP Product – 28452) |
| 5. Phoenix | - | 175 VPs | |
| | | | (VP Product – 26247) |
| 6. Calcutta Bridge Club | - | 173 VPs | |
| 7. WELLKNIT | - | 170 VPs | |
| 8. MAYA-MIRA | - | 165 VPs | |

The first 3 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:

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|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. AZURE | Vs. | MAYA-MIRA |
| 2. Tolani Shipping | Vs. | Calcutta Bridge Club |
| 3. Formidables | Vs. | Phoenix |
| 4. Agsar Paints | Vs. | Well Knit |

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **AZURE** beat MAYA-MIRA **134-32** (69-12, 65-20, third set conceded); **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** beat Tolani Shipping **119-83** (C/O 0-10, 41-28, 32-36, 46-9); **Formidables** beat Phoenix **114-79** (19-36, 54-18, 41-25) and in a very tough tussle between both Chennai teams **WELLKNIT** beat Agsar Paints by **77-71** (43-32, 9-20, 25-19). The Semi final line up was:

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| AZURE | Vs. | WELLKNIT |
| FORMIDABLES | Vs. | CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB |

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT** (C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, Sundarram, R. Venkatesh) beat **AZURE** (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) by **125 – 96 IMPs (55-21, 25-23, 45-52)**. In the second semi-final, **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** (B. Todi, Kamal Roy, S. Lahiri, Alok Sadhu, A.B. Chakravarty, B. Saha) beat Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupt, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K.R. Venkatraman) by **107- 100 IMPs (47-31, 31-29, 29-40)**.

In the 4*16 boards final **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** finally prevailed over **WELLKNIT** by **1 IMP** in a ding-dong battle which went right up to the last session. The final score was **147-146(32-44, 37-20, 37-50, 41-32)**. Well done finalists for providing a scintillating Final.

Congratulations to the CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB (B. Todi, Kamal Roy, S. Lahiri, Alok Sadhu, A.B. Chakravarty & B. Saha). The loser **WELLKNIT** team was represented by C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, S. Sundarram & R. Venkatesh.

PAIRS Event:

The Pairs Tournament started with 89 Pairs taking part in the event. There were 2 elimination rounds each played in 2 sessions. In the first elimination 69 Pairs (excluding the 20 pairs who qualified for the T-4 event) participated. They were put in three sections and after playing 2 sessions of 20 boards each, 42 Pairs went through to the 2nd elimination round. In the 2nd elimination there were 52 pairs (42 qualifiers + 10 losing quarter finalists) put into 2 sections. They again played a 2 session * 20 boards elimination round out of which the best 13 NS + 13 EW out of the two sections qualified for the Pairs Finals. They were joined by the six losing semi-finalists pairs to constitute the final 32 for the 62 boards FINALS. The winners of the event were:

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| 1. B. Satyanarayana – Kiran Nadar | | 536.00 |
| 2. Sumit Mukherjee – B. Das | | 517.37 |
| 3. R.A. Agarwal – Dr. Mukund | | 516.97 |
| 4. P. Kushari – D. Roy | | 515.53 |
| 5. A. Sinha – B.N. Rastogi | | 515.53 |
| 6. C.S. Majumder – S. Das | | 501.80 |
| 7. S. Sarkar – P. Bardhan | | 495.20 |
| 8. A. Mukherjee – K. Bhattacharya | | 493.97 |

Mr. Shiv Nadar, Chairman HCL Corporation gave away the prizes to the winners. Now onwards, the event will be an annual affair in the name of Mr. Naresh Chandra Tandon (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's father who left for his heavenly abode on 10th Dec 2003).

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners

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Interesting Deals From HCL Bridge Tournament

Deal No. 1:

The following deal came in the Formidables Vs. SONCHEL round-robin match.

	♠ AQTx ♥ Axx ♦ Qx ♣ AQxx		
♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	N W E S	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	
	♠ K9xx ♥ x ♦ AKJTx ♣ Kxx		

The SONCHEL N-S bid 6 Spades in the closed room. In the Open room Kiran-Satya bid:

West	North <i>Satya</i>	East	South <i>Kiran</i>
Pass	1S	Pass	1D
Pass	4NT	Pass	3S
Pass	5NT	Pass	5H
			7S

Once Kiran bid 3S (Spades with very good Diamond suit), Satya's ♦Q became a golden card and he directly asked Key Card Blackwood. On 5H response (2 Keycards) he bid 5NT as Grand slam force, which Kiran accepted.

In the play of the hand the only danger seems to be the adverse break of spades and Satya as declarer played it perfectly. The lead was ♦8 from East. Satya took it in dummy and played a low trump to Queen. The ♠8 appeared from West (He could have done it from J8xx), so Satya came back with Club and played another spade, when West showed out, it was easy to claim 13 tricks.

Deal No. 2:

This deal occurred in the AZURE Vs Formidables round robin match (See deal in next column)

Bidding:

Venkatraman	S. Mukherjee	Sunit	S. Hooda
W	N	E	S
	1C	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Vul: NS

	♠ Axxx ♥ Qx ♦ AKQx ♣ K8x		
♠ K9xx ♥ KJTxx ♦ QJ9x ♣	N W E S	♠ QT ♥ xxx ♦ JTxxx ♣ xxx	
	♠ Jxx ♥ A9x ♦ 98xx ♣ ATx		

Venky led the H10, won in dummy by HQ and DA was cashed, west discarding a small club after long thought. After getting bad news in Diamonds, declarer played a low spade won by East's Q and returned a heart ducked by South. Declarer took the continuation with Ace, dummy discarding a low spade and ♦K & ♦Q were cashed. Declarer had given 2 tricks and the last 6 cards position was:

North: Ax, -,x,K8x East: 10, -, JT, xxx,
 South: Jx, -, 9, A10x West: K9,K,-,QJ9

When declarer played the last diamond, West gets squeezed as he has to un-guard spade or clubs or throws his good heart. Declarer can have 1 spades & 3 club tricks or 2 spades & 2 club tricks depending on whether West discards a CLUB or a SPADE. East can only take his last 2 diamonds.. In case West throws Heart declarer plays A & King of clubs and returns a club back to West, forcing him to play the Spade and the last 2 tricks.

NICELY DONE.Mr. Hooda.

Deal No. 3:

This deal occurred in the KHANDELWAL Vs. MONOTONA round robin match.

	♠ Txxx ♥ Txx ♦ AJ9x ♣ xx		
♠ QJ9xx ♥ Ax ♦ Txx ♣ QJx	N W E S	♠ AK ♥ KQJx ♦ xx ♣ KT9xx	
	♠ xx ♥ 9xxx ♦ KQxx ♣ Axx		