

# Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter

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## *Dear Bridge Friends,*

We hope you would have liked our idea of coming out with the monthly Newsletter of "Delhi Bridge Association". Your suggestions will greatly help us in incorporating new ideas to this Newsletter. We would request all of you to be part of this Newsletter, by sending Bridge related news, articles & quizzes. We sincerely thank all of you for encouraging and boosting our moral & would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Y. Kamlakara Rao, the BFI President, and Mr. Mukesh Shivdasani of Delhi for their encouraging comments on the 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter. We promise that we will try our level best to incorporate the suggestions sent by them. The letters sent by the BFI President & Mr. Shivdasani are being re-produced below:

**Editor**

*My Dear Pant,*

*Trust this reaches you in good cheers and perfect health. Recently I had been to Delhi for the Executive Committee meeting of the Federation. Sri Dalmiaji gave me a copy of the Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter. My hearty congratulations to you. The Newsletter has an excellent get up with useful material. You may, without any reservation, use the contents of India Bridge World. I wish you all the best in your new assignment.*

*With kind regards,*

*Y.Kamlakara Rao  
President, Bridge Federation of India*

*Dear Editor,*

*Congratulations to you and your team for putting together an informative and interesting Newsletter. You guys have taken a splendid initiative in raising the steadily declining levels of interest among the Bridge fraternity in Delhi. Keep it up.*

*While all items were highly readable, it is particularly interesting to know more about what is happening in the game at a local level. Your coverage of local tournaments, interesting hands played there and consequently more recent Bridge news, adds to the overall pleasure. Another enjoyable piece is the "Bridge Tip".*

*Your plan to make readers more aware of Tournament rules and regulations is simply super. I have noticed, in the last couple of years, a certain amount of acrimony and bad blood displayed at the table potentially on account of the fact that player(s) don't know what to do. Making fellow players more aware surely must be a winning proposition.*

*Finally I would suggest you consider greater involvement of the players in your Newsletter. Two possibilities: One - solicit contributions openly from anyone who has played or observed an interesting hand in any local tournament in Delhi in that month. After all, with over 1000 hands played every month, surely 2-3 gems will come up. Two - interview regular players and motivate them to share their thoughts on Bridge in Delhi or anything else. Let's get to be a closer fraternity than where we are today.*

*Best of Luck!*

*Mukesh Shivdasani*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Subhash Gupta & Mr. Sunil Choksi on securing 6<sup>th</sup> position in the "Life Master Pairs" event in the Summer NABC 2003 at Long Beach, California. WELL DONE. KEEP THE INDIAN BRIDGE FLAG FLYING HIGH.

## OGUST CONVENTION

The Weak two bids are valuable weapons in bidding armoury having both offensive and defensive potential. However to properly utilize the potential of Weak two bids various conventions are used by the responder. One of the most commonly used conventions is the **OGUST convention**.

**OGUST Convention** – The Ogust convention (devised by Mr. Harold A. Ogust) is the response structure of opener's rebids over the forcing response of two no trump after weak two (heart or spade) opening bid. The opener describes the suit quality and strength of the hand:

- **3C** – bad hand and bad suit
- **3D** – bad hand and good suit (two of the top three honors)
- **3H** – good hand and bad suit
- **3S** – good hand and good suit
- **3N** – solid suit AKQxxx

**MODIFIED OGUST Convention** – The above response structure is used by many partnerships. However for serious partnerships we recommend modified Ogust response structure, which can uncover short suit or side suits of 4 or 5 cards. Opener's rebids, playing modified Ogust convention are:

- **3C** – shows either good hand and good suit or bad hand and bad suit (good good or bad bad)
- **3D** – good hand and bad suit
- **3 of bid Major suit** – bad hand and good suit
- **3 of Other Major** – 6-4 distribution with 4 cards in the Other Major
- **3NT** – solid suit AKQxxx (some partnerships reverse the meaning of 3NT with 3 of the Other major so that in case 4-4 major suit fit is found, stronger hand will become declare)
- **4C/D** – 6-5 distribution with 5 cards in the bid minor
- **4 of bid Major** – shows 7 carder suit particularly at adverse vulnerability
- **4H (other major)** – shows 6 Spades and 5 Hearts

### **Further rebids by responder:**

After opener's rebids responder can use further relays to find more information:

- **3D over 3C** – Asks opener to describe what hand he has:
  - 3 of opener's major – shows bad hand which responder can pass.
  - 3 of other major – shows good hand with some singleton. Responder bids next step (3S/3N) to ask for opener's singleton. Opener rebids: 3N/4H-Singleton in other major, 4C/D-singleton in bid suit.
  - 3N – shows good hand without any singleton.
  - 4C/D – shows good hand with good suit and 6-4 distribution with 4 cards in the bid minor suit.
- **3H over 3D** – Asks opener to explain more about his hand. Opener rebids:
  - 3S – shows good hand with bad suit and some singleton. Responder relays with 3N to ask for singleton. Opener rebids: 4C/D-singleton in bid suit, 4H-singleton in other major
  - 3N – shows good hand and bad suit without any singleton.
  - 4C/D – shows 6-4 distribution with 4 cards in the bid suit.

The above modified structure reveals much more about Opener's hand which enables responder to bid with greater accuracy.

**FEATURE Asking bid** – Another useful convention over weak two bids is Feature asking bid. Since 2NT is used as Ogust, we recommend, responder to use **3C** bid in response to Opening bid of two heart or spade, asking Opener to show a Feature (high honor A or K in an outside suit). Opener then:

- Bids a new suit to show a feature (3NT shows club feature)
- Rebids his suit with no outside feature.

☞ Remember that in the Fourth Seat, weak two heart or spade opening shows 10-13 HCP.

In the next issue of our Newsletter, we will cover the **STAYMAN convention** in detail and see how responder can use various tools available to him to bid different kinds of hands.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal, Delhi Bridge Association)*

# Local Bridge News & Results

## DBA – Hindustan Times Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

01/07/2003

NS 1 : DK Tewari – Kinshuk Bhattacharya	72.44%
NS 2 : Ganpat Rai – V.N. Puri	60.47%
EW 1 : A.K. Ghosh – A.K. Jha	65.60%
EW 2 : Joyjit Sen Sarma – D.K. Mutreja	61.40%

08/07/2003

NS 1 : R. Chakravarti – V.N. Puri	64.58%
NS 2 : Ganpat Rai – D.R. Sridhar	57.99%
EW 1 : C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani	67.01%
EW 2 : D.K. Mutreja – Joy Sen Sarma	63.19%

15/07/2003

NS 1 : Ajay Sinha – Anand Bhatia	61.11%
NS 2 : Amarjeet – Dr. Nikita Kamal	58.51%
EW 1 : Subhash Gupta – T.C. Pant	60.76%
EW 2 : U.K. Pal – D.S. Malik	59.90%

22/07/2003

Section A:

NS 1 : A.K. Narang – R. C. Consul	63.19%
NS 2 : Mrs. M. Kochar – M.P. Agarwala	58.68%
EW 1 : C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani	64.24%
EW 2 : Santosh Kumar – Brij Kishore	60.42%

Section B:

NS 1 : Anand Bhatia – N.K. Jain	61.46%
NS 2 : Paresh Gupta – Vinod Sharma	54.51%
EW 1 : R. Tibrewala – Sandeep Thakral	60.07%
EW 2 : Ravi Sawhney – Ravi Bajaj	58.68%

29/07/2003

Section A:

NS 1 : A.K. Guha – Sham Sharma	60.83%
NS 2 : Ravi Sawhney – Ravi Bajaj	56.71%
EW 1 : T.C. Pant – Sangram Guha	60.66%
EW 2 : R.C. Consul – A.K. Narang	58.60%

Section B:

NS 1 : Mukesh Shivdasani – S. Aggarwal	63.10%
NS 2 : Gopal Saxena – N.C. Gupta	59.92%
EW 1 : Deepak Gupta – P.S. Tandon	56.75%
EW 2 : Ashim Kumar Ghosh – Y. Chandra	54.37%

## DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

05/07/2003 (Joint winners)

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Amarjeet Wadhwan, Sangram Guha, Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma)
1. **Toppers** – (A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul, Mohandass, S. Dharni))

12/07/2003

1. **Madhu's Team** – (Madhu Sharma, S.N. Mathur, R. Nanda, A.K. Guha)
2. **Toppers** – (A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul, Mohandass, S. Dharni))

20/07/2003 (Held on Sunday)

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Amarjeet Wadhwan, Sangram Guha, Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma)
2. **Tewari's Team** – (D.K. Tewari, Amod Rele, J.B. Sengupta, R. Chakravarty)

26/07/2003

1. **Toppers** – (A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul, Mohandass, S. Dharni))
2. **Tewari's Team** – (D.K. Tewari, Amod Rele, J.B. Sengupta, R. Chakravarty, P.C. Gupta)

### \*\*\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\*\*\*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> NOIDA ALL INDIA Invitational BRIDGE Tournament will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2003 at NOIDA Golf Course, Sector-38, NOIDA.

The event will have T-4 duplicate as well as Open Pair events. There will also be side pair events for the eliminated pairs. The total prize money is Rs. 5 Lacs.

## INTERESTING HAND

The following hand came in the DBA - Saturday Team event on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

Dlr: South , Vul : Both

	♠ JT83		
	♥ KJ5		
	♦ Q95		
	♣ A72		
♠ AKQ64	N W E S	♠ 95	
♥ 9762		♥ T83	
♦ 73		♦ J842	
♣ J6		♣ K543	
	♠ 72		
	♥ AQ4		
	♦ AKT6		
	♣ QT98		

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	3NT	All Pass	

As there is no clue available, what do you lead? It is highly possible that both North & South may have bid with 2 or 3 cards in spades. **Hence should you lead the spades from the TOP or the usual 4<sup>th</sup> best?**

Did you lead the Ace of spade? If yes, then you will be finally getting 3 spades and a Club and the declarer will be home with his 9 tricks. In fact, if you shift to any other suit, the declarer will play spade from his hand to get 1 spade, 3 hearts, 3 diamonds & 2 club tricks.

Can the 4<sup>th</sup> best spade lead defeat the contract? On this lead, the defender can have 1 spade, 3 hearts, 3 diamonds and a club i.e. 8 top tricks and will like to play for club finesse rather than going for the risky diamond finesse (which in reality would have given him the 9<sup>th</sup> trick). Once the club finesse loses, partner can return spade to defeat the contract. **WELL ALL THIS IS ILLUSION.**

In reality the contract always makes. Good declarer will understand the situation perfectly. After taking the spade trick, he will play 2 Hearts & 2 diamonds and play a spade back. Alas! Your partner is totally squeezed. He can discard 1 heart & 2 clubs; wherein the declarer will also throw a heart & 2 clubs. On West's best return of a club, declarer will take with Ace and play the King of hearts and again east is in problem. He has to either throw the King of clubs or throw a diamond, giving you your 9<sup>th</sup> trick either through Queen of clubs or last 2 diamonds.

*(Reported by T.C. Pant)*

## Special Event by AILBA

The All India Ladies Bridge Association held a special event of Open Pairs in the PHD House on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2003, which was attended by Mr. Y. Kamlakar Rao, the President of Bridge Federation of India along with other officials of BFI. There were 30 pairs who took part in the event. The winners were:

NS 1: C.P. Mittal – S.K. Aggarwal  
 NS 2: Vinod Sharma – Amarjeet Wadhwan  
 NS 3: Y. Kamlakar Rao – Dr. R.L. Sanghi

EW 1: P.K. Rajgarhia – P.K. Gupta  
 EW 2: Mrs. Rashmi Agarwal – Vijay Kumar  
 EW 3: Yatish Chandra – K. Suryanarayana

**The results of the event played on 11/07/2003 were:**

1. Ms. Veena Gupta – S. Krishnamurthy
2. Dr. R.L. Sanghi – N.K. Jain
3. P.K. Rajgarhia – P.K. Gupta

The next AILBA event at PHD House will be conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2003. All are welcome for the open event.

*(Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain)*

**\*\*\*\*\* KEEP IT UP LADIES \*\*\*\*\***

## Inter Ministry Bridge

The Inter Ministry Bridge Championships were held at DBA on Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2003. The winners were:

**T-4 Duplicate: Santosh Kumar – A.K. Sinha's team**  
**Board-a-match: A.K. Sinha's team**  
**Pairs:**

1. T.P. Singh – V.G. Patankar
2. Santosh Kumar – A.K. Sinha

*(Reported by Harbhajan Singh)*

## 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.

# International Bridge News

## 75<sup>th</sup> Summer North American Bridge Championships 2003

The Summer NABC 2003 was played from 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July at Long Beach, California. The details of important events are being presented below:

### Grand National Team (GNT) Championships

The Dist 17 team of California represented by Rose Meltzer (Captain), Peter Weichsel, Chip Martel, Lew Standby, Kyle Larsen & Hugh Ross **beat** the Dist. 9 team of Florida represented by Larry Griffey (Captain), Spike Lay, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Michael Seamon & Russ Ekeblad by a score of **135-116** in the 64 board final.

### The Von Zedtwitz Gold Cup Life Master Pair

Total 330 pairs took part in this 3 day long prestigious event. After the end of first day, there were only 155 qualified pairs left for Semi finals. The Indian pairs of Subhash Gupta – Sunit Choksi & Kiran Nadar – B. Satyanarayana were on 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> position in their sections. (One of the interesting deals played by Satya is being reported on the next page).

On the second day, Subhash – Sunit performed very well and easily crossed the Semi final stage. They were 5<sup>th</sup> in their section and moved to the finals. There were 78 contestants left for the finals. Kiran – Satya could not make it to the finals.

**Kudos to Subhash- Sunit for their excellent performance throughout this event.** In the 2 days final, they finally came 6<sup>th</sup> overall. The top on a board was 38 and the final results were:

- |    |                                 |           |           |                                     |                  |
|----|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Nick Nickell – Richard Freeman  | - 1324.55 | 2.        | Michael Rosenberg – Ralph Katz      | - 1232.21        |
| 3. | Larry Cohen – David Berkowitz   | - 1221.68 | 4.        | Andrea Buratti – M. Lanzorotti      | - 1216.75        |
| 5. | Tony Forrester – Boye Brogeland | - 1199.32 | <b>6.</b> | <b>Subhash Gupta – Sunit Choksi</b> | <b>- 1191.33</b> |
| 7. | Zia Mehmood – Eric Kokish       | - 1182.20 |           |                                     |                  |

### SPINGOLD Team of four Knockout Event

There were in total 83 teams, which took part in this prestigious event. Two Indian teams, Formidables (Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sunit Choksi) & Kiruba's team (Kirubkara Moorthy, K. Krishankumar, G. Venkatesh, Anil Padhye & Debashish Ray). Kiruba's team lost in the first round itself to Lou Ann O'Rouke's team, whereas the Formidables team crossed the first hurdle and reached the last 32 stage. There it lost to the powerful Jacob's team (George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Norbert Bocchi & Giorgio Duboin) 73-127 in 4 sessions.

In the 64 boards Semi finals Roy Welland's team beat Gerald Sosler's team 192-159 and Rose Meltzer's team beat the all powerful Nick Nickell's team ( Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell) by 137-104.

In the finals Roy Welland's team (Roy Wellend, Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Adam Zmudziniski, Cezary Balicki) beat the Meltzer team (Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Standsby) by 153-101 (20-12, 44-13, 44-28, 45-48).

### Our Best Wishes

Our Best Wishes to the Formidables Team (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajesh Tewari, Sunit Choksi & K. R. Venkatraman) representing INDIA in the BFAME tournament at Amman, Jordan from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2003.

### WAGAR Women's Team of four Knockout Event

There were 21 teams who participated. The final was a real cliffhanger. The finalists were tied at 143-143 after 64 boards and finally the team led by Disa Eythorsdottir (npc) (Lynn Baker, Karen Mccallum, Kerri Sanborn, Debbie Rosenberg, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer) won the playoff 39-7 to clinch victory against Carlyn Steiner's team (Carlyn Steiner, marinesa Letizia, Janice Seamon – Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Jill Meyers, Randi Montin).

### IMP Pairs

92 pairs qualified from the first round. Kiran – Satya (15<sup>th</sup> in their section), G. Venkatesh – K. Krishankumar (5<sup>th</sup> in their section) and Anil Padhye – Debashish Ray (11<sup>th</sup> in their section) were among the qualifiers.

Steve Weinstein – Robert Levin of USA, won the final.

### Mixed Board-a-match

Kiran, Satya, Subhash along with Ora Lourie & Sandra Friedman participated in this event and qualified for the finals.

The team of Fulvio Fantoni, Donna Compton, Hemant Lall, Petra Hamman won the event. Kiran's team was placed 16<sup>th</sup> overall.

### 5<sup>th</sup> World Junior Pairs Tata, Hungary

Around 200 pairs participated in this tournament. The winners were:

1. Yuval Yenar – Adi Azizi (Israel)
2. Jerome Grenthe – Guillaume Grenthe (France)
3. Bas Drijver – Bob Drijver (The Netherlands)

### Answer to the Quiz on Page 7

Take the lead in hand with Ace of Clubs and lead the J of Hearts. If West takes that with HK, he will play another club, taken in Dummy and Hearts finessed. Take the trumps out and play the King of spades. West gets end played. He can maximum get a Heart & 2 spades.

If West does not take the King of Hearts, East will take with Queen and would play the singleton D9. Take in hand with DA, take out trumps, Play King of clubs and return DQ. Again West gets end played. Now the defenders will get 1 Heart, 1 Spade & a diamond only.

### A Deal from Life Master Open Pairs

#### Quick-witted Strategem pays off handsomely

*(Reported by Roger Lord in the NABC Daily Bulletin of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2003)*

B. Satyanarayana and Kiran Nadar have come to this NABC, all the way from New Delhi, India. Judging from this deal played on Friday evening's session of the Life Master Open Pairs, they did not come in a boat.

Dir: East; Vul: E-W

	♠ Q4 ♥ A53 ♦ A975 ♣ 8543	
♠ AK962 ♥ QJ62 ♦ QT6 ♣ A	N W E S	♠ JT75 ♥ 984 ♦ 3 ♣ KJT62
	♠ 83 ♥ KT7 ♦ KJ842 ♣ Q97	

W	N	E	S
Satyanarayana	Sincoff	Kiran Nadar	Lord
		P	P
1S	P	3C(1)	P
3D(2)	P	4S	All Pass

(1) – 3C was a fit showing jump and (2) – 3D was a counter game try, which Kiran accepted.

My partner, Jacqueline Sincoff, led the HA and continued the H5 to my king, declarer following with the 6 & the queen. Because our method is to show present count on the second play of the suit, including leads, I imagined partner's original heart holding to have been AJ532, a notion confirmed by declarer's falsecards. There seemed to be no danger of losing partner's DA if she had it, so I switch to a trump to cut down on diamond ruffs.

Declarer guessed to drop the SQ. Then he laid down the HJ and – surprise – the H2, pitching dummy's diamond and claiming the balance.

For his quick-witted play to succeed, Satyanarayana needed a 3-3 split in hearts. Although he had wasted a natural heart winner in case of a 4-2 split, that was not likely to matter. Making 11 tricks was worth 50 of the 51 points.

## UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

### LAW 54

#### FACED OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

When an out of turn faced opening lead is made and offender's partner has not led any card (if offender's partner leads face down, the lead to be retracted), the declarer has following options:

- Declarer can accept the lead and either become dummy (play proceeds in normal way) or remain declarer and see the dummy before playing from his own hand.
- Declarer can ask proper opening leader to make his natural lead. In that case the improperly led card becomes a penalty card
- Declarer can ask offender's partner, proper opening leader either to lead the suit that was improperly led or not to lead the suit that was led as long as he holds the lead. If declarer chooses this option then the improper opening lead card is no more a penalty card and is returned to the offender's hand.

We will cover Law 27 (Insufficient Bid) in our next issue.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

### Quiz of the Month

Double-dummy problem.

	♠ J732 ♥ 65 ♦ T543 ♣ Q92		
♠ AQ4 ♥ K9 ♦ KJ8762 ♣ T4	N W   E S	♠ T986 ♥ Q83 ♦ 9 ♣ J7653	
	♠ K5 ♥ AJT742 ♦ AQ ♣ AK8		

Contract : 4H by South  
Lead by West : Ten of Clubs

*(Contributed by Amarjeet Wadhwan)*

*(See Page 6 for the Answer)*

## OPENING LEADS

Defense is the hardest part of the game of bridge. More tricks are dropped on defense than on bidding and play combined. When defending a hand, you are dealing with a partner: a partner whose leads, signal and discards you must trust.

One of the important aspects of defense is the OPENING LEAD. As you know "A job well begun is a job half done!". The opening lead is the head start for the defense which is trying to defeat the contract by setting up enough tricks where as the declarer is executing his plans to set up required tricks for his contract.

Therefore it is necessary to make the correct lead by choosing the right suit and the right card. We recommend the following lead system which is being followed by many experts:

### A) Opening Leads against Notrump

- Ace – Shows the AKQ10, AKJ9, AQJ10 etc. asking partner to unblock the honor if he holds failing which give count.
- King – Top of sequence KQJ, KQ10 or may be KQx or rarely AKx asking partner to signal attitude with a high honor card.
- Queen – Top of sequence QJ10, QJ9 or QJx. Also from KQ109 so that partner can unblock Jack.
- Jack – Top of sequence J109, J108 or may be J10x. Jack denies any higher honor card.
- 10 – 0 or 2 higher honors. Shows AJ10 or KJ10 or top of sequence 109x.
- 9 – 0 or 2 higher honors. Shows A109, K109, Q109 or top of sequence 98x.
- Others – Top of nothing or 4<sup>th</sup> best or 2<sup>nd</sup> highest from 4 small.

### B) Opening Leads against Suit

- Ace – Shows the AKxx or Ax.
- King – Shows KQJ, KQx, AK doubleton, AKx (if partner's suit, your suit which partner supported or 5 level or higher contract).
- Queen – Top of sequence QJ10, QJ9 or QJx.
- Jack – Top of sequence J109, J108 or may be J10x. Jack denies any higher honor card.
- 10 – 0 or 2 higher honors. Shows KJ10 or top of sequence 109x (or 10x).
- 9 – 0 or 2 higher honors. Shows K109, Q109 or top of sequence 98x (or 9x).
- Others – 4<sup>th</sup> best (alternatively 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> best)

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

## BRIDGE CLASSES

More than 150 Housewives, businessmen, doctors, government employees, workers and students have so far received Bridge training at the Delhi Bridge Association Center located at 18, Lodhi Road institutional area, ever since the classes began a few years back.

Under the able guidance of Shri S.G. Bose Mullick, former President of the Bridge Federation of India and currently the Executive President of the Delhi Bridge Association, Bridge classes for novice players are held on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 P.M. The course content comprises of both theoretical and practical lessons spread over two months. At the end of the course a trainee is well equipped to play in Tournament Bridge or form his or her Bridge group. As a part of its ongoing teaching program, the Delhi Bridge Association also organizes a quarterly tournament for the beginners only. This has become extremely popular.

The highlight of the Teaching Program is that training is entirely free of cost except for the cost of essential material like books and other literature. Besides Mr. Bose Mullick, the teaching faculty of the program consists of Mr. C.K. Sikka and Mr. Surenderjit Singh.

## Bridge Tip

“Signaling” is one of the most important part of the defense in Bridge. Variations like Normal signal, reverse signal and many other type of gadgets are being utilized by players across the globe. Let us describe one of the important signaling system known as – REVOLVING DISCARD. Let us see how it works through an example.

	♠ J9xx ♥ AQx ♦ KJxx ♣ Qx	
♠ QT8xx ♥ Jx ♦ xx ♣ Jxxx	N W E S	♠ K ♥ T9xx ♦ xxxx ♣ AKTx
	♠ Ax ♥ Kxxx ♦ AQTx ♣ xxx	

North bid 1D & South raised to 3NT. You are East and your partner leads the 4<sup>th</sup> best spade. Dummy plays low and declarer after taking your King with the Ace, immediately plays a spade back. Partner plays the Queen. Your discard now is going to guide the partner on what he should play next. What should you discard? As per the Revolving discard theory, your interest lies in the revolving suit next to the suit you have discarded. Hence the club discard would have asked partner for Diamond, Diamond for Hearts and Hearts for spades and spade for clubs. However, as the spade suit is no more available, your Heart discard will ask for clubs.

## 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.

## Forthcoming National Events

25-28<sup>th</sup> Sep – All India K.N. Modi at Nainital  
05-07<sup>th</sup> Oct – All India Jubilee Hills at Hyderabad  
10-12<sup>th</sup> Oct – All India Golcha at Jaipur  
03-12<sup>th</sup> Jan'04 – Winter Nationals at Aurangabad

## Forthcoming International Events

01-10<sup>th</sup> Aug – BFAME at Amman, Jordan  
02-15<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Championships at Monte Carlo

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