

# Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter

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## ***Dear Bridge Friends,***

With great pleasure we announce starting of a monthly Newsletter of "Delhi Bridge Association". Besides covering most of the Bridge activities of Delhi region (Delhi Bridge Association holds regular weekly Team event on Saturday afternoon and Pairs event on Tuesday evening at DBA building. Besides this the Ladies Bridge Association holds Pairs event on every alternate Friday at PHD House), we will try to cover all the important National as well as International events of the month. We also propose to have a regular feature of *New Conventions* being followed internationally by Bridge fraternity.

We would request all the Senior Bridge players to give their valuable feedback and send us some important tips for the benefit of newcomers, related to the three most important aspects of Bridge - the Bidding, Defense as well as Play. We would also request other *Bridge Associations of India* to send us their tournament schedules and results, so that it can be published for the local public.

We plan to send this monthly newsletter to various associations through E-mail and will also like to post it on Internet site. Bridge reading is as important as playing and in the days of Internet, it is not at all difficult to have access to free of cost Bridge material. I will like to give my special thanks to Dr. P.S. Raghavan, whose Indian bridge site [www.bridgeinindia.homestead.com](http://www.bridgeinindia.homestead.com) is doing a commendable job by providing readers the latest on Tournament results, Bridge articles and other Bridge related aspects. He has always been very encouraging to me with his mails and has posted all the results & bulletins sent by me on his web site. I hope he will continue with his good work.

It is usually seen that an average bridge player not well versed with the tournament bridge procedures usually get irritated when the opponents call the Tournament Director. Many a times they feel cheated by the senior or more experienced bridge players due to their lack of knowledge related to alert procedures and hesitation in bidding. To take care of this important aspect, time to time, we would include one column dedicated for the *ALERT procedures of Tournament Bridge*, as well as on certain Bridge rules and regulations. This will help our bridge friends in getting educated with the procedures and getting better prepared in future to tackle the other tournament players.

The Newsletter will also give latest results including names of the winners of the weekly tournaments, interesting hands played during the month, the latest updates on Master Points of Delhi's registered players and some of the latest tit-bits of the Bridge world.

With Best wishes from you all, we present the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of this Newsletter.

**Editor**

## XYZ Convention

One of the fascinating things about bridge is that bidding systems develop over the years just as a language does. The bidding methods have improved over last decades particularly in eighties and nineties.

One of the most common re-bid by opener is 1NT after one level suit opening. We would like to present some ideas (based on the article XYZ convention by Pamela and Matthew Granovetter and Advanced bridge bidding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Max Hardy) in responding to opener's re-bid of 1H/1S/1NT for the keen partnerships, which may be useful in bidding difficult hands but will require effort and a bit of memory work.

### A) What is XYZ Convention:

**XYZ convention** (or two way check back) is the system of response structure used by responder after one level bidding 1X – 1Y – 1Z where X, Y or Z represent any bid other than pass by partnership at the one level. When opener re-bids at one level, responder has the following choices:

- **2C**, asks opener to bid 2D; responder may pass 2D to play or make a bid which is **invitational**.
- **2D**, a general game force much like **Fourth Suit Forcing**.
- **2H or 2S**, is weak and to play, unless it is a reverse in which case it shows 5-4 and game force.
- **2NT**, Invitational, generally balanced hand.
- **3C**, is to play, whether opener's first suit or not.
- **All other Jumps**, Game force, strong suits and suggest slam possibilities.
- **All double Jumps**, are Splinters in support of last bid suit; in case opener's re-bid was 1NT than it shows self splinter in support of responder's suit (which is the last bid suit in the auction).

### B) What are the Advantages of playing XYZ:

- Ability to create **game force** at 2D level where by allowing more room to find the right contract.
- Ability to make both **low level invitations and forcing jumps**.
- Ability to make **splinter bids** in support of opener's second suit or responder's own suit or Opener's first suit. A direct splinter after 1Z bid is in support of Opener's second suit (or self splinter in case 1Z bid was 1NT). A relay to 2D (via 2C) and then double jump above opener's second suit is splinter bid in support of opener's first bid suit.

e.g. 1C-1H-1NT-2C-2D-3S is splinter in support of clubs where as 1C-1H-1NT-3S is self splinter for hearts and 1C-1D-1H-3S is splinter in support of hearts.

### C) What are the Disadvantages of playing XYZ:

- Because of 2C relay, we can no longer play a contract of 2C.
- Artificial bids of 2C or 2D allow opponents an opportunity to make lead directional double.

### D) Examples:

♠ K986 ♥ K7652 ♦ A8 ♣ 75	♠ 102 ♥ KQ54 ♦ J98543 ♣ 9	♠ K64 ♥ Q108764 ♦ AJ8 ♣ 4	♠ A6 ♥ KJ7532 ♦ K87 ♣ Q3	♠ AQJ856 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 8 ♣ K43
After 1C-1H-1S bid 2C-2D-2S which is invitational. There is no need to jump to 3S to invite	After 1C-1H-1S bidding should be 2C-2D-Pass. Easier to play 2D instead of 3D.	After 1D-1H-1S bid 2C-2D-2H to invite whereas a bid of 2C-2D-3H shows good heart suit (invitational).	After 1D-1H-1S bid 2D to force & then bid hearts. With better heart suit jump directly, which is slammish.	After 1C-1S-1NT responder jumps to 4D to show splinter in support of Spades.

There are plenty of sequences which show that **XYZ convention** is an extremely helpful tool. Best of luck to those who decide to try this convention.

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

# Local Bridge News

## The Individual Event

The Delhi Bridge Association conducted a special Individual event on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2003. There were 28 players who participated in the event and the winners were:

1. Subhash Gupta - 65.87% (Winner on Tie-break)
2. R.K. Gupta - 65.87%
3. S. Sunderrajan - 61.90%
4. V.G. Patankar - 58.33%
5. Ravi Sawhney - 57.14%

## Chelmsford Club Pairs Tournament

Chelmsford Club organized a Pairs tournament on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, in which 40 pairs participated. The tournament was played in 2 sessions of 18 boards each (Maximum 612 points) and the final winners were:

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|--|--------|
| 1. J.B. Sengupta – R. Chakravarty      | 364.59 |
| 2. Sudhir Aggarwal – Mukesh Shivdasani | 363.03 |
| 3. Amarjeet – D.K. Mutreja             | 351.88 |
| 4. Dr. Ashwani Mehta – Sunil Bhatia    | 347.74 |
| 5. R. Gujral – P.C. Gupta              | 342.97 |
| 6. Ravi Sawhney – R. Bajaj             | 339.94 |
| 7. Avtar Singh – Dey                   | 339.30 |
| 8. Mrs. Naraindas – A. Khemka          | 339.24 |

## The Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

03/06/2003

- |                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| NS 1 : A.K. Ghosh – A.K. Jha         | 60.76% |
| NS 2 : P.S. Tandon – Deepak Gupta    | 55.99% |
| EW 1 : Joy Sen Sharma – D.K. Mutreja | 61.70% |
| EW 2 : Paresh Gupta – D.K. Tewari    | 56.53% |

10/06/2003

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| NS 1 : A.K. Ghosh – A.K. Jha            | 62.50% |
| NS 2 : T. Bhattacharya – Deepak Yashpal | 56.94% |
| EW 1 : D.K. Tewari – D.K. Mutreja       | 62.50% |
| EW 2 : T.C. Pant – Gopal Saxena         | 57.29% |

17/06/2003

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|----------------------------------|--------|
| NS 1 : R.N. Palit – Gopal Saxena | 62.86% |
| NS 2 : V.N. Puri – K.B. Sikand   | 55.61% |
| EW 1 : A.K. Ghosh – A.K. Jha     | 66.69% |
| EW 2 : D.K. Tewari – Amod Rele   | 66.32% |

24/06/2003

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| NS 1 : D.K. Tewari – R. Chakravarty     | 66.67% |
| NS 2 : Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal – A. Chandra | 51.90% |
| EW 1 : Pair No. 7                       | 61.34% |
| EW 2 : U. Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta     | 55.95% |

## The Saturday Team Event - Results

07/06/2003

1. **Subhash's Team** - (Sunil Bhatia, Subhash Gupta, B. Satyanarayana, R. Chakravarty)
2. **SONCHEL** – (Amarjeet Wadhwan, Sangram Guha, Sudhir Aggarwal, Mukesh Shivdasani)

14/06/2003

1. **SONCHEL** – (Amarjeet Wadhwan, Sangram Guha, Sudhir Aggarwal, Mukesh Shivdasani, R. Chakravarty)
2. **Vijay Goel's Team** – Vijay Goel, Kinshuk Bhattacharya, N.K. Gupta, Vinod Sharma, Rajesh Tibrewala

21/06/2003

1. **Tewari's Team** – (D.K. Tewari, N.K. Gupta, J.B. Sengupta, R. Chakravarty)
2. **Team-1** – S. Sunderrajan, Ravi Sawhney, A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha

28/06/2003

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

## INTERESTING HAND

The following hand came in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Chelmsford Pairs Tournament on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2003.

Vul : None

	♠ A75 ♥ AJxx ♣ JT9xxx	
♠ KJx ♥ Q983 ♦ xxx ♣ AKx	N W E S	♠ A98xxx ♥ T ♦ Qxx ♣ Qxx
	♠ QTxx ♥ KJ642 ♦ KTx ♣ x	

Bidding:

N	E	S	W
P	2S	P	P
Dbl	P	4H	P
P	P		

Lead by West: King of Spades

After a weak 2S by East, his partner passed the hand and based on his distribution, North doubled for takeout with his earlier passed hand. South took quite an aggressive view of the hand and directly bid 4H. Playing Lebensohl sequence, South's right bid is 3H, suggesting a good hand (2 NT would have shown a weak hand - less than 8 HCP). West with good defensive tricks did not venture into 4S nor doubled 4H. How you play the hand?

After the lead, if you count your losers, the game does not seem to be a bad one as there seems to be one loser in spade (presuming you ruff the remaining), one in club, one or two in Hearts & one in Diamond. However, with missing Queen, Ten & Nine there are chances of 2 Heart losers and hence it becomes mandatory to avoid diamond loser, to have any chance of making the contract.

The beauty of the hand is that once you take the correct view of the diamonds by taking D10 finesse, you make the contract. You should play a low club won by say East. The best return for East is H10. You can take it with HA in dummy, ruff a club in hand, ruff a spade in dummy, and play DA and low diamond to the King. The last 4-card position will be:

	♦ x ♣ T9x	
♠ J ♥ Q98	N W E S	♠ A98x
	♠ QT ♥ KJ	

You are in hand and have already taken 8 tricks (one Heart, 2 spade ruffs in dummy, 2 club ruffs in hand & 3 diamond tricks). Just play spade (it does not matter which spade but SQ seems to be more interesting, bringing the Jack down) and E-W are in problem. If east wins, he can only play spades and West is forced to ruff and give last 2 tricks to South. If West wins, he has the same fate as he is forced to return heart.

**As it turns out, on spade lead the contract is always through, once the KEY play of playing diamond to the TEN is made.**

The contract however gets defeated on a trump lead. Once the trump lead is made, you cannot bring the contract to the last 4-card position as shown above. Your best options will be to play Ace of trump, and a club back. West will take and play another trump, which is taken by HJ. Now you ruff a spade, play diamond to the ten, King of diamond, King of trump and diamond to the Ace. You can throw a spade on the 4<sup>th</sup> diamond but then also you have only 9 tricks comprising of a spade ruff, A, K & J of trumps, 3 diamonds and 2 trumps in hand.

Question is will you lead a trump, when opponent has voluntarily bid 4 Hearts?

*(By T.C. Pant)*

## Ladies Bridge Association Results

13/06/2003

1. Amarjeet Wadhwan – Anand Bhatia
2. Mukesh Shivdasani – Vinod Asthvans
3. Mrs. Kavita Dhawan – Ranji Dhawan

27/06/2003

1. Mrs. Rajesh Gupta – Ms. Poonam Dutta
2. Mrs. Rekha Sarin – Dr. Sanghi

# International Bridge News

## United States Bridge Championships – 2003

The USBC 2003 was played from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June at Memphis, Tennessee to select the 2<sup>nd</sup> team to represent USA in the Bermuda Bowl 2003 to be played at Monte Carlo in November. Earlier, Nickel's team has already qualified for Bermuda Bowl as USA1.

20 teams participated, out of which 2 teams were given direct entry to the Qfinals. The format of play was to select 12 qualifying teams after 3 sessions of all play all Round robin . The qualifiers further played 90 board knockout matches. The 6 quarter finalists were joined by the seeded teams (#1 – Schwartz's team & #2 – Cohen's team) in the Quarter Finals. The results of the 6 \* 20 boards Quarter Finals were:

BRACHMAN	Beat	SCHWARTZ	-	259-240
WELLAND	Beat	JACOBS	-	246-245 (real nail biting stuff)
WEED	Beat	DEUTSCH	-	303-155 (Walk over was given after 4 sessions)
COHEN	Beat	KASLE	-	354-202

Jaggy Shivdasani was playing for the DEUTSCH team.

### Semi Finals (6\*20 boards)

In the first semi final WELLAND beat BRACHMAN by 210-205. It was a real nail biting match. Before the start of the last session WELLAND was trailing by 2 IMPs (175-177), but won the last session 35-28 to emerge winners by 5 IMPs.

In the second semi final COHEN comprehensively beat WEED by 245-223. In fact WEED was trailing 220-178 after 5 sessions and tried their best to recover 20 IMPs (45-25) in the last session. So it was WELLAND Vs. COHEN in the final. Mr. Pratap Rajadhyaksha, a USA based Indian is also part of the COHEN team.

### Finals (8\*20 boards)

**COHEN – Ralph Cohen (Npc), Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Dan Morse, Robert Wolff, Doug Doub & Adam Wildavsky**  
**WELLAND – Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein**

After the first 2 sessions, it looked as if COHEN is going to have it very easily. They beat WELLAND 44-3 & 46-27 respectively. WELLAND did some recovery in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set winning 49-20 but COHEN again came back with a 29-19 win in the 4<sup>th</sup> set. At the end of the first day the score was COHEN leading WELLAND by 41 IMPs (139-98).

On the second day, WELLAND started well and won the 5<sup>th</sup> set 24-44 but COHEN recovered back in the 6<sup>th</sup> set with a score of 45-21. The 7<sup>th</sup> set was again competitive and WELLAND recovered 8 IMPs (38-30). The score before the start of final session was 238-201 in favour of COHEN, and they never looked back in the last session comfortably beating their opponents 49-21 in the last set for a final 65 IMPs (287-222) victory and the right to represent USA in the Bermuda Bowl as the USA2 team.

**Congratulations to the COHEN team and with this Pratap has become the first Indian to represent USA in the Bermuda Bowl.**

There were many interesting hands played in the tournament and your Editor was one of the lucky ones to view the complete viewgraph of the Semi Finals & Final live as well as online on Internet, courtesy Bridge Base Online. Mr. Fred Gitelman of BBO is doing a great job by providing us the live viewgraphs of all top Bridge tournaments. Our sincere thanks to Fred & his BBO team for giving us the opportunity to view the Vu-graphs of this event live.

One of the interesting hands of the tournament is being shown on the next page.

## INTERESTING HAND

Semi Final Segment 1 (COHEN Vs. WEED)  
Board 3; Dlr: South; Vul: E-W

	♠ J8754 ♥ 7 ♦ K98532 ♣ 3		
♠ AQ3 ♥ QJT2 ♦ QJ ♣ AKQ6	N W E S	♠ T962 ♥ AK8653 ♦ A ♣ 52	
	♠ K ♥ 94 ♦ T764 ♣ JT9874		

Close Room Bidding:

W	N	E	S
Landen	Levin	Pratap R.	Weinstein
			3C
3NT	P	4H	P
5C	P	5D	P
6H	P	P	P

Lead by South: 6 of Diamonds

After receiving the diamond lead, North foolishly covered with the King and the declarer now made all the tricks, once the King of spade came on the first spade played. The spade losers of East went on one club & one diamond.

In the Open room the things went in a different way. The bidding in the open room was:

W	N	E	S
			P
2NT	P	4D	P
4H	P	4NT	P
5S	P	5NT	P
7H	P	P	P

2NT was 21-22 & 4D was transfer to Hearts. 5S showed 2 Key cards with Queen of trumps. It is not known whether 5NT was king ask or not but west jumped to 7H and got the Spade 5 lead and King came down after low spade was played from Dummy. Here onwards west lead Q & J of hearts and further played 3 more rounds of hearts. He played AKQ of clubs and coolly went down in a contract, which makes on right play. After playing all trumps and clubs the last 4-card position is going to be:

	♠ J8 ♥ K9 ♦ K9 ♣		
♠ Q3 ♥ ♦ QJ ♣	N W E S	♠ T9 ♥ 3 ♦ A ♣	
	♠ ♥ T7 ♦ ♣ JT		

Now the settings are perfect for a criss-cross squeeze. Play the last trump and discard the spade 3 from hand. The south hand does not matter but North is squeezed. If he discards spade, come to hand with spade Queen and the last spade of dummy is good with diamond Ace as entry. If he discards the diamond 9, play Ace of diamond and you have back entry via spade queen to cash the diamond queen.

The hand cost the WEED team a lot. They gave away 17 IMPs, whereas if they would have made it they would have gained 13 IMPs. It was a swing of 30 IMPs on the board.

They lost the set 40-18 (by 22 IMPs) and lost the match 245-223 (a identical margin of 22 IMPs). Bad luck to them as they may have been through to the finals, if West would played the hand correctly.

But that's how it goes on BRIDGE table.

May be the God was supporting COHEN in making way for one of the Indian (Pratap Rajadhyaksha) to make history as the first one to represent USA in Bermuda Bowl.

*(Reported by T.C. Pant)*

## IMPORTANT

This is for information to all the Delhi Bridge Players, who are not yet registered with Bridge Federation of India for the Master Point scheme.

Please make sure you get registered with BFI as soon as possible, so that you can get the MP awards for the local & National tournaments. The MPs for the period May-June 2003 will be sent to BFI in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July 2003 for updating.

## 1<sup>st</sup> European Championship, Menton, France

The 1<sup>st</sup> Open European Championships were held at Menton, France from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June at Menton, France. The tournament attracted many of the top teams & pairs of the world. From India, Kirubakara's team, comprising of Mr. Kirubakara Murthy, K. Krishnakumar, B. Prabhaka, Debashish Ray, Anil Padhye & Rajesh Dalal) participated. The tournament consisted of the following events:

1. Mixed Teams
2. Mixed Pairs
3. Open / Ladies / Senior Teams
4. Open / Ladies / Senior Pairs

**Mixed Teams:** 118 teams participated in this event. The teams were divided into 20 groups and after the Round Robin the teams played a Swiss and knockouts for reaching the last 16. In the finals, the WELAND team (USA) comprising of Roy Wellend, Christal Henner Welland, Robert Levin & Jill Levin met BERTHEAU team from Sweden comprising of Katherine Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom, Magnus Magussen & Katrina Midskog. It turned out to be a cakewalk for the WELAND team and they comprehensively beat BERTHEAU 139-42 (33-24, 56-4 & 50-14) to clinch the trophy.

**Mixed Pairs:** 380 pairs participated in this event. The Dutch pair of Bep Vriend & Anton Maas won the 3 session finals with a score of 57.65% (60.26%, 60.78% & 57.65% respectively). The Second and Third positions were taken by Italian pairs. Mihaela Popa – Rino Gasp Trapani & Gabriella Manara – Dario Attansio.

**Open Teams:** There were 137 teams for this event and they were divided into 18 groups for playing the Round robin.. Kirubakara's team from India was in Group B and they topped their group with 124 VPs after 7 rounds. The top 3 teams from each group (total 54 teams) further played a SWISS league. The remaining eliminated teams played another SWISS event. The format was to take 27 teams from the main group and 5 teams from the loser group. Kirubakara's team also reached the last 32 stage (they were 26<sup>th</sup> with 109 VPs). From here onwards, it was knock out all through.

In the round of 32, Kirubakara's team was unlucky to lose the knock out against team SMITH by 6 IMPs. They lost 70-64 (45-33 & 25-31). The other casualties were MELTZER (losing 90-76 to CHAGAS), JACOBS (losing 61-37 to WELAND) & LAVAZZA (losing 67-48 to CHEMLA). The powerful WELAND team lost to CHAGAS in the last 16 by a narrow margin of 3 IMPs (45-42). The last 4 teams to reach Finals were CHAGAS (Brazil / USA), CHEMLA (France), MIROGLIO (Italy / Poland) & KALISH (Israel). In the Semi Finals CHEMLA beat CHAGAS 52-21 and KALISH beat MIROGLIO 56-49. In the finals, KALISH beat CHEMLA 123-68 to win the open team championships.

**Ladies & Senior Teams:** There were 24 teams for Women's teams & 29 for Senior's team event. FIGB MOSCA team from Italy won the Women's event. They defeated VRIEND (Netherlands) 117-100. In the Senior event ADAD (France) defeated FORNACIARI (Italy) 140-72.

**Open Pairs:** This event attracted as many as 338 pairs. The Indian pair of Anil Padhye – Rajesh Dalal fared very well in the elimination rounds and comfortably reached the Semi Finals. A total of 132 pairs were taken into the Sfinals. In the Semis they continued their good form in the first session with a score of 61.96%. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> session (45.92% & 49.36%) were not good but they were able to cross the hurdle to finals with a score of 52.41% (40<sup>th</sup> position).

52 pairs qualified for the two-day, 4 session finals, and it was a great going for the Indian pair on the first day as they scored 58.95% in the first and 59.98% (Topped) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. It was barometric scoring and they were the leaders after 2 sessions with a score of 56.77%. They got another good score of 56.49% (2<sup>nd</sup> in the session) and were occupying overall 3<sup>rd</sup> position at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> session with a tally of 55.15%. Alas, they could not sustain their firepower in the last session and got 54.09% (9<sup>th</sup> in the session) to achieve the overall 12<sup>th</sup> position with 53.60%.

The other pair of Kirubakara – Krishnakumar didn't qualify for the finals but performed well in the consolation event for losers. They scored 61.4% in the first, 54.36% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 46.39% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last session for an overall score of 54.08% and an overall 20<sup>th</sup> position.

The event was won by the famous USA pair of Jeff Meckstroth – Eric Rodwell with a score of 56.76%. David Birman– Amir Levin of Israel with 55.57% and Paul Chemla –Phillipe Cronier with 54.98% were 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

**Ladies & Senior Pairs:** There were 81 pairs for the Ladies & 94 pairs for the Senior event. The Ladies pair winners were Maria Erhart – Jovanka Smederevac from Austria with 58.29%. In the Senior pairs, the polish pair of Kazimierz Omenik & Jozef Pochron won with a score of 56.53%.

## DELHI BRIDGE SCHEDULE

1. Pair event is played at Delhi Bridge Association (DBA), 18 institutional Area, Lodhi Estate (near Sai Temple) 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 a Pairs tournament on every alternate Friday at PHD House.

## Forthcoming National Events

11-13<sup>th</sup> July – All India Hindalco at Renukoot  
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  
11-20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Winter Nationals at Aurangabad

## Forthcoming International Events

04-06<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> World Junior Pairs, Tata, Hungary  
07-14<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> World Junior Camp., Tata, Hungary  
17-27<sup>th</sup> July – ACBL Summer NABC, Long Beach, USA  
01-10<sup>th</sup> Aug – BFAME at Amman, Jordan  
02-15<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Championships at Monte Carlo

## Bridge Tip

You are in North hand and do not have any more entry to it. How do you plan to win 3 tricks with the following combination?

**Q982**  
N  
W E  
S  
**A63**

You will not be allowed to make 3 tricks unless the opponent cards are as shown below:

**Q982**  
JTxx Kx  
**A63**

And what is the correct play?

Play the 9 from Dummy. If East covers with King, overtake with Ace and play a heart towards the Queen planning to take finesse in case West plays low. If West covers with Jack or Ten, let him hold the trick. You can again finesse the West, when you reach your hand.

If East plays low, let the 9 ride to the West. Next time you can play Ace falling the king and taking finesse through West.

## CONGATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to the Formidables Team (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajesh Tewari, Sunil Choksi & K. R. Venkatraman) for winning the Indian Selection Trails held at Mumbai. They will be representing India in the BFAME tournament at Amman, Jordan in August. The BFAME winner will represent the Zone 4 in the Bermuda Bowl to be played at Monte Carlo in November.

Our heartiest congratulations also go to the Kirubakara team (Kirubakara Murthy, K. Krishnkumar, B. Prabhakar, Debashish Ray, Anil Padhye & Rajesh Dalal) for giving an impressive performance in the 1<sup>st</sup> European Championships at Menton, France. Anil & Rajesh deserve a special pat on their back for their superlative performance in the Pairs Final. Keep it up.

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