

# Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter

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## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

You all may be aware that the RAILWAY's team will represent India in the Bridge Olympiad to be held at Istanbul, Turkey from 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2004. However for those of you, who are not yet aware, **The Indian Ladies Team** for the Bridge Olympiad is: **Geeta Lakhani – Amita Raythatha, Yvette Singapuri – Marianne Karmarkar, Usha Kabra – Sheelu Thadani.**

I am sure that both the teams would be looking forward to the hard task ahead and would have started on their daily or weekly quota of practice for the tournament with their favourite partners. Besides this there are lot of other important points, which the players of these teams can discuss with other senior players of teams, who have already participated in the earlier Olympiads. It will be a good practice for the teams to go through the convention cards of the opposing teams and understand their methods to counter them properly. The [ecatsbridge.com](http://ecatsbridge.com) site of Anna Gudge will be a great help in this regard. You can download a lot of information from this site on the Bridge Olympiad.

**We all wish Good Luck to both the Indian teams for the Bridge Olympiad 2004.**

Besides the above, you all will be happy to know that **Mr. Subhash Gupta** will be representing India in the prestigious 5<sup>th</sup> GENERALI MASTERS WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP to be held at Verona, Italy from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2004. World's top 52 players in the Open event and 28 players in the Women's event will be fighting it out for the individual honour in this Championship. **We all wish Subhash best of luck for this tournament.**

At home, We have the Summer Nationals coming at Kasauli from 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2004 and all those who are going to represent their States / Associations will be gearing up to fight it out for T.P. Khosla & Agarwala trophies. So the Bridge activities will be again at peak from next month onwards and we will try to give you as much information as possible, through our Newsletter.

It will be a proud moment for us when we take out our next month's Newsletter edition, as we would be completing one year of our publishing and will start with the Vol. 2. I hope the Bridge fraternity would continue to support us in our endeavour, and the Delhi Newsletter team is able to deliver the goods.

Lastly, it is a pleasure to know that like last year, this year also Punjab Bridge Association has taken the task of organizing the Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs Championship to be held at Patiala on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We hope that all interested pairs of the North zone region would be participating in this event. PBA has made it more interesting by offering attractive prizes for the tournament on both the days.

- Editor

## EXTENDED LEBENSOHL

Lebensohl convention, which we discussed in our earlier articles, was devised basically for responder to compete effectively after an overcall over partner's one Notrump opening. Use of this convention has been extended to solve problems in many other bidding situations. In this article we will discuss two main situations where Extended Lebensohl principle is used by many partnerships.

### **A) Lebensohl after Double of Opponent's Weak Two-bid**

When partner makes a take out double of an opponent's weak two bid, it is difficult to bid accurately as a 3-level response has a very wide range. You can have from 0 HCP to 9/10 HCP. It is therefore not possible for doubler to accurately assess the combined potential of the hands. Lebensohl convention solves this problem as it provides two ways to make the three-level response – one direct and one via 2NT.

- **2NT**, is puppet to 3C. Doubler bids 3C only if he has a hand with which he is ready to play in 3C. With a very strong balanced hand or an unbalanced hand with a long suit, doubler may make other suitable bids. Responder over 3C, then rebids:
  - **Pass**, shows a weak hand with clubs (0 to 7 HCP).
  - **New suit below the weak two suit**, is to play. Shows a weak hand (0 to 7 HCP).
  - **New suit above the weak two suit**, is natural and constructive, about 7-10 HCP.
  - **Cue-bid of opponent's suit**, is like game forcing Stayman and promises 4-card in other major and also shows a check in the opponent's suit.
  - **3NT**, denies 4-cards in other major and shows a partial stopper in opponent's suit.
- **Three-level non jump suit bid**, is natural and constructive, about 7-10 HCP.
- **Jump bid in a suit (below game)**, is natural and forcing.
- **Cue-bid of overcaller's suit**, is game forcing generally denies check in opponent's suit, may have 4-cards in the other major.
- **Jump to 3NT**, shows a stopper in the opponent's suit and is to play.

### **B) Lebensohl after Reverse**

The Lebensohl convention, which is generally used in competitive situations, can also be used in uncontested auctions where there is a need to differentiate between 3-level bids that are strength showing and those which are not. One such situation occurs when responder has to re-bid after opener has made a reverse. Opener's reverse is a re-bid at the 2-level in a new suit ranking above his first bid suit but below responder's suit. As the reverses are generally forcing for one round, responder must inform opener whether he has a weak hand or GF hand. This can be easily achieved by Extended Lebensohl where:

- **2NT**, is puppet to 3C and generally shows a weak hand. Opener bids 3C only if he is ready to play in 3C. If opener is too good, he bids more than 3C. Responder over 3C, then re-bids:
  - **Pass**, shows a weak hand.
  - **Bids any of opener's suit at 3-level**, is to play. Shows a weak hand.
  - **Re-bid of responder's own major suit**, GF hand with weak suit.
  - **3NT**, to play but shows mild slam interest.
- **Re-bid of Major at 2-level**, is natural, shows 5+ cards and to play.
- **Jump re-bid of Major at 3-level**, is GF with a good suit.
- **Three-level bids**, forcing to game.
- **Jump to 3NT**, is to play.

The above situations are very common and certainly it is advantageous to play this form of Lebensohl for effective bidding.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

# Local Bridge News & Results

## Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

### 04/05/2004 – 14 Tables

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele       | 70.53% |
| NS 2: A.K. Sinha – Mrs. Beneeta Chandra | 61.89% |
| NS 3: Gopal Saxena – Ajay Tankha        | 56.98% |
| EW 1: R. Chakravarty – M.S. Sharma      | 58.57% |
| EW 2: T.C. Pant – Vinod Sharma          | 56.52% |
| EW 3: Santosh Kumar – Brij Kishore      | 56.33% |

### 11/05/2004 – 10 Tables

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| NS 1: Ravi Sawhney – S. Sunderrajan    | 59.38% |
| NS 2: Mrs. Madhuri Modwel – J.D. Gupta | 58.13% |
| EW 1: A.K. Jha – A.K. Bala             | 60.42% |
| EW 2: N. Engineer – M. Nagchand        | 58.68% |

### 18/05/2004 – 12 Tables

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| NS 1: K.B. Sikand – Ganpat Rai      | 56.94% |
| NS 2: A.K. Jha – V.N. Puri          | 56.25% |
| EW 1: Vijay Kumar – R. Chakravarty  | 65.63% |
| EW 2: Ravi Sawhney – S. Sunderrajan | 57.64% |

### 25/05/2004 – 10 Tables

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele      | 62.50% |
| NS 2 :Joyjit Sen Sharma – D.K. Mutreja | 60.94% |
| EW 1: Ashim K. Ghosh – A.K. Bala       | 64.93% |
| EW 2: T. Bhattacharya – A.K. Guha      | 61.46% |

## AILBA Results

### 07/05/2004 - 16 Pairs

1. S.K. Agrawal – Amarjit Wadhawan
2. Mrs. Shashi Jain – Anand Bhatia
3. Mrs. Asha Surana – Raghurib S. Jasuja

### 21/05/2004 - 14 Pairs

1. Mrs. Chitra Roy – Mrs. Bhawana Naraindas
2. S.K. Agrawal - Amarjit Wadhawan
3. Mrs. Shashi Jain – P.K. Rajgariah

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

## DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

### 01/05/2004 – 11 Teams

1. **SONCHEL** – (Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Sunil Bhatia, R. Chakravarty)
2. **JAIN's**– (Arun Jain, Y.M. Tewari, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)

### 08/05/2004 – 8 Teams

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma, R. Chakravarty)
2. **N.K. JAIN's**– (N.K. Jain, A. Mandal, O. Mohan Dass, Duleep Mutreja)

### 15/05/2004 – 10 Teams

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, M.S. Sharma, R. Chakravarty)
2. **Vinod Sharma**– (Vinod Sharma, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Deepak Yashpal,)

### 22/05/2004 – 12 Teams

1. **SONCHEL**– (Mukesh Shivdasani, Deepak Gupta, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele)
2. **Vijay Goel**– (Vijay Goel, N.K. Gupta, Sukamal Das, T.C. Pant, Paresh Gupta)

### 29/05/2004 – 13 Teams

1. **SONCHEL**– (Mukesh Shivdasani, Deepak Gupta, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Sunil Bhatia)
2. **JOY** – (Joyjit Sen Sharma, Dilip Mutreja, V.N. Puri, Dr. Moghe)
3. **Kiran Nadar** – (Kiran Nadar, Subhash Gupta, Paresh Gupta, T.C. Pant)

## A UNIQUE RECORD

The **SONCHEL** team created a unique record by winning all the five Saturday tournaments in the month of May. Three members of the team – Mukesh Shivdasani (Captain), Sudhir Aggarwal & Amod Rele are regular members of this team.

Sudhir Aggarwal was the lone member of the team who was part of this team on all the five Saturdays. Sudhir along with his regular partner Amod also came first in 2 of the Tuesday Pair events in May.

Well-done SONCHEL. Well-done Sudhir.

## DOON Club Tournament

Dehradun Club organized an invitational Bridge Tournament at their club premises on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2004. The tournament was sponsored by ONGC.

A total of 18 teams participated in the Team of Four event. 8 rounds of 10 boards each were played in the round robin with top 4 teams qualifying for the Super League. The qualifiers at the end of round robin were:

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Ravi Gujral       | 164 VPs |
| 2. Delhi Blues       | 160     |
| 3. Lucknow           | 134     |
| 4. Dehradun Club "B" | 129     |

In the Super league round 1, Ravi Gujral lost to Dehradun Club "B" by 14-16, whereas Delhi Blues beat Lucknow team by 20-10.

In the Super league round 2, Ravi Gujral beat Lucknow by 16-14, whereas Delhi Blues beat Dehradun Club "B" team by 23-7.

In the Super league last round, Lucknow team beat Dehradun Club "B" by 16-14. The Gujral team, which required 22-8 against Delhi Blues to win the championship fought really well but could win only by 21-9, and thus Delhi Blues won the tournament scoring 52 VPs in the Super league. The final tally:

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Delhi Blues       | 52 VPs |
| 2. Ravi Gujral       | 51     |
| 3. Lucknow           | 40     |
| 4. Dehradun Club "B" | 37     |

The Winners Delhi Blues team from Delhi was represented by Subhash Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Paresh Gupta & T.C. Pant.

The Runner-up Ravi Gujral team from Delhi was represented by Ravi Gujral, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Kingshuk Bhattacharya & Sukamal Das.

The Lucknow team (3<sup>rd</sup> position) was represented by K.N. Jaiswal, R.A. Siddique, T.P. Khare & N.C. Bhattacharjee; whereas the Dehradun team was represented by R.K. Gupta, P.K. Hari, Col. Dhir & K.C. Gupta.

In the Pairs event, 36 pairs participated and the winners were:

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| 1. B. Parasrampur - G.N. Manna    |
| 2. Radhey Shyam Sharma - Bhansali |
| 3. B. Roy - S. Banerjee           |
| 4. P.C. Jain - M.L. Jain          |
| 5. N.K. Jaipuria - Col. Kapoor    |
| 6. S.R. Malhotra - Syal           |

The best Dehradun Club prize went to Mr. Mrs. Tayal.

The event was very well organized and well conducted. All the credit to Mr. Gupta, Prof. Bhatnagar & their team for their superb efforts. Considering the facilities provided to the outside teams, I am sure many more outside teams will come for this tournament in the future.

*- Reported by Editor*

## The K.K. Birla All India Tournament

The K.K. Birla All India Bridge Tournament was played at Hotel "The Claridges Corbett Hideaway", Corbett Park, Garjia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2004. 15 Teams participated in the tournament and the quality of bridge was pretty good as many of the TOP players were present. Subhash Gupta, Kiran Nadar, Satya & Sandeep represented Formidables, whereas Kalpana Mishra, Anil Padhye, Venkatraman & A. Dudhane represented the team from Mumbai. Tolani Shipping was represented by R.A. Agrawal, Archie Sequeira, Raju Bhiwandikar & Dr. Mukund. Many players from Bengal played for different teams. Preetish Kushari, Rana Roy, Manas Mukherjee, Sumit Mukherjee, Sarkar, Badal Das were few of them.

In the T-4 event, a complete round robin of 15 rounds (of 8 boards each) was played (with each team getting a bye round) with top 4 teams qualifying for the semi finals. The rankings at the end of RR were:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1. Maya Mira "C"       | 263 VPs |
| 2. SCPCC               | 256     |
| 3. Alok Daga's IV      | 244     |
| 4. Tolani Shipping     | 239     |
| 5. Maya Mira "A"       | 238     |
| 6. MELANGE             | 233     |
| 7. Boat House Club "A" | 225     |
| 8. Pankaj Mehta        | 221     |

A prize of Rs. 2000 each was given to positions 5 to 8. The most surprising aspect was the elimination of the two strongest teams. Formidables could muster only 213 and Kalpana Mishra's team with Anil Padhye, Venky & Dudhane were even less than that.

In the 2\*10 boards semi finals, SCPCC beat ALOK DAGA's IV by 21 IMPs (30-18, 31-22). In the second semi final MAYA MIRA "C" beat Tolani Shipping by 31 IMPs (37-11, 31-26). Both Semi-finalists received a prize of Rs. 6000 each. SCPCC contained Badal, Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee in their ranks, whereas Maya Mira had Rana & Manas.

In the 2\*12 boards final, SCPCC beat MAYA MIRA "C" by 21 IMPs (30-18, 31-22). The winners got Rs. 25,000 and the runners-up Rs. 12,000 prize.

In the Board-a-match event, 13 teams participated and Pankaj Mehta's team with 92, Kalpana Mishra with 86, Formidables with 81 & Boat House Club "A" with 80 were first to fourth respectively.

A total of 35 pairs participated in the Pair event The winners were:

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. C. Chakraborty - Biman Chatterjee | 57.64% |
| 2. B.N. Paras Ram Puria - G.N. Manna | 57.12% |
| 3. S.N. De Sarkar - P. Bardhan       | 56.48% |
| 4. Sumit Mukherjee - Badal das       | 56.02% |
| 5. Kajal Mukherjee - S. Basak        | 55.21% |

The organizers provided excellent facilities and the food was superb. The participants enjoyed their mornings, walking along the river in the beautiful jungle surroundings before enjoying their BRIDGE.

*- Reported by Editor*

## Interesting Deals From Corbett Park Bridge Tournament

The following deal came in the Board-a-match event of the Corbett Park Bridge Tournament and showed why Mr. Subhash Gupta is known as "GURUJI" in Bridge circles.

|                                  |                                   |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                  | ♠ KJx<br>♥ xxxx<br>♦ AKJxxx<br>♣  |                                   |
| ♠ Qxxx<br>♥ JTxx<br>♦ KQxxx<br>♣ | N<br>W E<br>S                     | ♠ xxx<br>♥ Kx<br>♦ Jxxx<br>♣ Qxxx |
|                                  | ♠ Axx<br>♥ AQx<br>♦ Axxx<br>♣ Txx |                                   |

Subhash (South) was playing with Sandeep Thakral and they bid the N-S hand to 6 Clubs. Seeing the dummy, the contract seems to be quite ok depending mainly on placement of ♥K. The spade loser can go on ♦A. Hence the contract is doomed only if ♥K is off-side, as there will be clear cut 2 heart losers.

He got the ♦K lead and to test the distribution ruffed this in dummy. ♣A was cashed to discover the bad news. However, he went ahead with the only possible distribution available for making the contract. A low heart was played from dummy and Heart queen was finessed. Diamond Ace was cashed throwing a heart from dummy, a diamond ruffed in the dummy and a low heart played to the Ace. When the ♥K fell from East, Subhash had a nice smile on his face as his prayers have been answered. The distribution seemed to be working as required by him.

He ruffed his last diamond in dummy, played a spade towards his Ace and took the spade finesse. When that also worked, he cashed his spade King and the last 3 cards position was:

|                       |                         |                      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|                       | ♠ x<br>♥ x<br>♦ KJ<br>♣ |                      |
| ♠ Q<br>♥ JT<br>♦<br>♣ | N<br>W E<br>S           | ♠<br>♥<br>♦ Qxx<br>♣ |
|                       | ♠ x<br>♥ x<br>♦ Tx<br>♣ |                      |

When the last heart was played from dummy, East was doomed. He had to ruff perforce and give the last 2 tricks to dummy. **Well played GURUJI.**

The second interesting hand came in the Pairs event and had an interesting line of play available.

|                                   |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                   | ♠ AQxx<br>♥ x<br>♦ AJTx<br>♣ Axxx |                                   |
| ♠ JTxx<br>♥ xx<br>♦ KQxxxx<br>♣ J | N<br>W E<br>S                     | ♠ xx<br>♥ KTxxxx<br>♦ xx<br>♣ KTx |
|                                   | ♠ Kxx<br>♥ AQJx<br>♦ x<br>♣ Qxxxx |                                   |

After South's precision opening of 2 Clubs, and 2 diamonds intervention by West the popular contract at most of the tables was 6 Clubs. West's lead was ♦K and after winning with the Ace, declarer played the trump Ace and a small club to the hand. East took the trick with his King and play from here onwards depended on what East returned.

Case 1: If East returns the ♣10, declarer can ruff only one heart in the dummy. Presuming that one heart can go on the 4<sup>th</sup> spade (if they behave 3-3), then also declarer is short by one trick. Hence in this case, it becomes mandatory for him to take the heart finesse. So he takes the trick with ♣Q, plays a spade to the Ace, takes the heart finesse, which works and plays ruffs a low heart in the dummy. He comes up with the ♠K and will be through if spades are 3-3. But wait, there is a better chance of squeeze. The last 5-card position is:

|                         |                          |                         |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                         | ♠ Qx<br>♥<br>♦ JTx<br>♣  |                         |
| ♠ JT<br>♥<br>♦ Qxx<br>♣ | N<br>W E<br>S            | ♠ KTxx<br>♥<br>♦ x<br>♣ |
|                         | ♠ x<br>♥ AJ<br>♦ xx<br>♣ |                         |

Declarer now plays both the trumps, on which West and North discard diamonds and West discards hearts. Now in last 3-card position, declarer plays ♥A and West gets squeezed in ♠ & ♦ (East would have got squeezed in ♥ & ♠, if he had 4 spades).

Case 2: If East return the diamond, declarer ruffs in hand, plays ♥A, ruffs a heart, plays another diamond from dummy (if East ruffs, you over ruff with Queen – hence let us assume that East does not ruff and discards a heart) and ruffs with a small trump, ruffs another heart in dummy and after coming up with ♠K, takes out the trump and in the last 4 card position, we come to the same squeeze position as in case (1).

- Reported by Editor

# International Bridge News

## World Bridge Olympiad 2004 Istanbul, Turkey (News & Updates)

*Courtesy – WBF Web Site*

The 12th World Team Olympiad will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, October 24 to November 6, 2004. Every member country of the WBF is entitled to participate in this prestigious event, which comprises competitions for open, women and senior national teams.

### 12th World Team Olympiad Open & Women's Series

*Please note that it is extremely important for each NBO to send a team to enhance our Olympic image and also to ensure that all NBOs will be eligible to qualify for the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.*

- **Entry fees: US \$ 3,000 per team**
- It is anticipated that the Round Robin stage will initially be organized with different groups and NBOs are requested to confirm their participation as early as possible but in any case no later than **15 May 2004** in order that the draw can be made early, which will be of advantage to all participants.
- **Names of the players** will be needed by **01 July 2004** in order that the programme can be prepared.
- **The Round Robin stage** will be played from **Sunday 24 October to Saturday 30 October**.
- Players eliminated from the World Team Olympiad may play free of charge in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship.

### 2nd Senior International Cup

#### Seniors to become more ...Seniors!

As people tend to live longer and longer, the age limit for Senior players – currently at 55 years - could not remain the same. The WBF has decided that, as from 2005, the minimum age for a player to be recognized as 'Senior' will be increasing one year per year, until it reaches 60 years.

This means that in 2005 the minimum age will be 56 years, in 2006 57 years, etc., until 2009 when it will be stabilized at 60 years. The decision ensures that 55-years olds who participated in a senior event in 2003 will never become ...ex-Seniors!

- **Entry fees: US\$ 3,000 per team** (includes the entry fee to the World Transnational Mixed Teams held during the second week)
- This event is for national teams who will compete in a **Round Robin** to be played from **Sunday 24 to Saturday 30 October** (i.e. during the first week of the Olympiad.)

- Each WBF Member NBO is entitled to send one national team to compete in the Senior International Cup.
- Players competing in the Senior International Cup must be at least 55 years of age on the first day of this competition.
- NBOs are requested to confirm that they will be sending a team to participate in the Senior International Cup by **15 May 2004** and names of the players must be submitted to the WBF no later than **01 July 2004**
- Players who participated in the Senior International Cup may play free of charge in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> World University Bridge Team Championship

*It is very important that each of the main NBOs should make every effort to send a team to this tournament as the staging of this event is an important part of the WBF strategy in support of its IOC policy and its aim to obtain Government and Olympic Committee recognition for bridge as a sport in as many countries as possible.*

- Played under the auspices of the FISU (Fédération Internationale des Sports Universitaires)
- Entry to World University Teams **Bridge Cup** is **free**
- This event is for University teams who will compete in a Round Robin to be played from Saturday 30 October 2004 to Saturday 6 November 2004 (i.e. during the second week of the Olympiad.)
- **Minimum age 17, maximum 28**
- **Accommodation:** very inexpensive accommodation will be arranged for this event.
- NBOs are requested to confirm that they will be sending a team to participate in the World University Teams **Bridge Cup** by **15 May 2004**, and names of the players must be submitted to the WBF no later than **1 July 2004**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

*This event has been a successful and exciting Championship since its inception in Rhodes when 86 teams competed. We feel sure that many players would enjoy participating in this challenging event, which gives them the opportunity of pitting their bridge skills against some of the greatest players in the World as well as having the chance to watch the exciting final stages of the World Team Olympiad on the expert View-Graph presentation.*

- **Entry fees:**  
>Free for the eliminated players  
>US \$800 for a new team

If a team is composed of players eliminated from the **Olympiad** together with players who have not competed in the **Olympiad**, the players who have not competed will be charged US \$150 per head if it is a team of six, or \$200 per head if it is a team of four.

- Teams must consist of at least two women and two men from any country, playing in Mixed partnerships.
- The Transnational Mixed Teams will be played during the **second week of the Championships** starting on either Monday 01 or Tuesday 02 November. The exact dates will be announced as soon as they are known. The knock out phase will start on either Thursday 04 or Friday 05 and end on Saturday 06 November.
- Teams wishing to enter this event should contact their NBO as soon as possible to request nomination. In any event entries should be made before **15<sup>th</sup> August 2004**, although late entries may be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue.

The deadlines for entries, team names and payments of entry fees, are as follows:

- Entry of Teams for the **Olympiad Open and Women's Series**: 15 May 2004
- Player's names for the **Open and Women's Series**: 01 July 2004
- Entry of Teams for the **Senior International Cup**: 15 May 2004
- Players' names for the **Senior International Cup**: 01 July 2004
- Entry of Teams for the **World University Teams Bridge Cup**: 15 May 2004
- Players' names for the **World University Teams Bridge Cup**: 01 July 2004
- Entry of Team for the **World Transnational Mixed Teams** (including registration of player's names): 01 September 2004 (*late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue*)
- Payment of entry fees for the **Team Olympiad and Senior International Cup**: 01 August 2004
- Payment of entry fees for the **World Transnational Mixed Teams**: 01 September 2004

*All NBOs are reminded that national teams should be selected in accordance with the WBF Eligibility Regulations published in the WBF Directory, on the WBF Website at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) and on [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com). Both these Websites will carry updated information about the **Olympiad** as it becomes available.*

**Entries for all events must be made through the National Bridge Federations and sent to:**

Mr José Damiani ,  
President, World **Bridge** Federation  
40 Rue François 1er, 75008 Paris, France  
Or by fax to: +33 1 40 70 14 51  
or email to: [cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)

A full list of hotels, with details of how to make reservations, will be published on the WBF Website and any other associated websites in due course.

**Payment of entry fees should be made by bank transfer to:**

Banque de Baeque Beau 30118 - Ag 00001  
3, rue des Mathurins  
75009 PARIS - France  
Account No.: 03203 Q1065

*If bank transfer is not possible, please contact Mrs Christine Francin at the WBF office, who will discuss possible alternative arrangements for payment.*

## Bridge World Championships

World Championships are organized regularly by the WBF, as follows:

### World Zonal Team Championships (*Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Seniors Cup*)

Held every odd-numbered year, it is contested in three series, by teams representing the eight WBF geographical zones. In the Open series, contestants have the *Bermuda Bowl* at stake, while the Women series play for the *Venice Cup*. The third series, reserved for Senior players, was added in 2001.

### World Team Olympiad

Held every leap year, it is open to representative teams from all WBF member countries. There are three series: for Open (competing for the *Vanderbilt Trophy*), Women and Senior national teams.

### World Championships

Held every even-numbered, non-leap year, they comprise a great variety of competitions including the Open & Women Knockout Teams (*Rosenblum Cup* and *McConnell Trophy*), the Open & Women Pairs, the Mixed Pairs, the Senior Teams & Pairs, etc.

### World Transnational Open Team Championship

This competition was inaugurated in 1997, and takes place in odd-numbered years at the same site as the World Zonal Team Championship, starting after the latter's qualifying stage.

### World Mixed Team Championship

This competition was launched in 1996 and is held in conjunction with the World Team Olympiad every leap year, starting after the latter's qualifying stage.

### World Youth Team Championship

A zonal teams competition for players up to 26 years old held every two years (in odd-numbered years until 2005, in even-numbered years as from 2006).

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## WBF Press Release

### THE GENERALI MASTERS WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

8 - 10 September 2004

Veronafiore Conference Centre, Verona - Italy

Following the great success of the 5th Generali Masters in 2000, the City of Verona will be host to the bridge elite from 8th - 10th September 2004 as they compete in the 6<sup>th</sup> Individual Championship. 80 of the best players in the world will be present, most of them being the holder of at least one World, European, American or Asian title.

In the Women's event, a total of 28 women will compete. Invitations have been extended to the American World Champions together with the leading women in the WBF Master Point Ranking and other great Champions from previous years.

In the Open series, where 52 players will participate, the Italian World Champions and the top ranking Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff have been invited to compete for the supreme title with all other the great bridge champions. Omar Sharif, one of the most famous and experienced bridge players has also been invited.

In total, nearly 20 countries will be represented by 52 men and 28 women, giving their best performance over the three days of championship.

Sponsored by Generali, one of the greatest Insurance Companies in the world, the championships will offer US\$ 70 000 in prizes to the winning players. Prizes will go to 30<sup>th</sup> place in the Open Series (plus 8 special prizes) and to 15<sup>th</sup> place in the Women's Series (plus 6 special prizes)

List of participating players in the Men's Series:

|    |          |            |             |
|----|----------|------------|-------------|
| 1  | Yalcin   | Atabey     | Turkey      |
| 2  | Jens     | Auken      | Denmark     |
| 3  | Jon      | Baldursson | Iceland     |
| 4  | David    | Birman     | Israel      |
| 5  | Norberto | Bocchi     | Italy       |
| 6  | Marcello | Branco     | Brazil      |
| 7  | Boye     | Brogeland  | Norway      |
| 8  | Gabriel  | Chagas     | Brazil      |
| 9  | Paul     | Chemla     | France      |
| 10 | Michael  | Cornell    | New Zealand |
| 11 | Dano     | de Falco   | Italy       |
| 12 | Ishmael  | Del'Monte  | Australia   |
| 13 | Christo  | Drumev     | Bulgaria    |

|    |              |           |               |
|----|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 14 | Giorgio      | Duboin    | Italy         |
| 15 | Walid        | El Ahmady | Egypt         |
| 16 | Fulvio       | Fantoni   | Italy         |
| 17 | Guido        | Ferraro   | Italy         |
| 18 | Tony         | Forrester | Grande Bret   |
| 19 | Dick         | Freeman   | USA           |
| 20 | Piotr        | Gawrys    | Poland        |
| 21 | Fred         | Gitelman  | Canada        |
| 22 | Andrej       | Gromov    | Russia        |
| 23 | Subhash      | Gupta     | India         |
| 24 | Jason        | Hackett   | Grande Bret   |
| 25 | Justin       | Hackett   | Grande Bret   |
| 26 | Steve        | Hamaoui   | Venezuela     |
| 27 | Bob          | Hamman    | USA           |
| 28 | Tor          | Helness   | Norway        |
| 29 | Patrick      | Huang     | Chines Taipei |
| 30 | Jan          | Jansma    | Netherlands   |
| 31 | Eric         | Kokish    | Canada        |
| 32 | Luis         | Lantaron  | Spain         |
| 33 | Alain        | Levy      | France        |
| 34 | Magnus       | Lindkvist | Sweden        |
| 35 | Zia          | Mahmood   | USA           |
| 36 | Christian    | Mari      | France        |
| 37 | Krzysztof    | Martens   | Poland        |
| 38 | John         | Mohan     | USA           |
| 39 | Hervé        | Mouiel    | France        |
| 40 | Franck       | Multon    | France        |
| 41 | Claudio      | Nunes     | Italy         |
| 42 | J.Christophe | Quantin   | France        |
| 43 | Andrew       | Robson    | Grande Bre    |
| 44 | Michael      | Rosenberg | USA           |
| 45 | Antonio      | Sementa   | Italy         |
| 46 | Omar         | Sharif    |               |
| 47 | Henri        | Szwarc    | France        |
| 48 | Rashid       | UI Ghazi  | Pakistan      |
| 49 | Alfredo      | Versace   | Italy         |
| 50 | Bobby        | Wolff     | USA           |
| 51 | Wang         | Xiaojing  | China         |

*Courtesy – ECatsBridge Web Site*



## LAW 40

### PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDINGS

➤ **A – RIGHT TO CHOOSE CALL OR PLAY**

A player may make any call or play (including an intentionally misleading call — such as a psychic bid — or a call or play that departs from commonly accepted, or previously announced, use of a convention), without prior announcement, provided that such call or play is not based on a partnership understanding.

➤ **B – CONCEALED PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDINGS PROHIBITED**

A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization.

➤ **C – DIRECTOR'S OPTION**

If the Director decides that a side has been damaged through its opponents' failure to explain the full meaning of a call or play, he may award an adjusted score.

➤ **D – REGULATION OF CONVENTIONS**

The sponsoring organization may regulate the use of bidding or play conventions. Zonal organizations may, in addition, regulate partnership understandings (even if not conventional) that permit the partnership's initial actions at the one level to be made with a hand of a King or more below average strength. Zonal organizations may delegate this responsibility.

➤ **E – CONVENTION CARD**

1. **Right to Prescribe** – The sponsoring organization may prescribe a convention card on which partners are to list their conventions and other agreements and may establish regulations for its use, including a requirement that both members of a partnership employ the same system (such a regulation must not restrict style and judgment, only method).

2. **Referring to Opponents' Convention Card** – During the auction and play, any player except dummy may refer to his opponents' convention card.

If permitted by the sponsoring organization, in special events such as individual tournaments or tournaments using specified systems, a player may refer to his own convention card.

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**World University Team Cup**

Launched in 2002 as a biennial event, this competition is open to national University teams and is played under the auspices of FISU

**World Junior Pairs Championship**

A competition for players up to 25 years old held every two years (in odd-numbered years until 2003, in even-numbered years as from 2006) .

**International Olympic Committee Grand Prix**

A series of competitions among top invited teams that took place in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne (1998-2000) and at the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics, in support of bridge's effort to gain entry in the Olympic Games.

**World Masters Individual**

A top invitational competition played every two years as from 1992 in two series, open and women. A third series, for Junior players, was added in 2000 – the last time the event was held.

**World Simultaneous Pairs Championship**

An unique annual competition played simultaneously in clubs all over the world. Players do not have to leave their homes, but they all compete in a world event scored over the field.

## The Summer Nationals – 2004

The 35<sup>th</sup> Summer National Bridge Championships will be held at "Somdutt Sports Complex, The Lawrence School, SANAWAR" – KASAULI, Himachal Pradesh from 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2004. The event is organized by Himachal Bridge Association, under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India.

### PROGRAMME

- 18<sup>th</sup> June – 1800 Hrs. – Tourn. Committee Meeting  
1830 Hrs. – Captains Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – 0900 Hrs. – Qualifying League (T-4) in  
& 20<sup>th</sup> June 2 Sect for Khosla Trophy
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – 0900 Hrs. – Qualifying League (T-4)  
(Top 4 teams from each group qualify for QF)
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – 1200 Hrs. – Quarter Finals RR – 5 rnds
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 0900 Hrs. – Quarter Finals RR – 2 rnds  
(Top 4 teams to qualify for SF)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1200 Hrs. – SF Knockout
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1400 Hrs. – Agarwala Trophy  
(2 out of 5 sessions)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 0930 Hrs. – T.P. Khosla Trophy FINALS  
(4\*16 Boards)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala Trophy  
(Remaining 3 sessions out of 5)
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala Trophy SF  
3 sessions (Top 16 Pairs to qualify for Final)
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala Trophy Final  
(8 rounds of 8 boards)
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala Trophy Final  
(7 rounds of 8 boards)
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – 1900 Hrs. – Prize Distribution

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

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## TOURNAMENT at PATIALA

The **WORLDWIDE SIMULTENOUS PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP**, which is being held worldwide on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2004, will be organized by Punjab Bridge Association at Rajindra Gymkhana & Mahindra Club Ltd., Baradari Garden, Patiala. The event is being sponsored by Punjab State Electricity Board and has attractive prizes on both days. Entry fee is Rs. 250/- per player per day. Free meals will be served to all participants.

This is an excellent tournament, which is scored across the world / Zones and WBF awards special Master points for this event.

Please contact Mr. Kuldip Khanna, Hony. General Secretary, PBA at 98140-41728 or 0175-2211076 for participation.

## TOURNAMENT at GOA

The dates for the GOA Tournament have been changed. Now the tournament will be held at Kalangute Beach from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Julv 2004.

## Forthcoming Events - 2004

### National

18-27<sup>th</sup> Jun – Summer Nationals, Kasauli (H.P)  
23-25<sup>th</sup> Jul – Goa Bridge Festival, Kalangute Beach

### International

4 –5<sup>th</sup> Jun – World Wide Bridge Contest (Clubs all over the World)  
19<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 47<sup>th</sup> European Bridge Team Championships & 10<sup>th</sup> Swedish Bridge Festival at Malmo, Sweden  
8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July – Summer NABC, New York City  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Sep – The Generali Master World Individual Championship, Verona, Italy  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Bridge Olympiad, Istanbul

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