

Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter

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The 12th World Bridge Olympiad

A record number of teams from 73 countries converged on Istanbul, Turkey for the 12th World Bridge Olympiad and three other major bridge competitions being held from 23rd Oct to 6th Nov 2004. There are 72 teams competing in the Open event and 43 teams in the Women's event. In the 2nd International Senior Cup, 29 teams are contesting.

In addition to the Olympiad and Senior competitions, there are two other major events on the schedule: the 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship and the 2nd World University Teams Championship.

In the Open series, Italy will attempt to defend the championship they won in Maastricht, Netherlands, in 2000. Four members of that squad, which defeated Poland in a close final match, will return. They are Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace.

In the Women's series, the defending champions are from the USA, but the line-up for this year's team is completely different from the squad that defeated Canada in the final in Maastricht. One member of this year's team, Jill Meyers, was a member of the winning squad in the Mixed Teams in Maastricht.

At the opening ceremony, WBF President Jose Damiani told a huge crowd that "it is clearly symbolic to be here in Istanbul, Turkey, where we are in the gateway between different civilizations, astride two different continents. . .". The WBF president also welcomed four countries participating in the World Bridge Olympiad for the first time – Korea in the Women's series and Bosnia, Georgia and Costa Rica in the Open.

After local volunteers had passed through the auditorium of the **Grand Cevahir Hotel**, the venue of the Olympiad, bearing flags of each of the nations represented, various dignitaries took turns welcoming the bridge players of the world to Istanbul. Among them was Turkish Bridge Federation President Ata Aydin, who told the crowd that "bridge unites us all". He added: "I consider the organization of this event in our country as a milestone towards the worldwide popularity of bridge. And I believe that, with the sport of bridge, we will successfully show to the world the true meaning of getting united". Mehmet Ali Sahin, Minister of State and Deputy Prime Minister, expressed hope that the bridge tournament "will lead to the establishment of new bridges of peace and friendship". At that, he officially declared the 12th World Bridge Olympiad open.

Anyone who doubts that bridge qualifies as a sport should consider what it takes to win a championship such as the World Bridge Olympiad. Just getting through the round-robin phase is an endurance contest by itself.

Competitors in the Open series are divided into four groups of 18 teams each and will play 17 matches of 20 board each, with very little room for error. Only the top four teams will get through to the last 16 knockout phase, and players must deal with an ever-changing array of bidding systems played by their opponents. The women will be playing 21 rounds in their two groups, with the top eight from each group advancing to the last 16, knockout stage of the event. In the Senior Bowl, there are 29 round robin matches of 12-board each, but there is no advancement after the round robin is completed – the team at the top when round-robin play is completed will be the gold medal winners.

Once the Olympiad are over, the 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship and the University Championships will start. India is participating in both the Open & Women's event.

- Editor

Smith Echo

You lead your 4th best heart from A10xxx against opponent's 3NT contract. Dummy had 2 small cards and declarer takes partner's Jack with the King. Now whenever you win the trick you would like to lead small if partner has Q other wise shift to a side suit so that partner can return the suit.

Let us now change the seat. Your partner leads 4th best heart and declarer wins your Jack (from Jxx) with the King. Now you would like to know whether you should continue the suit or switch to another suit when you are on lead later on.

Certainly the above situations are very common and it is important to do the right thing. How to do that? Very easy if you play what is called Smith Echo. In my opinion Smith Echo is an indispensable tool while defending a notrump contract

A) What is Smith Echo

Smith Echo is a defensive signal against notrump contract which allows one defender to indicate other defender whether he likes the suit that was led. The Smith echo is generally given on second or third trick during declarer's subsequent run of a suit in his own hand or in dummy. After declarer wins the first trick, he plays his own suit. Each defender at his first opportunity, signals while following suit -

- If the defender believes that the opening lead was favourable for defending side and he wants partner to lead that suit again, he plays high-low in declarer's suit.
- If the defender doesn't like the opening lead he plays low-high. This indicates that his partner should not continue the suit that was led originally but should switch to another suit. The reason for this shift suggestion could be that:
 - Another suit is likely to have greater potential for producing defense tricks.
 - Or continuation of original suit may cost a trick. The defender feels that continuation should come from his hand and not the partner's hand.

B) Reverse Smith

Some partnerships prefer to reverse the meanings of the Echo. This method is called Reverse Smith. In reverse smith a high-low signal discourages the lead of originally led suit and low-high signal requests continuation of the suit.

C) Conflicts with other Signals

Use of Smith Echo is not compatible with other types of signals in the suit being run. This means if you are playing Smith echo and declarer runs a long suit, defenders can neither give count signal nor they can give suit preference signals (for other suits) by means of their carding in the suit. Smith Echo is the first preference unless agreed otherwise.

D) Examples:

West	East	West	East	West	East
♠ xx	♠ Jxxx	♠ Qxx	♠ Jxxx	♠ xxx	♠ Jxxx
♥ Q10xxx	♥ Jxx	♥ A10xxx	♥ Jxx	♥ A10xxx	♥ QJx
♦ AJ10x	♦ Q9x	♦ xxx	♦ Q9x	♦ xxx	♦ Q9x
♣ 83	♣ Axx	♣ 83	♣ Axx	♣ Ax	♣ xxx
After having lead 4 th best heart, west follows low high in clubs since he wants a switch and doesn't want partner to continue heart suit. East wins the club A and plays D9.		After having lead 4 th best heart, this time west follows high low in clubs requesting partner to continue the heart suit.		After having lead 4 th best heart, this time west looks for his partner's signal who follows high low in clubs requesting West to continue the heart suit.	

In the above examples, we have assumed declarer has won the trick with Heart K and dummy has two small hearts. The above situations are very common and use of Smith Echo will help in defending better.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

05/10/2004 - 13 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	63.88%
NS 2: V.N. Puri - R.C. Consul	62.52%
NS 3: Ajay Tankha - Gopal Saxena	53.98%
EW 1: Joyjit Sen Sharma - D.K. Mutreja	59.62%
EW 2: Subhash Gupta - T.C. Pant	55.86%
EW 3: S. Krishnamurthy - N.K. Jain	54.56%

12/10/2004 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	59.44%
NS 2: A.K. Sinha - T. Bhattacharya	58.61%
EW 1: M.M. L. Sharma - B.R. Murar	65.56%
EW 2: S.R. Malhotra - S.K. Syal	59.44%

19/10/2004 - 13 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Kiran Nadar - S. Aggarwal	64.54%
NS 2: Subhash Gupta - Parasrampur	61.76%
EW 1: R.C. Consul - V.N. Puri	66.71%
EW 2: Yatindra Sahae - Mrs. Randy Sahae	55.60%

26/10/2004

NS 1: A.K. Jha - A.K. Ghosh	63.10%
NS 2: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	57.54%
EW 1: Yogesh Tewari - Arun Jain	64.73%
EW 2: A.K. Upadhyay - Ajay Tankha	58.48%

DBA - Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event - Results

02/10/2004 - 12 Teams

1. **Central Sect. Club** - (Ganpat Rai, Harbhajan Singh, C.S. Bedi, R.C. Agarwal, A.K. Sinha)
2. **COSMOS** - (Dilip Mutreja, Joyjit Sen Sharma, S. Dharni, D. Vijay)
2. **EXPLORER** - (R. Chakravarty, R.K. Gupta, N.K. Gupta, Yogesh Tewari, A.K. Narang)

09/10/2004 - 14 Teams

1. **FRIENDS** - (A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha, Ravi Sawhney, S. Sunderrajan, N.K. Gupta)
1. **PSU** - (Ashim Kumar Ghosh, A.K. Bala, Suresh Kumar, V. Ravindran)
3. **EXPLORER** - (A.K. Narang, R. Chakravarty, Yogesh Tewari, R.K. Gupta, R.C. Consul)

23/10/2004 - 7 Teams

1. **Sangram Guha** - (Sangram Guha, D.K. Tewari, S.N. Mathur, Madhu Sharma, Paresch Gupta)
2. **Formidables** - (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, S. Aggarwal)

30/10/2004 - 5 Teams

1. **Majumder's Four** - (S. Majumder, A.K. Ghosh, J.B. Sengupta, Ravi Sawhney)

Delhi State Championships

The schedule of the Delhi State Championships 2004 to be held at DBA would be as follows:

7th Nov 04

1000 Hrs: Open Pairs Elimination round
1500 Hrs: Open Pairs Final

17th Nov 04

1730 Hrs: Mixed Pairs

20th - 21st Nov 04

1000 Hrs: Team of Four Event
Note: (The format of the T-4 event will be decided on the number of entries)

DIWALI SPECIAL

DBA will hold a DIWALI SPECIAL Team of Four Tournament at DBA on 6th Nov 2004. All the Delhi Bridge Players are invited for the same.

- Secretary, DBA

AILBA - Weekly Results

01/10/2004 - 18 Pairs

1. Suraj Jain - Daya Dhaon
2. S.K. Agarwal - Ved Prakash
3. Mrs. Sneh Thadani - Mrs. Suman Bansidhar
4. Mrs. Brij Judge - Mrs. Chitra Roy

08/10/2004 - 10 Pairs

1. Mrs. Kunti Thakur - Col. Madan Seth
2. Suraj Jain - Dr. R.L. Sanghi

29/10/2004 - 8 Tables

NS 1: Mr. & Mrs. Kulshreshtha
NS 2: Mrs. Madhu Aggarwal - P.K. Rajgariah
EW 1: R.S. Jasuja - Mrs. Asha Surana
EW 2: Amarjeet Wadhawan - K.C. Kumar

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

French Tourist at DBA

Seven tourists from France, who were on a visit to India, participated in a friendly invitational Pairs Tournament held at DBA on 25th Oct 2004.

Mr. S.G. Bose Mullick, Executive President of DBA, welcomed the visitors, who along with 13 Delhi players played 27 boards. The results were as follows:

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|---|--------|
| 1. Dr. Nikita Kamal – Amarjeet Wadhawan | 64.81% |
| 2. S.N. Mathur – Parasrampuria | 60.85% |
| 3. Mrs. Kiran Nadar – Subhash Gupta | 58.80% |
| 4. R.R. Gupta – Ravi Sawhney | 54.63% |
| 5. A.K. Narang – Yogesh Tewari | 53.24% |
| 6. Rehel – Rehel | 51.39% |
| 7. Kramer – Kramer | 43.06% |
| 8. S.G. Bose Mullick – Guerin | 41.67% |
| 9. Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele | 39.35% |
| 10. Michelle Barharin – Fraugoiser Barlet | 32.41% |



The French Visitors along with the Indian Players at DBA

The visitors thanked the DBA officials and the Indian players for their hospitality and an enjoyable evening of Bridge.

- Reported by Editor

PHD-GPI Bridge Tournament, New Delhi

The 3rd **PHD-GPI Bridge Tournament, 2004** sponsored by **Godfrey Phillips India Limited** was held at **PHD House, New Delhi** from **14th to 17th Oct 2004**.

The events are detailed below:

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

In all, 51 teams from Delhi, UP, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Vizag participated in the T-4 event. After completion of 10 rounds of round robin (of 10 boards each), the following teams qualified for the quarter finalists:

1. Dhampur Sugar Mills	- 191 VPs
2. Formidables	- 185
3. CV Rao, Vizag	- 183
4. Agsar Paints, Chennai	- 179
5. Radhey, Mumbai	- 177
6. Kaul's, Lucknow	- 175
7. Agarwal - Allahabad	- 175
8. Tolani Shipping	- 172

The teams with position 9 to 16 in order were - Alok Daga (170), Desire Kolkata (168), Bappa's IV (167), Tewari's (166), GUNS, B'lore (165), Aligarh Blues (163), Naini Retreat (163) & Maya Mira (160).

In the 3*10 boards **Quarter Finals, Tolani Shipping** beat DSM (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral) by 27 IMPs; **Formidables** beat Agarwal, Allahabad (I.K. Agarwal, G.P. Agarwal, Sushil Agarwal, B.M. Rastogi, A.K. Sinha, Kr. Vijayanand Singh) by 98 IMPs; **Agsar Paints** beat Radhey (V.M. Lal, R. Bhiwandkar, Vinay Desai, K. Anklesaria) by 17 IMPs and **C.V. Rao** beat Kaul's (J.S. Kaul, B.N. Batra, Vijay Agarwal, B.K. Agarwal, Gaurav Banerjee, J. Sarkar) by 58 IMPs.

In the first of the 4*12 boards **Semi-Finals, C.V. Rao** beat Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajeshwar Tewari, K.R. Venkatraman) by 93-49 (19-2, 16-19, 22-17, 36-11). In the 2nd Semi-final **Tolani Shipping** beat Agsar Paints (N.R. Kirubakara Moorthy, B. Prabhakar, P. Sridhar, S. Sunderram, J.M. Shah) by 81-75 IMPs (26-5, 8-15, 22-31, 25-24).

The 4*14 boards final between CV Rao & Tolani Shipping was a tough tussle. CV Rao's team had 2 stalwarts in Pritish Kushari & Sumit Mukherjee (Both of them are representing India at Bridge Olympiad at Istanbul, Turkey), whereas Tolani Shipping was a 4-member team and must have been tired after playing all the rounds in the round-robin, QF & Semifinals.

CV Rao team won the first set by 31-12, but Tolani Shipping recovered it all and even had a slender lead of 7 IMPs, when they won the second set by 44-18. They consolidated their position by adding another 17 IMPs (31-14) to lead by 24 IMPs after third set.

The tempo was already set and they gained another 15 IMPs (34-19) in the last set to win the match by 39 IMPs (121-82). The CV Rao team was represented by Dr. C.V. Rao, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, S.N. Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee. The winners "Tolani Shipping" were represented by R.A. Aggarwal, ARD Sequeira, Mukul Jagannathan & Prakash Hegde.

WELL DONE TOLANI SHIPPING. In fact the team was destined to win, as they required 25 VPs in the last league match to qualify for the quarterfinals and got exactly 25 and finally won the championships.

OPEN PAIRS EVENT:

111 Pairs played the First Elimination and 60 pairs qualified for the 2nd elimination round.

The 60 qualified pairs from Elim-1 played the 2nd elimination round in 2 sections and out of that 32 Pairs (8 NS & 8 EW from each section) qualified for the third elimination round, where they were joined by the 12 pairs of losing quarter finalist teams.

The 44 Pairs played 18 boards each in 2 sessions and the top 10 NS & 10 EW qualified for the finals of the pairs. They were joined by the 6 pairs of losing semi-finalists and 2 pairs of sponsors for the 28 pairs finals. Barometric scoring was used for the final event.

In the all play all pair finals played over 54 boards, the initial leaders were Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele. B. Prabhakar - P. Sridharan after 4 rounds, overtook them. They kept their position till 8th round and after that it was D.K. Tewari - P.C. Gupta who led till the half way stage of 14 rounds.

After lunch it was the turn of Subhash Gupta - Rajeshwar Tiwari to take the top position. With 3 rounds to go, the top 3 positions were held by Subhash Gupta - Rajeshwar Tiwari, D.K. Tewari - P.C. Gupta, J. Biswas - T.K. Roy. However Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele had a marvellous last 3 rounds and at the end of the 27 rounds won the event with comfortable margin. The final scores were:

1. Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	406.31
2. Subhash Gupta - R. Tiwari	393.38
3. D.K. Tiwari - P.C. Gupta	389.92
4. J. Biswas - T.K. Roy	388.88
5. A. Mandal - D. Mutreja	381.92
6. Vinod Sharma - Inderpal Singh	380.12

The Management committee & the Tournament Directors deserve all the praise for their commendable job in conducting the tournament smoothly. Major B.H. Iyer & his team of operators deserves special praise for producing the tournament results within no time.

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners

- Reported by Editor

GOLCHA Bridge Tournament

The **XIIth All India Rajendra Golcha Memorial Bridge Tournament** was held at **JAI CLUB, Jaipur** from **29th to 31st October 2004**. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri Rajiv Maharishi, IAS, Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of Rajasthan in the presence of the sponsors – Mrs. Asha Golcha and Dr. Vikram Golcha, who welcomed all the participants.

The tournament details are given below:

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

31 teams, which included top teams from Maharashtra, Delhi & Tamilnadu participated in the T-4 event, and after playing a round robin of 8 rounds (of 8 boards each), the following 8 top teams qualified for the quarterfinal stage:

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| 1. Hotel Nest Intl., Chennai | 158 VPs |
| 2. Monotona, Mumbai | 150 VPs |
| 3. Choudhary Combine | 147 VPs |
| 4. Ashok Ruia, Mumbai | 146 VPs |
| 5. Boat House Club, Nainital | 135 VPs |
| 6. Ajmer Club | 130 VPs |
| 7. Formidables, Delhi | 128 VPs |
| 8. Dazzlers, Jaipur | 127 VPs |

Quarterfinals: 2*10 Boards

Dazzlers beat Hotel Nest International (Niranjan, N.R. Kirubakaran Moorthy, K.R. Venkatraman, K. Krishnakumar, R. Krishnan, P. Sridharan) by 61-52 (26-35, 35-17); Formidables beat Monotona (Dipak Poddar, Arun Bapat, R. Sridharan, Anand Samant, Suhas Vaidya, P. Hegde) by 56-53 (27-29, 29-24); Ajmer Club beat Chaudhary Combine (Y.Kamalakar Rao, B.Rammohan Rao, K. Suryanarayana, R.V. Subramaniam, M.K. Chaudhary, G. Somi Reddy) by 96-21 (38-11, 58-10) and Ashok Ruia beat Boat House Club (Kr. Madhav Prasad, C.K. Bhargava, B.G. Verma, Justice B.P. Singh) by 52-27 (26-13,26-14)

Semifinals: 2*12 Boards

Ashok Ruia beat Dazzlers (Punit Gangal, B.N. Parasrampurua, G.N. Manna, Dr. S.K. Sharma, Anand Toshniwal, N.K. Sharma) by 60-20 (22-10, 38-10); Formidable beat Ajmer Club (K.P. Mathur, S.P. Bhargava, Prem Nankani, Upendra Sharma, Arun Duggar, Kailash Joshi) by 102-25 (48-16, 54-9).

Finals: 4*12 Boards

Ashok Ruia (Ashok Ruia, Rajendra Gokhale, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, J.M. Shah & Sandeep Karmarkar) beat Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sunit Chokshi) by 101-88 (41-9, 18-25, 30-18, 12 – 36).

OPEN PAIRS EVENT:

66 Pairs played the First Elimination in 3 sections of 11 pairs each. Total 36 pairs (6 NS & 6 EW from each section) qualified for the 2nd elimination round. They were joined by the 16 pairs (QF & SF losers of team event) and these 52 pairs played in 2 sections of 13 pairs each in the 2nd elimination, out of which 26 pairs (6 NS & 6 EW from each section, 1 best qualifier and one sponsor pair) qualified for the finals.

The final rankings were:

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|--|--------|
| 1. K.R. Venkatraman – N.R. Kirubakara Murthy | 165.50 |
| 2. M.R. Goyal – Capt. Marwah | 161.50 |
| 3. P.C. Gupta – Madhu Sharma | 161.00 |
| 4. Sant Sharma – Rakesh Sharma | 160.50 |
| 5. S. Dharni – R.P. Mittal | 156.50 |
| 6. Prem Nakani – S.P. Bhargava | 155.50 |

BOARD-A-MATCH EVENT:

27 teams participated in the BAM event and played an elimination round, out of which 13 teams went through to the finals. The winners of the BAM event were:

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Ashok Ruia | 117 |
| 2. Formidables | 117 |
| 3. Aligarh Blues | 116 |
| 4. Hotel Nest Intl. | 112 |

Mr. Niranjan Ubhayakar, the CTD and his team of directors did an excellent job in running the tournament.

As in the past, this year also the hospitality of the organizers was of the highest order. The only setback of the tournament was that there were far less number of teams this year. It seems there was a bit of confusion, as this year the organizers had limited the no. of entries from each region, which resulted in no show from many teams. We hope the organizers will take care of this aspect and next year the tournament will again regain its glory as North India's premium tournament in which maximum number of team participate.

Our Congratulations to All the Winners

- Reported by Editor

INTERESTING HANDS FROM GOLCHA TOURNAMENT

The Editor got this excellent hand for bidding in the round robin of T-4.

Dir: East

	♠ KJ82 ♥ K763 ♦ KJ65 ♣ 2	
♠ 3 ♥ AQxx ♦ xx ♣ KQJxxx	N W E S	♠ Q4 ♥ JTxxx ♦ xx ♣ Txxx
	♠ AT9765 ♥ ♦ AQT92 ♣ A3	

The bidding went as follows:

W	N	E	S
		Pass	1S
2C	4C (1)	Pass	5H (2)
Pass	5NT(3)	Pass	6D (4)
Pass	7S (5)	Pass	Pass
All Pass			

(2) – Splinter (2) – Exclusion Blackwood with Heart void (3) – One Key card (4) – Extra in Diamond (5) – Excepted with Diamond King

The above would have been one of the ways to reach the grand slam. After North has shown the splinter in clubs and South persisting with 5D bid after showing void in hearts, it is easy to understand that South has a 6-5 or 5-5 in spades and diamonds. With KJxx in diamonds, it is easy for North to bid the grand slam. Unluckily on the table we could not reach the grand.

FREAKISH HAND!

The following hand came in the finals of the T-4 between Formidables and Ashok Ruia team.

NS were Rajendra Gokhale - Ashok Ruia and EW were Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana. After North's opening and 1NT response, Satya bid 2S and Kiran splintered with 4C. Satya bid 5C over 4D showing the structure of his hand and asking partner to tell where the values were. Once Kiran bid 5H, Satya bid the 17 HCP slam. The hand could have been beaten on the lead of ♠A and spade continuation. However the lead was ♦A and declarer was able to crossruff the complete hand and make the slam.

The funniest part was that the EW pair of Ruia's team in close room were doubled in 4♣ by Subhash - Sunit Chokshi. There also the spade lead did not come and 12 tricks were scored.

Dir: North

	♠ A2 ♥ Qxxx ♦ AJxx ♣ Qxx	
♠ KQ8754 ♥ 54 ♦ ♣ AT982	N W E S	♠ JT96 ♥ AK32 ♦ 98765 ♣
	♠ 3 ♥ JTx ♦ KQxx ♣ KJxxx	

The bidding:

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

HOW TO DEFEND?

This interesting hand came in the BAM finals.

Dir: West

	♠ AT92 ♥ 6 ♦ Q87 ♣ Q8532	
♠ K ♥ AQJ4 ♦ AJ54 ♣ AKJ7	N W E S	♠ J543 ♥ 973 ♦ K962 ♣ 94
	♠ Q876 ♥ KT852 ♦ T3 ♣ T6	

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

(1) – Strong (2) – Negative (3) – Artificial (4) – A type of 2nd negative (5) – 23-24 HCPs

After the lead of ♣3 by North, declarer covered with 9 from dummy and took South's Ten with the Jack. A diamond was played to the King and Jack finessed, losing to the ♦Q. Now is the time for counting the hand of West. West has 4 Hearts, 4 diamonds (partner has played ten to the 2nd diamond). Why has he covered the first club with nine? He possibly wanted to take a trick with it. If this layout can be guessed, the bare ♠K can be fallen and 3 more tricks in spades can be had.

- Reported by Editor

DOUBLE DISASTER

127 VPs was the score of the last qualifier to the quarterfinal stage in the Team of Four event in the recently held Golcha Memorial Trophy Bridge Tournament held at Jaipur.

With fluctuating scores of 23, 25, 10, 8, 10, 9 and 25 in our 7 rounds, we had reached a score of 110 VPs and were in for a chance to qualify before starting our last round. The last round was going flat as it seemed, till along came this hand:

Dir: North, Vul: Both

	♠ Tx ♥ AKxxx ♦ AKJxx ♣ Q	
♠ Qx ♥ JT9xxxx ♦ T9xx ♣	N W E S	♠ KJxxx ♥ Qxx ♦ KJTxx ♣
	♠ A9xx ♥ Q ♦ x ♣ A987xx	

The bidding went as follows:

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

(1) – Precision 16+ HCP (2) – Transfer to Spade

The contract would go 3 down on correct defence (lead of spade) and minimum 2 down otherwise. However, the things went totally topsy-turvy. East led the ♣J taken by declarer with ♣Q in hand. A heart was led to the dummy, ruffed by East, who now played the ♣K. Declarer won the trick in dummy by ♣A and played a diamond to his Ace and King discarding a spade. Now the ♥A was played and defender did another blunder by not ruffing and declarer was able to discard another spade loser. The ♥K was now played and it did not matter now, as declarer cannot go more than one down now. In the open room the declarer was in 5C and went down 3 on a diamond lead.

As it turned out, our teammates as defender in Closed room and as declarer in Open room had thrown away the golden opportunity to reach the Quarterfinals.

We scored 16 VPs in the last round and any one of them playing correctly would have seen our 16 VPs swell to 18+ for us to qualify.

The hand is a great illustration of application of mind in defence and play to get the best result, which was sadly lacking on both tables for us.

- Submitted by Mr. V.N. Puri

Delhi Gymkhana Club / Indian Glycol Open Bridge Tournament 26th - 28th November 2004

VENUE

Gymkhana Club, New Delhi

Total Prize Money: Rs. 1.84 Lacs
Events: Team of Four & Open Pairs

Team Prizes:

Winners	Rs. 40,000
Runners Up	Rs. 25,000
2 Losing Semi-finalists	Rs. 15,000 each
Team finishing 5th to 8th	Rs. 7,500 each

Pairs:

First	Rs. 15,000
Second	Rs. 10,000
Third	Rs. 7,000
Fourth	Rs. 5,000

Special prizes for Gymkhana Club Members.

PROGRAMME:

Friday 26th Nov 2004

0900 Hrs: Last time for receipt of entries
0930-2000 Hrs.: T-4 - Round 1 to 6

Saturday 27th Nov 2004

0900-1330 Hrs.: T-4 - Round 7 to 9 - (7 Open teams & 1 top Gymkhana club team to qualify)
1500 - 1900 Hrs.: 2 Group of 4 teams to play 3 RR matches of 10 boards. Top 2 teams from the group to qualify for Semi-Final
1500 - 1900 Hrs. Pairs 1st Elimination

Sunday 28th Nov 2004

0930-1300 Hrs.: T-4 - Semi Finals (Knock out basis of 36 boards)

0900 - 1300 Hrs. 2nd Elimination of Pair
1430 - 1830 Hrs. T-4 - Final (40 boards)
1430 - 1830 Hrs. Pair Final

2000 Hrs: Prize Distribution followed by Dinner

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Pairs: Rs. 600/- per Pair

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International Bridge News

The 12th World Bridge Olympiad – A Report

OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

72 Teams participated in the Open event and they were divided into 4 groups of 18 teams each. Each team played 17 rounds of 20 boards each within their group. The top 4 teams from each group qualified for the knockout last 16 stage. At the end of the round robin, the position of various teams in their group was as follows:

OPEN TEAMS - Group A

Team	NED	ITA	RUS	ISL	ARG	LAT	HKG	NZL	SCO	GEO	BEL	CAN	TPE	SCG	GLP	MAR	BAN	MRI	Pen	Total	Rank
NETHERLANDS		15	25	18	11	25	20	10	14	25	18	20	14	18	15	25	25	20		318	1
ITALY	15		8	12	12	16	16	19	25	25	18	18	25	20	25	24	23	16		317	2
RUSSIA	4	22		8	24	18	16	25	22	23	16	23	16	14	16	19	25	25		316	3
ICELAND	12	18	22		14	19	5	18	25	20	15	20	17	25	16	25	23	18	1	312	4
ARGENTINA	19	18	6	16		16	10	24	25	19	14	17	9	21	25	23	21	25		308	5
LATVIA	3	14	12	11	14		20	23	8	15	25	19	24	6	20	15	17	25		271	6
HONG KONG	10	14	14	25	20	10		6	20	25	13	15	13	14	14	10	21	20		264	7
NEW ZEALAND	20	11	5	11	6	7	24		14	16	24	15	21	23	8	19	18	17		259	8
SCOTLAND	16	5	8	3	5	22	10	16		24	15	13	17	16	19	22	24	19		254	9
GEORGIA	1	0	7	10	11	15	3	14	6		25	24	20	21	25	25	25	16		248	10
BELGIUM	12	12	14	15	16	5	17	6	15	4		6	25	14	24	17	25	17		244	11
CANADA	10	12	7	10	13	11	15	15	17	6	24		13	14	24	6	14	23		234	12
CHINESE TAIPEI	16	0	14	13	21	6	17	9	13	10	2	17		19.5	17	23	9	20	0.5	226.5	13
SERBIA/MNGRO	12	10	16	1	9	24	16	7	14	9	16	16	9.5		22	15	10	20	0.5	226.5	-
GUADELOUPE	15	4	14	14	4	10	16	22	11	1	6	6	13	8		24	19	24		211	15
MOROCCO	3	6	11	5	7	15	20	11	8	5	13	24	7	15	6		17	25		198	16
BANGLADESH	3	7	4	7	9	13	9	12	6	5	5	16	21	20	11	13		19		180	17
MAURITIUS	10	14	1	12	2	4	10	13	11	13	13	7	10	10	6	5	11		1	152	18

Italy, the defending champions easily qualified for the last 16 stage. They were leaders of group "A" for pretty long time but finally it was the Netherlands who overtook them as leaders of the group. Russia & Iceland were the other teams to go through to the next round from this group. Iceland who started the championships with a bang beating Italy in their first match 18-12, rallied nicely to reach the last 16. Canada who did quite well in the Bermuda Bowl last year never picked up and were ousted without a fight.

In Group "B", it was China all the way. They led from the first round and never saw back. USA occupied the 2nd position for more than 80% rounds but was pushed behind in the last rounds by Germany & Turkey. Turkey, the home team was the surprise package and was always in fray for the last 16. It was sad that India, who started very well and were in 3rd position after 6 rounds and were hanging to the 7th position till the 15th round finally finished 9th in their group. The surprise-eliminated team was Norway. They pushed hard in the last few rounds but could not make it to the 4th position.

From Group "C", England had the best score of round robin. Their score of 352 (nearly average of 21 VPs) was the best in all the groups. They were followed in the last 16 by Ireland, Hungary & Egypt in this group. Poland was the unlucky team who were overtaken on the last round by Egypt (81-2 victors over Cyprus). Egypt finished 1 VP ahead of Poland for the final qualifying spot in Group C.

OPEN TEAMS - Group B

Team	CHN	GER	TUR	USA	NOR	LIB	AUS	BUL	IND	CRO	EST	SUI	MTQ	LUX	TUN	CHI	SIN	KEN	Pen	Total	Rank
CHINA		16	21	20	17	22	16	25	14	12	17	21	25	14	23	25	25	25		338	1
GERMANY	14		11	17	11	14	17	20	13	12	23	25	25	22	25	25	25	10		309	2
TURKEY	9	19		20	16	25	19	9	20	25	16	16	20	16	24	9	19	24		306	3
U.S.A.	10	13	10		10	11	14	13	19	19	25	16	25	25	25	23	25	21		304	4
NORWAY	13	19	14	20		13	16	14	22	22	8	25	14	20	11	25	13	25		294	5
LEBANON	8	16	3	19	17		16	18	9	18	23	24	18	20	11	18	25	25		288	6
AUSTRALIA	14	13	11	16	14	14		14	25	19	14	20	12	21	9	14	25	25		280	7
BULGARIA	4	10	21	17	16	12	16		19	20	25	14	16	13	25	10	15	24		277	8
INDIA	16	17	10	11	8	21	4	11		19	16	15	16	22	17	23	25	17		268	9
CROATIA	18	18	1	11	8	12	11	10	11		12	21	14	13	21	21	24	25		251	10
ESTONIA	13	7	14	5	22	7	16	4	14	18		6	20	20	22	10	16	24		238	11
SWITZERLAND	9	5	14	14	1	6	10	16	15	9	24		11	24	20	16	12	21		227	12
MARTINIQUE	5	5	10	4	16	12	18	14	14	16	10	19		16	14	19	13	11		216	13
LUXEMBOURG	16	8	14	1	10	10	9	17	8	17	10	6	14		10	24	25	13		212	14
TUNISIA	7	2	6	2	19	19	21	0	13	9	8	10	16	20		13	16	25	1	206	15
CHILE	0	0	21	7	4	12	16	20	7	9	20	14	11	6	17		9	10		183	16
SINGAPORE	5	3	11	0	17	4	1	15	5	6	14	18	17	5	14	21		14		170	17
KENYA	5	20	6	9	0	5	4	6	13	3	6	9	19	17	0	20	16			158	18

OPEN TEAMS - Group C

Team	ENG	IRL	HUN	EGY	POL	DEN	ISR	AUT	SMR	ROM	FIN	MAS	VEN	PHI	MEX	PYF	REU	CYP	Pen	Total	Rank
ENGLAND		15	22	15	20	15	20	17	25	22	16	18	25	25	25	22	25	25		352	1
IRELAND	15		23	25	11	11	19	17	23	12	24	21	16	25	25	16	25	24		332	2
HUNGARY	8	7		14	18	25	15	23	12	25	18	24	25	25	18	23	25	21		326	3
EGYPT	15	2	16		5	24	25	14	25	22	15	15	25	22	25	25	21	25		321	4
POLAND	10	19	12	25		14	10	13	19	21	20	15	25	25	25	17	25	25		320	5
DENMARK	15	19	2	6	16		8	19	11	21	21	25	25	25	24	23	25	25		310	6
ISRAEL	10	11	15	0	20	22		15	22	16	13	25	25	15	23	23	15	16		286	7
AUSTRIA	13	13	7	16	17	11	15		18	16	5	18	16	25	24	25	25	16		280	8
SAN MARINO	4	7	18	5	11	19	8	10		10	20	17	25	25	23	25	14	25	2	266	9
ROMANIA	8	18	1	8	9	9	14	14	20		16	20	15	18	21	25	23	25		264	10
FINLAND	14	6	12	15	10	9	17	25	10	14		20	17	16	22	8	21	24		260	11
MALAYSIA	12	9	6	15	15	4	5	12	13	10	10		19	7	19	19	21	25		221	12
VENEZUELA	3	14	2	4	0	3	4	14	1	15	13	11		17	25	12	16	19		173	13
PHILIPPINES	2	5	4	8	5	3	15	3	2	12	14	23	13		0	24	14	23		170	14
MEXICO	2	2	12	1	1	6	7	6	7	9	8	11	3	25		13	25	23		161	15
FR POLYNESIA	8	14	7	0	13	7	7	5	5	1	22	11	18	6	17		12	5		158	16
REUNION	4	4	4	9	5	5	15	0	16	7	9	9	14	16	5	18		5		145	17
CYPRUS	0	6	9	1	4	5	14	14	5	2	6	1	11	7	7	25	25			142	18

OPEN TEAMS - Group D

Team	FRA	JPN	PAK	SWE	ESP	BRA	INA	GRE	RSA	LTU	WAL	POR	BIH	CZE	JOR	BOT	BER	CRC	Pen	Total	Rank
FRANCE		25	11	20	16	6	13	21	25	19	14	16	25	19	20	25	22	25		322	1
JAPAN	4		18	16	14	20	23	19	10	16	20	24	20	7	25	22	22	25		305	2
PAKISTAN	19	12		23	14	15	14	15	11	14	25	19	16	19	19	21	19	20		295	3
SWEDEN	10	14	7		14	17	16	20	8	24	13	19	25	17	25	25	23	17		294	4
SPAIN	14	16	16	16		21	15	9	22	17	14	14	18	20	17	17	20	25		291	5
BRAZIL	24	10	15	13	9		10	19	19	17	16	21	19	24	11	19	17	25	1	288	6
INDONESIA	17	7	16	14	15	20		15	22	22	8	24	14	23	20	8	22	19		286	7
GREECE	9	11	15	10	21	11	15		14	25	14	19	12	20	16	19	18	24		273	8
SOUTH AFRICA	4	20	19	22	8	11	8	16		6	20	16	21	9	20	21	24	15		260	9
LITHUANIA	11	14	16	6	13	13	8	1	24		14	13	10	24	13	18	25	25		248	10
WALES	16	10	4	17	16	14	22	16	10	16		8	22	8	22	10	16	16		243	11
PORTUGAL	14	6	11	9	16	9	6	11	14	17	22		18	24	8	19	25	5	2	234	12
BOSNIA/HZVNA	4	10	14	3	12	11	16	18	9	20	8	12		21	22	15	6	21		222	13
CZECH REP.	11	23	11	13	10	2	7	10	21	6	22	6	9		15	19	9	25		219	14
JORDAN	10	5	11	3	13	19	10	14	10	17	8	22	8	15		10	16	25		216	15
BOTSWANA	1	8	9	2	13	11	22	11	9	12	20	11	15	11	20		10	16		201	16
BERMUDA	8	8	11	7	10	13	8	12	6	2	14	4	24	21	14	20		16		198	17
COSTA RICA	3	1	10	13	2	5	11	6	15	0	14	25	9	3	2	14	14			147	18

France was the clear winner of Group "D". This was one of the toughest groups and it saw some topsy-turvy results. Pakistan & Japan were the giant-killers and surprise qualifiers from this group. In fact Sweden, one of the better teams in the group had tough time in getting the 4th position. Brazil & Indonesia, 2 of the very good teams in World Bridge could not qualify for the last 16 stage.

The leaders of the respective groups in the Open and Women's had the privilege of picking their opponents for the round of 16. The line up for the last 16-knockout stage in the Open event was:

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| 1. Netherlands v Germany | 5. China v Iceland |
| 2. Ireland v Sweden | 6. Japan v Egypt |
| 3. France v Hungary | 7. England v Pakistan |
| 4. Turkey v Russia | 8. Italy v USA |

Italy surprised everyone by choosing USA as their opponents and Pakistan brought the biggest surprise by going through to the last 16.

The Last 16 Stage:

The last 16 stage matches were a 5-session (of 16 boards each) matches. The results were:

1. Netherlands beat Germany by 175-142 (31-29, 50-13, 31-18, 29-49, 34-33).
2. Ireland beat Sweden by 193-160 (33-28, 36-54, 68-39, 31-17, 25-22).
3. Hungary beat France by 182-168 (36-34, 20-31, 60-20, 14-66, 52-17).
4. Russia beat Turkey by 170-163 (52-32, 24-44, 52-26, 27-45, 15-16).
5. China beat Iceland by 218-104 (57-24, 43-15, 40-6, 22-46, 56-13)
6. Japan beat Egypt by 223-199 (47-36, 28-63, 40-20, 47-40, 61-40).
7. Pakistan beat England by 201-164 (46-32, 33-6, 47-41, 52-23, 23-62).
8. Italy beat U.S.A by 158-146 (18-11, 27-54, 27-4, 32-60, 54-17).

Not all the last 16 stage matches went as per the seeding. Sweden, considered to be a far better team than Ireland were comfortably beaten. Pakistan created the biggest, when they beat the strong England squad, who had led all the way in the round-robin stages. Hungary also beat the fancied French team and the match between Italy & USA had all the ingredients of a virtual final and the famous rivalry between both the teams could be seen in each set. The result of the match was totally unpredictable till the last set. After 48 boards it was 72-69 in favor of Italy, but USA took a 25 IMP lead after 64 boards. In the last set Lauria & Co. demolished Zia & Co. by 37 IMPs and a well deserved 12 IMP victory.

The QF line up was:

Netherlands v Ireland, Hungary v Russia, China v Japan & Pakistan v Italy

The Quarter Finals:

The quarterfinals were a 5 session – 80-board matches. The results were:

1. The Netherlands beat Ireland 227-142 (49-28, 69-11, 36-34, 42-41, 31-28)
2. Russia beat Hungary 183.2 – 127.8 (42-16, 31-51, 51-9, 34.2 – 5.8, 25-46)
3. China beat Japan 158- 57 (10-23, 52-2, 34-15, 13-13, 49-4)
4. Italy beat Pakistan 199-120 (22-42, 48-8, 36-33, 52-14, 51-23)

All the results were on expected lines. Pakistan surely created a minor flutter by winning the first set against the mighty Italians. The Semi-final line up is:

The Netherlands Vs. Russia & Italy Vs. China

Details of Semi-final & Finals will be published in next edition of our Newsletter.

WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

43 Teams participated in the Women's Team event and they were divided into 2 groups of 22 teams each. The Group B had one "Bye" team. Each team played 21 rounds of 16 boards each within their group. The top 8 teams from each group qualified for the knockout last 16 stage. The position of all the teams in their group at the end of the round robin is given in the following page.

The qualifiers from Group "A" were: China, France, Austria, Russia, Turkey, Sweden, Italy & Finland. The last qualification was 334 VPs. India with only 12 behind with 322 VPs were in the 11th position. Their chances of qualification were intact till the end of 15 rounds. They were placed 6th with 245 VPs at the end of 15 rounds. However, they lost all the next 3 matches against Mexico (13-17), Scotland (11-19) & Turkey (10-20) and slipped to 10th position with 279 VPs after 18 rounds. France gave them a big jolt beating them 25-5 in the first match of the last day. They beat Hungary (16-14) & Egypt (22-8) but it was too late. But it was a spirited display by the Indian Ladies. Well done team India.

The qualifiers from group "B" were: The Netherlands, USA, England, Croatia, Germany, Greece, S. Africa & Poland. The last 16 stage matches were a 4-session (of 16 boards each) affair. The results were:

1. China beat South Africa by 217-86 (53 – 32, 72 – 4, 39 – 30, 53 - 20).
2. Sweden beat Croatia by 156-127 (29-28, 35-39, 42-16, 50-44).
3. USA beat Turkey by 166.5-104.5 (12.5 - 50.5, 93 – 5, 11 – 38, 50 – 11)
4. Poland beat Austria by 140-137 (39-35, 37-28, 23-48, 41-26)
5. Netherlands beat Finland by 123-104 (28 – 41, 14 – 21, 31 – 16, 50 – 26)
6. Russia beat Germany by 133-100 (0 – 40, 26 – 18, 32 – 28, 75 – 14)
7. France beat Greece by 186-96 (40 – 37, 55 – 31, 60 – 1, 31 – 27)
8. England beat Italy by 162-98 (42 – 27, 37 – 21, 41 – 20, 42 – 30)

The main upset was Russia beating Germany, led by Sabine Auken, the best woman player in the world. Besides this the only other upset was loss of Austria who have a better ranking than Poland. They lost by a very thin margin of 3 IMPs.

The quarter final line up was China v Sweden, USA v Poland, Netherlands v Russia & France v England.

WOMEN TEAMS - After 21 Rounds – Group A

Team	CHN	FRA	AUT	RUS	TUR	SWE	ITA	FIN	BRA	SCO	IND	AUS	CAN	HUN	BUL	SUI	PAK	EGY	ESP	MEX	JOR	KEN	Pen	Total	Rank
CHINA		17	18	8	11	19	16	17	21	24	23	15	20	25	25	21	15	21	25	25	25	12		403	1
FRANCE	13		10	13	25	18	18	16	19	15	25	17	10	15	25	21	22	21	18	25	23	23		392	2
AUSTRIA	12	20		25	22	13	15	20	24	20	16	14	19	10	14	12	22	22	18	23	17	25		383	3
RUSSIA	22	17	0		17	15	11	19	14	18	16	23	16	23	14	17	6	20	17	23	21	25		354	4
TURKEY	19	1	8	13		12	17	17	15	15	20	15	21	11	16	25	24	16	21	16	25	19		346	5
SWEDEN	11	12	17	15	18		17	12	21	8	16	15	3	10	15	24	20	23	25	14	24	25		345	6
ITALY	14	12	15	19	13	13		19	19	21	15	14	19	12	17	15	11	9	18	21	23	25		344	7
FINLAND	13	14	10	11	13	18	11		9	20	23	14	9	15	18	23	21	15	23	15	15	24		334	8
BRAZIL	9	11	6	16	15	9	11	21		18	10	13	16	16	18	16	25	18	16	22	14	25		325	9
SCOTLAND	6	15	10	12	15	22	9	10	12		19	9	16	15	20	10	14	22	21	24	25	17		323	10
INDIA	7	5	14	14	10	14	15	7	20	11		21	25	16	17	17	18	22	7	13	24	25		322	11
AUSTRALIA	15	13	16	7	15	15	16	16	17	21	9		10	17	14	7	22	9	15	21	25	18		318	12
CANADA	10	20	11	14	9	25	11	21	14	14	3	20		11	11	6	7	25	16	21	19	25		313	13
HUNGARY	0	15	20	7	19	20	18	15	14	15	14	13	19		14	7	17	7	18	15	24	19		310	14
BULGARIA	4	5	16	16	14	15	13	12	12	10	13	16	19	16		15	19	9	14	19	25	25		307	15
SWITZERLAND	9	9	18	13	5	6	15	7	14	20	13	23	24	23	15		13	6	17	19	14	23		306	16
PAKISTAN	15	8	8	24	6	10	19	9	1	16	12	8	23	13	11	17		14	15	25	25	25		304	17
EGYPT	9	9	8	10	14	7	21	15	12	8	8	21	5	23	21	24	16		15	3	22	25		296	18
SPAIN	3	12	12	13	5	4	12	7	14	9	23	15	14	12	16	13	15	15		15	22	25	4	276	19
MEXICO	3	4	7	7	14	16	9	15	8	6	17	9	9	15	11	11	0	25	15		14	11		226	20
JORDAN	1	7	13	9	4	6	7	15	16	2	6	5	11	6	3	16	1	8	8	16		17		177	21
KENYA	18	7	3	0	11	3	0	6	0	13	3	12	4	11	4	7	5	3	4	19	13			146	22

WOMEN TEAMS - After 21 Rounds – Group B

Team	NED	USA	ENG	CRO	GER	GRE	RSA	POL	ISR	DEN	JPN	NZL	INA	VEN	ARG	NOR	IRL	WAL	MAR	KOR	REU	Bye	Pen	Total	Rank
NETHERLANDS		15	19	14	18	15	9	25	25	24	22	23	25	14	22	21	15	12	21	25	18	18		400	1
U.S.A.	15		9	16	15	25	7	11.25	25	17	16	19	21	16	25	23	25	25	25	22	11	18	0.75	386.25	2
ENGLAND	11	21		13	23	16	17	22	10	24	19	24	8	10	18	19	14	19	24	25	17	18		372	3
CROATIA	16	14	17		15	14	11	21	24	8	13	20	17	21	15	24	20	25	12	25	19	18		369	4
GERMANY	12	15	7	15		18	24	12	21	8	8	9	22	14	24	24	21	24	14	25	25	18		360	5
GREECE	15	4	14	16	12		22	15	8	16	8	19	14	16	17	25	8	24	25	25	23	18		344	6
SOUTH AFRICA	21	23	13	19	6	8		7	4	17	19	23	18	20	14	11	22	19	24	11	24	18		341	7
POLAND	5	17.25	8	9	18	15	23		10	25	15	13	24	14	14	5	19	12	25	25	25	18	0.75	339.25	8
ISRAEL	5	4	20	6	9	22	25	20		18	9	13	7	22	12	11	23	25	17	23	25	18		334	9
DENMARK	6	13	6	22	22	14	13	4	12		9	13	13	20	17	19	11	25	25	25	24	18		331	10
JAPAN	8	14	11	17	22	22	11	15	21	21		8	23	3	15	22	14	7	14	18	25	18		329	11
NEW ZEALAND	7	11	6	10	21	11	7	17	17	17	22		3	18	17	18	25	10	20	21	25	18		321	12
INDONESIA	2	9	22	13	8	16	12	6	23	17	7	25		8	24	17	16	15	14	13	25	18		310	13
VENEZUELA	16	13	20	9	16	14	10	16	8	10	25	12	22		9	9	13	19	18	14	16	18	1	307	14
ARGENTINA	8	0	12	15	6	13	16	16	18	13	15	13	6	21		15	16	25	25	8	22	18		301	15
NORWAY	9	7	11	6	6	4	19	25	19	11	8	12	13	21	15		18	17	17	20	15	18		291	16
IRELAND	15	5	16	10	9	22	8	11	7	19	16	3	14	17	14	12		14	18	15	23	18		286	17
WALES	18	0	11	4	6	6	11	18	4	1	23	20	15	11	3	13	16		16	20	10	18		244	18
MOROCCO	9	0	6	18	16	2	6	4	11	2	16	10	16	12	4	13	12	14		14	15	18	2	218	19
KOREA	0	8	1	4	4	4	19	2	7	4	12	9	17	16	22	10	15	10	16		8	18		206	20
REUNION	12	19	13	11	3	7	6	1	4	6	2	3	0	14	8	15	7	20	15	22		18		206	-

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 13

INCORRECT NUMBER OF CARDS

When the Director determines that one or more pockets of the board contained an incorrect number of cards, and a player with an incorrect hand has made a call, then when the Director deems that the deal can be corrected and played normally with no change of call, the deal may be so played with the concurrence of all four players. Otherwise, the Director shall award an artificial adjusted score and may penalise an offender. If no such call has been made, then:

➤ **A – No Player Has Seen Another’s Card**

The Director shall correct the discrepancy as follows and, if no player will then have seen another’s card, shall require that the board be played normally.

1. **Hand Records** – When hand records are available, the Director shall distribute the cards in accordance with the records.
2. **Consult Previous Players** – If hand records are not available, the Director shall correct the board by consulting with players who have previously played it.
3. **Require a Reddeal** – If the board was incorrectly dealt, the Director shall require a redeal (Law 6).

➤ **B – A Player Has Seen Another Player’s Card(s)**

When the Director determines that one or more pockets of the board contained an incorrect number of cards and after restoration of the board to its original condition a player has seen one or more cards of another player’s hand, if the Director deems:

1. **The Information Gained Is Inconsequential** – that such information will not interfere with normal bidding or play, the Director, with the concurrence of all four players, may allow the board to be played and scored normally.
2. **The Information Will Interfere with Normal Play** – that the information gained thereby is of sufficient importance to interfere with normal bidding or play, or if any player objects to playing the board, the Director shall award an artificial adjusted score and may penalise an offender.

➤ **C – Play Completed**

When it is determined after play ends that a player’s hand originally contained more than 13 cards with another player holding correspondingly fewer, the result must be cancelled (for procedural penalty, see Law 90).

INTERESTING HAND FROM OLYMPIAD

The following was the first interesting hand of the Olympiad, which came in the first round of Round robin.

Match: Italy Vs Iceland

Board 10, Dir: East, Vul: All

	♠ KQ643 ♥ KQT4 ♦ JQT3 ♣ JQT3		
♠ J ♥ A6532 ♦ KJ42 ♣ 964	N W E S	♠ 9 ♥ J987 ♦ A973 ♣ K752	
	♠ AT8752 ♥ QT865 ♦ A6 ♣ A6		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Thorvaldsson	Lauria	Magnusson
		Pass	1S
Pass	2NT(1)	Pass	4H(2)
Pass	5D(3)	Pass	6C(3)
Pass	7S	All Pass	

(1) – Jacoby (2) – Void in Hearts (3) - Cue

Someone seeing the live Vugraph presented by Bridgebase suggested that the main bidding tool in use on this deal was optimism. Whatever it was, declarer won the opening trump lead in hand and immediately took the club finesse. When that was successful, he was home free, +2210. Declarer could have taken another line of play of playing the Heart King hoping East to play the Ace, if he has and finally discarding the club loser on the heart Queen. But when you are playing against the top Italian pair, you have to do something unusual to beat them and the Iceland pair exactly did the same. In the Closed room the Italian bid as follows:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jorgensen	Fantoni	Armannsson	Nunes
		Pass	2S*
Pass	4C*	Pass	4H*
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

2S was 5-5 in Spades and another lower suit. 4C most probably was some fit showing bid and 4H was splinter and they reached the final 6S contract.

The Icelanders were able to beat the mighty Italians 18-12 due to the gain in this deal.



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2. Team event is played at DBA on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards.
3. Additional Team event held on first or third Sunday of every month.
4. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every Friday at PHD House commencing at 1430 Hrs.
5. Central Secretariat Club holds an open Pair event on every Monday at 1800 Hrs.

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WINTER NATIONALS

The 46th Winter Bridge Championships 2004 will be held from 7th to 17th Dec 2004 at Waltair Club, Visakhapatnam. The programme summary is as follows:

7th Dec: 1830 Hrs: Inauguration
1930 Hrs: Captains Meet
8 - 10th Dec: 16 Rounds of RR (T-4)
10th Dec: Categorized Pairs
10 - 11th Dec: 8 Rounds of T-4 Pre-QF
11th Dec: Pairs Elim - I
12th Dec: T-4 QF & BAM Elim - I
13th Dec: T-4 SF & Pairs Elim-II
14th Dec: T-4 Finals & BAM Elim - II
15th Dec: Pairs Elim - III
16th Dec: BAM- Finals
17th Dec: Pairs Finals

TOURNAMENT at KOLKATA

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

Information by: Mr. Pronob Bhattacharya, West Bengal

Forthcoming Events - 2004

National

05-07th Nov - Prize Money Pair's Tournament, Indore
20-24th Nov - Tolani Masters, Mumbai
26-28th Nov - Gymkhana Club, Delhi
07-17th Dec - Winter Nationals, Waltairs Club, Vizag
28-30th Jan'05 - Sree Cement Tournament, Kolkata
17-20th Feb'05 - Seth Shrinivas Lohia Memorial
Bridge Tournament, Kanpur

International

18th - 28th Nov - Fall NABC 2004, Orlando

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