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DELHI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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## Prize Money Bonanza for Bridge lovers

It is heartening to note that for the last few months, Delhi Patrons have taken lot of initiative in promoting Tournament Bridge. Thanks to their effort, Delhi has taken a giant leap in organizing big Prize money Bridge Tournaments. The ball started rolling with the NOIDA Golf Course tournament organized under the patronage of Shri Lalit Shrivastava, IAS, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2003, In the coming months, Delhi is going to organize three more prize money events.

It will be like "Star Movies" showing best of their movies to the viewers in the coming months. The first movie to be shown will be - Delhi Gymkhana Club "MTNL" Open Tournament from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003 with prize money of around 1.5 lacs. The second movie will be a bumper bonanza - the tournament under the banner of HCL with approximate prize money of Rs. 7 Lacs, to be shown at Hotel Claridges from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2003 and courtesy Mr. Shiv Nadar and Mrs. Kiran Nadar. Then there will be the New Year gift in the form of 2<sup>nd</sup> PHD-GPI tournament under the patronage of Shri K.K. Modi. People still remember the 1<sup>st</sup> PHD-GPI tournament, which attracted 70 teams from all over India in 2002. This show will be held at the PHD house from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004, with approximate prize money of Rs. 6 Lacs.

The effect of the increasing number of tournaments in Delhi can be seen in the form of renewed interest shown by Delhi Bridge fraternity. Now a days, on most occasions we have around 16 tables for Tuesday Pair event and the LBA tournament, which is not on a holiday also attracts a considerable number of pairs. It is a positive sign for Bridge. However, the non-participation of youngsters in this mind-boggling game is still a cause of worry. TOP Bridge players of Delhi are requested to take active interest in encouraging the raw talents available in the country. Mr. S.G. Bose Mullick, who takes Bridge classes at DBA, is doing a commendable job in this direction.

Besides Delhi, other state bridge associations have also been continuing with their good efforts in promoting Tournament Bridge. After an enjoyable Nainital Tournament, you may like to visit Hyderabad for Jubilee Hill tournament or go to Jaipur for the coming Golcha Tournament. This is an important tournament in the bridge calendar of BFI, and the Golcha family and their management committee keeps no stone unturned in making this tournament a grand success. October will also have S.P. Singhania BEST PAIRS tournament at Kanpur, conducted on the lines of the famous "Cap Gemini Best Pairs", So, the coming months are going to bring lot of interesting bridge and I will keep you all informed on the latest.

The month of Nov 2003 will see the World Championships at Monte Carlo - A real test of TOP players throughout the world. We request our **Tendulkars of Bridge**, who will be representing India in **Bermuda Bowl** (Mr. Subhash Gupta, Mr. Rajeshwar Tewari, Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Mr. B. Satyanarayana, Mr. K.R. Venkatraman & Mr. Sunit Chokshi) and the **Venice Cup** (Mrs. Hema Deora, Mrs. Lina Mayadas, Mrs. Yvette Singapuri, Mrs. Marianne Karmakar, Mrs. Promila Shivdasani & Mrs. Sheelu Thadani) to be in top form for this prestigious event. Please note that practice is the KEY to SUCCESS and we all hope you to do your best. **We wish you all the very best.**

The Bridge enthusiasts may please note that after the Diwali fireworks there is going to be a real LASER show (**in the form of live Vu-graph**) of the World championship matches courtesy Bridge Base Online of Mr. Fred Gittleman. Be ready with the download of the BBO software on your PC to view this superb show live.

Wishing you all a very Happy & Prosperous Dusshera & Diwali.

Editor

## BART CONVENTION

Most of the players today whether they play Standard System or Strong Club (Precision) System, use 1NT response to 1H or 1S Opening bid as One Round Force (for un-passed hand). The Forcing no-trump helps in bidding many hands, which are otherwise difficult to bid in case 1NT was not forcing. The normal way of bidding after a forcing no-trump response to a major, is to re-bid a four-card side suit or barring that to re-bid longer minor. Since minor suit bid shows only 3 cards, frequently responder returns to opener's major with 2 cards and less than 10 or 11 hcp. Responder's strength is not clear and also finding 4-4 minor suit fit is difficult. The Bart Convention devised by Les Bart has attempted to solve this problem.

### A) What is Bart Convention

The Bart convention is an artificial bid of 2D in the auction: 1S – 1NT – 2C – 2D and shows several types of hands. Opener is expected to bid 2H with minimum values and 3 card heart suit. Responder can have either:

- 5 card heart suit and may have doubleton spade or
- Doubleton spade and 8-10 HCP or
- Invitational hand (10-11 HCP) with 4 or 5 clubs or good diamond suit

### B) Bidding after Forcing Notrump playing Bart Convention

After you agree to play Bart convention, the meaning of various bids can be as follows:

1S – 1NT – 2C – ? 2D = Bart 2H = 6 card or good 5 card suit, to play 2S = Doubleton spade, less than 8 hcp 2N = 10-12 hcp, less than 4 clubs 3C = Preemptive raise 3D = to play (you can't play 2D now)	1S – 1NT – 2C – 2D – 2H – ? 2S = shows doubleton spade and 8-10 hcp 2N = 10 – 11 hcp and 4 card clubs 3C = Invitational hand with 5 clubs 3D = Invitational hand, 6 card diamond suit 3H = Invitational with 5 hearts 3S = Invitational with 5 hearts and 3 spades
1S – 1NT – 2C – 2D – ? 2H = 3 card heart, min hand (12-14) 2S = denies 3 hearts, responder can pass 2N = 15 –17 hcp without 3 hearts 3C = black two suiter 3D = Opener shows appx 17+ hcp, shortness in H 3H = 15+ hcp, 3 hearts, unbalanced hand	1S – 1NT – 2C – 2D – 2S – ? 2N = 10 – 11 hcp and 4 card clubs 3C = Invitational hand with 5 clubs 3D = Invitational hand, 6 card diamond suit 3H = Invitational with 6 hearts and 2 spades 3S = Invitational with doubleton spade honour

With the help of the above sequences, responder is able to give a better description of his hand.

### C) What do you loose by playing Bart convention

You give up the ability to play 2D but can bid many hands much better. This is an easy to remember convention and is highly recommended.

### D) Examples:

♠ Kx ♥ xxx ♦ AJxx ♣ Qxxx After 1S-1N-2C bid 2D-2H-2S to show 8-10 hcp with 2 spades. Opener can try for game with 15+ by 2NT.	♠ Jx ♥ QJxx ♦ Kxxx ♣ xxx After 1S-1N-2C bid 2S to show less than 8 hcp with 2/3 spades.	♠ Qx ♥ K10xxx ♦ xxx ♣ Kxx After 1S-1N-2C bid 2D to find heart fit. You can pass 2H or 2S bid by opener.	♠ x ♥ QJxxxx ♦ Jxx ♣ Kxx After 1S-1N-2C bid 2H to play showing 6 card suit & singleton spade.	♠ x ♥ Kxx ♦ KJ10xxx ♣ Jxx After 1S-1N-2C bid 3D to play showing 6 card suit. With better values (10-11) bid 2D first & then 3D.	♠ xx ♥ AJx ♦ Kxxx ♣ K109x After 1S-1N-2C bid 2D. After opener bids 2H or 2S, bid 2NT to show 10-11 hcp with 4 clubs
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The Bart convention is used after 1S Opening. However similar scheme, of course with some minor differences, is possible after 1H Opening and artificial 2D bid in the auction 1H-1NT-2C-2D.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

### Quiz of the Month

This is a double-dummy problem. The hand was played long time ago, when the strong club convention was still evolving. The DOUBLE of a Club opening was considered to be a hand of equal or better strength.

	♠ AKQJ ♥ A8765 ♦ A4 ♣ A4	
♠ KQJT9 ♥ KQJT ♦ KQJT ♣ KQJT	W N E S	♥ 432 ♦ 98765 ♣ 98765
	♠ T98765432 ♥ 32 ♦ 32 ♣ 32	

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

(1) – 19+ HCP (2) – I think they were not having any pre-emptive styles of bidding, hence 1♠ (3) – Blackwood (4) – 0 or 4 (South presumed it to be 4 as partner was showing 19+ hcp) (5) – King ask (6) 1 King

Considering partner would have support with minimum 3 card support, south added 9 tricks in spades, 3 Aces & one King (not knowing which king – Alas RKC was not there) for 13 tricks and bid the Grand. Lead: ♥K

*(Contributed by T.C. Pant)*

*(See Page 9 for the Answer)*

### DELHI BRIDGE SCHEDULE

1. Pair event is played at DBA on every Tuesday evening from 1830 Hrs. onwards.
2. Team event is played at DBA on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards.
3. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every alternate Friday or on Holidays at PHD House.
4. Central Secretariat Club holds an open Pair event on every Monday commencing at 1800 Hrs.

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### **\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***

#### **DELHI'S PRIZE MONEY TOURNAMENTS**

**November 2003**

The Delhi Gymkhana Club "MTNL" Open Team of Four & "Haren Choksi" Open Pairs Prize money Bridge Tournament will be held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2003 at Delhi Gymkhana Club premises. All Bridge enthusiasts are cordially invited to participate.

**December 2003**

HCL under the patronage of Mr. Shiv Nadar will organize one of the highest Prize money Bridge tournaments from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2003 at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi. The event will have T-4 duplicate as well as Open Pair events. Further details will follow soon.

**January 2004**

PHD-GPI under the patronage of Shri K.K. Modi will organize their 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize money Bridge Tournament at PHD House, New Delhi from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2004. The event will have T-4 duplicate & Open Pair events. Further details will follow soon.

### Forthcoming National Events

03-05<sup>th</sup> Oct – All India Jubilee Hills at Hyderabad  
10-12<sup>th</sup> Oct – All India Golcha at Jaipur  
17-19<sup>th</sup> Oct – SP Singhania International at Kanpur  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Oudh Gymkhana at Lucknow  
07-09<sup>th</sup> Nov – Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament  
21-23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Holkar Open Prize Money, Indore  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Tolani National Masters, Mumbai  
18-21<sup>st</sup> Dec – HCL Prize Money Tournament, N. Delhi  
03-13<sup>th</sup> Jan'04 – Winter Nationals at Aurangabad  
23-25<sup>th</sup> Jan'04 – PHD-GPI Prize Money, New Delhi

### Forthcoming International Events

10-12<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> European Champions Cup, Rome  
02-15<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Championships at Monte Carlo  
20-30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fall NABC, New Orleans, Louisiana

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## **LAWS 29 – 32**

### CALL OUT OF ROTATION

The following Laws apply when a Call Out of Rotation is made.

#### ➤ **LAW 29 – PROCEDURE AFTER CALL OUT OF ROTATION**

The call out of rotation is automatically cancelled when the opponent whose turn it was to call makes a call before a penalty has been assessed. The auction proceeds as though the offending player had not called. Following a call out of rotation, offender's LHO may elect to call, thereby forfeiting the right to penalize. Otherwise, a call out of rotation is cancelled and the auction reverts to player whose turn it was to call. Offender may make any legal call in proper rotation subject to penalty under Law 30, 31 or 32.

#### ➤ **LAW 30 - PASS OUT OF ROTATION**

When a player has passed out of rotation (and the call is cancelled, as the option to accept the call has not been exercised — see Law 29):

A. Before Any Player Has Bid - the offender must pass when next it is his turn to call.

B. After Any Player Has Bid

1. At RHO's Turn to Call – After any player has bid, when a pass out of rotation is made at offender's RHO's turn to call, (penalty) offender must pass when next it is his turn to call.
2. At Partner's Turn to Call – The offender must pass whenever it is his turn to call. Offender's partner may make any sufficient bid, or may pass, but may not double or redouble at that turn.
3. At LHO's Turn to Call – A pass out of rotation at offender's LHO's turn to call is treated as a change of call and Law 25 applies.

#### ➤ **LAW 31 - BID OUT OF ROTATION**

When a player has bid out of rotation (and the call is cancelled, as the option to accept the call has not been exercised — see Law 29):

A. RHO's Turn – When the offender has bid at his RHO's turn to call, then

1. RHO Passes – If that opponent passes, offender must repeat the call out of rotation, and when that call is legal there is no penalty.
2. RHO Acts – If that opponent makes a legal bid, double or redouble, offender may make any legal call. If offender repeats the denomination, offender's partner must pass at his next turn. If offender makes any other legal call, his partner must pass for the balance of the auction and the lead penalties of Law 26 may apply.

B. Partner's or LHO's Turn – When the offender has bid at his partner's turn to call, or at his LHO's turn to call if the offender has not previously called, offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (see Law 23 when the pass damages the non-offending side), and the lead penalties of Law 26 may apply. If offender has previously called, bids at LHO's turn are treated as change of call (Law 25).

#### ➤ **LAW 32 - DOUBLE OR REDOUBLE OUT OF ROTATION**

A. Made at Offender's Partner's Turn to Call – If a double or redouble out of rotation has been made when it was the offender's partner's turn to call, the offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (Law 23 may apply when the enforced pass damages the non-offenders).

B. Made at RHO's Turn to Call – If a double or redouble out of rotation has been made at offender's RHO's turn to call, then:

1. RHO Passes – If offender's RHO passes, offender must repeat his out-of-rotation double or redouble and there is no penalty unless the double or redouble is inadmissible (Law 36 applies).
2. RHO Bids – If offender's RHO bids, the offender may in turn make any legal call and offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (Law 23 may apply).

Laws 61-64 (The Revoke) will be covered in next issue of the Bulletin.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

# Local Bridge News & Results

## Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

**02/09/2003**

NS 1 : Paresh Gupta – Vinod Sharma	66.32%
NS 2 : A.K. Narang – R.C. Consul	63.60%
NS 3 : T. Bhattacharya – A.K. Sinha	60.74%
EW 1 : K.P. Sinha – B.K. Kanjilal	63.38%
EW 2 : J.B. Sengupta – Anand Bhatia	57.83%
EW 3 : N.C. Gupta – Gopal Saxena	52.52%

**09/09/2003**

NS 1 : A.K. Sinha – T. Bhattacharya	58.68%
NS 2 : Mrs. Madhuri Modwel – J.D. Gupta	58.33%
NS 3 : Amod Rele – D.K. Tewari	57.29%
EW 1 : N.K. Jain – Mrs. Shashi Jain	59.72%
EW 2 : C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani	58.68%
EW 3 : Gopal Saxena – N.C. Gupta	57.29%

**16/09/2003**

NS 1 : S.N. Mathur – M.S. Sharma	59.01%
NS 2 : D.K. Mutreja – A.K. Guha	55.88%
EW 1 : Ashim Kumar Ghosh – A.K. Bala	58.74%
EW 2 : Vinod Sharma – Paresh Gupta	58.64%

**23/09/2003**

NS 1 : Ravi Sawhney – S. Sunderrajan	65.63%
NS 2 : A. Tankha – Gopal Saxena	57.99%
EW 1 : R. Chakravarty – Ganpat Rai	56.25%
EW 2 : N.K. Jain – Mrs. Shashi Jain	55.56%

**30/09/2003**

NS 1 : A.K. Tankha – Gopal Saxena	58.56%
NS 2 : S.N. Mathur – V.N. Puri	57.56%
EW 1 : M. Shivdasani – Sudhir Aggarwal	62.61%
EW 2 : T.C. Pant – Amarjeet Wadhawan	58.74%

## INDIVIDUAL EVENT

DBA will hold an "Individual Event" on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2003 from 1430 Hrs. onwards. All the Bridge Players of Delhi are invited to participate.

It may please be noted that the Delhi State Championship will be held in Nov'03. Further details will be put on the DBA notice board shortly.

## DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

**06/09/2003**

1. **Formidables** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sunil sarin)
2. **Ganpat Rai** – (Ganpat Rai, K.B. Sikand, A.K. Sinha, T. Bhattacharya, Ved Prakash)
3. **Hathras Bridge Club**: (Subodh Jain, Gopal Saxena, N.C. Gupta, A. Tankha)

**13/09/2003**

1. **Paresh Gupta's Team** – (Paresh Gupta, Vinod Sharma, T.C. Pant, Amarjeet Wadhawan)
2. **N.K. Gupta** – (N.K. Gupta, Sunil sarin, Duleep Mutreja, J.B. Sengupta, Joyjit Sen Sarma)

**20/09/2003**

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, A.K. Ghosh)
2. **Puri's Team** – (V.N. Puri, Dr. Moghe, D.K. Mutreja, Joy Sen Sarma)

**27/09/2003**

1. **Vijay Kumar** – (Vijay Kumar, Mrs. Asha Surana, Mohan Dass, S. Dharni)
2. **Tewari's Team** – (D.K. Tewari, N.K. Gupta, A.K. Guha, A. Tankha, R. Chakravarty)

## All India Ladies Bridge Assoc. Results

**29/08/2003**

NS 1: R.S. Jasuja – Amarjeet Wadhawan
NS 2: C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal
EW 1: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal – Ms. Datta
EW 2: Mrs & Mr. U. Gupta

**12/09/2003**

1. Dr. Usha T. Kothari – Subhash Gupta
2. Mrs. Rashmi Agarwal – N.K. Jain
3. Mrs. Indu Krishna – A. Prasad
4. C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal

**26/09/2003**

1. C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal
2. Mrs. Asha Surana – Vijay Kumar
3. Vijay Goel – N.K. Gupta

## INTERESTING HAND

- *Reported by Editor*

This interesting deal came in the Delhi Bridge Association's Tuesday Pair event on 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2003. Possibly the top-notch players may be able to make this hand on the table but an average player may find it difficult. This deal is an excellent exercise in counting the hand and executing the various squeeze possibilities. The E-W hands are concealed to keep the interest alive.

Board 11, Dlr: South, Vul: None

	♠ AKxxx ♥ KQ8x ♦ Kx ♣ Tx		
♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	N W     E S	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	
	♠ Qx ♥ A63 ♦ A98x ♣ AQ9x		

The bidding went as follows:

W	N	E	S
			1NT(1)
Pass	2H(2)	Pass	2S
Pass	3H	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

(1)- 15-16 Balanced, (2) – Transfer to Spades

The bidding was not up to the mark and North should have bid 4NT (Quanti) to invite for slam, which South would have declined. However, after the slam has been bid, how you plan to play the hand, on the lead of ♥J?

The declarer can count TOP 9 tricks and requires 3 more tricks to make the contract. Let us see what are his chances to make these required 3 tricks.

1. If the spades are 3-3, he makes 5 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and a club. But that is only 11 and he will require either 3-3 hearts or the club honors divided to make 12 tricks. However, as defender has led the hearts even after hearing North's call of hearts, it seems unlikely that the suit is going to break even.
2. If both the Club honors are with East, you get 3 Clubs, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 5 spades (if breaking) to make 13, but if both Club honors are with West, the only chance of making the contract is spades breaking (5 tricks), hearts breaking (4 tricks), 2 diamonds and a club. But as the probabilities of hearts breaking are quite low, you are going to have only 11 tricks unless the club honors are divided.

So let us first test the position of hearts and spades. Let us say you take the lead in hand with ♥A and play the ♣Q and a spade back to the ♠K. Both defenders follow to the spades. You play the ♠A discarding a small diamond and your left hand opponent shows out and discards a low heart. Well now the scenario has changed. Now you have 4 spade, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds tricks and unless both club honors are with East or hearts behaving, you cannot make the contract. So now let us try to see the heart position.

You play the ♥Q and BAD LUCK! East discards a diamond. Now what? You now have a fairly good idea of the opponent's cards and have only 4 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs (you have to now assume that ♣K is with east) tricks. As you have to give one trick in spade, you cannot even take immediate chance of double finesse in clubs. So what to do? Well the TOP players rely more on squeeze possibilities rather than taking the double finesse. By now, you know that West has 5 hearts & 2 spades and hence for guarding his hearts he will have to get rid of two of his minor cards on the last 2 spades. Similarly West will have to discard on the last spade and the ♥K and he will get squeezed in one of the minor. So let us play for **squeeze**.

You play the 4<sup>th</sup> spade from dummy, taken by East with ♣J. Let us say you discard a low club from hand. **The important thing is what does west do?** He will have to discard one minor **and this discard is very important. For the squeeze to operate** you should eliminate him in the suit, whose card has been discarded by him, so that he can be squeezed in the other minor & hearts. This is how you should play:

**Case 1: West has discarded a diamond and East returns a diamond** after winning the spade trick:

Play the ♦A from the hand and a diamond back to dummy's ♦K. The last 5-card position will be: **North: x, K8, -, Tx ; South: -,x,9,AQx.**

Assuming that East's hand is most probably 4-1-4-4 & King of clubs is with him to have any chance of success, then West has been eliminated in Diamonds and will have to keep 2 hearts & Jxx or xxx of Clubs. East will be left with 1 diamond honor & Kxxx or KJxx of clubs. Now when the last spade is lead, East will throw one more club (he can not discard diamond) and West will throw a small club (he can not discard Heart) i.e. both are getting squeezed due to the threat cards in Diamonds & hearts. You can discard the heart for the time being. Next play the ♥K from dummy and East has come to Diamond honor & Kx in clubs, you can discard the Diamond threat now and West is left with a heart & Jx. When you take the club finesse with Queen, your last 3 club cards (AQ9) are all winners.

**Case 2: West has discarded a diamond and East returns a Club** after winning the spade trick:

Did you ever had a better hand than East's? East was surely a bit surprised when his partner opened the bidding. In the Closed Room the di Bello brothers (from Italy) had a bidding misunderstanding and Jonas Houmoller dared to double even though he was not on lead. As you can see East's hand is not only just amazing, East/West's hands don't fit together as the declarer will be blocked in hand in a trump contract. As a matter of a fact West's hand is useless playing in no trump and Furio di Bello had to face that fact at the table; 2 down, N/S +300.

In the Open Room Schaltz/Gjaldbaek put themselves in 6♦ after a Blackwood sequence. 6♣ is the right slam to be in, where there is a winning line of discarding two clubs on high diamonds. Lo Presti led the only card that helped declarer to make his contract: ♥A!

This last slam swing gave Denmark 15 needed IMPs but this board was the only swing of the set for the Danes and they were way behind Italy in the battle for the gold medals. With only 16 boards to play Italy had enlarged the margin to 93 IMPs.

### Answer to the Quiz on Page 11

Ruff the ♥K in hand and play four rounds of trumps. West can discard 2 clubs & 2 diamonds on these. Now ruff another low heart and play a trump. West is in problem as he cannot discard a heart, and will have to throw the Queen of either clubs or diamonds. If he throws ♣Q you throw the ♣4 from dummy and if he throws ♦Q, throw ♦4 from dummy. Next play to the Ace of the suit, which was thrown by West, eliminating west with in one suit. Now play Ace of Heart and ruff a heart. Assuming west had discarded the ♣Q, the last 3-card position will be:

	♠ 8 ♥ 8 ♦ A4 ♣	
♠ Q ♥ KQ ♦ KQ ♣	N W E S	♠ ♥ 98 or 9 ♦ T or T9 ♣
	♠ T ♥ 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 2	

When South plays the last trump, both West & East get squeezed in diamonds & clubs. West will have to throw the ♦Q to retain his heart and North can now discard his heart threat. East can also keep either one diamond & one club or 2 diamonds. If he keeps one diamond, dummy's both diamond becomes good and if he keeps 2 diamonds, then the ♣2 in hand becomes good.

### Deal of the Day -

Board 6 of Round 6, was surely deal of the day, where East/West have to overcome a pre-emptive overcall and judge whether to play a small or a grand slam and whether in no trump or in clubs.

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

	♠ 853 ♥ 7542 ♦ 43 ♣ JT65	
♠ AQ62 ♥ KT9 ♦ AQ87 ♣ A7	N W E S	♠ K97 ♥ AQ83 ♦ - ♣ KQ9843
	♠ JT4 ♥ J6 ♦ KJT9652 ♣ 2	

Around the room this was played in 6♣ and 6♠ once, 6NT nine times, 7♣ once and 7NT four times. Does that mean that there were five unlucky pairs bemoaning the three-two club break as their grand slams failed? No, three times 7NT succeeded after a diamond lead in response to South's pre-empt. Only Karim Nabil for Egypt managed to avoid the diamond lead, preferring a heart after this auction:

W	N	E	S
		1♣	3♦
Dbf	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

Of course, the 6♦ response to RKCB pinpointed the void but it was still a good effort not to lead the suit and it gained Egypt 17 IMPs when they might have lost 13 on a diamond lead. Chinese Taipei gained 13 for 7NT making against USA1, and Norway gained 13 for 7NT making against France. It was flat in six in the other matches except USA2 v Denmark.

W	N	E	S
Gjaeldbaek	Hurd	Schaltz	Wooldridge
		1♣	4♦
Dbf	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♣	All Pass

W	N	E	S
Mignocchi	Henriksen	Bathurst	Marquardsen
		1♣	4♦
Dbf	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

Mignocchi duly received a diamond lead to chalk up +2220 in 7NT, while 7♣ had to fail (OK, you could make it double dummy, but...). And that was worth 20 IMPs to USA2.



would deliver ♠A instead of the ♦A – and I suspect that he was correct, in theory. Now it was Henriksen's turn to think and at the end of a long hard study he came up with a bid of 6♦, vulnerable against not. He could not have imagined that this was about to make and must have been charmed, first by the sight of dummy, then by the immediate appearance of the king of spades on the first round of that suit; +1540 and 16 IMPs to Denmark.

### Round Robin - Round 10: USA Vs. Egypt

Board 14; Dealer : East; Vul : None

	♠ AKJT ♥ AQT732 ♦ - ♣ T83	
♠ Q6 ♥ J8 ♦ QJ53 ♣ K7652	N W E S	♠ 53 ♥ K94 ♦ T98762 ♣ Q9
	♠ 98742 ♥ 65 ♦ AK4 ♣ AJ4	

W	N	E	S
<i>Rabie</i>	<i>Glickman</i>	<i>Yousry</i>	<i>Yuan</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT(1)	Pass	4♠(2)
Pass	5♦(3)	Pass	5♠(4)
Pass	6♦(5)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

(1) - Forcing raise (2) - Minimum and denies a shortage  
 (3) - Exclusion Key Card (4) - One key card excluding the ♦A (5) - Cuebid, looking for the ♥K for seven

This was a nice use of Exclusion Key Card Blackwood, which even allowed Rob Glickman (USA1) to make a try for the grand slam before settling for six. Yuan (USA1) won the club lead and discarded dummy's remaining clubs on the top diamonds then finessed the heart queen. That lost but the spades behaved so that was +980. In the other room, North/South stopped in 5♠ so USA1 picked up 11 IMPs.

### Nice Defence

In Round 4, France defeated the champions, USA2, by 20-10 VPs. This nice defence from Olivier Bessis and Godefroy de Tessieres helped them on their way. (See deal on the adjacent column)

Joel Wooldridge declared 3NT as East on the lead of the seven of spades, ducked to the king. Bessis returned a spade to the queen and Wooldridge led a club to the ten and jack. Now Bessis found the only card in his hand to create a problem for declarer, the ♥6.

### Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East

	♠ KJ93 ♥ K6 ♦ J976 ♣ KJ4	
♠ A864 ♥ T8 ♦ KQ ♣ AT963	N W E S	♠ QT ♥ AQ754 ♦ AT8 ♣ 852
	♠ 752 ♥ J932 ♦ 5432 ♣ Q7	

Of course, had Wooldridge put in his queen, everything would have been easy, but a different layout of the clubs and hearts could have turned this into the losing play. At the table he played low and de Tessieres won the jack. He wasted no time in shooting a third spade through dummy's holding and declarer won the ace and continued with ace and another club. When Bessis held both the long spade and long club the contract had to fail by a trick for -50. Around the room, 3NT normally succeeded.

### Final – Segment 5 : Italy Vs. Denmark

Board 15; Dealer : South; Vul : N-S

	♠ 43 ♥ AT9843 ♦ 64 ♣ JT8	
♠ KQT8762 ♥ 5 ♦ - ♣ KQ765	N W E S	♠ A ♥ KQ7 ♦ AKQJT932 ♣ A
	♠ J95 ♥ J62 ♦ 875 ♣ 9432	

W	N	E	S
<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Gjaldbaek</i>	<i>Mazzadi</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

W	N	E	S
<i>S. di Bello</i>	<i>J. Houmoller</i>	<i>F. di Bello</i>	<i>B. Houmoller</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	7NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(Contd.. on next page)

Play the ♣Q, and now again eliminate the diamonds from West hand by playing the ♦A from the hand and a diamond back to dummy's ♦K. The last 4-card position will be: **North: x, K8, -, T ; South: -,x,9,A9.** East will be left with no major suit card and one diamond honor card higher than 9 & Kxx or KJx of clubs, and west will be left with **T9** of hearts and xx or Jx in Clubs. Now when you play the last spade from dummy, East will discard one club and West will also be forced to discard one of his clubs (getting squeezed in hearts). On the ♥K, East gets squeezed in Diamond & clubs. Your last 2 tricks will be through ♣A9 or ♣A & ♦9, depending on East's discard. More exquisite play on East's club return will be to throw the ♣10 from dummy on the ♣Q.

**Case 3: West has discarded a Club and East returns a diamond** after winning the spade trick: Take the trick in dummy with ♦K, take club finesse with ♣Q and play the ♣A to eliminate the clubs from West hand. Now play the heart to the ♥K. The last 3 card position will be **North: x,8,x, - ; South: -, -, A9,9.** East will be left with no major suit card and 2 cards in diamonds & King of clubs, and west will be left with **Ten** of hearts and 2 cards in diamonds. When you play the last spades, East is squeezed in diamonds & clubs and West is squeezed in Hearts & diamonds. You again make the last 2 tricks with either ♦A & ♦9 or ♦A & ♣9.

**Case 4: West has discarded a Club and East returns a Club** after winning the spade trick: In this case take club finesse with ♣Q and play the ♣A to eliminate the clubs from West hand and play to dummy's ♦K. When you play the last spade the last 3 card position will be **North: -,K8,x, - ; South: -, -, A9,9.** East will be left with 2 cards in diamonds & King of clubs, and west will be left with **Ten & Nine** of hearts and 1 card in diamonds. On the play of ♥K, East is squeezed in diamonds & clubs and West is squeezed in Hearts & diamonds. You again make the last 2 tricks with either ♦A & ♦9 or ♦A & ♣9.

The full hand was:

	♠ AKxxx ♥ KQ8x ♦ Kx ♣ Tx	
♠ 9x ♥ JT97x ♦ Jxx ♣ Jxx	N W E S	♠ JTxx ♥ 2 ♦ QTxx ♣ Kxxx
	♠ Qx ♥ A63 ♦ A98x ♣ AQ9x	

An excellent exercise in counting a bridge hand & squeeze play. The technical name given to the above jugglery is "Non-Simultaneous double squeeze".

## BIDDING PROBLEM

- Reported by Editor

There was a typical bidding problem on this hand from the Pairs Finals of **K.N. Modi Tournament at Nainital**. For the ease of readers, the hand in question is being shown as N-S with South as dealer. **Not many of the pairs reached the ice-cold grand slam. What should be the correct bid? Can you do better.**

	♠ Axx ♥ QJx ♦ Qxx ♣ AKJT	
♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	N W E S	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	♠ QJT ♥ AKxxx ♦ AKJ ♣ Qx	

### A. Playing Standard:

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

- (1) – Slam interest, if partner having 12+ HCPs
- (2) – 2 Keycards with trump Queen

On the above sequence knowing the ♥Q, South could have bid 6♣ (showing the ♣Q) instead of 6NT, inviting partner for grand. (North could have had 5 carder clubs)

### B. Playing Precision the bidding may be:

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

- (1) –16+ HCPs; (2) – 15+ HCPs; (3) – RKC ; (4) – 2 Keycards with trump Q; (5) – King ask; (6) – One King

### C. People playing standard with 2NT showing 20-21 balanced hand, may have bid it as:

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

- (1) –Puppet Stayman; (2) – 5 hearts; (3) – RKC ; (4) – 3 Keycard; (5) – King ask; (6) – One King

Here after knowing 20-21, North may have calculated his 13 tricks, knowing fully well that one king is missing, hence partner has to have all the Queens & Jacks.

# All India K.N. Modi Bridge Tournament, Nainital

The All India K.N. Modi Bridge Tournament, 2003 was held at **Boat House Club, Nainital** from **18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 2003**. Being one of the most popular hill stations of North India, Nainital has always been attracting good number of teams from all over India and this year was no exception. Most of the participants were there along with their families, giving the tournament a festive look. There were 3 events and each event is detailed below:

## TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

In all, 46 teams participated in the T-4 event, and after playing a round robin of 10 rounds (of 8 boards each), the following teams reached the quarter finals:

- |                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Shyams Combine, Bangalore | 183 VPs |
| 2. SCPCC, Kolkata            | 180 VPs |
| 3. Vijay Goel, Delhi         | 180 VPs |
| 4. Alok Daga, Kolkata        | 178 VPs |
| 5. DSM-Machhar               | 174 VPs |
| 6. ACLA, Kolkata             | 174 VPs |
| 7. Aligarh Blues             | 171 VPs |
| 8. Pankaj Mehta              | 169 VPs |

Tolani Shipping (167 VPs) & Formidables (164 VPs) were the 2 big teams, which could not make to the Quarter final stage. These two teams had played the finals of the recently held Noida Tournament.

In the 2\*10 boards **Quarter Finals**, **Shyam's Combine, Bangalore** beat Pankaj Mehta by 51 IMPs (50-17, 38-20); **Aligarh Blues** beat SCPCC, Kolkata by 19 IMPs (13-28, 38-4); **Vijay Goel, Delhi** beat ACLA, Kolkata by 3 IMPs (15-16, 21-17) and **Alok Daga, Kolkata** beat DSM-Machhar by 14 IMPs (30-23, 24-17)

In the first of the 2\*16 boards **Semi-Finals**, **Alok Daga's team from Kolkata** beat Shyams Combine, Bangalore by 126 IMPs (146-20). In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-final **Vijay Goel's team**, **Delhi** beat Aligarh Blues by 61 IMPs (97-36)

In the 4\*10 boards **Finals**, **Alok Daga's team (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Ashim Mukherjee, Sukomal Das, C.S. Majumdar & Basudev Bhattacharya)** beat Vijay Goel's team (Vijay Goel, N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Kinshuk Bhattacharya & a pair from Bengal) by 45 IMPs (22-1, 50-22, 19-30, 31-38).

## BOARD-A-MATCH EVENT:

38 teams participated in the BAM event. The teams were divided in 3 groups and 4 teams from each group went through to the finals. The final was won by D.S. Tandon's team (a Punjab - Delhi combine). The winners were:

1. **D.S. Tandon's team - 89 (D.S. Tandon, Airon, A.K. Narang, R.C. Consul)**
2. **Shyam's Four, Bangalore - 85**
3. **Nagbagan Card Club, Kolkata - 85**

## OPEN PAIRS EVENT:

88 Pairs (excluding the pairs playing the Quarter Finals of Team of Four event) played the First Elimination and 40 pairs qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. 60 pairs (40 qualifiers + 20 pairs of QF, SF & Finals of team event) played the 2nd elimination, out of which 26 pairs reached the finals. The event winners were:

- |  |        |
|--|--------|
| 1. Suhas Vaidya - Vinay Desai          | 61.86% |
| 2. B. Roy - M.L. Jain                  | 57.85% |
| 3. Kr. Vijayanand Singh - S. Behura    | 57.53% |
| 4. Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana | 56.25% |
| 5. D.S. Roy Chudhary - R. Sain         | 56.25% |

The Management committee & the Tournament Directors deserve all the praise for their commendable job in conducting the tournament smoothly.

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners & the Organisers.

- Reported by Editor

## A Correction

There was a correction in the bidding of one of the deals of NOIDA final, which was published in the Aug 2003 Newsletter. The deal was the last deal (Deal 3) on page 6. The bidding was shown as being started by Sunit Chokshi (East). Actually it was Venky (West), who started the bidding with a PASS with ♦AKQTxxxx. The actual bidding was PASS (West - Venky)-PASS (North- RA Aggarwal)- 1Club (East - Sunit) instead of 1Club by (East - Sunit). The mistake is regretted.

Thanks to Mr. Arvind Vaidya for pointing out the error.

# International Bridge News

## World Youth Championship 2003

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Youth Championship was held at St. Cloud – Paris, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2003. 16 teams from all parts of the World participated in the event. After full round-robin of 15 rounds, the final scores were:

**Denmark – 299, USA2 – 290.5, Italy – 286, Poland – 275, France – 269, Norway – 264, England – 241, Canada – 235, China-Hong Kong – 220, Thailand – 199, Egypt – 194, Chinese Taipei – 187, USA1 – 164.5, Australia – 159, Chile – 142.5, Uruguay – 99.5.**

In the 64 boards Semi-final, **Denmark** beat **Poland** 194-166 and **Italy** beat **USA2** in a real cliffhanger by 197-196.5. The Final between **Italy & Denmark** turned out to be an anti-climax affair as **Italy** with a C/O of 3.6 IMPs never gave any chance to **Denmark** and comfortably won the 96 boards finals by 87.6 (271.6 – 184) IMPs.

Some interesting deals of the tournament are covered below:

*(Courtesy Editor: Daily Bulletins of 9<sup>th</sup> World Youth Team Championships)*

### Round Robin - Round 1: France Vs. Poland

Board 7; Dealer : South; Vul : All

	♠ A75432 ♥ T94 ♦ JT73	
♠ QJ86542 ♥ KQ9 ♦ J6 ♣ 9	N W E S	♠ T73 ♥ JT86 ♦ Q832 ♣ 42
	♠ AK9 ♥ AK75 ♣ AKQ865	

W	N	E	S
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Lutostanski</i>
3♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♦
All Pass			7♣

Lutostanski's 1♣ opening could have been various types, including a strong club. We are not sure why his 4♦ rebid showed the long clubs but whatever their agreements Buras had an excellent hand in support of either minor and his cuebid was all that Lutostanski needed to hear for bidding the grand.

W	N	E	S
<i>K.Kotorowicz</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>J.Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
3♠	Pass	4♠	2♦
Pass	7♣	All Pass	6♣

The French game-forcing 2♦ opening saw East/West pre-empt and raise in spades but when Gaviard jumped to 6♣, playing for just a little something from his partner, who was surely marked with a spade ruffing value at least, Bessis could have raised to 8♣, let alone seven, had such a call been legal. Flat at +2140.

### Round Robin - Round 4: Thailand Vs. Denmark

Board 3; Dealer : South; Vul : E-W

	♠ T72 ♥ 64 ♦ A86 ♣ KQ843	
♠ AQJ86 ♥ A ♦ KJ754 ♣ J2	N W E S	♠ 9543 ♥ JT95 ♦ QT932 ♣ -
	♠ K ♥ KQ8732 ♦ - ♣ AT9765	

W	N	E	S
<i>Chitngamkusol</i>	<i>J.Houmoller</i>	<i>Vichayapaibunnag</i>	<i>B.Houmoller</i>
1♠	2♣	2♠	1♥
Dbl	4NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♦

W	N	E	S
<i>Marquardsen</i>	<i>Sasibut</i>	<i>Henriksen</i>	<i>Trimankha</i>
2♥	Pass	2♠	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	6♦	6♣
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room, the Houmollers bid up to 6♣ under their own steam and Amornpong Vichayapaibunnag's spade lead permitted Terasak Chitngamkusol to take his two aces for down one; -50.

In the other room, Andreas Marquardsen contented himself with only one positive call on the West cards, showing spades and a minor then staying silent for the remainder of the auction. Sasibut/Trimankha got to 5♣ then Trimankha thought long and hard before going on to Slam. He no doubt imagined that his partner's sequence