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Kudos to Arvind Vaidya for promoting Bridge in Colleges

Lot has been written about the lack of initiative in promoting bridge among youngsters in India. Mr. Arvind Vaidya of Mumbai has taken the initiative towards achieving this goal by promoting bridge in colleges at Mumbai.

Bridge players in Mumbai including Hema Deora and Arvind Vaidya have hit upon a novel idea to get college kids interested in the game. A team of bridge players has begun visiting colleges to introduce the game to students and also train them.

With the wholehearted consent & support of Dr. R.T. Sane, the Principal of the famous Ramnarain Ruia College in Mumbai (he is also a keen Bridge player and has taken part in various tournaments) and of its students' body, Arvind Vaidya gave a 75 minutes power-point presentation on 14th September 2004 to a gathering comprising of about 200 students & some staff members. Arvind Vaidya, a National level player, discussed the nuances of the game with the students. "It is a thinking game and one requires concentration and logic to do well," he told the students.

The presentation focused on introducing bridge to college students & also help eliminate misconceptions about bridge in society. It also had information on salient features of this global sport. Some of the slides also depicted bridge quotes by internationally known, bridge loving personalities.

Ruia college immediately announced enrollment by its students interested in learning the game. Depending on the response over the next few days, a beginners' coaching programme from October is likely to commence. The colleges need at least 50 students for the 13 session training programme.

The team plans to approach other Mumbai colleges in future with Poddar College being the next stop.

The Bridge fraternity congratulates Mr. Arvind Vaidya & his team for their initiative and wishes them best of luck for conducting many more programmes in future for youngsters. Other senior players of our country are also requested to further their efforts to this cause and promote BRIDGE among youngsters in our country.

Editor

WISHING BEST OF LUCK

To

All the Members of the Indian Open & Ladies Team

For the coming

World Bridge Olympiad at Istanbul, Turkey (23rd Oct – 6th Nov 2004)

ALBARRAN Convention

This convention is used only after a 2 Clubs opening by the responder. The origin is unknown. In general the 2♣ opener in standard American system shows one of the following type of hands:

- 23 HCP minimum if hand is balanced
- 17 HCP minimum if 1-suited hand with in one trick of game (9 playing tricks) or 3 loser hand
- 21 Points if hand has 8 playing tricks or 4 loser hand

The standard treatment after 2♣ opening is limited to 2♦ by responder as artificial negative or waiting bid, any new suit with 5 or longer suit topped by at least Q or better and 2NT showing 8+ and balanced hand.

Fundamentally, the Albarran convention is Ace Showing, providing information to the 2 Club bidder before he/she has a chance to define and describe his/her holding. The responses are listed in the diagram below:

Opener	Responder	Meaning
2 ♣	2 ♦	Shows no Ace and maximum values of 7 high card points
	2♥/2♠/3♣/3♦	Promises only the Ace of Hearts / Spades / Clubs / Diamonds
	2 NT	Promises no Aces but 8 high card points plus
	3♥/3♠/4♣/4♦	Promises the equivalent of AKQxxx, a 6-card suit in the bid suit
	3 NT/ 4 NT	Promises 2 / 3 Aces

In short the 2♦ response remains same. Any simple new suit promises the Ace in the suit bid. Any jump suit promises a 6-card suit topped by AKQ. 2NT promises No ace but 8+ HCP. 3NT promises 2Aces and 4NT 3 Aces. It is not possible to show any other type of holding and is not generally required also.

There are certain bidding responses, which could lead to difficulties in the ensuing auction, such as in the bidding auction:

♠ AQ9	♠ 54
♥ KQJ	♥ A52
♦ KQ9	♦ A764
♣ KQJ9	♣ A843

North	South	
2 ♣	4 NT	Promises 3 Aces

The planned re-bid of North is to show a balanced holding of 23-24 high card points. After a response of 4 No Trump by the partner, should North settle with a re-bid of 6 No Trump or 7 No Trump or even a Pass? **The question is whether the ensuing auction can ascertain whether South has any additional values to guarantee slam.** In the above example, it is clear that the partnership has possibly 2 losers, one in Spades if the King is offside and one in Diamonds assuming the Diamonds do not split. The lead of a Spade will certainly make it easy during the play for North to take 12 tricks, but the lead of any other suit forces North to consider carefully his play and/or finesse possibilities for the Spade suit, but the question remains whether the partnership can, still during the auction, ascertain whether South has the additional values needed for either a small or grand slam.

Treatment after Interference by Opponents:

In the case that the opponents interfere immediately after a 2 Club opening, then **Pass** by the responder describes a minimum holding with no Aces, a **Double** promises moderate to good values in the suit of the opponent but promises no Aces, and if the overcall has not interfered in the normal structure of the convention, then all bids remain the same as if there had been no overcall.

(Contributed by Major B.H. Iyer)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

05/09/2004 – (SPL. SUNDAY IMP PAIRS - 20 Pairs)

1. Mrs. Kiran Nadar – B. Satyanarayana 97 IMPs
2. N.K. Gupta – Sudhir Aggarwal 63 IMPs
3. Paresh Gupta – Anand Bhatia 51 IMPs
4. Ms. Suni Chung – Ms. Nina Thadani 38 IMPs

07/09/2004 – 13 Tables

- NS 1: V.N. Puri – V. Ravindran 60.59%
NS 2: A.K. Narang – Yogesh Tewari 58.79%
NS 3: Sudhir Aggarwal – M. Shivdasani 55.07%

- EW 1: N.K. Gupta – Sandeep Thakral 58.70%
EW 2: A.K. Jha – R. Chakravarty 58.37%
EW 3: S.K. Syal – Dr. Tushar Moghe 57.58%

14/09/2004 – 10 Tables

- NS 1: Ganpat Rai – K.B. Sikand 64.44%
NS 2: Gopal Saxena – A.K. Upadhyay 60.74%
NS 3: Prof. S.C. Gupta – Mrs. Mani Gupta 57.07%

- EW 1: Mrs. Beneeta Chandra – A.K. Sinha 56.76%
EW 2: Narvir Singh – Daya Dhaon 55.56%
EW 3: S.K. Agrawal – Ved Prakash 54.78%

21/09/2004 – 13 Tables

- NS 1: Ganpat Rai – K.B. Sikand 59.38%
NS 2: Chitra Roy – Bhavana Naraindas 59.03%
NS 3: Gopal Saxena – Ajay Tankha 53.26%

- EW 1: Subhash Gupta – Joyjit Sen Sharma 62.85%
EW 2: T.C. Pant – Vinod Sharma 62.07%
EW 3: R.C. Consul – D.K. Mutreja 59.03%

28/09/2004

Section – A: 8 Tables

- NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – M. Shivdasani 59.19%
NS 2: Dr. Nikita Kamal – Amarjit 56.88%

- EW 1: V. N. Puri – D.K. Mutreja 62.70%
EW 2: Yogesh Chandra – Mohan Hirani 52.64%

Section – B: 9 Tables

- NS 1: V. Ravindran – A.K. Bala 62.64%
NS 2: T.C. Pant – Vinod Sharma 58.10%

- EW 1: Paresh Gupta – K. Bhattacharya 66.97%
EW 2: S. Krishnamurthy – Rudra Dev 62.37%

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

04/09/2004 – 13 Teams

1. **SUBHASH GUPTA** – (Subhash Gupta, T.C. Pant, N.K. Gupta, Paresh Gupta, Sham Sharma)
2. **EXPLORER** – (A.K. Narang, R. Chakravarty, Vijay Kumar, Yogesh M. Tewari)
3. **KIRAN NADAR** – (Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Sudhir Aggarwal, Mukesh Shivdasani, Sunil Bhatia)

11/09/2004 – 18 Teams

1. **SONCHEL**– (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Sunil Bhatia, Anil Vasudev)
2. **EXPLORER** – (Vijay Kumar, R. Chakravarty, A.K. Narang, Yogesh Tewari, , R.K. Gupta)
3. **VIJAY GOEL** – (Sukamal Das, Kingshuk Bhattacharya, N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral)
4. **DK TEWARI** – (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, K.K. Sabharwal, S. Dharni)

18/09/2004 – 12 Teams

1. **MADHU** – (M.S. Sharma, S.N. Mathur, Tao Ye, S. Krishnamurthy)
2. **GANPAT RAI**– (Ganpat Rai, A.K. Sikand, R.C. Aggarwal, C.S. Bedi, A.K. Sinha)

25/09/2004 – 6 Teams

1. **COSMOS** – (A. Mandal, Rajesh Jain, D.K. Mutreja, Vijay)

AILBA - Weekly Results

10/09/2004 - 10 Tables

- NS 1: Mrs. Sneha Thadani – Mrs. Suman Bansidhar
NS 2: Mrs. Shashi Jain – Maj. B.H. Iyer
EW 1: Sukamal Das – Kingshuk Bhattacharya
EW 2: D.D. Gulhati – D.N. Khanna

17/09/2004 - 7 Tables

- NS 1: Mrs. Suni Chung – V.K. Gupta
NS 2: Mrs. Rinku Singh – Mrs. Beneeta Chandra
EW 1: S.K. Agrawal – Narvir Singh
EW 2: Sukamal Das – Kingshuk Bhattacharya

24/09/2004 - 9 Tables

- NS 1: Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal – Mrs. Shashi Jain
NS 2: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Madhuri Modwel
EW 1: Mrs. Sushma Gupta – U. Gupta
EW 2: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

All India K.N. Modi Bridge Tournament, Nainital

The **All India K.N. Modi Bridge Tournament, 2004** was held at **Boat House Club, Nainital** from **23rd to 26th Sep 2004**. Nainital has always been one of the most attractive venues for Bridge players all over India and this year was no exception. It seems, weather Gods were also helping the bridge cause, as the weather in Nainital till 22nd was quite bad due to heavy rains. In fact, all players coming from Kathgodam had to take a detour via Bhimtal-Bhawali, as the main road to Nainital was broken at various places due to landslides. The tournament dates also coincided with the dates of the famous NANDADEVI fare organized annually at Nainital, giving more colour & fanfare to the participants and their families.

There were 3 events and each event is detailed below:

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

In all, 53 teams participated in the T-4 event, and after playing a round robin of 9 rounds (of 8 boards each), the following teams reached the quarter finals:

1.	Monidipa, Kolkata	167 VPs
2.	DSM	167 VPs
3.	Maya Mira, Delhi	164 VPs
4.	M. Mukherjee, Kolkata	163 VPs
5.	Gen. Sect. Club (Harbhajan)	162 VPs
6.	Aces, Delhi	162 VPs
7.	Azure	161 VPs
8.	SCPCC, Kolkata	160 VPs

In the 2*10 boards **Quarter Finals, Monidipa** beat SCPCC (R. G. Saha, P. Paul, H. Hasan, D. Majumder, K. Nandi, K. Das) by 54 IMPs (24-6, 63-27); **Azure** beat DSM (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, N.K. Gupta, Sandeep Thakral) by 12 IMPs (31-17, 9-11); **Aces, Delhi** beat Maya Mira (Vijay Goel, Sukamal Das, Ashim Mukherjee, Samir Basak, Pranab Bardhan) by 18 IMPs (21-31, 34-6) and **M. Mukherjee** beat Central Sect. Club (Harbhajan Singh, S.R. Malhotra, Ved Prakash, S.R. Gupta, Y. Punj, Shyam Lal) by 9 IMPs (4-22, 37-10)

In the first of the 2*16 boards **Semi-Finals, Aces, Delhi** beat AZURE (Maj. S. Hooda, Bharti Dey, Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha) by 37 IMPs (27-27, 54-17). In the 2nd Semi-final **Monidipa** beat M. Mukherjee (Uday Ghosh, U.S. Roy, N.K. Ghosh, Ranada Dutta, T. Bagchi, Sudhir Chakraborty) by 22 IMPs (46-30, 32-26).

In the 4*10 boards **Finals, Aces, Delhi (Subhash Gupta, B. Satyanarayana, Sudhir Aggarwal, Kingshuk Bhattacharya)** beat Monidipa (S.P. Ghosh, Biman Chatterjee, I. Chakraborty, Sandip Dutta, R.K. Mazumdar) by 44 IMPs (24-27, 27-12, 15-4, 25-4).

BOARD-A-MATCH EVENT:

48 teams participated in the BAM event. The teams were divided in 4 groups and played an elimination round out of which 6 teams from each group went through to the finals. The 2 losing semi-finalist teams joined these 24 qualified teams in the final. The winners of the BAM event were:

1	AZURE - 98
2	Pankaj Kapadia - 93
3/4	Explorers - 87
3/4	Manas Mukherjee - 87
5/6	R.P. Gupta IV - 86
5/6	Delhi Blues - 86

OPEN PAIRS EVENT:

98 Pairs (excluding the pairs playing the Quarter Finals of Team of Four event) played the First Elimination in 4 sections and 48 pairs qualified for the 2nd elimination round. 64 pairs (48 qualifiers + pairs from QF, SF & Finals of team event) played the 2nd elimination, out of which 30 pairs reached the finals. The event winners in the 26 boards final were:

1.	Manas Mukherjee – Rana Roy	239.50
2.	N.K. Gupta – Sandeep Thakral	220.50
3.	R.K. Majumdar – S. Dutta	216.50
4.	S. sarkar – J.N. Roy	216.00
5.	J. Biswas – T.K. Roy	204.00
6.	K. Nandy – D. Majumdar	197.50

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 Organizers.

- Reported by Editor

XXV PSPB Inter Unit Bridge Tournament

The 25th Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, Inter Unit Bridge Tournament was hosted by Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd. at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 14th to 19th Sep 2004.

The tournament details are given below:

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

17 teams participated in the T-4 event, and after playing a round robin of 7 rounds (of 8 boards each), the following 4 top teams qualified for the Super league:

1. EIL	137 VPs
2. BPCL "A"	134 VPs
3. ONGC "B"	119 VPs
4. HPCL "A"	116 VPs

In the Super league, **ONGC "B" topped** with a score of **56 VPs**. They beat BPCL "A" by 20-10, beat EIL by 25-5 & lost to HPCL "A" by 11-19. **HPCL "A"** with a score of **48 VPs**, was the other team to qualify for the finals. They lost to EIL by 4-25 but beat BPCL "A" & ONGC "B" by 25-3 & 19-11 respectively. EIL & BPCL "A" could muster only 40 & 33 VPs respectively and were out from the team finals.

In the 3*10 boards **Finals, HPCL "A"** beat ONGC "B" by 11 IMPs (28-33, 27-21, 25-15). The winners were represented by **Sandeep Karmarkar, Atul Jaywant, Biswas, N.M. Samel, S.B. wagle & N.M. Gavande**. The losers were represented by D.N. Sinha, P.R. Raju, Alok Kumar, M. Dey, Giri Kindo & sanjeev Kumar.

OPEN PAIRS EVENT:

40 Pairs played the First Elimination in 2 sections, out of which 20 pairs qualified for the 2nd elimination round. The section winners were:

Section A – NS: S. Behuria – Mrs. M. Karmarkar

Section A – EW: R.K. Das – B. Maity

Section B – NS: P. Sarkar – A. Tosh

Section B – EW: A. Chakrabarty – D.N. Bordoloi

The 20 qualifiers and the 12 Pairs who played the super league of the team event played in the 2nd elimination of Pairs. A total of 8 NS & 8 EW went through to the finals. The winner of the 2nd elimination were:

NS 1: D.N. Sinha – P.R. Raju 60.83%

NS 2: B. Roychowdhary – S. Das 55.60%

EW 1: P. Sarkar – A. Tosh 64.05%

EW 2: R. Das – B. Maity 62.62%

The 16 qualified pairs played the final and the winners were:

1. Sandeep Karmarkar – A. Jayant
2. P. Saikia – C.K. Kachari
3. R. Nanda – A.K. Ghosh
4. S. Behuria – Mrs. Marianne Karmarkar

BOARD-A-MATCH EVENT:

20 teams participated in the BAM event, which was played in 2 sessions with a total of 38 boards played. The winners of the BAM event were:

1. ONGC "C"	136
2. IOC "A"	133
3. OIL "A"	130
4. EIL "A"	129

The Tournament was directed by Mr. N.K. Jain.

Mr. S. Behuria, the CMD of BPCL also participated in the tournament

Congratulations to All the Winners

- Reported by Editor

Interesting Deals- PSPB Tournament

WELL BID HAND

The following hand was played in the Team of four – Super league match between BPCL & EIL.

Board 9, Vul: EW, Dir: North

	♠ K862 ♥ JT752 ♦ T9 ♣ 43	
♠ QJT75 ♥ AQ84 ♦ 4 ♣ A72	N W E S	♠ A3 ♥ 6 ♦ AKJ87652 ♣ QJ
	♠ 94 ♥ K93 ♦ Q3 ♣ KT9865	

In the close room the EIL EW bid 3 NT, making 12 tricks. In the open room, playing Standard, the BPCL EW (East: N. Sidharthan) pair bid as follows:

W	N	E	S
		1D	Pass
1S	Pass	3D	Pass
3H	Pass	4D	Pass
4S	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	6D	All Pass

The lead was spade and once the diamonds broke 2-2, it was easy to make all 13 tricks.

INTERESTING HAND

T-4 Super League: ONGC "B" Vs. HPCL "A"

M. Dey of ONGC "B" bid and played the hand to perfection in making his doubled contract.

Dir: East

	♠ Kx ♥ Kxxxx ♦ 743 ♣ Axx	
♠ 97x ♥ T9 ♦ J9xxx ♣ Kxx	N W E S	♠ AQTx ♥ AQx ♦ x ♣ Q9xxx
	♠ J8xx ♥ Jxx ♦ AKQT ♣ JT	

The bidding went as follows:

M. Dey			S. Karmarkar
W	N	E	S
Pass	1H	1D(1)	Pass
2D	Pass	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2S	Pass	Rdbl (2)	Pass
All Pass		Pass	Dbl

- (1) - Precision(11-15, can have singleton diamond)
- (2) - SoS for take out

When West passed the hand, North with his 11 HCPs, came with his 1♥ bid and from their onwards South with his 12 HCPs just went on doubling the EW. The lead was ♦3 and South (Sandeep) took with his queen and shifted to a spade, declarer taking North's King with his Ace. A low club was led to the Jack, King & North's Ace and he continued with another diamond ruffed in dummy. ♣Q was cashed falling the ten and declarer continued with ♣9. South could ruff this and play another diamond ruffed by declarer in dummy and club continued. The spade 9 turned out to be a entry to finally take the heart finesse and the contract made. If North ducks the first club, declarer takes the heart finesse and can cash heart ace and ruff a heart in hand to make the contract. As it turned out there was no defence for the deal.

WELL PLAYED HAND

Pair Elimination - I:

P.C. Mondal - R.N. Prasad of B.R.P.L. bid and played brilliantly as North-South to make the following hand:

	♠ 8 ♥ Q ♦ AJT987 ♣ AK965	
♠ AKxx ♥ JTxxxx ♦ Qxx ♣	N W E S	♠ Qx ♥ Kxxx ♦ xx ♣ QT843
	♠ J76532 ♥ A2 ♦ K3 ♣ J72	

The bidding:

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

(1) - 5-5 in Minors

West led the ♠K and shifted to ♥J covered by queen, King and taken by Ace. Declarer played a low club to the Ace and got the bad news. He now played a low diamond to King in his hand and a low diamond to the ten finessing the queen. Next ♦A was played, ruffed low by East and declarer overruffed by ♣7. Now a heart was ruffed in dummy and diamond continued. Poor East discarded his hearts and declarer the spades. Finally a low club was played from dummy and East got end played. Very nicely executed hand.

WELL BID HAND

Board-a-Match - Elimination round:

A.K. Ghosh - R. Nanda of EIL bid the following hand systematically to reach the best contract.

	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	
♠ Jxxx ♥ KQ9x ♦ K9x ♣ AJ	N W E S	♠ AKxxxx ♥ JTx ♦ ATx ♣ x
	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	

W	N	E	S
2NT(1)	Pass	1S	Pass
4C(3)	Pass	3C(2)	Pass
4NT(4)	Pass	4D(3)	Pass
5D (6)	Pass	5C(5)	Pass
5S (8)	Pass	5H(7)	Pass
		6S(9)	All Pass

- (1) – Jacoby 4+ Spades & 12+ HCPs
- (2) – Club Singleton (3) – Cue-bids (4) – RKC
- (5) – 0 or 3 (6) – Asking for trump Queen
- (7) – No Queen (8) – Stopping at five level
- (9) – taking extra value for the 6th spade

There was nothing in the play. The queen fell in 2 rounds and the diamond loser went on the 4th heart.

FREAK DEAL

The following freakish deal came in the Team of four finals between ONGC & HPCL.

Board 9, Vul: EW, Dir: North

	♠ QJxxx ♥ xxx ♦ AJT9x ♣	
♠ AKJTx ♥ x ♦ AQxxx ♣ KQ	N W E S	♠ Q8xx ♥ x ♦ Kxx ♣ xxxxx
	♠ 97xx ♥ AKTxxx ♦ xx ♣ x	

Bidding:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1C (1)	1H	Pass	4H
4S	5H	5S	6H
Dbl	All Pass		

- (1) – Precision (16+ HCPs)

There were clear cut 2 diamond losers and East should have realized that someone is void in spades. However when he led the ♠Q, declarer ruffed, took out the trump and played the Ace of club and a club ruffed. The ♣K fell and declarer made all the 13 tricks.

- Reported by Editor

Selection for Golcha Memorial

Please note that the organizers of Golcha Tournament to be held at Jaipur from 29th to 31st Oct 2004 have fixed a quota of four teams from Delhi. We will hold a selection trial, if there are more than 4 teams interested in participating. Interested teams should contact DBA.

- Secretary DBA

Pre-empting the opponents

The following interesting deal came in the elimination round of Board-a-match, in the recently held All India K.N. Modi Tournament 2004 at Nainital.

Dealer: North, Vul: EW

	♠ 92 ♥ xx ♦ QJT98xx ♣ Qx	
♠ T73 ♥ ATxxxx ♦ A9x ♣	N W E S	♠ KJ8654 ♥ xxx ♦ KJT8 ♣
	♠ AQ ♥ KQJx ♦ AKx ♣ 7xxx	

The bidding by N-S pair of Delhi Blues team was:

	Paresh Gupta		Sham Sharma
W	N	E	S
	3D	Pass	3NT

All Pass

The pre-emption by NS had its effect and on the 4th best heart lead, declarer took his 7 diamonds, a heart and a spade to make his contract.

When the hand was played against the NS of the opponents, the bidding went:

Anand Bhatia		T.C. Pant	
W	N	E	S
	Pass	2D (1)	Dbl
4H	5D	Pass	Pass
5H	Pass	5S	Dbl
All Pass			

- (1) – Multi (Weak in either major)

North choose to pass the hand and East bid a multi 2♦. This was doubled by South and West did his bit by jumping to 4♥ (Pass or correct to spades). North also came in action with 5♦, which was passed back to West. Anand again bid 5♥, which was converted to 5♠ by Pant and promptly doubled by South.

♦A was led and ruffed in dummy, ♥A was cashed discarding a diamond and a heart ruffed in hand. The last diamond ruffed in dummy and spade 10 played to South's queen. Finally after taking out the trumps, it was a matter of locating the club queen. Jack of clubs was led from hand and when South did not cover it, declarer put the Ace remembering – "You don't cover if you don't have it", and played a low club back to his hand for the contract and a SIX on the deal.

- Reported by Editor

International Bridge News

GENERALI World Masters Individual

Following the great success of the **5th GENERALI Masters Individual Championship** held in Athens, Greece, in 2000, the City of Verona, Italy, hosted the **6th event** of the series from 8–10 September 2004. 80 of the best players in the world took part, most of them being holders of at least one World, European, American or Asian title. There were 52 players invited in the **Open** series including Bob Hamman, the top player in the world and 28 players in the **Women** series comprising of all the leading female competitors in the WBF Master Points list. All players used the same simple natural system described on the GENERALI convention card.

The Open tournament was played in 4 sessions (total 102 boards – 51 rounds of 2 boards each) and the ladies event was held in 3 sessions (total 81 boards – 27 rounds of 3 boards each).

Denmark's Jens Auken was the early leader in the Men's competition after scoring a healthy 64.06% in the opening session of 24 boards. Ishmael Del'Monte of Australia, was second with a score of 59.72% and close behind in the 3rd position was Bob Hamman (USA) with 59.55% followed by Tor Helness (Norway), Luis Lantaron (Spain) and 1994 champion Jon Baldursson (Iceland). Norberto Bocchi, one of the leading home player was in seventh place.

In the 2nd session of 26 boards, Lew Standsby (USA) scored a healthy 60.87% to be the session winner. Tony Forrester & Andrew Robson of U.K. with 59.62% & 58.97% were second and third respectively. After 50 boards (end of session 2), Jens Auken of Denmark was the leader with 58.58%. Andrew Robson (UK) with 57.08% was second and Norberto Bocchi of Italy was third with 56.58%.

In the Women's first session of 27 boards, Tobi Sokolow of USA had a marvelous session with 65.12% score. She was followed by Gloria Ho (Taipei) & Catherine d' Ovidio of France with identical 61.42% score. Tobi Sokolow continued her good form and again topped in the 2nd session with a score of 58.95%. Tobi was the overall leader after 54 boards (end of session 2) with a score of 62.04%. Gloria Ho with 58.33% was Second, Bénédicte Cronier with 56.48% was third and Sabine Auken (Germany) with 54.48% was fourth.

A strong third session (of 26 boards) saw England's Andrew Robson move into the lead in the Men's competition. Robson scored 64.02% in Session Three and led with a score of 59.46% after 76 boards. Norberto Bocchi was second with 55.78% (nearly three tops behind) and not far behind Bocchi was Alain Levy and Jens Auken with 55.16% & 55% respectively.

Nicola Smith of England scored a massive 68.52% in the last session of Women, which enhanced her overall final ranking to 3rd with a score of 56.58%. There was not much competition for **Tobi Sokolow** of US, who comfortably won the event with an overall score of 59.67%. Bénédicte Cronier of France came second with 58.13% and Gloria Ho of Taipei was fourth with 54.84%.

The battle for supremacy in the Open event continued in the final 4th session of 26 boards. Waleed El Ahmadi of Egypt topped the 4th session with a score of 61.70%. However the contest went to the wire till the last 2 boards. Andrew Robson of UK, who was leading till the last 2 boards had a bad set of last 2 boards, which was enough for the home player of Italy – Norberto Bocchi to snatch the victory. Bocchi scored 58.97% in the final set against Robson's poor 3rd set score of 46.79%. The final rankings were:

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| 1. Norberto Bocchi (Italy) | - 56.68% |
| 2. Andrew Robson (England) | - 56.23% |
| 3. Jan Auken (Denmark) | - 55.28% |
| 4. Antonio Sementa (Italy) | - 53.82% |
| 5. Herve Mouiel (France) | - 53.44% |

Zia Mehmood was 10th with a score of 52.15% and Subhash Gupta (India) was 37th with a score of 49.16%. The editor watched all the hands on live Vugraph and found that in general the quality of bridge was not up to the mark. There were numerous mistakes on signaling and unmakeable contracts were allowed to be made proving the point that partnership understanding is a must to play good bridge.

- Reported by Editor

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

Psychic Bidding / Play

The exact meaning of psychic bidding/play and their limitations is widely misunderstood. This is to define the same and clarify as to when & how one can use it with in the Law.

Psyches.

A psychic call is a deliberate and gross misstatement of high-card strength or suit length. In general, psyches are permitted, however a psychic call of a conventional bid is not permitted. Further, partnership agreement regarding specific psyche is not permitted. Psyches need to be reported to director each time by the player making the psyche. Typing 'I psyched' in tournament room chat or in private to director is the correct way to report. Please do so as soon as possible after the psyche.

There is no penalties for not reporting, however continuous failure to report this will disallow future use of psyches by that player. TD may inspect the recap for a deal in which a psych has occurred. If it is apparent that a partnership agreement exists regarding that psychic call, TD may invoke the Rule Of Coincidence and adjust the board. (Rule of Coincidence applies when one player has made a call, which compensates for the misdescription of partner's hand - for example, a player overbids his hand by 3 HCP and partner underbids to compensate. In such a case it is apparent that an undisclosed partnership agreement exists).

What is a psych?

The laws define a psychic call as a "deliberate and gross mis-statement of honor strength and suit length." The right to make such bids is guaranteed by

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.

So, there is really one more part to the definition of a psychic call: it can't be part of our system, but rather is a deviation from your system.

What limits are there on psyching?

There is no set rule saying, "You may psych on at most one hand out of ____." There are, however, two things in the laws that control the frequency of psyching.

One is the requirement that a psych not be "based on a partnership understanding." If you psych repeatedly in the same situation, your partner can't help but notice the pattern. Psyches by their nature tend to be rather spectacular and memorable things, frequently leading to surprise tops or (more frequently, for most) bottoms. It's very easy for your partner to -- consciously or subconsciously -- change his bidding style to accommodate your habit. Once partner does this -- say, by giving only a single raise even on hands that are worth a jump to game opposite a partner who can be counted on to have his bid -- your system has changed to adapt to the psychic bid, and your tendencies in psyching now have to be Alerted and explained just like any other nonstandard partnership agreement.

In many areas of the world, such an agreement will run foul of the system regulations. Sponsoring organizations have the right to forbid you from systematically opening hands of less than 8HCP at the 1-level. They may also forbid you from using conventions, which you employ to identify psychic bids and escape from an otherwise-forcing auction ("psychic controls").

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Secondly, if your only reason for psyching is purely destructive -- to harass your opponents or disrupt the game, as opposed to a sincere attempt to achieve a good score on a board by unorthodox means -- you will be violating the Proprieties. Bidding 7NT on six points "just because we are losing anyway and I've never lost 24imps on a single board before" will get you in trouble for disrupting the game, just likewalking out of the game early or getting into a shouting match with your opponents would. If you make a habit of psyching excessively often, you may find the director asking questions about why you psyched, investigating to see if you were playing bridge or causing trouble.

This doesn't mean that a psychic bid is illegal just because your opponent is upset at being misled. A deceptive bid is a legitimate way to try to get a good score on a hand. It's psyching just for the purpose of upsetting the opponents, not trying to win, that isn't allowed.

Not all unusual bids are psyches:

A psych has to be a deliberate and gross misstatement of your hand. An accidental misdescription of someone's hand, either as a result of a mis-click or of forgetting one's system, is a common accident. The end result of a misbid is much the same as for a psych, in that there is generally no automatic penalty, but the misbidder gets whatever score they earn, for better or (much more often) for worse.

Mild distortions of your hand shape or strength are not psychic bids; that is just trying to find the best bid within your system for a difficult-to-bid hand. For example, some players will open 1♦ instead of 1♣ holding ♠xx ♥Kx ♦AQJx ♣KTxxx, because they foresee a rebid problem if they blindly open their longest suit. (If a player does this every time he holds 4-5 in the minors, he should include this in the explanation of his 1♦ opening; but if this is only an occasional deviation, he's within his (40A) rights.

(Contributed by Major B.H. Iyer)

Third PHD-GPI Bridge Tournament

14th - 17th October 2004

VENUE

**PHD House
Opp Asian Games Village
New Delhi - 110 016**

Patron: Shri K.K. Modi

Chair Persons:

**Smt. Rajkumari Aggarwal
Shri P.K. Rajgariah**

SPONSOR:

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Total Prize Money: Approx Rs. 6 Lacs

PROGRAMME:

Thursday 14th October 2004

0930 Hrs.: Inauguration (Entries close by 0915 Hrs.)
1000 - 2000 Hrs.: Round 1 to 6 of T-4

Friday 15th October 2004

0900 - 1545 Hrs.: Round 7 to 10 of T-4
1630 - 2030 Hrs.: Open Pair Elimination - I
1700 - 2030 Hrs.: QF - Session 1 & 2 (10 boards)

Saturday 16th October 2004

0900 - 1030 Hrs.: QF - Session 3 (10 boards)
0930 - 1300 Hrs.: Open Pair Elimination - II
1000 - 1330 Hrs.: Consolation Pairs
1100 - 2000 Hrs.: Open Teams SF Knockout (4*12 Boards)
1300 - 1430 Hrs.: Lunch
1430 - 1900 Hrs.: Open Pair Elimination - III
1500 - 1830 Hrs.: Consolation Pairs

Sunday 17th October 2004

0900 - 1300 Hrs.: T-4, Finals - Session 1 & 2
0930 - 1300 Hrs.: Open Pairs Final - Session 1
1000 - 1300 Hrs.: Consolation Pairs
1300 - 1400 Hrs.: Lunch
1400 - 1800 Hrs.: T-4, Finals - Session 3 & 4
1400 - 1730 Hrs.: Open Pairs Finals- Session II
1900 - 2000 Hrs.: Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

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**List of Delhi Bridge Assoc. Players with more than 300 Master Points
Updated till 31.08.2004**

SNo.	REGT. No.	NAME	DISTT.	STATE	NATIONAL	TOTAL
1	D180	SUBHASH GUPTA	157.20	1149.40	1407.57	2714.17
2	D154	N K GUPTA	202.82	1295.31	729.62	2227.75
3	D223	BACHIRAJU SATYANARAYANA	135.61	856.98	1171.66	2164.25
4	D268	ASHOK GOEL	10.34	930.45	810.89	1751.68
5	D178	KIRAN NADAR	148.52	566.39	995.57	1710.48
6	D229	RAJESHWAR TIWARI	20.20	1061.19	406.41	1487.80
7	D002	R R GUPTA		1138.37	6.01	1144.38
8	D287	INDER PAL SINGH	23.57	682.98	384.31	1090.86
9	D073	S R MALHOTRA	14.30	762.06	210.38	986.74
10	D072	PARESH GUPTA	90.02	693.73	195.83	979.58
11	D160	D K TIWARI	175.23	341.78	442.16	959.17
12	D014	H K L CAPOOR	3.84	921.49	0.76	926.09
13	D007	RITA CHOKSI	3.90	876.55	18.70	899.15
14	D048	HARBHAJAN SINGH	11.01	614.69	232.17	857.87
15	D004	K K ZUTSHI	2.83	822.75	20.90	846.48
16	D271	S G AGGARWAL	237.99	218.99	355.19	812.17
17	D280	SUNIL BHATIA	222.80	227.89	303.31	754.00
18	D259	P C GUPTA	139.87	268.56	306.05	714.48
19	D265	JOGINDER SINGH		695.39	2.09	697.48
20	D019	SUBODH GOPAL BOSE MULLICK	4.38	681.92		686.30
21	D021	RAGHUBIR S JASUJA	71.94	585.28	5.26	662.48
22	D006	HANS VERMA	16.16	630.22	2.60	648.98
23	D063	K B SIKAND	55.72	467.09	65.11	587.92
24	D294	ASHWIN MEHTA	169.67	176.75	187.83	534.25
25	D101	S GOPALAKRISHNAN	0.27	520.05		520.32
26	D282	T C PANT	148.52	109.37	255.82	513.71
27	D140	ASHOK BEDI	104.45	227.68	174.88	507.01
28	D266	V K SAWHNEY	15.26	459.70	5.97	480.93
29	D038	K CHANDRAMOULI		463.04	9.29	472.33
30	D023	D S AHLUWALIA		457.23		457.23
31	D077	RAVI GUJRAL	39.28	315.54	90.21	445.03
32	D129	J S BAKSHI	4.23	419.79	0.95	424.97
33	D186	A K NARANG	99.10	109.98	215.00	424.08
34	D066	S N MATHUR	65.71	298.29	12.89	376.89
35	D055	N K JAIN	72.68	265.35	35.26	373.29
36	D356	R C CONSUL	71.38	30.80	251.04	353.22
37	D136	R CHAKRABORTY	134.21	165.33	18.72	318.26
38	D232	SANGRAM GUHA	159.26	126.77	23.55	309.58
39	D056	SHASHI JAIN	55.88	248.28	4.80	308.96

3rd PHD Tournament

The 3rd All India PHD Tournament will be held at PHD House, New Delhi from 14th to 17th Oct 2004. Detailed brochure will be published soon.

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GOLCHA BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The All India Rajendra Golcha Bridge Memorial Invitation Bridge Tournament will be held from 29th to 31st Oct 2004 at Jai Club, JAIPUR.

To provide better quality of Bridge and to make the Championships more competitive, the Management Committee of the tournament has decided to make it an invitational tournament. Invitation has been given to the TOP Indian teams and each Bridge Association has been given a fixed quota of teams to participate in the tournament.

Prize Money Pairs Tournament

The Maharaja Yashwant Rao Holkar National Bridge Championships (Pairs Tournament with IMP scoring) will be held at Yashwant Club, Indore from 5th to 7th November 2004. Total prize money is Rs. 1.5 Lacs.

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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 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

01-03rd Oct – Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad
01-03rd Oct – 37th Purtej Singh Memorial Bridge Tournament, BHILAI
14-17th Oct – PHD Tournament, New Delhi
29-31st Oct – Golcha Tournament, Jaipur
05-07th Nov – Prize Money Pairs Tournament, Indore
20-24th Nov – Tolani Masters, Mumbai
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

23rd Oct – 6th Nov – World Bridge Olympiad, Istanbul
18th – 28th Nov – Fall NABC 2004, Orlando

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