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Welcome to the 7th Edition of HCL Bridge Tournament

Ladies, Gentlemen and Dear Bridge friends,

On behalf of NADAR family and the members of the organizing committee, let me once again extend a very warm welcome to you from all over the country to the 7th **HCL All India Prize Money Tournament**, to commemorate **Shri Naresh Tandan** and **Mrs. Neena Bonarji**.

Unfortunate that the whole world which has been going through an economic meltdown has been struck by another flu (SWINE) which can at least emotionally be very disturbing to all the human beings. Because of some uncertainties and to be cautious, some teams have decided not to venture out and travel to participate in this tournament. We still are very encouraged by your participation and hope that the tournament progresses smoothly and all of you enjoy it and make it a success like in preceding years.

On a sad note, some of you may not be aware of it - the Delhi Bridge fraternity lost a very dear friend and ever smiling **Ravi Sawhney**. Anybody and everybody who so ever came into contact with Ravi, on or off the bridge table, organizing super tournaments at Delhi Gymkhana club, entertaining all the guests with open arms and an infectious smile, will never forget his lasting legacy. May the almighty bless his soul and give his bereaved family the courage to endure this enormous loss and keep his ever smiling face smiling in our hearts.

How can we forget our own evergreen and ever smiling **Shri Dalmia ji** - the erstwhile President of Delhi Bridge Association. He lived a wonderful life and had to leave for his heavenly abode but not before he left for us a wonderful gift - the Delhi Bridge Association Building and it became an institution by itself in the heart of the capital.

We also happen to have some great news to cheer you all up even though it is not related to Bridge. We have known Kiran and Shiv Nadar for many years and I am sure many of us know how much they value the value of education. Their daughter, Roshni , a young bright lady (no longer I can call her a girl), has followed in their footsteps. She has initiated a very ambitious but an admirable project --- to take the quality education to those underprivileged who can not ever even dream of being so fortunate and receive such a wonderful gift. The Shiv Nadar Foundation, in cooperation with the State government of U.P. has committed to build seven schools across the state under the name - **VIDYAGYAAN** . First of these schools was inaugurated few days ago in District Bulandshehar (U.P.). If you visit the campus (built on 20 acres of land), it will be comparable or even better than most of such institutions operating anywhere in the world.

200 bright children selected strictly on merit (10 each from 20 districts) and whose parents do not have an income of more than Rs. One Lac per year, will be given best possible education for next seven years till class 12 and every year a new batch of students will be joining for next 7 years till it becomes a regular inflow and outflow - absolutely at no cost to parents. Though the schools will follow the CBSE model but the emphasis will be on the overall and rounded development of the child so that they emerge as citizens of strong character and be the leaders in different sectors of the society and have a vision for a vibrant and progressive India of tomorrow.

A GREAT STEP INDEED TO BRIDGE THE RURAL - URBAN DIVIDE AND REMOVE SOME OF THE DISPARITY WHICH EXISTS TODAY ALL OVER THE WORLD.

At least I am confident that such bold initiatives are the needs of this country and other corporate houses and / or individuals will emulate this concept and come forward all over the country.

Thank you NADARs.

This is the year of World Championships (**Bermuda Bowl** in open Category, **Venice Cup** in Women's category and **Ernesto d'Orsi Senior Bowl** in Senior's category). These championships will be held in Sao Paulo, BRAZIL from Aug 29th to Sept 12th 2009.

In the Senior's category, our zone (Zone 4) will be represented by a team from Pakistan and a team from India represented by Mr. Dipak Poddar, Mr. Ashok Ruia, Mr. V. M. Lal, Mr. S.K. Iyenger, Mr. R.A. Agarwal, Mr. R. Sridharan - ably assisted as NPC by Mr. Anand K. Samant of Mumbai.

In the Women's event, it is for the first time ever that our zone will not be represented by our charming ladies. They all decided to be really charming and allow the Jordanian ladies and ladies from Pakistan to take the honors.

In the Open section, for the Bermuda Bowl - team Formidables (Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, K. R. Venkataraman, Rajesh Dalal, Sunit Chokshi and myself) struggled through the Indian selection trials but comfortably won **the BFAME (Zone 4 trials)** and will be representing our country and the zone. Pakistan team will be the other team representing the zone.

Formidables team has decided and requested Mr. T. C. Pant to be our NPC and we sincerely hope that he can squeeze out some time from his busy life and takes care of the team in Sao Paulo.

Most of the players going to Sao Paulo are participating here - let's all wish them the very best so that they can bring glory for our country.

Let's all be courteous to one and all, play the tournament under highest of the ethics and above all ENJOY.

Subhash Gupta

Organising Secretary

The Bridge fraternity will remember you both for a long time.....



Shri M.D. Dalmia Ji



Shri Ravi Sawhney

HCL Bridge Tournament 2009 - Curtain Raiser

The 7th Edition of the *HCL* Prize Money Bridge Tournament will be held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA, India from 13th to 16th August 2009. With total prize money of Rs. 12.5 lacs (approx. 26,000 USD), this tournament is currently the highest Prize Money Bridge Tournament of India. It attracts teams from every part of India as well as from our neighbouring countries. Like previous years, we are again expecting 70 plus teams to participate in this year's event.

The first edition of the tournament in 2003 attracted 35 teams & 89 Pairs; in 2004 this increased to 46 teams and 127 pairs; in 2005 there were 70 teams & 176 Pairs, which even exceeded the expectation of the organizers. In 2006, we had 62 Teams & 144 Pairs; in 2007 we had a record 73 teams & 160 Pairs and last year we again had 72 teams & 170 Pairs. All the top Indian teams participate in this tournament, which is an ample proof that this is one of the most favorite tournaments of Bridge fraternity in India.

The tournament is the brainchild of Mrs. Kiran Nadar - one of the top Indian players. She is member and sponsor of the "**FORMIDABLES**" team, which has not only won many laurels at National level but has represented India umpteen times in International events. As you all are aware, the "**FORMIDABLES**" team comprising of **Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajesh Dalal, K.R. Venkatraman & Sunit Chokshi** will be representing India in the OPEN Team event for the Bermuda Bowl to be held at Sao Paulo, Brazil from Aug 29 to Sep 12, 2009.

Mr. Shiv Nadar, husband of Mrs. Kiran Nadar is the Chairman of HCL (Hindustan Computers Ltd) – the famous IT Company of India, which is the sponsor of this prestigious event.

The event consists of the Team of Four as well as Open Pairs event.

The "**Team of Four**" Trophy of the tournament has been instituted in the name of **Late Shri Naresh Tandan** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's Father), whereas the "**Open Pair**" Trophy of the tournament is instituted in the name of **Late Mrs. Neena Bonarji** by Nisha, daughter of the late Mrs. Neena Bonarji. Mrs. Kiran Nadar had played with Mrs. Bonarji as partner and Team-mate over the years.

Like last year, we will have live vu-graph of the Semi-final and final of the Team event on BBO.

The deals for the quarter-finals, semi-finals & final of the Team of four event and the deals of the Pair final will be computer dealt. Also this year we are going to have common computer generated boards for the TOP 10 tables in the Swiss league of Team event.

Best of luck to all the participants for this 2009 edition of the event.



Late Shri Naresh Tandan (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's Father) in whose memory the HCL Bridge Tournament's "Team of Four" Trophy has been instituted.



Late Mrs. Neena Bonarji in whose memory her daughter Nisha has instituted the HCL Bridge Tournament's "Open Pair" Trophy

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EVENT PRIZES

Team of Four

Winner	Rs. 300,000
Runner-up	Rs. 150,000
Losing SFinalists	Rs. 75,000 each
Losing QFinalists	Rs. 50,000 each
9 th to 12 th Position	Rs. 15,000 each

Open Pairs

Winner	Rs. 125,000
Runner-up	Rs. 80,000
Third	Rs. 50,000
Fourth	Rs. 30,000
Fifth	Rs. 25,000
Sixth	Rs. 20,000
Seventh	Rs. 15,000
Eighth	Rs. 12,500
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***THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WELCOMES
ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE
HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2009
&
WISHES THEM "BEST OF LUCK",
A PLEASANT STAY AND AN ENJOYABLE GAME***

The 2008 Team Champions



The TEXAN ACES Team - 2008 Winners of "Naresh Tandan Trophy" for T-4 Event
P. Sridhar, J.M. Shah, G. Venkatesh
(S. Sunderram, Raieshwar Tewari & B. Prabhakar not in picture)



The 2007 Winners of "Naresh Tandan Trophy" for T-4 Event: Rana Roy, Bivas Todi,
Subrata Saha, Subir Majumdar & Manas Mukherjee with the chief Guest Nawab of Pataudi

Success lies not in the result, but in the effort. Being the best is not at all important, doing the best is all that matters. Do your best.

Two Club Relay after One Major Opening (Part-1)

In Standard system One of a suit Opening shows 12-21 hcp. When Opener opens the bidding with one Major, there are lot of conventions that deals if responder has 4 card support and game forcing values. However if responder has only 3-card support and relatively balanced hand of 15-16 hcp, generally it is difficult to show the hand. Also if opener has around 15 hcp, both opener and responder do not know combined assets of the partnership and therefore slam bidding is occasionally difficult.

Years ago playing in our Saturday bridge tournament, I came across a pair who were playing one major – two club relay asking for point range. 2♦ response showed 11-13 HCP and other bids showed 14-15 HCP. I was wondering what is the utility of such a bid until I came across 2♣ relay played by Italians. In my opinion this is one of the best convention tailor made for Standard system. There are various ways you can play this convention. We present one of the methods below (which we are playing):

A) 2♣ Relay after One Heart Opening Bid

The Two Club response to One Major opening bid promises one of the following hand:

- 11+ HCP and 5+ card club suit
- Any balanced game forcing hand
- 3 or 4-card support for opener's major and GF hand
- 3-card limit raise hand (with this our 1NT response denies 3-card support with limit raise values and therefore allows us to play semi-forcing NT which we prefer over forcing NT)

The complete structure of responses and further developments over 1♥ Opening is as follows:

<p>1♥-2♣-?</p> <p>2♦ = Min hand (upto 14hcp, denies other major)</p> <p>2♥ = 4-card Other major (♠), any strength</p> <p>2♠ = 4+ -card ♣, 15+ hcp</p> <p>2N = Single suiter hand, 15+ hcp</p> <p>3♣ = 5♥s and 4♦s, 15+ hcp</p> <p>3♦ = 5♥s and 5♦s, 15+ hcp</p> <p>3♥/♠ = 6♥s and 4♦s, 15+ hcp, shortness in ♣/♠</p> <p>3N = 5-3-3-2 hand, 2 clubs, 15-17 hcp</p> <p>4♣/♦ = 6♥s and 5♦s, 15+ hcp, void ♣/♠</p>	<p>1♥-2♣-2♥ (4-card other major) - ?</p> <p>2♠ = GF relay, opener to describe his hand</p> <p>2N = Natural, forcing with ♣ suit</p> <p>3♣ = Shows 6-card ♣ suit, non forcing</p> <p>3♦ = Forcing, like 4th suit force, may be natural</p> <p>3♥ = 3-card limit raise</p> <p>3♠ = Agrees spade, asks for cue bidding</p> <p>3N = to play</p> <p>4♦ = splinter, 4-card ♠ support</p>
<p>1♥-2♣-2♦ (Min hand) - ?</p> <p>2♥ = GF relay, responses same as with 15+ hcp</p> <p>2♠ = Natural shows 5+ ♣s and 4+ ♠s</p> <p>2N = Natural, forcing with ♣ suit</p> <p>3♣ = Shows 6-card ♣ suit, non forcing</p> <p>3♦ = Natural, 5+ ♣s and 4+ ♦s</p> <p>3♥ = 3-card limit raise</p>	<p>1♥-2♣-2♥-2♠ (relay) - ?</p> <p>2N = Min hand, 11-14 hcp (3♣-relay)</p> <p>3♣ = 4-5 hand with 3+ ♣s, 15+ hcp</p> <p>3♦ = 4-5 hand with 3+ ♦s, 15+ hcp</p> <p>3♥/♠ = 6♥s and 4/5♠s, 15+ hcp</p> <p>3N = 4-5-2-2 distribution, 15-17 hcp</p> <p>4N = 4-5-2-2 distribution, 18-19 hcp</p>
<p>1♥-2♣-2♠ (4+ clubs, 15+ hcp) - ?</p> <p>2N = relay, opener describes his hand</p> <p>3♣ = 5♥s and 4 ♣s (3♦-relay)</p> <p>3♦ = 5♥s and 5♠s</p> <p>3♥/♠ = 6♥s and 4♠s, shortness in ♦/♠</p> <p>3N = 5♥s, 4♠s & 4♦s</p> <p>4♣/♦ = 6♥s and 5♠s, shortness in ♠/♦</p> <p>3♣ = Natural, clubs agreed</p> <p>3♦/3♠ = Either stopper ask or advance cue bid</p> <p>3♥ = Hearts agreed, start cue-bidding</p> <p>4♥ = 3-card limit raise</p>	<p>1♥-2♣-2♥-2♠-2N-3♣ (relay) - ?</p> <p>3♦ = 4-5 hand and 3-cards a minor (3♥=relay)</p> <p>3♠ = 4-5-3-1 hand, (singleton ♣)</p> <p>3N = 4-5-1-3 hand, (singleton ♦)</p> <p>3♥ = 6♥s and 4♠s</p> <p>3♠ = 6♥s and 5♠s</p> <p>3N = 4-5-2-2 hand, 12-14 hcp</p>
<p>1♥-2♣-2♦-2N-3♣-3♦-? or 1♥-2♣-3♣-3♦-? Or</p> <p>1♥-2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠-2N-3♣-3♦-? or</p> <p>1♥-2♣-2♦-2♥-3♣-3♦-?</p> <p>3♥ = singleton in other minor</p> <p>3♠ = singleton in ♠</p> <p>3N = 5-4-2-2 distribution</p>	<p>1♥-2♣-2N (single suiter, 15+ hcp) - ?</p> <p>3♣ = Relay, opener to describe his hand</p> <p>3♦ = 6♥s and some singleton</p> <p>3♥ = 6♥s and no short suit</p> <p>3♠ = 5♥s and 3♠s, 17+ hcp</p> <p>3N = 5♥s and 3♠s, 15-16 hcp</p> <p>3♦ = 5+ ♣s and 4+ ♦s</p> <p>3♥ = Extras with ♥ fit, start cue-bidding</p> <p>3♠ = 5+ ♣s and 4+ ♠s</p> <p>4♥ = 3-card limit raise</p>

When playing 2♣ relay, 2NT Jacoby is no longer required and 2NT response can be put to a better use. We will conclude our discussion in tomorrow's bulletin with responses after One Spade opening.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

HCL Bridge Tournaments – A brief History

1st HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 18th to 21st Dec 2003

35 teams comprising players from all over India participated in the first HCL Tournament held at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 18th to 21st Dec 2003. Formidables, Agsar Paints, Well Knit, Tolani Shipping, DSM & MONOTONA were some of the top teams who participated in the tournament.

Team of Four Event:

AZURE Team (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) and **Tolani Shipping** (R.A. Agarwal, R. Bhiwandkar, Arvind Vaidya & Dr. J. Mukund) with 183 VPs, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage to finalize the quarter-finalists. The quarter finalists were : **AZURE (183 VPs), Tolani Shipping(183), Formidables (182), Agsar Paints (175), Phoenix (175), Calcutta Bridge Club(173) , WELLKNIT (170), MAYA-MIRA (165)**

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **AZURE** beat MAYA-MIRA **134-32** (69-12, 65-20, third set conceded); **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** beat Tolani Shipping **119-83** (C/O 0-10, 41-28, 32-36, 46-9); **Formidables** beat Phoenix **114-79** (19-36, 54-18, 41-25) and in a very tough tussle between both Chennai teams **WELLKNIT** beat Agsar Paints by **77-71** (43-32, 9-20, 25-19).

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT (C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, Sundarram, R. Venkatesh)** beat **AZURE** (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) by **125 – 96 IMPs (55-21, 25-23, 45-52)**. In the second semi-final, **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB (B. Todi, Kamal Roy, S. Lahiri, Alok Sadhu, A.B. Chakravarty, B. Saha)** beat **Formidables** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupt, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K.R. Venkatraman) by **107- 100 IMPs (47-31, 31-29, 29-40)**.

In the 4*16 boards final **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** finally prevailed over **WELLKNIT** by **1 IMP** in a ding-dong battle which went right up to the last session. The final score was **147-146 (32-44, 37-20, 37-50, 41-32)**.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1. B. Satyanarayana – Kiran Nadar 536.00
2. Sumit Mukherjee – B. Das 517.37
3. R.A. Agarwal–Mukund Jaganathan 516.97
4. P. Kushari – D. Roy 515.53

2nd HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 12th to 15th August 2004

The 2nd All India HCL Bridge Tournament was held at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 12th to 15th August 2004.

Total 46 Teams & 127 Pairs participated in the Team of Four & Open Pairs tournament, comprising players from all over India. Agsar Paints, Formidables, WELLKNIT, Tolani Shipping, DSM & MONOTONA were some of the top participating teams.

Team of Four Event:

DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS Team with **195 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage. **Agsar Paints** with **193 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **Dhampur Sugar Mills(195 VPs), Agsar Paints (193), WELLKNIT (192), Formidables (176) , Pankaj Kapadia's IV (174), MONOTONA (171), Lucknow Blue (171),GUPTA's Bangalore (166)**.

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **GUPTA's Bangalore 114-73** (20-38, 27-23, 67-12); **Agsar Paints** beat **Lucknow Blues 135-84** (27-24, 48-46, 60-14); **WELLKNIT** beat **Pankaj Kapadia's IV 98-89** (42-33, 24-31, 32-25) and **Formidables** beat **Monotona** by **127-68** (51-18, 29-12, 47-38).

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** by **85-71 IMPs (c/o 3-0,16-17, 21-41, 45-13)** and **Agsar Paints** beat **Formidables** by **121.5- 113 IMPs (c/o 13.5-0,41-29, 33-39, 34-45)**.

In the 4*16 boards final, **WELLKNIT (R. Krishnan, A.S. Vishwanathan, Krishna Kumar, R. Venkatesh & J.M. Shah)**, beat **AGSAR PAINTS** (N.R. Kirubakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, P. Sridhar, Anil Padhye & S. Sunderram) by **142 - 81 (C/O: 0-3, 30-29, 38-7, 27-23, 47-19)**.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1. Subhash Gupta-Rajeshwar Tewari 561.00
2. R.A. Agrawal - Goutam Biswas 537.00
3. Badal Das - Sumit Mukherjee 534.00
4. P.C. Gupta - D.K. Tewari 525.50

3rd HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 12th to 15th August 2005

The 3rd All India HCL Bridge Tournament was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA from 12th to 15th August 2005.

Total 70 Teams & 176 Pairs comprising of players from all over India along with 3 teams from Pakistan participated in the tournament. Agsar Paints, Formidables, Well Knit, Tolani Shipping, DSM, RADHEY, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, Dipak Poddar and PAK I were some of the top teams participating.

Team of Four Event:

J.P. GOENKA's Team with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage. **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** with **185 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **J.P. Goenka (194 VPs)**, **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C. (185)**, **PUSHPAK (184)**, **Dhampur Sugar Mills (182)**, **Manas Saha's IV (179)**, **Pankaj Mehta (174)**, **PAK I (173)** & **PALOOKAS (170)**

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **Manas Saha's IV 180-56** (35-15, 80-26, 65-15); **PAK 1** beat **PUSHPAK 100-74** (37-10, 41-20, 22-44); **J.P. Goenka** beat **PALOOKAS 133-80** (51-25, 32-34, 50-21) **Ratanlal Kejriwal Memorial Club** beat **Pankaj Mehta 126-83** (29-43, 60-30, 37-10).

In the 3*16 boards semi-finals, **J.P. Goenka** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** by **107-101 (37-29, 35-25, 35-47)** and **PAK I** beat **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** by **108-69 (c/o 3-0, 54-22, 41-24, 10-23)**

J.P. Goenka's Team (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee) beat the **PAK I** team (Tahir Masood, Sarfaraz Khan, Munir Ataulah, Khurshid Hadi & Abdul Rehman Allana) by 79 IMPs in the 4*16 boards Team of Four Finals. The score was **171-92 (34-27, 37-14, 67-13, 33-38)**.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1. J. Biswas – T.K. Roy 523.57
2. Rajesh Dalal – Anil P. Padhye 520.50
3. R.A. Aggarwal – Ajit Chakradeo 520.33
4. Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman 516.74

4th HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 12th to 15th August 2006

The 4th All India HCL Bridge Tournament with total prize money of approximately 9.7 lacs was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA from 12th to 15th August 2006 under the auspices of **Contract Bridge Association**.

Total 62 Teams & 144 Pairs comprising players from all over India along with the DATA STEEL team from Karachi, Pakistan, participated in the Team of Four & Open Pairs tournament. Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Dhampur Sugar Mills, SHREE RADHEY, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, MONOTONA and Manyavar were some of the top participating teams.

Team of Four Event for "Naresh Tandan Trophy":

Dhampur Sugar Mills Team (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Sandeep Thakral & R. Venkatesh) with **190 VPs**, topped the 10 round - Round-Robin stage. **SHREE RADHEY (V.M. Lal, P. Bafana, Ashok Vaidya & Raju Bhiwandkar)** with **187 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (190 VPs)**, **SHREE RADHEY (187)**, **MANAS SAHA'S IV (185)**, **MAHESHWARI**, **ALLAHABAD (182)**, **J.P. GOENKA (176)**, **PANKAJ MEHTA (172)**, **NEST INN (170.7)** & **MAHARAJA (170)**.

Quarterfinal Stage:

In the 3*12 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat Maharaja team (S. Lahiri, Amal Kundu, Kalyan Choudhury, Suman Sengupta, Mrinal Mukherjee & Samir Pal) by **105-56 (C/O: 12-0, 57-12, 24-27, 12-17)**; **Shree Radhey** beat Pankaj Mehta's team (Pankaj Mehta, Punit Gangal, A.B. Chakravarty, Bhavesh Saha, Pradeep Anand Singh & S. Bandopadhyay) by **120-83 (C/O: 0-5, 80-8, 17-37, 23-33)**; **Manas Saha's IV** beat Nest Inn (N.R. Kripakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, R. Krishnan, P. Sridhar, J.M. Shah & Uttam Gupta) by **92-77 (33-23, 19-20, 40-34)** and **J.P. GOENKA** beat MAHESHWARI (I.K. Agarwal, B.N. Rastogi, Sushil Agarwal, V.K. Agarwal, B.K. Agarwal, A.K. Sinha) by **74-58 (C/O: 3-0, 31-18, 7-27, 33-13)**.

Semi-final Stage: (3*14 Boards)

In the first semi-final, **J.P. Goenka** beat Dhampur Sugar Mills (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Sandeep Thakral & R. Venkatesh) by **144-87 (48-55, 42-19, 54-13)**.

In the second semi-final, **Manas Saha's IV** beat Shree Radhey (V.M. Lal, R.G. Bhiwandkar, P. R. Bafna, Ashok Vaidya) by **124-69 (28-35, 35-24, 61-10)**.

Team of Four Final:

In the 4*16 boards final, **J.P. GOENKA (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee)** beat **MANAS SAHA's IV** (Manas Saha, Snehashish Roy, Debabrata Majumder, Santanu Chowdhury, Pranab Roy, Kaustabh Nandi) by **150 - 109 (39-34, 61-37, 20-29, 30-9)** to win the "**Naresh Tandan Trophy**" and the first prize of **Rs. 2.5 Lacs**. The loser got Rs. 1.2 Lacs.

J.P. Goenka's team was leading by a solitary 5 IMPs margin in the first set but in the second set, they consolidated their position with another 24 IMPs to lead by 29 IMPs at half-way stage. Manas Saha's team was able to recover back 9 Imps in the 3rd set and the match was well poised for the final set with Goenka's team leading with 20 IMPs. However, there was no more hiccups and the strong Goenka team added a further 21 IMPs to win the match by 41 IMPs.

OPEN PAIRS Event for "Neena Bonarji Trophy"

144 pairs participated in the Open Pairs event. These pairs went through two grueling eliminations rounds and the 32 finalists played an all-play-all 62 boards final.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1	Prem Chand R Bafna - Ashok Vaidya	535.50
2	Kiran Nadar - B Satyanarayana	532.50
3	Suhas Vaidya - R Sridharan	512.50
4	Jagadish Biswas - Sankar Prasad Ghosh	512.00

5th **HCL** BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 16th to 19th August 2007

The 5th All India HCL Bridge Tournament with total prize money of approximately Rupees 10 Lacs (one Million) was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA, India from 16th to 19th August 2007, under the auspices of **Bridge Federation of India**.

The tournament broke its old record of 70 participating teams in the team of four event, with **73 teams** from all parts of India along with DATA STEEL & CANDYLAND teams from Karachi, Pakistan taking part in the **Team of Four** event. A combined India-Pak team BEEZEE also participated in the tournament. **160 Pairs** participated in the **OPEN PAIRS** event.

Dhampur Sugar Mills, Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Shri Radhey, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, Shree Cement, Texan Aces, Wellknit and Manyavar were some of the top Indian teams which participated in the tournament.

Team of Four Event for "Naresh Tandan Trophy":

SHREE CEMENT Team (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumdar & Bivas Todi) with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds - Round-Robin stage. **KHANDELWAL** (Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral) with **190 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **SHREE CEMENT (194 VPs)**, **KHANDELWAL (190 VPs)**, **J.P. GOENKA (184 VPs)**, **MANYAVAR (184 VPs)**, **TEXAN ACES (181 VPs)**, **MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD (180 VPs)**, **CANDYLAND (173 VPs)**, **SHREE RADHEY (172 VPs)**

Quarterfinal Stage:

In the 3*14 boards Quarter Finals, **SHREE CEMENT** beat Maheshwari, Allahabad team (Govind Prasad Agarwal, Sushil Agarwal, I.K. Agarwal, B.N. Rastogi, A.K. Sinha & Kr. Vijayanand Singh) by 90-47 (40-04, 20-30, 30-13); **KHANDELWAL** beat CANDYLAND team from Karachi, Pakistan (Masood Mazhar, Muhammed Ismail, Mubashir Puri, Hamid Mohiuddin, Khalid Mohiuddin, Sapan Desai) by 110-42 (CO: 8-0, 19-13, 55-12, 28-17); **J.P. GOENKA** beat SHREE RADHEY team from Mumbai (V.M. Lal, R.G. Bhiwandkar, Jitu Solani, Ajit Chakradeo) by 79-55 (CO: 9-0, 34-34, 11-07, 25-14) and **MANYAVAR** beat TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, K. Krishnakumar, P. Sridhar, S. Sunderram, J.M. Shah, Sandeep Karmarkar) by 114-89 (30-26, 34-14, 50-49).

Semi-final Stage:

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **SHREE CEMENT** beat Manyavar (Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, Rajesh Dalal, Anil Padhye) by **102-88 (CO: 6-0, 26-45, 32-19, 38-24)**. In the second semi-final, **J.P. Goenka** beat KHANDELWAL (Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral) by a solitary **IMP**. The score line in favor of GOENKA team was 121-120 (CO: 0-8, 45-24, 23-44, 55-44) with 2 VP penalty to GOENKA team.

Team of Four Final:

It was **J.P. GOENKA Vs. SHREE CEMENT** in the 4*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event, with **SHREE CEMENT** having a carry over of 4 IMPs in the finals. Every body was eager to know whether J.P. Goenka's team, which had won this event consecutively for the last 2 years, can make their hat-trick.

It was not to be as **SHREE CEMENT (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subrata Saha, Subir Majumdar, Bivas Todi)** beat **J.P. GOENKA** (J.P. Goenka, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee, Amarnath Banerjee, Debbrata Majumdar) by **57 IMPs** to win the "**Naresh Tandan Trophy**" and the first prize of **Rs. 2.5 Lacs**. The runners-up got Rs. 1.2 Lacs.

J.P. Goenka's team won the first set by a solitary IMP but Shree Cement took the second set by 13 IMPs to lead by 16 IMPs at half way stage. In the third set Shree Cement completely overpowered the Goenka team and comfortably won the set by 29 IMPs to lead by 45 IMPs. They further added another 12 IMPs to comfortably win the final by 57 IMPs. The score in favor of SHREE CEMENT was 174-117 (CO: 4-0, 50-51, 28-15, 51-22, 41-29).

OPEN PAIRS Event for "Neena Bonarji Trophy"

160 pairs participated in the Open Pairs event. These pairs went through two grueling eliminations rounds and the 32 finalists played an all-play-all 62 boards final.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1	S. SUNDERRAM - P SRIDHAR	529.79
2	Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana	529.21
3	C S Majumdar - S Basak	520.71
4	A.K. Sinha - B N RASTOGI	515.21
5	Raju Tolani - A Khare	509.00
6	Sunit Chokshi - K R Venkatraman	508.29
7	Archie Sequeira - Arun Bapat	498.75
8	K K ROY - A SADHU	494.07

6th HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 4th to 7th September 2009

The 6th All India HCL Bridge Tournament with total prize money of Rs. 12.5 Lacs (approx. 30,000 USD) was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA, India from 4th to 7th September 2008 under the auspices of **Bridge Federation of India**.

The Tournament had 2 events - the Team of Four event for the "**Naresh Tandan Trophy**" and the Open Pairs event for the "**Neena Bonarji Trophy**".

As expected the response to the tournament was excellent with **72 teams** from all parts of India along with GIANTS team from Karachi, Pakistan participating in the Team of Four event. The Indian OPEN, SENIOR & YOUTH teams bound for Beijing, China for the 1st Mind Sports Games in October, also participated utilizing the opportunity to sharpen their skills playing against TOP Indian teams.

Texan Aces, Dhampur Sugar Mills, Formidables, Tolani Shipping, J.P. Goenka, Shree Cement, Wellknit, Sunil Machhar and Maya Meera Sneha were some of the top Indian teams which participated in this prestigious tournament.

Team of Four Event for "Naresh Tandan Trophy":

MAYA MEERA SNEHA Team (Vijay Goel, Sukamal Das, A. K. Mukherji, Yu Rong, C. S. Majumdar, Samir Basak) with **199 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds – Swiss league. **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, P. Kushari, D. Majumder, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das) with **188 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **MAYA MEERA SNEHA (199 VPs)**, **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (188 VPs)**, **SHREE CEMENT (183 VPs)**, **BIMAL SICKA (182 VPs)**, **PROMILA SARAF (177 VPs)**, **TEXAN ACES (176 VPs)**, **SUNIL MACHHAR (175 VPs)**, **INDIA SENIORS (170 VPs)**.

Quarterfinal Stage:

In the 3*14 boards Quarter Finals, **MAYA MEERA SNEHA** beat PROMILA SARAF Team (Mrs. Promila Saraf, P. Sudhakara Rao, B. Venkateswarlu, Sankar Acharya, Mrinal Mukherjee, Gobind Singha) by 135-80 (41-57, 63-14, 31-9); **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** beat INDIA SENIORS team (Maj. Surender Hooda, Ashok Vaidya, V.M. Lal, P.R. Bafna) by 77-15 (21-15, 56-0, WD), the opponents conceding in the last set; **SUNIL MACHHAR** beat SHREE CEMENT team from Kolkata (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Bibash Todi, S. Lahiri & Subir Majumder) by 168-68 (CO:0-1, 55-22, 45-17, 68-28) and **TEXAN ACES** beat BIMAL SICKA (Jagdish Biswas, Sandip Dutta, Kamal Naguri, Dibyendu Shee, Tapan Roy, Swapan Some) by 109-85 (25-30, 52-27, 32-28).

Semi-final Stage:

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M.. Shah, P. Sridharan, S. Sunderram, Rajeshwar Tewari, B. Prabhakar)** beat MAYA MEERA SNEHA (Vijay Goel, Sukamal Das, A. K. Mukherji, Yu Rong, C. S. Majumdar, Samir Basak) by **110-95** (60-21, 14-35, 36-39). In the second semi-final, **SUNIL MACHHAR (Sunil Machhar, Anil Padhye, Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, Suhav Vaidya, Vinay Desai)** beat DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, P. Kushari, D. Majumder, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das) by 105-101 (41-15, 28-51, 36-35).

Team of Four Final:

It was **TEXAN ACES Vs. SUNIL MACHHAR** in the 4*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event. This was only the 2nd time in the history of the tournament that no Bengal team is in the finals. Earlier in 2004, the finalists were WELLKNIT & AGSAR PAINTS.

In the totally one-sided 4*16 boards final, **TEXAN ACES** easily beat **SUNIL MACHHAR** by **102 IMPs – 144-42(50-35, 38-06, 56-01, WO)**, with MACHHAR team conceding the match after 3 sessions. **Texan Aces** thus won the **“Naresh Tandan Trophy”** and the **first prize of Rs. 3 Lacs**. The runners-up got Rs. 1.5 Lacs.

OPEN PAIRS Event for “Neena Bonarji Trophy”

170 pairs participated in the Open Pairs event. These pairs went through two grueling eliminations rounds and the 32 finalists played an all-play-all 62 boards final.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1	Subrata Saha - Satyabrata Lahiri	531.38
2	Sudhir Aggarwal - Vinod Sharma	517.76
3	Debabrata Majumdar - Pritish Kushari	515.43
4	Gobind Singha - Vibhas Todi	511.86
5	Kiran Nadar - B Satyanarayana	505.62
6	Alok Sadhu -Keyzad Ankleswaria	498.04
7	Sukamal Das - Vijay Goel	497.83
8	Dipak Santra - A B Chakraborty	494.24

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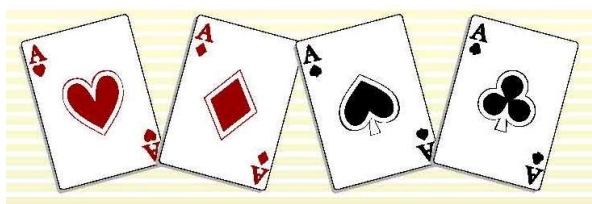
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IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.

The 7th All India **HCL** Bridge Tournament

13th August to 16th August 2009



Tournament Schedule

August 13	0830 – 0930 Hrs.	Entries for Team of Four Event
	0930 – 1000 Hrs.	Director's Announcements & Tea
	1000 – 1115 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 1 (10 Boards) – Predetermined draw
	1135 – 1250 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 2 (10 Boards) – Predetermined draw
	1250 – 1350 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1350 – 1505 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 3 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1525 – 1640 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 4 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1640 – 1710 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1710 – 1825 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 5 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1845 – 2000 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 6 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
August 14	0900 – 1015 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 7 (10 Boards) – Actual draw
	1035 – 1150 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 8 (10 Boards) – Actual draw
	1210 – 1325 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 9 (10 Boards) – Actual draw
	1325 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1415 – 1530 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 10 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1600 – 1630 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1615 – 1815 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 1-14) - Session-1
	1830 – 2030 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 15-28) - Session-2
	1700 – 1945 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – I, Session I
	2000 Hrs.	Cocktails & Dinner
August 15	0900 – 1015 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 29-42) – Session-3
	0945 – 1230 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – I, Session II
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 1-16) - Session-1
	1300 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1640 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1400 – 1645 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – II, Session I
	1645 – 1715 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1715 – 1925 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1715 – 2000 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – II, Session II

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Vu-Graph on BBO

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14th August 2009: Quarter-Finals: 1615 Hrs. (S1), 1830 Hrs. (S2)

15th August 2009: QF: 0900 Hrs. (S3), SF: 1130 Hrs. (S1), 1430 Hrs. (S2), 1715 Hrs. (S3)

16th August 2009: Finals: 0900 Hrs (S1), 1130 Hrs. (S2), 1430 Hrs. (S3), 1700 Hrs (S4)