

HCL International Bridge Tournament 2010

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Welcome to the 8th Edition of HCL Bridge Tournament

Dear Bridge friends,

Into 8th year and HCL prize money tournament has come a long way. It has grown in popularity, it has grown in stature and let us hope the journey continues.

We all have to thank Mrs. Kiran Nadar and Mr. Shiv Nadar for their continued support and generosity.

The year 2010 will be remembered by all of us for years to come. It has been made special by bridge players from many Commonwealth Countries. The Championships concluded yesterday and it was after many years that an International bridge event was hosted by India. The comments and thoughts echoed by some of the visiting dignitaries are reproduced below:

My Captain has sent "Welsh Union's Compliments to the Bridge Federation of India. But on behalf of all the visitors, players and supporters, I add thanks to Subhash and T.C. Pant for a great event with super hospitality. See you all in Scotland.

- Patrick Jourdain (Member of Wales Team)

We will all go home from India with memories that will last for years. Superb Hospitality and Bridge played in the friendliness by the competitors puts the 3rd Commonwealth Nations among the most enjoyable tournament I have ever played. Subhash & T.C. Pant thank you.

- Paul Hackett, Chairnan Commonwealth Nations Championships

A wonderfully organised event, with excellent hosting by our Indian friends, and played in a friendly spirit.

- John Hasett, Captain England Team

Thank you gentlemen for your kind words.

Our heartiest Congratulations to the Commonwealth Champions 2010, the team from Scotland comprising of Brian SPEARS, Derek SANDERS, Derek DIAMOND, Irving GORDON, John MURDOCH, AH DUNCAN. They beat Australia in the semi-final, which insured them the Gold medal regardless of other result.

The Silver medallist were Australia represented by Sartaj HANS, Tony NUNN, Arjuna DELIVERA, Ian ROBINSON, Paul GOSNEY, Peter GILL, Andy BRAITHWAITE (NPC).

The Bronze medals were won by India – I represented by Ashok Kumar GOEL (CAPT), Suhas VAIDYA, Pritish KUSHARI, Debrata MAJUMDER, Sumit MUKHERJEE and Bhabesh SAHA.

The team " Hemant Jalan" - known as "Special Entrants" were not entitled to win any medal but their incredible performance did not stop them from reaching the finals and winning the finals comfortably.

Hemant Jalan's team, therefore, were declared the "UNOFFICIAL" champions .

The visiting teams from other countries have tasted some of our warmth, friendship and hospitality during past few days and I, on behalf of all of us in Indian bridge fraternity, hope that they continue to witness more of it in the days ahead.

I request all my Indian friends to go a step further and ensure that we see nothing but smiling faces all around.

Let's make a little less noise, smoke outside if you must, keep the mobiles switched off when the play is in progress. Let's all be courteous on and off the table and play the game in best of spirits.

WELCOME ONE – WELCOME ALL.

Have a great time – have a great DIWALI.

Subhash Gupta
Organising Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF

THE MEDAL WINNERING TEAMS IN THE

3rd COMMONWEALTH NATIONS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLD MEDDALIST - SCOTLAND

SILVER MEDDALIST - AUSTRALIA

BRONZE MEDDALIST - INDIA - I

HCL International Bridge Tournament 2010 - Curtain Raiser

The 8th Edition of this tournament being held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA, India from 30th Oct to 2nd November 2010 is being named as the **"HCL International Bridge Tournament 2010"**, as many of those foreign bridge players, who participated in the recently concluded 3rd Commonwealth Nations Bridge Tournament, are also participating in this tournament. The prize money has also been increased this year by another ₹ 1.5 Lacs and with a total prize money of ₹14 lacs (approx. 31,000 USD), this tournament is currently the highest Prize Money Bridge Tournament of India. It attracts teams from every part of India and this year it is going to boast of International participation as well. Like previous years, we are again expecting 70 plus Indian teams and with the participation of the foreign teams the number of teams in this year's event is expected to reach 90 – surely a record for Indian tournaments.

The first edition of this tournament in 2003 attracted 35 teams & 89 Pairs; in 2004, it 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; in 2008 the tally was 72 teams & 170 pairs and last year we again had 72 teams & 173 Pairs. The participation of all the top Indian teams in this tournament 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. The current **"FORMIDABLES"** team comprises of **Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sunit Chokshi, Rajeshwar Tewari and Honey B. Prabhakar**. The team has just returned after participating in the Rosenblum Cup, in the recently concluded 13th World Series Bridge Championship at Philadelphia and reached the last-64 stage, after being 2nd in their group round-robin.

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.

The live vu-graph of the event from quarter-final onwards will be shown 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. Like last year we are again 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 2010 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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Team of Four

Winner	Rs. 300,000
Runner-up	Rs. 150,000
Losing SFinalists	Rs. 75,000 each
Losing QFinalists	Rs. 55,000 each
9 th to 12 th Position	Rs. 20,000 each
13 th to 16 th Position	Rs. 10,000 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
9 th to 12 th	Rs. 10,000 Each
13 th to 16 th	Rs. 5,000 Each

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*THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WELCOMES
ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE
HCL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2010*

&

*WISHES THEM "BEST OF LUCK",
A PLEASANT STAY AND AN ENJOYABLE GAME*

Memoirs of the 2009 HCL Tournament



**Mrs. Kiran Nadar and Mr. Shiv Nadar - The Tournament Sponsors
at the Prize Distribution Ceremony**



**The TEXAN ACES Team - 2009 Winners of "Naresh Tandan Trophy" for T-4 Event
With Mr. Shiv Nadar
Rajeshwar Tewari, J.M. Shah, G. Venkatesh, P. Sridhar**



The 2009 Winners of "Mrs. Neena Bonarji Trophy" for Open Pairs Event
Mrs. Himani Khandelwal & Rajeev Khandelwal receiving the trophy from Mrs. Kiran Nadar



Mr. Subhash Gupta,
Organising Secretary
Addressing the gathering



The Runners-Up MANGO Team in T-4 Event
With Mr. Shiv Nadar

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.

HCL Bridge Tournaments – 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 Atallah, 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	Jagdish 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 2008

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. Majumdar, 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 Majumdar) 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, Suhas 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

7th **HCL** BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 13th to 16th August 2009

The 7th All India HCL Bridge Tournament with total prize money of Rs. 12.5 Lacs (approx. 26,000 USD) was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA, India from 13th to 16th August 2009 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**”.

Due to the swine flu scare in few parts of the country, there was a fear that the response may not be up to the mark. But all fears vanished in thin air and we saw an excellent turnout of **72 teams** from all parts of India participating in the Team of Four event.

Texan Aces, Dhampur Sugar Mills, Formidables, J.P. Goenka, Shree Cement, Poddar Developers, Shree Radhey 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”:

Texan Aces Team (G. Venkatesh, JM Shah, R. Tewari, S Sunderram, P. Sridhar) with **193 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds – Swiss league. MANGO team with 185 VPs were second.

The quarter finalists were: **TEXAN ACES (193 VPs)**, **MANGO (185 VPs)**, **PROMILA SARAF (181 VPs)**, **MANYAWAR (180 VPs)**, **SHREE RADHEY (180 VPs)**, **SHREE CEMENT (176 VPs)**, **B. MALHOTRA (174 VPs)** and **AJAY VAISH (174 VPs)**.

Quarterfinal Stage:

In the 3*14 boards Quarter Finals, **TEXAN ACES** beat AJAY VAISH Team (Ajay Vaish, S.A. Abbasi, Justice B.P. Singh, Dhanesh Chandra) by 105-61 (24-34, 48-15, 33-12); **MANGO** beat B. MALHOTRA team (B Malhotra, G Sinha, Ashish Malhotra, Hemant Jalan, Ajay Brahmachari) by 74-59 (24-24, 38-17, 12-18); **PROMILA SARAF** beat SHREE RADHEY team (V.M. Lal, R.A. Agarwal, Raju Bhiwandkar, S Karmarkar) by 112-67 (25-30, 50-19, 37-18) and **SHREE CEMENT** beat MANYAWAR (Raju Tolani, Anil Padhye, Suhas Vaidya, Vinay Desai) by 90-66 (41-2, 20-56, 29-8).

Semi-final Stage:

In the first of the 3*16 board semi-final, the defending champions **TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, Rajeshwar Tewari)** beat SHREE CEMENT (Manas Mukherjee, Bivash Todi, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumdar, Swarnendu Banerjee, Keyzad Anklesaria) by **108-78** (40-31, 39-27, 29-20).

In the second semi-final, **MANGO (Jeroo Mango, B.N. Parasrampuriah, Archie Sequeira, Ian Concessio, Alope Sadhu, Manek Chakraborty)** beat PROMILA SARAF (Mrs. Promila Saraf, P. Sudhakara Rao, B. Venkateswarlu, Kaja Das, Sankar Acharya, Anirudh Bhattacharya) by **78-67** (34-36, 19-23, 25-8). The MANGO team lost the first 2 sets with a small margin of 2 & 4 IMPs but gained 17 IMPs in the last set to go through to the finals.

Team of Four Final:

It was **TEXAN ACES Vs. MANGO** in the 4*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event. It turned out to be a totally one-sided final with MANGO team conceding the match after 3 sessions. **TEXAN ACES** easily beat **MANGO** by **182-51 (41-26, 74-22, 67-3, WO)** to retain 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"

173 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:

Rank	Name	Score
1	RAJEEV KHANDELWAL - HIMANI KHANDELWAL	550.07
2	ARVIND VAIDYA - VIVEK BHAND	522.26
3	R CONSUL - A MANDAL	519.77
4	SAMEER PAUL - SUBHASISH SARKER	517.27
5	AJAY KHARE - JITU SOLANI	516.86
6	MANAS MUKHERJEE - SUBIR MAJUMDAR	515.63
7	P BARDHAN - S N DEY SARKAR	510.60
8	A K MUKHERJEE - S BHATIA	508.86
9	K R VENKAT RAMAN - KINGSHUK BHATTACHARYA	505.70
10	SUBHASH GUPTA - RAJESH DALAL	499.70

- Reported by Editor

Interesting Hand from 2009 Event

Though the kibitzers will be interested to see the proceedings on top tables only, but sometimes you get the chance to see some interesting stuff on last few tables as well. The editor surely watched one interesting hand of round-6 on Table-32.

Board 20, Dealer: West, Vul: Both

♠AKJT7532 ♥2 ♦J3 ♣52	N W E S	♠ ♥QT83 ♦T8752 ♣JT94
♠Q8 ♥AK ♦AKQ964 ♣A73	♠964 ♥J97654 ♦ ♣KQ86	

West	North	East	Sou
1C(1)	Pass	1D	2H
3D	3S	5D	Pass
Pass	5S	Pass	Pass
DBL	All Pass		

(1) – Precision 16+

With 22 HCPs, West opened a precision club and North with 8-carder spade suit just waited for the right opportunity to kill, fully aware that 1C is not going to be passed. However, his partner spoiled some of his fun by intervening with 2H over East's negative 1D bid.

When West bid his 6-carder suit, North simply overcalled 3S and again bid 5S after East jumped to game in diamonds with his 5-carder support.

As the cards lie, 6D is cold for EW, but when opponents (that also opponents of the variety of Table-32) try to hurt your ego by bidding till five level, that's the time to take a juicy vulnerable penalty.

West doubled, but South gave perfect cards and there was no stopping for making 5S doubled for +850 against a cold diamond slam.

Transport Arrangements

Pick & Drop Bus facility is available to participants residing at HOTEL ROYALE PARK (Sector – 6), NOIDA.

For further information please contact Mr. TC Pant (in the Scoring room) or the registration desk at the venue.

Entries For Pair Event

You are requested to give entries for "Open Pairs" event latest by tomorrow (31st November) 1530 Hrs.

Entry Fee – Rs. 1200 (Per Pair) for first elimination & Rs. 800 from those qualified to play the 2nd elimination

Help the Daily Bulletin

In case you come across any "BEST BID", "BEST PLAYED" or "BEST DEFENDED" hand, please submit it to the Bulletin Editor Mr. T.C. Pant in the scoring room.

This will help in publishing the same for advantage of all the participants and your other bridge friends who could not make it here.

LUNCH COUPONS

Participants will be provided their Lunch coupons each day on their tables itself. In case, you are not on the table, it will be given to your partner.

Please contact your partners, in case you have not received it.

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

We request all the participants to co-operate and adhere to the scheduled timings to avoid any penalties.

**** CHEER UP, DO WELL & ENJOY ****

INVITATION

All participants are cordially invited for Cocktails tomorrow at 2000 Hrs. at the venue.

Please do join us.

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area, while the play session is on.



No Liquor & No Smoking



Consumption of Liquor and Smoking is strictly prohibited within the Playing Area & Scoring & Bulletin Room. Offenders may attract strict penalties.

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.

Vu-Graph on BBO

Live Vu-graph of the Tournament will be available on BBO as per the following Schedule:

31st October 2010: Quarter-Finals: 1615 Hrs. (S1), 1830 Hrs. (S2)

1st November 2010: QF: 0900 Hrs. (S3), SF: 1130 Hrs. (S1), 1430 Hrs. (S2), 1715 Hrs. (S3)

2nd November 2010: Finals: 0900 Hrs (S1), 1130 Hrs. (S2), 1430 Hrs. (S3), 1700 Hrs (S4)

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Tournament Schedule

October 30	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
October 31	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
November 1	0900 – 1100 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
November 2	0900 – 1110 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 1-16) – Session-1
	0900 – 1330 Hrs.	Pair Finals (Boards 1-32) - Session-I
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1640 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1430 – 1900 Hrs.	Pair Finals (Boards 33-62) - Session-II
	1700 – 1910 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 49-64) - Session-4
	1945 Hrs.	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

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