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Welcome to the 17th Edition of HCL International Bridge Championship

Dear friends,

A hearty welcome to all of you. This journey started 17 years ago and keeps picking up the momentum year after year. Like last year, the **17th Edition** is again being held at **JW Marriott Hotel**, New Delhi from August 5 - 10, 2019. As the participating teams are increasing, we have tried to increase the playing space considerably to reduce the congestion.

With prize money of Rupees 18 Million (more than US \$ 250,000), this is currently one of the highest Prize Money Tournament in the world and we are striving to make it the most popular tournament in the coming years.

Last year, we had 52 Teams in the Gold & 110 Teams in the Silver event and are again expecting 160 plus teams this year. However due to various reasons, the foreign teams participation has reduced this time. 12 foreign teams will participate in the GOLD event along with the Indian stalwarts. The reigning Gold event champions, Team "South Sweden", a combination of South Africa & Sweden led by Alon Aptekar will again be here to lock horns. The other foreign teams constitute of players from Bulgaria, Russia, USA, Sweden, Netherlands, Israel, Poland, Italy, France, Thailand & Bangladesh. Phyllipe Cronier (France) and Giorgio Duboin (Italy) have joined my team consisting of Sunit Chokshi, Jaggy Shivdasani and Sandeep Thakral in an Indo-French and Italy combine.

For Indian bridge teams the tournament has an added attraction, as this tournament is a qualifying event under "Indian Team Selection Policy 2019-22" and will follow BFI's ranking system to give performance points to the top winners of the event. The participation of all the top Indian teams in this tournament is ample proof that this is one of the most favourite tournaments of the 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. They reached the finals of the Gold event last year but had to contend with the runner-up spot.

The event consists of the Team of Four as well as an Open Pairs event. To make the tournament more competitive, the Team of Four event is played in two categories – **GOLD & SILVER**. This year, we have added a **BRONZE** event category to promote the game for the beginners.



WHERE THE SHARPEST MINDS PARTNER TO CONQUER

The “**Team of Four GOLD Event**” Trophy of the tournament has been instituted in the name of **Late Shri Naresh Tandan** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's father), and the “**Team of Four SILVER Event**” Trophy of the tournament has been instituted in the name of **Late Mrs. Mohini Tandan** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's mother), whereas the “**Open Pairs**” 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 teammate over the years.

Like previous years, we will have Vu-graph coverage of the event from day-1 on BBO. All the events of the tournament will be played with computer generated boards and the scoring of the events will be done through Bridgemates. There will also be a Daily Bulletin for the event. We have also made provisions of a Vu-graph theatre at the venue and players can watch the top notch matches there.

Few important points to note –

There will be strict penalties for any of the following violations:

Late arrival at the table – Players should be at the table at least 5 minutes before the start of the session. This practice allows your opponents and you to discuss the system and clarify any doubts. Not everybody is aware of what “YOU PLAY” or what “THEY PLAY”

Noise level – Unnecessary noise by any pair at the table will be taken note of and suitable warning-cum-penalty will be levied to act as a deterrent and to play in a silent atmosphere.

Mobile Phones - You will be allowed to keep your mobile with you in the playing area provided it is in “Switched off” mode. There will be random checks at various tables and the violators – please look out – NO MERCY and heavy penalties.

Smoke, Tea and Toilet breaks – Should be avoided when the session is in play. Only in an emergency, a director can allow a toilet break, with a monitor to escort the person. No random smoke break and no random tea break.

Convention cards – Everybody has to carry a copy of their convention card and supplementary sheets (if any). People should avoid saying – “Not Discussed”, “New partnership”. At least make sure that you tell your opponents what your agreements are or what your understanding is of a particular bid. Leads and carding should be clearly defined when asked.!!

UNDUE hesitations or gestures should be AVOIDED.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL MY INDIAN BRIDGE FRIENDS :

We all have to make an effort to truly make this a tournament of International standards.

HCL can only provide the platform and provide excellent facilities but we have to show by example how a world class event is conducted. Many people from India have participated in world championships and they all know how well people behave. There is PIN-DROP silence while the session is in progress. They do not allow any breaks except a toilet break in an emergency. Those senior players should be the examples for others to follow.

WE have many foreign guests and we want them to go back with good memories, so that the tournament becomes even more popular world-wide.

LET US ALL BE COURTEOUS to them in particular and to all in general. We should maintain some decorum and not try to jump to the front of the Queue !!

Best of luck to all and please play the game in right spirit.



Subhash Gupta
Organising Secretary

The Mark Of A Man



Mark Horton, arguably one of the world's premier bridge analyst, writer, editor, author, what have you, will be covering these Championships for the Daily Bulletin. An honour indeed. Welcome Aboard!

As a teaser he sent us this piece, which we happily bring to you. Take it away, Mark.

JAI HO - Mark Horton

How best to mark the start of one of the most exciting events in the calendar, the 2019 HCL Bridge Championships?

Anyone who was fortunate enough to be at the World Championships in Chennai in 2015 will know what to expect at a tournament in India, - a fantastic welcome, flawless organisation and fierce competition.

Everyone will be hoping to be at the top of his or her game, but sometimes, when things go wrong, the bridge gods will smile on you. Let's look at a deal where destiny played a part:

With neither side vulnerable, you, South pick up a modest looking hand:

♠ 986532
♥ KJ1054
♦ —
♣ 73

West	North	East	South
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The player on your right opens 2♣, promising a weak hand with diamonds or a strong hand. When West responds 2♦ your partner doubles. Not sure how to get both majors into the picture, you jump to 4♠ and your partner continues with 4NT. When you show your lack of key cards partner's jump to 6♠ leaves you with this auction:

West leads the ♣J and you see why partner was so enthusiastic:

♠ KQ10
♥ A63
♦ AKJ10
♣ A64

♠ 986532
♥ KJ1054
♦ —
♣ 73

You win with dummy's ♣A, East following with the ♣5 and dispose of your second club on the DA. If you can avoid losing two trumps you will have to locate the ♥Q.

To guard against the possibility that West holds a singleton ♠A you want to start trumps from hand, so you ruff a club, on which East follows with the queen and play a spade, for the seven, king and four. Now you can guard against West having started with ♠AJ7, so you ruff a club and play a spade - at least that was your intention, but East ruffs the third club with the ♠J and I you are one down.

This was the full deal:

Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ KQ10		
	♥ A63		
	♦ AKJ10		
	♣ A64		
♠ A7		♠ J4	
♥ 82		♥ Q97	
♦ 863		♦ Q97542	
♣ KJ10982		♣ Q5	
	♠ 986532		
	♥ KJ1054		
	♦ —		
	♣ 73		

Post Mortem

Once the ♠K held declarer could have ruffed a diamond and played a second spade. West wins and exits in a minor, but declarer will now get a count and know that East started with three hearts, indicating which way to take the heart finesse.

That is not the end of the matter - as you will have spotted, West should have taken the first spade and played a third club - this time destiny took a hand in proceedings.

If declarer assumes the diamonds are 6-3 it is safe to ruff a diamond at trick three and play a spade. Then a club can be ruffed for another spade play and declarer will again get a count of the defenders hands.

In the other room, they stopped in 4♠.

When the trophies, are raised later this week, who will be singing *Jai Ho*?

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THE POT OF GOLD

PRIZES GALORE

Team of Four (GOLD)

Winner	Rs.	30,00,000
Runner-up	Rs.	15,00,000
Third	Rs.	7,50,000
Fourth	Rs.	6,00,000
5 th to 8 th each	Rs.	3,60,000
9 th to 16 th each	Rs.	1,50,000
17 th to 20 th each	Rs.	50,000

Team of Four (SILVER)

Winner	Rs.	12,00,000
Runner-up	Rs.	7,20,000
Third	Rs.	3,60,000
Fourth	Rs.	2,40,000
5 th to 8 th each	Rs.	1,50,000
9 th to 16 th each	Rs.	60,000
17 th to 20 th each	Rs.	20,000

Team of Four (Bronze)

Winner	Rs.	1,50,000
Runner-up	Rs.	90,000
Third	Rs.	45,000
Fourth	Rs.	45,000
5 th to 8 th each	Rs.	20,000

Open Pairs

Winner	Rs.	10,00,000
Runner-up	Rs.	7,50,000
Third	Rs.	6,00,000
Fourth	Rs.	4,00,000
Fifth	Rs.	3,00,000
Sixth	Rs.	2,50,000
Seventh	Rs.	2,00,000
Eighth	Rs.	1,50,000
Ninth	Rs.	80,000
Tenth	Rs.	60,000
Eleventh	Rs.	45,000
Twelfth	Rs.	30,000
13 th – 16 th	Rs.	15,000

IMP Pairs

Winner	Rs.	1,50,000
Runner-up	Rs.	90,000
Third	Rs.	75,000
Fourth	Rs.	50,000
Fifth	Rs.	30,000
Sixth	Rs.	20,000
Seventh	Rs.	15,000
Eighth	Rs.	10,000

ASHOK RUIA - REST IN PEACE



Ashok Ruia was one of the most affable and pleasant personalities Indian bridge has been blessed with. The day of 7 Jan 2019 was his stepping stone to heaven. An end play that shocked the Indian bridge fraternity.

His iconic team, India Blues, was one of the hallmarks of Indian bridge. His partnership with the legendary late Orlando Campos was one of India's most famous partnerships. Ollie's standard response to their arguments, was immortalised in one line, " Sorry, my fault."

Ashok and his team ruled the roost in the 1980s and '90s. After Ollie's death, Ashok partnered K. Venkatraman, J. M. Shah and Archie Sequeira regularly over the next 20-30 years. He used to whistle his way through any situation and hum old Hindi songs, attributes that left lasting imprints on the minds of the bridge fraternity. And he was a wily old fox, when it came to table presence and card play.

Ashok was one of the most benevolent sponsors of Indian bridge, contributing immensely till the very end. He was the go-to person for the big back-page, inside cover ads, and what have you. We sure will miss Ashokji.

The Rise Of The Phoenix

Ashok's company, Phoenix Mills Ltd, symbolises the essence of the man.

Like the mythological bird, the **Phoenix**, who rose from the ashes, so too **the Spirit of Ashok Ruia**, has risen from the ashes to be here right amongst us. He was a good man.

Bhaiji, Rest In Peace

Remembering Ashok Ruia

His partners reminisce about him

K. Venkatraman

The event was a big prize money, an Imp Cavendish pairs event. It was early days of my partnership with Sri Ashok Ruia, the year 1997. Sitting North as dealer with NS Vul, Ashok picked up -♠- X♥ -XD- AKQJ10XXXX♣ -XX. He passed in a flash. His LHO opened 1♥. I, South, passed. West bid 1♠. Ashok passed again smoothly. His LHO(East) bid 1NT. South passed. West now jumped to 4♥. Ashok, at last emerged from the bushes & bid 5♦ which East doubled. All pass. Result - 5♦ Doubled made with Partner obligingly producing ♣- AQ as his only high cards. With Club finesse in, Ashok claimed This turned out to be a big IMP pickup as most tables faced either a gambling 3NT/5♦ opening over which opponents bid to 4♥/4♠ or 5♥/5♠ which was a cheap save, mostly undoubled. When I wonderingly asked Ashok what prompted his unusual action, he smilingly gave a cryptic answer - "Let water find its own level." In a nutshell this summed up Ashok's approach to bridge. -bold innovative & farsighted. It was always an experience partnering Ashok, trying to fathom his mental processes. But remember - Ashok was a winner at the bridge table. He may have bid imaginatively but he played his cards accurately both as Declarer & defender. In his demise, Indian bridge world has lost one of its most colorful personalities, a great administrator and sponsor.



Anand Samant

Secretary, Bridge Federation of India

There is a saying in Sanskrit, "Vidya Vinayen Shobhate", which, loosely translated means that knowledge and wisdom suit well those who are humble and polite. Tweaking that saying to, "Dhan Vinayen Shobhate", applies aptly to Ashokji, probably the only example I have come across of a humble multi millionaire. He was humility personified ; always used to talk by leaning and with his eyes down.



He was very fond of me, and always used to consult me on various aspects and information on bridge. He was a very fine player, who loved and enjoyed bridge gossip.

An ardent supporter of the game and a benevolent sponsor, he loved Seniors Events, and had an ambition to

perform in the Seniors at the world level. He twice missed to qualify for the quarter finals of the World Championships Seniors, the Ernesto d'Orsi trophy, by the narrowest of margins.

I sincerely hope that if any senior event is added in India bridge, it should go with his name.

Ashokji, Rest In Peace

Archie Sequeira

Ashok's partnership with me started in 2007. I had known him as a doyen of Indian bridge over the years with his strong Ruia Team dominating the bridge scene in Bombay in the 70's & 80's. More particularly I knew him as an opponent with a natural flair for the game, a great table presence and sharpness both in hand play and defence. I was pleasantly surprised when he asked me to partner him. We played mostly in his - Seniors events and the Winter Nationals. The team's performance in Seniors was creditable. We won the Asia & Middle East Championships in Karachi in 2007. Ashok's contribution in this event was memorable. In the finals vs Pakistan, the teams were tied at the finish. So, we were required to play 8 more deals. Ashok had to catch a flight and we settled for four deals. Defending against opponents 6 NT, Ashok made a devastating lead of ♥J from KJ10X. For some strange reason, declarer ducked from Q9x in Dummy.



(He figured ♥K must be doubleton with RHO). The cold contract went down. Declarer grumbled, "What sort of lead is this? Who leads J from KJ10 in a slam contract ?). This deal saved the day for us and we won in comfort. Else, would have lost narrowly, by 1 Imp

Ashok's natural flair, uncanny intelligence, commonsense, unflappable character and indomitable spirit (Never Say Die) won him so many laurels.

He was a great supporter of the game and helped many bridge players through his benevolence. An amiable and pleasant disposition endeared him to one and all, especially the bridge ladies. He was their favourite ! Simple living and high thinking was his hallmark. His untimely departure is a great loss to Indian Bridge.

From The Desk Of The Chief Tournament Director



Laurie Kelso

(We would like to welcome Laurie Kelso from Australia, the Chief Tournament Director for these championships. Laurie needs no introduction; being a Chief Tournament Director for the World Bridge Federation tournaments as well as Secretary of the WBF Laws Committee and a Co- Head Tournament Director of the WBF. Incidentally, he is also a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry. It is Laurie's first time here. Have a great tournament. Welcome to India.-Ed)

I would like to extend my personal welcome to all those attending the 17th HCL International Bridge Championships. The HCL Tournament has over many years established a reputation for excellence, of which I am certain it will continue to uphold. I am actually also a first-time attendee at this event, however after a quick perusal of the list of entrants; I am looking forward to again meeting old friends, as well as making some new ones.

My only advice to the competitors in the various divisions is that if an irregularity occurs at your table, please call the Director. Most problems, if addressed immediately, are easily sorted out. If however you elect to ignore a potential issue then you might subsequently disadvantage your side, since these are the very situations that often escalate from something quite simple to something considerably more complex.

Wishing everyone the best of success.

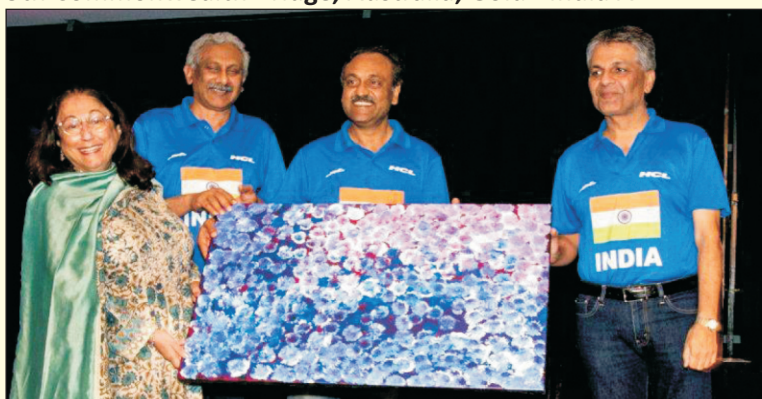
Laurie Kelso (CTD)

2018 Asian Games Medal Winners with Prime Minister Narendra Modi



The Indians Have Arrived - 2018-19

5th Commonwealth Bridge, Australia, Gold - India A



Kiran Nadar (c) Bachiraju Satyanarayana
Rajeshwar Tewari, Jaggy Shivdasani,
(Not in pic. Sunit Chokshi & Keyzad Anklesaria)

Spingold, USA Quarter Finals



Team Hyatt : C. Peligrini, Sumit Mukherjee,
Debabrata Majumdar, M. Wibly

Rosenblum Cup - Quarter Finals World Championships - USA



Team Texan: Fitzgibbon, Adm Mesbur, G. Venkatesh,
B. Prabhakar, R. Krishnan & Anil Padhye

European Championships, Turkey 2019 Bronze Medal



Texan Aces : P Shridhar, Anil Padhye, G. Venkatesh,
S. Sundaram, Ehudi Friedlandr & Inon Liron

INDIA AT THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES INDONESIA

Men's Pairs: Gold Medal



Pranab Bardhan & Shibhath Dey Sarkar

Men's Teams : Bronze Medal



*Debabrata Majumder, Sumit Mukherjee, Ajay Khare
Debasish Ray (npc), Raju Tolani, Jaggy Shivdasani,
Rajeshwar Tewari*

Mixed Teams : Bronze Medal



*Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Kiran Nadar,
Rajeev Khandelwal, Anand KS Samant (npc)
Himani Khandelwal, Hema Deora & Gopinath Manna*

17th HCL International Bridge Championship 2019 – A Curtain Raiser

- By T.C. PANT

The HCL Bridge Championship was established in the year 2003 by Mrs. Kiran Nadar, one of the top Indian players of competitive bridge, to promote the sport in India. This year's tournament offers Rs 18 Million (~ US \$257,000) as prize money to winners.

Mrs. Kiran Nadar is a member of the "FORMIDABLES" team, which has not only won many laurels at the National level but has represented India several times in international competitive bridge events. In fact her team reached the finals of the Gold event last year but had to contend with the runner-up spot. She is married to Mr. Shiv Nadar who is the Founder of HCL, India's leading Global Technology and IT Enterprise - which is the sponsor for this prestigious event.

This annual tournament consists of the "Team of Four Gold and Silver" events as well as "Open Pairs and IMP Pairs" events. This year, we have added a BRONZE event category to promote the game for the beginners.

The first edition of this tournament in 2003 attracted 35 teams & 89 Pairs; in 2004, it increased to 46 teams and 127 pairs; 2005 saw 70 teams & 176 Pairs, and from 2006 onwards till 2012, we always had 70 plus teams & 160 plus Pairs. The participation of all the top Indian teams in this tournament was an ample proof that this is one of the most favorite tournaments of the bridge fraternity in India and to make it more competitive for average players, the organizers in 2013 decided to divide the main Team of Four event into GOLD & SILVER categories. 40 teams in GOLD & 37 teams in Silver categories participated in the 2013 edition.

The year 2016 saw this tournament attaining big heights, when this became an International Bridge Tournament. The organizers invited many top foreign teams and this resulted in 41 teams participating in the GOLD and 79 teams in the SILVER event. A record 288 pairs participated in the open match point pairs. Team "Lavazza", consisting of Zia Mahmood, Giorgio Duboin, Dennis Bilde & Norberto Bochhi won the Gold event. With 21 foreign teams in 2017 edition, the tournament attained a world class status. Last year we had a record 162 Teams (52 in GOLD & 110 in SILVER), which even exceeded the expectation of the organizers.

The three main trophies of the championship are detailed below:

Naresh Tandan Trophy for Winner of Team of Four Gold Event – This trophy has been instituted in the name of Late Shri Naresh Tandan (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's Father). He was an engineer and worked for Voltas most of his life. He was a very compassionate human being and loved the game of Bridge so much that Kiran and her younger brother were initiated into it, when she was all of 9 years old and her brother three years younger.

Mohini Tandan Trophy for Winner of Team of Four Silver Event – This trophy has been instituted in the name of Late Mrs Tandan (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's Mother).

Neena Bonerjee Trophy for Winner of Open MP Pairs Event – This trophy has been instituted in the name of Late Mrs. Neena Bonerjee by her daughter Nisha. Mrs. Neena Bonerjee was a lady par excellence, a true friend, a great player and even a greater ambassador of this game. Kiran was fortunate enough to have played with her as a partner or as a team mate over the years.



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



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



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

MORE DEADLY THAN THE MALE

The Female of the Species - Rudyard Kipling

*When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride,
He shouts to scare the monster, who will often turn aside.
But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail.*

For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Score one for the stronger sex- the Ladies. They feature in All the categories of the 2018-19 IBPA Awards for excellence in bridge. These awards are the Oscars of bridge.

We doff our hats to the ladies, kicking off with the youngest of them all, Tuana Altun of Turkey. She is all of 8 years old!

YOUTH

Tuana Altun, Turkey (Defence)

(Süleyman Kolata, Istanbul)

At the 20th Iskenderun Bridge Festival Hatay, Turkey, you are playing in the Swiss Teams and hold this hand as south:

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A
♦ J 7 6 5 4 3
♣ 7 5 4

Board 30. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
Tuana Altun		Toygar T. Altun	
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What do you lead?

The killing lead was found by Tuana Altun, an eight-year-old girl playing with her brother, Toygar Tuncay Altun.

Tuana led a club. Then, when she regained the lead with the ace of hearts, she led another club. Her brother ruffed the second club to put the contract one down.

This was the full deal:

	♠ 9 7 2	
	♥ Q 9 3	
	♦ A K Q	
	♣ Q 10 8 6	
♠ Q 8 5		♠ J 10 6 4
♥ A		♥ 10 7 5 2
♦ J 7 6 5 4 3		♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ 7 5 4		♣ J
	♠ A K 3	
	♥ K J 8 6 4	
	♦ —	
	♣ A K 9 3 2	

That represented an 11-IMP gain for their team.

(Guess it's Gr8 to be 8- Ed)

DEFENCE

Justyna Zmuda, Poland

(Championship Defence - Marek Wójcicki, Poland)

In the European Team Championships Women's series, from the Poland-Italy match, Justyna Zmuda was sitting East with: ♠AQ1053 ♥K8 ♦A876 ♣97

With both sides vulnerable, the bidding went ...

West	North	East	South
Duftrat	Pomares	Zmuda	Campagnano
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Double	2♥	2♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After a 15-17 notrump and transfer, Zmuda led the diamond ace. This is what she saw :

East (Zmuda)
♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ K 8
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ 9 7

South (Dummy)

♠ 2
♥ Q 7 6 5 3 2
♦ Q
♣ Q J 8 6 2

On the diamond ace, the nine appeared from partner and the two from declarer. What next?

Except for diamond honours, partner has at most a jack. Thus, there is no hope for a trick in clubs. The only chance was in trumps. Zmuda found the only defence to defeat 4♥.

Zmuda cashed the spade ace (Duftrat followed with the four, upside-down signals) and continued with another spade (eight from Duftrat). When declarer took the second spade in hand with the jack and played the ace of trumps and another, Zmuda won with her king and played one more spade, promoting a trick for the trump jack and setting the contract.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

	♠ K J 9 7 6	
	♥ A 4	
	♦ J 3 2	
	♣ A K 5	
♠ 8 4		♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ J 10 9		♥ K 8
♦ K 10 9 5 4		♦ A 8 7 6
♣ 10 4 3		♣ 9 7
	♠ 2	
	♥ Q 7 6 5 3 2	
	♦ Q	
	♣ Q J 8 6 2	

It was the only table in the Women's series where the contract was set.

(The only chance- Leading the ace from ace- queen, giving declarer a 5 card spade suit in spite of the 1 NT opening, hoping to find partner wit the trump jack..... And it all fell into place. Good on ya, Justyna- Ed)

DECLARER PLAY

Barbara Travis, Australia

(Another Happy Ending - Ron Klingler, Australia)

This deal comes from the Australian Women's Teams semifinals:

Board 37. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ J 6 4	♠ 5
♥ K 10 6 2	♥ A 5 4 3
♦ 3	♦ J 9 4
♣ A K 7 5 3	♣ J 9 6 4 2
♠ 10 9 7 3	♠ A K Q 8 2
♥ Q 9 7	♥ J 8
♦ Q 10 6 5 2	♦ A K 8 7
♣ 8	♣ Q 10

With East/West silent, it went one spade by South—two clubs (natural, forcing to game)—two diamonds—four spades—four notrump—five clubs—six spades—pass. West led her singleton eight of clubs—three—jack—queen. As this was dummy's suit, Barbara Travis (South) took the lead to be a singleton. She also placed the ace of hearts with East. Why would West lead a singleton in dummy's suit if West had the heart ace?

If South drew trumps and cashed the ten of clubs, she had no sure entry to dummy to reach the clubs. Accordingly, she played the ace of diamonds, ruffed a low diamond and drew trumps. East shed a low heart, a diamond and a club. Declarer played her fifth trump and East pitched another heart, leaving:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ K 10	♥ A 5
♦ —	♦ —
♣ A K 7	♣ 9 6 4
♠ —	♠ —
♥ Q 9	♥ J 8
♦ Q 10 6	♦ K 8
♣ —	♣ 10

South cashed the king of diamonds, discarding the ten of hearts from the dummy, and East was doomed. She discarded the five of hearts. South cashed the ten of clubs and played a heart, using East as the stepping-stone to reach dummy's ace-king of clubs. That was plus 980 and a win of 11 IMPs. At the other three tables, North/South played in four spades.

(Just an idle thought: playing in the upper echelons what would declarer do on the lead of the 7 of hearts? The bluff - counter bluff - Ed.)

BIDDING

Punch & Leslie, UK

(The Great British Bid Off - Mark Horton, U.K.)

Baking is one of the currently popular competitions involving members of the public who battle against each other on British television in the guise of the *Great British Bake Off*. The show makes awards for special achievement, not unlike those made once a year by the IPBA.

In the Lady Milne Trophy, the Home Unions compete for the cup that was originally awarded to the winners of the Ladies Team Championship of the Hubert Phillips National Bridge Association. There are no special prizes for outstanding achievement, but this effort might have been a contender:

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ J 10 5 2	♠ K Q 9 8
♥ 10	♥ A K J 4 3
♦ K 10 9 8 7 6	♦ A
♣ J 2	♣ Q 8 7
♠ A 7 3	♠ 6 4
♥ Q 7 2	♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ Q 4 2	♦ J 5 3
♣ A 10 9 4	♣ K 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Punch	Clench	Leslie	Ingham
—	—	—	Pass
1♣ ¹	Pass	1♦ ²	Pass
1♥ ³	Pass	2♦ ⁴	Pass
2♥ ⁵	Pass	3♥ ⁶	Pass
3♠ ⁷	Pass	4♦ ⁷	Pass
4♠ ⁸	Pass	4NT ⁹	Pass
5♠ ¹⁰	Pass	5NT ¹¹	Pass
6♥ ¹²	All Pass		

- 2+ clubs
- 4+ hearts
- 11-13 balanced and 2/3 hearts
- Game-forcing check-back
- 3 hearts
- Slam interest
- Control-bids
- First-round control in spades and a club control
- RKCB
- 2 key cards + heart queen
- Side kings?
- No

North led the nine of diamonds, but she pitched a club while trumps were being drawn, so when declarer then played the queen of clubs, she took all the tricks for plus 1460.

(They were as pleased as Punch. The punch and Leslie Show.- Ed.)



THE DEFENCE RESTS

Anant Bhagwat - Rest In Peace

The IBPA selection for the Best Defended Hands were out recently in June 2019. And for once, **an Indian entry was selected**; a Rara Avis. The squeeze was on, but the Great Director above announced, "Move Please. Claim your Contract". And Life, dealing a cruel blow, claimed **Anant Bhagwat's** contract with life, just days before him knowing, that **the hand he had reported, had been short listed in the Holy Grail of all bridge writers - The IBPA Awards for 2018-19**. When they couldn't contact him, Barry Rigal, sent me mail, asking for his contact details. What to say...? Tears From Heaven! Anant was India's most prolific bridge author, having written 3 bridge books; a couple of which were short listed for the IBPA Book Of The Year. The books were very well received by the bridge fraternity. He had regular columns in India's leading newspapers for years. **Farewell, my friend. The Badir Lives!** (*Badir was the Indian version of Victor Mollo's immortal Rueful Rabbit, created by Anant*)

The best way to pay tribute to a bridgewasi is to carry a piece of his writing or performance. With a heavy heart but with tremendous pride we carry **Anant Bhagwat's** short listed entry for the **IBPA Gidwani Trust Defence of the Year 2018-19**.

Way To Go, Anant!

(Dr. Subir Roy)

The Shoe Is On The Other Foot - Anant Bhagwat, India

This bewitching deal came up in the Otters Club State Level tournament in Mumbai, featuring Ajay Khare (South) & Raju Tolani (North), of Mumbai, India
Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ — ♥ J964 ♦ 1098532 ♣ AJ2		
♠ KQ72 ♥ 108 ♦ K4 ♣ 108754		♠ A93 ♥ KQ32 ♦ AQJ7 ♣ Q3	
	♠ J108654 ♥ A75 ♦ 6 ♣ K96		
West	North	East	South
	<i>Raju Tolani</i>		<i>Ajay Khare</i>
—	—	1♣ ¹	Pass
1♦ ²	Pass	1NT ³	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT.	Pass	Pass	Pass
1.16+ HCP			
2.0-8 HCP			
3.16-18 balanced			

At some tables, South led the jack of spades. East won with his ace and immediately played back the nine of spades. South covered with the ten and dummy won. Now East made sure of his ninth trick by playing a heart from dummy

towards his king. Later, declarer finessed the seven of spades. The defence could take three clubs and the ace of hearts, but that was all. Nobody noticed anything amiss in the defence and they happily proceeded to the next deal.

At one table though, the defenders were wide awake. They were Ajay Khare and Raju Tolani, bronze medallists in the 1st Asian Games Bridge Championship. Khare, South, knew dummy had four cards in spades, so it was pointless to lead the spade jack. He also noted that declarer had four cards in hearts. That left only the club suit, so Khare led the six of clubs. Tolani, North, won with the ace and played back the two of clubs, dropping declarer's queen.

Now Ajay Khare paused for thought. And he found the deadly shift to the seven of hearts; dummy played the eight, Tolani the nine, and declarer won with his king. When declarer cashed the ace of spades and North discarded, East had to resort to the club suit for his ninth trick. He travelled to dummy with the king of diamonds and played a club. Tolani won with his jack and played the jack of hearts. Declarer covered and Khare won. Then, because of the farsighted unblock of the seven of hearts, Khare was able to lead the five of hearts to partner's six. The four of hearts brought the three from declarer to take the contract two down.

It was a perfect defensive intra-finesse, normally considered to be a prerogative of the declarer.

(The defense worked in harmony and tandem like a well oiled machine. Even a low heart shift au lieu of the seven would suffice for down one. But the early unblock of the heart seven gave them all the marbles for down two!- Ed)

FORTHCOMING BRIDGE TOURNAMENTS 2019 - 2020

WBF
 BFI
 International

Month	Dates	Tournament Name	Status
Aug	20 - 29 Aug	6th World Open Youth Bridge Championship, Opatija, Croatia	www.worldbridge.org
	24 Aug	8th Corporate Bridge Championship sponsored by Shree Cement at Mumbai	Confirmed.
	24 - 25 Aug	TVS R. Ratnam Memorial Swiss Pairs Tournament, Chennai	Confirmed
	22 Aug - 01 Sep	47th Grand Prix of Warsaw Warsaw, Poland www.pzbs.pl	
Sep	04 - 08 Sep	Inter State Bridge Championship, Banares Club, Varanasi	Confirmed
	06-14 Sep	58th International Festival, Pula, Croatia www.pulabridgefestival.com	
	11 - 19 Sep	Australian Summer Nationals, Sydney	
	13 - 22 Sep	Guernsey Congress Guernsey, Channel Is. www.ebu.co.uk	
	14 - 16 Sep	All India Secunderabad Club Bridge Championship, Secunderabad	Confirmed
	14 - 28 Sep	44th World Bridge Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Senior Bowl, National Mixed Teams & 12th Transnational Open Teams at Wuhan International Convention Centre, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China	www.worldbridge.org
	27 - 29 Sep	Tolly Club Tournament, Kolkata	Confirmed
Oct	19 - 22 Oct	Kr. Murli Manohar National Masters Bridge Tournament, Gurgaon	Confirmed
Nov	07 - 10 Nov	Nainital Tournament	Confirmed.
	28 Nov - 08 Dec	ACBL Fall NABC, San Francisco, CA	www.acbl.org
Dec	1st or 2nd Week	61st Winter National Bridge Championship, Kolkata	Proposed
Jan	9 – 12 Jan	Maharaja Yeshwant Rao National Bridge Championship (Kayani Teams & Holkar IMP Pairs), Yeshwant Club, Indore	Proposed
	24 – 26 Jan	Willingdon Sports Club, Annual Swiss Pairs Tournament, Mumbai	Confirmed
Feb	01 - 03 Feb	10th FNCC All India Open Bridge Championships at Film Nagar Cultural Center, Filmnagar, Hyderabad. Proposed	
	07 - 9 Feb	34th Seth Shrinivas Lohia Memorial All India Bridge Tournament, Ganges Club, Kanpur	Confirmed
	2nd Week (12-18 Feb)	Blocked for Indian Selection Trials	BFI
	21 - 23 Feb	Singhania Invitational Pairs, Kamla Club, Kanpur	Confirmed
	27 - 29 Feb & 1 Mar	Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament, New Delhi	Confirmed

(Based on information received through e-mails from organizers and BFI and other World bridge sites. Those interested to participate in any tournament should contact the tournament organizers for confirmation before planning the trip & booking their tickets). You should also check at www.bfi.net.in for confirmed dates.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME

HCL Bridge Tournament - Past Winners - By T. C. PANT

Year	HCL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP - PAST WINNERS		
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD NARESH TANDAN TROPHY	OPEN PAIRS NEENA BONERJEE TROPHY	TEAM OF FOUR SILVER MOHINI TANDON TROPHY
2018	SOUTH SWEDEN Alon Apteker, Craig Gower from South Africa & Sven-Are Bjerregard & Anders Morath from Sweden	George Matushko & Rogov Dmitry	TEAM MANZOVA Joy Narayan Roy, PijusKanti Baroi, Debashis Bose, Goutam Pore, Bijit Dutta & Sanjay Mukherjee
2017	Team Zwederland Johan Upmark from Sweden, Fredick Nystrom from Sweden, Ricco van Prooijen & Louk Verhees from Netherlands	Simon Hult & Ekenberg from Sweden	A. K. Bose Abhijit Kr. Bose, Shantanu Ghosh, Anindya Bhattacharya, Soumya Das, Sayantan Kushari & Sagnik Roy
2016	LAVAZZA Zia Mahmood, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Dennis Bilde	Alok Sadhu - Subrata Saha	SIX-PACK Nirmal Jain, Sandip Dang, Sanjay Sondhi, Subhranshu Patnaik, AfsharMajeed, Vijay Devadass
2015	FORMIDABLES Kiran Nadar, B Satyanarayana, B Prabhakar, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokashi, Keyzad Anklesaria	Sanjib Majumder - J.N. Roy	DR. SANGHI Dr R L Sanghi, R A Siddiqui, S C Bhandari, S M Moin, Sunil Kumar, Ratnesh
2014	FORMIDABLES Kiran Nadar, B Satyanarayana, B Prabhakar, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokashi, Keyzad Anklesaria	Sandeep Thakral - Kaustubh Bendre	P K THAKUR'S IV P K Thakur, M Dev, G Bansider, J Sarkar
2013	MOHIT MEHTA Mohit Mehta, Kingshuk Bhattacharya, Pinaki Khan, S B Mukherji, Avijit Chakraborty, C S Majumdar	A.K. Sinha - S.K. Hooda	CONSTELLATION Amarjit, Dr Nikita Kamal, Shashi Jain, Anil Bharioke, R Chakravorty, V Ravichandran

Year	HCL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP - PAST WINNERS	
	TEAM OF FOUR NARESH TANDAN TROPHY	OPEN PAIRS NEENA BONERJEE TROPHY
2012	ARISTOS (Sanjoy Bhattacharya, Kamal Mukherjee, Dr K Srinivas, K Srinivas Reddy, S K Iyenger)	Shib Nath Dey Sarkar - Pranab Bardhan
2011	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (Ashok Goel, Suhas Vaidya, Pritish Kushari, D Majumder, S.Mukherjee, Bhabesh Saha)	Tapan Roy - Satyabrata Mukherjee
2010	HANS, Australia (Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Arjuna Delivera, Ian Robinson, Paul Gosney and Peter Gill)	Swarnendu Banerjee - Alope Sadhu
2009	TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, S. Sunderram, Rajeshwar Tewari)	Rajeev Khandelwal - Himani Khandelwal
2008	TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, S. Sunderram, Rajeshwar Tewari, B. Prabhakar)	Subrata Saha - Satyabrata Lahiri
2007	SHREE CEMENT (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subrata Saha, Subir Majumdar, Bivas Todi)	S. Sunderram - P. Sridhar
2006	J.P. GOENKA (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alope Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee)	Prem Chand R Bafna - Ashok Vaidya
2005	J.P. GOENKA (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alope Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee)	J. Biswas - T.K. Roy
2004	WELLKNIT (R. Krishnan, A.S. Vishwanathan, Krishna Kumar, R. Venkatesh & J.M. Shah)	Subhash Gupta - Rajeshwar Tewari
2003	CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB (B. Todi, Kamal Roy, S. Lahiri, Alope Sadhu, A.B. Chakravarty, B. Saha)	B. Satyanarayana - Kiran Nadar

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Please observe silence during play. Follow the 'Sound' (or lack of it) principle-**Silence Is Golden.**

NO USE OF MOBILE PHONES DURING PLAY



MOBILE PHONES HAVE TO BE 'SWITCHED OFF' DURING PLAY. SILENT MODE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. THEY WILL BE RANDOM CHECKS & STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF PENALTIES

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1	Formidables : Kiran Nadar (Captain), Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeshwar Tewari, Keyzad Anklesaria, Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder
2	South Sweden : Alon Apteker (Captain), Craig Gower, Sven-Are Bjerregard, Anders Morath
3	K1 Plus : Ivan Nanev (Captain), Vladimir Mihov, Rossen Gunev, Julian Stefanov, Marta Nikolava
4	Hansa Narasimhan : Hansa Narasimhan (Captain), Ron Smith, Carlos Pellegrini, Luc Tijssen, Veri Kiljan
5	Team Russia : Andrey Gromov (Captain), Anna Gulevich, Dmitry Rogov, Aleksandr Dubinin, Yury Khiuppenen, Vadim Kholomeev
6	Colonels Team : Indresh Agarwal (Captain), Sushil Agarwal, K K Sabherwal, Balkrishna N Parasrampurua, Bhupendra N Rastogi, Amitabh Tayal
7	Magic Eyes : Esther C Sophonpanich (Captain), Vallapa Svangsopakul, Asdang Riamsree, Somchai Baisamut, Virat Chinmanas
8	Arun Jain : Arun Jain (Captain), Pritish Kushari, Swarnendu Banerjee, Gopika Tandan, Debasish Ray, B Prabhakar
9	Bangur Cement : Debasish Ray(Captain), Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Suman Sengupta, Arabinda Roy, Paban Agarwal, Debashis Bose, Joy Narayan Roy
10	Trambak Rubber : Hari Shankar Bajoria, Ravi Saberwal, Manas Mukherjee (Captain), Alok Daga, Amar Nath Banerjee, Raghunath P Tripathi
11	Poddar Housing : Dipak K Poddar (Captain), Jitendra J Solani, Anal B Shah, Subhash A Dhakras, Milind P. Athavale, Subir Majumdar
12	Shree Cement : N R Kirubakaramoorthy, Uttam Swarup Gupta, Levy Stern, Daniel Vikor, Ravi Goenka (Captain), Ashis Malhotra
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14	Indo French + Italy : Subhash Gupta (Captain), Sunit Choksi, Jaggy B Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral, Philippe Cronier, Giorgio Duboin
15	Bangladesh Green : Muhammed Faroque Hossain Patwary (Captain), Shathi Rangan Dey, A K M Nazmul Haque, Md. Harun-ur Rashid
16	Bangladesh Red : M A Quddus (Captain), Md. Fazlul Haque, Md. Shahidul Islam, Mohammad Ehsanuzzaman, Md. Raisul Islam
17	Hemant Jalan : Hemant K Jalan (Captain), Sandip Datta, Kaustabh Nandi, Kaustubh Milind Bendre, Sayantan Kushari, Sagnik Roy
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20	Aristos : K Srinivas, S K Iyengar, Himani Khandelwal, Rajeev Khandelwal, Sanjoy Bhattacharyya (Captain)
21	Dhampur Sugar Mills : Ashok Kumar Goel (Captain), K R Venkataraman, Bhabesh Saha, Shambhu Nath Ghosh, Padmanabhan Sridharan, Vijay Devadass
22	Mohota : Basant K Mohota (Captain), Anurag Mohota, Pradeep Anand Singh, Vijayanand Singh, Siddhartha Behura, Shailendra Chhajed
23	Pentagon : Bibas Todi (Captain), Ajay Kumar Bagadia, Satyabrata Lahiri, Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee, Sowmik Das
24	Gokhale : Rajendra Gokhale (Captain), Arun Bahulkar, L Ravichandran, N Rajmohan, Bhalchandra Kulkarni
25	C B C : Sankar Narayan Ghosh (Captain), Swapan Some, Swapan Kumar De, Suresh Ranjan Bhattacharyya, Uday Ghoshal

TEAM OF FOUR GOLD - REGISTERED TEAMS

Contd.

26	Delhi Blues : D K Tewari (Captain), J B Sengupta, Vijay Kumar, P C Gupta, Sekhar K Bandopadhyay, Amarjit Wadhawan
27	Monika Jajoo : Monica Jajoo (Captain), Rana Roy, Biswajit Poddar, Samir Basak, Somesh Bhattacharya
28	Eager Eagles : Hema Deora (Captain), Subrata Saha, Ramaratnam Krishnan, Jyotindra M Shah, Ramaratnam Venkatesh, Arvind Srinivasan
29	Cogito : Joyjit Sensarma, Andrey Purushottam (Captain), Natasha Khandheria, Jitesh Agrawal, B V S Prajwal
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31	Integra : Sanat Kumar Saha (Captain), Kingshuk Bhattacharya, Asit Baran Chakraborty, Sambuddha Deb, Suresh Kumar, R Sreekrishnan
32	Puyvast : Ajit Saldanha (Captain), Ajay B Yadnik, Finton Lewis, Vikrant Mehta, Tapas Dasgupta, Wrik Chakraborty
33	N C R Blue : Prakash Bhandari (Captain), S M Moin, Hemant Kumar Singh, Anukul Mandal, Ramkrishna Majumder, Arun Kumar Sinha
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35	Baneet Kolkata : Baneet Kumar Malhotra (Captain), Navneet Swaika, Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee, Shankar Acharya
36	Mohit Mehta : Mohit Kumar Mehta (Captain), Kajal Chandra Das, Hasibul Hasan, Swapan Kumar Ghosh
37	Maya Mira Sneha : Sukamal Das (Captain), Abhijit Chakraborty, Satyabrata Mukherjee, Pranab Roy
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47	Gupta's Bangalore : A S Gupta (Captain), V Krishnan, Shantanu Rastogi, Asok Jose Lean
48	Bangladesh Youth Team : Mahamudul Hasan Sumon (Captain), Pranta Sarker, Md Alauddin, Hasan Al Banna, Md Habib, Shahidul Islam
49	TBA : K Divakara Reddy (Captain), Mohan Gurunath S, Placid J Faria, B S Sastry, K Srinivas Reddy
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51	Chant-om : Tapas K Banerji, Nita Banerji, D D Gulhati (Captain), Rohit Kumar Gupta, Kawaljit Singh
52	Pegasus : Ashim Kumar Ghosh (Captain), Suchet Dhar, Atish Basu Roy, T K Roy Chowdhury, G P Gupta
53	Bedi's : Ram Avatar Agrawal (Captain), Avijit Sarkar, Tusher Bedi, Gopinath Manna, Mukund Jagannathan, Kamal Naguri
54	Aquarius : Milind S Bhadbhade (Captain), Ashok Vishwanath Vaidya, Prakash G Hegde, Rajeev Gulavani, Nitin Shah, Makrand N Kulkarni
55	Anoop Dhawan : Anoop Dhawan (Captain), Priya Ranjan Sinha, Bindiya Naidoo, Suraj Sonti

The 17th **HCL** International Bridge Championship

05th August to 10th August 2019

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 05, 2019 MONDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS – SWISS LEAGUE (10 Boards)

	GOLD TEAM & BRONZE	SILVER TEAM
Director's Announcements & Draw for Team of Four Gold, Silver & Bronze Events	1000 – 1030 Hrs.	0930 – 1000 Hrs.
Round – 1	1030 – 1200 Hrs.	1000 – 1130 Hrs.
Round – 2	1215 – 1345 Hrs.	1145 – 1315 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1345 – 1445 Hrs.	1315 – 1415 Hrs.
Round – 3	1445 – 1615 Hrs.	1415 – 1545 Hrs.
Round – 4	1630 – 1800 Hrs.	1600 – 1730 Hrs.
Tea Break	1800 – 1830 Hrs.	1730 – 1800 Hrs.
Round – 5	1830 – 2000 Hrs.	1800 – 1930 Hrs.

AUGUST 06, 2019 TUESDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS – SWISS LEAGUE (10 Boards)

	GOLD TEAM	SILVER TEAM & BRONZE TEAM
Round – 6 (10 Boards)	1030 – 1200 Hrs.	1000 – 1130 Hrs.
Round – 7 (10 Boards)	1215 – 1345 Hrs.	1145 – 1315 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1345 – 1445 Hrs.	1315 – 1415 Hrs.
Round – 8 (10 Boards)	1445 – 1615 Hrs.	1415 – 1545 Hrs.
Round – 9 (10 Boards)	1630 – 1800 Hrs.	1600 – 1730 Hrs.
Tea Break	1800 – 1830 Hrs.	1730 – 1800 Hrs.
Round – 10 (10 Boards)	1830 – 2000 Hrs.	1800 – 1930 Hrs.
Captain's Meet for Pre-QF knock-out Gold & Silver (16 teams) QF knock-out Bronze (8 teams)	2000 Hrs.	2000 Hrs.

AUGUST 07, 2019 WEDNESDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS

KO Pre-QF (4x14 Boards)	GOLD & SILVER TEAM	KO QF (3 * 10 Boards)	BRONZE TEAM
Session – 1	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session – 1	1000 – 1120 Hrs.
Session – 2	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session – 2	1130 – 1250 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Session – 3	1300 – 1420 Hrs.
Session – 3	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Lunch Break	1420 – 1515 Hrs.
Tea Break	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	KO SF (3 * 10 Boards)	
Session – 4	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session – 1	1515 – 1635 Hrs.
		Session – 2	1650 – 1810 Hrs.
		Session – 3	1825 – 1945 Hrs.

OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)

Session - 1	1030 – 1300 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1300 – 1400 Hrs.
Session - 2	1400 – 1630 Hrs.
Tea Break	1630 – 1700 Hrs.
Session - 3	1700 – 1930 Hrs.

2000 Hrs. Onwards Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)

IMPORTANT - MP PAIRS ENTRY

Entry for Open Match Point Pairs event, will close tomorrow, 06 August, at 1430 Hrs sharp.

Qualifiers in the team event will also have to give their entries before start of the Pairs event. PLEASE NOTE : Under no circumstances will their entries be excepted beyond 1430 hrs tomorrow. Those who reach the Semi-final stage of GOLD & Silver team event will be refunded their MP Pairs entry fee, as they can't participate in the event.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR BRONZE EVENT

All players playing the Team of Four event in **BRONZE** category are informed that their **event will be played at Hotel Pride Plaza**, which is next to Hotel Marriott. Please be at the venue on time. Your lunch, tea and play arrangements are all at Pride Plaza only.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 08, 2019 THURSDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS

KO - QF (4x14 Boards)	GOLD TEAM & SILVER TEAM	KO FINAL (4 x 12 Boards)	BRONZE TEAM
Session - 1	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session - 1	1015 – 1155 Hrs.
Session - 2	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session - 2	1210 – 1350 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Lunch Break	1350 – 1450 Hrs.
Session - 3	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Session - 3	1450 – 1630 Hrs.
Tea Break	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	Tea Break	1630 – 1700 Hrs.
Session - 4	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session - 4	1700 – 1840 Hrs.

OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)		
Session - 1	1030 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1	1100 – 1415 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break	1415 – 1515 Hrs.
Session - 2	1400 – 1630 Hrs.	Session - 2	1515 – 1830 Hrs.
Tea Break	1630 – 1700 Hrs.		
Session - 3	1700 – 1930 Hrs.		

AUGUST 09, 2019 FRIDAY

TEAMS : GOLD & SILVER KO SF (4 * 14 Boards)	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIM. – 3 & IMP PAIRS – ELIM. (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)		
Session - 1	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session - 1	1030 – 1300 Hrs.
Session - 2	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break	1300 – 1400 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Session - 2	1400 – 1630 Hrs.
Session - 3	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Tea Break	1630 – 1700 Hrs.
Tea Break	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 3	1700 – 1930 Hrs.
Session - 4	1745 – 1945 Hrs.		

AUGUST 10, 2019 SATURDAY

TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT Final & Play-off (4 * 14 Boards)	OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL Barometer Scoring		
Session - 1	0900 – 1100 Hrs.	Session - 1	0930 – 1300 Hrs.
Session - 2	1115 – 1315 Hrs.	Lunch Break	1300 – 1400 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1315 – 1400 Hrs.	Session - 2	1400 – 1745 Hrs.
Session - 3	1400 – 1600 Hrs.		
Session - 4	1610 – 1810 Hrs.		

IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)	IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)		
Session - 1	1000 – 1330 Hrs.	Session - 1	1030 – 1330 Hrs.
Lunch Break	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break	1330 – 1430 Hrs.
Session - 2	1430 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2	1430 – 1730 Hrs.

1830 Hrs. onwards Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

BBO SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY AUG 05, 2019

10.30 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Swiss League	R-1 (4 Tables)
12.15 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Swiss League	R-2 (4 Tables)
14.45 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Swiss League	R-3 (4 Tables)
16.30 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Swiss League	R-4 (4 Tables)
18.30 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Swiss League	R-5 (4 Tables)

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