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Results After 5 Rounds

K1 PLUS (BULGARIA) LEAD IN GOLD

Monika Jajoo & Team Russia Win All 5 Matches On Day 1.

K1 Plus (Bulgaria) with 77.08 VPs lead at the half way stage of the Swiss for 16 pre-quarter qualifiers. Their sole loss was to Bangur Cement in Round 2.

Reigning Champions, **South Sweden**, lie seventh. Last years Runners-Up, Kiran Nadar's **Formidables** will need to pull up their socks, a wee bit, as they lie 21st, with 16 to qualify after 5 more rounds today.

K1 Plus : Ivan Nanev, Vladimir Mihov, Rossen Gunev, Julian Stefanov, Marta Nikolava.

I-DOCTORS LEAD IN SILVER

I-Doctors from Mumbai lead the Silver pack with 82.93 Vps from 5 rounds followed by the Delhi based Hope N Prey 77.22 Vps and Chandan Nagar Card Club 71.56 Vps. Dazzle and BSL-Yellow are in the top five.

I-Doctors : Rajul R Dalal, Ashok Bhavnani, Deven Doshi, Gurmit Singh Chadha, Shrikant B Tembey

APANJAN LEADS IN BRONZE TEAMS

Pink Panther lie 2nd, Galaxy 3rd, Unpredictables 4th, G B B R 5th.

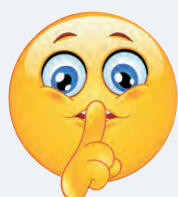
Eight to qualify for Quarter Finals after 10 Rounds.

IMPORTANT - MP PAIRS ENTRY

Entry for Open Match Point Pairs event, will close today, 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 accepted beyond 1430 hrs today.



Silence Of The Lambs - Shush!

Thinking Out Loud Gives Your Hand Away

Please maintain silence during play



WHERE THE SHARPEST MINDS PARTNER TO CONQUER

STANDINGS AFTER 5 ROUNDS

GOLD

Rank	Team	VPs
1	K1 Plus	77.08
2	Monika Jajoo	73.67
3	Team Russia	73.16
4	Hansa Narasimhan	70.05
5	Texan Aces	69.65
6	Team Solaris	65.85
7	South Sweden	65.00
8	Shri Radhey	64.32
9	Eager Eagles	62.79
10	Aristos	61.98
11	Liberty	61.20
12	DonJulio	60.07
13	Aquarius	59.94
14	Bedis	58.64
15	FII	57.58
16	Shree Cement	57.53
17	Mohota	57.27
18	Trambak Rubber	56.96
19	Maya Mira Sneha	56.81
20	Ladprao Bridge	56.16
21	Formidables	56.13
22	NCR Blue	55.39
23	Delhi Blues	55.21
24	Puyvast	53.85
25	Integra	53.36

SILVER

Rank	Team	VPs
1	I-Doctors	82.93
2	Hope N Prey	77.22
3	Chandannagar Card Club	71.56
4	Dazzle	68.49
5	BSC- Yellow	67.48
6	Atha Group-2	66.40
7	BSC- Red	66.19
8	Kosmos	66.11
9	Muktadhara	65.57
10	Uttrakhand	65.42
11	ICSA Group	65.36
12	Jupiter Hyd	65.23
13	Pradeep	64.96
14	Bridge Lovers	64.55
15	Setu	64.48
16	Senior Citizens	63.83
17	Venturers	62.61
18	S. Roys IV	62.03
19	Dr. P.K. Banerjees VI	61.51
20	Rajputana	60.43
21	Spartan	60.38
22	PBA	59.87
23	Tri R & BC	59.24
24	Jiya	58.63
25	Team Saju	57.82

BRONZE

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Apanjan	81.15
2	Pink Panther	70.96
3	Galaxy	70.66
4	Unpredictabl	70.49
5	GBBR	61.14
6	Antus 4	58.95

Rank	Team	VPs
7	Shiva	58.89
8	ABCS	56.64
9	Phoenix	54.90
10	Ms Kc	54.37
11	VFJ Sports C	53.45
12	Mix N Match	53.15

Omens - Mark Horton

Gold Teams - Round - 1 - South Sweden Vs. Maya Mera Sneha

I sometimes look for some sign from the Gods that rule over bridge as to how events might unfold. Looking at the BBO offerings for Round 1, I noticed that Magic Eyes included Virat in their squad. If you happen to be a cricket fan, (you live in India and you don't watch cricket?) then that name might just ring a bell. Matching that with the fact that here in England the Ashes series is under way, I concluded that we might just get an interesting series of deals in the first round of this Championships.



I decided to follow the encounter between South Sweden (reigning champions) and Maya Meera Sneha. Gower opened the batting - sorry, bidding in the Open Room and his partner is a member of the bidding panel in A New Bridge Magazine.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ —</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ K 10 7 6 5 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ Q J 7 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ 7 5 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ Q 9 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ 10 9 5 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ A 10 9 4 3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 9 5 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ A J 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ A 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ K Q 8 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K Q 10 8 7 6 3 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ K 8 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ J</p>

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Das	Gower	Roy	Apteker
—	2♦*	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	All Pass

2♦* = Multi

The immediate jump to game put the pressure on and when East bid 5♣, South was rewarded. He led the ♥4 and declarer let that run to North's king. Back came the ♥10 and South ruffed and returned the ♠K. North ruffed and with a diamond to come that was two down, -100.



Craig Gower (South Sweden)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregard	Mukherjee	Morath	Abhijit
—	2♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

The trouble with South's delayed entry into the auction was that it gave the opponents 'fielder's choice'.

West led the ♣K and continued with the six, declarer ruffing and making the natural play of the ♠K. That meant he had to lose three trumps as well as the two red aces so that was three down, -500 and a 12 IMP swing.

On Board 3 the West players were looking at ♠Q98642 ♥Q10764 ♦3 ♣J. After South dealt and passed, no doubt deterred by the vulnerability, neither saw fit to open and NS had an easy time in 3NT. This was the layout:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 10 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ A J 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ A Q 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ K Q 9 4 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K J 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ K 9 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ K 10 8 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ 7 6 2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 9 8 6 4 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ Q 10 7 6 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ J</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ 5 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ J 9 7 6 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ A 10 8 5</p>

If you knew your partner held a weak hand with the majors (or a spades suit) then you might lead a spade honor against 3NT, but if you opt for the five the defence has to be exceptional.

Assuming declarer ducks, West wins with the queen and must switch to a heart. If East is allowed to win with the eight it must be followed by the ♥K and if that holds East must now go back to spades.

Of course, if NS were to reach the panacea of 5♣ this would all be academic.



Sukamal Das (Maya Mera Sneha)

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 9 8 6 ♥ K 5 4 2 ♦ A Q 7 6 5 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 4 3 ♥ A ♦ 4 3 ♣ K 8 7 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ Q 8 7 6 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ A 5 3</p> <p>♠ A K 7 ♥ J 10 9 3 ♦ 9 2 ♣ Q J 10 6</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Das	Gower	Roy	Apteker
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♠	Dble*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Given that East did not double 4♥ West went for a tactical overcall and it resulted in a slight misfield, as NS got too high.

West led the ♠Q and declarer won with the ace and played the ♦2 for the four, queen and king. Declarer won the spade return, played a diamond to the ace and a club. East went up with the ace and played the ♦J. When declarer ruffed with the ♥3 West pitched a spade (ruffing is best). Now declarer played the ♣Q and when West did not cover he pitched dummy's remaining spade. (If West covers the ♣Q declarer ruffs and then pitches a spade on a losing diamond, after which he should collect eight tricks). Now declarer could ruff a club and was soon claiming two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregard	Mukherjee	Morath	Abhijit
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble*	Rdbl	2♥
All Pass			

What do you think is the best way to play East's redouble? Another approach is to use it to show a high spade honour, the idea being to help partner with the lead.

Declarer won the spade lead and played a club for the nine and ace. He won the spade return and tried the ♣10 but West covered and declarer ruffed and played a heart for the six, jack and ace. West cashed the ♠J, East pitching a club, and exited with the ♦4.

If declarer ducks this he is in control, but he put in the queen and East won with the king and returned the jack to dummy's queen. If declarer continues with a diamond he is only one down, but he tried the ♥K and that meant he was two down, so no swing.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 9 2 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ A K 9 7 3 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ J 10 5 3 ♥ K J 10 8 ♦ 4 ♣ A K 10 4</p>	<p>♠ 7 4 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ Q J 10 6 2 ♣ 8 6 2</p> <p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q J 9 5 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Das	Gower	Roy	Apteker
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♦	1NT
All Pass			

West led the ♦4 and declarer let that run to East's ten. Back came the ♣8, covered by the queen and ace and West exited with the ♠3. Declarer won with the eight and cashed his spades, but instead of settling for one down, he tried exiting with a heart. West won with the eight, and returned the ten and when East won and returned a club the defenders had eight tricks, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregard	Mukherjee	Morath	Abhijit
—	—	—	Pass
2♦*	Dble	2♥	All Pass
<i>2♦ = Three suited</i>			

The traditional lead against a three-suited hand is a trump, and South went with the ♥4, declarer winning with dummy's ten and ducking a club, South winning with a deceptive queen. The ♥6 was taken by dummy's eight and when declarer tried to cash the ♣A North ruffed and played two rounds of spades, South winning and exiting with the ♥Q. That was one down, -100 and 7 IMPs for Maya Meera that left them just two adrift at 10-12.



Abhijit Chakraborty (Maya Mera Sneha)

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Das	Gower	Roy	Apteker
1♦	1♥	2♦	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

If North leads a heart the defenders will take three tricks, but naturally North went with the ♠K. Declarer ruffed and played the ♦J and South won and tried the ♠A. Declarer ruffed, drew the outstanding trumps with the ♦9 and played the ♥10. North went up with the king and declarer had the rest, +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregaard	Mukarji	Morath	Abhijit
1♦	1♠	2♦	4[
5♣	Dble	5♦	Dble

All Pass

Here North led a red suit -but it was a diamond and the play followed a similar course, declarer ruffing the spade return at trick two, drawing trumps and advancing the ♥10 to flatten the board.

By the way, if you offer this as a lead problem to your friends I promise you they will start with a heart - the game is sometimes so much easier when presented to you on a piece of paper.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Das	Gower	Roy	Apteker
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♣*	Dble	2♥	3♦
3♥	Dble	All Pass	

2♣* = Majors

You can see why East bid 2♥, but it would have been better to pass the double, showing a club suit. West's 3♥ was unsound.

South led the ♥K and the defenders played three rounds of the suit, North switching to the ♦8. When declarer played low from dummy South does best to overtake and switch to a spade, but he followed with the six and declarer ruffed the next diamond and played the ♣K. South won the second club and played the ♦A. If declarer ruffs this and exits with a low spade he saves a trick, but that is not an easy play to find and he pitched a spade, ruffed the next diamond and exited with the ♠K for -1400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregaard	Mukarji	Morath	Abhijit
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♣*	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠

All Pass

2♣* = Majors

2♥* = Transfer

West led the ♥2 and declarer put in dummy's jack, played a heart to the ace and tried to cash two rounds of diamonds. West ruffed and exited with a heart. Declarer won performe with dummy's ace, pitching a club, came to hand with the ♣A and played a spade for the queen and ace. A club ruff now ensured ten tricks, +420, but at 14 IMPs it was an expensive over.

Having ruffed the second diamond West should exit with a top spade. Declarer wins in dummy, pitches a club on the ♥A, crosses to the club ace and plays a diamond but now West throws the ♣K. He will then be able to overruff in clubs and play two rounds of trumps, leaving declarer a trick short.



Alon Apteker (South Sweden)

Omens - By Mark Horton

Contd.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 9854		
	♥ AJ9		
	♦ 102		
	♣ AK85		
♠ QJ		♠ A73	
♥ KQ10		♥ 8532	
♦ Q9754		♦ AKJ	
♣ J92		♣ Q43	
	♠ K1062		
	♥ 764		
	♦ 863		
	♣ 1076		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Das	Gower	Roy	Apteker
—	—	1♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠4 and South won with the king and returned the two. Declarer won with dummy's queen, came to hand with a diamond and played a heart to the king and ace.

Declarer won the spade exit, cashed two diamonds and tried a heart to the ten, so that was two down, -200.

If declarer resists the temptation to play for the ♥J to be onside and cashes four rounds of diamonds, the last of these will be too much for North, who will be down to ♠8 ♥J9 ♣AK. Not easy, but not impossible.

It might be more difficult if North were to duck the first heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregard	Mukherjee	Morath	Abhijit
—	—	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here South led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's queen, came to hand with a diamond and played a heart to the queen. Here North did duck (here it does not matter, as there is no squeeze) and declarer returned to hand with a diamond and played a heart to the ten. North won and exited with a spade and declarer claimed just eight tricks to lose 3 IMPs, making the final score 29-10 in favour of South Sweden.

Bronze Teams - Catch 'Em Young



The Future - India Sub-Juniors & Kids



Pankaj Chowdhury Sr. & Jr., Jabalpur - Teammates ?

Photo Ops - The Selfie Spot



Raju Bhiwandikar, Anil Tikare & R Sridharan of Mumbai

IBPA AWARDS - DECLARER PLAY

Today we feature the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) Awards features **Declarer Play**. Just a reminder - the winners gets \$5000 and the person reporting \$2500. Cool bucks!

The Dog That Didn't Bark

Zhong Fu, China

(Jerry Li, China)

Many world champions are playing in the 11th Roseblum Cup. Here is an exciting board from there featuring, Zhong Fu from China, who was the World Open Pairs winner in Verona, Italy, in 2006.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jerry Li	G. Donati	Zhong Fu	M.Tokay
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	Pass	Double	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Tokay led the king of clubs. Fu ducked twice, and Tokay continued with clubs, clearing the suit. If declarer could take four diamond tricks, the game would be made easily enough. But you have to be aware that South is the danger hand. Declarer wants to make sure he keeps that player off lead – so playing ace, king and another diamond looks reasonable, doesn't it?

Fu played a low diamond toward dummy! The low diamond play worked spectacularly well. Dummy's ten lost to the jack in North, but the two entries to dummy could be used to finesse diamonds and take four diamond tricks. Fu made three notrump and won 10 IMPs.

What was the reason for Fu's play? Why wasn't he afraid Tokay had the stiff jack or queen of diamonds? As Fu analysed the deal: South had bid two suits, vulnerable, so rated to be 5-5 or better (and, even if not, a 4-4 club break would not be a problem for declarer – the contract would always make in that case). As for the other side suits, what was his shape: 3-0 or 2-1? If he were 2-1 (with two spades and one diamond), North would have had five spades, and since it is a World Championship, surely no one would pass a one heart opener with five spades! (*The dog that didn't bark? - Ed*) So that is why Fu did what he did and brought home his unlikely game.

Stepping Stone At Trick Eleven

Barbara Travis, Australia

(Another Happy Ending - Ron Klinger, Australia)

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

Board 37. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Choice Of Poisons Terje Lie , Norway (Knut Kjærnsrød, Norway)

We take a look at one of our other superstars, Terje Lie, showing his skill in a three notrump contract. The board was played against very competent opponents at a training session.

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

	♠ 9		
	♥ A J 9 8 5 3		
	♦ A 10 4 3		
	♣ 8 3		
♠ K 8 5 4 2		♠ 10 3	
♥ K 4		♥ Q 6 2	
♦ K Q		♦ J 9 7 6 5	
♣ K Q 10 6		♣ 7 5 2	
	♠ A Q J 7 6		
	♥ 10 7		
	♦ 8 2		
	♣ A J 9 4		
West	North	East	South
Hantveit	Kvangraven	Dale	Lie
1♠	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Helge Hantveit started with the king of clubs. Wishing to avoid a diamond switch, Lie took it with his ace and played a heart to the king and ace. East won the next trick with the queen of hearts and continued with a club to West's ten. The king-of-diamonds shift was won by dummy's ace, and Terje ran dummy's hearts. Before the ultimate one, the position was:

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

On the five of hearts, East discarded a club, Terje let his knave of spades go, but what should West have done? (*He had a choice of poisons-Ed*) If he had discarded a spade, the ace and queen would have landed the contract, and if he had thrown his queen of diamonds, he would have been endplayed with two rounds of spades, forced to surrender the ninth trick to the knave of clubs.

West finally threw his six of clubs, but Terje played the three of diamonds from dummy, discarding his nine of clubs. West could cash his two queens, but then had to lead away from his king of spades to allow the contract to make.

Buy One Get Two Free Tor Eivind Grude, Norway (A Fun Deal - Nils Kvangraven, Norway)

Dealer South. Both Vul.

	♠ Q J 9 7 4		
	♥ 7 6		
	♦ A Q 9		
	♣ A 5 4		
♠ 6 3 2		♠ K 10 8 5	
♥ 10 9		♥ Q J 8	
♦ 6 4 2		♦ K J 10 8 5 3	
♣ K Q 10 8 2		♣ —	
	♠ A		
	♥ A K 5 4 3 2		
	♦ 7		
	♣ J 9 7 6 3		
West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass		Pass	

During the fifth knockout match of the Norwegian Team Championships, Grude made an impressive play on this deal when he trusted his intuition.

West led the king of clubs, covered by the ace and ruffed. East returned a spade. Grude took his ace and pulled trumps, playing the ace and king. The continuation was a diamond: seven, two, nine(!), ten.

It seemed like Grude had given away a sure trick; East grabbed the ten of diamonds, but what was he supposed to do in this position?

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

Grude would discard a club from hand on any card played from East. When in the dummy, he plays the queen of spades, discarding another club from hand! East finds himself endplayed, yet again. (*By giving away one cheap trick Grude got back two in return. A case of Buy 1 Get 2 Free? - Ed*) The defence couldn't do much else but accept Grude making his contract.

But wait, let's have a second look at the play of the cards. As so often, the first trick is very interesting. How about Grude playing low on the lead, allowing West to win the king of clubs?

Yes, it would certainly succeed as the cards lie, but is it really an option for declarer? How about East, on lead at the second trick. Could he avoid the endplay? Certainly he can, by accepting the endplay as soon as possible and returning a big diamond at trick two! That would not have made Grude's play any less impressive, but it just shows us why we love this game so much – every little card makes a difference in almost every trick!

Bocchicelli
Roberto Bocchi, Italy
(David Stern, Australia)

This is from the Yeh Brothers Cup Final - China Vs. Lavazza Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A ♥ J 9 5 3 ♦ K 9 6 5 4 2 ♣ A 6</p> <p>♠ K J 9 6 2 ♥ Q ♦ J 10 8 7 ♣ 5 4 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 8 5 4 ♥ A K 4 ♦ A Q ♣ Q J 8 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 10 7 3 ♥ 10 8 7 6 2 ♦ 3 ♣ K 10 9 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Liu	Bocchi	Hu	Sementa
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT ¹
Pass	2♦ ²	Pass	2NT ³
Pass	3♣ ⁴	Pass	3♦ ⁵
Pass	3♥ ⁶	Pass	4♦ ⁷
Pass	4♠ ⁸	Pass	4NT ⁹
Pass	5♦ ¹⁰	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Artificial game-force
2. Hearts
3. Relay
4. 4 hearts, 6 diamonds
5. Relay
6. Minimum
7. Sets trumps

8. Spade control, no heart control
9. Key-card ask
10. 0 or 3 key cards

Bocchi/Sementa bid to what seemed to be a failing six diamonds, but Bocchi proved why he is a multiple World Champion. I should note that he took an inordinate amount of time to bid and play this board, so follow along. Without the opening lead of the ten of clubs by East, there is no doubt that Bocchi would have failed but, even with that lead, life was going to be an uphill struggle. (*Sandro Botticelli is one of Italy's most famous artists. His similar sounding namesake, Bocchi is Italy's bridge version of Botticelli - Ed*)

Bocchi won with the queen of clubs, cashed one diamond, crossed to the ace of spades and went back to dummy with the second diamond to discover the bad break in the trump suit when East discarded a spade. He came back to hand with the ace of clubs and cashed the king of diamonds, East letting go a heart this time. A heart to the ace saw the good news when the queen appeared from West. Attempting to pin the nine of clubs, declarer led the jack from the dummy. When West followed low, Bocchi ruffed it, the nine appearing from East. This was the ending:

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ — ♥ J 9 5 ♦ 9 6 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ K J 9 6 ♥ — ♦ J ♣ —</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 8 ♥ A 4 ♦ — ♣ 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 10 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ — ♣ K</p>
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The problem was what to discard from the dummy on the fourth round of trumps. A spade discard would have allowed West to exit with the king of spades, but that would have squeezed East between hearts and clubs. Still not 100% certain of the location of the king of clubs, Bocchi let the club go from the dummy. If it turned out that West did have the king of clubs, an exit with that card would hopefully squeeze East in the majors. When West exited with a low spade, Bocchi concluded that he did not have the king of clubs, so ran the low spade to the queen, playing for the precise layout that actually existed, i.e., no more spades in the East hand; plus 1370. In the other room (*The Chinese North South played in 3NT for +660-Ed.*) And 12 IMPs to Lavazza.

IBPA AWARDS - DECLARER PLAY

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Caught In The Headlights Michael Whibley, Australia (Liam Milne, Australia)

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ J1064	♠ A9
♥ J985	♥ KQ10
♦ KQ97	♦ 654
♣ 3	♣ J10865
♠ KQ85	♠ 732
♥ 743	♥ A62
♦ A8	♦ J1032
♣ AK42	♣ Q97

West	North	East	South
Whibley	Cormack	Brown	Lester
1NT	Pass	3♣ ¹	Pass
3♦ ²	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Puppet Stayman
2. No 5-card major

Cormack led the spade jack. If declarer takes this and misguesses clubs, the defence will have no problem switching to diamonds and the final result will be one down. Many tables did exactly that. Not Whibley: he ducked the jack of spades in both hands! The defence naturally continued spades and when they got in with the club queen, they played another spade, transfixed by the trick one duck into believing that this was declarer's weak suit. *(They were caught in the headlights of the duck at trick one! - Ed)* Now Whibley had time to set up the ninth trick in hearts for plus 600.

Director's Special



Prior to the commencement of this tournament, the Bridge Federation of India organised a two-day Directing workshop/camp and invited all the leading Tournament Directors (TDs) of the Federation. This served several purposes; firstly it allowed me to re-acquaint myself with those I had previously worked with, as well as meeting many of the newer faces. More importantly it provided a forum for much constructive debate and discussion (predominately in respect to the 2017 Laws Duplicate Bridge, but also on many other aspects of tournament organisation).

Most TDs work in relative isolation, especially those at club-level. The lone TD is expected to handle all aspects of a session's organisation (this includes the production of scores, selecting a movement and making rulings; plus the answering of a multitude of player inquiries). Even though the average grass-roots Indian Director might sometimes feel alone, he needs to remember that there is really a large community of like-minded individuals facing exactly the same challenges across the nation.

Mentoring is a key aspect to any Director Development program. This is where more experienced and knowledgeable TDs make themselves available to offer advice and encouragement to those aspiring to improve their skills and performance. An occasional get-together can therefore be very beneficial as it gives everyone the opportunity to learn from each other about the variety of different approaches to common problems and to receive both general support and encouragement.

A similar approach can be just as beneficial at club-level. Often different Directors run different sessions even within the same club, hence I would encourage all the club TDs in a particular region to try to remain in contact with each other and to put aside some time to meet at least a couple of times a year in order to compare and discuss what will invariably be a very similar set of problems faced.

Laurie Kelso (CTD)

Gold Teams - Round 2 - Solaris versus Aquarius

This match was between two teams who had secured the maximum in their first round matches and hence, was expected to be a pretty tight match.

In the open Room, Shibnath Dey Sarkar (Kachchu to most) and Pranab Bardhan (Chotan) of Team Solaris lined up against Rajeev Gulavane and Prakash (Choti) Hegde, while in the closed room, Milind Bhadbhade and Nitin Shah faced Partha Sarathi Mukherjee (Chandu) and Badal Das. The start was a damp squib with both teams missing a thin Diamond game on both tables; one adopting the puppet route and the other a more direct one to a part score.

Board 11. Dealer South. Vul. None

<p>♠ J 5 ♥ A J 9 8 2 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ K 7 6</p> <p>♠ 10 6 4 2 ♥ - ♦ A 10 9 7 3 ♣ Q J 8 3</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ A 10 9 4 2</p> <p>♠ K Q 9 8 7 3 ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ J Q ♣ 5</p>
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Open Room : N-S Solaris

West	North	East	South
P. Hegde	S. Dey Sarkar	R. Gulwani	Bardhan
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♠
3♦	All Pass		Pass

Closed Room : N-S Aquarius

West	North	East	South
P. Mukherjee	M. Bhadbhade	Badal Das	Nitin Shah
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		



P (Chandu) Mukherjee - Team Solaris

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ K J 9 5 4</p> <p>♠ A K 7 6 ♥ A K 9 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 3 2 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ Q 7 6 3</p> <p>♠ Q 8 ♥ J 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ A J 7 6 5 ♣ -</p>
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Open Room : N-S Solaris

West	North	East	South
P. Hegde	S. Dey Sarkar	R. Gulwani	Bardhan
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room : N-S Aquarius

West	North	East	South
P. Mukherjee	M. Bhadbhade	Badal Das	Nitin Shah
1♣	Pass	1NT	2♥
Dbl	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On this board, West opened a Precision 1 Club in the Open Room. East responded with 1 Diamond over which South overcalled 1 Heart. West bid 1NT which promised 19+ HCP. This was enough for East to bid 3NT. Against this, North led a small club to declarer's 8. At this stage declarer has 8 tricks. The 9th trick can come either from the club Q or with the diamond Ace right. Accordingly, declarer led a club towards the queen, but Kachchu was wide awake. He hopped up with the King and backed the Queen of diamonds to take 5 tricks more for -2 and 100 to NS.

In the closed room, West opened a standard 1 Club. On the 1NT response South overcalled 2H. West now doubled and East became declarer in 3NT. South (Nitin Shah) led a diamond to North's king and East's king. East led a low club but, when South showed out, had to concede 1 down.



Nitin Shah - Team Aquarius

Gold Teams - Round 2 - Solaris versus Aquarius

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Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ K 10 3 2 ♥ J 10 7 4 ♦ ♣ A K 8 7 3	♠ Q J 9 6 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A 7 5 4 ♣ J 2	♠ 8 7 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ K Q 10 6 2 ♣ Q 10 6	♠ A 4 ♥ K 6 5 3 ♦ J 9 8 3 ♣ 9 5 4
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Open Room : N-S Solaris

West	North	East	South
P. Hegde	S. Dey Sarkar	R. Gulwani	Bardhan
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dbl	Re-Dbl
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room : N-S Aquarius

West	North	East	South
P. Mukherjee	M. Bhadbhade	Badal Das	Nitin Shah
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This board produced the first big swing of the match. In the open room, east opened 1♦, partner bid 1H. North bid 1♠ and East doubled to show 3 card support. West now jumped to 4H. Unfortunately, given the 4-2 Heart break and the 4-2 Spade break, declarer had no chance on a spade lead. South ducked the first heart when it was finessed. Declarer returned to hand with the club K and then finessed again in Hearts. South now took the Ace of hearts and backed a third trump. Declarer has to concede two spades for 1 down.

In the closed room, North did not fancy showing his spades. As a result the auction was a more simple, 1♦-1♥-1NT-3NT. South opened with the 9 of diamonds which gave declarer some tempo. Declarer won trick two with the diamond queen and played the heart queen which South ducked. Declarer now tested the clubs and, when they broke, claimed 9 tricks and 12 IMPs.



Prakash (Choti) Hegde - Team Aquarius

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ 10 6 4 3 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ A 3 ♣ A Q 8	♠ Q 9 8 7 5 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 8 5 2 ♣ 5 3	♠ A K J ♥ K 9 8 4 2 ♦ Q J 6 4 ♣ 6	♠ 2 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2
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Open Room : N-S Solaris

West	North	East	South
P. Hegde	S. Dey Sarkar	R. Gulwani	Bardhan
		1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Re-Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room : N-S Aquarius

West	North	East	South
P. Mukherjee	M. Bhadbhade	Badal Das	Nitin Shah
		1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4S	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

In the Open room, East opened 1♥. West bid a Jacoby 2NT and East showed his club singleton. Now, when West cued 3♦, North doubled and East passed to show a minimum hand. When West redoubled to show the diamond A, East cue bid his spades. West now bid 4♥ and East, not liking his hearts signed off in 4♥. Once trumps broke 2-2 and the spade finesse worked, 12 tricks were there for the taking. Actually the declarer play the Diamond Ace and a small diamond towards his QJ making the spade finesse redundant.

The other room saw an extremely lively auction ending with East West climbing all the way to a grand slam. In spite of missing the small slam in the open room team Aquaris still got 11 IMPs, thereby salvaging the match.

The final result was a 5 imp victory to Team Solaris 17-12.

THE BUTLER DID IT

GOLD

SILVER

Rank	IMPs Per Bd.	Boards Played	Name	Rank	IMPs Per Bd.	Name
1	1.87	40	Andrey Gromov	1	3.65	Gurmit Singh Chadha
2	1.87	40	Anna Gulevich	2	3.26	Deven Doshi
3	1.50	10	Md. Zahid Hossain	3	2.65	Samir Kumar Datta
4	1.46	40	Gopal Venkatesh	4	2.25	Puja Batra
5	1.46	40	Anil Padhye	5	2.14	Asha Sharma
6	1.46	40	Luc Tijssen	6	2.07	V Ramkumar - Afshar Majeed
7	1.46	40	Veri Kiljan	7	1.87	K Srinivas
8	1.37	40	Rajendra Bhiwandkar	8	1.75	D Seetharamaiah
9	1.37	40	Sridharan R	9	1.70	Saurav Basak - Rajendra Ray
10	1.33	20	Hossain Mahmud		1.70	Bharati Dey - Vasanti Shah
11	1.32	50	Ivan Nanev	11	1.65	Ashok Girdhar
12	1.32	50	Vladmir Mihov	12	1.63	Mukesh Shivdasani
13	1.32	20	Subhash Gupta	13	1.53	Anant W Golwalkar - A Todankar
14	1.32	20	Sunit Chokshi	14	1.50	Prabir Kr Thakur - Manoj Kr Dey
15	1.28	20	Md Habib	15	1.45	Nirmal Kumar Das
16	1.22	30	Reddy Srinivas		1.45	Daleep Mutreja
17	1.22	50	Samir Basak	17	1.44	Goutam Pore - Binod Kr Shaw
18	1.17	30	Ashok Goel	18	1.43	Umesh Bhargava
19	1.17	30	Venkatraman Kr	19	1.40	Sujan Chowdhury
20	1.14	50	Shibnath Dey Sarkar	20	1.38	Nikita Kamal - M. S. Sharma
21	1.14	50	Pranab Bardhan	21	1.37	Arun Kumar Majhi
22	1.12	30	Chowdhury Md. Asifur	22	1.36	Ganeswar Nayak - P K Das
23	1.11	30	Sambuddha Deb	23	1.34	P. S. Mukherjee - Prasanta Bera
24	1.06	40	Roy Atish Basu	24	1.33	D Dutta Gupta - R K Singh
25	0.99	50	Rana Roy		1.33	Kajal Pal - Hironmoy Banerjee
26	0.97	30	Dasgupta Tapas	26	1.30	Ashis Kr Sarkar - B. C. Kayal
27	0.97	30	Wrik Chakraborty	27	1.28	N K Sinha - J N Pandey
28	0.96	20	Islam Shahidul	28	1.23	D. Sengupta - A. H. Chowdhury
29	0.95	30	Abhijit Sarkar	29	1.20	C. Choudhury - I. Chatterjee
30	0.93	10	Hemant Singh	30	1.18	Sameer Roy

TEAM OF FOUR SILVER - REGISTERED TEAMS

1	Jiya : Sujan Chowdhury (Captain), Arun Kumar Majhi, Chandan Kumar Mitra, Biswadip Roy, Partha Banerjee, Anirban Sarkar,
2	Muktadhara : Rabi Sankar Roychowdhury, Subrata Chatterjee, Dipankar Sengupta, Achin Home Chowdhury (Captain), Subrata Das, Sunil Kumar Majumder
3	Angabanga : Deshsmriti Roy Choudhury (Captain), Surajit Kumar Datta, Aniruddha Roy, J Subramaniam, Joy Saikia, Dilip Kumar Borpuzari
4	Arup Dinesh Asansol : Tapas Das, Arup Banerjee (Captain), Dinesh Sinha, Gautam Chatterjee
5	Gems Of U.P. : Sanjay Amist (Captain), Amar Kumar Bose, J Pratihari, B K Sahoo, Sudeep Saha
6	ICSA Group : S Vijayraghavan (Captain), Sandeep Dang, Afshar Majeed, V Ramkumar, Kannan Krishnamurthy, G Rajagopal
7	Captain's IV : Manoranjan Giri (Captain), Dipak Kumar Paul, Punya Kirti Das Sharma, Goutam Mukherjee, Biswajit Dutta, Pradip Mondal
8	Snail : Sujit Sadhak (Captain), Arup Dutta, Shyama Prasad Chatterjee, Goutam Das, Sanjib Majumdar, Saswata Bhattacharya
9	Brig Aggarwal Avengers : S K Aggarwal (Captain), V Balakrishna Rao, M S Srinivas, B S N Murthy, Shankar Lal Sharma, J V Ramana Murthy
10	Panchsheel : Parimal Das (Captain), Pradip Mohta, Krishna Kumar Goenka, Saumitra Basu, Samir Kumar Sadhu
11	MBU Midnapore : Abhijit Datta (Captain), Ghanashyam Pal, Sudipta Ray, Ashim Harh, Prakriti Ranjan Santra
12	Atha Group-2 : Probhat Roy (Captain), Sujit Basu, Partha Sarkar, Anirban Sasmal, Subir Kumar Chaudhuri, Samir Kumar Datta
13	Hindmotor Bridge Club : Anup Kumar Mahajan (Captain), Sajal Pal, Pradeep Govil, S S Bhargava
14	Gana : Atanu Ganguly (Captain), Nandini Prasad, Gautam Suri, Indranath Chatterjee, Chandan Choudhury, Tanmay Chatterjee
15	I-Doctors : Rajul R Dalal (Captain), Ashok Bhavnani, Deven Doshi, Gurmit Singh Chadha, Shrikant B Tembey
16	Srilata CRJ : Subrata Sarkar (Captain), Sushil Kumar Paul, Joydip Mukherjee, Jagadish Chandra Bala, Dilip Dey
17	Black Tea Nagpur : Milind S Hasabnis (Captain), Lakshmi Kant N Madane, M M Lule, Samir Khare, Neeraj Kumra, Sanjeev Kumra
18	S. Roy's IV : Subhasis Roy (Captain), Dipak Sarkar, Probhat Kumar Roy, Sanjib Ganguly, Bhola Nath Ghosh, Tapas Chandra Bose
19	VASP : Vikas Taralekar (Captain), Narayanan Shankar, Pallavi Modak, Sanyogita Modak, Ganji Lakshman, Sanjay Mukherjee
20	Exclamatory : Syed Zahid Sajjad (Captain), Inderjeet Singh, M K Saxena, Dibyojyoti Saha, Prithviraj Ghosh, Pritam Das
21	Lalmati : Sanjay Kumar Dasgupta, Biswarup Biswas, Nirmal Roy, Biplab Kumar Das, Chittaranjan Biswas (Captain), Mridul Saha
22	Thakurs Special : Tapan Kumar Roy (Captain), Achintyananda Thakur, Satya Ranjan Chakraborty, Swapan Ghosh, Pradipendra Mohan Datta, Motiar Rahman
23	Big Boss : Goutam Kumar Basu (Captain), Mihir Ranjan Majumder, Tanmoy Majumder, Santanu Chakraborty, Pradip Ghosh, Pallab Sinha Roy
24	Andromeda : Ashish Patel (Captain), Suhas Lele, Girish Hirode, Darshan Patel, Namit Sharma, Alok Kumar
25	Bloom Buds : Salil Kumar Mondal (Captain), Biplab J Guha, Santanu Roy, Prosenjit Manna, Arnab Basu Roy, Akhilesh Roy
26	Topruff : Srinivasan K. (Captain), Vijay K Vasudevan, M S Ramaswamy, Avi Y Medhekar
27	Indian Chain : N K Chitlangia (Captain), Sanjay Bagaria, Rajni Kant Sinha, Jay Kumar Majumdar, Anirban Mitra
28	Dr. P.K. Banerjee's VI : Manoj Kumar Dey (Captain), Prabir Kumar Thakur, Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Dibyendu Das
29	A. K. Bose : Abhijit Kumar Bose (Captain), Anindya Bhattacharya, Soumya Das, Anindra Kumar Sarkar, Shouvik Das, Souvik Kar
30	Finesse The Menace : Prakash Eswaran (Captain), Anirudh Eswaran, Vivek Nambiar, Mukesh Ghatiya, Arvind Vaidya, Akanksha Vyas
31	Star : Rahul Shetty (Captain), Mahesh Rohera, P Narayan Iyer, R N Subramaniam, Vasanti Shah, Bharati Dey
32	DNAP : Dilip Mukherjee (Captain), Mrinal De, Prabir Das, Avijit Dey, Mrinal K Haldar, Sekhar Banerjee

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33	Bridge Lovers : Mukul Gupta (Captain), Tribhuvan Prasad Khare, Gourav Banerjee, Jayanta Sarkar, Gautam Chatterjee, Sagar Bhuia
34	Rohit Wrappers : Ajay Vaish (Captain), Deepak Kothiwala, Kamallesh Gupta, Vikram Jain, Pallab Roy, Soumitra Das
35	Pradeep : Sukalyan Sarkar (Captain), Rajendra Sirohia, Goutam Pore, Binod Kumar Shaw, Pijus Kanti Baroi, Pradeep Goenka
36	Rahara Card Club : Krishna Das Chakraborty (Captain), Swetadri Saha, Pradyut Bhattacharjee, Amitava Banerjee, Arnab Ghosh, Babhrubahan Bose
37	Uttarakhand : Ram Prakash Bhatnagar (Captain), R K Bhatnagar, Rahul Agarwal, Yash Pal, C P Agarwal, Pulak Garg
38	Easy Bridge : Tapan Kr Bhattacharya (Captain), Bablu Roy Choudhury, Asim Das, Basudeb Bhattacharya, Subrata Adhikari, Debasish Polley
39	Brain Test : Sharmin Sultana (Captain), Mohammad Mehedi Hasan, Mohammad AL Helal, Mohammad Tarikul Islam, Mohammad Masum Billah, Sumaiya Akter, Nazmul Haque
40	Marbles : Anupam Rai (Captain), P K Joel, S K Richhariya, D K Chaudhary, Piyush Kant Agarwal, K P Vishwakarma
41	Finesse : Shirish Karkarey (Captain), Ajit Gurjar, Nitin I Shirole, Rajan V Joshi
42	Dr. Sanghi : Ratan Lal Sanghi (Captain), Tonmoy Ghosh, Suraj Das, Amitava Ghosh, Sayantan Konar, Soham Sarkar
43	Kosmos : T C Pant (Captain), Daleep Mutreja, Rajesh K Jain, Rakesh Nanda, B S Gupta
44	Tewari's V : Dilip Mistry (Captain), Raju Santra, Subir Das, Biswanath Tewari, Amiya Mandal
46	BSC-Blue : Stanley Nazareth (Captain), Asvin Ganger, Pawan Mediratta, Vijay Ranchor, Chunni Lal Arora, Kamleshwar Rai
45	TBA : Shifted to Gold
47	Invincibles : Savleen Thadani (Captain), Santanu Ghosh, Sukanta Das, Tapas Kumar Roy, Indranil Chakraborty, Bhaskar Sarkar
48	Bridge Punery : V G Gujrathi (Captain), P M Bhide, Jayant P Pingle, Shriram N Gharpure
49	Hope N Prey : Asha Sharma (Captain), Puja Batra, Mukesh Shivdasani, Sunil Bhatia, Vijay K Goenka
50	Dilip Atha's VI : Siddhartha Roychowdhury (Captain), Dilip Atha, Rana Chakraborty, Biswajit Ghosh, Dulal Dey, Gopal Das
51	Nagpur-V : Arun J Puranik (Captain), Vishnu J Puranik, Sameer Roy, Vilas Saboo, Mahesh Mor
52	Classic : Asit Kumar Ghosh (Captain), Santanu Choudhury, Moly Mondal, Raj Kumar Chowdhury, Subrata Guha, Saurav Sil
53	Quacks : Sukhu D Nayyar (Captain), Chandana Bawa, Ramesh C Khanna, Suman Khanna
54	Jupiter Hyd : D Seetharamaiah (Captain), C Srinivas Rao, K Srinivas, Subhajit Choudhury, Avik Roy, P Sudhakar Rao
55	DART : Dinesh K Jain (Captain), Alka Jain, Rita Bhagwati, Tara Laroia
56	Borivali Sports Club (Yellow) : Vinay Sharma (Captain), Lyn Nazareth, B C Pendse, A K Mishra
57	Jaguar : Sarthak Behuria (Captain), Sutanu Behuria, Nikita Kamal, Madhu Sudan Sharma, Arvind Gupta, Anil Sud
58	Kalinga : Surendra Nath Kar, Dinabandhu Sahu, Pramod Kumar Mishra (Captain), Aviram Rout
59	Senior Citizens : Montu Mukherjee (Captain), R Roy, P K Das, Ganeswar Nayak
60	Silver : Ujjwal Gupta (Captain), Bhalender Singh Nayyar, J N Pandey, N K Sinha, S Krishnamoorthy, Sarika Mittal
61	Leisure Hotels : Arvind Prasad (Captain), Virendra K Jhunjhunwala, Ajay Kumar Agarwal, Om Hari Agarwal
62	Just In Time : K Venugopala Krishna (Captain), C B B Sarma, A V V Raghavacharya, S K Anwar, G Somi Reddy, J V Narasimha Reddy
63	Chandannagar Card Club : Bimal Majumdar (Captain), Sujit Kumar Sur, Hironmoy Banerjee, Kajal Pal, Tapan Choudhury, Nirmal Kumar Das
64	Team Saju : Manik Alam (Captain), Bulu Saha, Ayan Chatterjee, Sabyasachi Sadhukhan, Md Sahajahan
65	Rajputana : Puneet Gangal (Captain), Ibrat Khan, K P Mathur, Narendra Kumar Sharma
66	Pankaj Mehta : Pankaj Mehta (Captain), Sultan Ali Abbasi, R Anbazhagan, Dinesh C Biswas, Pradip Gupta, Aparna Sain
67	Ambitious : Sangram Guha (Captain), Vinod Kumar Mutreja, Tushar Moghe, D K Paul

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68	Setu : Priyotosh Sarkar (Captain), Asis Tosh, Partha Sarathi Mukherjee, Prasanta Bera, Kishore Kumar Ganguly, Sourendra Nath Chakraborty
69	PBA : K R Lakhanpal (Captain), Gur Iqbal Singh, S P Sharma, Russell Lyall
70	TRIR & BC : Rajendra Ray (Captain), Ramendra Chowdhury, Shakti Pada Roy, Saurav Basak, Rajib Ray
71	Slammers : Sanjit Dey, Bhaskar Kumar Ganguly, Ranjan Bhattacharya, Richa Shriram (Captain)
72	Kayal's IV : Bhudar Chandra Kayal, Ashis Kumar Sarkar, Alope Kumar Sardar, Anupam Ghosh
73	Jhontu : Amit Pal (Captain), Bijon Kumar Mondal, Tapan Kumar Roy, Bijit Datta, Arnab Guha, Birendra Nath Dey
74	Group Popular : A S Venkatesh (Captain), M R G Appa Rao, James Joseph, Robins Jacob
75	BSC- Red : Sriram Bhikaji Khanolkar (Captain), S G Surve, N B Shinde, Avinash G Golatkar, Vishwas Jeurkar, Prasad Honap
76	Life Line : Rupa Bakeri (Captain), Sailesh Parikh, Bhavana Parikh, Ravindra Amritkar, Hasit Bhatt, Mayur Patel
77	R.S.V.P. : Saran (Captain), Raj Jayram, Saranjit Singh Dhupia, Vishal Marwaha, Deepak Pramanik
78	Bridgepremi : Bharat Joshi (Captain), Ajeet Sacheti, V D Agarkar, V G Bhagwat, Rathindra Nath Kundu, Amit Chakraborty
79	Bidhan Mix : Kishor Hazarika (Captain), Dhruva Dey, Kanchan Chakraborty, Shailendra Handa, Dipankar Acharjee, Kishore Hazarika, Ashish Kumar Vishwakarma
80	Bridge Mats : Manju Law (Captain), Rubinder Kochar, Chhaya Gandhi, Anshu Agarwal, Rupy Walia, Kumkum Kumar
81	Bridge Bots : Jan Irvin (Captain), Aruna Kohli, Monica Sachdev, Asha Goinka
82	Venturers : Prasanna Kumar Hota, P K Banerjee, Sheikh Naimuddin, Sunita Gupta, S M Patnaik, Saila Ranjan Das
83	Amol : Amol Deshmukh (Captain), U V Athavale, V Ravichandran, V Chandrasekhar, Sampath Srinivasan, Ajoy Sonak
84	Spartan : Ambrish Wadera (Captain), Devi Muthu Bhatnagar, Ashok Girdhar, Sunil Kumar Sinha, Devki Nandan Sinha
85	Sukumar's IV : Sukumar Koyal, Alok Kumar Mandal (Captain), Tapas Kumar Adhikary, Achintya Haldar, Gopes Sardar
86	Sham : Sham Sharma (Captain), R K Garg, Ashok K Sinha, Sarasij Majumder, Rajinder K Marwah, Brij Dutt
87	Hyderabad Blue Team' : Akhauri Prabhat Kumar (Captain), R P Narain, Prabhat Kumar Gupta, R Chandramohan
88	Dazzle : Hemant Pande (Captain), Rohit Mishra, Sunil Patki, Ajay Kumar Singh, Abhay Todankar, Anand Golwalkar
89	Lemurians : Anil Kumar Srivastava (Captain), V M Gupta, H S Dua, R P Mishra
90	Desert Warrior : Gajendra Kumar Vyas (Captain), D V Majumder, D M Mehta, Umesh Bhargava, Virendra Kumar
91	Chari : T T Chari (Captain), Lakshmi Chari, S Ganapathy, S Ganesan
92	Veteran's Force : S K Jatana (Captain), B S Yadav, V P Bhargava, D Sachdeva, P C Jain, R K Saigal
93	PBA II : K R Lakhanpal (Captain), S R Malhotra, Ved Prakash, Y P Punj, Shyam Lal, S K Agarwal
94	Dr SSMC : Amiya Ranjan Das (Captain), Arun Kanti Chatterjee, Apurba Bhattacharjee, Somnath Mitra, Siddhartha Ghosh, Amalendu Sanyal
95	Ushakiron : Usha Joshi (Captain), D Dutta Gupta, Birendra Kumar, Rabindra Kumar Singh, Ajay Kumar Saha, Raj Singh
96	Dr Mohan : V Mohan Rao (Captain), Rajnesh Gossain, D Sudhanand, V L N Rao
97	Martini : Sailaja Tahiliani (Captain), Devangshu Datta, Dilip Coelho, Madhur (Daisy) Singh, Param Saikia, Vivan Khubchand
98	Five Diamonds : Bholanath Dash, Surinder Kumar, Kaushik Mukherjee, Angsuman Acharya, A Acharya
99	Combination : Girish Kumar, Anuj Sharma, Anand Kumar Srivastava, Ajay Garg
100	Bagga's 4 Allahabad : Shahid Askari (Captain), Rakesh Bagga, Jitendra Pandey, I N Mullah
101	Cossipore : Naru Gopal Bhowmick (Captain), Uday Shankar Roy, Shakti Dhar Chowdhury, Kalyan Kumar Roy, Pradip Kumar Banerjee, Chinmoy Goswami
102	Chetak 1 : Amitava Mukherjee (Captain), Tapas Kumar Sarkar, Sibopriya Ghosh, Sital Bhattacharyya, Balai Paul, Ranjan Bose
103	Mash : Arun Sen (Captain), Atulya Sood, Hatinder Panwar, M R Goyal
104	Swastikas Four : Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (Captain), Asim Kumar Ghosh, Arjun Kumar Dhara, Kanai Lal Sarkar

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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 today, 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 accepted beyond 1430 hrs today. 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.

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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 TUESDAY AUG 06, 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)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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