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## GOLD

### Indian Challenge Ends in Quarter Finals

The 3 Indian teams in the fray, faded out of the Gold Teams quarter finals, leaving the title open for the foreign Teams. Formidables put up a good fight all the way to the end to lose by 18 IMPs, as did Hemant Jalan, who went out by 21 IMPs.

### SEMIFINALS

**K1 Plus (Bulgaria) Vs Don Julio**

**South Sweden Vs Team Russia**

## BRONZE

### TEAM SHIVA WIN INAUGURAL BRONZE

Team Shiva put it across Team Apanjan in the 48 Board Final by 31 IMPs.



Abhijit Pal, Abishek Mitra, S Srinivasan, Animesh Majumder, Arup Kumar Hudait, Ramkumar H (not in Pic.)

## SILVER

### SEMIFINALS

**I-Doctors Vs Pradeep**

**ICSA Vs Hope N Prey**

## MP PAIRS

**52 Pairs Qualify for Elimination-III of the MP Pairs**

**R. Bhiwandekar & R. Sridharan of Mumbai top Elim II**



**WHERE THE SHARPEST MINDS PARTNER TO CONQUER**

# Atithi Devo Bhava - The Guest Is An Avatar Of God

## Team Hansa Narasimhan



(L - R : Veri Kiljan, Benedicte Cronier, Hansa Narasimhan, Ron Smith, Luc Tijssen, Carlos Pellegrini)  
Hansa, now settled in US, successfully sponsors her Team of Top Level and upcoming Bridge Players.  
They unfortunately went out in the quarter finals yesterday.

## The Dubai Ladies - UAE



(L - R : Kumkum Kumar, Manju Law, Rupy Walia, Anshu Aggarwal, Chayya Gandhi, Ruby Kochar)  
Dubai has a huge ex-pat Indian population. In a way it is like a home coming for the Dubai Ladies. Welcome Home!



# La Belle Alliance - Mark Horton

## GOLD QUARTERS, SESSION - I, SOUTH SWEDEN VS FII

My featured match is between two cosmopolitan teams, South Sweden and FII (Indo French + Italy) and provides the inspiration for my title. You will all be familiar with the fact that is usually associated with an Inn near Brussels that played a role in the Battle of Waterloo. It is less well known that the Prussian commander, Blücher, suggested the battle be named after the inn, as a tribute to the countries that had joined forces to defeat the French. Although Wellington got his way with Waterloo, Berlin's Rondell plaza was renamed Belle-Alliance Platz.



Turning reluctantly to the bridge, at the behest of my publisher I am working on a new book - Misdefend these Hands with Me - and it is not proving difficult to find candidates for inclusion. Let's see what happened on the opening deal of the match:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ AQ ♥ J1094 ♦ 872 ♣ K863</p> <p>♠ J10986 ♥ 82 ♦ A10953 ♣ 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 7542 ♥ AQ75 ♦ QJ6 ♣ J7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K3 ♥ K63 ♦ K4 ♣ AQ9542</p>
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Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠J and declarer won with dummy's queen and advanced the ♥J. East went up with the ace and played a second spade. Declarer took no chances, cashing his winners for +400.

Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♦*	Dble	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

2♦\* - Multilandy  
3♠\* - Pass or correct

The first two tricks were identical, but here East switched to the ♦J at trick three and the defenders took five a tricks in the suit for +100 and an 11 IMP pick-up.

Board 13. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ KJ9652 ♥ A9632 ♦ 92 ♣ —</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q7 ♥ 1074 ♦ 1087 ♣ AQ743</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A10 ♥ KQ85 ♦ KJ4 ♣ K1085</p>
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Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
—	—	—	1NT
2♣*	3NT	All Pass	

2♣\* - Majors

West led the ♠6 and when dummy's queen held declarer cashed the ♣A and took four more tricks in the suit before playing a heart. East's ♥J was a welcome sight and dummy's ♥10 was soon taking the game going trick, +400.

Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	—	—	1NT
2♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦7 and declarer put in dummy's queen, South winning with the king and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer won with the king, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond claimed ten tricks when the suit divided, +620 adding 14 IMPs to South Sweden's tally.



Subhash Gupta - Team FII

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ KJ932	♠ A75
♥ K10	♥ A6532
♦ 103	♦ AJ2
♣ J873	♣ 52
♠ Q10	♠ 864
♥ 987	♥ QJ4
♦ K8765	♦ Q94
♣ AQ6	♣ K1094

Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♠4 and declarer tried dummy's queen, ducking when North produced the king. The switch to the ♣7 was taken by dummy queen and when declarer played a heart, North played a second king, which was also allowed to hold. The ♣3 went to dummy's ace and declarer played a heart to the ace, eliminated the black suits and exited with a trump. South won, and had he started with four diamonds declarer's fine play would have been rewarded. When he was able to exit with the ♣4 declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the king and took the diamond finesse, -100.



Giorgio Duboin - Team FII

Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	All Pass

3♦\* - Heart support

Taking nine tricks was easy - and another 6 IMPs went South.

Board 7. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ —	♠ A98763
♥ A109	♥ 76
♦ K6543	♦ AJ9
♣ QJ1042	♣ 73
♠ KQJ102	♠ 54
♥ 53	♥ KQJ842
♦ Q8	♦ 1072
♣ 9865	♣ AK

Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	3♠*	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble

All Pass

3♠\* - Shortage with heart support

Ignoring the Bols Bridge Tip - The Five Level belongs to the Opponents - East took a second bite of the cherry. North led the ♣Q and the defenders collected the first four tricks, +500.

We will never know if West would have found the killing lead against 5♥.

Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2NT*	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥

All Pass

2NT\* - Heart support

West led the ♠K and declarer ruffed in dummy, came to hand with a club, ruffed a spade with the ♥A and drew trumps. There was no way to avoid the loss of three diamond tricks, so that was one down.

You see how careful you have to be when talking about a bridge deal. To be sure of defeating 5♥ West has to lead the ♦Q - easy to see when all four hands are on view. However,

with the bidding hinting that suits would not break declarer was unwilling to follow what would have been the winning line. Unlucky - and another big swing leaving South Sweden ahead 44-4.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J10 ♥ J ♦ A10654 ♣ AK864</p> <p>♠ 873 ♥ 8543 ♦ K73 ♣ 952</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ KQ94 ♥ 1096 ♦ 982 ♣ Q73</p> <p>♠ A652 ♥ AKQ72 ♦ QJ ♣ J10</p>
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Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

2♠\* - Fourth suit forcing

NS flirted with a slam, but with no eight-card fit they called a halt. East led ♠K and when it held he continued with the queen. That also scored, but declarer took ♠4 with dummy's ace and ran the ♦J. That was followed by the ♦Q, covered by the king and ace and when the suit broke declarer claimed eleven tricks, +460.



Sven-Are Bjerregard - Team South Sweden

Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	3NT	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

2♠\* - Fourth suit forcing

Rdbl\* - Spade control

5NT\* - Pick a slam

Declarer took the ♠K with dummy's ace, cashed two hearts pitching a spade and played the ♦Q, covered by the king and ace. A diamond to the jack was followed by a spade ruff, a diamond ruff, the ♥Q pitching a diamond, a spade ruff and the ♦10, ruffed by the ♣J. When that passed off peacefully declarer claimed, +920 and 10 welcome IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 94 ♥ KQJ853 ♦ 109 ♣ A75</p> <p>♠ KJ86 ♥ A2 ♦ A7542 ♣ Q4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ AQ1052 ♥ — ♦ KQJ3 ♣ J632</p> <p>♠ 73 ♥ 109764 ♦ 86 ♣ K1098</p>
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Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble*	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

4♥\* - Cue bid

4NT\* - RKCB

The traditional way to show an odd number of keycards and a void would be to bid 6♦ with the East hand. (If East is known to hold a heart void then a response of 5NT shows 1 key card plus the known void.) Although North led the ♠K declarer could not avoid the loss of two clubs, -50.

Here's something to ponder: if East had held a club control and the heart void would have had bid 4♣ over 3♠, intending to continue with 4♠ over a possible 4♦ from West.



Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
Bjerregaard	Cronier	Morath	Duboin
1♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Knowing that East did not have a club control West signed off and pocketed 11 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ Q87432	
	♥ 96	
	♦ 73	
	♣ J53	
♠ K		♠ AJ65
♥ 108		♥ AJ53
♦ AKJ64		♦ 109
♣ A10974		♣ KQ8
	♠ 109	
	♥ KQ742	
	♦ Q852	
	♣ 62	

Open Room : NS - South Sweden

West	North	East	South
Choksi	Gower	Gupta	Apteker
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Whatever the meaning of 2♠ it did not get the job done. On the lead of the ♥4 declarer took all the tricks, +720.

Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
Bjerregaard	Cronier	Morath	Duboin
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

An old convention card suggests that 2♦ was a puppet to 2♥, and I'm guessing that 3NT then showed slam interest with the minors. It got the job done.

Declarer won the lead of the ♥K with the ace, unblocked dummy's ♠K, cashed the ♣KQ, pitched a heart on the spade ace, drew the outstanding trump and played a diamond to the nine, claiming +1370 and 12 IMPs to leave South Sweden cruising at 82-20.

## The Foot Soldiers - Caddies



The boards that seamlessly come to your table from the Dealing Room to each Event Section and back, is thanks to the physical efforts of these caddies. The unacknowledged task force.

Of course the Gulliver among the Liliputs is the friendly popular Australian CTD, Laurie Kelso. We requested him to spare half a minute for this photo. He willingly obliged, leaving aside his work. And then..... the caddies wanted selfies with him! For which he smilingly posed. Thanks Laurie. Two brownie points.

# Gold Quarters Session - II, Hemant Jalan v Don Julio

Hemant Jalan started this session with a small deficit of 17 imps. They set about reducing it on the second board of the session

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

	♠ Q	
	♥ K1053	
	♦ 972	
	♣ AQJ96	
♠ J109743		♠ 5
♥ 84		♥ 9762
♦ 643		♦ KQJ108
♣ K8		♣ 752
	♠ AK862	
	♥ AQJ	
	♦ A5	
	♣ 1043	

In the Open Room, the bidding went as follows

Open Room : NS - Hemant Jalan

West	North	East	South
Julius	Kaustubh	Corey	Kaustabh
Sigurjonsson	Bendre	Krantz	Nandi
–	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣

All Pass

1. Forcing

There is nothing to play in the hand and, once the club finesse works, declarer eventually makes 13 tricks.

The following bidding took place in the other room

Closed Room : NS - Don Julio

West	North	East	South
Hemant	Radu	Sandip	Julian
Jalan	Nistori	Datta	Rotaru
–	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Sandip Datta led the more passive Diamond King and, after declarer spurned the trump finesse, had to concede a diamond for 11 tricks and -11 imps

Two boards later though, some aggressive bidding by Kaustubh Bendre cost Hemant Jalan 6 imps



Kaustubh Bendre  
Team Hemant Jalan

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ AKQ1085	
	♥ 4	
	♦ 5	
	♣ QJ872	
♠ 3		♠ J742
♥ K9852		♥ 3
♦ AKQ72		♦ J643
♣ 65		♣ AK103
	♠ 96	
	♥ AQJ1076	
	♦ 1098	
	♣ 94	

Open Room : NS - Hemant Jalan

West	North	East	South
Julius	Kaustubh	Corey	Kaustabh
Sigurjonsson	Bendre	Krantz	Nandi
–	–	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

On this lay of the cards, declarer can make only 9 tricks and Kaustubh duly went one down.

In the other room the bidding went differently

Closed Room : NS - Don Julio

West	North	East	South
Hemant	Radu	Sandip	Julian
Jalan	Nistori	Datta	Rotaru
–	–	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
Db1 <sup>2</sup>	Rdbl <sup>3</sup>	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

1. Multi

2. Should mean diamond suit (though it could also mean hearts as per some defences)

3. Values

Radu Nistori would have made the same 9 tricks to secure 6 imps for his side

Things were going pretty quietly for the next several deals when disaster struck team Hemant Jalan on this board.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ KJ4	
	♥ AKQ975	
	♦ 654	
	♣ A	
♠ Q97		♠ 3
♥ J2		♥ 106
♦ AKQJ10		♦ 9832
♣ K106		♣ Q8752
	♠ A108652	
	♥ 843	
	♦ 7	
	♣ J93	

Open Room : NS - Hemant Jalan

West	North	East	South
Julius	Kaustubh	Corey	Kaustabh
Sigurjonsson	Bendre	Krantz	Nandi
–	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠

All Pass

West started with the Ace of Diamonds and continued diamonds. Declarer ruffed the second round and then played either for a 2-2 trump break or was planning to finesse East (West, having shown diamonds is likelier to be short in spades than East). When East showed out on the second round of trumps conceded one down



*Lulian Raturu  
Team Don Julio*

Closed Room : NS - Don Julio

West	North	East	South
Hemant	Radu	Sandip	Julian
Jalan	Nistori	Datta	Rotaru
–	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

At the other table the Don Julio pair played in a heart game and made 13 tricks when Sandip Datta led his singleton spade giving declarer a free finesse and 11imps.

As if this were not bad enough, Hemant Jalan had further disaster on the very next board when this hand came up.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 9763</p> <p>♥ 9763</p> <p>♦ J32</p> <p>♣ 62</p>	<p>♠ AK85</p> <p>♥ AJ</p> <p>♦ A86</p> <p>♣ AK93</p>
<p>♠ J1042</p> <p>♥ Q52</p> <p>♦ 974</p> <p>♣ 1075</p>	<p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ K1084</p> <p>♦ KQ105</p> <p>♣ QJ84</p>

The bidding went

Open Room : NS - Hemant Jalan

West	North	East	South
Julius	Kaustubh	Corey	Kaustabh
Sigurjonsson	Bendre	Krantz	Nandi
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4♣ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>6</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>6</sup>
Pass	5♥ <sup>7</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>8</sup>
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

1. Game Force
2. No 3 card support but 4 hearts
3. Promises 4-4-4-1 with singleton spade. This was not clear to Kaustubh Bendre.
4. Forward Going
5. 4 diamonds
6. RKC
7. 0 Aces
8. Trump Queen
9. Yes.

We were able to piece together the interpretation of this auction thanks to our discussion with Kaustubh Bendre.

In the other room, North South managed to find their club fit and hence had no trouble bidding the grand slam for another

Closed Room : NS - Don Julio

West	North	East	South
Hemant	Radu	Sandip	Julian
Jalan	Nistori	Datta	Rotaru
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

13 tricks come rolling home in any case, but Team Don Julio got 12imps for their effort. At the end of the session, Don Julio was sitting pretty with an 88-51 Imp lead



*Kaustabh Nandi  
Team Hemant Jalan*



# HUNGARY KYA ?



**Daniel Vikor of Hungary**

The above is the catchphrase of the popular pizza chain, Dominos. We were hungry for hands for the Bulletin, and Daniel Vikor, from Hungary, dropped in with a couple of hands and then some. He told us about his popular site <http://bridgemagic.net>. and a whole bunch of many interesting things. It was a Domino effect, one thing leading to another and more. Pity we had time constraints. Thanks Daniel.

By the way, Daniel played on the Team Shree Cement in these championships.

## MP Pairs Elimination I, Sess - II

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

	♠ KQ92		
	♥ 1075		
	♦ 53		
	♣ 8653		
♠ A87		♠ 1054	
♥ 93		♥ AQ64	
♦ J642		♦ K7	
♣ AQ92		♣ K1074	
	♠ J63		
	♥ KJ82		
	♦ AQ1098		
	♣ J		

West	North	East	South
Daniel	Vikor	Chiranjiv	Ballab
–	Pass	1♣	DbI
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

A word about the bidding. Daniel opted to redouble here so that he could either get to play quietly in 1NT or, if the opponents went too high, he could extract a juicy penalty from them.

In 1NT, Daniel received the lead of the spade king. He ducked two spades, won the third round noting the spade distribution. He now played a diamond to the king, won by South, who cashed the diamond queen and exited with the diamond ten. Daniel won in hand, pitching a heart from the table. He counted out South's hand, for five diamonds, three spades and the king of hearts.

He now started cashing his clubs, pinning the singleton jack. The strip tease was complete. East, feeling the heat, was forced to come down to a single diamond to retain the protected heart king. Daniel then simply threw him in with the diamond forcing East to play into the Heart Ace–Queen tenace for 8 tricks and + 120. This gave the partnership an 85% score.

## MP Pairs Elimination II, Sess - I

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daniel	Vikor	Chiranjiv	Ballab
---	2NT	Pass	3♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3♠ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6NT

1. Puppet
2. No five card major, one four card major
3. 4 Hearts

In Daniel Vikhor own wards, 'Sitting North, I opened 2 NT'. When Partner bid a natural 4♦ I wasn't sure where to end up playing. If partner has the diamond king, then 6♦ may be the ideal spot, but if has the club king then we could play in 4 NT or even 6NT. Anyway, partner solved my problem for me by bidding the slam.

West led a club. Since I could need the club king to reach dummy's diamonds, I won the club Ace in hand and played the diamond ace and another diamond. My LHO showed out on the second round of diamonds, I played the Jack and West started hesitating. I could sense the reason for the hesitation and began praying he would win. Fortunately for me he won the diamond king and backed another club to dummy.

I realized that since West was a good player, the only reason for his hesitation was that he had four spades with his diamonds. Accordingly, I cashed the Ace and King of hearts and successfully finessed the Jack of Hearts to come to this ending

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

Now, on the play of the Queen of Hearts, West was squeezed in spades and diamonds.

You must be wondering why I was praying he take the diamond king. The reason is simple. If doesn't do that, the count does not get rectified for the squeeze to operate and I will have to give either two diamonds or a diamond and a spade."

Only 13 pairs bid and made this slam. Daniel got a 88% score.

# TALK THE TALK WITH SUDHIR AGGARWAL

## OPERATION DAYBREAK

The guys behind the scene, the Operations team, burn the midnight oil, often till daybreak. The frictionless machinery that purrs noiselessly to bring you top international playing conditions and comfort, is the effort of these unsung heroes.

We met up with the Head of the Web Site and Co-head of Tech Management for these Championships, Delhi based, Sudhir Aggarwal. He tick marks all the right conventional boxes-an engineer, a Senior V.P in a multinational company, a cozy family of an author-educationist better half and a practising lawyer daughter. Sudhir learnt his bridge and related skills while on a stint in Mumbai in L & T, over thirty five years ago. His penchant for management and organisational skills, kind of guided him by remote, as it were, into that much neglected aspect of bridge.

Inspite of his hectic schedule at these championships, donning many hats, we managed to talk to Sudhir, between movements, schedules, draws, results and so much more.

*Tell us about your involvement and achievements in the lesser acknowledged aspect of tournament bridge-organisation and infrastructure.*

Almost a quarter of a century ago, 1995, I introduced computer scoring in Delhi, using ACBL software. Having been associated with the HCL Championships for 17 years, I have developed both the HCL bridge website and app. Bridgemate team scoring was first done by me in 2010. I have handled the 2011 and 2013 BFAME scoring, apart from many Nationals, Bhartiya and Delhi Gym tournaments. I have also introduced an unique player ID concept, which



Sudhir Aggarwal

can be used in Bridgemate and has also been adopted by the Bridge Federation of India.

*Q: Where is India on the world map in terms of infrastructure and organisation?*

To carry out a Tournament successfully at a high level lot of infrastructure is required. Although there has been a big change in India in this regard in last few years, we are still quite behind.

Another issue is unavailability of good organisers and trained resources for scoring. Not too many people can handle big tournaments.

*Q: What is the future and what is the scope for improvement?*

I want that things should be much more streamlined. Enough Directors and Technical persons should be available for each tournament. Every player should be registered with BFI. Registration of entries should be done in advance for each tournament and many more things.

*Q: Besides the marquee events like the 2015 World Championships in Chennai, the BFAME, HCL, etc, what about the tech support and organisation at the grass root level?*

I doubt things will change at grass root level in my opinion. Reason is availability of funds. To use better qualified staff you need to pay them well. This won't happen due to lack of money in this game. Even in many sponsored high prize money tournaments very less technical staff is used as they don't want to spend money on this account. Let us keep our fingers crossed.

## THE BRIDGEMATES



Left to right : Kaustabh Deodhar, Rajpal Singh, Gajendra Singh, Srinivasan Iyengar, Sudhir Aggarwal (Head), Prithvi Singh, Vinod Kumar and Rajesh Yadav

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# Relics - A Brief History

*We dug deep, real deep, to find the remnants of the civilization that is bridge. Thanks to the wealth house of information, in the IBPA archives, which, is like a bridge museum, we discovered a few relics.*

## The Convention Centre

It is common today to have convention cards running into dozens, and in esoteric cases, hundreds of pages. We take a trip down memory lane to the genesis.

**1910 : Birth Of The 1st Bidding Convention - The informatory double.** Colonel Patton, to counter R. F. Fosters weak No Trump, told his partner, "Next time Foster opens One no Trump, if I have a good hand, I'm going to double. If you have a 5-card suit take me out. This idea attracted the American Wilbur Whitehead to develop **the take out double**.

**1934 - Stayman:** It was actually Ewart Kempson, who, in 1934, suggested a Two Club Response to an opening bid of one No Trump, asking Opener to bid a four card major. J.C.H. Marx and S.J. Simon had similar concepts. But today this convention is universally associated with Samuel Stayman, who popularized it. It's the **Stayman Convention**, puppets et al.

**1935- Not Tonight Josephine:** The 5NT bid, the Grand Slam Force, is popularly called Josephine, attributed to Josephine Culbertson in the 'Bridge World'.

**1938 : Pressing the Button - Good Ol' Black.** The most commonly used convention when leaving planet earth and going into the stratosphere of slam bidding is the Blackwood Convention, now in several avatars. The 'Bridge World', reluctantly took note of it and eventually gave Easley Blackwood his due credit.

**1938 -Acol :** First published in 1938 but invented some years earlier by S. C. H Marx and S. J. Simon, later sharpened and fine tuned by Terence Reese, Maurice Harisson Gary & Ian Macleod.

**1948 -The Grapes of Roth : Alvin Roth** of New York invented **the Unusual No Trump**.

**1957 - Everybody must get stoned : Tobias Stone** gave the world **the negative double. (Sputnik)** The Bob Dylan track, became prophetic for the bridge world, 'Everybody must get Stoned', with all and sundry using the negative double.

**1950 - Power Point : Charles Goren** published the point count bidding, which used the precursor of **McCambell (1915)** and **Milton C. Work's 4-3-2-1 point count**.

**1969 : To be Precise : C. C. Wei** gave the world the **Precision Club System**. It became extremely popular and has gone to another plateau with dozens of additions, soup-ups, gizmos, what have you.

**1972 - The Byzantine Empire :J. C. H. Marx** of England gave the world a new 4NT asking bid - **Byzantine Blackwood**, which is an advancement of the good ol' Black.



# IBPA AWARDS - BIDDING

The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) Awards are given every year for excellence in bidding, declarer play, defence and for the Youth. Besides the international prestige and glory that comes on winning these awards, the icing on the cake is the bucks involved, supposedly around \$ 5000 for the Winners and \$ 2500 for the writer / reporter / contributor of the winning entry. A welcome sweetener indeed.

## The Bypass Surgery Klukowski & Zatorski, Poland (Fu Qiang, China)

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

♠ A  
♥ A J 2  
♦ A 9 8 6 4  
♣ A J 3 2

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

♠ K 6 5 4 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ Q 10 5 3 2  
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Marsal	Zatorski	Klump
—	—	—	Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1♥	2♣	Pass
4♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
4♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

- Polish Club: (a.) 12-14 balanced HCP, or (b.) 15+ with long clubs, or (c.) any 18+ HCP
- Slammish
- Controls
- Nothing further to say, but still interested

After the natural and forcing two-club call, Klukowski set clubs as trump, then bypassed the heart suit, knowing that if his partner did anything but bid five clubs, he would be able to bid the grand slam. When his partner denied a heart control, his five-heart call would let his partner sign off with no extras, bid five spades with second-round control (which would be bad news) or do anything else appropriate. The five-notrump call was intended as, and interpreted as, extra club length or an extra diamond control; i.e., further interest. Klukowski now knew his partner had at least two spades and two hearts, so relatively short diamonds were therefore almost guaranteed. That meant that if his partner had seven clubs, he would be almost able to claim the grand slam and, of course, as the cards lie, there were 13 top tricks.

*(Klukowski, West, deliberately bypassed the heart suit and interpreted the subsequent auction intelligently to land the Big One. - Ed)*

## Olfactory Perception Meckstroth & Rodwell, USA (David Bird, UK)

Nickell Vs Mahaffey  
Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

♠ K 7 3 2  
♥ K Q 9 8 3  
♦ 10 2  
♣ 4 3

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

♠ A Q J 9  
♥ 2  
♦ A J 5  
♣ A J 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Rodwell	Cohler	Meckstroth
—	Pass	Pass	1♣ <sup>1</sup>
1♥	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	3♣	Double
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	5♣ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	6♠ <sup>7</sup>
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 16+ HCP
- 8+ HCP, 5+ diamonds
- Agrees spades
- RKCB
- 3 key cards
- Trump queen ask
- Queen of spades but no side king

Meckstroth's double was for penalties. Meckstroth was facing a passed hand and I confidently informed the kibitzers that he would bid just game over three spades. No, Meckstroth could sniff a low point-count slam.

Cohler led the king of clubs. I expect I would have done the same, but a lead of any other suit would have given declarer too much work to do. Rodwell won with the ace of clubs and ruffed a club immediately. He played a trump to the queen, which won, and ruffed another club, West showing out. When the ten of spades was led to the jack (nice nine, Partner!), West won and returned the king of hearts to the ace. Rodwell crossed to the ace of diamonds, drew the remaining trumps and claimed. He made three trump tricks, five diamonds, the ace of hearts, the ace of clubs and two club ruffs. What a splendid plus 980!

The Mahaffey pair in the other room played in 4S for +420.

It was 11 IMPs to NICKELL.

*(Displaying a highly developed olfactory sense, Meckstroth, Sniffed a 26HCP slam. And Bingo! - Ed.)*

## A Well Judged Save Bilde & Duboin - Lavazza (Brian Senior, UK)

Lavazza v Moss

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 9 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 3 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ K J 10 6 5 4 2 ♦ J ♣ Q 9 8 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A J 8 6 5 3 ♥ — ♦ 5 ♣ A K 10 7 6 4</p> <p>♠ K 10 7 2 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ Q 9 8 2 ♣ J 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Madala	Lall	Bianchedi	Bathurst
—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1NT <sup>2</sup>	Double <sup>3</sup>
4♣ <sup>4</sup>	4♦	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	6♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 16+ HCP
2. 2 suits of the same colour
3. 5-7 HCP
4. Pass or correct

Lall tried to cash the ace of hearts. That was ruffed, of course, and Madala drew trumps, then ruffed out the heart queen to claim all 13 tricks and plus 1740 – one of the less common results we can expect to see at this tournament.

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Bilde	Huang	Duboin
—	1♦	1♠	2♣ <sup>1</sup>
2♥	Double <sup>2</sup>	3♣	3♦
3♥	3NT	4♣	Pass
5♣	5♦	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♦	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Transfer to diamonds
2. Power double

Huang led the ace of spades, Bilde dropping the queen in an attempt to avoid the impending ruff, then switched to the king of clubs, asking for count. Dwyer's nine was a very clear signal to show four cards, so the spade ruff was the only hope of a further trick. Sure enough, Dwyer ruffed the spade switch and dealt Huang a heart ruff, but that was that. The contract was down three for minus 500, but that was worth 15 Imps to Lavazza.

## You Win Some, You Rob Son Andrew Robson, UK (David Bird, UK)

Allfrey v Lavazza

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K 9 8 6 ♥ 9 ♦ A K Q 9 7 4 3 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ A J 7 4 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A 7 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ — ♥ A Q J 6 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ Q J 10 8 5 4</p> <p>♠ Q 10 5 3 ♥ K 10 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ K 9 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Madala	Jones	Bianchedi	Paske
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Marc Smith and I, commentating on BBO, posed the kibitzers this question: 'What action should North take when four hearts runs around to him?' We are both members of the New Bridge Magazine bidding panel. (I might mention that this great magazine, on the internet, is available totally free of charge for all comers!) We imagined that the options there would be five diamonds, pass and double. Indeed, we both ranked our own preferences in that very order, awarding ten, seven and four marks to the three actions. (*IMO, Pass=0—Ed.*)

On that basis, Jones will be sad to receive only four marks. South quite reasonably passed the double, and two overtricks were made for a score of plus 1190.

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	6♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Sementa had the rounded kings sitting over an opponent who had opened four hearts and rebid six clubs. He doubled, of course, but the contract could not be beaten. It was plus 1660 and 10 IMPs to ALLFREY.

*(This time it was Lavazza at the receiving end. - Ed)*

# IBPA AWARDS - BIDDING

Contd.

## Gadget Gurus

**Robinson & Boyd, USA**

*(Inclusion Chip Dombrowski, USA)*

Playing in the quarterfinals of the Baze Senior KO, Steve Robinson and Peter Boyd employed an unusual control-asking treatment that landed them in the plum spot.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

1. Splinter
  2. 'Key-Card' ask, including a club void
  3. 2 key cards (club void is a key card), no ♠Q
  4. King ask; guarantees all key cards and the spade queen
- A handy little gadget to have in the toolbox! Should it be called "Roman Key Card Inclusion Super Gerber"?

## Well Oiled Machine

**Wiseman & Smith, England**

*(Perfection - Mark Horton)*

On this deal from Round 1, England versus China, the East/West English pair had a chance to demonstrate their skills:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

1. (a) Natural, or; (b) 12-14/18-19 balances, or; (c) any 4441, or; (d) 15+ HCP can contain 5 diamonds
  2. Natural, GF
  3. Major-suit check back
  4. Control bids
  5. First-round control
  6. RKCB
  7. 2 key cards, no spade queen
  8. Kings?
  9. Club king
- That was an impressive way to collect 13 IMPs.

## Not For The Faint Hearted

**Hult & Bertheau, USA**

*(Very Well Bid! - Sue Munday, USA)*

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

Given the space available (yes, West might have done better to bid two notrump, but who knew how the hearts were divided?), the two-club call was intended as forcing without spade support, else some other call such as double, two no trump or three of a minor.

The four-diamond jump showed the void, so Bertheau bravely drove to slam and was absolutely right. The top clubs proved enough to allow the spade loser to be discarded in peace and quiet.



# QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - GOLD

Table : 1

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Q</b> K1 Plus	18	52	26	26	122
Formidables	56	13	21	14	104

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

**Formidables** Kiran Nadar, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeshwar Tewari, Keyzad Anklesaria, Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder

Table : 2

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Q</b> South Sweden	82	13	18	37	150
FII	21	25	43	20	109

**South Sweden** Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, Sven-Are Bjerregard, Anders Morath

**FII** Subhash Gupta, Sunit Choksi, Jaggy B Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral, Philippe Cronier, Giorgio Duboin

Table : 3

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Q</b> Team Russia (2 C/O)	46	48	38	0	134
H Narasimhan	32	12	19	0	63

**Team Russia** Andrey Gromov, Anna Gulevich, Dmitry Rogov, Aleksandr Dubinin, Yury Khiuppenen, Vadim Kholomeev

**H Narasimhan** Hansa Narasimhan, Ron Smith, Carlos Pellegrini, Luc Tijssen, Veri Kiljan

Table : 4

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Hemant Jalan	38	13	3	38	92
<b>Q</b> Don Julio	55	33	22	3	113

**Hemant Jalan** Hemant K Jalan, Sandip Datta, Kaustabh Nandi, Kaustubh Milind Bendre, Sayantan Kushari, Sagnik Roy

**Don Julio** Corey Krantz, Julius Sigurjonsson, Radu Nistor, Raluca Elena Dobrescu, Lulian Rotaru

## BRONZE FINALS

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>WINNER</b> SHIVA	16	26	62	12	116
APANJAN	52	9	8	16	85

**RUNNERS-UP : TEAM APANJAN**



Gourav Biswas



Gautam Biswas



Suman Routh



Samir Bhattacharya



Ashok Dey

# QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - SILVER

Table : 1

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Q</b> I-Doctors	84	33	41	34	192
Invincible	2	33	28	78	141

**I-Doctors** Rajul R Dalal, Ashok Bhavnani, Deven Doshi, Gurmit Singh Chadha, Shrikant B Tembey  
**Invincible** Savleen Thadani, Santanu Ghosh, Sukanta Das, Tapas Kumar Roy, Indranil Chakraborty, Bhaskar Sarkar

Table : 2

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Q</b> ICSA Group	38	18	25	31	112
Amol	30	8	52	15	105

**ICSA Group** S Vijayraghavan, Sandeep Dang, Afshar Majeed, V Ramkumar, Kannan Krishnamurthy, G Rajagopal  
**Amol** Amol Deshmukh, U V Athavale, V Ravichandran, V Chandrasekhar, Sampath Srinivasan, Ajoy Sonak

Table : 3

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Q</b> Hope N Prey	9	37	37	28	111
Chandannagar C	16	26	21	34	97

**Hope N Prey** Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Mukesh Shivdasani, Sunil Bhatia, Vijay K Goenka  
**Chandannagar C** Bimal Majumdar (Captain), Sujit Kumar Sur, Hironmoy Banerjee, Kajal Pal, Tapan Choudhury, Nirmal Kumar Das

Table : 4

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Team Saju (9 C/O)	50	45	13	3	120
<b>Q</b> Pradeep (3 C/O)	34	28	36	67	168

**Dazzle** Hemant Pande, Rohit Mishra, Sunil Patki, Ajay Kumar Singh, Abhay Todankar, Anand Golwalkar

**Pradeep** Sukalyan Sarkar, Rajendra Sirohia, Goutam Pore, Binod Kumar Shaw, Pijus Kanti Baroi, Pradeep Goenka

## Semi Finals

**T1** **GOLD** **T2**  
**K1 Plus Vs Don Julio** **South Sweden Vs Team Russia**

**T1** **SILVER** **T2**  
**I-Doctors Vs Pradeep** **ICSA Group Vs Hope N Prey**

## MP PAIRS ELIMINATION - II (52 Pairs Qualify)

Rank	Pair	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Pair	Match Points	Score %
1	R G Bhiwandkar & R Sridharan	1772.9	61.95	31	Dilip Mistry & Raju Santra	1578.6	55.16
2	Suresh Ranjan Bhattacharyya & Uday Ghoshal	1757.7	61.41	32	Anindra Kumar Sarkar & Souvik Kar	1572.8	54.95
3	Rajendra Gokhale & Arun Bahulkar	1755.3	61.33	33	Hasibul Hasan & Swapan Kumar Ghosh	1570.3	54.87
4	Raju Tolani & Ajay P Khare	1737	60.69	34	Suman Sengupta & Kamal Krishna Mukherjee	1569.3	54.83
5	Basant K & Anurag Mohota	1726.7	60.33	35	Rana Roy & Biswajit Poddar	1567.1	54.76
6	Sanjit Dey & Bhaskar Kumar Ganguly	1726.1	60.31	36	Ambrish Wadera & Sunil Kumar Sinha	1567	54.75
7	Ashok Kumar Goel & K R Venkataraman	1723.1	60.21	37	Pawan Mediratta & Vijay Ranchan	1564.2	54.65
8	N R Kirubakaramoorthy & Uttam Swarup Gupta	1714.8	59.92	38	Namit Sharma & Alok Kumar	1557.5	54.42
9	Debasish Ray & Pritish Kushari	1709.2	59.72	39	Soumya Das & Anindya Bhattacharya	1545.6	54
10	K Divakara Reddy & Mohan Gurunath S	1706.7	59.63	40	Nitin Shah & Makrand N Kulkarni	1545.5	54
11	Amar Nath Banerjee & Raghunath P Tripathi	1704.3	59.55	41	K K Sabherwal & Balkrishna N Parasrampur	1543	53.91
12	Ramaratnam Krishnan & Jyotindra M Shah	1699	59.36	42	Biplab Kumar Das & Biswarup Biswas	1540	53.81
13	Arun Kumar Sinha & S M Moin	1695.6	59.25	43	Pinaki Prasad Khan & Prasun Kr Mukherjee	1537.9	53.73
14	Badal Das & Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	1686.5	58.93	44	Sukamal Das & Pranab Roy	1534.2	53.6
15	G Venkatesh & Anil P Padhye	1685.2	58.88	45	Joyjit Sensarma & Natasha Khandheria	1533.3	53.57
16	Koushik Mukherjee & Nirmal Kumar Jain	1682.7	58.8	46	Monica Jajoo & Somesh Bhattacharya	1522.6	53.2
17	Ramaratnam Venkatesh & Arvind Srinivasan	1681	58.73	47	Peeracha Suriya & Somchai Rungsathit	1522.4	53.19
18	Ravi Raman & Subhash Bhavnani	1676.5	58.58	48	Pranab Bardhan & Shibnath De Sarkar	1520.3	53.12
19	Arun M Bapat & Maneesh Bahuguna	1665.6	58.2	49	Santanu Chakraborty & Pallab Sinha Roy	1516.7	52.99
20	Archie R D Sequeira & Ian Concessio	1654.6	57.81	50	Dipak K Poddar & Jitendra J Solani	1515.7	52.96
21	A K Mishra & Lyn Nazareth	1635.6	57.15	51	V Balakrishna Rao & M S Srinivas	1503.5	52.53
22	Bhabesh Saha & Shambhu Nath Ghosh	1626.8	56.84	52	R Chandramohan & Prabhat Kumar Gupta	1501.8	52.47
23	Manas Mukherjee & Alok Daga	1615.4	56.44	53	Girish Hirode & Darshan Patel	1501.8	52.47
24	Abhijit Chakraborty & Satyabrata Mukherjee	1608.6	56.21	54	Ranjan Bose & Sibopriya Ghosh	1499	52.37
25	Vibhas Todi & Satyabrata Lahiri	1599.1	55.87	55	Pramod S Joshi & C P Deshpande	1492	52.13
26	Sapan Desai & Animesh Raj	1595.1	55.73	56	Joy Narayan Roy & Debashis Bose	1489.7	52.05
27	Kingshuk Bhattacharya & R Sreekrishnan	1590.8	55.58	57	Ibrat Khan & Puneet Gangal	1484.4	51.87
28	Tusher Bedi & Gopinath Manna	1590.1	55.56	58	Pallab Roy & Soumitra Das	1483.5	51.83
29	R Anbazhagan & Aparna Sain	1587.4	55.47	59	Keshav Sakharam Samant & Vinay Desai	1483.4	51.83
30	Anal B Shah & Subhash A Dhakras	1579.8	55.2	60	Mrinal De & Birendra Nath Dey	1481.1	51.75

## MP PAIRS STRATA - II (Final Result)

Rank	Pair	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Pair	Match Points	Score %
1	Ghanashyam Pal & Abhijit Datta	3103.5	64.71	11	Achintya Haldar & Gopes Sardar	2847.7	59.38
2	Tapas K & Nita Banerji	3000.5	62.56	12	Priya Ranjan Sinha & Bindiya Naidoo	2847	59.36
3	Santanu Roy & Prosenjit Manna	2999.6	62.54	13	N B Shinde & Avinash G Golatkar	2846.5	59.35
4	Finton Lewis & Vikrant Mehta	2970	61.93	14	Anirban Sarkar & Sujan Chowdhury	2835.7	59.13
5	Gourav Banerjee & Jayanta Sarkar	2940.7	61.31	15	Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee & Shankar Acharya	2835	59.11
6	Ajit Saldanha & Ajay B Yadnik	2921.8	60.92	16	Sultan Ali Abbasi & Tribhuvan Prasad Khare	2827.6	58.96
7	Atanu Ganguly & Tanmay Chatterjee	2885.2	60.16	17	D K Tewari & J B Sengupta	2819.4	58.79
8	Aniruddha P Sanzgiri & Anil Bharihoke	2883.8	60.13	18	Dheeraj Kumar & Monu Kumar Anchar	2812.2	58.64
9	Moss Wylie & Glenn Coutts	2856.3	59.56	19	Prithviraj Ghosh & Pritam Das	2806.5	58.52
10	Alok Kumar Mandal & Tapas Kumar Adhikary	2852	59.47	20	Debabrata Ray & Salil Mondal	2803.2	58.45



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### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

#### AUGUST 09, 2019 FRIDAY

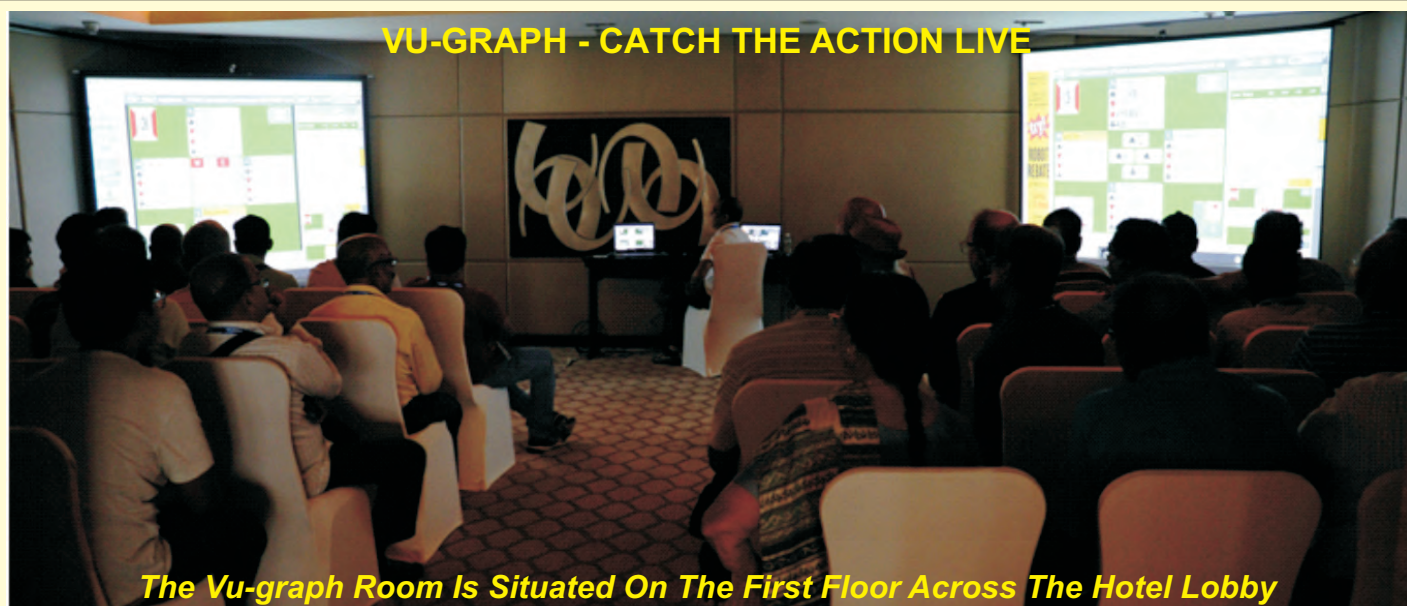
TEAMS : GOLD & SILVER KO SF (4 * 14 Boards)		OPEN MP PAIRS ELIM III & IMP PAIRS ELIM (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
Session - 1	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session - 1	1030 – 1300 Hrs.
Session - 2	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1300 – 1400 Hrs.</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1415 – 1515 Hrs.</b>	Session - 2	1400 – 1630 Hrs.
Session - 3	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1630 – 1700 Hrs.</b>
<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1715 – 1745 Hrs.</b>	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.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1300 – 1400 Hrs.</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1315 – 1400 Hrs.</b>	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.
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1330 – 1430 Hrs.</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1330 – 1430 Hrs.</b>
Session - 2	1430 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2	1430 – 1730 Hrs.

**1830 Hrs. onwards Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony**



#### BBO SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY AUG 09, 2019

10.00 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Semi Finals	Session - 1 (4 Tables)
12.15 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Semi Finals	Session - 2 (4 Tables)
15.15 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Semi Finals	Session - 3 (4 Tables)
17.45 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Semi Finals	Session - 4 (4 Tables)