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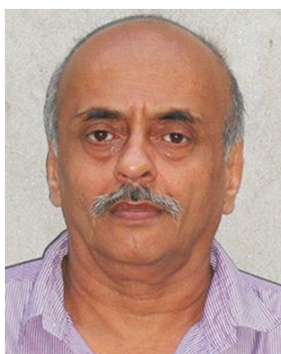
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N K Gupta – a remembrance

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At the outset, I must thank Mrs Kiran Nadar for honouring my erstwhile partner, her ex team-mate, and a darling of Indian Bridge – Naresh Kumar Gupta – by hosting an event in his memory.

What can we say about NK – an absolutely unique personality. By and large, a smiling Five foot nothing man, he had an arsenal of sarcasm and wit so sharp, it could – and did – cut through the thickest of skins and destroy them.

One of the most ethical players, his preferred set of tools was not everyone's cup of tea. He was a past master at creating pressure – and having opponents fold under it.

My first ever memory of him is when, just out of college, I happened to play against him and Rajeshwar Tewari – the most formidable of the Formidables - at Bangalore Nationals in 1997. On defence, both of them in turn will twirl their moustaches whenever they had to think. I still don't know how I managed to not burst out laughing. Perhaps it was the awe of playing against the likes of them.

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Mixed Pairs IMP elimination



Andrey Purushottam and Meenal Thakur finished at the top with +91 IMPs after five gruelling rounds of Mixed Pairs IMP event of the HCL International Bridge Tournament 2024, edition. They were in the sixth position after four sessions with +56 IMPs. They added 35 more IMPs to that tally. This is the first time a mixed event is part of the HCL International tournament.

Marianne and Sandeep Karmarkar were second with +87 IMPs and Kavita Ajmera-Baneet Kumar Malhotra were third with +83 IMPs.



Twenty six Pairs qualify for the GOLD section final, the next 24 Pairs will qualify for the SILVER section final, and the rest of the pairs will play the strata-II event tomorrow. Kiran Nadar and Satya finished with a score of +31 IMPs and were tied with Fernanda Soares and Ashis Pan, who also finished with +31 IMPs. The tie was broken as per the rules in the SCoC, page 65 of the BFI handbook. Kiran and Satya won the tie-breaker with a 21-7 score. Thus they qualify for the GOLD section of the final tomorrow while Fernanda-Ashis will play in the SILVER section.

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Subhash Bhavnani and Priya Balasubramaian who started with topping the first session failed to make the cut for the GOLD section. TV Ramani and Bindiya Kohli, who will be representing India in the mixed category in the forthcoming World Championship also failed to make it to the GOLD section of the final. Rajeev Khandelwal and Himani Khandelwal, the third pair that will be a part of the Indian Mixed team finished 23rd. They will be playing in the GOLD section.

Mixed Pairs IMP elimination, Session 1



The five-session elimination round of the Mixed Pairs IMP event, the new introduction to the stable of HCL International Bridge Championship, commence with 102 pairs participating in it. Each session was of 12 boards, six rounds of two boards each. The scoring was IMPs.

At the end of the first session, Subhash Bhavnani and Priya Balasubramaian were leading the field with a score of 41 IMPs. Shambhu Nath Ghosh-Anjali Karthikeyan and Kavita Ajmera-Baneet Kumar Malhotra, with +35 IMPS were in the joint second position.



Mixed Pairs IMP elimination, Session 2



Shambhu Nath Ghosh and Anjali Kartikeyan continued their steady progress in the second session and finished at the top with +58 IMPs.

Priya-Subhash finished third. Kavita-Baneet finished second, so it was just a shuffling of the first three positions.



Mixed Pairs IMP elimination, Session 3



At the end of the third session, the constitution of the top three changed slightly with Subhash Bhavnani and Priya Balasubramaian dropping out of the top three. Shambhunath-Anjali continued to lead the field with +83 IMPS but this time, jointly with Beneeta Chandra and Ranji Dhawan.



Mixed Pairs IMP elimination, Session 4



The end of fourth session saw a new leader in Asha Sharma and Abhijit Chakraborty, with +97 IMPs. Beneeta Chandra and Ranji Dhawan were second with +91 while Kavita Ajmera and Baneet Kumar Malhotra stayed put in top three with +84 IMPs.

You can get all the results starting from the results page on the website HCL-bridge.



N K Gupta – a remembrance

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Sometime later I moved to Delhi, got an opportunity to form a partnership with NK, and got to know the player – and the Man. And what a man this was. The most competitive of players, his imagination knew no bounds, and yet he was ethical to a fault. He was also one of the most helpful people within his limited means and he was intelligent beyond thought. I learnt more from my association with him – about bridge and about life than anyone else. He has had more impact on me than I care to admit.

And yet his most defining attribute was his larger-than-life ego.

This incident defines it the best. He once happened to be playing against the legendary Benito Garozzo and opened an off-shape notrump. Even though the defensive carding indicated he held a singleton, Garozzo elected to play him for a balanced hand and commented at the end of hand, “oh you opened with a singleton.” NK responded in his usual sarcastic way, and one of the kibitzers asked him privately if he knew who he was playing against. NK’s response was, “Does he(Garozzo) know who he's playing against?”!!

Sadly, he was taken away from us far too soon.

Here’s what some of his friends from the Bridge world have to say about him:

He was a brilliant bridge player, had an extraordinary imagination, but sadly lacked discipline. This lack of discipline followed him off the table too, where he just let go of his health. We had some great times when he was member of Formidables, and later. We sorely miss him.

-Kiran Nadar

Brilliant, Imaginative and undisciplined, he was one of a kind

-Satya B

I’ve learnt a lot about bridge, and even more about ethics playing with NK. Playing with him was always a roller coaster, with huge ups and downs every five minutes. Have not enjoyed playing with anyone else as much as I did with him

-Maneesh Bahuguna

I started out with NK as my first long partnership. With NK, there was never a dull moment. It was adventure all the way. Brilliant card player, great lead theorist, I learned a lot in this partnership. Wish he had taken better care of his health, and was still with us to entertain us with his brilliancies.

-Rajeshwar Tewari

Talking of brilliancies, perhaps I can sign off with this deal – from the point of view of his LHO.

As dummy it took me quite a while to comprehend what had transpired, and it left me flabbergasted.

You pick up the following hand and participate in this auction as west:

W	West	W	West	N	North	E	East	S	South
	♠ Qxx		Pass		Pass		1♠		Pass
	♥ Qxx		2♣ ¹		Pass		2♦ ²		Pass
	♦ QJxxx		3♦		Pass		4♠		5♥
	♣ Kx		Dbl		All Pass				
				(1) dummy					
				(2) help					

Your RHO wakes up with a vulnerable 5H bid, having passed so far and you double.

You lead a diamond and dummy hits with

N	North
	♠ 10xxx
	♥ J
	♦ Axxx
	♣ Qxxx
W	West
	♠ Qxx
	♥ Qxx
	♦ QJxxx
	♣ Kx
	Lead: ♦Q

NK wins the ace discarding a spade, ruffs a spade to hand and plays a small heart. Expecting declarer to try to smartly crash your queen with partner’s singleton honor, you play small and....

Declarer claims making 5 after Jack holds.

NK’s comment: double was too confident, so I decided to finesse against him.

The world is a poorer place without you NK. You are missed every day.

Result : Mixed IMP Pairs Elimination

Pos	No	Players	IMPs	Pos	No	Players	IMPs
1	56	Andrey Purushottam Meenal Thakur	91	26=	43	Fernanda Soares Ashis Pan	31
2	152	Marianne Karmarkar Sandeep N Karmarkar	87	28	76	T V Ramani Bindiya Kohli	27
3	103	Kavita Ajmera Baneet Kumar Malhotra	83	29=	16	Aditi Jhaveri Biswajit Poddar	26
4	71	Rohit Gupta Deepika Mehta	79	29=	21	Dagmar Neumann Maurits van der Vlugt	26
5	75	Deepa Jacob Prosenjit Manna	78	29=	134	Subhash Bhavnani Priya Balasubramanian	26
6	101	Asha Sharma Abhijit Chakraborty	75	32	55	Sailaja Tahiliani Pradip Ghosh	25
7	12	Bindiya Naidoo Priya Ranjan Sinha	69	33=	135	Monica Jajoo Sumit Mukherjee	23
8=	106	Beneeta Chandra Ranji Dhawan	64	33=	143	Madhu Agarwal Rohit Rai Tandon	23
8=	145	Nina Rajiv Shah Kaustabh S Deodhar	64	35	175	Anjali Malhotra Bhaskar Sarkar	22
10	96	Shambhu Nath Ghosh Anjali Karthikeyan	63	36=	15	M M Lule Sunanda Jakatdar	21
11	64	Manju Law Uday Maitra	62	36=	44	Richa Shriram Ranjan Bhattacharya	21
12	155	Alka M Kshirsagar Joyrup Mullick	61	36=	163	Sourendra Coomer Dutt Anushree Jalan	21
13=	3	Gopika Tandan Arun Jain	55	39	65	Parimal Vaikuntlal Vahalia Kalpana Gurjar	19
13=	24	Ravi Raman Mythili Iyer	55	40=	74	Biswadip Roy Sumita Dasgupta	18
15=	41	Tonje Aasand Brogeland Boye Brogeland	52	40=	121	Meenu Dugal Animesh Raj	18
15=	81	Sarika Mittal Uttam Swarup Gupta	52	42	72	Sanjit Dey Subhasree Basu	17
17	61	Jodi Tutty David Beauchamp	51	43	113	Kanta Stanchina Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee	15
18	52	Sheetal Bansal Rana Roy	49	44=	54	Mini Agarwal Ranga Khadloya	13
19	94	Deepak Malhotra Monica Sachdeva	48	44=	132	Arun M Bapat Madhur (Daisy) Singh	13
20	172	Sandeep Thakral Jesal Dabriwala	47	44=	141	Sunil Bhatia Uma Relan	13
21	144	Joyjit Sensarma Bharati Dey	46	47	36	Timur Edis Elvan Edis	11
22	161	Subhash Gupta Puja Batra	39	48	33	Girish R Bijoor Ritu Bagaria	10
23	25	Rajeev Khandelwal Himani Khandelwal	38	49	92	Maneesh Bahuguna Savleen Thadani	9
24	105	Atul Rai Devi Muthu Bhatnagar	37	50	165	Paban Agarwal Kalindi Mewar	8
25	131	Pritam Das Priyanka Gulati	33	51	42	Shriram Anant Karve Manisha Anand Jamenis	6
26=	1	Kiran Nadar Bachiraju Satyanarayana	31	52=	11	Aditi Sahastrabuddhe Hemant Purkar	4

Result : Mixed IMP Pairs Elimination

Pos	No	Players	IMPs	Pos	No	Players	IMPs
52=	34	Mamta Bakshi Ramkrishna Majumder	4	78	112	Reena Pal Swapan Some	-28
54	115	Urvashi Anand Vipul Jain	3	79	63	Suresh Senapaty Hermione Mathias	-29
55=	5	Vasanti Shah Prasun Kumar Mukherjee	2	80	91	Kamna Sharma Pijus Kanti Baroi	-34
55=	46	Abdi Naffar Yasmin Abdeali Naffar	2	81	14	Jashith Narang Ananya Kunal Mehta	-41
57	31	Bhalender Singh Nayyar Anuradha Krishna	1	82	85	Hema Deora Gopinath Manna	-43
58=	6	G P Aggarwal Kamla Mehra	-2	83	86	Maya Khosla Sunil Kumar	-45
58=	35	Indranath Chatterjee Radhika Byrn	-2	84	73	Kalpna Varshney Prakash Gupta	-51
58=	125	Chandini Bhoopal Satyabrata Mukherjee	-2	85=	66	Nayana P Vahalia Nitesh Solanki	-57
61	2	Manju Bhasin C M Vasudev	-7	85=	174	Kinjal Desai Aman Tyagi	-57
62	45	Subir Majumdar Sadhana Gupta	-8	87	114	Uday Bedekar Arlinda Rodrigues	-59
63	164	Amarjit Wadhawan Nikita Kamal	-11	88	151	Indrani Chowdhury Angshuman Chowdhury	-61
64=	82	J B Sengupta Abha Chaturvedi	-12	89	26	Salil Kumar Mondal Manjoo Moitra	-62
64=	162	Rita Bhagwati Arjun Sawhny	-12	90	104	Birendra Kumar Usha Joshi	-64
66=	32	Arun J Puranik Vrinda Jhunjhunwala	-13	91=	62	Rashmi Bhanshali Netai Pada Kabiraj	-65
66=	51	Bijal Shah Ranjan Bose	-13	91=	84	Samina Esmail A K Sinha	-65
66=	154	Veena Bobb Sukanta Das	-13	93	102	Vijay Singh Pushpa Puri	-69
69	83	Bhanumati Shah Kamal Shah	-16	94	13	Mala Singh Shantanu Rastogi	-73
70=	124	Mangalam Punj Namit Sharma	-17	95	53	Prakhar Bansal Viha Gahrotra	-74
70=	153	Suelve Khandelwal Vijay Deshpande	-17	96	123	Nandini Prasad Gautam Suri	-90
70=	171	R Anbazhagan Bina Malhotra	-17	97	122	Kamleshwar Rai Rupa Bakeri	-92
73	93	Rama Khanna Atanu Ganguly	-18	98	133	Mohinee Sunil Misra	-97
74=	116	Binod Kumar Shaw Bindiya Judge	-21	99=	4	Ashok Kumar Sinha Sneh Thadani	-100
74=	142	Ekta Chadha Ambrish Wadera	-21	99=	111	Agastya Khanna Rashee Mohanka	-100
76	173	Mitresh Manu Girija Sinha	-22	101	23	Champa Mohinani Deepak Ramnani	-121
77	95	Ruchira Raina Koushik Mukherjee	-24	102	22	Bharat Joshi Urmila Rajgopal	-127

Pray, Play, Pack



Priyanka Gulati

At the HCL International Bridge Championship today, with 102 players in the first-ever mixed bridge event, a familiar duo caught the bridge camera. Last year, one of them made a promise:

“This was our first time at the HCL International Bridge Championship, and we were really impressed with the hospitality, organization, and level of play. It is most definitely one of the greatest tournaments in the world. We will be back next year!”

And guess what? True to their word, Boye Brogeland and Tonje Brogeland from Norway are back, this time as a mixed pair.



Boye’s journey has been extraordinary. A stellar junior career led to three Bermuda Bowl medals with the Norwegian team, including a gold in Shanghai in 2007, plus multiple North American Bridge Championship titles. But Boye didn’t just make headlines for his wins—he became a bridge icon in 2015 when he led the charge against cheating in the game, exposing top pairs and earning global recognition for cleaning up the sport.

As for Tonje, her bridge talents have been equally impressive. A rising star in Norway, she’s well-known for her tactical brilliance at the table. Together, they form a powerful duo with chemistry that’s hard to match.

Boye and his wife—met during a tournament and their partnership extended from the table to life. Their son was just two months old when they won the European Championship gold. Talk about team effort!

Boye is representing the World Bridge Tour (WBT) and both have eyes firmly on the prize.

With a record like theirs, the other competitors might want to watch out—this pair doesn’t just shuffle cards, they shuffle the competition. With a track record like theirs, the only thing left for the competition is to pray... or play very, very carefully!

Board 2, Session 1, Mixed Pairs IMP elimination

The elimination round of the Mixed Pairs IMP event, the new introduction to the stable of HCL International Bridge Championship, began at 10:15 AM with a huge number of participants. The total entries were 102, a number that far exceeded the original estimates of the organisers forcing them to change the format.

In the original scheme of things, the top 26 pairs from the elimination round were to play a 5-rounds final and the rest of the pairs were to play in strata-II. With a bumper 102 number of entries, it became necessary to further classify the remaining pairs. That resulted in the introduction of a GOLD and a SILVER section for the top qualifiers first 26 playing the GOLD section and numbers 27 to 50 playing the SILVER section and the rest, playing the STRATA-II event.

The first round of the elimination started with the East-West Pairs getting a lovely bidding problem. This was the deal.

Deal	2	♠	A Q 2	
Dealer	East	♥	8 5 2	
Vul	NS	♦	6 5 4 3 2	
		♣	9 6	
		♠	J 5 4	♠ 7
		♥	K Q J 3	♥ A 9 7
		♦	K T 8 7	♦ A Q 9
		♣	3 2	♣ A K J 7 5
			♠ K T 9 8 6 3	
			♥ T 6 4	
			♦ J	
			♣ Q T 8	

The double dummy analysis showed the following eventualities.

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	5	4	6	-	1
W	5	4	6	-	1

East West could make a game in Clubs, and could even get 12 tricks if they played in Hearts, however, a 3Nt game was designed to fail as NS had six Spade tricks to cash. On the Vu Graph, on one of the two tables, Kiran Nadar and Satya were pitted against Aditi Sahasrabudhe and Hemant Purkar.

This was the bidding

West	North	East	South
<i>Aditi</i>	<i>B. Satya</i>	<i>Hemant</i>	<i>Kiran Nadar</i>
		1♣ ^{*1}	1♥ ^{*2}
X ^{*3}	2♠	3♣	Pass
3Nt	Pass	Pass	Pass

*1: Strong Club, 16+ HCP

*2: Shows Spades

*3: Shows Strength

East opened a Strong 1♣ and Kiran overcalled 1♥ to show Spades. West doubled to show strength, East rebid 3♣ to show Club suit, and West nonchalantly bid 3Nt as if she held two Spade stoppers. That didn't deter Satya from a Spade lead. Kiran was unlikely to make a frivolous overcall. Satya tabled the Spade Ace, Kiran encouraged, and North-South quickly cashed six Spade tricks to record +100 on their side of the scoresheet.

Fourteen out of 51 tables played in 3Nt. On six tables, the Declarers made 10 tricks each, on two other tables, 3Nt contact succeeded with a score of 400 on one and 460 on other. On six tables, it went down on a Spade lead. A good number of Pairs reached the 5♣ game, and one pair even succeeded in making a 5♦ contract.

On the other table that was on Vu Graph, Suresh Senapathi and Hermione Mathias demonstrated how the best contract on the deal, the 4♥ spot, could be reached with a simple auction.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hermione M</i>	<i>Biswadip R</i>	<i>Suresh S.</i>	<i>Sumita</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♣ here was a Standard American opening and 2♦, a reverse, showing a strong hand. West rebid 3♦, East showed delayed support with a 3♥ bid, and West signed-off in 4♥. As the cards are 12 tricks are makeable in a Heart contract as trumps divide 3-3 and Clubs, 3-2. One Club ruff is enough to bring home Clubs and the Diamond suit provided the required entries to manage trumps gracefully. Of Course, East-West had an easy time because it was an uncontested auction with South deciding not to get into the auction at the adverse vulnerability.

The 4♥ contract was reached on 10 tables on two of which, declarers made 12 tricks. A 6♥ slam was bid and made on three tables. Gopika Tandon-Arun Jain; Ruchira Raina and Koushik Mukherjee; and Alka M. Kshirsagar and Joyrup Mullick.

Board 14, Session 2, Mixed Pairs IMP elimination

Just like the second deal of the first session, the second deal of the second session, too, provided some good opportunities for the expert players to display their skills.

Deal 14	♠ Q J 7	
Dealer East	♥ J 4 2	
Vul: None	♦ A 2	
	♣ A T 6 5 4	
♠ A 9 8 6 3		♠ K 4
♥ A K		♥ Q 9 8 6 3
♦ 9 5 4 3		♦ K Q 7
♣ K 2		♣ J 8 3
	♠ T 5 2	
	♥ T 7 5	
	♦ J T 8 6	
	♣ Q 9 7	

West has 14 High Card Points opposite East's 10, so the combined holding is just a borderline 24 HCPs; both Major suit fits are 5-2; both minor suit Aces are missing; and the ♥AK blockage restricts the elbow room, so to say, of the Declarer. Still, with both Major suits breaking 3-3, the table of makeable Double Dummy contracts looks as follows:

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	2	3	3	4	2
W	2	3	3	4	2

In a 4♠ contract, the Declarer can cash top Spades, unblock top Hearts, and play the third round of Spades. Clubs are frozen, so North-South cannot touch Clubs without giving up a trick. Declare can thus enjoy five Hearts, four Spades, and two Diamonds making 11 tricks if North-South fail to cash their Club Ace. A four Heart contract does not allow that much freedom to the Declarer because of the ♥AK blockage.

The 3Nt game, however, is the one where the most interesting situations could arise at the table.

West	North	East	South
	<i>B. Satya</i>		<i>Kiran Nadar</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3N	Pass	Pass	Pass

After a simple bidding sequence East-West Bijal Shah and Ranjan Bose reached that slightly hopeful 3N contract.

Satya led his fourth best Club and the Declarer played small from the Dummy. This was the problem Kiran faced.

This is a textbook problem any advancing student of bridge will do well to study. The ♣5 is a fourth best lead, so there are 6 outstanding Clubs higher than the ♣5. How do we know that? We know that by applying the rule of 11. Subtract 5 from 11, you get 6. That is the number of cards higher than ♣5 that are out in the field, with other players, when the lead is the fourth best lead.

With ♣J8 in Dummy, and ♣Q97 in South hand, Kiran could see five of the six higher cards. The sixth ought to be with the Declarer. If that card were a top honour, either the ♣A or the ♣K, playing ♣Q would have given the Declarer two Club tricks. If that card were the lowly ♣6 or the ♣T, playing the ♣Q would be necessary.

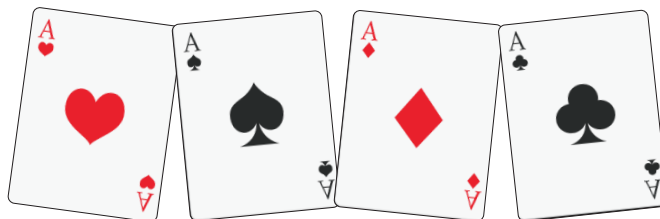
Kiran judged correctly to play the ♣9 finessing against Dummy's ♣Jack. There were some good reasons for that. Holding the AK of Clubs, Satya might have overcalled 2♣, for one thing. For another, he might have led one of the top honours rather than lead a fourth best ♣6. Thus, in a restricted choice sense, there was a much higher likelihood of West holding one of the top Club honours.

The ♣9 drove away West's ♣King and that set up four defensive tricks. In due course, North-South collected their five tricks to set the contract by one trick. +50 was the result for North-South. On twenty three out of 51 tables, East-West pairs played the 3Nt contract on this board – board 14. Only three North Souths were able to defeat the 3Nt contract.



Six youngsters, below 16y of age participated in the NK Gupta memorial. From left to right, they are Rashee, Prakhar, Ananya, Agastya, Viha, Jashith.

The 21st **HCL** International Bridge Championship 14th September to 22nd September 2024



Tournament Schedule

Sunday, Sep 15	MIXED IMP PAIRS EVENT – FINAL (5 Sessions of 10 Boards each) (All Play All with Barometer Scoring)	
	1000 – 1125 Hrs.	Session – 1 (10 Boards)
	1125 – 1135 Hrs.	Break
	1135 – 1300 Hrs.	Session – 2 (10 Boards)
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1525 Hrs.	Session – 3 (10 Boards)
	1525 – 1535 Hrs.	Break
	1535 – 1700 Hrs.	Session – 4 (10 Boards)
	1700 – 1730 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1730 – 1855 Hrs.	Session – 5 (10 Boards)
	MIXED IMP PAIRS EVENT – STRATA – II	
	1015 – 1315 Hrs.	Session – 1 (22 Boards)
	1315 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1415 – 1715 Hrs.	Session – 2 (22 Boards)
Monday, Sep 16	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD / SILVER EVENT – SWISS LEAGUE	
	1000 – 1015 Hrs.	Director's Announcements & Draw for Team of Four Gold / Silver Event
	1020 – 1145 Hrs.	Round – 1 (10 Boards)
	1205 – 1330 Hrs.	Round – 2 (10 Boards)
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1555 Hrs.	Round – 3 (10 Boards)
	1615 – 1740 Hrs.	Round – 4 (10 Boards)
	1740 – 1810 Hrs.	Tea Break
1810 – 1935 Hrs.	Round – 5 (10 Boards)	

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Tuesday, Sep 17	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD / SILVER EVENTS – SWISS LEAGUE Continues	
	1000 – 1125 Hrs.	Round – 6 (10 Boards)
	1145 – 1310 Hrs.	Round – 7 (10 Boards)
	1310 – 1410 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1410 – 1535 Hrs.	Round – 8 (10 Boards)
	1555 – 1720 Hrs.	Round – 9 (10 Boards)
	1720 – 1750 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1750 – 1915 Hrs.	Round – 10 (10 Boards)
	1930 - 2000 Hrs.	Captain's Meeting for TOP 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER event for PRE-QF KO.
Wednesday, Sep 18	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – KO Pre-QF (4 * 14 Boards)	
	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session – 1
	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session – 2
	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Session – 3
	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session – 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
	1030 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1630 Hrs.	Session - 2
	1630 – 1700 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1700 – 1930 Hrs.	Session - 3
	1930 Hrs. Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)
	2015 – 2045 Hrs.	Draw of Lots for ProAm Tournament
Thursday, Sep 19	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – KO QF (4 * 14 Boards)	
	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session – 1
	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session – 2
	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Session – 3
	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session – 4

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	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
	1030 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1630 Hrs.	Session - 2
	1630 – 1700 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1700 – 1930 Hrs.	Session - 3
	MP PAIRS STRATA II – (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)	
	1100 – 1400 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1400 – 1500 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1500 – 1815 Hrs.	Session – 2
	Friday, Sep 20	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – KO SF (4 * 14 Boards)
1000 – 1200 Hrs.		Session – 1
1215 – 1415 Hrs.		Session – 2
1415 – 1515 Hrs.		Lunch Break
1515 – 1715 Hrs.		Session – 3
1715 – 1745 Hrs.		Tea Break
1745 – 1945 Hrs.		Session – 4
OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 3 & IMP PAIRS – ELIMINATION (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)		
1030 – 1300 Hrs.		Session - 1
1300 – 1400 Hrs.		Lunch Break
1400 – 1630 Hrs.		Session - 2
1630 – 1700 Hrs.	Tea Break	
1700 – 1930 Hrs.	Session - 3	
Saturday, Sep 21	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – Final (4*14 Boards) & Play-off	
	0900 – 1100 Hrs.	Session – 1
	1115 – 1315 Hrs.	Session – 2
	1315 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1600 Hrs.	Session – 3
	1615 – 1815 Hrs.	Session – 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL (GOLD & SILVER) - Barometer Scoring	
	0930 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2

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	IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)	
	1000 – 1330 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2
	IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)	
	1030 – 1330 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1730 Hrs.	Session - 2
	1830 Hrs. onwards	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony
	Sunday, Sep 22	PRO-AM PAIRS TOURNAMENT (IMP Scoring) – Maximum 54 Boards)
0930 – 1315 Hrs.		Session – 1 (28 Boards)
1315 – 1400 Hrs.		Lunch Break
1400 – 1730 Hrs.		Session – 2 (26 Boards)
1800 Hrs. onwards		Prize Distribution
IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)		
1030 – 1330 Hrs.		Session - 1
1330 – 1430 Hrs.		Lunch Break
1430 – 1730 Hrs.		Session - 2
1830 Hrs. onwards		Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony
Monday, Nov 06	PRO-AM PAIRS TOURNAMENT – Maximum 54 Boards	
	0930 – 1315 Hrs.	Session – 1 (28 Boards)
	1315 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1730 Hrs.	Session – 2 (26 Boards)
	1800 Hrs. onwards	Prize Distribution

THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE

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

BBO Schedule for Sunday, September 15, 2024

1000 Hrs:	Mixed IMP Pairs – Final, R-1 (2 Tables)
1135 Hrs:	Mixed IMP Pairs – Final, R-2 (2 Tables)
1400 Hrs:	Mixed IMP Pairs – Final, R-3 (2 Tables)
1535 Hrs:	Mixed IMP Pairs – Final, R-4 (2 Tables)
1730 Hrs:	Mixed IMP Pairs – Final, R-5 (2 Tables)

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