

Inaugural All India *HCL* Bridge Tournament

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WELCOME

Ladies, Gentlemen and Dear Bridge friends,

On behalf of **Mrs. Kiran Nadar and Mr. Shiv Nadar**, it gives us, the member of the organizing committee, immense pleasure to welcome you all to this “**Inaugural HCL Bridge Tournament**”. We are grateful to all the players, who have traveled from various places, far and near, to attend and make this tournament an overwhelming success.

On a happy note, this tournament was conceived barely a few months ago when Kiran sheepishly asked Shiv if she could go ahead and organize the tournament in Delhi. Shiv Nadar, who has been enormously supportive of Bridge over the years, summed it up simply by saying “Have I ever stopped you. Do it but do it well”. Hope we all endeavour to “**DO IT WELL**” and fulfill his desire.

On a sad note, Kiran’s father Shri Naresh Chandra Tandon left us for his heavenly abode a few days ago (December 10th 2003). Do we ever wonder why Kiran is such a fierce competitor at the Bridge table? Because she grew up with parents who were ardent Bridge lovers. Despite ill health during last 10 years, her father continued to play Bridge at the “American Bridge Club”, which kept his mind, body and sense of humour intact till he breathed his last.

Understandably, Kiran was grief stricken, being very close to him (most Daughters are) but she has managed to regain her composure and has permitted us to go ahead with the tournament. In fact, she has decided to make this tournament an ANNUAL EVENT and dedicate it to her loving departed father. May God bless his soul and give the courage to her, her mother and other members of the family to overcome the irreparable loss.

We are fortunate enough to have a very competent staff of Directors, ably supported by various bridge players in different capacities and other volunteers. We, the members of the tournament committee, have a special request, especially to our senior Bridge players (*not necessarily age wise – that is*) that we all keep it in our minds to be helpful and courteous to all the participants particularly those who may not be very familiar with the bidding boxes and ALERT procedures.

We will try and bring out the daily bulletin for the entire duration of the tournament, giving you the essentials of daily happenings, including the names of the people who are participating in this tournament, the latest results and rest of the tit-bits.

Welcome again and have a wonderful tournament.

Subhash Gupta

On behalf of Members of the Tournament Committee

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EVENT PRIZES

Team of Four

Winner Rs. 200,000
Runner-up Rs. 100,000
Losing SFinalists Rs. 50,000
Losing QFinalists Rs. 30,000

Pairs

Winner Rs. 80,000
Runner-up Rs. 50,000
Third Rs. 30,000
Fourth Rs. 20,000
Fifth Rs. 15,000
Sixth Rs. 12,000
Seventh Rs. 10,000
Eighth Rs. 8,000

Note: Session Winners in Pair Elimination Rounds will get Rs. 1,500.
TDS will be deducted as per the prevailing IT rules.

Today's Schedule

0830 – 0915 Hrs. - Entry Fee Collection
0930 – 1045 Hrs. - T-4 (Round 1 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1100 – 1215 Hrs. - T-4 (Round 2 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1230 – 1345 Hrs. - T-4 (Round 3 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)

1345 – 1445 Hrs. - Lunch Break

1445 – 1600 Hrs. - T-4 (Round 4 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1615 – 1730 Hrs. - T-4 (Round 5 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1745 – 1900 Hrs. - T-4 (Round 6 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)

MAGICAL WORLD OF TRANSFER

Expert bidding has undergone a major upheaval during the last decades. The necessity of accuracy in bidding on the tournament scene has given birth to hundreds of gadgets and conventions.

In the earlier days most of the bidding was natural. However the world changed with Jacoby Transfer convention, which was invented by world champion Mr. Oswald Jacoby for responding to No-trump Opening. Today it is possible to use transfer responses in almost any situation. We are not very far from the days when every thing will be a transfer.

Advantages of using Transfer

- The main advantage of using transfers over No-trump openings is to make opener declarer most of the time. The No-trump bidder almost always has the stronger hand and therefore it is better to have the opening lead come up to his high cards and tenaces. It also keeps the stronger hand concealed.
- By using transfers, responder is able to show various types of hand that are difficult to show using standard methods.

Various Transfer Conventions

Now a days the transfer bids are used by many experts in a number of situations:

- **Jacoby Transfers** – Used over 1NT and 2NT Openings, designed to make the No-trump opener declarer in responder's long major suit. Transfers into minor suits are also used in four-suit Jacoby transfer.
- **Texas Transfers** – Used over 1NT and 2NT Openings to bid the game in major suit directly with the No-trump bidder as declarer (4D/H transfers to 4H/S). In South African Texas 4C/D transfers to 4H/S. The main reason behind this was to minimize the psychological danger of partner passing the 4H bid (which was transfer to 4S).
- **Extended Texas Transfers** – This convention is used over 1NT opening when responder has 6-4 distribution in major suits. Extended Texas transfers allow responder to transfer into his long major suit at the four level after Stayman convention and unsuccessful attempt to locate a four-four major fit.
- **Smolen Transfers** – In this convention responder with a game going hand and 5-4 in majors first uses Stayman and after a negative response of diamonds bids his 4 card major at 3-level showing 5 cards in the other major. This convention can be used both after 1NT and 2NT opening.
- **NAMYATS** – Four Clubs and Four Diamonds as Strong Transfers to Heart and Spade.
- **Transfer Positive responses to Artificial 1C Opening** – In a modification to standard responses to Precision 1C to allow opener to be declarer, many experts use transfer responses. One possible scheme is : 1H – 5+ card S, 1S – Bal 8+ HCP, 1NT – 5+ Card C, 2C – 5+ card D and 2D – 5+ card H.
- **Transfer responses to Natural 1C Opening** – Experts use Transfer responses over Standard 1C as well particularly those who prefer Walsh style of responses. In responding to 1C, Walsh response style bypasses the Diamond suit to bid a major unless the responder has an opening hand. One possible scheme is : 1D – 4+ card Heart 5+ HCP, 1H – 4+ card S, 1S – 4+ card D, 1NT – 4+ card C 8-10 HCP.
- **Transfers in Lebensohl** – In standard Lebensohl there are no transfers that makes responder declarer in many situations. In Transfer Lebensohl the bids from 2NT to 3H are transfers and responder can bid many hands better and this also helps in making 1NT opener declarer in many contracts.
- **Transfer Preemptive Openings** – In this convention opening preemptive bid from 3C to 3S is made in the suit below the opener's long suit.
- **Transfer Responses over Opponent's Takeout Double** – In this convention after 1H/S opening and opponent's takeout double, bids of 1NT/2C/D/H are transfers to 2C/D/H/S. Transfer to opener's major suit is a sound raise where as direct raise is preemptive.
- **Transfer Responses over Opponent's Overcall** – After partner opens 1C/1D and RHO makes a one level overcall, the responder uses transfer responses. e.g. After 1C opening and 1D overcall by RHO : Dbl – shows 4+ card H, 1H – 4+ card S, 1S – No major, 1NT – Natural, 2D/H – 5+ H/S, 11+ HCP.
- **Transfers after 2NT re-bid** – Transfer bids are used by responder after jump re-bid of 2NT or raise of forcing NT by opener. Responder's 3-level bid in any suit is a transfer. The transfer bids allow responder to bid much better and he can also pass opener's re-bid at 3-level with minimum values. After raise of forcing Notrump, responder can sign off by passing the transfer in a new suit at three level, transfer to opener's major and then bid 3NT to show scattered values or cue bid to show balanced limit raise hand.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

A Hand with Many Variations

Dir: West, Vul: N-S

	♠ A54 ♥ 976 ♦ KT742 ♣ J3	
♠ 83 ♥ AJT854 ♦ Q ♣ T976	N W E S	♠ QJT62 ♥ K ♦ J9653 ♣ Q5
	♠ K97 ♥ Q32 ♦ A8 ♣ AK842	

N-S reach a seemingly hopeless 3NT. West must select an opening lead. What's the best lead on this bidding? Six cards in his hand will lead to declarer's defeat. Let's see the different variations:

W	N	E	S
2H	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: ♥ J

Variation #1: East wins the HK, and shifts to the SQ, taken by the king. The C4 is played to the Jack and Queen and declarer takes West's continuation of the SJ with dummy's ace, then cashes Ace-King of clubs. The DA extracts West's exit card (the Dentist's Coup), and a club is conceded to West, who has nothing but hearts. West cashes the HA, and exits with a heart to the Queen leaving:

	♠ 5 ♥ -- ♦ KT ♣ --	
♠ -- ♥ T85 ♦ -- ♣ --	N W E S	♠ T ♥ -- ♦ J9 ♣ --
	♠ 9 ♥ -- ♦ 8 ♣ 2	

When declarer cashes the C2, discarding dummy's spade, East concedes: he is squeezed in the pointed suits.

Variation #2: The HJ is led to the King, and East shifts to the SQ. Declarer arrives at the same position as variation #1. When West is thrown in with the fourth round of clubs, he exits with the

H10 (or a small one) without cashing the HA. This rectifies the count for the defense rather than for declarer. Remarkably, however, this makes no difference to the outcome.....

	♠ 5 ♥ 9 ♦ KT ♣ --	
♠ -- ♥ A854 ♦ -- ♣ --	N W E S	♠ T6 ♥ -- ♦ J9 ♣ --
	♠ 9 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 ♣ 2	

The C2 is cashed, and East must part with the S6. Declarer exits with the S9, endplaying East, who must lead a diamond from the J-9 around to dummy's K-10.

Variation #3: The S8 is led. Declarer wins the King, and plays the C4 to the Jack & Queen. The SQ is taken by the King and the CA and CK are cashed. The DA extracts west's DQ, and declarer exits with a club. A low heart to East's king seals declarer's fate. Down one.

If declarer wins and tries a club to the Jack, West has two entries in the CQ and HK to set up his spades. If declarer bangs clubs from the top to prevent this, East wins the third club and plays the HA, gobbling up West's King, then exits with a high heart while he still has a club stopper as entry.

Variation #4: A minor suit lead. If West leads the C6 or C7 declarer will succeed as long as the C3 is played from dummy – a somewhat unlikely development. Declarer will emerge with nine tricks in an end position similar to the one in variation #1.

The C10, C9 or DQ will defeat 3NT in an ending like the one in Variation #3.

So, what is to be made from all this? If West leads the S8, S3, HA, DQ, C10 or C9, he will defeat 3NT. Lead any other card and declarer will find his way to 9 tricks.

In other words, probability wise the contract is only slightly worse than a finesse.

(Contributed by T.C. Pant)

INVITATION

All participants are cordially invited for Dinner & Cocktails on Saturday the 20th Dec 2003 at 1930 Hrs.



Submit your "BEST BID", "BEST PLAYED" or "BEST DEFENDED" hand of the day and win an attractive prize of Rs. 500.

Entries should be submitted to Mr. Subhash Gupta, Mr. T.C. Pant or Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal.

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

All players are requested to adhere to the scheduled timings of the game to avoid any penalties.

Entries For Pair Event

You are requested to give entries for "Open Pairs" latest by 1400 Hrs. on Friday (19th December 2003)

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

LUNCH COUPONS

Participants will be provided their Lunch coupons each day on their tables itself.

**** ANNOUNCEMENT ****

PRIZE MONEY TOURNAMENT

January 2004

PHD-GPI under the patronage of Shri K.K. Modi will organize their 2nd Prize money Bridge Tournament at PHD House, New Delhi from 22nd to 25^t Jan 2004 Further details will follow soon.

IMPORTANT

Please Switch off your Cell Phones, while the Play is going on.

NO SMOKING ZONE

Playing area is totally a "Non-Smoking" Zone. Please refrain from Smoking in the Playing Area.

Tomorrow's Schedule (19th Dec 2003)

0900 – 1400 Hrs. -	Registration for Pair Tournament
0900 – 1015 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 7 of 10 boards – Actual draw)
1035 – 1150 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 8 of 10 boards – Actual draw)
1210 – 1325 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 9 of 10 boards – Actual draw)
1325 – 1415 Hrs. -	Lunch
1415 – 1530 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 10 of 10 boards – On Actual draw)
1615 – 1815 Hrs. -	T-4 (Quarter Finals – Session 1 – 14 Boards)
1830 – 2030 Hrs. -	T-4 (Quarter Finals – Session 2 – 14 Boards)
1700 – 1930 Hrs. -	Pair Elimination 1 – Session 1 – 20 Boards