

All India *HCL* Bridge Tournament 2005

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Courtesy : All Participants

WELCOME

Ladies, Gentlemen and Dear Bridge friends,

It is indeed a great pleasure to again welcome you all to the 3rd **HCL All India Prize Money Bridge Tournament**, on behalf of **Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Mr. Shiv Nadar** and the members of the organizing committee. This year we have amongst us some very special bridge friends from our neighbourhood, PAKISTAN. We had planned and invited more than 40 people but for one reason or the other, unfortunately for us, only three teams have managed to come. As hinted by Mr. Shiv Nadar in his concluding remarks last year, We as a bridge fraternity plan to make this tournament grow and bring it to a level of international stature. Not only we would like to see a much larger participation from Pakistan, we would also like to see teams from America, Europe, Middle east, etc.

This year, let's all welcome our special guests, give them a big hand and hope we can give them half as good a time as they did when some of us Indians visited them in Karachi and Lahore. Some of them have already gone through some horrid time during last 36 hours since their arrival on 10th Aug. (because of some laws printed in fine print) and we have to erase these bad memories.

The members of the organizing committee always try and spare no effort to make this special tournament an overwhelming success, but there can always be some unintentional human lapses and we beg to be forgiven and be guided for betterment of this event. This year, the response from all over the country is even more heartening and we are pleasantly looking forward to a much larger participation.

The venue has changed and it had to be changed for some good reasons. We certainly hope that most if not all of you will be happier to play in these different surroundings.

We will try and bring out the daily bulletins 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.

Once again – WELCOME, DO WELL AND ABOVE ALL, ENJOY.

Subhash Gupta

On behalf of Members of the Tournament Committee

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson:

Mrs. Kiran Nadar

Organising Secretary:

Mr. Subhash Gupta

Members:

T.C. Pant

Sudhir Aggarwal

Paresh Gupta

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Sunil Bhatia

TEAM OF DIRECTORS

Mr. N.K. Jain - Joint CTD

Mr. Ranju Bhattacharya - Joint CTD

Mr. Sailen Banerjee - TD

Mr. Salil Banerjee - TD

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Mr. A.S. Vishwanathan - Chairman

Tahir Masood - Member

Mr. J.M. Shah - Member

Mr. Rajeshwar Tewari - Member

Mr. Rashid-ul-Ghazi - Member

Mr. B. Prabhakar - Member

Kamal Mukherjee - Member

Pritish Kushari - Member

EVENT PRIZES

Team of Four

Winner Rs. 250,000

Runner-up Rs. 120,000

Losing SFinalists Rs. 60,000

Losing QFinalists Rs. 35,000

9th to 12th Position Rs. 10,000

Pairs

Winner Rs. 100,000

Runner-up Rs. 60,000

Third Rs. 35,000

Fourth Rs. 24,000

Fifth Rs. 18,000

Sixth Rs. 15,000

Seventh Rs. 12,000

Eighth Rs. 10,000

Ninth Rs. 7,500

Tenth Rs. 5,000

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 for T-4 & Pairs event
0945 – 1100 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 1 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1115 – 1230 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 2 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1245 – 1400 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 3 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1400 – 1500 Hrs. -	Lunch Break
1500 – 1615 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 4 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1630 – 1745 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 5 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1800 – 1915 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 6 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)

NARESH TANDAN BRIDGE TROPHY FOR TEAM OF FOUR



Shri Tandan gave us "KIRAN", who found "SHIV" as life partner, who in turn built a mammoth business empire known to all of us as "HCL". And it is courtesy "HCL" that today we all have got together to enjoy the game we all love.

Mr. Tandan was an Engineer and worked for VOLTAS most of his life. He had a touch of arrogance at the bridge table, though if you doubled him, you had to defend it REDOUBLED. Now we know why Kiran always bids one extra for the road.

As per some of the information extracted from Kiran about her father (whom she truly adored), he was a very compassionate human being and loved the game of Bridge so much that Kiran and her younger brother GOKUL were initiated into it, when she was all of 9 years old and her brother three years younger.

Let us all pray for the departed soul and the whole family so that we can continue to enjoy their warmth and hospitality for years to come.

Subhash Gupta

NEENA BONARJI MEMORIAL BRIDGE TROPHY

*Among the players participating in this tournament, there will be very few who wouldn't have had played bridge with or against **Neena Bonarji** – A lady par excellence, a true friend, a great player and even a greater ambassador of this game. Kiran was fortunate enough to have played with her as a partner or as a teammate over the years.*

*Her daughter **Nisha**, wished to commemorate her mother by instituting a beautiful trophy for the winners of the "Open Pairs Championships" at this tournament. Here is what she has to say about her MOM.*



"It is not easy to write about somebody like my Mother. God makes only a few like her. A mother par excellence, a wife my father adored and a daughter on whom her parents depended. Above all she was *HERSELF*. A Woman of Substance. If I could be half the person she was, it would be an achievement.

My mother was a reserved person and I always called her a "Safe Deposit". What was shared with her remained safe there. As a child, I remember I would hate her leaving and going out of town to play her tournaments. My grandmother would also get extremely upset and dissuade her from going. Actually, we all just missed having her around.

The only person, who really nurtured her talent, gave her the encouragement and the required drive was my father Karran Bonarji.

Born with a talent for cards, Mom only realized her talent and passion for the game after her marriage in 1968. The date of her marriage – 1st March 1968 – which marked the beginning of the bridge chapter in her life, is embedded in the cards on the trophy.

My father was a brilliant teacher and Mom a terrific learner. My father's contribution to Mom's bridge is acknowledged in the King of Hearts appearing on the trophy and their bonding is reflected in the Queen of Hearts appearing next to the King.

"Acol" was the bidding system she started her game with, but much to my father's "disappointment", she soon adopted other bidding systems, which he thought was "breach of loyalty". He would admonish her and remind her that he was the teacher and she the student, but despite their divergent views, the bonding and shared interest in the game continued. Father would passionately discuss the "hands" she had played at a tournament. Given that she had two small children to raise and a family to look after, she blossomed with the unstinted support from my father. He remained her mentor, companion, friend and teacher till the very end. He truly believed in my mother and her God given talent for bridge. His belief in her ensured that my mother shone in national and international bridge.

Perhaps their connection was so great that Mom passed away within a month of my father's demise.

Mom firmly believed and taught my brother and me that all persons – men and women – should have an identity. My mother always lived upto the values, morals and ideals she believed in. Today I hope that I am able to bring my children with the same values and beliefs that my parent inculcated in me.

It is amazing, but whether it was Calcutta, Delhi or Dehradun, Mom's circle of friends always grew. Bridge gave her an identity and ensured she made lot of friends. Apart from her school friends, her bridge friends remained with her till the very end. I am truly amazed at the number of persons who miss her to-date. In spite of her illness, bridge kept her upbeat. It was her passion, lifeline and her career.

"NEENA" means "priceless" in Russian and that is what Mom is!"

Neena, you will always stay with us in our hearts.

Subhash Gupta

1st **HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT –** 18th to 21st Dec 2003

SUMMARY

35 teams comprising players from all over India participated in the first HCL Tournament held at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 18th to 21st Dec 2003. Formidables, Agsar Paints, Well Knit, Tolani Shipping, DSM & MONOTONA were some of the top teams who participated in the tournament.

Team of Four Event:

AZURE Team (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) and **Tolani Shipping** (R.A. Agarwal, R. Bhiwandkar, Arvind Vaidya & Dr. J. Mukund) with 183 VPs, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage to finalize the quarter-finalists. The quarter finalists were : **AZURE(183 VPs)**, **Tolani Shipping(183)**, **Formidables (182)**, **Agsar Paints (175)**, **Phoenix (175)**, **Calcutta Bridge Club(173)** , **WELLKNIT (170)**, **MAYA-MIRA (165)**

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **AZURE** beat **MAYA-MIRA 134-32** (69-12, 65-20, third set conceded); **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** beat Tolani Shipping **119-83** (C/O 0-10, 41-28, 32-36, 46-9); **Formidables** beat Phoenix **114-79** (19-36, 54-18, 41-25) and in a very tough tussle between both Chennai teams **WELLKNIT** beat Agsar Paints by **77-71** (43-32, 9-20, 25-19).

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT (C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, Sundarram, R. Venkatesh)** beat **AZURE** (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) by **125 – 96 IMPs (55-21, 25-23, 45-52)**. In the second semi-final, **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB (B. Todi, Kamal Roy, S. Lahiri, Alok Sadhu, A.B. Chakravarty, B. Saha)** beat Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupt, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K.R. Venkatraman) by **107- 100 IMPs (47-31, 31-29, 29-40)**.

In the 4*16 boards final **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** finally prevailed over **WELLKNIT** by **1 IMP** in a ding-dong battle which went right up to the last session. The final score was **147-146(32-44, 37-20, 37-50, 41-32)**.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1. B. Satyanarayana – Kiran Nadar 536.00
2. Sumit Mukherjee – B. Das 517.37
3. R.A. Agarwal–Mukund Jaganathan 516.97
4. P. Kushari – D. Roy 515.53

2nd **HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT –** 12th to 15th August 2004

SUMMARY

The 2nd All India HCL Bridge Tournament was held at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 12th to 15th August 2004. The Tournament had 2 events - the Team of Four event for the “**Naresh Tandan Trophy**” and the Open Pairs event for the “**Neena Bonarji Trophy**”. Total 46 Teams & 127 Pairs participated in the Team of Four & Open Pairs tournament, comprising players from all over India. Agsar Paints, Formidables, WELLKNIT, Tolani Shipping, DSM & MONOTONA were some of the top participating teams.

Team of Four Event:

DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS Team with **195 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage. **Agsar Paints** with **193 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **Dhampur Sugar Mills(195 VPs)**, **Agsar Paints (193)**, **WELLKNIT (192)**, **Formidables (176)** , **Pankaj Kapadia’s IV (174)**, **MONOTONA (171)**, **Lucknow Blue (171)**, **GUPTA’s Bangalore (166)**.

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **GUPTA’s Bangalore 114-73** (20-38, 27-23, 67-12); **Agsar Paints** beat **Lucknow Blues 135-84** (27-24, 48-46, 60-14); **WELLKNIT** beat **Pankaj Kapadia’s IV 98-89** (42-33, 24-31, 32-25) and **Formidables** beat **Monotona** by **127-68** (51-18, 29-12, 47-38).

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** by **85-71 IMPs (c/o 3-0,16-17, 21-41, 45-13)** and **Agsar Paints** beat Formidables by **121.5- 113 IMPs (c/o 13.5-0,41-29, 33-39, 34-45)**.

In the 4*16 boards final, **WELLKNIT (R. Krishnan, A.S. Vishwanathan, Krishna Kumar, R. Venkatesh & J.M. Shah)**, beat **AGSAR PAINTS** (N.R. Kirubakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, P. Sridhar, Anil Padhye & S. Sunderram) by **142 - 81 (C/O: 0-3, 30-29, 38-7, 27-23, 47-19)**.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1. Subhash Gupta-Rajeshwar Tewari 561.00
2. R.A. Agrawal - Goutam Biswas 537.00
3. Badal Das - Sumit Mukherjee 534.00
4. P.C. Gupta - D.K. Tewari 525.50

(Reported by T.C. Pant)

INVITATION

All participants are cordially invited for Cocktails & Dinner on Saturday the 13th Aug 2004 at 1945 Hrs.

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

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

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Pick & Drop Bus facility is available to participants from JEWEL PALACE, GULSHAN CONTINENTAL & HOTEL NIRULA.

For further information please contact the respective Guest House / Hotel or the registration desk at the venue.

Entries For Pair Event

You are requested to give entries for "Open Pairs" latest by 1530 Hrs. on Saturday (13th August 2004)

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.



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 or Mr. T.C. Pant. There will be a special prize of Rs. 5000 for the best played / defended hand of the tournament

IMPORTANT

Please keep your cell phones off or in SILENT mode, while the play is in progress. Director will impose penalties on players, whose cell is found ringing during play hours.

NO SMOKING ZONE

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

Tomorrow's Schedule (13th Aug 2004)

0900 – 1530 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
1945 Hrs. -	Cocktails & Dinner