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WELCOME

Ladies, Gentlemen and Dear Bridge friends,

It is indeed a great pleasure to again welcome you all to the 4th HCL All India Prize Money Bridge Tournament, on behalf of Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Mr. Shiv Nadar and the members of the organizing committee.

Unlike last year, we were expecting a much larger participation from PAKISTAN for this tournament. We had received a list of more than 50 players who were keen to come but most of them cancelled their programme because of uncertainties on the visa front. The clearances from the Home and External Affairs Ministry took much longer than anticipated.

However, let us welcome one and only team of Mr. Tariq Rasheed Khan, Mr. Parvez Mirza, Nawab Yusuf Talpur, Mr. Rashid Ul-Ghazi from Karachi who braved the odds and did not disappoint us. Our own Major S. Hooda has also joined them as an additional member.

This year the tournament is being held under the auspices of CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION (C.B.A.). This organization has been put together mostly by people (players and administrators alike) who care for the survival and growth of this wonderful game. Our erstwhile parent organization, B.F.I., seems to have gone into sleep mode as shown by the dwindling number of participants at the tournaments like Winter Nationals as well as hardly any media coverage or communications with the Govt. or new sponsors. All the serious and caring bridge players owe it to themselves to make CBA strong. A strong and a democratically functioning CBA can approach the media, the government and the prospective sponsors and take this mind sport forward.

It is absolutely mandatory that all the players adhere to the scheduled timing. Till the players cooperate, no amount of shouting from the directors can help. We all have played enough bridge and we owe it to each other to create a quiet and a peaceful environment, which is essential for our minds to be as effective as possible while concentrating on the game. Bridge is a timed event and Directors have been instructed to penalize the teams/pairs who do not stick to the allotted time. The clock and the timers will be on display and please make sure to follow these timers.

We will try and bring out the daily bulletins for the entire duration of the tournament.

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

Subhash Gupta - On behalf of Members of the Tournament Committee

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairperson:

Mrs. Kiran Nadar

Organising Secretary:

Mr. Subhash Gupta

Members:

T.C. Pant
Sudhir Aggarwal
Paresh Gupta

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Kr. Vijayanand Singh	- Member
Mr. Rajeshwar Tewari	- Member
Mr. B. Prabhakar	- Member
Mr. Suhas Vaidya	- Member
Mr. Kamal Mukherjee	- Member
Mr. Pritish Kushari	- Member
Mr. Rashid-ul-Ghazi	- Member

Chairman can co-opt any other member, if necessary.

TEAM OF DIRECTORS

Mr. N.K. Jain
Mr. Pranab (Ranju) Bhattacharya
Major B.H. Iyer
Mr. G. Roy Choudhury

EVENT PRIZES

Team of Four

Winner	Rs. 250,000
Runner-up	Rs. 120,000
Losing SFinalists	Rs. 60,000
Losing QFinalists	Rs. 35,000
9 th to 12 th Position	Rs. 10,000

Pairs

Winner	Rs. 100,000
Runner-up	Rs. 60,000
Third	Rs. 35,000
Fourth	Rs. 25,000
Fifth	Rs. 18,000
Sixth	Rs. 15,000
Seventh	Rs. 12,500
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 (Saturday 12th Aug 2006)

0845 – 0930 Hrs. -	Entry for T-4 event
1000 – 1115 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 1 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1135 – 1250 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 2 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1250 – 1350 Hrs. -	Lunch Break
1350 – 1505 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 3 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1525 – 1640 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 4 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1640 – 1710 Hrs. -	Tea Break
1710 – 1825 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 5 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)
1845 – 2000 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 6 of 10 boards each – Pre-determined draw)



Late Shri Naresh Tandan (Mrs. Kiran Nadar's Father) in whose memory the HCL Bridge Tournament's "Team of Four" Trophy has been instituted.



Late Mrs. Neena Bonerjee in whose memory her daughter Nisha has instituted the HCL Bridge Tournament's "Open Pair" Trophy

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

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

The 2nd All India HCL Bridge Tournament was held at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi from 12th to 15th August 2004.

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

3rd HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 12th to 15th August 2005

The 3rd All India HCL Bridge Tournament was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA from 12th to 15th August 2005.

Total 70 Teams & 176 Pairs comprising of players from all over India along with 3 teams from Pakistan participated in the tournament. Agsar Paints, Formidables, Well Knit, Tolani Shipping, DSM, RADHEY, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, Dipak Poddar and PAK I were some of the top teams participating.

Team of Four Event:

J.P. GOENKA's Team with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage. **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** with **185 VPs** were second.

The quarter finalists were: **J.P. Goenka (194 VPs)**, **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C. (185)**, **PUSHPAK (184)**, **Dhampur Sugar Mills (182)**, **Manas Saha's IV (179)**, **Pankaj Mehta (174)**, **PAK I (173)** & **PALOOKAS (170)**

In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **Manas Saha's IV 180-56** (35-15, 80-26, 65-15); **PAK 1** beat **PUSHPAK 100-74** (37-10, 41-20, 22-44); **J.P. Goenka** beat **PALOOKAS 133-80** (51-25, 32-34, 50-21) **Ratanlal Kejriwal Memorial Club** beat **Pankaj Mehta 126-83** (29-43, 60-30,37-10).

In the 3*16 boards semi-finals, **J.P. Goenka** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** by **107-101 (37-29, 35-25, 35-47)** and **PAK I** beat **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** by **108-69 (c/o 3-0,54-22, 41-24, 10-23)**

J.P. Goenka's Team (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee) beat the **PAK I** team (Tahir Masood, Sarfaraz Khan, Munir Ataulah, Khurshid Hadi & Abdul Rehman Allana) by 79 IMPs in the 4*16 boards Team of Four Finals. The score was **171-92 (34-27, 37-14, 67-13, 33-38)**.

The winners of the Pairs event were:

1. J. Biswas – T.K. Roy 523.57
2. Rajesh Dalal – Anil P. Padhye 520.50
3. R.A. Aggarwal – Ajit Chakradeo 520.33
4. Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman 516.74

- Editor

MEMOIRS OF 3rd HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2005



J.P. Goenka's Team (Badal Das, Sumit Mukherjee, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar, Prithish Kushari & Alok Sadhu) - The Team of Four Winners with the Chief Guest – Mr. Kapil Dev, the famous Indian Cricketer



The PAK I Team (Abdul Rehman Allana, Tahir Masood, Khurshid Hadi, Munir Ataullah & Sarfaraz Khan) - The Team of Four Runner-up with the Chief Guest – Mr. Kapil Dev, the famous Indian Cricketer and Mrs. Kiran Nadar



The Chief Guest with Mrs. Kiran Nadar



Mr. Sunit Chokshi taking the Prize from the Chief Guest

*WE WELCOME ALL THE
PARTICIPANTS
TO THE
HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2006*

INVITATION

All participants are cordially invited for Cocktails & Dinner at the venue on Sunday the 13th Aug 2006 at 2000 Hrs.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Pick & Drop Bus facility is available to participants from JEWEL PALACE.

For further information please contact the JEWEL PALACE Guest House or the registration desk at the venue.



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.

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 1530 Hrs. on Sunday (13th August 2006)

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.

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 (Sunday, 13th Aug 2006)

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 – 1945 Hrs. -	Pair Elimination 1 – Session 1 – 20 / 22 Boards
2000 Hrs. -	Cocktails & Dinner