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'MAYA MEERA SNEHA' Team Tops the Swiss League in T-4

MAYA MEERA SNEHA Team (Vijay Goel, Sukamal Das, A. K. Mukherji, Yu Rong, C. S. Majumdar, Samir Basak) with **199 VPs**, topped the 10 round – Swiss league, to finalize the quarter-finalists. Yesterday's leaders **SHREE CEMENT** (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumdar, Vibash Todi & S. Lahiri) with **183 VPs** were third. The quarter finalists are:

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|----|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1. | MAYA MEERA SNEHA | - | 199 VPs |
| 2. | DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS | - | 188 VPs |
| 3. | SHREE CEMENT | - | 183 VPs |
| 4. | BIMAL SICKA | - | 182 VPs |
| 5. | PROMILA SARAF | - | 177 VPs |
| 6. | TEXAN ACES | - | 176 VPs |
| 7. | SUNIL MACHHAR | - | 175 VPs |
| 8. | INDIA SENIORS | - | 170 VPs |

There was a 3-way tie for the last place, which went in favour of **INDIA SENIORS** with a multiple quotient of 27631. **RAJJAN, ALLAHABAD** (26348) & **WELLKNIT** (26087) had to satisfy for the 9th & 10th positions.

The teams had the right to choose their opponents as per the priority of their ranking in the round robin stage. **The Quarterfinal line up is:**

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| 1. | MAYA MEERA SNEHA | Vs. | PROMILA SARAF |
| 2. | DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS | Vs. | INDIA SENIORS |
| 3. | SHREE CEMENT | Vs. | SUNIL MACHHAR |
| 4. | BIMAL SICKA | Vs. | TEXAN ACES |

2 Rounds of the 3*14 boards quarterfinal were played yesterday and the scores are:

TbI #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards					TOTAL
				C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	Pen	
1	MAYA MEERA SNEHA (#1)	Vs	PROMILA SARAF (#5)	0-0	41-57	63-14		0-0	104-71
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2)	Vs	INDIA SENIORS (#8)	0-0	21-15	56-0	WD	0-0	77-15
3	SHREE CEMENT (#3)	Vs	SUNIL MACHHAR (#7)	1-0	22-55	17-45		0-0	40-100
4	BIMAL SICKA (#4)	Vs	TEXAN ACES (#6)	0-0	30-25	27-52		0-0	57-77

The last round of 14 boards will be played today morning. India Seniors have withdrawn, so DSM is through to semi-finals.

Formidables, J.P. Goenka, Tolani Shipping, Wellknit, Poddar Developer, Arun Jain, Alok Daga & Khandelwals were some of the top teams who did not qualify for the quarterfinals.

The Pairs Tournament also started yesterday evening. There will be 2 elimination rounds of 2 sessions each. Each session will be of 20/22 boards.

In the first elimination, 150 pairs are playing in 6 sections. There are Thirteen tables each in Sections "A", "B", "C", "D", and eleven & half tables each in sections "E" & "F". 10 TOP NS & 10 TOP EW pairs each from sections "A" & "B" combined & sections "C" & "D" combined plus 8 TOP NS and 9 TOP EW from section "E" & "F" combined would qualify for the 2nd elimination round. They will be joined by the losing quarter-finalists in the 2nd elimination. The first session of the Elimination – 1 is already over yesterday evening and the second session will continue today morning. We look forward for some scintillating play from the participants in Quarter Final as well as Pair event.

FINAL RANKING – TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

RANK	TEAM NAME	V.P.s	RANK	TEAM NAME	V.P.s
1	MAYA MEERA SNEHA	199	37	ONGC	147
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	188	38/39	LUCKNOW	146
3	SHREE CEMENT	183	38/39	MERRUT BLUE	146
4	BIMAL SICKA	182	40/42	PANKAJ MEHTA, MORADABAD	145
5	PROMILA SARAF	177	40/42	INDIAN YOUTH TEAM	145
6	TEXAN ACES	176	40/42	FRIENDS	145
7	SUNIL MACHHAR	175	43	PRADEEP PRAKASH	144
8	INDIA SENIORS	170	44	GUPTA'S TEAM, KARNATAKA	143
9	RAJJAN, ALLAHABAD	170	45/46	AMDABAD NANO	141
10	WELLKNIT	170	45/46	NAGBAGAN CARD CLUB	141
11	ALOK DAGA	169	47/53	INTERNATIONAL	140
12	KHANDELWALS	168	47/53	P.K. JANA	140
13	HEXAGON	166	47/53	KAMLESH GUPTA'S IV	140
14/15	GIANTS	165	47/53	JADON'S FOUR	140
14/15	RAJASTHANS PRIDE	165	47/53	PATRIOTS	140
16/18	MANGO	164	47/53	ALPHA	140
16/18	FORMIDABLES	164	47/53	SKY	140
16/18	TOLANI SHIPPING LTD.	164	54	APEX	137
19	ARUN JAIN	163	55	CEN. SEC. CLUB, NEW DELHI	136
20	TRANSPARENT, PUNE	162	56/57	PRAYAS	134
21	ESCAPE INDORE	161	56/57	KINNG	134
22/23	SHAHANA	160	58/59	ANGREZANDY	131
22/23	BEGINNERS R S	160	58/59	COSMOS	131
24/25	TEAM SECURE	159	60	PUNJAB BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	130
24/25	ACES	159	61	THE FORCE	128
26	J.P. GOENKA	158	62/63	HIMACHAL BRIDGE ASSOC.	127
27	PODDAR DEVELOPER	157	62/63	HIMACHAL TIGERS	127
28	WARDEKAR	156	64	DESIRE	126
29	CEN. SEC. CLUB (RCA)	155	65	SHASHI GUPTA	124
30	SPARTANS	154	66	ARNAB'S IV	123
31/32	ASHA	153	67	IOCL	122
31/32	RED KNIGHT, BANGALORE	153	68	AMATEURS	121
33	C.B.S. BILASPUR	152	69/70	I.K. KEJRIWAL	119
34	BOAT HOUSE CLUB LTD. NAIN	150	69/70	AJAY - FOUR	119
35/36	TITANS	149	71	SECL	99
35/36	KUMARASHMA	149	72	NBA BHC -3	93

Some Interesting Deals

Round 6 of Swiss League – IOCL Vs. MAYA MEERA SNEHA

Dir: N, Vul: None

	♠KJ972		
	♥K		
	♦AT2		
	♣QT82		
♠853	N	♠AQ64	
♥QJ7	W	♥T654	
♦83	E	♦KJ754	
♣KJ765	S	♣	
	♠T		
	♥AT832		
	♦Q96		
	♣A943		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sukamal</i>	<i>D. Khanna</i>	<i>Vijay Goel</i>	<i>K.C. Kumar</i>
Pass	1S	2D	2H
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

The lead was D5 and declarer won in hand with the Ten and advanced a low spade to dummy. East played small and dummy's ten won the trick. Declarer now played a low club from dummy and won the trick with queen when West did not take the trick with the club king, east discarding a low diamond. Declarer now played the Spade Jack, East winning the trick with queen, dummy discarding a low heart. East now shifted to heart and after winning the trick with the King in hand, declarer played the spade king. Now declarer was home as he has the diamond entry to hand for cashing his spades. 3 spades, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs made the 9 tricks for the declarer.

A Cold Slam with 24 HCPs

Round 7 of Swiss League – IOCL Vs. Patriots

Board 23, Dealer: South, vul: Both

	♠AK982		
	♥9		
	♦KJ3		
	♣K763		
♠Q73	N	♠4	
♥AKQJ842	W	♥T753	
♦54	E	♦AQ9	
♣9	S	♣AQT84	
	♠JT65		
	♥6		
	♦T8762		
	♣J52		

West	North	East	South
<i>A.K. Ghosh</i>	<i>Narvir Singh</i>	<i>U.K. Pal</i>	<i>Arun Kumar</i>
1H	1S	4NT	Pass
5S	DBL	6H	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	

After 1S over 1H by West, East can upgrade his hand even opposite a minimum opening, with expected missing values with North. With minor tenaces placed nicely for him, he directly used RKC and after ascertaining 2 keycards with the trump queen, he bid the cold slam.

In the closed room their opponents played in four hearts making six for a swing of 14 IMPs.

Swiss League – MAYA MEERA SNEHA Vs. ARUN JAIN

♠Q ♥AT862 ♦AK8x ♣AQx	N W E S	♠Kxxx ♥J9 ♦QJxx ♣J9x ♠AJ9x ♥Qx ♦96xx ♣Txx
	♠T87x ♥K7xx ♦T ♣Kxxx	

West	North	East	South
<i>Yu Rong</i>	<i>S. Lahiri</i>	<i>A Mukherjee</i>	<i>S.Moin</i>
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
3D	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a small spade, declarer winning with the queen and playing H2 to dummy's queen won by south with the King. Seeing the spade tenaces in the dummy, south played back a heart. Declarer played low and North won the trick with the Jack. A small club was returned to small by dummy, the Ace winning the South's King. The Heart Ace was played, North & dummy discarding small spades. Declarer now played the diamond Ace and continued with King, on which south discarded a spade.

Declarer now played the H10 and discarded the SJ from dummy and continued with the H8. North was in problem as he can not discard diamond or club, so he threw the SK, dummy throwing the D6. Next came the D8, North winning with the Queen and also cashing the DJ. North was left to lead away from the J9 of clubs, giving the declarer the last 2 tricks.

Today's Schedule (Saturday 6th Sep 2008)

- 0900 – 1100 Hrs. - T-4, Quarter Finals, 3rd Session of 14 boards
- 0945 – 1230 Hrs. - Pairs Elimination I – Session 2 (20 / 22 Boards)
- 1130 – 1340 Hrs. - T-4, Semi Finals, 1st Session of 16 boards
- 1300 – 1415 Hrs. - Lunch Break
- 1400 – 1645 Hrs. - Pairs Elimination II – Session 1 (20/22 Boards)
- 1430 – 1640 Hrs. - T-4, Semi Finals, 2nd Session of 16 boards
- 1645 – 1715 Hrs. - Tea Break
- 1715 – 2000 Hrs. - Pairs Elimination II – Session 2 (20 Boards)
- 1715 – 1925 Hrs. - T-4, Semi Finals, 3rd Session of 16 boards

TRANSFER – THE FUTURE (Part 3)

Transfers after 1NT re-bid

Now-a-days 2 way checkback or XYZ convention is very common after 1 minor or 1H opening bid. In 2 way check back after opener re-bids 1NT, 2C bid is used as puppet to 2D to play or other invitational hands where as 2D is artificial GF. Although this is perfectly playable, the use of transfers certainly helps.

<p>1C/D – 1H – 1NT – ? 2C – Puppet to 2D to play or invitational hands 2D – Transfer to Hearts, weak or GF 2H – Transfer to Spade, GF 2S – Balanced hand, GF or slammish 2N – Puppet to 3C, to play or 4-4-4-1 hands 3C/D – 5+ hearts and 5C/D, good suits & GF 3H – 6+ Hearts, GF</p>	<p>1C/D – 1S – 1NT – ? 2C – Puppet to 2D to play or invitational hands 2D – Transfer to Hearts, weak or GF 2H – Transfer to Spade, weak or GF 2S – Balanced hand, GF or slammish 2N – Puppet to 3C, to play or 4-4-4-1 hands 3C/D/H – 5+ spades and 5C/D/H, GF 3S – 6+ Spades, GF, opener to cue bid</p>
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Transfer after Opener rebids his suit at 2-level

After 1 level opening bid and response, when opener re-bids his suit, it is very difficult to show invitational hand with clubs. Transfers allow responder to make natural non-forcing bids and also show invitational or GF hands. We strongly recommend this for any serious partnership.

<p>1C – 1H – 2C – ? 2D – Natural, one round force 2H – to play 2S – Natural or bal, atleast inv 2N – Transfer to 3C, atleast inv 3C – Transfer to D, atleast inv (two suits H+D) 3D – Transfer to H, atleast inv 3H – Transfer splinter in support of Clubs 3S – Transfer to 3NT, Opener to play</p>	<p>1C – 1S – 2C – ? 2D – Natural or bal hand, one round force 2H – to play (5S + 4H) 2S – to play 2N – Transfer to 3C, atleast inv 3C – Transfer to D, atleast inv (two suits S+D) 3D – Transfer to H, atleast inv 3H – Transfer to S, atleast inv 3S – Transfer to 3NT, Opener to play</p>
<p>1D – 1H – 2D – ? 2H – to play 2S – Natural or bal, atleast inv 2N – Transfer to 3C, atleast inv (two suits H+C) 3C – Transfer to D, atleast inv 3D – Transfer to H, atleast inv 3H – Transfer splinter (in S) in support of Clubs 3S – Transfer to 3NT, Opener to play</p>	<p>1D – 1S – 2D – ? 2H – to play (5S + 4H) 2S – to play 2N – Transfer to 3C, atleast inv (two suits S+C) 3C – Transfer to D, atleast inv 3D – Transfer to H, atleast inv 3H – Transfer to S, atleast inv 3S – Transfer to 3NT, Opener to play</p>
<p>1H – 1N – 2H – ? 2S – Puppet to 2NT with inv hands Opener bids 2NT with min hand, after that 3C/D – Club/Diamond suit invitational 3H – Values in S, invitational hand 2N – transfer to 3C (to play or inv with C values) 3C – transfer to 3D (to play or inv with D values) 3D – Transfer to H, 3-card limit traise 3H – General invitation with doubleton H</p>	<p>1S – 1N – 2S – ? 2N – Puppet to 3C with inv hands, after that 3D – Diamond suit invitational 3H – Heart suit, invitational hand 3S – Values in C, invitational hand 3C – transfer to 3D (to play or inv with D values) 3D – transfer to 3H (to play or inv with H values) 3H – Transfer to S, 3-card limit traise 3S – General invitation with doubleton S</p>

Transfer after Opener re-bids 2NT

After 1X-1Y-2N bidding sequence, 2NT re-bid generally shows 18-19 HCP in a balanced hand. Transfers can be effectively employed to stop at 3-level or bid the right game. All three level suit bids are transfer to next suit. 3S transfer to clubs, shows slam interest.

The above sequences can be further developed or detailed as per partnership's preference. For any difficulties or further bidding sequence clarification, you can contact us. *(to be continued)*

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal, Delhi Bridge Association)

PAIRS Elimination I (Session 1)

Leaders

Combined Section A & B

North-South (52 Pairs)

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| 1. Dr. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja | 63.36% |
| 2. K.S. Samant – Anal Shah | 60.13% |
| 3. A.R.D. Sequeira – Arun Bapat | 58.78% |

East West (52 Pairs)

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|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. K. Bhattacharya–Debashis Bose | 62.83% |
| 2. Jayant Sarkar – Dibyendu Das | 60.66% |
| 3. H. Bos – B. Berkers | 60.50% |

Combined Section C & D

North-South (52 Pairs)

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Indresh Agarwal–Pradeep Singh | 62.91% |
| 2. N.P. Kabiraj – A. Ganguly | 61.34% |
| 3. Justice B.P. Singh–C.P. Agrawal | 59.34% |

East West (52 Pairs)

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1. P. Roy – B. Roy | 60.45% |
| 2. Sanjay Gupta – Ajay Kadian | 59.96% |
| 3. D. Santra – A.B. Chakraborty | 59.93% |
| 3. J.B. Sengupta – R.C. Consul | 59.93% |

Combined Section E & F (48 Pairs)

North-South (44 Pairs)

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| 1. Murli Manohar – Alok Sinha | 59.88% |
| 2. Arvind Vaidya – R.A. Agarwal | 55.32% |
| 3. Mukul Goyal – Ajay Garg | 54.90% |

East West (48 Pairs)

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Anurag Mohota – P. Kashlekar | 65.69% |
| 2. R.P. Airan – R.B. Goyal | 60.86% |
| 3. S.K. Singh – Manish Jaiswal | 59.48% |

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

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

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

You are requested to enter the scores correctly in the pick up slips. It is responsibility of North to fill the score, and E-W pair is requested to check the entry. This will help us in processing the scores faster.

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

VUGRAPH

The Quarter Final (3rd Session) & all the 3 sessions of Semi-Final will be shown today live on BBO.

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Tomorrow's Schedule (Sunday 7th Sep 2008)

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| 0900 – 1110 Hrs. | - | T-4 Finals, Session – I (16 boards) |
| 0900 – 1330 Hrs. | - | Pairs, Finals - Session I (32 Boards) |
| 1130 – 1340 Hrs. | - | T-4 Finals, Session – II (16 boards) |
| 1330 – 1430 Hrs. | - | Lunch |
| 1430 – 1640 Hrs. | - | T-4 Finals, Session – III (16 boards) |
| 1430 – 1900 Hrs. | - | Pairs, Finals – Session II |
| 1700 – 1910 Hrs. | - | T-4 Finals, Session – IV (16 boards) |
| 1945 Hrs. | - | Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony |