

3rd Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Holkar National Pairs Bridge Championship

The 3rd Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Holkar IMP Pairs tournament is being jointly organized by Yeshwant Club & Indore Contract Bridge Association at Indore from 11-13th Nov 2005.

Prizes: Total Rs. 200,000/-

1st : Rs. 50,000/- 4th : Rs. 10000/-
2nd: Rs. 30,000/- 5-8th : Rs. 5000/-
3rd: Rs. 20,000/- 9-16th: Rs. 3000/-

Highlights:

- Everyone plays all 3 days
- Prizes for all finalists
- Sponsored event for pairs not reaching the final round.

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1st Junior National Bridge Championship

The 1st Junior National Bridge Championship will be held at Hyderabad from 20th to 22nd May 2005.

Boarding and Stay free. No Entry fee. Last day for entry is 15th May 2005. Contact Mr. Rammohan Rao (BFI).

TOURNAMENT at CORBETT PARK

This is a tentative information to all the Bridge lovers that the famous Corbett Park Bridge Tournament 2005 is being planned at "The Claridges Corbett Hideaway", GARJIA (Corbett Park), Ramnagar, Distt: Nainital. In all probability the tournament will be held from 30th June (After Lunch) – 3rd July (Afternoon) 2005. The event will have T-4 duplicate & Open Pair events.

WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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DELHI BRIDGE SCHEDULE

1. Pair event is played at DBA on every Tuesday evening from 1830 Hrs. onwards.
2. Team event is played at DBA on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards.
3. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every Friday at PHD House commencing at 1430 Hrs.
4. The MAK Sponsored Pairs Tournament is held at PHD House on one of the Sundays of every month from 1400 Hrs.
5. Vasant Vihar Club holds a Pairs tournament (limited to 30 Pairs, based on first-cum-first-served basis) on the first Sunday of every month from 0930 to 1330 Hours.

Forthcoming Events - 2005

National

20-22 May – Junior National Bridge Championships
Hyderabad
30 Jun-03 Jul – Tournament at Corbett Park, Garjia
08-10 Jul – President's Cup at Ahmedabad
22-24 Jul – Goa Bridge Festival, GOA
12-15 Aug – HCL Tournament at New Delhi
22-25 Sep – K.N. Modi Tournament, Nainital
14-16 Oct – Golcha Tournament, Jaipur
05-09 Nov – Tolani Masters, Mumbai
11-13 Nov – Yashvantrao Holkar Tournament, Indore
18-20th Nov – Singhanian Pairs, Kanpur

International

28th Apr – 7th May'05 – 13th BFAME Championships,
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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SUMMER NATIONALS 2005 TAMILNADU ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Rajasthan Contract Bridge Association, under the auspices of Bridge Federation of India organized the 36th Summer National Bridge Championship 2005 at the Shree Rajput Sabha Bhawan, Jaipur from 2nd to 10th April 2005.

In all, 38 Team from all parts of India participated in the T.P. Khosla Team of Four event. The teams were grouped into 2 sections of 19 teams each and had to play a total of 19 rounds in an "all play all" round robin of 8 boards each, with each team getting a bye round.

MAHARASHTRA 'A' (396 VPs), RAILWAYS (357), WEST ZONE (351) & WEST BENGAL 'A' (334) were the 4 teams to reach the quarterfinals from Section A. UTTAR PRADESH with 333 VPs was placed 5th. The qualifiers from Section B were T.P. KHOSLA (375 VPs), TAMILNADU (355), WEST BENGAL 'A' (348) & MAHARASHTRA 'D' (332). SOUTH ZONE with 330 VPs was placed 5th.

The quarter finalists played a complete round robin of 7 rounds (of 10 boards each) with each other, with the top 4 teams of the RR to qualify for the Semi-finals. TAMILNADU (124 VPs), MAHARASHTRA 'D' (116 VPs), T.P. KHOSLA (113 VPs) & WEST BENGAL 'A' (108 VPs) qualified for the semi-finals. RAILWAYS (103 VPs), MAHARASHTRA 'A' (98 VPs), WEST BENGAL 'B' (93 VPs) & WEST ZONE (80 VPs) could not make the semi-final grade.

The reigning champions Railways could not make it to the Semi-finals, whereas the last year's runners-up Delhi team did not even qualify for the quarterfinals.

The RAILWAYS team was represented by Manas Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Rana Roy, Amarnath Banerjee, Sumit Mukherjee & Debbrat Majumdar. Maharashtra 'A', were represented by V.M. Lal, P.R. Bafna, R. Bhiwandikar, Raju Tolani, Ashok Kulkarni & Suhas Vaidya. West Bengal 'B' were represented by Ajay Brahmchari, C.S. Majumder, Suman Sengupta, Bhavesh Saha & Tapas Mukherjee and the WEST ZONE were represented by Pankaj kapadia, K.S. Anand Samant, J.M. Shah, Arun Bapat, Raj Mohan & G.N. Manna.

In the 4*10 boards semi-finals, West Bengal 'A' beat T.P. Khosla by 81-17 (C/o 6-0, 27-1, 19-8, 39-8, 4th set not played) and TAMILNADU beat MAHARASHTRA 'D' by 78-60 (C/o 16-0, 2-26, 36-1, 10-23, 14-10). The losing Semi-finalists T.P. Khosla team was represented by S. Naimuddin, Uttam Gupta, K. Shyamsunder, A. Vishwanathan, P. Sudhakar Rao & P.H.S. Kumar and the Maharashtra 'D' team was represented by G. Sunder Murthy, S. Chhajed, Samir Roy, K.B. Poddar, Sunil Machhar & Prakash Dalvi.

So it was TAMILNADU Vs. WEST BENGAL 'A' in the 4*16 boards FINAL.

In the 4*16 boards Team of Four finals for the T.P. Khosla trophy, the TAMILNADU team won the coveted trophy beating WEST BENGAL 'A' by 133-125 (35-29, 52-20, 40-44, 16-42).

Congratulations to the Winners comprising of Dr. P.D. Boaz, K.R. Venkatraman, K. Krishnakumar, R. Shreekrishna, N.R. Kripakara Murthy & C.R. Badrinath. The runner-up team was represented by J.P. Goenka, Badal Das, S.N. De Sarkar, Kamal Roy & Swarnendu Banerjee.

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Forcing Notrump (Part – 4)

In our previous bulletin, we discussed the re-bids of opener after responder re-bids 2NT. We continue our discussion on special sequences available to responder after opener rebids his major suit at two level.

E) Rebids by Responder after Opener rebids his suit at two-level

When the Opener re-bids his suit, he shows atleast 6-cards in his major suit and generally denies 4-cards in a minor or hearts (if opener's suit is spades). Opener can have upto 15-16 hcp for this bid. Now it is responder's turn to describe his hand so that opener can decide to play in a partscore or game in a particular denomination.

The types of hands which responder can hold fall broadly into six types:

Weak hands (where responder wants to sign-off) : 1. Any long minor suit hand

Invitational hands : 2. Any 6-card minor 3. Balanced or semi-balanced with values in a particular suit
4. With general values 5. 3-card limit raise hand 6. 5-5 in minors

Playing normal methods it is not possible to show all these type of hands at the right level. However playing transfers most of the above hands can be easily shown. Also the transfer method makes the opener declarer, whenever responder has a weak hand with long suit. Transfer to opener's major suit at three level is 3-card limit raise. The complete structure is as follows:

1H-1NT-2H- ? 2S = Puppet to 2N with Invitational hands Opener bids 2N if he doesn't want to accept invitation, otherwise he bids 3C/D. Opener can also bid 3H to play. After 2NT 3C = Club suit, Invitational hand 3D = Diamond suit, Invitational hand 3H = Values in Spades, Invitational hand 2N = Puppet to 3C. After 3C Pass = Weak hand with Club suit 3H = Values in Clubs, Invitational hand 3C = Puppet to 3D. After 3D Pass = Weak hand with Diamond suit 3H = Values in Diamond, Invitational hand 3D = 3-card Heart support, limit raise. After 3H bid by opener, responder can bid game 3H = General invitation with doubleton Heart	1S-1NT-2S- ? 2N = Puppet to 3C. After 3C Pass = Weak hand with Club suit 3D = Diamond suit, Invitational hand 3H = Heart suit, Invitational hand 3S = Values in Clubs, Invitational hand 3C = Puppet to 3D. After 3D Pass = Weak hand with Diamond suit 3S = Values in Diamond, Invitational hand 3D = Puppet to 3H. After 3H Pass = Weak hand with Heart suit 3S = Values in Heart, Invitational hand 3H = 3-card Spade support, limit raise. After 3S bid by opener, responder can bid game. However if opener wants to play game, he either bids 4S or can cue bid. 3S = General invitation with doubleton Spade
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The hand which is very difficult to describe is 5-5 in minors with invitational values. Although rare but these hands do come up. Therefore we do not prefer to handle these hands through forcing notrump. The solution is to bid 3 Club directly after 1H or 1S opening to show invitational hands with 5-5 in minors (being played by some expert partnerships). However this would require changing the response structure after 1H/S opening, if you play Bergen raises.

F) Bart and Anti Bart conventions

Playing forcing or semi-forcing notrump, the opener's minor suit re-bid at two level shows minimum 3-cards. Due to this generally responder returns to opener's major suit with 2 cards and less than 10 or 11 hcp. In this case responder's strength is not clear and also finding 4-4 minor suit fit is difficult. The Bart Convention devised by Les Bart has attempted to solve this problem. The Bart convention is applicable after 1S opening.

Bart convention was presented in our bulletin of September 2003. However we would strongly recommend Anti Bart convention, which can be played after 1H or 1S Opening. We will discuss this convention in detail in next month's bulletin. Considering the advantages of Anti Bart convention, it is recommended that 2D re-bid by opener should generally show minimum 4-cards and 2C minimum 2-cards so that you can bid 2C more often. However there is one disadvantage of Anti Bart convention. As 2D bid is a transfer to 2H, you can no longer play in 2D. With a weak hand you either pass 2C re-bid by opener or bid 3D (with a long diamond suit) to play.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 53 - LEAD OUT OF TURN ACCEPTED

- Any lead faced out of turn may be treated as a correct lead. It becomes a correct lead if declarer or either defender, as the case may be, accepts it (by making a statement to that effect), or if the player next in rotation plays to the irregular lead, but see Law 47E1. (If no acceptance statement or play is made, the Director will require that the lead be made from the correct hand.)
- If the defender at the right of the hand from which the lead out of turn was made plays to the irregular lead, the lead stands and Law 57 applies.
- If it was properly the turn to lead of an opponent of the player who led out of turn, that opponent may make his proper lead to the trick of the infraction without his card being deemed played to the irregular lead. When this occurs, the proper lead stands, and all cards played in error to this trick may be withdrawn without penalty. (Law 16C2 applies to a defender.)

LAW 54 - FACED OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

When an out of turn faced opening lead is made and offender's partner has not led any card (if offender's partner leads face down, the lead to be retracted), the declarer has following options:

- 1) Declarer can accept the lead and either become dummy (play proceeds in normal way) or remain declarer and see the dummy before playing from his own hand.
- 2) Declarer can ask offender's partner, proper opening leader either to lead the suit that was improperly led or not to lead the suit that was led as long as he holds the lead. If declarer chooses this option then the improperly lead card is no more a penalty card and is returned to the offender's hand and no further penalty is applicable.
- 3) Declarer can ask proper opening leader to make his natural lead. In that case the improperly led card becomes a major penalty card (Law 50). If the correct opening leader retains or regains the lead and his partner still has the penalty card, declarer will each time before defender leads has the choice of exercising the option 2 (mentioned earlier) or option 3 (mentioned in this paragraph).

LAW 55 - DECLARER'S LEAD OUT OF TURN

- A. Declarer's Lead Accepted - If declarer has led out of turn from his or dummy's hand, either defender may accept the lead as provided in Law 53, or require its retraction (after misinformation, see Law 47E1).
- B. Declarer Required to Retract Lead - If declarer has led from his or dummy's hand when it was a defender's turn to lead, and if either defender requires him to retract such lead, declarer restores the card led in error to the proper hand without penalty. If declarer has led from the wrong hand when it was his turn to lead from his hand or dummy's, and if either defender requires him to retract the lead, he withdraws the card led in error. He must lead from the correct hand.
- C. When declarer adopts a line of play that could have been based on information obtained through the infraction, the Director may award an adjusted score.

LAW 56 - DEFENDER'S LEAD OUT OF TURN

When a defender leads out of turn, the declarer has following options:

- 1) Declarer may choose to accept the lead out of turn (law 53 applies).
- 2) Declarer may require the defender to retract his lead out of turn. The card illegally led becomes a major penalty card (Law 50 applies)

The Final Standings:

- 1 Hansa Narasimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Susan Picus, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby (133.19)
- 2 JoAnn Sprung, Renee Mancuso, Pam Wittes, Kathleen Sulgrove, Peggy Sutherland, Karen Allison (109.46)
- 3 Carol Sanders, Libby Fernandez, Darlene Hammond, Sue Weinstein (104.74)
- 4 Sylvia Moss, Amalya Kearse, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Greenberg, Rozanne Pollack (103.94)

- *Courtesy Daily Bulletins: Spring NABC 2005*

Interesting Deal- AGARWALA Pairs

	♠ KJxx ♥ J9xx ♦ Kx ♣ Axx	
♠ xx ♥ Axxx ♦ Axxxxx ♣ J	N W E S	♠ xx ♥ Qx ♦ Jxx ♣ KQ9xxx
	♠ AQT9x ♥ KTx ♦ Qx ♣ Txx	

Many pairs bid 4 Spades with the N-S cards and nearly all got the lead of ♣J. As the cards lie, you always score 4♠, if you take the first trick with the ♣A, as West never gets his ruff. The heart finesse is working and the ♦A is luckily with West.

However maximum pairs preferred ducking the first trick as it seemed to be the better play to avoid more than one club loser, considering that the heart finesse is on. Now it was the turn of East to take the appropriate action. If East does not over take and plays another club, you are through but if he overtakes and gives an immediate ruff, the defenders take the first 4 tricks before you can breath again.

- *Reported by Editor*

VASANT VIHAR CLUB - Tournament

From May 2005 onwards, Vasant Vihar Club will hold a monthly Bridge Pairs tournament at Vasant Vihar Club premises with attractive prizes. **The event will be held on the first Sunday of every month from 0930 to 1330 Hrs.**

The tournament will be limited to 30 pairs only. Hence you are requested to register for the tournament at the earliest. The tournament for May will be held on 1st May itself.

- *Editor*

HCL Prize Money BRIDGE Tournament 2005

Team of Four Duplicate
for
"The Naresh Tandan Trophy"

&

Open Pairs Event
for
"The Neena Bonerjee Trophy"

12th - 15th August 2005

VENUE

Hotel Radisson
Sector - 18, NOIDA, U.P.
Tel: 0120-53000000

(NOIDA is just 15 Kms. Away from Delhi)

Total Prize Money: Rs. 9.6 Lacs

ENTRY FEE:

- T-4: Rs. 5000/-**
(Rs. 1000 for each additional member)
- Pair: Rs. 1200/- for first elimination & Rs. 800 from those qualified to play the 2nd Elimination**

Entries Close on

Team of Four: 12th Aug'05 at 0915 Hrs.
Pairs: 13th Aug'05 at 1530 Hrs.

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Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

05/04/2005 - 13 Tables

NS 1: P.C. Gupta - S.N. Mathur	60.76%
NS 2: A.K. Upadhyay - Girish Kumar	57.29%
NS 3: Ujjwal Gupta - Mrs. Sushma Gupta	56.46%
EW 1: R.C. Consul - J.B. Sengupta	64.24%
EW 2: S.K. Wahi - Rajeev Bajaj	58.33%
EW 3: Arun Jain - Dinesh Jain	56.60%

12/04/2005 - 12 Tables

NS 1: Daya Dhaon - Suraj Jain	63.54%
NS 2: Joyjit Sen Sharma - V.N. Puri	61.81%
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Surana - R.S. Jasuja	66.67%
EW 2: A.K. Sinha - Anil Jain	56.60%

19/04/2005 - 14 Tables

NS 1: Dr. Nikita Kamal- Amarjit Wadhawan	60.42%
NS 2: Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal -Ashok Chandra	56.60%
NS 3: Mrs. Mani Gupta - Prof. S.C. Gupta	56.25%
EW 1: R.K. Gupta - R. Chakravarty	72.57%
EW 2: B. Banerjee - Yogesh Tewari	55.90%
EW 3: Maj. Gen. A.L. Suri - V.K. Sawhney	53.60%

26/04/2005 - 14 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Madhuri Modwel - J.D. Gupta	60.76%
NS 2: Ganpat Rai - K.B. Sikand	60.07%
NS 3: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	59.38%
EW 1: D.P. Sharma - Mrs. Asha Sharma	60.76%
EW 2: Rajesh Kumar Gupta - A.K. Sinha	59.38%
EW 3: R.K. Gupta - R. Chakravarty	55.56%

DBA - Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event - Results

02/04/2005 - 9 Teams

1. **Mohan Dass** - (Mohan Dass, S. Dharni, R.K. Gupta, R.C. Consul, R. Chakravarty)
2. **Suresh Kumar** - (Suresh Kumar, A.K. Bala, S. Mathew, V. Ravindran)

09/04/2005 - 9 Teams

1. **Royal India** - (Amarjit Wadhawan, Dr. Nikita Kamal, Narvir Singh, D.D. Gulhati, Ved Prakash)
2. **V.N. Puri's Team** - (V.N. Puri, N.K. Jain, P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari)

16/04/2005 - 15 Teams

1. **SONCHEL**-(M. Shivdasani, Dr. Tushar Moghe, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Vinod Sharma,)
2. **FORMIDABLES** - (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Parasrampuria)
3. **COSMOS** - (A. Mandal, Joyjit Sen Sharma, D.K. Mutreja, Rajesh Jain, Saroj Bhattacharya)

23/04/2005 - 14 Teams

1. **FORMIDABLES** - (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Subhash Gupta, B. Satyanarayana, Joyjit Sen Sharma)
2. **Royal India** - (Amarjit Wadhawan, Narvir Singh, D.D. Gulhati, Ved Prakash)
3. **Dharni's Team** - (S. Dharni, Mohan Dass, R.K. Gupta, R. Chakravarty, Prof. T.C. Goel)

30/04/2005 - 11 Teams

1. **Ashok Bedi** - (Ashok Bedi, Sunil Bhatia, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)
2. **COSMOS** - (D.K. Mutreja, V.K. Mutreja, Joyjit Sen Sharma, Rajesh Jain)

ALL INDIA LADIES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - Pair Event Results

01/04/2005 - 12 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Urmil Agarwal - Mrs. Brij Judge
NS 2: Mrs. Asha Surana - R.S. Jasuja
EW 1: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal - Miss Poonam Datta
EW 2: K. Mubayi - V. Tuli

08/04/2005 - 10 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Mira Khurana - R.C. Tandon
NS 2: Mrs. Rami Singh - Aditya Prasad
EW 1: Mrs. Rajeshwari Gupta- Mrs. Madhu Agarwal
EW 2: Mrs. Rashmi Agarwal - P.K. Rajgariah

15/04/2005 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur - Mrs. Sarita Sharma
NS 2: Mrs. Chand Vir - R.K. Vir

EW 1: S.A. Bijlani - Dr. R.L. Sanghi
EW 2: Mrs. Asha Sehgal - Deepak Yashpal

20/04/2005 - 9 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Shashi Jain - Maj. B.H. Iyer
NS 2: Mrs. Sarita Sharma - Mrs. Kunti Thakur
EW 1: D.P. Sharma - Mrs. Asha Sharma
EW 2: Vijay Tuli - K. Mubayi

29/04/2005 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Suman Bansidhar - M.M.L. Sharma
NS 2: Amarjit Wadhawan - Ved Prakash
EW 1: C.P. Mittal - S.A. Bijlani
EW 2: D.P. Sharma - Mrs. Asha Sharma

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

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List of participating teams in Team of Four event:

Team No.	Team Names	
	SECTION A	SECTION B
1	East Zone	T.P. KHOSLA (SPONSORS)
2	UTTAR PRADESH	WEST BENGAL 'B'
3	WEST BENGAL 'A'	DELHI
4	RAILWAYS	ORISSA
5	MAHARASHTRA 'C'	TAMIL NADU
6	MAHARASHTRA 'A'	SOUTH ZONE
7	APSBA 'A'	MAHARASHTRA 'B'
8	WEST ZONE	MAHARASHTRA 'D'
9	KSBA	GUJARAT
10	ASSAM	RAJASTHAN 'B'
11	AILBA	BFI
12	UTTARANCHAL	C.S.I.R
13	MADHYA PRADESH	DRDO
14	AIESCB	HARYANA
15	RAJASTHAN 'A'	PUNJAB
16	O F S C B	DAE
17	C R S B	APSBA 'B'
18	M.K. CHOUDHURY (RAJ - HOST TEAM)	J & K
19	KERALA	CHANDIGARH

The AGARWALA PAIRS

66 Pairs took part in the first elimination round (quarter final) of the Agarwala Pairs. The pairs were divided into 3 sections and after playing 5-session (of 22 boards each) 32 pairs went through to the semi-final round. The leaders were:

1. Sumit Mukherjee - Pritish Kushari	182 VPs
2. S.G. Aggarwal - Amod Rele	158
3. Vinay Desai - Keizad Anklesaria	157
4. S. Sarkar - S. Majumdar	131
5. Biplab Mondal - Malay Mondal	126
6. Ashok Kulkarni - R. Bhiwandkar	125
7. Jagdish Biswas - Joy Narayan Roy	124
8. J. Pratihari - A. Rout	122

These qualifiers were joined in the 3-session semi-final by 8 pairs who played in the semi-finals & finals of the T.P. Khosla trophy.

The Semi Finals:

40 Pairs played the semi-final round of the Agarwala Pairs in a grueling 3 sessions (78 boards) play. The leaders of the Semi-final event were:

1. Ashok Kulkarni - R. Bhiwandkar	134 VPs
2. Vinay Desai - Kaizad Anklesaria	128
3. Sunil Machhar - Prakash Dalvi	88
4. Girish Kumar - Rafat Islam Khan	71
5. K. Krishna Kumar - K.R. Venkatraman	66
6. V.K. Agarwal - B.K. Agarwal	59
7. B.K. Mohota - G. Sundermurthy	57
8. Badal Das - S.N. De Sarkar	55

The Finals:

The 16 qualifiers of the Agarwala Pairs final played 15 rounds of 8 board matches in 2 days. 9 rounds were played on the penultimate day & the next 6 on the final day of the tournament. Each pair was eligible to gain or lose maximum 25 IMPs in one round.

The AGARWALA Pairs (one of the toughest Pairs event of India) was won by Badal Das and S.N. De Sarkar, the pair from West Bengal, with a score of 513. They were way ahead to the 2nd placed Tamilnadu pair of K Krishna Kumar - K R Venkatraman (with a score of 444).

The final rankings:

1 Badal Das - Shib Nath De Sarkar	513.00
2 K Krishna Kumar - K R Venkatraman	444.00
¾ Vinay Desai - Kaizad Anklesaria	425.00
¾ J Pratihari - A Rout	425.00
5 B K Mohota - G Sundermurthy	412.00
6/7 Jagdish Biswas - Joy Narayan Roy	407.00
6/7 Raju Tolani - Prem Chand Bafana	407.00
8 Sumit Mukherjee - Pritish Kushari	405.00
9 Sunil Machhar - Prakash Dalvi	381.00
10 Kirubakaran Murthy- C R Badrinath	377.00
11 Ashok Kulkarni - R Bhiwandkar	362.00
12 Puneet Gangal - S K Sharma	335.00
13 V K Agarwal - B K Agarwal	329.00
14 Sudhir Agarwal - Amod Rele	319.00
15 Ranjit Das - A R Chakraborty	265.00
16 Girish Kumar - Rafat Islam Khan	258.00

Congratulations to the Winners.

- Reported by Editor

FINAL STANDINGS IN MIXED PAIRS

1 Laurie Kranyak - John Kranyak	2596.59
2 Lynn Deas - Alan Stout	2549.23
3 Margaret Williams - Victor King	2546.09
4 Kit Woolsey - Sally Woolsey	2523.10
5 Martin Fleisher - Rozanne Pollack	2502.12
6 Petra Hamman - Hemant Lall	2490.06

Lebhar IMP Pairs

Kevin Wilson of Knoxville TN and Blair Seidler of Fair Lawn NJ captured their first NABC championship with their win in Lebhar IMP Pairs. After the afternoon session of the qualifying round, they were in fourth place, 10 IMPs behind the leaders. They had a strong final session and were leading by 17 IMPs with just one round to go, but had a bad last round. They held on to win by more than 7 IMPs. Placed second were the Iceland pair of Jon Baldursson of Hafnarfjordur and Thorlakur Jonsson of Kopavogur. They were 5 IMPs ahead of third place, which went to the English pair of Paul Hackett and John Armstrong.

FINAL STANDINGS

1 Blair Seidler - Kevin Wilson	96.18
2 Jon Baldursson - Thorlakur Jonsson	88.57
3 Paul Hackett - John Armstrong	83.27
4 Martin Harris - Jacob Morgan	79.17
5 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson	71.05
6 David Hoffner - David Sacks	68.75
7 Zia Mahmood - Michael Rosenberg	65.99
8 Lynn Condon - Harold Feldheim	59.45

RED RIBBON PAIRS

A pair of Connecticut players had a strong first final session, then survived a below-average game in the evening to win the Red Ribbon Pairs by about one-third of a board. The winners are David Margolin and Yeong-Long Shiue. Their score of 1624.92 (51 top) was just ahead of the 1606.28 posted by Jim Lyle and Robert Todd.

Final Standings:

1 David Margolin - Yeong-Long Shiue	1624.92
2 Jim Lyle - Robert Todd	1606.28
3 John Collins - Heather Elmslie	1593.56
4 Paul Hattis - Steven Fox	1587.59
5 Steve Chen - Ilan Tadmor	1573.31
6 Patrick Moos - Charles Young	1572.19
7 John Scott Hiller- Leonard Rosenbaum	1568.46
8 Kaz Walewski - Andrew Proczkowski	1566.85

Women's Pairs - Whitehead Trophy

The Women's Pairs for Whitehead Trophy is a event with two qualifying sessions followed by two final sessions.

After the two qualifying sessions of the Whitehead Women's Pairs, Gail Greenberg and Laurie Vogel started making plans for playing in a regional event. They felt like both their games were below average and they never imagined they would be playing in the final.

They just barely qualified to play on in the event, but they made the most of the chance, emerging with a win by 20 matchpoints over runners-up Helen Abbott and Polly Dunn of the Seattle area.

The victory was Vogel's first in a North American championship. Greenberg has multiple wins in world and North American competition.

FINAL STANDINGS IN WOMEN'S PAIRS

1 Laurie Vogel - Gail Greenberg	792.43
2 Helen Abbott - Polly Dunn	772.73
3 Beverly Rosenberg - Marcia Masterson	765.90
4 Joann Glasson - Lisa Berkowitz	759.89
5 Shawn Quinn - Grace Hunt	759.68
6 Gladys Collier - Karen Allison	743.27

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams

In all 56 teams participated in this event. The team captained by James Cayne of New York City scored 125.83 Victory Points to win the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams. Playing with Cayne were Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Robert Levin and Steve Weinstein.

In second place, less than two Victory Points behind the leaders, were Perry Johnson, Jeff Meckstroth, Paul Soloway and Eric Rodwell. Third place went to the team led by Dennis Dawson.

The Final Standings:

1 James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein (125.83)
2 Perry Johnson, Jeff Meckstroth, Paul Soloway, Eric Rodwell (124.00)
3 Dennis Dawson, Roger Bates, Dan Morse, Bobby Wolff, Stephen Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha (119.44)
4 Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Magnus Lindkvist, Peter Fredin (118.59)

MACHLIN WOMEN'S Swiss Teams

14 Teams participated in this event. The team captained by Hansa Narasimhan took the lead in the second round of the final session of the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams and breezed to victory. They had the event won with a round to play.

The winners are Narasimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Sue Picus, Debbie Rosenberg and JoAnna Stansby. In the past four major women's team events, the squad has finished third, second, first and first.

Second place in the event went to the team captained by JoAnn Sprung. She was playing with Renee Mancuso, Pam Wittes, Kathy Sulgrove, Peggy Sutherlin and Karen Allison. Sprung and company have won two of the last four major women's team events and finished second in the others.

Sprung was in first place after the first round of the final, and met Narasimhan, who was in second. Narasimhan won by 21 IMPs to take the lead and never looked back. With a round to go, the winners had 124.19 VPs. The closest competitor had 92.46 with only 20 VPs available even with a blitz.

International Bridge News

48th Spring NABC

The 48th Spring North American Bridge Championships were held at Pittsburgh from 10th to 20th March 2005. Details of different events played in the championships are as follows:

SILODOR Open Pairs

Eddie Wold and Bob Morris turned in a strong performance in the second final session of the Silodor Open Pairs to win the two-day event by half a board. This was the first time Wold and Morris have played together as partnership in an NABC event.

The pair finished the first final session in 28th place, but their second-session score of 67.94% was enough to push them into the winner's circle. In second were George Jacobs and Alfredo Versace, whose final total was boosted by a nice carryover from their opening day performance that featured an unbelievable 78% game in the first qualifying session. Close behind in third was the matchpoint powerhouse duo of Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson, who flirted with the lead in the second final session before falling back late in the round.

Final Standings:

1 Eddie Wold - Robert Morris	3043.53
2 George Jacobs - Alfredo Versace	2999.00
3 Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	2983.39
4 Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	2932.83
5 Allan Falk - John Lusky	2898.91
6 Douglas Doub - Adam Wildavsky	2881.37
7 Erez Hendelman - Jiang Gu	2873.73
8 David Grainger - Hemant Lall	2872.02

Silver Ribbon Pairs - Leventritt Trophy

The New Jersey-based pair of Bill Esberg and Marla Chaikin took advantage of a good carryover and a strong finish in the second final to win the Silver Ribbon Pairs. It was the first NABC title for either player. They won the event by more than two boards. Their total was 1793.08 (51 was top).

In second with 1675.28 was John Zilic of Houston TX and Thomas Peters of Grapeland TX. In third were the defending champions, Joseph Godefrin of Sarasota FL and Ed Schulte of Tampa FL with 1612.94.

1 Marla Chaikin - William Esberg	1793.08
2 John Zilic - Thomas Peters	1675.28
3 Joseph Godefrin - Ed Schulte	1612.94
4 Jess Stuart - Lois Stuart	1606.15
5 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf	1592.21
6 Scott Levine - R Jay Becker	1554.37
7 Dennis Kasle - Chuck Burger	1547.80
8 Gail Bell - Charles Gray	1534.90

Vanderbilt Trophy

78 teams entered this prestigious knock-out team event.

There were few upsets in opening-round action of the Vanderbilt KOs, as the top seeds marched into day two. The #2 seed led by Nick Nickell survived a scare as they lost their first match (in a four-way) to the #55 seed captained by Bill Arlinghaus. In the match with the other four-way loser – the #42 seed led by Dick Benson – Nickell trailed at the halfway point before turning on the juice to win comfortably.

The all-French #24 seed captained by Pierre Zimmerman was defeated by the #64 squad of Joshua Dunn. 48 teams survived to the next round.

In the Day 2 action, the #7 seed of Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Fred Stewart and Kit Woolsey lost both stages of their four-way matches against squads led by Bill Pettis and Amos Kaminski. The #13 seed captained by Mark Gordon was shown the door in a head-to-head match by the #54 seed led by Barry Rigal. #14 Jim Mahaffey also got the boot in a two-way match from the #44 team of Ralph Cohen. Thirty-two teams have survived to third day of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams.

The rounds on the 3rd day of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams saw plenty of upsets, including the ousting of the defending champions. The squad of Larry Mori, Venkatrao Koneru, Neil Chambers and John Schermer brought down the top seed of Ralph Katz, George Jacobs, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein, Alfredo Versace and Lorenzo Lauria 163–140.

Other victims in the top 10: Roy Welland's #3 seed got bounced out of the event by the original #35 seed led by Bill Pettis. Pettis played with Fred Allenspach, Ai-Tai Lo and Alan Schwartz. Welland's teammates were Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski. Final score: 128–122.

The #6 seed led by Rose Meltzer also bit the dust. Meltzer, playing with Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Alan Sontag and Peter Weichsel, lost 82–77 to the original #41 seed captained by Rich DeMartino. The other members of the winning squad are Tom Smith, Eugene Saxe, Geoffrey Brod, Stephen Earl and John Steifel.

The #10 seed of Reese Milner, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Sam Lev and Mark Molson got booted by the #23 seed of John Onstott, Jim Robison, Drew Casen, Chris Compton, Sam Cohen and Jim Krekorian 173–122. Also out is the #12 seed led by Bart Bramley.

Sixteen teams remained in the event.

Eight teams survived to the fifth-round action in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. After dispatching the defending champions in Tuesday's round, Larry Mori's squad was narrowly defeated by the team of Carolyn Lynch, npc: Roger Bates, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha and Dennis Dawson. Final score 116-113.

The original #21 seed led by Mary Ann Berg (Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Joe Grue, Curtis Cheek and Bruce Ferguson) upset the #5 squad of Charlie Weed, npc (James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness). Berg won 120-91.

Bill Pettis's Cinderella run was stopped by Billy Eisenberg's team. Pettis (#35) lost to Eisenberg (#19) 96-68. More bad news for Cinderella in the Kamil (#11) vs. DeMartino (#41) matchup. Kamil (Michael Kamil, Christal Henner-Welland, Peter Berthau, Fredrik Nystrom, Claudio Nunes and Fulvio Fantoni) rudely dispatched the DeMartino team 153-76 in three quarters.

Quarter-Finals

Only one of the top four seeds remained in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams as the event moved into the semifinal round. The matchups are Peter Schneider versus Richard Schwartz, and John Onstott versus Billy Eisenberg.

Only the No. 4 seed, captained by Schwartz is still playing. No. 1 (George Jacobs) and No. 3 (Roy Welland) went out early, and No. 2 (Nick Nickell) was knocked off by the Onstott team.

Schwartz (Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Andrea Buratti, Massimo Lanzarotti) were too much for Mary Ann Berg, dispatching them 172-109.

Schneider (Grant Baze, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek) took an early lead on the Carolyn Lynch (npc) squad and never trailed, winning 126-76.

Eisenberg (Richard Coren, Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Jacob, Michael Moss, Antonio Sementa) had the easiest time as their opponents (Mike Kamil) withdrew after three quarters trailing 143-85.

There was some drama in the Nickell-Onstott match. Onstott (Jim Robison, Chris Compton, Samuel Cohen, Jim Krekorian) built a 39-point lead with 16 deals to play, but Nickell has fashioned so many strong comebacks in recent months that anything could happen. Nickell did rally, winning the final quarter 58-32, but it was not enough and Onstott moved on to the round of four.

Semi-Finals

The squad captained by John Onstott rolled into the final of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams with a 180-98 pasting of the Billy Eisenberg sextet. Onstott will face Richard Schwartz and company, who had to fight off a late surge by the Peter Schneider team to avoid defeat. Onstott jumped out to a big lead against Eisenberg, expanding a 68-32 first quarter advantage

to a daunting 117-39 lead at the half. Eisenberg never mounted much of a charge.

It was different in the Schwartz-Schneider encounter. Schwartz started strong and held an 80-33 lead at the half, but Schneider rallied with a 60-20 third quarter to trail by only 7 IMPs with 16 deals to go. Schwartz managed a 38-28 score in the fourth quarter to get to the championship round.

Final

The team captained by Richard Schwartz jumped out to a 50-IMP lead after one quarter to run away with the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, defeating the John Onstott squad 169-125 in a match that was never close.

The champions are Schwartz, Mike Becker, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen and Italians Andrea Buratti and Massimo Lanzarotti.

For Onstott, the loss ended an impressive run for the original No. 23 seed. Along the way, they knocked off the No. 10 seed (Reese Milner) and No. 2 (Nick Nickell). Playing with Onstott were Jim Robison, Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian, Samuel Cohen and Chris Compton.

Schwartz has now won the Vanderbilt three times, Becker five times, including once (in 1981) with his father, B. Jay Becker, who won the event eight times. The victory was the first for Berkowitz in a major knockout event. His partner, Cohen, now has won all the major ACBL team events, including the Grand National Teams and the Spingold Knockout Teams.

The Final Vanderbilt Rankings:

1 Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Andrea Buratti, Massimo Lanzarotti

2 John Onstott, Jim Robison, Drew Casen, Chris Compton, Samuel Cohen, Jim Krekorian

3/4 Peter Schneider, Grant Baze, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek

3/4 Bill Eisenberg, Richard Coren, Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Jacob, Michael Moss, Antonio Sementa

5/8 Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

5/8 Michael Kamil, Christal Henner-Welland, Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni

5/8 Roger Bates, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, Stephen Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Dennis Dawson

5/8 Mary Ann Berg, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Joe Grue, Curtis Cheek, Bruce Ferguson

Mixed Pairs - Rockwell Trophy

The Mixed Pairs is a four-session event with two qualifying and two final sessions.

The mother-son partnership of Laurie and John Kranyak put together two strong final sessions to win the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. It was the first NABC championship for both players.