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## ALL INDIA HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2005

The 3<sup>rd</sup> All India HCL Bridge Tournament sponsored by HCL Corporation Ltd. was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005. 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".

A record 70 teams gave their entries for participating in the Team of Four event, giving tough time to the organizers in arranging the required space. Amongst them were very special bridge friends from our neighbourhood, PAKISTAN. Teams comprising of players from all over India along with 3 teams from Pakistan participated in this tournament. Agsar Paints, Formidables, Well Knit, Tolani Shipping, DSM, RADHEY, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, Dipak Poddar, PAK I & BILAL, PAK were some of the top teams participating. The details of the events played are:

### Team of Four:

At the end of first day (after 6 rounds of 10 boards), **PUSHPAK**, a local team of Delhi comprising of D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Rakesh Roy, Anand Bhatia and S. Lahiri led the event with **123 VPs**. **AGSAR PAINTS** (N.R. Kripakara Moorthy, B. Prabhakar, S. Sunderram, P. Sridhar & J.M. Shah) & **Dhampur Sugar Mills** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Vivek Bhand & Sandeep Thakral) shared the second place with **118 VPs**. Formidables (116), Manas Saha's IV (116), Delhi Blues (113), J.P. Goenka (113) & Radhey, Mumbai (110) held the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.

After playing 4 more rounds on the second day, **J.P. GOENKA's** Team (J.P. Goenka, P.Kushari,, A. Sadhu, B.Das, S. Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee) with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage. The quarter finalists were:

1.	J.P. Goenka	-	194 VPs
2.	Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.	-	185 VPs
3.	PUSHPAK	-	184 VPs
4.	Dhampur Sugar Mills	-	182 VPs
5.	Manas Saha's IV	-	179 VPs
6.	Pankaj Mehta	-	174 VPs
7.	PAK I	-	173 VPs
8.	PALOOKAS	-	170 VPs

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 was:

1. J.P. Goenka Vs. PALOOKAS
2. Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C. Vs. Pankaj Mehta
3. PUSHPAK Vs. PAK I
4. Dhampur Sugar Mills Vs. Manas Saha's IV

There were lot of surprises in the Team event. Top teams WELLKNIT (Last year's champs), Agsar Paints, Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Dipak Poddar, Alok Daga, Arcelor & Radhey could not make it to the quarter finals. Pushpak (local Delhi team), Pankaj Mehta (from Moradabad), Manas Saha's IV & Palookas were the surprise qualifiers. There was no doubt that the competition was tough as there were 4 teams which missed the QF stage with only 1 VP. In fact there were 11 teams with scores from 169 down to 165.

In the 3\*14 boards quarter-finals, **J.P. Goenka** beat **PALOOKAS** (A.K. Brahmachary, H.K. Jalan, Bhabesh Saha, D. Chakravarti, A. Malhootra & L. Mohanka) by **133-80** (51-25, 32-34, 50-21). **Ratanlal Kejriwal Memorial Club** beat **Pankaj Mehta** (Pankaj Mehta, Pradeep Singh, Mahendra Singh, S. Bandopadhyay, Mukul Gupta & Rajneesh Consul) by **126-83** (29-43, 60-30, 37-10). **PAK I** beat **PUSHPAK** (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Anand Bhatia, Rakesh Roy & Sandeep Lahiri) by **100-74** (37-10, 41-20, 22-44) and **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **Manas Saha's IV** (Manas Saha, Pronob Roy, Debbrata Mazumdar, Prashanta Bera, Kaustav Nandi & Santanu Chaudhary) by **180-56** (35-15, 80-26, 65-15). The Semi final line up was:

J.P. Goenka Vs. Dhampur Sugar Mills  
PAK I Vs. Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.

In the first of the 3\*16 boards semi-final, **J.P. Goenka** (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee) beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Vivek Bhand & Sandeep Thakral) by **107-101** (37-29, 35-25, 35-47), whereas in the second semi-final, **PAK I** (Tahir Masood, Sarfaraz Khan, Munir Ataulah, Khurshid Hadi & Abdul Rehman Allana) beat **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** (A.N. Banerjee, Gobind Singha, Atanu Ganguly, S. Acharya, S.C. Dutt & A. Duttaroy) by **108-69** (c/o 3-0, 54-22, 41-24, 10-23)

So it was **J.P. Goenka Vs PAK I** in the 4\*16 boards **FINALS** of Team of Four event.

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## Rubens Advances

In our last bulletin we discussed how opening side could use transfers after an overcall by an opponent. This month we will discuss how the side that overcalled after an opponent opened the bidding can use transfers. There are many other situations also in which transfers can be very useful.

As you know, with the help of transfers you can describe many more hand types than with natural methods. The main reason for this is that you can use the same initial bid (the transfer) to cater for weak, intermediate and strong hands. In the 1970s, Jeff Rubens introduced the concept of using transfers in response to an overcall. Although this is one of the most significant bidding innovations, the idea is not popular outside of expert circles. Transfer Advances of Overcalls have one major advantage over just about every other convention ever devised: they do not take away a single natural bid. Rubens transfer advances however works part of the time depending on how much bidding room there is and it never costs.

Let us discuss the basics of Rubens advances. We would recommend that Rubens transfers are used only after partner makes a simple overcall over opponent's opening bid. LHO opens 1C, partner overcalls 1S and RHO passes ((1C) – 1S – Pass – ?). The following are your options:

- 1NT – Natural, same as in standard methods.
- 2C – Transfer to diamonds (can be weak, intermediate or strong)
- 2D – Transfer to hearts (can be weak, intermediate or strong)
- 2H – cue bid (instead of 2C cue bid in standard methods).
- 2S – Normal raise.

In the above example we could transfer to both the remaining suit as we had the maximum space, which is not the case always. The following are the general principles to remember:

- All responses below cue bid of opponents suit are natural.
- All bids in NT are natural.
- Cue bid is a transfer to next-higher ranking suit. If that suit is the partner's suit then certainly the bidding is same as in standard methods.
- The bid of suit above opponents suit is transfer & the bid of suit below partner's suit is the Cue bid.
- The raises of partner's (overcaller's) suit are pre-emptive.
- Jump in opener's suit is splinter and jump in new suits can be played as fit jumps.

Overcaller's simple acceptance of transfer shows that he would have passed a non-forcing bid and denies extra values. The following are some more auctions:

<b>(1C) – 1H – (Pass) – ?</b> 1S = Natural, one round force 1N = Natural 2C = Transfer to diamonds 2D = Cue bid	<b>(1D) – 2C – (Pass) – ?</b> 2D = Transfer to Heart 2H = Transfer to spade 2S = Cue bid 2N = Natural 3C = Normal raise	<b>(1S) – 2H – (Pass) – ?</b> 2S = Transfer to Club 2N = Natural 3C = Transfer to diamond 3D = Cue bid 3H = Normal raise
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### Examples

You hold ♠ x ♥ xxx ♦ KQJxxx ♣ Qxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2C as transfer and pass partner's 2D bid	You hold ♠ x ♥ Qxx ♦ AQJxxx ♣ Kxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2C as transfer and then bid 2NT after rebid of 2D by partner	You hold ♠ Kxx ♥ xx ♦ AQJxx ♣ xxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2C as transfer and then bid 2S after rebid of 2D by partner
You hold ♠ x ♥ KQJxxx ♦ xxx ♣ xxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2D as transfer and pass partner's 2H bid	You hold ♠ x ♥ AQJxxx ♦ Kxx ♣ Jxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2D as transfer and then bid 3H after rebid of 2H by partner	You hold ♠ x ♥ AQJxx ♦ AKx ♣ xxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2D as transfer and then bid 3C after rebid of 2H by partner

I would repeat the statement made in the last month's bulletin that we would recommend this convention for serious partnerships only because if partner forgets the transfer, results can be disastrous. However the advantages of this convention will far out weigh the losses in the long run.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

# Local Bridge News & Results

## Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

02/08/2005 – 15 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	62.85%
NS 2: Dr. Nikita Kamal – A. Virmani	59.38%
NS 3: Joyjit Sen Sarma – D.K. Mutreja	58.68%
EW 1: Mrs. S.L. Singla – Sanjiv Bery	59.72%
EW 2: S.K. Agrawal – Ved Prakash	59.38%
EW 3: Mrs. S. Bansidhar – Mrs. Shashi Jain	58.33%

09/08/2005 – 13 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Madhuri Modwel – J.D. Gupta	61.24%
NS 2: Mrs. Chitra Roy – Mrs. B. Naraindas	61.24%
NS 3: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Narvir Singh	56.73%
EW 1: D.D. Gulhati – A.K. Ghosh	60.98%
EW 2: A.K. Jha – R. Chakravarty	57.51%
EW 3: Gr. Capt. Shivhari – Suraj Kumar	56.47%

16/08 /2005 – 10 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Chitra Roy – Mrs. B. Naraindas	65.28%
NS 2: Joyjit Sen Sarma – Duleep Mutreja	58.33%
EW 1: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Narvir Singh	62.85%
EW 2: Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	60.07%

23/08/2005

### Section – A: 9 Tables

NS 1: Sanjiv Bery – Mrs. S.L. Singla	56.25%
NS 2: Mrs. Chitra Roy – Mrs. B. Naraindas	56.25%
EW 1: Mrs. Beneeta Chandra – N.K. Jain	60.07%
EW 2: T.C.Pant – Priya Ranjan Sinha	59.38%

### Section – B: 8 Tables

NS 1: S.N. Mathur – M.S. Sharma	65.56%
NS 2: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja	64.44%
EW 1: Narvir Singh – Dr. R.L. Sanghi	63.33%
EW 2: S.R. Malhotra – S.K. Syal	60.78%

30/08/2005 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Dr. Nikita Kamal – Amarjit Wadhwan	64.44%
NS 2: A.K. Sinha – V.N. Puri	55.56%
EW 1: T.C. Pant – Priya Ranjan Sinha	65.83%
EW 2: A.K. Upadhyay – Girish Kumar	59.17%

## Subhash's Bright Idea

A bright idea floated by Mr. Subhash Gupta, has given the right impetus to the Bridge at Delhi Bridge Association. Subhash has announced token prize money of Rs. 100 to be given to all those players, who does not get a single bottom (zero) in the Tuesday Pairs event.

Since then, there is a sudden increase in the number of tables on Tuesday and people are very keen "not to get a zero" on any deal, making the Bridge quite competitive. WELL THOUGHT SUBHASH.

## DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

06/08/2005 – 13 Teams

1. **DELHI BRIDGE CLUB** – (Ravi Sawhney, R. Nanda, R. Chakravarty, A.K. Jha)
2. **SONCHEL** – (M. Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Vinod Sharma)
3. **VIJAY** – (Vijay Kumar, S. Dharni, Mohan Das, V. Ravindran, J.B. Sengupta)

20/08/2005 – 13 Teams

1. **DELHI BLUES** – (Arun Jain, Yogesh Tewari, T.C. Pant, Subhash Gupta, Marianne Karmarkar)
2. **DELHI BRIDGE CLUB** – (Ravi Sawhney, R. Nanda, R. Chakravarty, A.K. Jha, A.K. Ghosh)
3. **SONCHEL** – (M. Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Vinod Sharma)

27/08/2005 – 18 Teams

1. **SPARTA** – (Anil Upadhyay, P. Wadhwa, Gopal Saxena, Dr. Tushar Moghe, V. Ravindran)
2. **FORMIDABLES** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Vinod Sharma)
2. **DELHI BRIDGE CLUB** – (Ravi Sawhney, A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha, R. Chakravarty, R.C. Consul)
3. **SONCHEL** – (M. Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Priya Ranjan Sinha)

## AILBA – Pairs Event Results

05/08/2005 - 12 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Beneeta Chandra – Mrs. Rinku Singh
NS 2: Amarjit Wadhawan – S.M. Chhabra
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja
EW 2: Mrs. Shashi Jain – R.M. Gupta

10/08/2005 - 9 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja
NS 2: Amarjit Wadhawan – D.D. Gulhati
EW 1: Mrs. Meera Bakshi – J.S. Bakshi
EW 2: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani

17/08/2005 - 14 Pairs

- 1: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani
- 2: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja
- 3: Mrs. Shashi Jain – G.N. Mehra

24/08/2005 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Amarjit Wadhawan – Ved Prakash
NS 2: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Narvir Singh
EW 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma
EW 2: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja

30/08/2005 - 8 Tables

NS 1: Amarjit Wadhawan – Ved Prakash
NS 2: Mrs. Suman Bansidhar – MML Sharma
EW 1: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani
EW 2: Ujjwal Gupta - Mrs. Sushma Gupta

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

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J.P. Goenka's Team (J.P. Goenka, Prithish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee) beat the **PAK I** team (Tahir Masood, Sarfaraz Khan, Munir Ataullah, Khurshid Hadi & Abdul Rehman Allana) team 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).

**Open Pairs:**

It was an exciting and a very satisfying beginning in the Pairs Tournament with a record 166 Pairs participating.

These pairs went through two grueling eliminations of two sessions (each of 20 boards). In the first elimination 144 Pairs (excluding the qualified pairs for the T-4 event) participated. They were put in six sections of 12 NS & 12 EW, and after playing 2 sessions of 20 boards each, 60 qualified Pairs went through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. The winner of 1<sup>st</sup> elimination round were:

**Combined Section A & B (48 Pairs)**

NS: Vijay Goel – Sukamal Das 60.26%  
EW: S.K. Richariya – D.S. Jadon 62.93%

**Combined Section C & D (48 Pairs)**

NS: V.M. Lal – R. Bhiwandikar 68.29%  
EW: D. Santra – P. Bardhan 68.60%

**Combined Section E & F (48 Pairs)**

NS: R.S. Misra – M.L. Agarwal 60.66%  
EW: J. Biswas – T. Roy 60.39%

72 Pairs (60 qualifiers and the 12 losing quarter finalists) were put into 3 sections and played a 2 session (20 boards each) 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. **Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman with a score of 737.78 & R.A. Agrawal – Ajit Chakradeo with 717.33 came first and second respectively.**

The best 26 pairs qualified along with the six losing semi-finalists pairs, to constitute the final 32 for an exciting Pairs FINALS. The 62 boards - all play all - Pairs final was conducted with Barometer Scoring and with computer dealt boards. The winners 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
5. P. Sridhar – J.M. Shah 508.64
6. Vivek Bhand – Sandeep Thakral 507.94
7. Gobind Singha –Shankar Acharya 506.10
8. Sapan Desai – Nitin Shah 504.50
9. Rana Roy – Manas Mukherjee 504.30
10. Subhash Gupta – R. Tewari 503.56

Mr. Shiv Nadar, Chairman HCL Corporation informed the bridge fraternity that he has plans to make this tournament grow bigger & bigger and bring it to a level of international stature. **Mr. Kapil Dev, the famous Indian cricketer was the chief guest and gave away the prizes to the winners.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners.**

- Reported by Editor

**Interesting Deals - HCL Tournament**

**WELL PLAYED HAND**

Semi Final: J.P. Goenka Vs. DSM

	♠ Kx ♥ J7xx ♦ AKJ9xxx ♣	
♠ AJxx ♥ ♦ QJTxxx ♣ Txx	N W E S	♠ xxx ♥ AQ8xx ♦ xxx ♣ Qx
	♠ QT9x ♥ KT93 ♦ AKxx ♣ x	

Bidding:

S. Thakral Sumit		Vivek	Kushari
W	N	E	S
			1D
Pass	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Lead: ♦Q

Kushari ruffed in dummy and pulled a small spade. East put small and Kushari played the ♠Q taken by West with the Ace. West returned a low spade to dummy's king and Kushari cashed his Ace & King of clubs, both defenders following and East dropping the Queen and Kushari discarding a spade. He now played the ♣J, East discarded a spade and Kushari chucked another spade. He now played a small ♥ from dummy and put his TEN, when East played low. West showed out and Kushari claimed. WELL PLAYED Prithish.

**Lady luck favors the Brave**

Here is a well bid hand by RADHEY team against the DURGA team from Bangalore in the last round of the Swiss league. They missed the quarterfinals by 1 VP despite this excellent contract. The Bangalore team was in 6 Spades, making six.

	♠ Ax ♥ Ax ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQxx	
♠ QTx ♥ T9xx ♦ T9x ♣ xxx	N W E S	♠ x ♥ Qxx ♦ J8xxxx ♣ xxx
	♠ KJ9xxxx ♥ KJxx ♦ xx ♣	

W	N	E	S
Col. Nanda	V.M. Lal	Manoj Nair	Bhiwandikar
Pass	1C(1)	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT(2)	Pass	2D(3)
Pass	3C	Pass	3S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5S(4)
Pass	7NT(5)	All Pass	

- (1) – Precision (2) – Asking Controls  
(3) – 2 Controls (4) – Showed Queen due to extra length in spades

North (V.M. Lal) bid 7NT, which is the only slam which makes. East found a spade lead but despite the bad break in spades declarer needed only 2 spade tricks. On the run of the clubs, the East hand comes under a simple squeeze between Diamonds & Hearts. Grand Slam made with the long suit yielding only 2 tricks. VERY WELL JUDGED BY Mr. Lal to bid the Grand in No-trumps.

### WELL BID HAND

Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman bid the following hand beautifully.

	<p>♠ K9xxx  ♦ AQxx  ♣ JTxx</p>	
<p>♠  ♥  ♦  ♣</p>	<p>N  W E  S</p>	<p>♠  ♥  ♦  ♣</p>
	<p>♣ AKTxx  ♥ AJT  ♦ K  ♣ 8xxx</p>	

	Venkatraman		S. Chokshi
West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT(1)	Pass	2C(2)
Pass	3C	Pass	3H(3)
Pass	4H	All Pass	

- (1) – Semi-forcing (2) – Better Minor (3) – Excellent Bid

After bid of 2C and support, if the opponent does not take their top club tricks, the declarer has easy time. If they cash the 3 club tricks, the declarer needs to only guess the ♥Q correctly to fulfill the contract.

- Reported by Editor

## At Sixes and Sevens

- Ajay Tankha

It is always a pleasure to play with one's first tournament bridge partner – from one's college days of the 1960s. Arun Chopra had flown in from Dubai and though we had not played much together in recent years we decided to enter the Open Pairs event in the HCL Bridge Tournament.

The first session was quite forgettable thanks to our rediscovering an old weakness of "advance sacrifice" bidding that either resulted in four-figure penalties or pushed opponents into slams that they would not have bid otherwise. Would things change in the second session?

In the very first deal we bid 6H (1C\*-2C-2H-3H-4NT-5H\*\*-6H) on the hands below:

North	South
♠ A943	♠ 62
♥ AQJ853	♥ K76
♦ AK	♦ Q5
♣ 3	♣ AJ7654

\*Precision, 16+ \*\* Key Card Blackwood response

The lead was ♦J and feeling relieved at not receiving a trump lead, as declarer I relied on a 4-3 spade break to ruff two spades in dummy (including one with ♥K) and duly fulfilled my contract. West chided East for not leading a trump. East calmly pointed out that had he done so, I would have been forced to attempt to establish the club suit. Since both trumps and clubs were breaking evenly I would have succeeded and made 13 tricks. Thus an inferior opening lead restricted me to six when I would otherwise have made seven!

In the very next round I was faced with a more confounding situation. Once again we were in six hearts (1C-1S-2H-3C-3H-4D\*-4NT-5H-6H) with the cards below.

North	South
♠ J5	♠ AQT76
♥ AQJT98	♥ K5
♦ A7	♦ 3
♣ AT3	♣ J8754

\*Agreeing hearts, diamond singleton

The ♣6 lead, a likely singleton, was covered in dummy and East's queen was taken by me with the Ace. Next I played ♦A and ruffed a diamond. On the play of trumps thereafter East showed out on the second round and his very first discard was the two of clubs!

Now I could claim my contract by conceding CK to East and grabbed at the easy route to making the slam. However, with seven cards still left in hand East could easily have retained at that point the guarded ♠K (had he held it), all three cards of clubs - and a couple of winning diamonds.

## UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

Was he so careless as to give me my contract on a plate? Or was it some devilish discard to direct me away from the spade finesse and to play on clubs? After all, if I expected the clubs to break 4-1 (as was actually the case), to make my contract I would opt for the spade finesse since with East's holding of KQ92, I would not be able to establish dummy's clubs for a spade discard from my hand.

Alas, I had never played against East before and could not tell whether it was a simple error or a potentially brilliant coup attempt. I only came to know after the deal was over that spades were indeed breaking 3-3 and that SK was with West. And that once again, I had made only six when I may well have made seven.

I like to think though that I may have done so had Zia Mahmood been my opponent and made this play sitting in the East seat!

### Quiz of the Month

	♠ AQx ♥ x ♦ AQJxx ♣ AKxx		
♠ Txx ♥ KQJ9xxx ♦ Kxx ♣	N W E S	♠ KJxxx ♥ x ♦ xx ♣ 9xxxx	
	♠ xx ♥ ATxx ♦ xxx ♣ QJTxx		

West	North	East	South
			Pass
3H	DBL	Pass	4C
Pass	4H(1)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	6C
All Pass			

(1) - RKC

After a preemptive 3♥ by West and North's double, South bids 4♣. North got excited with this bid and could have bid 4NT (RKC), but in that case the answer of 5♦ (1 or 4), would have forced him to bid 6♣. To avoid overboarding the five level, many good players now a days use the opponent suit for RKC when the pre-empt bid is made against a very strong hand.

Here also the North opted for 4♥ as RKC and South replied 4NT (1 or 4). Now North bid 5♣ and with a good hand South converted to 6♣.

How you plan to play the hand on ♥K lead ?

*(See Page 12 for the Answer)*

## LAW 12

### DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY POWERS

#### ➤ **A – Right to Award an Adjusted Score**

The Director may award an adjusted score (or scores), either on his own initiative or on the application of any player, but only when these Laws empower him to do so, or:

1. **Laws Provide No Indemnity** – The Director may award an assigned adjusted score when he judges that these Laws do not provide indemnity to the non-offending contestant for the particular type of violation of law committed by an opponent.
2. **Normal Play of the Board Is Impossible** – The Director may award an artificial adjusted score if no rectification can be made that will permit normal play of the board (see Law 88).
3. **Incorrect Penalty Has Been Paid** – The Director may award an adjusted score if an incorrect penalty has been paid.

#### ➤ **B – No Adjustment for Undue Severity of Penalty**

The Director may not award an adjusted score on the ground that the penalty provided in these Laws is either unduly severe or advantageous to either side.

#### ➤ **C – Awarding an Adjusted Score**

1. **Artificial Score** – When, owing to an irregularity, no result can be obtained, the Director awards an artificial adjusted score according to responsibility for the irregularity: average minus (at most 40% of the available match points in pairs) to a contestant directly at fault; average (50% in pairs) to a contestant only partially at fault; average plus (at least 60% in pairs) to a contestant in no way at fault (see Law 86 for team play or Law 88 for pairs play). The scores awarded to the two sides need not balance.
2. **Assigned Score** – When the Director awards an assigned adjusted score in place of a result actually obtained after an irregularity, the score is, for a non-offending side, the most favourable result that was likely had the irregularity not occurred or, for an offending side, the most unfavourable result that was at all probable. The scores awarded to the two sides need not balance and may be assigned either in match points or by altering the total-point score prior to match pointing.
3. Unless Zonal Organisations specify otherwise, an appeals committee may vary an assigned adjusted score in order to do equity.

## TEAM FINAL - HCL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2005

The 4\*16 boards final of the Team of four event in the HCL Bridge Tournament 2005 was held between J.P. Goenka's team & PAK I.

### SESSION 1:

Board 1, Dealer: North, Vul: None

	♠ QJ932 ♥ Q5 ♦ AK ♣ KT63	
♠ 5 ♥ T83 ♦ T97543 ♣ 854	N W   E S	♠ KT864 ♥ A64 ♦ Q62 ♣ AJ
	♠ A7 ♥ KJ972 ♦ J8 ♣ Q972	

### OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
KUSHARI	ALLANA	SUMIT	TAHIR MASOOD
	1S	Pass	2H
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

### CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
HADI	J.P. GOENKA	MUNIR	A.K. SADHU
	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the open room the contract went 2 down, when defenders were able to take their diamond winners when in with the 2 Aces.

In the closed room the lead was D10, taken by the King in dummy. Declarer played a small club and East did not hop up with the Ace but played the Jack, won by the Queen. Now he played the H2 to dummy's queen and continued with the heart, when East did not take his Ace. East again ducked and South was played a club to dummy's King and was home with his 9 tricks (3 clubs, 2 hearts, 2 spades and 2 diamonds). It seems East played a spade after taking the clubs and now declarer was able to clear hearts and make 11 tricks and a gain of 11 IMPs to Goenka team.

The second board was a interesting one. The PAK I pairs played the contracts in both the rooms.

### OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
KUSHARI	ALLANA	SUMIT	TAHIR MASOOD
	Pass	Pass	2S
1D			
All Pass			

Board 2, Dealer: East, Vul: N-S

	♠ K83 ♥ A98 ♦ QJ97 ♣ Q94	
♠ AT ♥ J532 ♦ A864 ♣ AT7	N W   E S	♠ J5 ♥ 64 ♦ T32 ♣ KJ8652
	♠ Q97642 ♥ KQT7 ♦ K5 ♣ 3	

### CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
HADI	J.P. GOENKA	MUNIR	A.K. SADHU
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	3C	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The PAK I pair in the open room reached an excellent contract in spades. As the cards lie 4S is cold. The Closed room pair tried a 3NT on 18 HCP which went down 1. But that was a gain of 3 IMPs to PAK I.

Boards 3 & 4 were flat but GOENKA team bid a slam (not a good one) on Board 5 gaining 13 IMPs.

Board 5, Dealer: North, Vul: N-S

	♠ QJT ♥ AJ98652 ♦ 6 ♣ AQ	
♠ 62 ♥ Q4 ♦ KT72 ♣ K9863	N W   E S	♠ K9854 ♥ K3 ♦ J98 ♣ JT4
	♠ A73 ♥ T7 ♦ AO543 ♣ 752	

The contract in the Open room was 4H making six. In the Closed room the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
HADI	J.P. GOENKA	MUNIR	A.K. SADHU
	1H	Pass	1NT
Pass	4H	Pass	6H
All Pass			

Sadhu is famous for his brand of aggressive bidding and it payed off in this deal, when both the finesses as well as the heart honors behaved.

The PAK I team was able to recover 12 IMPs in the next board.

The bidding in both the rooms was a simple 1NT-4NT and in the Closed room the lead from South (Sadhu) was DJ taken in the hand by DQ. Declarer played a small spade from hand towards the Jack & Queen.

Board 6, Dealer: East, Vul: EW

	♠ QT92 ♥ J94 ♦ 8743 ♣ 92	
♠ J6 ♥ AK8 ♦ K965 ♣ AJ83	N W E S	♠ K8543 ♥ QT5 ♦ AQ ♣ K54
	♠ A7 ♥ 7632 ♦ JT2 ♣ QT76	

North won and continued with S2. When East put the eight, there was no further problem and declarer claimed.

In the Open room, the lead from South was H7 taken in dummy by Ace and a low spade was played. North put the S2 and declarer put the King losing to the Ace. South continued with H2, taken in the dummy by King and declarer now played the SJ hoping for a 3-3 break. North was able to cash all the 3 spades for down 1.

Goenka's team won another 3 IMPs on board 8, when PAK 1 played in a 2 Diamonds partial going down one, the board getting Passed out in the closed room.

Board 11, Dealer: South, Vul: None

	♠ 87 ♥ J9 ♦ T742 ♣ QJ653	
♠ Q43 ♥ K6532 ♦ 53 ♣ T84	N W E S	♠ K62 ♥ AT4 ♦ AQ86 ♣ AK7
	♠ AJT95 ♥ Q87 ♦ KJ9 ♣ 92	

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
KUSHARI	ALLANA	SUMIT	TAHIR MASOOD
			1NT
Pass	2C	DBL	2S
Pass	3C	3NT	All Pass

The lead was SJ taken by East with King. Heart Ace was cashed and H10 played. South played the Queen, small and the Jack from North. It was easy to take 4 hearts, 2 spades, 2 clubs and a diamond for the 9 tricks.

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
HADI	J.P. GOENKA	MUNIR	A.K. SADHU
			1S
Pass	Pass	DBL	Pass
2H	2S	All Pass	

It was surprising that East with 20 HCPs didn't compete further. West led ♦5 and contract went down by 2 but Goenka's team gained 7 IMPs.

Board 14, Dealer: East, Vul: None

	♠ AT986 ♥ Q8 ♦ AJ98 ♣ K3	
♠ J ♥ AJ ♦ QT532 ♣ QT652	N W E S	♠ 7543 ♥ T7432 ♦ K ♣ AJ4
	♠ KQ2 ♥ K965 ♦ 764 ♣ 987	

PAK 1 gained 6 IMPs on the board, when Allana – Tahir in the open room played in 2 Spades making. Munir-Hadi as EW made 3 Clubs, in the closed room.

Board 16, Dealer: West, Vul: EW

	♠ AKQ82 ♥ Q7 ♦ Q873 ♣ K7	
♠ JT4 ♥ JT8 ♦ J96 ♣ AQJ3	N W E S	♠ 65 ♥ AK943 ♦ T52 ♣ 865
	♠ 973 ♥ 652 ♦ AK4 ♣ T843	

PAK 1 gained another 6 IMPs, when ALLANA – TAHIR in the open room bid to 4 Spades on 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♦ - 4♠ sequence. As it turned out there were only 2 heart and a club loser. In the close room the contract was only 2 Spades making four. Goenka's team led by 34-27 after the first set.

*(Details of finals to be continued in next Newsletter)*

*- Reported by Editor*



Runners-up of HCL Tournament. (L to R Abdul Rehman Allana, Tahir Masood, Khurshid Hadi, Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Munir Ataulah, Kapil Dev & Sarfaraz Khan)

# International Bridge News

## 10<sup>th</sup> World Youth Bridge Team Championships 2005

18 Teams participated in the World Youth Team Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The participating teams were:

1. AUSTRALIA	10. HUNGARY
2. BRAZIL	11. ISRAEL
3. CANADA	12. JAPAN
4. CHILE	13. NEW ZEALAND
5. CHINA HONG KONG	14. NORWAY
6. CHINESE TAIPEI	15. PAKISTAN
7. EGYPT	16. POLAND
8. ENGLAND	17. USA1
9. FRANCE	18. USA2

The teams played a complete round-robin and the final ranking after 17 rounds of Round-robin was:

1. POLAND	345
2. FRANCE	333
3. USA 1	311.8
4. CANADA	299
5. HUNGARY	276
6. CHINESE TAIPEI	272
7. AUSTRALIA	270
8. ISRAEL	265.7
9. CHINA HONG KONG	259
10. CHILE	247
11. JAPAN	246
NORWAY	246
13. ENGLAND	245
14. EGYPT	226
15. USA 2	224
16. BRAZIL	219
17. NEW ZEALAND	167
18. PAKISTAN	59

Leading qualifiers Poland had the right to choose their semi-final opponents, and selected France. They started the 64-board semi-final with a 16 IMP carry-over advantage from their round robin encounter. That left USA1 to play Canada in the second semi-final, also with a 16 IMP carry-over advantage.

In the 64 boards Semi-final, **POLAND** beat FRANCE by **172-116** (C/O: 16-0, 51-25, 37-30, 32-41, 36-20), whereas **USA 1** beat CANADA by **181-115** (C/O: 16-0, 29-31, 50-17, 19-35, 67-32). **So it was POLAND Vs. USA 1 in the 96 boards final.**

Canada met France in the 4\*16 boards play-off for the bronze medal. As they had defeated France by 49 IMPs in the direct match they got a 16 IMP carry-over for the third-place match. They took the bronze medal, defeating France by **140-107** (C/o: 16-0, 38-32, 49-3, 10-49, 27-23).

Canada led throughout and seemed to be coasting home when they led by 103-35 at the half-way point. However, France came back strongly in the third quarter and, with seven deals to go in the final set, had closed to only 18 IMPs behind. Canada pulled away once more over the last few deals. Congratulations to Tim Capes, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, Gavin Wolpert and NPC Jonathan Steinberg on taking the bronze.

### The Final (6\*16 Boards)

Having finished ahead of USA1 in the round robin and won the direct match by 9 IMPs, Poland took a 4.5 IMP carry-over advantage into the final. Poland took the first 3 sets and was leading by 45.5 IMPs till half way stage. However turned the tables in the 4<sup>th</sup> set when they took it by 40 IMPs to close the gap to 5.5 IMP only. With 32 boards to play, the score read 148.5-143 in favour of Poland.

What a drama the last 32 board turned out to be! The kibitzers & the Vugraph spectators were privileged to watch an incredible final in the last set. Poland took the 5<sup>th</sup> set by 24.5 IMPs to consolidate their lead to 30 IMPs with the last set to go.

The USA team did not give up and midway though that final set they were level and, though there were some minor swings to come, at the end of the 96<sup>th</sup> board they had recovered all their losses and the final score at the end of 96 boards was **POLAND tied with USA 1, 194-194** (C/o 4.5-0, 45-27, 49-35, 24-15, 26-66, 41.5-17, 4-34).

Eight extra boards were played to decide the destiny of the 2005 World Youth Team Championship. USA1 came out on top by 15-0, giving a final score of **209-194 IMPs.**

Congratulations to the **Gold medallists champions, USA1** (Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Ari Greenberg, Justin Lall and NPC Bob Rosen).

Congratulations also to the gallant silver medallists, Poland (Konrad Araskiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Jacek Kalita, Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Piotr Madry, Wojciech Strzemecki, NPC Marek Markowski, and team manager Leszek Nowak for their contribution to a magnificent final.

- Reported by Editor

(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of World Youth Bridge Championship 2005)

## Belgian Brilliancy

Almost everyone went three down in 3NT on this deal from the Juniors and Girls series of the European Youth Championships held for deciding the qualifiers for the next World Youth Championships, but Steven de Donder of Belgium brought his contract home in the match against Czech Republic in the Juniors.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ KJ5 ♥ Q7 ♦ AJ87 ♣ AKQ5	
♠ Q2 ♥ T86532 ♦ K6 ♣ J32	N W E S	♠ AT9874 ♥ A9 ♦ Q9 ♣ 874
	♠ 63 ♥ KJ4 ♦ T5432 ♣ T96	

At almost every table the auction was a simple 2NT – 3NT or something similar and East led a spade to the queen and king. Most declarers led out ace and another diamond, hoping that East would have to win the trick and would not be able to attack spades effectively. Of course, that did not work out so well for declarer and there was a string of –150s.

De Donder looked more deeply into the hand. He saw that East could, and surely should, unblock the king of diamonds from a doubleton and that, even if he did not do so, there would still be the possibility of his switching to a heart with good effect should West have the ace of that suit. At trick two De Donder led the seven of hearts to dummy's king and continued with a low diamond to his jack. That lost to the king but East was powerless. If he defended passively then the Q would fall under the ace and declarer would have all the tricks he required to bring home his contract, so East played ace and another spade, more in hope than expectation. That gave De Donder two overtricks for a great +460 and 12 IMPs to Belgium. Note that the even club break means that it is no use for East to win the heart at trick two. If he does so then clears the spades declarer has two tricks in each major, one diamond and four clubs – nine in all. Nicely played.

## Vasant Vihar Club Tournament

28 Pairs participated in the Vasant Vihar Club monthly tournament held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The results were:

1. C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani
2. Narvir Singh – Dr. R.L. Sanghi
3. A.K. Narang – Daya Dhaon
4. A.K. Ghosh – A.K. Jha
5. D.D. Gulhati – Mrs. Rashmi Aggarwal
6. P.C. Gupta – Anand Bhatia

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

## Information, please

Mike Abarbanel of Belvidere IL and Jim Hudson of DeKalb IL exchanged just about every bit of information possible to get to this grand slam in the Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams in the Summer NABC 2005 at Atlanta.

♠ A4	N	♠ KQ8
♥ AKT764	W E	♥ Q983
♦ A6		♦ 94
♣ K85	S	♣ AQ97

West	East
Abarbanel	Hudson
1H	2NT (1)
3H(2)	4C(3)
4D(3)	4H
4S(3)	5C(4)
5D(5)	5S(6)
6C(7)	7H(8)

- (1) Jacoby 2NT forcing raise (2) Promises extra values (3) Cue-bids (4) Kickback Key-Card Blackwood (5) 1 or 4 key cards (6) Do you have the trump Q? (7) Yes, and I have the spade king. (8) Do you have any extra help in clubs? (9) Yes (and let's get this auction over with!)

The contract at the other table was 6H giving Abarbanel and Hudson a 13-IMP pickup. They won the match and the event with team mates Elyn Batko and Myriam Milgrom.

- Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of Summer NABC 2005

## Kudos to Srikanth for his Great Performance in NABC

Srikanth Kodayam who finished tied for 5-8th places at the Summer NABC 2005 in Atlanta used to be in Bangalore till early nineties. Subsequently he moved abroad and has settled down in the US. His excellent performance, arguably the best by an Indian born player since Jaggy's exploits is a great news for all the Indian Bridge lovers.

## Indian Pair wins the Mixed Event in France

Rajeev and Himani Khandelwal, the well-known Indian couple of Indian Bridge recently won the la Baule mixed Pairs event in France. This is one of the major tournaments of France. There were 214 pairs in the 90 boards event. Both of them also won a team event in aixles bains and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in IMP pairs. A French Bridge site also ran an article on them. WELL DONE RAJEEV & HIMANI. Our Congratulations to you.

- Message received through e-mail from France

# Enhance your Bridge knowledge

*(This new column is being started specifically for the benefit of upcoming Bridge players who would like to acquire slightly advanced technical knowledge of the game in detail. We will mainly talk about terminologies used in relation to PLAY and DEFENSE. It is assumed that you are already a average player with basic knowledge of the game)*

- Editor

## The Scissors Coup

	♠ AT7 ♥ J82 ♦ J5 ♣ AKQ83		
♠ 5 ♥ 7653 ♦ QT42 ♣ T965	N W   E S	♠ K83 ♥ KT94 ♦ AK873 ♣ 2	
	♠ QJ9642 ♥ AQ ♦ 96 ♣ J74		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	DBL	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West leads ♦2 to his partner's King and East switches to ♣2. The bidding and the early defence paint a clear picture. When East is in with the trump king he will cross to his partner's ♦Q and obtain a club ruff.

Declarer must aim to cut the West's hand. He wins the club switch in the dummy and ♥Q successfully. He then cashes ♥A and crosses to the Ace of trumps to play ♥J. East has to win the trick and South hastily discards his remaining diamond, making the contract safe. By exchanging the defenders' diamond trick for a heart trick, declarer denies them their ruff. This technique, being a cut above the ordinary run of play, is known as the *Scissors Coup*.

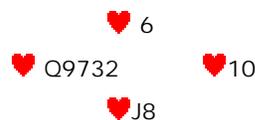
## The Crocodile Coup

The play, where the defender opens his jaws to swallow partner's high card, is known as the *crocodile coup*. For e.g. see the diagrammed hand:

	♠ KJ832 ♥ A6 ♦ A8 ♣ KT76		
♠ 96 ♥ Q97532 ♦ KJ74 ♣ 3	N W   E S	♠ QT4 ♥ KT ♦ Q96532 ♣ 94	
	♠ A75 ♥ J84 ♦ T ♣ AQJ852		

In the diagrammed hand, the defenders must sacrifice two honour cards to beat the slam contract of Six Clubs. West finds a heart lead and declarer wins the trick with Ace. If East fails to unblock ♥K, West's excellent lead will be wasted as declarer will draw trumps, eliminate diamonds and exit to East's bare ♥K.

An unblock by East at trick 1 is only part of the defence needed to beat the contract. This will be the lie of the hearts when declarer exits in the suit:



South leads ♥8 from hand. West must rise with the queen to save East from the end play i.e West (defender) should swallow partner's high card for a neat *Crocodile Coup*.

## The Plastic Elimination Play

	♠ K6 ♥ T975 ♦ AK4 ♣ AT63		
♠ 952 ♥ Q83 ♦ QJT2 ♣ Q42	N W   E S	♠ JT8743 ♥ 4 ♦ 9763 ♣ J8	
	♠ AQ ♥ AKJ62 ♦ 85 ♣ K975		

West leads ♦Q against six hearts. Declarer wins the Ace and takes two rounds of trumps and two rounds of spades. He now plays ♦K and ruffs a diamond before putting West on play with a trump.

An inexperienced player in the West seat would probably exit with a low club and a slightly better player may lead ♣Q to put declarer to a guess.

A declarer who has counted declarer for a 2-5-2-4 distribution will exit with a diamond or a spade, giving a ruff-and-discard. This may earn a sharp glance from partner – but it will break the contract. As the elimination play by declarer does not fetch anything hence the name.

## Answer to the Quiz on Page 7

	♠ AQx ♥ x ♦ AQJxx ♣ AKxx	
♠ Txx ♥ KQJ9xxx ♦ Kxx ♣	N W     E S	♠ KJxxx ♥ x ♦ xx ♣ 9xxxx
	♠ xx ♥ ATxx ♦ xxx ♣ QJTx	

Contract: 6 Clubs by South, Lead by West: ♥K.

Take the ♥K with ♥A and immediately take the Diamond finesse. Once it works, play a low club to Queen in hand, ruff a Heart in Dummy with King (East can maximum discard a spade or a diamond), Cash your Ace of trump and play three more rounds of clubs. On the ♣J, discard a low spade from dummy. The East hand is left with spades and a Trump. Now take second finesse of Diamond and EAST is in soup. Whenever he ruffs, he plays to your AQ of spades, and DUMMY is good for 6♣. Spade lead the hand would never make.



The **WINNERS** of HCL Tournament taking prize from the Chief Guest - Mr. Kapil Dev. L to R Badal Das, Sumit Mukherjee, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar, Pritish Kushari, & Alok Sadhu

### K.N. Modi Memorial Tournament

The All India K.N. MODI Memorial Bridge Tournament 2005 Organized by Nainital Bridge Association with Team of Four Duplicate, Open Pairs Event & Board-a-Match event will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at BOAT HOUSE CLUB, NAINITAL. Tournament starts at 1300 Hrs. on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2005 & will be over at 1700 Hrs. on 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2005. **Contact: Onke Agarwal (Secretary General), Tel: 238269.**

### 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 SPEED Sponsored Pairs Tournament is held at PHD House on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 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

22-25 Sep: K.N. Modi Tournament, Nainital  
 07-09 Oct: CBA North Zone Championship, Delhi  
 14-16 Oct: Golcha Tournament, Jaipur  
 05-09 Nov: Tolani Masters, Mumbai  
 11-13 Nov: Yashvantrao Holkar Tournament, Indore  
 18-20 Nov: Singhania Pairs, Kanpur  
 25-27 Nov: Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament, Delhi  
 27 Dec – 5 Jan 06: Winter Nationals, Chennai

#### International

22 Oct – 5 Nov 2005 – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Transnational teams at Estoril, Portugal

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