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XIX Seth Shrinivas LOHIA All India Bridge Tournament

The XIXth All India Seth Shrinivas Lohia Bridge Tournament under the kind patronage and Presidentship of Shri B.P. Birla was organized by Kanpur Bridge Association at the Ganges Club, Arya Nagar, Kanpur from 17th Feb to 20th Feb 2005.

Team of Four Event:

54 Teams participated in this event. After 10 rounds of Swiss league (each of 10 boards), Alok Daga's IV (197 VPs), Dhampur Sugar Mills (186), Maya Mira, Delhi (184), SCPCC, Kolkatta (180), Pankaj Mehta, Moradabad (180), Manas Saha IV, Kolkatta (179), ACES, Delhi (173) and DS Roy Chaudhary IV (171) qualified for the Quarter Finals.

In the 2*10 boards Quarter Finals, **Alok Daga's IV** (Alok Daga, Subroto Saha, Satyabrata Lahiri, Bhavesh Saha & S.P. Ghosh) beat DS Roy Chaudhary IV by 96-27 (54-10, 42-17); **ACES, Delhi** (Subhash Gupta, Sarnendu Banerjee, Sudhir Aggarwal & Amod Rele) beat the fancied Dhampur Sugar Mills (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Kamal Mukherjee, Ashok Goel, Sandeep Thakral & Sukamal Das) by 62-31 (34-1, 28-30); **Manas Saha IV** (Manas Saha, Pranob Roy, Santanu Chaudhary, Kaustav Nandi, Sandeep Dutta & Debbrata Majumdar) beat Maya Mira by 60-22 (35-16, 25-6); **Pankaj Mehta** (Pankaj Mehta, Pradeep Singh, Mahendra Singh, Mukul Gupta & Bandopadhyay) beat SCPCC by 87-41(50-23, 37-18).

In the 2*12 boards Semi-finals, **ACES, Delhi** beat Manas Saha IV by 28-24 (25-13, 3-11) and **Pankaj Mehta** beat Alok Daga's IV by 105-61 (46-25, 59-36). In the 2*16 board final **ACES, Delhi** beat Pankaj Mehta by 62-35 (35-23, 27-12) to win the team title.

PAIRS Event:

A total of 112 pairs played in the event. After 3 elimination rounds, 26 qualified Pairs along with 2 sponsored pairs played the Finals. The winners were:

1. Girish Kumar – Rafat Islam Khan	63.46%
2. B.N. Batra – S. Lahiri	62.97%
3. Himani & Rajeev Khandelwal	60.15%
4. P.K. Thakur – M. Dey	59.93%
5. M.H. Israili – S.U. Zuber	57.84%
6. S.N. Singh – R.N. Godbole	57.29%

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Board-a-Match Event:

50 Teams participated in this event and after an elimination round, 25 teams played the finals. The Winners were:

1. S.P. Sinha	- 92
2. B.B. Lal	- 88
3. Kamlesh Gupta	- 86
4. Jhunjhunwala	- 86

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners & to the organizers for the excellent hospitality & conduct of the tournament.

- Reported by Editor

Indian Selection Trials

The selection trials for choosing the Indian team to represent the country in the Bermuda Bowl 2005 to be held at Estoril, Portugal from 22nd Oct to 5th Nov 2005 is being played at Chennai from 26th Feb 2005.

Railways, who won nearly all the TOP tournaments of 2004 and also represented the country in the 2004 Bridge Olympiad have ben seeded directly to the finals. The challengers to Railways are Formidables, Agsar Paints, Dhampur Sugar Mills & Wellknit teams.

These 4 teams played a triple round-robin amongst themselves on 26th & 27th Feb 2005. The results at the end of round-robin were:

Formidables - 162 VPs, Agsar Paints - 145 VPs, DSM - 107 VPs, WELLKNIT -96 VPs (both DSM & Wellknit didn't play the last round).

DSM was represented by Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Ashim Mukherjee, Sandeep Thakral & Sukamal Das. WELLKNIT was represented by C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, Sandeep Karmarkar, K. Krishnakumar & R. Venkatesh.

In the 4*16 boards Semi-finals on 28th Feb 2005, Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajeshwar Tewari, K.R. Venkatraman & Sunit Chokshi) defeated Agsar Paints (K. Kripakaramurthy, Honey B. Prabhakar, Sundarraman, P. Sridhar, Anil Padhye & Rajesh Dalal) by 142-131 (c/o 2-0, 52-42, 17-26, 48-27, 23-36).

So the battle for the supremacy is between Formidables Vs. Railways in the 6*16 boards finals on 1st & 2nd March. We will let you know the winner in next issue.

- Reported by Editor

Forcing Notrump (Part – 2)

Last month we discussed briefly, the Opener's re-bids playing Forcing Notrump. Let us say you and your partner are playing forcing notrump and you opened One Heart holding following hands:

(1) S – A87 H – Q8754 D – 852 C – AQ (2) S – KJ32 H – KJ543 D – A6 C – 54

After partner bids 1NT (forcing), what should you do?

In hand (1) you are supposed to bid 2D and in hand (2) what else apart from 2C. Certainly you would hate to make those bids at the table. This brings us to the concept of Semi-Forcing Notrump.

In Semi-Forcing Notrump, the opener passes 1NT bid, if he is holding a minimum balanced hand (upto 12 HCP) as above, otherwise he responds as if 1NT was forcing. Certainly Semi-Forcing Notrump is a good idea as it allows you to play 1NT contract. However the only possible draw back is that incase partner has a 3-card limit raise, you don't play in your best fit although it may not matter much as you are playing only at one level against three level.

Also if responder is a passed hand, a 1NT response is semi-forcing irrespective of your method when responder is not a passed hand. A 1NT response by a passed hand generally denies support for partner's major as with 3-card limit raise hand you would use Drury Convention.

A) Rebids by Responder after Opener bids a lower ranking new suit at 2-level

The opener has promised only 3-cards in his second suit, if it is a minor suit although he can have much more. Responder has to keep this in mind as he clarifies his hand to opener. The following is the re-bid structure available to responder:

- Pass – Shows a weak hand. If Opener's re-bid was 2C or 2D, responder must have 4-card support. However if opener's re-bid was 2H, responder can pass with 3-cards.
- Bid a new suit at 2 level or 3 level (without jump) – Shows a long suit in a weak hand upto 9 HCP.
- Bid partner's major suit at 2 level – Shows preference, with 2-cards upto 9 HCP or 3-cards upto 7 HCP.
- Bid 2NT – Shows a balanced or semi-balanced invitational hand 10-12 HCP. It is then the turn of the opener to describe his hand further. Opener can have variety of hands in which either opener wants to sign-off at 3-level or force to game. We will discuss all aspects of this bidding in next month's bulletin.
- Jump in a new suit at three level – Shows a good suit of atleast 6-cards and 9-10 HCP.
- Jump raise opener's major suit to three level – Shows 3-card limit raise hand.
- Raise opener's minor suit to three level – Shows atleast 5-card support, unbalanced hand upto 9 HCP.
- Jump to 3NT/4 of Opener's major suit – Shows a hand of 11-12 HCP and fit in opener's minor suit.
- Make a Impossible 2S bid (after 1H opening) – As responder has already denied holding 4-card spade suit, this bid shows an invitational hand with good support for opener's minor suit.

B) Rebids by Responder after Opener rebids his major suit at 2-level

When opener rebids his suit at 2-level, he promises minimum 6-cards in his suit and upto 15/16 HCP. The responder therefore can pass with a weak hand unless responder has a very long suit of his own and feels that it is better to play in his suit. The following is the rebid structure available to responder:

- Pass – Shows a weak hand.
- Bid a new suit at 3 level – Shows a long suit in a weak hand upto 9 HCP.
- Bid 2NT – Shows a balanced or semi-balanced invitational hand 10-12 HCP.
- Raise opener's major suit to three level – Shows 2/3-card support and invitational hand.
- Jump to 3NT/4 of Opener's major suit – Shows a hand of 11-12 HCP.
- Jump to 3S (after 1H Opening) or 4C/D – splinter, singleton in the bid suit and three card support for the opener's major suit. Responder's hand has improved after opener rebids his suit.

The structure mentioned above after Opener rebids his major suit is a simple one. For experienced partnerships, we would recommend little bit of science by which responder can show various types of hands like: weak or invitational hand in a minor suit, invitational with both minors, invitational hand with values in a particular suit.

In our next bulletin we will cover rebids by responder after opener raises the forcing notrump.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

01/02/2005 - 13 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Kiran Nadar-B. Satyanarayana	62.28%
NS 2: Ujjwal Gupta - Mrs. Sushma Gupta	61.17%
NS 3: Mrs. Asha Surana - Raghbir Jajuja	59.72%
EW 1: R.C. Khanna - Mrs. Suman Khanna	62.44%
EW 2: Arun Jain - Yogesh Tewari	55.00%
EW 3: Amod Rele - V. Ravindran	53.33%

08/02/2005 - 10 Tables

NS 1: T.C. Pant - R.C. Consul	68.15%
NS 2: Prog. S.C. Gupta - Mrs. Mani Gupta	55.94%
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Surana - Raghbir Jajuja	69.10%
EW 2: Arun Jain - Yogesh Tewari	58.90%

15/02/2005 - 13 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Asha Surana - R.S. Jasuja	62.29%
NS 2: T.C. Pant - R.C. Consul	58.86%
NS 3: Mrs. Madhu Kochar - M.P. Agarwala	53.44%
EW 1: D.P. Sharma - Mrs. Asha Sharma	61.54%
EW 2: Gopal Saxena - Wojtek Rudenski	58.52%
EW 3: Joyjit Sen Sharma - A.K. Jha	56.45%

22/02/2005 - 13 Tables

NS 1: D.P. Sharma - Mrs. Asha Sharma	61.33%
NS 2: T.C. Pant - R.C. Consul	60.34%
NS 3: Mrs. Madhu Kochar - M.P. Agarwala	57.28%
EW 1: Mrs. Suman Khanna - R.C. Khanna	66.11%
EW 2: R.K. Gupta - R. Chakravarty	62.16%
EW 3: Yogesh Tewari - Arun Jain	59.51%

Trial @DBA for Selection of T-4 for Summer Nationals

The Summer Nationals are to be held at Jaipur from 3rd to 11th April 2005. The trials for selecting the Team for representing Delhi state at the Summer Nationals for the Team of Four (T.P. Khosla Trophy) will be held at DBA on 12th & 13th March 2005 (from 1000 Hrs. onwards).

A complete round robin will be played and the top 4 teams will qualify for the Semi-final stage.

The formats and the schedule for Semi-final & the Finals will be decided after consultation with the qualified teams on 13th March itself. Most probably it will be played on 13th March (Afternoon onwards).

- Secretary DBA

DBA - Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event - Results

05/02/2005 - 13 Teams

1. **Tiwari's** - (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, N.K. Jain, R.C. Consul, J.B. Sengupta)
2. **Sham Sharma**- (Sham Sharma, Amarjit Wadhawan, T.C. Pant, Sunil Bhatia, Subhash Gupta)
2. **COSMOS**- (D.K. Mutreja, A. Mandal, Rajesh Jain, Joyjit Sen Sharma, V.N. Puri, S.N. Mathur)

12/02/2005 - 14 Teams

1. **COSMOS**- (D.K. Mutreja, A. Mandal, Rajesh Jain, Joyjit Sen Sharm)
2. **BEDI** - (Ashok Bedi, Sunil Bhatia, Mohan Dass, S. Dharni)
3. **SONCHEL** - (Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Dr. Tushar Moghe, S.N. Mathur, M.S. Sharma)

19/02/2005 - 10 Teams

1. **A.K. GHOSH's** - (A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha, S.N. Mathur, R.C. Khanna)
2. **Arun Jain's** - (Arun Jain, Prof. T.C. Goel, Yogesh Tewari, A.K. Narang)
2. **Asha Surana** - (Mrs. Asha Surana, R.S. Jasuja, R.K. Gupta, R. Chakravarty)

AILBA Weekly Pair Event Results

04/02/2005 - 9 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Shashi Jain - B.H. Iyer
NS 2: Mrs. Bhavna Naraindas - Mrs. Chitra Roy
EW 1: Mrs. Brij Judge - M.S. Judge
EW 2: Mrs. Madhu Aggarwal - Ms. Poonam Gupta

09/02/2005 - 8 Tables

NS 1: Dr. R.L. Sanghi - Suraj Jain
NS 2: Ujjwal Gupta - Mrs. Sushma Gupta
EW 1: S.L. Sharma - Maj. B.H. Iyer
EW 2: S.K. Agarwal - Ved Prakash

18/02/2005 - 10 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Shashi Jain - R.C. Aggarwal
NS 2: Mrs. Suman Bansidhar-Mrs. Madhu Aggarwal
EW 1: K. Mubayi - V. Tuli
EW 2: Hans Verma - S.A. Bijlani

23/02/2005 - 8 Tables

NS 1: S.K. Agarwal - Ved Prakash
NS 2: C.P. Mittal - S.A. Bijlani
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Sharma - D.P. Sharma
EW 2: Dr. R.L. Sanghi - Vijay Kumar

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

SELECTION TRIAL at DBA For RAMA JAIN Tournament

The trials for selecting the Pair for representing Delhi in the All India RAMA JAIN Tournament was held on 6th Feb 2005 at DBA.

18 Pairs (9 Tables) participated in the trials. First an elimination round of 27 boards was played and the top 6 NS & EW qualifiers went through to the final round and played a 33 boards (11*3 boards) final.

The Final Results:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele | 62.73% |
| 2. T.C. Pant – Paresh Gupta | 59.09% |
| 3. R. Chakravarty – R.K. Gupta | 58.48% |
| 4. D.K. Tewari – P.C. Gupta | 54.55% |
| 5. A.K. Ghosh – R. Nanda | 54.24% |
| 6. A.K. Mandal – N.K. Jain | 51.21% |

The pair of Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele will represent Delhi in the All India Rama Jain Tournament, to be held at Delhi on 5th & 6th Mar 2005.

- Reported by Editor

TRIALS For SUMMER NATIONALS (AGARWALA TROPHY) @DBA

The trials for selecting the Pair for representing Delhi in the Summer Nationals for Agarwala Trophy (to be held at Jaipur from 3rd to 11th Apr 2005) was held at DBA on 25th & 26th Feb 2005.

26 Pairs (13 Tables) participated in the trials. An elimination round of 24 boards was played on the 25th evening and the top 6 NS & 6 EW qualified for the finals. The 66 boards (6 boards * 11 rounds) final with IMP scoring (each pair with a kitty of 18 IMPs per round) was held on 26th Feb 2005.

The Final Results: (Average: 198 IMPs)

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele | 244 IMPs |
| 2. A.K. Narang – R.K. Jain | 230 |
| 3. Sham Sharma – R.C. Consul | 223 |
| 4. A.K. Ghosh – R. Nanda | 219 |
| 5. Amarjit Wadhawan – Ved Prakash | 215 |
| 6. Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta | 208 |

The pair of Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele will represent Delhi in the Summer Nationals for the Agarwala Trophy.

- Reported by Editor

Master Point List of DBA Players The 300 MPs Club

The following is the MP list (with more than 300 MPs) of Delhi registered players updated till 31st Dec 2004:

S.No.	NAME	TOTAL
1	SUBHASH GUPTA	2876.23
2	N K GUPTA	2408.12
3	BACHIRAJU SATYANARAYANA	2360.99
4	KIRAN NADAR	1871.24
5	ASHOK GOEL	1850.29
6	RAJESHWAR TIWARI	1487.80
7	R R GUPTA	1144.38
8	INDER PAL SINGH	1080.36
9	PARESH GUPTA	1024.43
10	S R MALHOTRA	1017.12
11	D K TIWARI	962.70
12	H K L CAPOOR	926.09
13	RITA CHOKSI	899.15
14	HARBHAJAN SINGH	877.42
15	S G AGGARWAL	873.14
16	K K ZUTSHI	846.48
17	SUNIL BHATIA	760.40
18	P C GUPTA	750.98
19	JOGINDER SINGH	697.48
20	SUBODH GOPAL BOSE MULLICK	686.30
21	RAGHUBIR S JASUJA	666.29
22	HANS VERMA	648.98
23	C S BEDI	633.57
24	K B SIKAND	593.24
25	T C PANT	552.29
26	ASHWIN MEHTA	534.25
27	S GOPALAKRISHNAN	520.32
28	ASHOK BEDI	517.05
29	V K SAWHNEY	493.03
30	K K SABHARWAL [COL]	478.64
31	K CHANDRAMOULI	472.33
32	D S AHLUWALIA	457.23
33	RAVI GUJRAL	445.68
34	A K NARANG	433.58
35	J S BAKSHI	424.97
36	N K JAIN	390.12
37	S N MATHUR	379.71
38	R C CONSUL	369.06
39	R CHAKRABORTY	350.49
40	R C AGGARWAL	332.76
41	SHASHI JAIN	317.36
42	SANGRAM GUHA	310.96

Courtesy: Master Point Secretary (DBA)

INTERESTING HANDS FROM DBA

The following interesting hand came in the Saturday event of Delhi Bridge Association (DBA) on 5th Feb 2005.

Dir: North, Vul: NS

	♠ Q ♥ JT983 ♦ T764 ♣ A63	
♠ AJ9842 ♥ KQ985 ♦ Q9 ♣	N W E S	♠ K7653 ♥ K762 ♦ KJT4 ♣
	♠ T ♥ AQ54 ♦ AJ32 ♣ 8752	

West	North	East	South
D. Jain	A.K. Bala	Prof. T.C. Goel	Ravindran

	Pass	1S	Pass
2D	Pass	2H	Pass
4D	Pass	5C	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Rdbl	All Pass		

The bidding wasn't of very high class but EW reached the optimum final contract. Poor South having 2 Aces & ♥Q sitting over East doubled (without knowing that his partner also has another Ace and the trump Queen with him). Adding insult to the injuries was West, who re-doubled and the contract got made without a fuss. In the closed room EW were only able to bid 4♣.

The 2nd Hand is from the Tuesday Pairs event at DBA on 8th Feb 2005.

Dir: North, Vul: None

	♠ Q83 ♥ T8xxx ♦ AK852 ♣	
♠ A964 ♥ Axx ♦ KQx ♣ xxx	N W E S	♠ J ♥ KJ9x ♦ 98xxx ♣ QTx
	♠ KT752 ♥ Q ♦ AJTxx ♣ Jx	

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass 4S	Pass All Pass	1S

South opened 1S in the 3rd seat and North leaped to 4S (he could have used Drury with his passed hand, but preferred 4S), which does not have any chance on a trump lead.

But West preferred to lead the Diamond King and declarer played to perfection in quickly taking the first seven trick. Declarer took the King with Ace and led the ♦J covered by Queen and ruffed in dummy. ♣AK were cashed and a club ruffed in hand, Diamond Ten cashed and a low diamond ruffed by ♠8, when West through a small heart. Now declarer played the ♣2 from dummy, ready to discard the heart queen from hand, but East ruffed it with ♠J. Declarer overruffed with ♠K and West took the trick by overruffing with ♠A. The lowly ♣2 required 3 major trump cards before getting killed. West now cashed the ♥A, but could not take more than one trick.

The last 4 card ending was: West: 964,x,-,-; North: Q,T8,-,8; East: -,KJ9,9,-; T75,-,x,-. If West leads heart, declarer ruffs in hand, ruffs the last diamond with Queen in dummy and has the ♠10 as his tenth trick. If West leads spade, declarer takes it with ♠Q in dummy and plays the good ♣8 discarding the diamond loser. West can ruff but will have to give the last 2 tricks to the declarer.

- Reported by Editor

All India UBHAYAKAR Trophy At DBA

18 Pairs (9 Tables) participated at DBA in the All India Ubhayakar trophy played all over India on 27th Feb 2005 in 2 sessions. The toppers of each session were as follows:

Session - I

North - South

1. Sudhir Aggarwal- Amod Rele - 1392 (58.00%)
2. V.V. Prasad - R.L. Soni - 1370 (57.08%)
3. R.K. Gupta - R. Chakravarty - 1355 (56.46%)

East-West

1. Vijay Kumar-Dr. R.L. Sanghi - 1317 (54.88%)
2. Amarjit - Narvir Singh- 1301(54.21%)
3. R.K. Jain- Joyjit Sen Sharma - 1280 (53.33%)

Session - II

North - South

1. A.K. Sinha - Sunil Mahajan - 1471 (61.29%)
2. Sudhir Aggarwal- Amod Rele - 1316 (54.83%)
3. Ashim Ghosh - Suresh Kumar - 1299(54.13%)

East-West

1. D.D. Gulhati - Subodh Jain - 1472 (61.33%)
2. R.P. Mishra - M.R. Goyal - 1442 (60.08)
3. R.K. Jain - A.K. Narang - 1328 (55.33%)

- Reported by Editor

International Bridge News

10th NEC Cup Bridge Festival 2005

The 10th NEC Cup Bridge Festival 2005 was held at Yokohama, Japan from 7th to 13th Feb 2005. It boasted of the largest and one of the strongest international fields ever at NEC cup, including many of the world's top players. Stage one was an 8-round Swiss Teams consisting of 20-board matches, IMPs converted to Victory Points, qualifying eight teams for the KO phase. The 47-team field was divided into top and bottom halves and the first Swiss match was arranged in a fashion, that each team in the top half matched at random against a team from the bottom half. The subsequent match pairings were based on current VP totals. The Quarter-finals & Semi-finals consisted of 40 boards matches and the final of 64 boards.

The team from Poland (Piotr Gawrys, Dariusz Kowalski, Piotr Bizon, Michal Kwiecien, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, NPC) led the qualifiers in the NEC Cup at the end of 8-rounds. They coasted in to first place, 10 VPs ahead of second-place Japan-Hana (Takashi Maeda, Seiya Shimizu, Takeshi Hanayama, Nobuyuki Hayashi, Sei Nagasaka, Yasushi Kobayashi). USA/Egypt (Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek) were in 3rd place and USA (Steve Landen, Drew Casen, Venkatrao Koneru, Larry Mori) finished fourth. Japan Open (Yasuhiro Shimizu, Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Chen Dawei, Kazuo Furuta, Makoto Kono), Russia/Poland (Andrei Gromov, Alexander Dubinin, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki) and The Netherlands (Jan Jansma, Louk Verhees, Bas Drijver, Maarten Schollaardt, Erik Kirchhoff (coach)) finished fifth, sixth and seventh. The teams from Canada and Israel tied for the eighth and final qualifying spot with 138 VPs. Israel (Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin, Michael Barel, Migry Campanile) won the tie-breaker. The final rankings in the qualifying Swiss is shown below.

1. POLAND	161
2. HANA	151
3. USA/EGYPT	148
4. USA	144
5. JAPAN OPEN	141
6. RUSSIA/POLAND	140
7. NETHERLANDS	139
8. ISRAEL	138

Quarter Finals – 40 Boards

Japan Open overcame a 9-IMP deficit to defeat highly favored Poland 74-50.5 (C/o 0-0.5, 27-36, 47-14) in their quarter final match. Their opponent will be Israel, who beat USA/Egypt 135-43.5 (C/o 0-0.5, 40-20, 95-23) in the other quarterfinal match. Japan Hana hung on to beat USA 67.5-54 (C/o 0.5-0, 38-12, 29-42) and will meet Russia/Poland, who scored a stirring 105.5-71 (C/o 0-0.5, 33-49, 72-22) comeback victory over The Netherlands.

Semi Finals – 40 Boards

In the first semifinal, Russia/Poland easily outdistanced Japan Hana 128-49.5 (C/o 0-0.5, 64-12, 64-37) to earn a spot in the NEC Cup final. Their opponent, Israel, a finalist for the second straight year, scored a narrow 86-70.5 (C/o 0-0.5, 42-40, 44-30) victory over Japan Open.

Final – 64 Boards

They were runners-up last year to the Chinese Ladies, but this year the bridesmaid became the bride when with strong first and third quarters the Israelis (Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin, Michael Barel, Migry Campanile) held off the veteran team from Russia/Poland (Andrei Gromov, Alexander Dubinin, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki) by 158.5-130 (c/o 0.5-0, 46-29, 26-31, 56-31, 30-39) to take the 2005 NEC Cup.

Yokohama Swiss Teams: - Final Results

1. NETHERLANDS 201 (Jan Jansma, Louk Verhees, Bas Drijver, Maarten Schollaardt)
2. TAJIMA 166 (Tadashi Teramoto, Mitsue Tajima, Fu Zhong, Zhao Jie, Ishmael Del'Monte)
3. JAPAN OPEN 164 (Yasuhiro Shimizu, Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Chen Dawei, Kazuo Furuta)
4. FAIRY TALE 151 (Ryo Okuno, Yukinao Honma, Keisuke Kito, Takao Onodera)
5. HANAYAMA 148 (Takeshi Hanayama, Yuki Fukuyoshi, Masayuki Hayasaka, Toshiko Kaho)
6. USA 146 (Steve Landen, Drew Casen, Venkatrao Koneru, Larry Mori)
7. ENGLAND/NORWAY 144 (Paul Hackett, Justin Hackett, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness)
8. CANADA 141 (Jurek Czyzowicz, Darren Wolpert, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Kamel Fergani)
9. USA/EGYPT 138 (Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Walid El Ahmady, Tarek Sadek)
10. NAITO 134 (Kenji Miyakuni, Makoto Kono, Toru Henmi, Sakiko Naito)

Asuka Cup:

Paul Hackett–Junko Nishimura Won the Asuka Cup. The top ten Finishers in Asuka Cup were:

1 Paul Hackett–Junko Nishimura	3273.64
2 Bas Drijver–Maarten Schollaardt	3066.61
3 Chen Dawei–Takahiko Hirata	3052.34
4 Hiroko Ota–Kojito Ito	3025.73
5 Lucje Bojoh–Shoko Fukuda	2948.98
6 Teruko Nishimura–Justin Hackett	2947.84
7 Ryo Okuno–Akira Obara	2938.78
8 Yasuyo Iida–Atsuko Katsumata	2938.49
9 Andrew Robson–Rita Shugart	2928.36
10 Migry Campanile–Michael Barel	2906.58

(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of NEC Cup)

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 25

LEGAL AND ILLEGAL CHANGES OF CALL

➤ **A – Immediate Correction of Inadvertency**

Until his partner makes a call, a player may substitute his intended call for an inadvertent call but only if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought. If legal, his last call stands without penalty; if illegal, it is subject to the applicable Law.

➤ **B – Delayed or Purposeful Correction**

Until LHO calls, a call may be substituted when Section A does not apply:

1. **Substitute Call Condoned** – The substituted call may be accepted (treated as legal) at the option of offender's LHO 7; then, the second call stands and the auction proceeds without penalty. If offender's LHO has called before attention is drawn to the infraction and the Director determines that LHO intended his call to apply over the offender's original call at that turn, offender's substituted call stands without penalty, and LHO may withdraw his call without penalty (but see Law 16C2).
2. **Not Condoned** – If the substituted call is not accepted, it is cancelled, and
 - a. **First Call Illegal** – if the first call was illegal, the offender is subject to the applicable law (and the lead penalties of Law 26 may apply to the second call).
 - b. **First Call Legal** – if the first call was legal, the offender must either (1) allow his first call to stand, in which case (penalty) his partner must pass when next it is his turn to call (see Law 23 when the pass damages the non-offending side), or (2) make any other legal call, in which case (penalty) the auction proceeds normally (but offender's partner may not base calls on information from withdrawn calls); the offending side may receive no score greater than average minus (see Law 12C1).
 - c. **Lead Penalties** – In either case (b) (1) or (b) (2) above, the offender's partner will be subject to a lead penalty (see Law 26) if he becomes a defender.

Comments of players on last month's "How you Bid this Hand?" problem

Comments received from players on how to bid the following hand (published in last month's Newsletter) are given below:

Dir: South

	♠ xx ♥ Kxxxx ♦ Qxx ♣ xxx	
	N W E S	
	♠ AKQT ♥ AQJT ♦ AKTxx ♣	

Mr. Arindam Ray writes:

- After exclusion Blackwood 5NT asks for number of kings excluding the exclusion suit
- Repeat of exclusion suit (i.e. 6C) ask for cue bidding of K
- And any other suit is precision type control asking (epsilon)

So, here after 1C-1D-3D-3H, opener will ask the exclusion 5C and on the 5H reply (showing 1 or 4 Keycards) would bid 6D to ask for diamond control and responder would bid 6S to show 2nd round diamond control leading to 7H.

Mr. Sartaj Hans from Sydney writes:

Tony (my partner) and i would bid the grand slam hand as:

2D 2H
 3D 3H
 5C 5H
 5N 6D
 7H

2D = GF; 2H = denies a dbl negative (0-4); 3D/H = nat
 5C = exclusion; 5H = 1 KC and denies trump queen
 5N = 3rd round control ask.

This is crucial because after 5H, we play that 5S would be a specific king ask in spades and 6D would be a specific king ask in diamonds. 5N asks for third round controls. Here with Qxx in diamonds, responder will bid 6D, which promises DQ (or xx).

If responder did possess xxx in diamonds he would bid 6H. However, if he had something extra like an undisclosed 6th heart, he can bid 6C with xxx in diamonds (Not relevant on this hand). All very esoteric but will do the job on the hand.

- Reported by Editor

ALL INDIA SHREE CEMENT BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

The 3rd Shree Cement Bridge Championship was held at the Bengal Rowing Club, Kolkata from 28th to 30th January 2005. This is the highest prize money Bridge tournament in the eastern part of the country. 38 teams in the Team of Four event and 78 pairs in the Open Pairs event competed for a total prize money of Rs 2.85 lacs. Winners for both the events walked off with Rs 1 lac and 30 thousand respectively.

Results - Team of Four

The winners of the last two years, the star studded Alok Daga's outfit had to be satisfied this year with a semifinal berth only. They lost to the eventual champions Shree Cement by only 1 IMP.

Winners : Shree Cement (Kamal Mukherjee, Tapas Mukherjee, Swarnendu Banerjee, Ajay Bagaria, Ravi Goenka and Badal Das)

Runners: Maya Meera (Vijay Goel, Asim Mukherjee, Sukamal Das, Samir Basak, Chandra Sekhar Majumdar and Kingshuk (Bappa) Bhattacharya)

Results - Open Pairs:

1. Aniruddha Bhattacharya/ Uttam Dutta
2. K Suryaanarayan Rao/ Dr AN Rao
3. Manas Mukherjee/ Rana Roy

Mr HN Bangur was the Chief Guest. Chairman Shree Cement and Mr Y Kamalakara Rao, President BFI gave away the prizes.

(Courtesy: Report from Mr. Arijit Guha, Secretary, West Bengal Bridge Association)

ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN TOURNAMENT

The Delhi Bridge Association will hold the ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT on 5th & 6th March 2005 at DBA Building, 18, Institutional Area, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.

SUMMER NATIONALS

The Summer Nationals under the auspices of BFI will be held at Jaipur from 2nd to 10th April 2005. Both, the T-4 event (for T.P. Khosla Trophy) & the IMP Pairs (for Agarwala Trophy) will be played as per the following schedule:

- 2nd Apr – 1830 Hrs. – Inauguration
– 1930 Hrs. – Captains' Meet
- 3rd & 4th Apr – 0900 Hrs. – T.P. Khosla Trophy (T-4 qualifying rounds in 2 groups – Top 4 teams to qualify from each group)
- 5th Apr – 0900 Hrs. – Qualifying rounds Contd.
– 1200 Hrs. – QF Roundrobin (5 rounds)
- 6th Apr – 0900 Hrs. – QF Roundrobin (2 rounds) –
Top 4 teams to qualify for Semi Finals
– 1200 Hours – SF Knockout (T-4)
– 1400 Hrs. – Agarwala Trophy (Pairs QF – 2 out of 5 sessions)
- 7th Apr – 0930 Hrs. – T-4 Finals (4 * 16 boards)
– 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala QF – (3 sessions)
- 8th Apr – 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala SF – 3 Sessions
(Top 16 Pairs to qualify for the Finals)
- 9th Apr – 0930 Hrs. – Agarwala Finals (8 * 8 boards)
- 10th Apr – 0900 Hrs. – Agarwala Finals (7 * 8 boards)
– 1900 Hrs. – Prize Distribution

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. Additional Team event held on first or third Sunday of every month.
4. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every Friday at PHD House commencing at 1430 Hrs.

Forthcoming Events

National

- 05-06th Mar'05 – All India Rama Jain Pairs Tournament at DBA, New Delhi
02-10th Apr'05 – Summer Nationals at Jaipur

International

- 10-20th Mar'05 – ACBL Spring NABC, Pittsburg, USA

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