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Dear Bridge Friends,

It is a great pleasure for the team of "Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter" to publish this 25th edition of their Newsletter. With this we have successfully completed our 2nd year of publication.

On this occasion, I had requested readers to kindly post their comments on the Newsletter, so that it can be made more interesting and useful for the Bridge fraternity. I am thankful to all those who have sent their valuable suggestions, and assure our readers that the team will try their level best to incorporate the suggestions in the near future. As informed in the last Newsletter, comments received from our readers are being published in this edition (*see page 8*).

As per the suggestions, we are adding a bridge quiz (many people have requested for this) and another column, which will basically be for enhancing the technical knowledge of upcoming players, from this edition itself. This column will talk about various types of endplays, coups and new bidding and defensive gadgets played internationally. We will surely take help of Mr. Subhash Gupta, Mr. B. Satyanarayana and Mr. Rajeshwar Tewari (experts from Delhi) and experts from other parts of India in guiding us on this subject and contributing to this column.

I will take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the team members associated with the publication of this Newsletter. It would not have been possible to come out with this Newsletter, without them. Our sincere thanks go to the President and Secretary of DBA for encouraging the team in this venture. My special thanks goes to Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal, who not only contributes with his monthly article on the new conventions (his convention page is liked by many readers), but also helps with the printing of the newsletter for distribution to bridge players at Delhi Bridge Association. Another person deserving my special thanks is Dr. P.S. Raghavan, whose *bridgeinindia* site has been doing great service to the bridge players of India. He has been kind enough to publish our Newsletter on his site. No words of thanks are enough for the evergreen Mr. Subhash Gupta, whose wholeheartedly encouragement drives me in bringing this Newsletter to you all and to Mr. B. Satyanarayana who gives me the technical tips on many hands. I will also like to pay my gratitude towards all the local DBA players for encouraging the Editorial team in our endeavor.

I have received many suggestions to publish details of the Indian tournaments played across the country. I try to cover maximum possible tournaments but it is not humanly possible to cover all. Hence I would request all the *Bridge Associations of India* to send us their tournament schedules and results, so that it can be published for the local public. May I request all the Senior Bridge players to give their valuable feedback and send us some important tips for the benefit of newcomers, related to the three most important aspects of Bridge - the Bidding, Defense as well as Play.

Lastly I will like to thank all the readers for their constant encouragement and best wishes in promoting this venture.

With Best wishes from you all, we present the 25th issue of this Newsletter.

Editor

One Major – Two Clubs

In Standard system One of a suit Opening shows 12-21 hcp. When Opener opens the bidding with one Major, there are lot of conventions that deals if responder has 4 card support and game forcing values. However if responder has only 3-card support and relatively balanced hand of 15-16 hcp, generally it is difficult to show the hand. Also if opener has around 15 hcp, both opener and responder do not know combined assets of the partnership and therefore slam bidding is occasionally difficult.

One of the best convention which we came across was 2C relay played by Italians. There are various ways you can play this convention. We present one of the methods below (which we are playing):

A) 2C Relay after One Major Opening Bid

The Two Club response to One Major opening bid promises one of the following hand:

- 11+ HCP and 5+ card club suit
- Any balanced game forcing hand
- 3 or 4-card support for opener's major and GF hand
- 3-card limit raise hand (we play Semi-Forcing NT and don't bid 1NT with 3-card support)

The complete structure of responses and further developments (over 1H Opening) is as follows:

<p>1H–2C– ? 2D = Min hand (upto 14hcp, denies other major) 2H = 4-card Other major, any strength 2S = 4+-card clubs, 15+ hcp (may have 4 spades) 2N = Single suiter hand, 15+ hcp 3C = 5 hearts and 4 diamonds, 15+ hcp 3D = 5 hearts and 5 diamonds, 15+ hcp 3H = 6 hearts and 4 diamonds, 15+ hcp 3S = 5 hearts, 4 spades & 4 diamonds, 15+ hcp 3N = 5-3-3-2 hand, 2 clubs, 15-17 hcp 4C = 6 hearts 5 diamonds, void club, 15+ hcp 4D = 6 hearts 5 diamonds, void spade, 15+ hcp</p>	<p>1H–2C–2H (4-card other major) – ? 2S = GF relay, opener to describe his hand 2N = Agrees heart and game forcing 3C = Shows 6-card club suit, non forcing 3D = Forcing, like 4th suit force 3H = 3-card limit raise 3S = Agrees spade, asks for cue bidding 3N = to play 4D = splinter, 4-card spade support</p>
<p>1H–2C–2D (Min hand) - ? 2H = GF relay, opener's responses are same as with 15+ hcp except 3H and 3S as both show 6-4 hand with singleton in lower/higher suit. 2S = 3-card limit raise hand 2N = Natural, forcing 3C = Shows 6-card club suit, non forcing 3D = Natural, 5+ clubs and 4+ diamonds 3H = Agrees heart, asks for cue bidding</p>	<p>1H–2C–2H–2S (relay) – ? 2N = 15+ hcp (3C-relay) 3C = 5-4 hand, 11-14 HCP (3D-relay) 3D = 5-4-4-0 or 5-4-0-4, 11-14 hcp (3H-asks) 3S = 5-4-4-0 hand, void club 3N = 5-4-0-4 hand, void diamond 3H = 6 hearts and 4 spades 3S = 6 hearts and 5 spades</p>
<p>1H–2C–2S (4+ clubs, 15+ hcp) – ? 2N = relay, opener describes his hand 3C = 5 hearts and 4 clubs (3D-relay) 3D = 5+ hearts and 5 clubs 3H = 6 hearts and 4 clubs 3S = 5 hearts, 4 clubs & 4 spades 3N = 5 hearts, 4 clubs & 4 diamonds 4C/D = 6 hearts & 5 clubs, Void D/S 3C = Natural, clubs agreed 3H = Hearts agreed, start cue-bidding</p>	<p>1H–2C–2H–2S–2N–3C (relay) – ? 3D = 4-5 hand and 3-cards a minor (3H=relay) 3S = 4-5-3-1 hand, (singleton club) 3N = 4-5-1-3 hand, (singleton diamond) 3H = 6 hearts and 4 spades 3S = 6 hearts and 5 spades 3N = 4-5-2-2 hand, 15-17 hcp</p>
<p>1H-2C-2S-2N-3C-3D - ? or 1H-2C-3C-3D-? or 1H-2C-2D-2H-2S-2N-3C-3D - ? or 1H-2C-2D-2H-3C-3D-? or 1H-2C-2H-2S-3C-3D-? 3H = singleton in lower suit 3S = singleton in higher suit 3N = 5-4-2-2 distribution</p>	<p>1H–2C–2N (single suiter, 15+ hcp) – ? 3C = Relay, opener to describe his hand 3D = 6 hearts and some singleton 3H = 6 hearts and no short suit 3S = 5 hearts and 3 clubs, 17+ hcp 3N = 5 hearts and 3 clubs, 15-16 hcp 3D = 5+ clubs and 4+ diamonds 3H = Extras with heart fit, start cue-bidding 3S = 5+ clubs and 4+ spades 4H = 3-card limit raise</p>

You can play the structure as explained above or can simplify to suit your partnership. However this convention is highly recommended for a regular partnership. When playing this convention you don't need Jacoby 2NT and you can use this for other purpose e.g. 2NT can be limit raise over 1H and 3D mixed raise (with 4 trumps) where as 3C can be invitational 5-5 in minors.

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Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

07/06/2005 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Sourendra Dutt	61.74%
NS 2: Prof. S.C. Gupta – Mrs. Mani Gupta	56.74%
NS 3: T.N. Tiku – G. Singh	53.04%
EW 1: Gopal Saxena – A.K. Upadhyay	64.07%
EW 2: T.C. Pant – Priya Ranjan Sinha	60.76%
EW 3: R.C. Consul – Abha Gupta	59.94%

14/06/2005 – 12 Tables

NS 1: R.K. Gupta – R. Chakravarty	61.81%
NS 2: T.C. Pant – Amod Rele	60.76%
EW 1: D.K. Mutreja – Joyjit Sen Sharma	64.58%
EW 2: A.K. Jha – Ajay Tankha	62.50%

21/06 /2005 – 13 Tables

NS 1: Narvir Singh – Sanjiv Bery	63.12%
NS 2: T.N. Tiku – G. Singh	56.52%
NS 3: Gr. Capt. Shivhari – Suraj Kumar	53.88%
EW 1: Ravi Sawhney – S. Sunderrajan	59.43%
EW 2: D.P. Sharma – N.K. Jain	55.27%
EW 3: Arun Jain – Dinesh Jain	53.88%

28/06/2005 – 10 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	64.24%
NS 2: Joyjit Sen Sharma – Duleep Mutreja	59.72%
EW 1: Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	63.19%
EW 2: Mrs. Abha Gupta – V.K. Gupta	54.51%

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

04/06/2005 – 14 Teams

1. **FORMIDABLES** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sudhir Aggarwal)
2. **Ashok BEDI** – (Ashok Bedi, Sunil Bhatia, P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari)
3. **DELHI BRIDGE CLUB** – (Ravi Sawhney, R. Nanda, A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha)

11/06/2005 – 11 Teams

1. **SPARTA** – (Anil Upadhyay, Ajay Tankha, M. Wadhera, Gopal Saxena)
2. **PURI's** – (V.N. Puri, Rajesh Jain, D.K. Mutreja, Mishra)

18/06/2005 – 14 Teams

1. **Ashok BEDI** – (Ashok Bedi, Sunil Bhatia, P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari)
2. **DELHI BRIDGE CLUB** – (Ravi Sawhney, N. Virmani, A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha, A.K. Guha)
3. **DHARNI's** – (S. Dharni, Mohan Dass, S.N. Mathur, M.S. Sharma)

25/06/2005 – 14 Teams

1. **COSMOS** – (Joy Sen Sharma, A. Mandal, Duleep Mutreja, S.N. Mathur)
2. **NARANGS**– (A.K. Narang, Sandeep Narang, Ashok Giridhar, Mrs. Shashi Jain))
3. **SPARTA** – (Anil Upadhyay, Ajay Tankha, Ambrish Wadhera, P. Wadhera)

ALL INDIA LADIES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Pair Event Results

03/06/2005 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Brig. D.N. Khanna
NS 2: Mrs. Suman Bansidhar – M.M.L. Sharma
EW 1: D.D. Gulhati – Mrs. Rinku Singh
EW 2: Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal – Mrs. Shashi Jain

10/06/2005 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Rajesh Kumar Jain – P.C. Jain
NS 2: Mrs. S. Bansidhar – MML Sharma
EW 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Sarita Sharma
EW 2: K. Mubayi – V. Tuli

17/06/2005 - 10 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Chand Vir – Dr. P.C. Bhalla
NS 2: Daya Dhaon – Brig. D.N. Khanna
EW 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma
EW 2: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja

24/06/2005 - 8 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Promila Saraf – N.K. Jain
NS 2: G.N. Mehra – D.P. Sharma
EW 1: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Narvir Singh
EW 2: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs @ DBA

The 19th Worldwide Simultaneous Bridge Pairs event organized by WBF was held throughout the world on 3rd & 4th June 2005. The first session of the event (held on Friday, 3rd June) was also held at Delhi Bridge Association, in which 16 pairs participated. Sudhir Aggarwal – Priya Ranjan Sinha in the NS direction and N.K. Jain – Mrs. Shashi Jain in the EW direction were the leaders of the event at DBA.

The event gets scored across all the participants taking part throughout the world at the ecatsbridge site (of Anna Gudge & Mark Norton). The details of this year's participation was:

Friday, 3rd June 2005: 5008 Pairs in 285 clubs of 43 countries participated and the winner was Viale Mario & Vellani Renato of Bridge Club Sanremo Sect. A, Italy with a score of 75.13%. In India, the leaders were:

1. N.K. Jain – Mrs. Shashi Jain (Delhi Bridge Asso.) – 62.50% (Overall position – 245, Zone 4 – 16)
2. Mukul Chatterjee – Badal Das (Calcutta Club) – 61.47% (Overall position – 321, Zone 4 – 18)
3. Lalit Mohanka – Ashish Malhotra (Calcutta Club) – 61.07% (Overall position – 357, Zone 4 – 20)
4. Sudhir Aggarwal – Priya Ranjan Sinha (Delhi Bridge Asso.) – 59.06% (Overall position – 581, Zone 4 – 28)

Saturday, 4th June 2005: 4855 Pairs in 240 clubs of 37 countries participated and the winner was Hermanto & Rukma Hardi of Mataram, Indonesia with a score of 74.68%. In India, the leaders were:

1. H.S. Bajoria – Ajay Brahmchari (Calcutta Club) – 62.33% (Overall position – 205, Zone 4 – 7)
2. Alok Daga – Manas Mukherjee (Calcutta Club) 61.82% (Overall position – 247, Zone 4 – 11)
3. Debashish Bhadra – S.N. Ghosh (Calcutta Club) 59.20% (Overall position – 482, Zone 4 – 23)
4. Arijit Guha – Badal Das (Calcutta Club) – 58.53% (Overall position – 554, Zone 4 – 25)

- Reported by Editor

Vasant Vihar Club Tournament

38 Pairs participated in the Vasant Vihar Club monthly tournament held on 5th June 2005. The results were:

1. Amarjit Wadhawan – Dr. Nikita Kamal 207.62
2. P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari 185.27
3. T.C. Pant – Priya Ranjan Sinha 184.20
4. S.A. Bijalani – C.P. Mittal 178.38
5. R.C. Consul – Sham Sharma 177.65
6. K.B. Sikand – Rajesh Kumar Gupta 176.96
7. Madhu Sharma – Anand Bhatia 176.69
8. Subhash Gupta – Paresch Gupta 174.08

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

Interesting Deal from Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs

The board 6 of the Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs on Friday, 3rd June 2005 turned out to be one of the most interesting board and generated varying results.

Board 6, Dlr: East, Vul: EW

	♠ KQ9873 ♥ 72 ♦ ♣ J9872	
♠ AKQJT95 ♥ A5 ♦ AKT5 ♣	N W E S	♠ AJT64 ♥ 3 ♦ QJ4 ♣ Q643
	♠ 52 ♥ 864 ♦ KT987632 ♣	

The dealer East passed at all the tables and South choose to bid a pre-emptive 3♦. West with massive hand, DOUBLED and if north passes (considering the mismatch in diamonds). East usually will bid 4♣ and now fearing that any number of hearts bid by West may get passed, West is sure to bid 6♥, which may turn out to be the final contract.

The purists may not bid 3♦ with South hand without two honors, and if they pass North gets into action after a 1♣ strong (precision system) or a 2♣ (American standard) call. North bids 2♣ and East usually will PASS hoping partner to double. However on West's 3♥, East may come 3♣ or 3NT and West will now bid 4♣. The contract may now turn out to be 6H, 6C, 6NT with a good chance of reaching 7C doubled or even 7H doubled. However, seeing all the hands the only foolproof contract is 7NT. North gets squeezed in black suit to give the 13th trick.

The most hilarious result turns out to be when South makes a Lightner double of the final contract of 7H. This is pretty dangerous as West can convert to 7NT, which is always cold. But if West is careless it will be fun to watch North lead club, ruffed by South; Diamond ruffed by North, and then further cross ruffs in clubs & diamonds. All the five trumps in NS hand gets utilized for a very poor score to EW.

The funniest of all thing happened at DBA, where South opened 3♦, doubled by West, North bid 3♣, East Passed and South again bid 4♦. West now jumped to 6♥ and this came back to South. South came out with a brilliant idea and bid 7♣ (hoping partner will lead the club). West doubled this and North not able to understand what is happening on the table PASSED. Again the bid was back to South, who bid 7♦ and West took the bait by bidding 7♥, which was doubled by South. Alas poor South! He waited eagerly for that club card to come down, but what can you do when your partner then also prefers the ♠K lead?

- Reported by Editor

8th B.S. Raju Memorial Tournament

The 8th B.S. Raju Memorial Bridge Tournament was organized by O.N.G.C. under the auspices of Uttaranchal Bridge Association & Bridge Federation of India at ONGC Officer's Club, Dehradun from 10th to 12th June 2005. The details of the events played are as follows:

Team of Four:

22 Teams participated in this event. After 7 rounds of Swiss league (of 8 boards each), the following 8 teams qualified for the Quarterfinals:

1. COSMOS, Delhi	130 VPs
2. Bridge Aces	128
3. Punjab Bridge Association (PBA)	127
4. PUSHPAK, Delhi	121
5. Technocrats, Aligarh	117
6. MKG, Dehradun	117
7. Karol Bagh Union Club, Delhi	116
8. Pankaj Mehta, Moradabad	115

In the 2*10 boards quarter-finals, COSMOS beat Pankaj Mehta by 52-38 (35-09, 17-29); Karol Bagh Club beat Bridge Aces by 57-43 (29-07, 28-36); PBA beat MKG by 66-12 (43-12, 23-0) and PUSHPAK beat Technocrats by 107-48 (67-33, 40-15).

In the 2*12 boards Semi-finals, PBA beat COSMOS by 64-33 (20-05, 44-28) and PUSHPAK beat Karol Bagh Club by 59-45 (34-25, 25-20). Arun Jain, A. Mandal, Joyjit Sen Sharma & A.K. Jha represented the COSMOS team whereas Harbhajan Singh, S.R. Malhotra, M.K. Wadhwa, Y.P. Punj & Shyam Lal represented the Karol Bagh team.

PUSHPAK, Delhi beat PBA in the 2*12 boards finals by 76-46 (49-28, 27-18). The winners were represented by D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Puneet Gangal & Sukamal Das. PBA team was represented by K.R. Lakhnupal, Kuldeep Khanna, Rakesh Sharma, Rakesh Goel, P.K. Nayyar & G.S. Hara.

Open Pairs:

30 Pairs (excluding the team Quarterfinalists) played the 1st elimination round of 30 boards and top 7 NS & 7 EW qualified for the 2nd elimination. The leaders of the first elimination were Amarjit Wadhawan – R. Chakravarty (257.5) in the NS direction and Ashwani – Girdhar (238.5) in the EW direction. The qualifiers were joined by the 16 team quarterfinalists pairs and after playing 26 boards the top 7 NS & 7 EW pairs qualified for the Finals. The leaders of the second elimination round were Puneet Gangal – Sukamal Das (177.5) in the NS direction and P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari (191.5) in the EW direction.

The winners of the final (with IMP scoring) were:

1. Joyjit Sen Sharma – A.K. Jha	72 IMPs
2. S. Lahiri – Mahendra Singh	44 IMPs
3. P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari	30 IMPs
4. A. Bhadra – T.K. Mandal	21 IMPs
5. P.K. Hari – V.K. Wadhwa	12 IMPs

Board-a-Match:

Total 18 teams participated in the event. They were divided into 2 groups of 9 teams each and played 24 boards each. The winners were:

Group A:

1. RVS Chauhan's Team :	89
2. G.I. Singh's Team:	85

Group B:

1. Virendra Singh's Team :	100
2. Alok Kumar's Team:	85

Congratulations to all the Winners.

- Reported by Editor

VANISHING TRICK

The following interesting hand came in the 2nd elimination round of Pair event in the B.S. Raju Memorial tournament held at Dehradun on 11th June 2005.

Dir: East, Vul: None

	♠ J6532 ♥ A53 ♦ 873 ♣ 53	
♠ QT98 ♥ QT98 ♦ QJ ♣ J92	N W E S	♠ K ♥ KT96542 ♦ KQT86 ♣
	♠ A74 ♥ KJ7642 ♦ A ♣ A74	

In most of the tables, East opened the bidding with 2NT (both minors – less than opening hand) and South bid 3 Hearts, which was passed by West & North. However, when East bid 4 Diamonds, South doubled. This got passed out at very few tables as North bid 4 Hearts and now it was the turn of West to double the contract.

As the cards are positioned, there is one loser in spade, one in clubs and 2 losers in hearts and it seems that the contract will go one down. But this is what happened.

West led the ♦Q taken by declarer with the Ace. Ace of clubs was taken and a low club played towards dummy, West taking the trick with Jack and leading back ♦J. Declarer ruffed in hand, ruffed the third club in dummy and played the ♥A getting the required information about trumps. A low spade was played from dummy, East playing the King and declarer taking the trick with Ace, and returning a low spade. West took the trick with Queen but was helpless now. He played another spade taken by Jack and declarer ruffed the 4th spade in hand and played a low heart to West, who perforce had to give the last 2 tricks to declarer's ♥KJ.

- Reported by Amarjit Wadhawan

International Bridge News

US Women's Bridge Championships 2005

The 2005 United States Bridge Championships were held at Las Vegas from 5th to 12th June 2005.

10 Teams played the Round robin. Based on their positioning points and average seeding points for the year, the teams of Jo Ann Sprung & Hansa Narsimhan were given direct bye to the semifinals and Shawn Quinn's team got bye to the quarterfinals.

In the 64 boards semi-finals, Bernstein's team beat Sprung's team by 159-135 (31-26, 43-16, 34-38, 51-55), whereas Narsimhan's team beat Quinn's team by 164-136 (63-23, 33-27, 36-77, 32-9).

In the 96 boards finals, **Hansa Narsimhan's** team comprising of Hansa Narsimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Sue Picus, Jo Ann Standsby & Debbie Rosenberg beat Bernstein by 263-229 (38-53, 59-45, 56-28, 39-17, 38-39, 33-47). They will be representing USA as **USA1** team in Venice Cup 2005 at Estoril, Portugal in October.

In the first play-off, Sprung team beat Quinn 199-190 (20-32, 20-31, 40-24, 21-46, 56-37, 42-20).

In the second play-off, Sprung beat Bernstein by 217-200 (33-36, 9-62, 27-23, 91-44, 31-23, 26-12). The **Sprung** team comprising of Jo Ann Sprung, Kathy Sulgrove, Peggy Sutherlin, Karen Allison, Renee Mancuso & Pam Wittes will represent USA as **USA2** team in Venice Cup 2005 at Estoril.

- *Reported by Editor*

2nd European Open Bridge Championships

The 2nd Open European Championships are being held at Tenerife, Canary Islands since 18th June to 2nd July 2005. The tournament has attracted many of the top teams & pairs of the world. The tournament consists of the following events:

1. Mixed Teams
2. Mixed Pairs
3. Open / Ladies / SeniorTeams
4. Open / Ladies / SeniorPairs

Mixed Teams: 70 teams participated in this event. The teams were divided into 12 groups and after a Round Robin the top 3 teams of each group (total 36 teams) formed the SWISS A group and the remaining 34 teams formed the SWISS B group. They played another round robin (6 rounds of 8 boards each) after which the top 27 teams of Swiss A and the top 5 teams of the Swiss B group qualified for the knock out rounds.

The teams to reach the quarter final stage were: Herbst, Armstrong, Goldberg SWE, De Botton, Levy, Brigada, Erichsen & Gitleman. In the 2*14 boards quarter finals **Herbst beat Armstrong 59 -50** (23 - 24, 36 - 26); **Goldberg SWE beat De Botton 57 -56** (19 - 34, 38 - 22); **Brigada beat Levy 49-35** (12-9, 37-26) and **Erichsen beat Gitleman 76-41** (21 - 14 55 - 27). **Goldberg SWE beat Herbst by 66 -51** (50 - 37, 16 - 14) whereas **Erichsen beat Brigada 78-48** (39-22, 39-26) in the 2*14 boards Semi-finals.

In the 3*14 boards finals, the **Goldberg SWE** team (from Sweden) comprising of **Lars Goldberg, Ulla-britt Goldberg, Bengt-erik Efraimsson & Helena Sved-lund**. met **Erichsen** team (from Norway/England) comprising of **Espen Erichsen, Helen Erichsen, Boye Broge-land, Tonje Brogeland, Tor Helness & Gunn Helness**. It turned out to be a dramatic match where the lead changed hands more than once and finally it was the **Erichsen** team, who emerged as the new European Open Mixed Teams Champions beating Goldberg SWE team by **99-93.5** (39-29, 14-34, 46-30.5)

Mixed Pairs: 211 pairs participated in this event, out of which 104 Pairs qualified for the semi-finals. The top 3 positions in the SF were taken by Siv HORESEN - Jan Petter SVENDSEN (59.63%), Huub BERTENS - Wietske Van ZWOL (59.12%) & Debbie ROSENBERG - M. ROSENBERG (58.11%). The final was played with top 52 pairs.

Norway's Tor & Gunn Helness followed up their victory in the Mixed Teams with another in the European Open Mixed Pairs Championship making it a golden double.. A powerful performance in the first session gave them a big lead, and although they posted a relatively modest score in the second session, no one could take advantage. They won the event with 57.76% score. The silver medal went to a pair with a terrific record in mixed events, France's Sylvie Willard & Herve Mouiel with 57.42%, while the United States Michael & Debbie Rosenberg prevented another clean sweep for Europe by finishing third with 55.63% score.

Open Teams:

The 1st qualifying round in the European Open Teams Championship gave shocking results as an exceptional number of fancied teams were eliminated. They will have to seek a place in the knock out stages via the Swiss repechage. The big names to fall included a host of World Champions, including the likes of Meckstroth & Rodwell, Perron & Lebel, Fischer, Schiffko, Townsend, Lesniewski, Pszczola, Chemla, & Mari. Add to them such stars as Helness, Forrester, Lindkvist, Fredin, Sadek, Ahmadi, Cronier and so on. In total 83 teams in 13 groups participated and played a round robin. 44 teams qualified in SWISS A of which 27 teams qualified for the KO 32.

The other 39 teams played in the Swiss B and the top 5 qualified for the last 32 KO stage.

In the 2*14 boards QF, **MIROGLIO** beat IRELAND by 78-77 (32-28, 46-49); **HECHT** beat JACOBS 55-38 (10-34,45-4); **OZDIL** beat DE BOTTON 58-50 (34-13, 24-3) & **TEAM ORANGE** beat DENMARK 76-64 (13-37 63-27). In the 2*14 boards SFs, **MIROGLIO** beat Hecht by 65-57 (37-36, 28-21) and **TEAM ORANGE** beat OZDIL by 59-56 (42-11, 17-45). Both the matches turned out to be pretty competitive.

The 3*14 boards finals turned out to be a one-way affair and **TEAM ORANGE** easily beat MIROGLIO 103-23 (54-11, 49-12, 3rd set conceded). Congratulations to **TEAM ORANGE**, the team from Netherlands comprising of Ton Bakkeren, Huub Bertens, Jan Jansma, Bauke Muller, Louk Verhees, Simon de Wijs.

Ladies & Senior Teams: There were 21 teams for Women's teams & 18 for Senior's team event. In the 2*14 boards, Women's Semifinals **WEBER** beat Pasma 91-67 (50-36, 41-31) & **D'Ovidio** beat USA/Russia 67-43(49-9, 18-34). **D'Ovidio** beat WEBER in the 3*14 boards finals by 139-99 (57-45, 38-13,44-41). The **D'Ovidio** team from France was represented by Catherine d'Ovidio, Daniele Gaviard, Bénédicte Cronier, Sylvie Willard. The **Fornaciari** team from Italy (Ezio Fornaciari, Carlo Mariani, Adriano Abate, Fabrizio Morelli, Marco Ric-ciarelli, Franco Baroni) beat Szenberg in the Seniors team by 150-85.

Reported by Editor

(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of European Bridge Championships)

Quiz of the Month

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	♠ K4 ♥ 3 ♦ AQ9 ♣ AJT9876	

Contract : 6C by South
Lead by West : Jack of Spades

You win the king and immediately play a heart to the ace and ruff a heart. You enter dummy with a trump, both following, and lead a third heart, upon which East discards a spade. Now what?

(See Page 12 for the Answer)

INTERESTING HAND FROM 2005 Cavendish Pairs

The following interesting hand came in the first session of the recently held 2005 Cavendish Pairs at Las Vegas.

Board 23, Dlr: South, Vul: Both

	♠ 985 ♥ A953 ♦ KQ32 ♣ 52	
♠ J432 ♥ 64 ♦ A9865 ♣ JT	N W E S	♠ A7 ♥ KT82 ♦ T4 ♣ K9863
	♠ KQT6 ♥ QJ7 ♦ J7 ♣ AQ74	

Playing 3NT on the auction: 1NT-2♣-2♠-3NT, Bart Bramley won the diamond lead with the jack, led a diamond back to queen, and finessed the ♠9 losing to the jack. On the heart return he played low and unblocked the jack from hand as East won the king. He won the heart return with the queen, gave up a spade to the ace, finessed in clubs, then cashed his two remaining spades. This was the ending before the final spade was cashed:

	♠ A9 ♥ Q3 ♦ ♣	
♠ 4 ♥ ♦ A98 ♣	N W E S	♠ T8 ♥ ♦ K9 ♣
	♠ T ♥ 7 ♦ 74 ♣	

The ♠10 executed a strip squeeze on East, who had to concede the ninth trick. Note the importance of the heart unblock at trick four. If South does not make the play, East can exit with a heart when he wins the ♠A, cutting declarer off from dummy, and declarer would have to lose two clubs in the end.

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Comments Received from Readers

Congratulations on completion of 2 years of publication of this monthly bulletin. I can very well imagine the pain, efforts and time you invest for making this issue available to us every month.

I really enjoy your write up at this far west corner of the country, where I don't find any other means to remain in touch with the game of BRIDGE. I eagerly wait in first week of every month to feel, share and enjoy the warmth of Delhi Bridge fraternity through this mail publication.

Your last month's bulletin which contained Indian players' participation in Tournament held in Pakistan was great; probably because of addition of photographs and the background of improved Indo-Pak relation. You may please add more photographs in your next bulletins.

With best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Pant

I like Page 2 - Systems & Conventions. This is the best part of the Newsletter that I look forward to reading every month. If you can get another good contributor like Subhash Gupta to pen in his thoughts on some aspect of bridge theory every month (1 page), that will be an added bonus.

Most of the international news, I can get it from different websites. More exposure to different Indian tournaments and Indian players. I know this will be difficult, as you may have to travel and it will take a lot of effort. If you have the resources for that, you can make an attempt and your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Otherwise too, as it is, you are doing a fine job. Keep it up.

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Dear Mr. Pant,

I am extremely impressed by your efforts in bringing up the Monthly Bulletin so regularly. It is indeed due to your personal efforts and also a team work. You deserve credits.

The Bulletin is very informative and carries highly technically sound articles. It gives us, this part of the borders, a complete information about Bridge activities in India and also abroad. Please keep it up. Hope to see you in Delhi in August.

Warm Regards
Syed Ameer Hasan, Karachi

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Dear TC Pant, Sudhir and team,

I have been searching for superlatives to describe DBA monthly newsletter and find most of the positive adjectives in the dictionary too pedestrian to describe the consistent high quality deliverable by your team.

Your newsletter is one of the very few instances where a product of Indian bridge matches up to the best in the International arena.

Additionally, I am sure that we can market the game to the younger generation and parents alike as an intellectual pursuit, if more of us show the same commitment and professionalism exhibited by your team. Continue the great work and I hope you get enough contributions from all enthusiasts, self included!!

Regards,
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Dear Mr. Pant,

At the outset accept my hearty congratulations for the wonderful work you have done in releasing the News Letter.

I would like to go on record to say that the reporting has been very professional, in-time, regular, objective and meticulous!!

I hope that the system will continue for years to come.

A suggestion: Why don't you consider introduction of quiz sections, problem solving and The expert answers to reader's queries?

All the best.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Pant

Congratulations on a job well done so far. I have always enjoyed reading it and hope to receive the same in future.

Best Regards.

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hello tribhuvan,
you have been doing a wonderful job of promoting the game thru' ur newsletter. Keep up the good work. B regards - dilip gidwani.

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Dear Mr. Pant,

Congratulations on the occasion of the silver jubilee edition of your Newsletter. It thoroughly covers the bridge-related events in the Delhi area; and provides enough information about the national and international events. It is enjoyable to read because of its superior writing and editing quality and I look forward to receiving it every month.

The Newsletter could go on doing what it has been doing so far without any change and it would be ok with me. But if you must add something, then a column by a local expert-level player providing his/her perspective about the game and its ongoing development -- as in bidding systems, play of the hand and defence -- will enhance every ones understanding of the game.

Best wishes for the future.

Brij Mohan Banda, USA bmbanda5@yahoo.com

Hiya Pant,

I like the newsletter as a good means of keeping in touch with what is happening in India. I love going through the DBA results to keep track of trends.

Most of your coverage of international events i usually know of myself ..so i tend to skip it...but i guess it serves a purpose for the rest of your audience

Perhaps you should start a kind of bidding forum which only a hand or two. I am sure it will greatly enhance the feel of the newsletter with some top players offering their opinion on interesting bidding hands

Cheerio

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Dear Shri T C PANT,

Congratulations!! for completing 2 great years of this educative and informative news letter. Really a great work. This is possible only because of you and your great team. We, the bridge players eagerly wait for this newsletter every month. I am sure that many players must have benefited by this newsletter. Keep it up. I am also sure that it would put new life in to this dying game.

Amod Rele, New Delhi

My dear Pant,

Efforts of the editorial team have been very commendable and par excellent in making the News letter very informative and very rich in content. I am not sure if I could give any suggestion to make it any better. As Bridge lover I feel very happy and grateful to your contributuin to growth of Bridge culture and related activities. My heartiest congratulations

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(Thanks to all the readers for sending their views. We will try our best to incorporate your suggestions. I hope you all will keep me posted with your views in future also)

**HCL
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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.

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(NOIDA is just 15 Kms. Away from Delhi)

Total Prize Money: Rs. 9.6 Lacs

ENTRY FEE:

**T-4: Rs. 5000/-
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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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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 details. 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 Lightner Double

This terminology is used by defense for doubling of Slam contracts. As there are not many opportunities to double a freely bid slam for penalty (unless opponents have done hara-kiri), a slam double is used to request a specific lead, namely an "unusual" one, which is called a "Lightner" double aptly named after the name of its inventor.

You don't double, when you think that partner's normal lead is likely to be the best, or when you think no lead is likely to defeat the slam. But when you double, you are asking partner not to make his normal lead or the lead of a suit which you have bid. You are asking for an unusual lead. Partner decides what he would have led without the double and then leads something unusual.

You are East and the bidding goes:

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

Your hand is: ♠QT98543 ♥85 ♦A764 ♣-

As a club lead and ruff is likely to beat the contract, hence you double to warn partner against leading your suit. Taking out the trump suit also, partner need not be a genius to deduce, from his hand and the bidding that a club is required.

There is not much doubt as to what constitutes an unusual lead. Obviously a suit that has been bid by either defender is barred, and so is a trump. In an uncontested auction, the lead of an unbid suit is not "unusual" either. In such a case, a double calls for dummy's suit. If dummy has bid two suits, the double refers to the first suit in the absence of any contrary indication. Such a double is based on AK or AQ more often than on a void.

See Page 4 (deal 6 of Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs) for an excellent example of Lightner Double. South has pre-empted in diamonds and North may bid Spades. The trumps are hearts, so South's double is automatically for Clubs.

The Vienna Coup

This is a special maneuver, in which declarer deliberately sets up a winner in a defender's hand. This unblocking play was identified by a Viennese whist player in 1864 and has since been known as the **Vienna Coup**.

Consider the following position, in which declarer appears to have the menaces necessary to squeeze East:

	♠ AJ ♥ A2 ♦ ♣				
Immaterial	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ KQ ♥ K6 ♦ ♣
N					
W E					
S					
	♠ 3 ♥ Q4 ♦ A ♣				

When dummy discards ♥2 on the diamond squeeze card, East can afford to throw the ♥6. Declarer's ♥Q is established but he can not reach it and the intended squeeze fails.

Declarer can overcome this difficulty by cashing ♥A at an earlier stage. Through this unblocking play, declarer reaches the following end position:

	♠ AJ ♥ 2 ♦ ♣				
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N					
W E					
S					
	♠ 3 ♥ Q ♦ A ♣				

When ♦A is led, East has no answer. If he throws ♥K, your ♥Q is good, and if he throws a spade, your dummy's spades are good.

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 47 – RETRACTION OF CARD PLAYED

➤ **A – To Comply with Penalty**

A card once played may be withdrawn to comply with a penalty (but a defender's withdrawn card may become a penalty card, see Law 49).

➤ **B – To Correct an Illegal Play**

A played card may be withdrawn to correct an illegal or simultaneous play (see Law 58 for simultaneous play; and, for defenders, see Law 49, penalty card).

➤ **C – To Change an Inadvertent Designation**

A played card may be withdrawn without penalty after a change of designation as permitted by Law 45C4(b) card played.

➤ **D – Following Opponent's Change of Play**

After an opponent's change of play, a played card may be withdrawn without penalty (but see 62C2 correction of revoke) to substitute another card for the one played.

➤ **E – Change of Play Based on Misinformation**

1. Lead Out of Turn – A lead out of turn may be retracted without penalty if the leader was mistakenly informed by an opponent that it was his turn to lead (LHO should not accept the lead).

2. Retraction of Play –

a. No One Has Subsequently Played – A player may retract the card he has played because of a mistaken explanation of an opponent's call or play and before a corrected explanation, but only if no card was subsequently played to that trick. An opening lead may not be retracted after dummy has faced any card.

b. One or More Subsequent Plays Made – When it is too late to correct a play, under (a) preceding, Law 40C applies.

➤ **F – Illegal Retraction**

Except as provided in A through E preceding, a card once played may not be withdrawn.

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Similar structure is applicable after One Spade opening bid. Actually the structure is easier after One Spade opening. If you prefer, you can play the same structure as over 1H. We also recommend that 2NT response to 1S opening be played as mini splinter, 3C as 5-5 minors invitational and 3D/H as Bergen raises (limit/mixed). We now see this convention in action with some real life examples.

B) Examples :

North Opener	South Responder	West Opener	East Responder	West Responder	East Opener
♠ AKJ84	♠ T9	♠ 8	♠ AK56	♠ T7	♠ A9832
♥ 32	♥ KJ84	♥ A9764	♥ K8	♥ K984	♥ A6
♦ A	♦ KJT9	♦ A5	♦ J843	♦ AKT2	♦ QJ64
♣ QJT53	♣ AK6	♣ AKT85	♣ QJ9	♣ KT6	♣ AJ
North opens the bidding as 1S and the bidding should proceed as: 1S-2C-2S-2N-3D and so on for an excellent slam. (Hand from Balijee tournament Lahore, Pairs Round 1)		West bids 1H and the bidding proceeds: 1H-2C-2S-2N-3D-3S-4D and so on. An easy little slam with the system but risky grand without Club 10. (From Kanpur Tournament)		East opens 1S and the bidding proceeds: 1S-2C-3C-3D-3N-4C and so on to reach excellent little slam. (Hand from Balijee tournament, Lahore, Teams Round 3)	

These are only few examples of this convention. We have come across many such examples, which clearly shows the advantage of this convention.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Answer to the Quiz on Page 7

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Contract: 6♣ by South, Lead by West: ♠J.

You win the king and immediately play a heart to the ace and ruff a heart. You enter dummy with a trump, both following, and lead a third heart, upon which East discards a spade. Now what?

Ruff the third heart, enter dummy with a trump and ruff dummy's next-to-last heart. Now back to the ♠A, lead dummy's last heart and discard the ♦9. West is in, and must either lead a diamond or a spade. If you even as much as *thought* of monkeying with the diamonds, don't admit it in public.

TOURNAMENT at AHMEDABAD

The President's Cup (Gujrat Samachar Tournament) will be held at Ahmedabad from 2nd to 4th July 2005. The tournament will have Team of Four & Open Pair events. Total Prize Money: Approx. Rs. 4.5 Lacs.

Entry fee for T-4: Rs. 2500/- for four + Rs. 500 for additional player and for Pairs: Rs. 500/- per Pair.

A Cavendish tournament on 5th July 2005 will also be held.

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TOURNAMENT at CORBETT PARK

The "TIVOLI GARDEN RESORT" All India Bridge Tournament under the auspices of BFI will be held at "The Corbett Hideaway", GARJIA (Corbett Park), Ramnagar, Distt: Nainital from 21st July (After Lunch) - 24th July (Afternoon) 2005. Total Prize Money: Approx. Rs. 1 Lac

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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

02-04 Jul - President's Cup at Ahmedabad
 08-10 Jul - West Zone Bridge Championship, Matunga Gymkhana (Contract Bridge Assoc)
 21-24 Jul - Tournament at Corbett Park, Garjia
 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
 18-20 Nov - Singhanian Pairs, Kanpur

International

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

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