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The World Championship is here

The month of October is nearing and the TOP Bridge event of the year - The **2005 World Bridge Championships**, comprising the **Bermuda Bowl**, **Venice Cup**, **Seniors Bowl** and **Transnational Open Teams** competitions, will take place in Estoril, Portugal from October 22 to November 5 2005. The venue is the **Estoril Congress Centre**.

The 2005 World Bridge Championships comprise of

- The 37th **Bermuda Bowl** (Zonal Championship for open teams)
- The 15th **Venice Cup** (Zonal Championship for women's teams)
- The 3rd **Seniors Bowl** (Zonal Championship for senior teams)
- The 5th **Transnational Open Teams**

The **Bermuda Bowl**, the **Venice Cup** and the **Seniors Bowl** are open to the Zonal representative teams, qualified through trials arranged by each WBF Zone. The number of teams each Zone is entitled to enter in each series varies.

The **Bermuda Bowl** and the **Venice Cup** consist of a qualifier and a knockout stage. 22 teams will take part in the **Bermuda Bowl**, 22 in the **Venice Cup** and 22 in the **Seniors Bowl**. The **qualifier** is a round robin (all against all) involving all participating teams in each competition. The top 8 teams will advance to the knockout stage. The **knockout** stage consists of the quarterfinals, the semifinals, the final and the playoff for 3rd place.

The 5th **World Transnational Open Teams Championship** is open to teams nominated by the National Bridge Organisations (NBOs) and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament. Teams eliminated from the early stages of the **Bermuda Bowl**, **Venice Cup** & **Seniors Bowl** will also be able to enter the World Transnational Teams free of charge. The **World Transnational Open Teams** will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 31 October. The **format** will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The **Quarterfinal** will start late afternoon on Thursday 3rd November, the **Semifinal** will be played on Friday 4 November and the **Final** will end on Saturday 5 November.

India will be represented in **Bermuda Bowl** by - Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Mr. B. Satyanarayana, Mr. Subhash Gupta, Mr. Rajeshwar Tewari, Mr. K.R. Venkatraman & Mr. Sunit Chokshi and in the **Venice Cup** by Mrs. Bimal Sicka, Mrs. Feroza Chothia, Mrs. Indira Sonawala, Mrs. Shaileja Mahajan, Mrs. Geeta Lakhani & Mrs. Amita Raithatha..

The Bridge enthusiasts may please note that the Bridge Base Online will be giving **live Vu-graph** of the World championship matches. Be ready with the download of the BBO software on your PC to view this superb show **live**. You may please visit www.bridgebase.com for details.

Wishing Best of Luck to All the Players representing India in the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup.

Editor

Transfers after Take Out Double by Partner

In the November 2003 Newsletter, we discussed how transfers can be used after opponents make a take out double of your partner's opening bid of 1H/S. This convention is very popular and is widely used by many partnerships. However transfers can also be used after your partner makes a take out double of an opening bid of 1C/D/H/S and RHO passes. Although this convention is not very popular but with transfers being used literally in every situation, days are not far when many partnership will use this convention.

This convention uses cue-bids and single jump responses by the doubler's partner as transfer bids. This convention makes it easier for a player who has a hand worth a game invitation or a game force to respond to partner's take out double. This convention is used only after One Level take out double. The complete structure of responses and rebids are:

Responses after Partner's Take Out Double

- After partner's take out double, responder's non-jump bid in any suit is natural. This bid shows no interest in game and is generally limited to 8HCP. The one notrump response is also natural and shows 7-9/10 HCP and a stopper in opponent's suit.
- The non-jump cue bid of opener's suit and a single jump in a new suit (except the jump in suit below opener's suit) is a transfer to the next higher unbid suit. This shows atleast game invitational hand.
- The jump in suit below opener's suit is an artificial bid. It denies a four-card major suit, denies a good minor suit worth bidding and requests doubler to bid notrump with a stopper in opener's suit.
- A jump cue-bid by the responder is also artificial and shows one of the two hands: either a hand worth a preempt in the suit just above the opener's suit or a hand worth a slam try in one of the other unbid suits.

Take out doubler's rebid

- After a transfer bid, doubler makes the minimum bid in responder's suit if he wants to decline game invitation. After doubler's sign-off, responder's raise of the suit shown is forcing to game where as bid of a new suit is forcing for one round.
- After a transfer bid, doubler's bid of a new suit, no trump rebid or jump in responder's suit are all forcing to game. New suit bid shows single suiter hands stronger than simple overcall. Jump to game denies slam interest.
- Cue bid of opener's suit by doubler, after transfer, shows either a hand worth a slam try or a hand in which he is interested in notrump game but has only a partial stopper in opener's suit.

The structure after take out double of 1C/H opening is:

(1C) – Dbl – (Pass) – ? 1D/H/S = natural, 0-8 hcp 1N = Natural, 7-9 HCP 2C/D/H = transfer to D/H/S, 9-11 HCP 2S = Denies 4-card major, GF, asks stopper in C 2N = Natural, 10-12 HCP 3C = weak long diamonds or slammish in H/S 3D = Slammish hand, good suit 3H/S = Weak hand, long suit 3N = To play	(1H) – Dbl – (Pass) – ? 1S/2C/D = natural, 0-8 hcp 1N = Natural, 7-9 HCP 2H/S/3C = transfer to S/C/D, 9-11 HCP 2N = Natural, 10-12 HCP 3D = Denies 4-card major, GF, asks stopper in H 3H = weak long spades or slammish in C/D 3S = Slammish hand, good suit 3N = To play 4C/D = Weak hand, long suit
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Examples

♠ Qx ♥ AJxx ♦ xx ♣ KQxxx	After (1S) – Dbl - (Pass)- you bid 2S as transfer to 3C and then bid 3H. You can show both your suits & HCP.	♠ Axxx ♥ x ♦ AKQTx ♣ xx	After (1S) – Dbl - (Pass)- you bid 3S as transfer to 4C and then bid 4D to show good suit and slam interest.	♠ Axxxxx ♥ Qx ♦ xxx ♣ xx	After (1H) – Dbl - (Pass)- you bid 3H as puppet to 3S and then pass 3S bid by take out doubler.
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☞ My usual word of caution: **for serious partnerships only** although I would recommend this for all tournament players.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

06/09/2005 – 12 Tables

NS 1: Joyjit Sen Sarma – D.K. Mutreja	60.46%
NS 2: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	60.46%
EW 1: V. Ravindran – N.K. Jain	57.08%
EW 2: Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal–Ashok Chandra	56.94%

13/09/2005 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Suraj Jain – Daya Dhaon	63.89%
NS 2: Dr. Nikita Kamal–Amarjit Wadhawan	57.99%
NS 3: D.D. Gulhati – Mrs. Rashmi Agrawal	56.94%
EW 1: Uttam Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	67.36%
EW 2: Ashim Kumar Ghosh – S. Mathew	58.33%
EW 3: A.K. Sinha – V.N. Puri	54.17%

20/09/2005 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Suman Bansidhar–MML Sharma	60.03%
NS 2: D.D. Gulhati – Mrs. Rashmi Agrawal	59.51%
NS 3: A.K. Upadhyay – Girish Kumar	58.29%
EW 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	59.38%
EW 2: R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	58.24%
EW 3: Ved Gupta – J.P. Agrawal	55.21%

27/09/2005 – 12 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	61.64%
NS 2: Daya Dhaon – Suraj Jain	61.42%
EW 1: J.B. Sengupta – R.C. Consul	57.98%
EW 2: T.C. Pant – V. Ravindran	56.65%

Vasant Vihar Club Tournament

25 Pairs participated in the Vasant Vihar Club monthly tournament held on 4th September 2005. The results were:

1. Col. Kapila – Arvind	60.67%
2. P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari	59.86%
3. R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	58.11%
4. Mrs. Kunti Thakur–Mrs. Mohini Bindra	54.48%
5. Mrs. Vimi Mital – Mrs. Krishna Tiwari	53.56%

- Reported by Mr. Amariit Wadhawan

DELHI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Delhi State Bridge Championship having Team of Four & Open Pairs event will be held at Delhi Bridge Association Building, 18, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi from 2nd December (1800 Hrs. onwards) to 4th Dec 2005. For details, please see the DBA Notice Board.

The winner of the T-4 & Open Pairs event will represent Delhi in the Winter Nationals 2005 to be held at Chennai from 27th Dec 2005 to 5th Jan 2006.

- Reported by Secretary, DBA

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

03/09/2005 – 12 Teams

1. **FORMIDABLES** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, J.B. Sengupta)
2. **SONCHEL** – (M. Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Vinod Sharma)

10/09/2005 – 13 Teams

1. **P.C. GUPTA** – (P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari, R.C. Consul, R. Chakravarti)
2. **FORMIDABLES** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Vinod Sharma)
3. **SONCHEL** – (M. Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Priya Ranjan Sinha)

17/09/2005 – 16 Teams

1. **FORMIDABLES** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Subhash Gupta, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)
2. **DELHI BLUES** – (Paresh Gupta, T.C. Pant, Amarjit Wadhawan, Yogesh M. Tewari)
2. **ARYAN** – (G.P. Aggarwal, Ved Gupta, Praveen Gupta, Neeraj Gupta)

24/09/2005 – 4 Teams

1. **V.K. MUTREJA** – (V.K. Mutreja, D.K. Mutreja, J.B. Sengupta, V.N. Puri)

AILBA – Pairs Event Results

09/09/2005 - 13 Tables

NS 1: S.K. Agarwal – Ved Prakash
NS 2: Suraj Jain – Daya Dhaon
NS 3: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Narvir Singh
EW 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma
EW 2: Mrs. Beneeta Chandra – Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal
EW 3: Mrs. Meera Bakshi – J.S. Bakshi

16/09/2005 - 9 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Bridge Judge – M.S. Judge
NS 2: Suraj Jain – Daya Dhaon
EW 1: Mrs. Madhu (R.K.) Agrawal – Poonam Datta
EW 2: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma

23/09/2005 - 9 Tables

NS 1: D.P. Sharma – G.N. Mehra
NS 2: Mrs. S. Bansidhar – M.M.L. Sharma
EW 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma
EW 2: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani

30/09/2005 - 11 Tables

NS 1: R.K. Vir – Mrs. Chand Vir
NS 2: Mrs. Meera Bakshi – Mrs. Madhu Kochar
EW 1: V. Tuli – K. Mubayi
EW 2: Mrs. Rajeshwari Gupta – P.K. Rajgariah

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

All India K.N. Modi Memorial Bridge Tournament, Nainital

The All India K.N. Modi Memorial Bridge Tournament 2005 was held at Boat House Club, Nainital from 22nd to 25th Sep 2005.

Late Shri K.N. Modi, who left us this year for his heavenly abode was patronizing this tournament for the last twenty years. His loss was deeply felt by all the bridge players and especially by players from Nainital & Delhi. This year's tournament was a fitting homage to the departed soul.

Nainital has always been one of the most attractive venues for Bridge players all over India and this year was no exception. Despite heavy rains, there were as many as 63 teams participating in this annual tournament. There were 3 events and each event is detailed below:

TEAM OF FOUR event – Shri K.N. Modi Trophy

In all, 63 teams participated in the T-4 event, and after playing a swiss league of 10 rounds (8 boards each), the following teams reached the quarter finals:

1. A.K. Upadhyay's, Patna	197 VPs
2. Munia's IV	182 VPs
3. Formidables	182 VPs
4. J.P. Goenaka	179 VPs
5. NRB's IV	174 VPs
6. Dhampur Sugar Mills	174 VPs
7. Azure	173 VPs
8. Wasi's, Aligarh	172 VPs

Mrs. Asha Surana's team from Delhi with 172 VPs were unlucky to be knocked out in the tie-break for the last place in the quarter-finals.

In the 2*10 boards **Quarter Finals**, A.K. Upadhyay's, Patna beat Wasi's, Aligarh (Mohd. Wasi, Anil Bansal, Anilul-Haque Jafri & Dr. M. Akram) by 38 IMPs (35-23, 33-7); Munia's IV beat NRB's IV (A.K. Jha, A.K. Ghosh, T. Mukherjee, Dr. Nihar Bhattacharya, Biman Chatterjee & Saunak Datta Roy) by 35 IMPs (36-34, 40-7); Formidables beat Azure (S.K. Hooda, Vikram Seth, Rana Roy & Manas Mukherjee) by 14 IMPs (13-11, 25-13) and J.P. Goenaka beat Dhampur Sugar Mills (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, K. Nandi & D. Majumdar) by 6 IMPs (20-17, 14-11)

In the first of the 2*16 boards **Semi-Finals**, A.K. Upadhyay's, Patna beat J.P. Goenaka (J.P. Goenaka, Pritish Kushari, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das, S.N. Dey Sarkar & S.N. Kejriwal) by 11 IMPs (37-35, 42-33), whereas in the 2nd Semi-final Formidables beat Munia's IV (D.S. Roychowdhary, S. Sen, B. Dutta, S. Das, H.M. Chatterjee & M.K. Saha) by 17 IMPs (C/O 2-0, 29-16, 45-43).

In the 4*10 boards Finals, Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta & Kingshuk Bhattacharya) beat A.K. Upadhyay's, Patna (A.K. Upadhyay, S.M. Moin, M.N. Misra, S.K. Sinha, Ratnesh & Girish Kumar) by 53 IMPs (C/o: 0-15, 31-28, 61-14, 39-29, 15-7).

BOARD-A-MATCH event – Shri H.P. Varshni Trophy

58 teams participated in the BAM event. The teams were divided in 2 sections and played 28 boards (1 board each). The winners of the BAM event were:

1	Dhampur Sugar Mills	- 115
2	Delhi Blues	- 113
3	J.P. Goenaka's IV	- 112
4	A.K. Ghosh & A.K. Jha	- 109
5	Jaipur Pink	- 107
6	Pushpak, Delhi	- 107

OPEN PAIRS event – Shri Rishabh Lohia Trophy

132 Pairs (excluding the pairs playing the Quarter Finals of Team of Four event) played the First Elimination in 5 sections and 54 pairs qualified for the 2nd elimination round. 76 pairs (54 qualifiers + pairs from QF, SF & Finals of team event) played the 2nd elimination, out of which 28 pairs reached the finals. The event winners were:

1. K.P. Chatterjee – D. Dey	60.25%
2. M. Wasi – Anil Bansal	59.08%
3. B.N. Parasarapura–Jeroo Mango	57.74%
4. Kiran Nadar – B.Satyanarayana	57.53%
5. Subhash Gupta – Badal Das	57.27%
6. P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari	56.17%

The Management committee & the Tournament Directors deserve all the praise for their commendable job in conducting the tournament smoothly.

Heartiest Congratulations to All the Winners & the Organizers.

- Reported by Editor

Interesting Deals from Nainital

The following deal from the swiss league of the Team of four event was the most talked deal of the just concluded Nainital tournament (by the way your Editor was the person involved with the deal).

	♠ QJxx ♥ T ♦ Jxx ♣ AJxxx	
♠ AK ♥ xxxx ♦ Qxx ♣ KQxx	N W E S	♠ T9xxxx ♥ xx ♦ T ♣ xxxx
	♠ x ♥ AKQJxx ♦ AKxxxx ♣	

West opened 1♦ (Precision), North passed and East responded 1♠. What is the bid of South? I as south faced the following dilemma. If I double, partner with 5-carder spade may pass. We play 2♠ as natural. I had another option of earlier passing and then bidding but that is only an afterthought from me. I am a known over bidder and rarely like to PASS. Hence based on the assumptions that East may not have 4 hearts (a possibility) and West will not have more than 4 hearts, I jumped to Six hearts. I only wanted the ♦Q with partner or the ♦Q to fall in 2 rounds. It was one of those hands, which didn't click and I got lot of firing for the bid. The question however remains – is there a way to bid this hand?

The question was posed to many and the answers were not very clear cut. If you are playing 2S as Michael type, then it should show Hearts & Clubs and may be 2NT as Heart & Diamond. Mr. Subhash Gupta & Mr. Kamal Mukherjee, were the two who informed that they will bid 2♥. Their version is that with 6-6 distribution these types of hands will rarely get passed out and we can get opportunity to show the strong double suiter hand. But I am sure in this case my 2♥ would have got passed out. So my dear Bridge friends. The ball is in your court. Please suggest the best possible bid.

To be frank with you all, if I would have bid 2♥ and opponents or partner would have opened their mouth, my next bid would have been 6♦ and partner would have passed that. My only consolation is that it would have also gone down 1.

Deal for Defense

The following deal from the quarter final match between Formidables & Azure in the Nainital tournament was an excellent deal for defense. The bidding in the Closed room was:

West	North	East	South
Satya	Rana	Kiran	S. Hooda
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2S	Pass	2NT
Pass	3H	Pass	4H ALL PASS

	♠ Axxx ♥ JTx ♦ Ax ♣ KQxx	
♠ T76x ♥ Axx ♦ Q ♣ JT876	N W E S	♠ QJ ♥ xx ♦ JT9xxxx ♣ Ax
	♠ K9x ♥ KQ9xx ♦ Kxx ♣ xx	

Rana opened a Precision diamond and on partner's 2C check-back bid 2S (may be it was showing 4 carder spade with 3 carder heart) and on 2NT bid 3H. The final contract was 4H. West led the ♦Q, taken by declarer in hand who immediately played a low club to Jack, Queen and Ace. East played the ♦J ruffed by West. How you plan to play from here.

If partner has the ♠K, the trick is not going anywhere but if ♠K is with declarer and declarer's hand is 2-5-4-2, then the best defense is to play the ♥A and back, so that declarer can not ruff his diamond losers (partner by playing the Jack has already shown the ♦10). So defenders in both the rooms went for this line of defense and declarer now played the ♣Q, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and came to hand with the ♠K. In the last 5 card position, South had the ♠9x, ♥KQx; dummy had ♠Axx, ♣xx and West had ♠T76, ♣T8. On the run of hearts West got squeezed and the contract was made in both the rooms.

West can defend the hand, if he knows the correct distribution of South's hand but there are numerous possibilities of going wrong. Let us say West would have considered South's hand as 5-3-3-2, and would have returned a spade after ruffing the diamond. Declarer will take it in Hand with ♠K, ruff the last diamond in dummy and play a heart to his Queen. If West takes it and returns another spade, declarer takes it with Ace in dummy and plays 3 rounds of hearts, throwing dummy's spade. West will be forced to keep 1 spade and 2 clubs and will get squeezed on the last heart. So it is mandatory for him to first duck the heart trick and take the next heart and return the spade. Now the squeeze does not operate as declarer can not go back to his hand.

The reason why west has played ♥A and back is the fear that declarer can ruff both diamonds in dummy considering his distribution to be 2-5-4-2. But if you think deeply, you will know that declarer will always score his hand if this is the case. At trick 6, declarer will ruff a diamond cash ♣Q and come to hand with club ruff. In the last 5-card position he plays a heart, West & dummy both discarding spade but on last heart west is again in soup. The small club is the threat in dummy and declarer either gets all the 3 spades or 2 spades and a club. The best part is that there is a double squeeze. If East had got 3 spades, then the low diamond in South's hand would have squeezed him. Both can keep only 2 spades.

- Reported by Editor

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**. J.P. Goenka's team led 34-27 after the first set (details were given in last month's Newsletter). The remaining 3 sets are detailed below:

SESSION 2:

Board 17, Dealer: North, Vul: None

	♠ 6 ♥ KQ642 ♦ J874 ♣ 763		
♠ KT932 ♥ J83 ♦ K96 ♣ KT	N W E S	♠ 76 ♥ 975 ♦ T5 ♣ AQ9854	
	♠ AQJ85 ♥ AT ♦ AQ32 ♣ J2		

OPEN ROOM:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
KUSHARI	TAHIR	SUMIT	MUNIR
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	2C	DBL
Pass	2H	All Pass	

East led the ♦10 taken by West with the King and played the ♣K and backed the ♣10 taken by East with the Ace. The ♣Q was ruffed with Ten and West overruffed with Jack. The declarer should have made all other tricks but made only 8 tricks for +110.

CLOSED ROOM:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
SARFARAZ	BADAL DAS	ALLANA	S.De SARKAR
Pass	Pass	3C	DBL
Pass	4H	All Pass	

The pre-emption by East turned out to be bad for PAK I, as the opponent reached the contract of 4H per force. The lead was ♠7 and declarer played the Ace and returned the ♠Q, covered by King and ruffed in hand. A trump was played to the Ace and back to King & Queen of trumps. When trumps broke 3-3, declarer came to dummy with ♦A and discarded a club on ♠J. Defenders could only take 2 clubs and a diamond and Goenka's team got +420 and 7 IMPs.

Goenka's team gained 1 IMP on Board 18, when they made 11 tricks in 3NT contract to 10 made by PAK I. Another IMP was added on Board 19, when they made 10 tricks on a 3 Spades contract to 9 tricks by their opponents. Then came the interesting board 20.

OPEN ROOM:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
KUSHARI	TAHIR	SUMIT	MUNIR
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C	All Pass		

Board 20, Dealer: West, Vul: Both

	♠ 82 ♥ 97653 ♦ AQ ♣ QT92		
♠ K ♥ J ♦ K873 ♣ AJ87643	N W E S	♠ AQT9 ♥ KQ8 ♦ T9652 ♣ 5	
	♠ J76543 ♥ AT42 ♦ J4 ♣ K		

EW can make 10 tricks in diamonds, but as it turned out, diamonds were never bid in spite of the 9 card fit. North led ♥5 and defenders got a heart, two diamonds and 3 tricks in clubs to go 2 down for -200.

CLOSED ROOM:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
SARFARAZ	BADAL DAS	ALLANA	S.De SARKAR
3C	Pass	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This time the pre-emptive bid struck Goenka's team. South tried to gamble and had to pay heavy prize, when North took him to 3NT. East led ♦2 and the declarer could get 2 diamonds, a heart and a club to go down five (-500) and a 12 IMPs gain to PAK I.

Board 21, Dealer: North, Vul: N-S

	♠ J9874 ♥ J64 ♦ AK8 ♣ A2		
♠ Q6 ♥ KQ73 ♦ QT643 ♣ 87	N W E S	♠ A32 ♥ T ♦ J7 ♣ KQ96543	
	♠ KT5 ♥ A9852 ♦ 952 ♣ JT		

OPEN ROOM:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
KUSHARI	TAHIR	SUMIT	MUNIR
All Pass	1S	3C	3S

East led the ♥10 and defenders got 2 hearts, 2 spades, a club and a diamond to go down 2 for -200.

CLOSED ROOM:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
SARFARAZ	BADAL DAS	ALLANA	S.De SARKAR
Pass	1S	3C	3S
Pass	Pass	4C	All Pass

East re-bid 4C against the basic rule of no further bid by a pre-empting bidder. It didn't turn out bad as the contract went down by only one trick for -50. But that was 6 more IMPs to Goenka team.

SESSION 4:

Board 17, Dealer: North, Vul: None

	♠ A64 ♥ A876 ♦ 64 ♣ KJ96	
♠ KJ9752 ♥ Q9 ♦ 72 ♣ QT7	N W E S	♠ QT8 ♥ 54 ♦ AQJ95 ♣ 832
	♠ 3 ♥ KJT32 ♦ KT83 ♣ A54	

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
TAHIR	SUMIT	MUNIR	A. SADHU
	1C	1D	1H
1S	2H	2S	4H
4S	DBL	All Pass	

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
B. DAS	ALLANA	SARKAR	SARFARAZ
	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

In the closed room, Sarkar – Badal Das never bid anything and allowed the PAK I pair to play in the four hearts contract. The hearts were breaking 2-2, the diamond Ace was right and the club finesse also was working for 12 tricks and +480 to PAK I.

In the open room, Munir Ataulah overcalled with 1 diamond and Tahir Masood with his 6-carder spade and support from partner thought it to better to sacrifice in four spades over four hearts. The sacrifice would have worked, if in the closed room the bid would have been six hearts instead of four, but that didn't happen and the defenders took their 2 hearts, 3 clubs, 1 diamond and a spade to take the contract down 4 for 800, PAK I losing 9 IMPs in bargain.

Board 18, Dealer: East, Vul: N-S

	♠ 5 ♥ A9843 ♦ KQ76 ♣ AT2	
♠ K832 ♥ K2 ♦ 8543 ♣ QJ4	N W E S	♠ AJ974 ♥ QJ75 ♦ J2 ♣ 98
	♠ QT6 ♥ T6 ♦ AT9 ♣ K7653	

In the closed room Allana - Sarfaraz played in 3C after Pass – Pass – Pass - 1H – 1S – 1NT – 2S –Pass – Pass – 3C – All Pass sequence, making 10 tricks for + 130.

In the open room after 2 passes, West (Tahir Masood) opened the bidding. What was the bid – a surprising 3 Clubs? Was he trying to psyche knowing fully well that North has a good hand for opening. As it turned out the bid got passed out. Down five for – 250 and another 4 IMPs to Goenka's team.

PAK I gained 2 IMPs on board 19, board 20 was flat and Goenka's team gained 2 & 6 Imps respectively on boards 21 and 22. Board 23 was flat and on board 24, PAK I tried a 3NT with 16 HCPs against 8 HCPs and a 5 carder suit. Not a bad try but it was not their day as it went down by 4 tricks and another 8 IMPs gone. They recovered 4 IMPs on board 25 and then came board 26.

Board 26, Dealer: East, Vul: Both

	♠ T8763 ♥ T6 ♦ Q42 ♣ QT5	
♠ A9 ♥ 2 ♦ AK9873 ♣ AK83	N W E S	♠ KQ2 ♥ A8753 ♦ JT6 ♣ 96
	♠ J54 ♥ KQJ94 ♦ 5 ♣ J742	

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
TAHIR	SUMIT	MUNIR	A. SADHU
		Pass	Pass
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
3C	Pass	3D	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	Pass
6D	All Pass		

Tahir – Munir bid very well to reach the slam. The lead was ♥6 and declarer after 2 rounds of trumps could discard one club on spade and ruff one with the Jack to score the slam.

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
B. DAS	ALLANA	SARKAR	SARFARAZ
		Pass	Pass
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Surprisingly Badal only bid 3NT over 2NT. 10 tricks were made and PAK I gained 12 IMPs for the slam.

PAK I gained another IMP on board 27 and both the teams bid slam in spades on Board 28. PAK I again bid another slam on board 29 to gain 13 IMPs. This time it was the turn of Allana – Sarfaraz.

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
TAHIR	SUMIT	MUNIR	A. SADHU
	Pass	Pass	1H
Pass	2H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Board 29, Dealer: North, Vul: Both

	♠ T87 ♥ K93 ♦ KT9 ♣ AT97	
♠ K43 ♥ 82 ♦ QJ74 ♣ J843	N W E S	♠ 9652 ♥ QJ ♦ 6532 ♣ Q62
	♠ AQJ ♥ AT7654 ♦ A8 ♣ K5	

It was a surprise that Alok Sadhu didn't probe for slam at all. May be Sumit should have used Drury to show his good 10 points (with a Ace & 2 Kings).

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
B. DAS	ALLANA	SARKAR	SARFARAZ
	Pass	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	Pass	6H
All Pass			

Allana used Drury and Sarfaraz's 2D showed good hand. It was easy for Sarfaraz to bid the slam with 2 key cards in partner's hand along with 3 carder hearts.

Board 30 was flat both side bidding 3 NT and making 10 tricks. PAK I gained another 6 IMPs on board 31, when both their pairs played in part scores.

Board 31, Dealer: South, Vul: N-S

	♠ A942 ♥ K94 ♦ KJ53 ♣ K9	
♠ T53 ♥ AQT63 ♦ 7 ♣ AJT2	N W E S	♠ KQJ87 ♥ J72 ♦ Q9 ♣ Q75
	♠ 6 ♥ 85 ♦ AT8642 ♣ 8643	

Tahir – Munir in the open room were allowed to play in 2 spades making 8 tricks for +110. In the closed room North (Allana) doubled West's (Badal) 1H and over RDBL of East, Sarfaraz bid 3D and over 3H again competed to four diamonds. He gave only a club and a heart to make 11 tricks for +150 to gain 6 IMPs.

In the last board of the set, Goenka's team gained 4 IMPs, when PAK I tried to compete. As a consolation, PAK I team won the last set by 38-33 to lose the 64 boards final by 79 IMPs (171-92).

- Reported by Editor

Alan Truscott

Alan Truscott, one of the most famous bridge columnist, died of cancer on Sept. 5 at his summer home in the Adirondack Mountains. He was 80 and lived in the Bronx NY. He wrote bridge columns for the New York Times for the past 41 years.

Mr. Truscott was executive editor for all six editions of The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, a thick compendium of bidding, play and defense, player biographies, tournament records, rules, bibliographies and just about everything else involving the game. He also wrote books classifying all of the game's simple and complex bidding systems. In 1986, at age 61, he ran in and finished the New York City Marathon.

Mr. Truscott and Dorothy Hayden, who later became his wife, played a major role in uncovering the most famous of all bridge scandals. During a world championship match in 1965 in Buenos Aires against the British team of Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro, the American expert B. Jay Becker noticed what he thought were unusual finger movements by his opponents. He mentioned this to his playing partner, Mrs. Hayden. Eventually he, Mrs. Hayden and Mr. Truscott, who was covering the tournament for The Times, determined to their satisfaction that Reese and Schapiro were using a finger code to signal the number of hearts in their hands: when they held their cards, one finger behind them meant one heart, two fingers meant two hearts, and so on. Long heart suits were supposedly indicated by spread fingers.

The British captain suspended Reese and Schapiro, who denied everything. Later investigations led to opposite decisions by the British Bridge League (acquittal) and the World Bridge Federation (guilty). The incident, which was never fully resolved, helped lead to the introduction of table screens at major tournaments, placed between partners to deter even the suspicion of illegal signaling.

Mr. S.N. Mathur of DBA remembers his visit to India in 1972. In Mr. Mathur's words:

He visited India in 1972 and a little known fact is that he proposed to Dorothy Hayden during this visit in front of Taj Mahal. He was part of the Precision circus which Katherine Wei brought to India. A game on behalf of DBA was organised by the IIBC at Ashok Hotel where all of them played. The group comprised of Katherine Wei, Truscott, Dorothy, Garozzo, Belladonna and I forget one more name. There was an interesting incident. Katherine on my right opened Precision one club. I bid natural two clubs which Belladonna doubled and Katherine passed.

You can imagine that I must be shaking. Well there was no way the contract could be defeated how badly I played. Three could make but I just finished with 8 tricks. The story is not about this contract really but Katherine giving a mouthful to Belladonna, Whereas the great Italian had made a negative double Katherine took it as a positive response. Precision was new and Katherine was the author of the system. Poor Belladonna only smiled and refrained from uttering a single word.

International Bridge News

World Bridge Championship 2005

The **Bermuda Bowl** is the symbol of world supremacy at bridge. It is awarded to the winner of the open teams competition between the representatives of the WBF geographical zones. Since its inauguration in 1950, the competition has been played 36 times. The **United States of America** were victorious 17 times, while their European rival, **Italy**, prevailed 13 times. The other titles were won by **France** (twice) and once by **Great Britain, Brazil, Iceland** and **The Netherlands**.

The **Venice Cup** is awarded to the winner of the zonal competition for women players. It was established in 1974 and since then only four countries have won it. The **United States of America** leads the race with 9 titles, while Europe follows with five successes achieved by **Great Britain** (twice), **Germany** (twice) and **The Netherlands** once.

The **Seniors Bowl** is a competition for senior players (56 years of age or older). Representative teams from all zones are invited to participate. The winners at the inaugural event, which took place in 2001 in Paris, France, were the **United States of America**, who kept the title in the second event, held in 2003 in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Qualified Teams 2005

Zone	No. of Teams	BERMUDA BOWL	No. of Teams	VENICE CUP	No. of Teams	SENIORS BOWL
Zone 1 - Europe	7	Italy, Russia, Sweden, Poland, England, Netherlands & Portugal (Host country)	7	Germany, England, France, Netherlands, Sweden, Austria & Portugal (Host Nation)	8	Italy, Germany, Denmark, Poland, France, Sweden, Netherlands & Portugal (Host country)
Zone 2 – North America	3	USA1, USA2, Canada	3	USA1, USA2, Canada	3	USA1, USA2, Canada
Zone 3 - South America	2	Brazil & Argentina	2	Brazil & Argentina	1	Brazil
Zone 4 – Asia & Middle East	2	India & Jordan	2	India & Pakistan	2	Pakistan & Bangladesh
Zone 5 - Central America & Caribbean	1	Guadeloupe	1	Venezuela	1	Guadeloupe
Zone 6 – Pacific Asia	3	Japan, China & Chinese Taipei	3	Indonesia, China & Japan	3	Indonesia, Hong Kong & Japan
Zone 7 - South Pacific	2	Australia & New Zealand	2	Australia & New Zealand	2	Australia & New Zealand
Zone 8 – Africa	2	South Africa & Egypt	2	Morocco & Egypt	2	Morocco & Egypt

The **Seniors Bowl** will also start with a Round Robin on Sunday 23 and finish on Saturday 29, with a knock-out stage starting on Sunday 30 with a quarterfinal, semifinal and a final the following week.

The quarterfinal in the above three events will end before the start of the **Transnational Open Teams** on Monday 31 October, allowing people who want to play this event to be free on time.

The **World Transnational Open Teams Championship** came into being in 1997 in Hammamet, Tunisia. It is contested by teams nominated by the NBOs without nationality or other restrictions. The first winners were the team led by **Leandro Burgay** of **Italy**, while in the second edition the title went to the **USA** team captained by **Rose Meltzer**. In Monte Carlo, Monaco 2003, the winning team was **Lavazza**, which comprised of Italian players.

World Bridge Championship 2005

Schedule of India's matches - Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup

Date	BERMUDA BOWL (20 Boards RR Matches)		VENICE CUP (16 Boards RR Matches)	
	Time	Vs.	Time	Vs.
22.10.05		Opening Ceremony		Opening Ceremony
23.10.05	1000-1250	Australia	1000-1220	China
	1400-1650	Italy	1400-1620	Pakistan
	1730-2020	Chinese Taipei	1730-1950	Indonesia
24.10.05	1000-1250	Jordan	1000-1220	Sweden
	1400-1650	Sweden	1400-1620	Morocco
	1730-2020	England	1730-1950	Japan
25.10.05	1000-1250	Portugal	1000-1220	Argentina
	1400-1650	Argentina	1400-1620	Austria
	1730-2020	Netherlands	1730-1950	Germany
26.10.05	1000-1250	USA 2	1000-1220	New Zealand
	1400-1650	New Zealand	1400-1620	USA 1
	1730-2020	China	1730-1950	Brazil
27.10.05	1000-1250	Guadeloupe	1000-1220	Venezuela
	1400-1650	Russia	1400-1620	Canada
	1730-2020	Brazil	1730-1950	Netherlands
28.10.05	1000-1250	Canada	1000-1220	Portugal
	1400-1650	USA 1	1400-1620	USA 2
	1730-2020	Japan	1730-1950	England
29.10.05	1000-1250	Poland	1000-1220	Egypt
	1400-1650	South Africa	1400-1620	France
	1730-2020	Egypt	1730-1950	Australia
30.10.05	1100-1320	QFs (Sess 1-3 of 16 Boards)	1100-1320	QFs (Sess 1-3 of 16 Boards)
	1400-1620		1400-1620	
	1700-1920		1700-1920	
31.10.05	1100-1320	QFs (Sess 4-6 of 16 Boards)	1100-1320	QFs (Sess 4-6 of 16 Boards)
	1400-1620		1400-1620	
	1700-1920		1700-1920	
01.11.05	1100-1320	SFs (Sess 1-3 of 16 Boards)	1100-1320	SFs (Sess 1-3 of 16 Boards)
	1400-1620		1400-1620	
	1700-1920		1700-1920	
02.11.05	1100-1320	SFs (Sess 4-6 of 16 Boards)	1100-1320	SFs (Sess 4-6 of 16 Boards)
	1400-1620		1400-1620	
	1700-1920		1700-1920	
03.11.05	1100-1320	Finals (Sess 1-3 of 16 Boards)	1100-1320	Finals (Sess 1-3 of 16 Boards)
	1400-1620		1400-1620	
	1700-1920		1700-1920	
04.11.05	1100-1320	Finals (Sess 4-6 of 16 Boards)	1100-1320	Finals (Sess 4-6 of 16 Boards)
	1400-1620		1400-1620	
	1700-1920		1700-1920	
05.11.05	1100-1320	Finals (Sess 7-8 of 16 Boards)		
	1400-1620			

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 Merrimac Coup

	♠ 87 ♥ A85 ♦ KT9653 ♣ 65	
♠ KT63 ♥ J43 ♦ AJ2 ♣ T83	N W E S	♠ J95 ♥ KT72 ♦ Q4 ♣ 9742
	♠ AQ42 ♥ Q96 ♦ 87 ♣ AKQJ	

Playing in 3NT, declarer wins the spade lead and finesses the ♦10. East takes it with the Queen and has to return back. A spade return now would prove too slow as declarer will be able to establish his diamonds, hence East returns the ♥K to remove the all important entry to the dummy. If declarer ducks to preserve his entry, East will switch back to spades to take the contract down.

East's play of an unsupported honour to remove an entry is known as the *Merrimac Coup*.

The Deschappelles Coup

A closely related play to Merrimac Coup, where one of the defenders force an entry to partner's hand is given below:

	♠ AJT42 ♥ AT ♦ K62 ♣ J83	
♠ 76 ♥ Q973 ♦ 94 ♣ K9652	N W E S	♠ K853 ♥ K64 ♦ QJT5 ♣ AQ
	♠ Q9 ♥ J852 ♦ A873 ♣ T74	

West leads ♣5 against 1NT. East wins with the Ace and cashes the Queen. South is marked with the ♦A, so East's best chance of reaching partner's hand is in hearts. At trick 3 he switches to the ♥K. Whether or not declarer takes this trick, East can eventually cross to his partner's ♥Q when in with the spade King. This is a true example of *Deschappelles Coup*, a title closely attributed to various sacrificial plays.

The Uppercut

	♠ 8 ♥ AKQ4 ♦ Q6 ♣ AQJ972	
♠ A92 ♥ T82 ♦ AKT752 ♣ 8	N W E S	♠ T5 ♥ J963 ♦ J83 ♣ T643
	♠ KQJ7643 ♥ 75 ♦ 94 ♣ K5	

North raises South's 3 spades call to 4♠ and West begins with ♦AK and tell from East's play that he has the 3rd diamond. There is no chance of another side winner so West aim to promote a second trick in the trump suit. He continues with a third round of diamonds and when he gets his ♠A over declarer's ♠K, he leads the 4th diamond, which his partner ruffs with the ♠10 and West's ♠9 becomes the setting trick. This jugglery for a defender to blast a hole in declarer's trump holding by ruffing high is called the *Uppercut*.

The Leaping Michaels

	♠ AKT842 ♥ 8 ♦ A8763 ♣ J	
♠ 93 ♥ AJ9763 ♦ 4 ♣ 9864	N W E S	♠ 76 ♥ KQ ♦ KJT9 ♣ K7532
	♠ QJ5 ♥ T542 ♦ 52 ♣ AQT	

The Michael's cue-bid over 1 of a major shows the other major and a minor (usually minimum 5-5). The *Leaping Michaels* is an extension of this convention over weak 2 openings of a major.

Here over 2♥ by West, North bids 4♦, which is a *Leaping Michaels* showing spades & diamonds. 4♣ would have shown spades & clubs and 3♥ would have shown both minors. 2♠, 3♣, 3♦, 3NT being all natural bids. On opening 2♠: 4♣ & 4♦ will mean ♥ & ♠ and ♥ & ♦, whereas 3♣ will mean ♣ & ♦.

C.R. Krishnamurthi

Shri C.R. Krishnamurthy passed away peacefully in San Francisco, surrounded by his family on Sep 15, 2005 at the age of 71 after a long and valiant battle against leukemia.

Mr. Krishnamurthy belonged to the Assam cadre of IAS and worked for WHO, after his service with the Government of India.

We at Delhi Bridge Association will never forget his dedication towards Bridge. For over 50 years he pursued his passion for Bridge, always reading and learning new systems, and of course playing regularly with his wife as his partner on Tuesdays & Saturdays. A complete team man - always accommodative & co-operative with least ego hassles - Shri Krishnamurthy was a warm-hearted human being.

Because of his forward-thinking scientific mind he was a staunch supporter of new technologies being incorporated in Bridge and was always encouraging playing with computer dealt hands, using bidding boxes for bidding etc.

He will be sorely missed by all of us. May his soul rest in peace.

JHIC OPEN BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Jubilee Hills International Centre will hold a Bridge Tournament under the auspices of BFI & A.P. State Bridge Association at Hyderabad from 1st to 3rd Oct 2005.

CBA North Zone Bridge Championship

CBA (Contract Bridge Association) will hold its 1st North Zone Bridge Championships at NEW DELHI from 7th to 9th Oct 2005. The venue of the tournament is:

ROYAL COURT, 41-Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar IV.

Only players from Delhi, UP, Uttranchal, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh are eligible to participate.

The tournament will have "Team of Four" & "Open Pair" events.

GOLCHA BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The All India Rajendra Golcha Memorial Bridge Tournament will be held from 14th to 16th Oct 2005 at Jai Club, JAIPUR.

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 3rd 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

- 01-03 Oct: JHIC Open Bridge Tournament, Hyderabad
- 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: Singhanian Pairs, Kanpur
- 25-27 Nov: Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament, Delhi
- 02-04 Dec: Delhi State Championships, DBA, Delhi
- 10-11 Dec: Tournament at IIP, Dehradun
- 27 Dec - 5 Jan 06: Winter Nationals, Chennai
- 16-19 Feb 2006: Lohia Bridge Tournament, Kanpur

International

- 13-16 Oct - 4th European Champions Cup, Brussels
- 22 Oct - 5 Nov - Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Transnational teams at Estoril, Portugal

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