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TOLANI GRAND PRIX 2006

The Tolani Grand Prix Bridge Championship 2006 was held at "The Residence - Hotel & Convention Centre", Mumbai from 19th to 22nd Jan 2006.

26 Teams participated in the Team of Four event. They played a Swiss league of 9 rounds (of 10 boards each) and the top 8 teams, which qualified for the quarterfinals were:

1. MANYAVAR (174 VPs)
2. INDIA BLUES (156)
3. AIRS (156)
4. J.P. GOENKA (152)
5. C.V. RAO (152)
6. R.L. KEJRIWAL M.C. (151)
7. MANGO (149)
8. TOLANI SHIPPING (147)

In the 3*12 boards Quarter Finals, Tolani Shipping beat Manyavar by 86-61.5; India Blues beat Mango 86-83; AIRS beat R.L. Kejriwal M.C by 72.5-32 & J.P. Goenka beat C.V. Rao by 86-41.

In the 3*14 boards Semi Finals, Tolani Shipping beat J.P. Goenka (J.P. Goenka, Sapan Desai, Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy & Ashim Mukherjee) by 134-71 whereas India Blues beat AIRS (Ian Concessio, Dr. Subir Roy, Arvind Vaidya, Ivan Alphonso & N. Rajmohan) by 92-83.

In the 4*16 boards final, **India Blues** (Ashok Ruia, J.M. Shah, Sandeep Karmarkar, Rajendra Gokhle & S.K. Iyengar) beat Tolani Shipping (R.A. Agrawal, Archie Sequeira, Anal Shah, Finton Lewis & Ajit Chakradeo) by **141-124**.

There were 44 Pairs in the Pairs elimination 1, out of which 28 pairs qualified for the 2nd elimination. 12 QFinalists joined them in the 2nd second elimination round and total 20 Pairs qualified for the final round. 6 losing semi-finaists and 2 pairs from sponsor's quota made it for a 28 Pair all play all final. The winners were:

1. Badal Das - S. De Sarkar	425.13
2. Subhash Gupta - Amod Rele	399.50
3. Raju Tolani - Ajay Khare	397.83
4. Anil Padhye - Keyzad Ankelesaria	394.56
5. Aniket Sanghvi - Kaustabh Bendre	387.46
6. Ashok Goel - Kamal Mukherjee	382.87
7. Amarnath Banerjee - S.C. Dutt	382.54
8. Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana	378.50

It is for the first time in India the event has been played with computer dealt – pre dealt randomly generated deals by the **Bigdeal** Program from the first Board to the last board in the Team Championship with screens and Bidding Boxes similar to the practice followed in all Major international Championships.

Finals of the Master pair event was also played similarly with Barometric scoring. This has been done in order to give the exposure to the players in India to play such kind of Computer generated Deals. In the knock out matches too, the deals were common and practice of seating privileges and line up slip procedures were followed as followed in International championships.

In a glittering ceremony of prize distribution the organizers felicitated Mrs. Kiran Nadar, the leading player in the country, who has represented India in the Open category, in several world championships. Twice in last 6 years she has reached the Quarter- Finals of Bermuda Bowl, the symbol of supremacy in World Bridge.

Mrs. Nadar along with Dr. Tolani & Mr. Ashok Ruia gave away the prizes. In his presidential address Dr. Tolani assured the gathering that next year the Grand Prix would be an international tournament.

- Editor

Tolani Shipping to represent India at the Commonwealth Games

The **Tolani Shipping** team represented by R.A. Agrawal, Ajit Chakradeo, Anal Shah, Finton Lewis, A.R.D. Sequeira & G. Manna will represent India in the Commonwealth Games Bridge Championship to be held at Melbourne, Australia from 7th to 12th Mar 2006.

They beat WELLKNIT of Chennai in the selection trials held at Mumbai on 18th Jan 2006 for selecting the team for representing India in the Commonwealth games Bridge Championship.

- Editor

GAZZILLI (Part 2)

Last month we discussed opener's rebids other than 2C. In this bulletin we will continue our discussion with responder's rebids and further developments after opener rebids the 2C Gazzilli.

D) Responder's rebids and further development after 1H Opening

Generally the forcing bid is 2D, which is relay and 8+ HCP. If opener's further rebids show hand of 17+ HCP, then GF is automatically created. Responder must limit his hand as far as possible:

<p>1H – 1S – 2C – ? . Further developments are: 2D – Relay, 7-8+ HCP. Opener rebids: 2H – 5+ Heart – 3+ Club 11-16 HCP 2S – 5+ Hearts – 3+Spades, 17+ HCP 2N – 5 Hearts, 5-3-3-2 hand, 16-17 HCP 3C/D – 5+ Hearts – 4+ C/D 17+ HCP 3H – 6+ Hearts, 17+ HCP without 3 spades 3S – 5 Hearts + 4 C + 3 S, 15-16 HCP 3N – 5 Hearts, 5-3-3-2S hand, 18-19 HCP 2H – 2/3 hearts, To play 2S – 5+ Spades, shortness in hearts, To play 2N – 5+ Diamond. Sign-off 3C – 5+ Club. Sign-off 3D – 5 Spade – 5 Diamond, 8-10 HCP 3H – Limit raise, 3 hearts and 4 or more spades 3S – Invitational with 6+ spades</p>	<p>1H – 1N – 2C – ? Further developments are: 2D – Relay, 7-8+ HCP. Opener rebids: 2H – 5+ Heart – 3+ Club 11-16 HCP 2S – 5 hearts and 4 C/D, 17+ HCP 2N – 5 Hearts, 5-3-3-2 hand, 16-17 HCP 3C/D – 5+ Hearts – 5 C/D 17+ HCP 3H – 6+ Hearts, 17+ HCP 3N – 5 Hearts, 5-3-3-2 hand, 18-19 HCP 2H – 2/3 hearts, To play 2S – At least 5-4 minors, longer D's, Sign-off. 2N – Both minors, Sign-Off 3C – 5+ Club. Sign-off 3D – 6+ Diamond. Sign-off 3H – Limit raise with 3 hearts 3S – 5+ Clubs, Singleton spade, 8+ hcp 3N – 5+ Clubs, Singleton heart, 9-10 hcp</p>
<p>1H – 1S – 2C – 2D – 2H – ? 2S – GF Relay. Opener rebids: 2N – 2-5-2-4 hand. 3C – 5 Hearts and 5 Clubs 3D – 5 Hearts 4 Clubs and 3 Diamonds 3H – 6 Hearts and 4 Clubs 3S – 5 Hearts, 4 Clubs and 3 Spades 3N – 5-3-3-2 hand, 14-15 HCP 2N – Invitational Hand 3C – To play 3D – 4th Suit, GF Force 3H – Suit agreed, requests cue bid 3S – 6+ Spades 3N – Sign-off</p>	<p>1H – 1N – 2C – 2D – 2H – ? 2S – 4+ clubs, 10-11 HCP 2N – Balanced, 10-11 HCP 3C – 5+ Club. 8-9 HCP 3D – 6+ Diamond. 8-10 HCP 1H – 1N – 2C – 2D – 2S (17+ 4C/D) – 2N – ? 3C – 5 hearts and 4 clubs 3D – 5 Hearts and 4 diamonds 3H – 6 Hearts and 4 Clubs 3S – 6 Hearts and 4 Diamonds 1H – 1N – 2C – 2D – 2N (16-17 hcp) – ? 3C/D – 5+C/D GF 3H – Heart raise, honour doubleton, GF 3S – Both minors</p>
<p>1H – 1S – 2C – 2D – 2S (17+ & 3+ S) – 2N – ? 3C/D – 5H-3S and 4C/D, 17+ hcp 3H – 6 Hearts and 3 Spades, 17+ hcp 3S – 5 hearts and 4 spades, 17+ hcp 3N – 5-3-3-2 hand with 3 Spades, 17-19 hcp 4C/D – 5H-4S and singleton/void C/D, 17+ hcp 1H – 1S – 2C – 2D – 2N (16-17 hcp) – ? 3C/D – 4 Spades and 5+C/D 3H – Heart raise, honour doubleton, GF 3S – 6+ Spades, GF 3N – sign-off</p>	<p>1S – 1N – 2C – 2D – ? 2H – 5+S & 4C 15-16 or 5S & 4C/D/H 17+ HCP After 2H, 2S is Relay & Opener rebids: 2N – 5 Spades 4 clubs 15-16 HCP 3C/D/H – 5 Spades – 4 C/D/H 17+ HCP 3S – 6+ Spades 3 hearts 17+ HCP 2S – 5+S 3+ clubs, 11-14 HCP 2N – 5 Spades, 5-3-3-2 hand, 15-17 HCP 3C/D/H – 5+ Spades – 5 C/D/H 17+ HCP 3S – 6+ Spades, 17+ HCP, denies 3 hearts 3N – 5 Spades, 5-3-3-2 hand, 18-19 HCP</p>

The meanings of various bids can also be as per partnership understanding. Gazzilli can also be played over minor suit opening.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

03/01/2006 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Col. Anand – Col. Arvind	57.41%
NS 2: Dr. Nikita Kamal–Amarjit Wadhawan	56.74%
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S.Jasuja	64.51%
EW 2: T.N. Tiku – G. Singh	60.58%

10/01/2006 – 12 Tables

NS 1: Dr. Nikita Kamal–Amarjit Wadhawan	65.93%
NS 2: A.K. Narang – Arun Jain	59.08%
EW 1: Suresh Kumar – V. Ravindran	57.33%
EW 2: Ravi Sawhney – T.C. Pant	56.56%

17/01/2006 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	65.94%
NS 2: Daya Dhaon – Suraj Jain	59.73%
NS 3: Prof. S.C. Gupta – Mrs. Mani Gupta	58.60%
EW 1: Col. Anand – Col. Arvind	66.67%
EW 2: M.M.L. Sharma – Mrs. S. Bansidhar	60.26%
EW 3: R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	58.35%

24/01/2006 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja	63.06%
NS 2: Arun Jain – A.K. Narang	60.76%
NS 3: T.P. Singh – K.B. Sikand	59.72%
EW 1: D.K. Mutreja – Joyjit Sen Sharma	75.26%
EW 2: S.K. Agarwal – Ved Prakash	61.90%
EW 3: Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	56.94%

31/01/2006 – 15 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal – Amod Rele	61.50%
NS 2: D.D. Gulhati – Lynn Bayman	59.59%
NS 3: Mrs. Madhuri Modwel – J.D. Gupta	59.38%
EW 1: U. K. Pal – P.K. Neogi	64.06%
EW 2: D.K. Mutreja – Joyjit Sen Sharma	59.85%
EW 3: T.C. Pant – Priya Ranjan Sinha	57.29%

Vasant Vihar Club Tournament

27 Pairs participated in the Vasant Vihar Club monthly tournament held on 8th January 2006. The results:

1. S.G. Bose Mullick – K. Chandramouli	63.12%
2. Hans Verma – N.K. Bidani	60.25%
3. Ganpat Rai – K.B. Sikand	60.03%
4. Daya Dhaon – Suraj Jain	59.90%
5. Mrs. Rekha Sarin – Deepak Gulhati	59.80%

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

07/01/2006 – 11 Teams

1. **ACES** – (Subhash Gupta, Sudhir Aggarwal, Amod Rele, Sunil Bhatia, Vinod Sharma)
2. **VIJAY** – (Vijay Kumar, O.K. Mohan Dass, J.B. Sengupta, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)

14/01/2006 – 12 Teams

1. **COSMOS**– (A. Mandal, Duleep Mutreja, Rajesh Jain, V.K. Mutreja)
2. **PURI** – (V.N. Puri, A.K. Sinha, A. Tankha, Narvir Singh, S. Dharni)

21/01/2006 – 10 Teams

1. **SANDEEP's Team** – (Sandeep Narang, T. Bhattacharya, N.K. Jain, M.S. Sharma)
2. **CONSUL's Team** – (R.C. Consul, J.B. Sengupta, D.K. Tewari, Ravi Sawhney)

28/01/2006 – 13 Teams

1. **NANDA** – (R. Nanda, R. Chakravarty, Sangram Guha, Ravi Sawhney)
2. **Royal India** – (Dr. Nikita Kamal, Amarjit Wadhawan, Dr. R.L. Sanghi, Ved Prakash, Dr. T. Moghe)
3. **CONSUL** – (R.C. Consul, J.B. Sengupta, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)

AILBA – Pairs Event Results

06/01/2006 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Amarjit Wadhawan
NS 2: Hans Verma – N.K. Bidani
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja
EW 2: Mrs. Sushma Gupta – Ujjwal Gupta

13/01/2006 - 9 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Brij Judge – M.S. Judge
NS 2: Mrs. Veena Gupta – Vijay Goel
EW 1: Maj. B.H. Iyer – S.A. Bijlani
EW 2: Mrs. Sushma Gupta – Ujjwal Gupta

20/01/2006 - 12 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Chitra Roy – Mrs. Bhavna Naraindas
NS 2: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Amarjit Wadhawan
EW 1: Shashi Somani - P.K. Rajgariah
EW 2: Radha – D.D. Gulhati

27/01/2006 - 11 Tables

NS 1: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Amarjit Wadhawan
NS 2: Mrs. Shashi Jain – Mrs. Kamla Mehra
EW 1: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani
EW 2: Mrs. Suman Khanna – R.C. Khanna

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

Rama Jain Selection Trials

The trials for selecting the pair to represent Delhi State in the **ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN Tournament** will be held at DBA as per the following schedule:

5th February 2005, Sunday

10.00 AM Elimination Round

02.30 PM Final

Note: A minimum of 50% pairs will get eliminated in the elimination round. The detailed format will be informed before start of the tournament.

All the Delhi Bridge players registered with BFI are welcome to participate in the event.

The All India Rama Jain Tournament will be played at Delhi Bridge Association Building, New Delhi on **11-12th Mar 2005**.

Trial @DBA for Summer Nationals

The 37th Summer Nationals are to be held at Vythiri Resorts, Wayanad, Kerala from 17th to 27th Mar 2006. The trials for selecting the Team for representing Delhi state at the Summer Nationals for the Team of Four (T.P. Khosla Trophy) & Open Pairs (Agarwala Trophy) will be held at DBA as per the following schedule:

11th February 2006, Saturday

10.00 AM Elimination Session for Pairs. Scoring shall be on IMP basis. 50% Pairs with a maximum limit of 12 Pairs will qualify for the Final.

12th February 2006, Sunday

10.00 AM Pairs Final, Maximum 11 rounds of 6 Boards each.

25th & 26th February 2006

10.00 AM Selection Trials for Team of Four, T.P. Khosla Trophy.

For Team of Four, the trials shall be on Round Robin format. The number of Boards and Rounds shall be decided depending upon number of Teams. The format for the next stage will be informed before the start of the tournament and will be based on the number of participating teams.

- Secretary DBA

Interesting Deal - DBA

The following deal was played in the Weekly Saturday Team of Four event at Delhi Bridge Association (DBA) on 14th Jan 2006.

(Deal Rotated with declarer made as South for the convenience of Readers)

	♠AT8x ♥x ♦A7x ♣JT9xx	
♠J9x ♥AQJ9x ♦Tx ♣KQx	N W E S	♠Kxxx ♥Tx ♦QJx ♣xxxx
	♠Qx ♥Kxxxx ♦K98xx ♣A	

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1H
Pass	1NT	Pass	2D
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
DBL	4D	All Pass	

North tried to take his chances in 3NT and West with 13 HCPs and full control in hearts, doubled for the heart lead. With North playing the hand, on the lead of ♥10, defenders can take 3 heart tricks, 2 club tricks and a diamond to take the contract 2 down. However, North realized the position well and ran to four diamonds, which did not get doubled.

On the table, West led a low spade and North got the tempo, when East after taking the trick with spade King returned a club. Now declarer was able to get his eight tricks from Ace & King of trumps, a heart ruff, 2 spades, Club Ace, 2 club ruffs. As East who held the trump, also had 4 clubs and 4 spades, declarer got 2 tricks from spade 10 and club Jack to make his 10 tricks.

There were questions raised on the bad lead and bad return by West-East. Everybody was of the opinion that the contract will go at least 2 down on trump lead. Dummy informed that the contract is always making with the additional information that West have hearts. Declarer has to only assume that East does not have more than 2 hearts. This was the suggested line of play on the diamond 10 lead.

Take the trick in hand with King and after cashing Ace of Clubs, play a low heart, who ever takes it returns another diamond taken in dummy with Ace, a club ruffed, a heart ruffed in dummy and another club ruffed in hand. Once the Club K & Q are out, simply give a diamond to East, who is forced to play the spades or the last club. The easiest return for East is his last club, and declarer after taking both clubs of Dummy, can play a low spade towards his hand. If East does not insert the King, he takes with Queen and plays back a spade covering the card put up by West. In case East puts the King, declarer throws the spade queen and now the spade return gives him all the remaining tricks. 4 Diamonds is always cold.

- Reported by the Editor

Interesting Deal from Tolani Grand Prix Luck Favors the Brave

You will rarely see a more lucky declarer than the one who held the South cards. This deal came in the second round of the Team of four event of Tolani Grand Prix in the match between ECOCLEAN Vs. WELLKNIT.

Dealer: South

	♠ 32 ♥ QJxxx ♦ 8x ♣ AKQ9		
	N W E S		
	♠ AKQJT ♥ ♦ AK9765 ♣ x		

West	North	East	South
Rana	Suhas	Manas	Ashok
Roy	Vaidya	Mukherjee	Vaidya
1H	1NT	Pass	2S
Pass	2NT	Pass	3D
Pass	3NT	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	Pass	5H(2)
Pass	6C(2)	Pass	7S
All Pass			

(1) – Precision 16+ (2) – Cue-bids

In the open room, Ashok Vaidya opened a precision club and Suhas bid 1NT over the 1H call by the opponent. South with his massive 6-6 fit probed in detail and after ascertaining that partner has not more than 2 diamonds (otherwise he would have raised to 5D rather than 4S) and 2 spades (for his no-trump call) bid the Grand after hearing the sweet 6C cue from partner.

West led the ♦J and after seeing the dummy, there was only one way for the declarer to make the contract. Diamonds should be 3-2 and the person ruffing the 3rd diamond should not have more than one spade, so that declarer can ruff the trick in dummy. Considering the lead, declarer wanted West to have not more than one trump and based on this assumption, he cashed the ♠A after taking the diamond trick with the Ace.

Surprise, surprise.... Dear West was void in trump and when South played the ♦K, both the defenders followed. When West discarded a heart on the 3rd diamond, Ashok could not believe his luck. The contract was cold now as declarer ruffed a small heart and took out all the 5 trumps of East. In the Closed room the contract was six diamonds.

- Reported by Editor

How you Bid this Hand?

The following interesting hand came in the DBA Tuesday Pairs event on 31st Jan 2006. What is the best bidding sequence possible to bid the hand to 3NT, which is cold.

Board 25, Dealer: North, Vul: EW

	♠ ATx ♥ x ♦ AKxxxx ♣ Qx		
♠ xxx ♥ xxx ♦ QJxxx ♣ Kx	N W E S	♠ KJx ♥ AKJ ♦ ♣ AJxxxx	
	♠ Q9xx ♥ QT9xxx ♦ T ♣ Tx		

North as dealer opens a Precision - 1 diamond (In Standard also the same bidding would have been made) and East overcalls 2 Clubs. It goes Pass, Pass and North bids 2 diamonds. Now East doubles and South runs to 2 Hearts.

West knows that North has got atleast 6 carder diamond as East's double shows a good hand with shortness in diamonds. East would have certainly bid 2H or 2S, with his good hand and 4 carder in Heart or Spade. Hence his DOUBLE is denying a 4-carder major suit. South's bid in Hearts confirms this.

The first question is whether West has any bid over 2H? I think NO and assuming West & North both PASS, then what is the best bid by East.

His DBL will be surely a penalty, which would fetch 6 tricks (2 clubs, 2 Hearts, a ruff and a spade) for +100 and surely East will not be happy with that score. Also the DBL may force North to bid 3D, which will be doubled by West again fetching 100 or 300 score for EW. If he bids 3C, may be North will again barge-in with 3D for the same 100 or 300 to EW.

The main question is what will be the 3D bid by East mean? Surely it is asking partner to bid 3NT with a sure shot diamond stopper and also informing him that he has got long good clubs with stopper in major suits. Partner in this case will grab the opportunity to bid 3NT as he has the vital King of Clubs as well as stoppers in diamonds. He would have bid 4C, in case he does not have a diamond stopper.

Can East use a 3H bid also to inform good control in Heart and total shortness in diamonds asking partner to bid 3NT with diamond control or bid 3 or 4 Spades with 5 carder spade suit or else bid 4C as the last resort.

There was only 1 pair who bid 3NT and I don't know whether the method used by them was scientific or just a fluke. **Comments are invited from EXPERTS.**

- Reported by Editor

Interesting Deals from Holkar Pairs – Winter Nationals

The following interesting hands came in the 2nd Elimination round of Holkar pairs.

A LOT OF FUN ON THE WAY TO A TOP

	♠x ♥xx ♦AKxxxx ♣9xxx		
♠AQxxx ♥AJTx ♦JT ♣KT	N W E S	♠Kx ♥Kx ♦Qxx ♣AJxxxx	
	♠JTxxx ♥Qxxxx ♦xx ♣Q		

West	North	East	South
Vasant		Madhu	
Kolathaya		Vishwanathan	
1S	2D	3C	Pass
3H	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led Dx and North allowed the Diamond 10 to hold the trick. Declarer played 2 round of spades and North showed out on the 2nd round. Now declarer played the club Ace and when the queen dropped, he cashed the club King and entered the hand with heart King and ran his clubs. On the last club, South got squeezed in Spades & Hearts and declarer made all the 13 tricks for a clear top.

A LOT OF FUN ON THE WAY TO A BOTTOM

	♠Qxx ♥Qxxxxx ♦xx ♣xx		
♠J7 ♥x ♦KJT9xxx ♣Qxx	N W E S	♠KT8x ♥Axxx ♦ ♣AKT9x	
	♠A9xx ♥KJ ♦AQxx ♣Jxx		

West	North	East	South
Vasant	Manas	Madhu	Amarnath
Kolathaya	Mukherjee	Vishwanathan	Banerjee
			1NT
DBL(1)	2D(2)	Pass	2H
Pass	Pass	5C	Pass
5D	Pass	6C	DBL
All Pass			

(1) –showed minors (2) – Transfer to Hearts.

Partnership understanding was that DBL showed minors but playing first time together the partner (West) forgot and Doubled for single suiter. East allowed South to convert to 2H and then bid 5C with his good hand thinking partner has the minors. West thought that partner is asking to convert to the single suiter and bid 5 diamonds. With void in diamonds and taking it to be better hand East bid 6 Clubs, which got promptly doubled by South.

South led the Cx to C10. Heart Ace and a heart ruff, diamond ruff in hand and another heart ruffed in dummy. The Spade Jack was now played, North covering with Queen, King and South took the trick with Ace. Knowing that declarer can not cash dummy's diamonds any more, South played the DA. East discarded the last heart from hand and Amarnath who understand well that there has been bidding misunderstanding, humorously asked the declarer, if he is giving up.

South now played the Club Jack taken with Ace and CK was cashed. In the last 4-card position, declarer played a low spade towards the seven and Amarnath ducked it. This allowed declarer to throw his spade loser on the Diamond King for down 1 and a nice handshake from Amarnath.

- Reported to Editor by Madhu Vishwanathan

WALSH

After a 1 club opening, responder can bid 1 Diamond in the following situation:-

1. Without 4 card major.
2. With longer diamond provided he would bid game.
3. With exactly 3 card diamond only when 3334 shape with 6-7 hcp.

So, opener need not rebid 1 of a major with balanced hand. Opener's 1M-rebid promise club length or unbalance hand. In this way, responder instantly knows where to play.

Conclusion:

1. Bid towards the strain, that means where to play.
2. Responds major ahead of even 6-card diamond suit.
3. If u doesn't bid major in the first opportunity, u may loss it forever.
4. After 1 NT rebid, 2 club would be check-back for major.
5. After 1 NT rebid, 2 Diamond is sign-off.
6. After 1 NT rebid, 2 of a major is inviting with 6-4.

- By Amarnath Banerjee

FAMOUS APPEAL of 47th Winter National 2005

Session-1 of Semi-Finals in the match between
Indian Railway "A" Vs. Trambak Rubber

Closed Room:

NS: Amarnath Banerjee – Snehashish Roy
(Railways)

EW: Shankar Acharya – Gobind Singha (Trambak)

Board 5, Dir: N, Vul: N-S

	♠ A94 ♥ A62 ♦ KT2 ♣ AQ96		
♠ 4 ♥ J ♦ Q954 ♣ KJ87432	N W E S	♠ QT76 ♥ KQT73 ♦ 763 ♣ 5	
	♠ KJ832 ♥ 9854 ♦ AJ8 ♣ T		

West	North	East	South
G. Singha	A. Banerjee	S. Acharya	S. Roy
	1NT	2H (1)	DBL (2)
3C(3)	DBL(4)	3H	DBL
All Pass			

(1) – D.O.N.T (H & S)

(2)– South explained this as penalty to his screen mate West, whereas North explained this as take out to screen mate East, which was correct as per the Convention card

(3) – Considering DBL as penalty, West bid natural clubs to reach a better spot but East considering the DBL as takeout explained this as fit in one of the majors with values in clubs.

(4) - Penalty

There was confusion and the contract went 5 down for 1100 to Railways. West called the Director informing about the misinformation received. Director ruled that EW have been damaged as based on North's information that it is a take out double, East took a different meaning of 3C bid and informed North accordingly. As per the Director's ruling the contract was changed to 3NT for NS, giving them +600 instead of +1100.

Railways appealed and Appeal committee declared that the table score will stand. Railways thus gaining 10 IMPs on the board. East contending that if double was takeout, then as per their system, 3C is a good raise in hearts with fit.

Mr. Manoj K. Nair from Bangalore conducted a poll to check out the assumption inherent in the director's ruling that if West were given the right explanation (ie: that Double is takeout), he would well have passed (and that 3N would have been reached by NS rather than a penalty pass). Here are the results of the Poll:

The raw poll result is that out of 24 who responded, 10 decided to PULL the double in some way either to 3C or via a 2N probe to find better spot (if such an agreement was valid). The remaining 14 majority chose to PASS.

A categorised sample indicated that among the 15 "Experts" polled and responded, 7 decided to PASS, 8 decided to PULL via 3C or some other bid.

So among experts, there is no clear cut decision to pass. A pull would have caused a 3CX-4 as the likely result. So the appeals committee's decision to award 3HX-5 –1100 seems to be the worst possible result to the NON-OFFENDING side and may never be reached on the table given the correct explanation. Any score more than -800 to the non-offending side seems unreal.

ALL INDIA SHREE CEMENT BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

The 4th All India Shree Cement Bridge Championship with a prize money of Rs. 350,000/- was held at the Bengal Rowing Club, Kolkata from 27th to 29th January 2006.

33 teams in the Team of Four event and 85 pairs in the Open Pairs event competed in the tournament.

The **MANAS SAHA's** team from Kolkata comprising of Manas Sinha, Shantanu Choudhary, Debbrata Majumdar, Kaustabh Nandi, Pranob Roy and Snehashish Roy won the Team of Four event of the tournament. They defeated MRSMC team in the Final by 54 IMPs (C/O 6-0, 27-28, 65-16). Earlier in the semi-finals, Manas Saha's team defeated Agarwals, Allahabad and MRSMC defeated Shree Cement "A".

The Pairs event was won by **Vijay Goel – Sukamal Das**. Ravi Goenka – Ajay Bagaria were second and Manas Mukherjee – Subir Majumdar were third.

Courtesy : Ranju Bhattacharya from Kolkata

International Bridge News

The Summer Festival of Bridge

The Australian Summer Festival of Bridge 2006 was held from 18th Jan to 30th Jan 2006 at Canberra, Australia. Some of the interesting deals of the tournament are given below:

First we have Youth player, Gabby Feiler, with a remarkable killing lead. Here's the auction and Gabby's hand, see if you can do as well as he did.

You hold ♠AQ873 ♥AT3 ♦KJ2 ♣J87 and the auction is:

West	North	East	YOU
	2H	P	P
3C	P	3NT	X
All Pass			

Gabby found.....the King of diamonds. Just look at the spread

Dealer: N, Vul: EW

	♠J96 ♥QJ965 ♦AT93 ♣9	
♠A ♥87 ♦Q854 ♣AQT532	N W E S	♠KT542 ♥K42 ♦76 ♣K64
	♠Q873 ♥AT3 ♦KJ2 ♣J87	

Kieran Dyke had shot 3NT and he was right to the extent that on a heart lead he had 9 tricks. On Gabby's choice, he didn't. King of diamonds, Jack of diamonds and two more meant that 4 tricks were already lost. So, in desperation, when North continued a heart at trick 5, he flew the King. Just 5 shy.

Serhat Ozenir from Melbourne found a nice squeeze in round 5

Dealer: E, Vul: NS

	♠AQ3 ♥Q98 ♦A43 ♣K653	
♠T962 ♥T754 ♦2 ♣J984	N W E S	♠J7 ♥KJ32 ♦KJ86 ♣AQ2
	♠K854 ♥A6 ♦QT975 ♣T7	

Serhat was playing 3NT from South. A club was led to the Queen, the Ace was cashed and Serhat took the third round with dummy's King. He cashed the Ace of diamonds and played a second diamond, taken by East's King. East played a third round and Serhat successfully finessed the 9. He cashed two more rounds of diamonds to produce :

	♠AQ3 ♥Q ♦ ♣6	
♠T962 ♥ ♦ ♣J		♠J7 ♥KJ3 ♦ ♣
	♠K854 ♥A ♦ ♣	

The Ace of hearts finished off West.

Bill Haughie gave this example of trump coup.

Dealer: N, Vul: None

	♠KT94 ♥QJ9 ♦Q76 ♣743	
♠A8 ♥K743 ♦954 ♣AJT6	N W E S	♠QJ732 ♥5 ♦AJ2 ♣KQ52
	♠65 ♥AT862 ♦KT83 ♣98	

The contract was 4S from East and the 3 of diamonds was led to the Queen and Ace. The 5 of hearts towards dummy saw South fly the Ace to cash the King of diamonds and continue the suit to declarer's Jack. Now a spade to the Ace and a spade back saw declarer's Jack score. The King of clubs was cashed, followed by a club to the 10 to produce:

	♠KT ♥QJ ♦ ♣7	
♠ ♥K74 ♦ ♣AJ		♠Q73 ♥ ♦ ♣Q5
	♠ ♥T862 ♦T ♣	

The King of hearts (on which declarer drops a club) and a heart ruff are followed by a club to dummy and the trump coup is complete. The lead is in dummy, North has K 10 of trumps and East has Q 7.

A Partial Elimination

By David Hoffman

Board 6 was the last board in our first match in the SWPT.

Dealer: E, Vul: EW

	♠A ♥K865 ♦AQ32 ♣AQ42	
♠KQ842 ♥J743 ♦T9 ♣86	N W E S	♠JT65 ♥AQ92 ♦KJ64 ♣3
	♠973 ♥T ♦875 ♣KJT975	

The bidding was :

West	North	East	South
		1D	P
1S	X	2S	3C(1)
P	5C(2)	All Pass	

- (1) - Having paid the entry fee, is allowed to bid
- (2) - Don't hang partner!!

On the lead of the spade King, it was obvious that both the HA and DK were badly placed, so some alternative plan was needed to make game.

On winning with the spade Ace, declarer led a low heart from dummy. East won with the Queen and switched to her singleton club. Winning in dummy, declarer cross-ruffed 2 hearts and 2 spades to reduce all to:

	♠K ♥K ♦AQ32 ♣A	
♠Q8 ♥J ♦T9 ♣6	♠J ♥A ♦KJ64 ♣	
	♠ ♥ ♦875 ♣KJT	

Declarer led the King of hearts and discarded a diamond on East's Ace, forcing East to concede the eleventh trick.

See the class of British International player John Armstrong's play on this one.

West	North	East	South
			2D
2NT	4H	4NT	P
5D	5H	All Pass	

Dealer: S, Vul: All

	♠AJ832 ♥KJ62 ♦A ♣K76	
♠Q74 ♥AQ3 ♦T853 ♣AQJ	N W E S	♠65 ♥ ♦KQ642 ♣T85432
	♠KT9 ♥T98754 ♦J97 ♣9	

South opened a revolting multi and West showed a strong no trump hand. John (North) bid 4H – pass or correct and East tried for the minors. John eventually won in 5H.

The DK was led to the Ace. Placing all the high card points (remember West has shown a strong no trump). John crossed to dummy's SK and played a club towards his hand. West took the Ace and returned a diamond for John to ruff. He cashed the CK, pitching a diamond off table and ruffed a club. Now he played the 10 of hearts to West's Ace and unblocked his own Jack, to bring about this position:

	♠AJ83 ♥K6 ♦ ♣	
♠Q7 ♥Q3 ♦T8 ♣	♠6 ♥ ♦Q64 ♣T8	
	♠T9 ♥9875 ♦ ♣	

West now cannot avoid putting the lead back on table, conceding a trick while so doing and allowing a major finesse as well.

Watch Linda Stern, go to work on this one

Dealer: N Vul: Nil

	♠QJT3 ♥43 ♦KJ2 ♣KJ72	
♠75 ♥AKJ9652 ♦Q853 ♣	N W E S	♠92 ♥Q87 ♦T964 ♣9653
	♠AK864 ♥T ♦A7 ♣AQT84	

Ishmael DelMonte had reached 6S from South. Linda led...the 2 of hearts! Partner took with the Queen and promptly led back a club to defeat the contract.

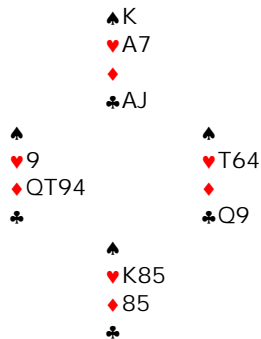
Pressure Points

Siggy Konig squeezed his way to 12 tricks on this one

Dealer: N Vul: Nil

	♠KQ65 ♥AJ7 ♦76 ♣AJ32	
♠874 ♥92 ♦QT9432 ♣87	N W E S	♠T93 ♥QT64 ♦J ♣Q9654
	♠AJ2 ♥K853 ♦AK85 ♣KT	

Siggy (North) was in 6NT and even after the helpful lead of a club could still count only 11 tricks. He tried the finesse of the Jack of hearts without success and a second club was played to his King. Siggy cashed his top diamonds and the spades to bring about this position at trick 9:



And the King of spades finished off East.

Triple Compression

Ryszard Jedrichowski could only watch and wonder as declarer went from 10 tricks to 7 on this one:

Dealer: W, Vul: All

	♠A75 ♥AJT9 ♦AJ2 ♣KQT	
♠JT43 ♥Q5 ♦754 ♣9762	N W E S	♠K862 ♥K843 ♦K86 ♣J3
	♠Q9 ♥762 ♦QT93 ♣A854	

South was playing 3NT and the lead was 3 of spades. The King took this trick and a second spade was taken by declarer's Queen. A finesse of the H9 was allowed to stand. Now at this point, if declarer gives up a trick to the King of diamonds then he will have 2 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and 3 clubs.

However he played the H10 off dummy to West's Queen. The S10 was taken by the Ace and declarer cashed the Ace of hearts but the King failed to appear. Now he cashed the King and Queen of clubs and, although the Jack dropped, the communication necessary to enjoy both the Ace and 10 was lacking. Declarer, therefore, overtook the 10 of clubs with the Ace and finally conceded a diamond to the King. East cashed the other red King and played a spade to partner's Jack enabling the C9 to be cashed for 2 off.

On the next Paul Wyer squeezed North out of both a card and the information necessary to make his contract.

Dealer: W Vul: Null

	♠943 ♥43 ♦Q9862 ♣T75	
♠875 ♥A6 ♦KJT5 ♣AQJ6	N W E S	♠AKJT6 ♥KQ82 ♦A4 ♣K9
	♠Q2 ♥JT975 ♦73 ♣8432	

When New Zealand Youth player, John Whyte, played this, he was propelled to 7NT by mentor Richard Solomon. John received the unhelpful lead of a club. He decided that there had to be a squeeze somewhere, having menaces in three suits so he cashed the Ace and King of spades ...and the sun came out.

Paul's play was rather more interesting. He received a small diamond lead which gave him his eleventh trick and tightened up the eventual squeeze position. Paul cashed 3 top hearts and the Ace and King of Diamonds. He then went to work on the clubs and, by trick 10, this position was left N: ♠943, ♦Q, E: ♠AKJ, ♥8, S: Irrelevant and W: ♠875, ♦J, ♣J.

By now Paul had seen both players follow to 3 clubs, North show out on the third heart, South show out on the third diamond. The hand shapes were thus proven to be

North : 2 - 2 - 5 - 4 or 3 - 2 - 5 - 3 and
 South : 3 - 5 - 2 - 3 or 2 - 5 - 2 - 4

He cashed the Jack of clubs and North discarded a spade. The first cases above were now true and the Queen of spades MUST be coming down as the remaining spades are 2-2.

- Courtesy Bulletins: "Summer Festival of Bridge"

CONVENTION.BASS

Prakash Dalvi, an excellent Bridge player and Bridge Teacher from Mumbai, has written this article. The extension "BASS" used in the heading is the Hindi word "Bas" meaning – "Enough". Through this article, Prakash wants to emphasize to all the Bridge players not to be slave of Bridge Gadgets and to play Bridge, not the Conventions.

Prakash, we are playing 4 suit transfers; Beta, Gamma, Epsilon in that order and all other gadgets; ok?

Ok! Ok! Now play. I told my student and partner.

First match of Swiss league, and the very first board, my partner played in a suit contract, which depended upon 3-3 break in side suit and if they don't break then finesse in other suit to dispose off the loser.

The side suit was breaking, so finesse was not required; however my partner tried the finesse first and went down in a cold contract.

You should have tried the break and then finesse; I said.

Yes; you are right Prakash but suddenly I remembered you taught me 3-3 break is 35% and finesse is 50%, so I tried the finesse.

But you can combine the chances that becomes 67%.

Yes, yes, I forgot that.

Down 10 IMPs.

We moved to the second board:

Prakash, we are playing Crowhurst. Yes? Yes.

What is that double barrel Crowhurst? You must teach me.

"Will see that later. Play the next board".

Opponents opened 1NT and partner with 5 card weak major bid and promptly got punished for 800.

Don't bid with such a poor suit.

But I had 11 HCPs.

I saw 3NT by opponents required very careful play; hope my team mates make it to minimize loss to 5 IMPs.

The 3rd board was another systematic disaster as I opened 1 diamond and partner bid 1 spade. When I bid NT, he invited 2 NT and with minimum I passed.

My partner had 14 HCPs, so we lost the cold 3 NT.

Why did you bid 2NT and not 3 NT? I asked.

You told me to go slow when having strong hand, so tried 2NT. I never thought you will pass.

Your 1S on 1D is forcing but its not 2 over 1 GF, so you can't bid 2NT, which is invitational.

Sorry, I thought it is forcing. Anyway, it was Non-vul, so we won't lose more than 6-7 IMPs.

Things were not quite well for us and it was three against one on our table. Our opponents were not strong; we should have got a massive score but it doesn't look likely.

Next was 'DONT'.

Vul against Non-Vul, my partner bid 2H showing H & S against their NT, where his points were in short suits. No body doubled but we went 3 down for -300 against their 1 NT and another 5-6 IMPs had gone.

Anyway soon the 8 boards were over. Our team mates played very well, so the match went 15-15.

Somebody who was kibitzing our match enquired to my partner - what happened?

Prompt came the reply. 15-15; there was nothing in the match. All flat deals.

Check the draw. I will just come, I told my partner.

One sec; before you go.

You know that IIT pair. They play transfers after takeout doubles. How does it go?

By this time I had lost my temper and wanted to yell at my partner saying don't even play STAYMAN for next two years.

But later, after gaining composure in a gentle voice, I told him – "PLAY BRIDGE – DON'T PLAY CONVENTIONS!".

LOHIA TOURNAMENT, KANPUR

The Kanpur Bridge Association will hold the XXth SETH SHRINIWAS LOHIA MEMORIAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP under the patronage & Presidentship of Shri B.P. Birla from 16th to 19th Feb 2006. The total prize money is above Rupees One Lac.

ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN TOURNAMENT

The Delhi Bridge Association will hold the ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT on 11th & 12th March 2006 at DBA Building, 18, Institutional Area, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.

ALL INDIA P.N.U. CLUB TOURNAMENT

P.N.U. CLUB, Varanasi will hold an All India Prize Money Bridge Tournament, under the auspices of Varanasi Bridge Association @ P.N.U CLUB, Cantt, Varanasi (Ph: 2503472) from March 3-5, 2006. The total Prize Money will be Rs. 150,000/-

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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 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.

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SAARC TOURNAMENT

The SAARC Bridge Tournament will be held at Kolkata. Pair event will be played on 25-26th Feb 2006 and the Team event will be played on 27th Feb, 28th Feb and 1st Mar 2006.

Contact: Mr. Mukul Chatterjee, Hon. General Secretary – BFI or Mr. Arijit Guha Hon. Jt. Secretary, BFI for further details.

DECCAN GYMKHANA PUNE TOURNAMENT

The Deccan Gymkhana, Pune, is going to organize their Centenary Celebration Prize Money Bridge Tournament in their club premises from 1st to 4th July 2006.

The total prize money will be approx. Rs. 400,000/-

Contact Mr. SUHAS VAIDYA, Convenor of the event for further details.

Forthcoming Events - 2006

National

- 16-19 Feb: Lohia Bridge Tournament, Kanpur
25-26 Feb: SAARC Tournament (Pair event), Kolkata
27 Feb–01 Mar: SAARC Tournament (Team event), Kolkata
03-05 Mar: All India Bridge Tournament, P.N.U. Club, Varanasi
11-12 Mar: All India Rama Jain Tournament, Delhi
17-27 Mar: 37th Summer Nationals, Vythiri Resorts, Wayanad, Kerala
01-04 Jul: Deccan Gymkhana, Pune

International

- 06-12 Feb: 11th NEC Festival, Yokohama, Japan
25-26 Feb: White House Top Teams, Amsterdam
07-12 Mar: 2nd Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, Melbourne, Australia
30 Mar - 09 Apr: ACBL Spring NABC, Dallas, TX
09-24 Jun: 8th World Championships, Verona, Italy

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