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The 49th Winter Bridge National Championship

The 49th Winter Bridge National Championship, under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India were organized by the Gujarat Bridge Association at the **GNFC Sports Complex at Narmadanagar, Bharuch** from 2nd to 10th Jan 2008.

The chief Guest, Mr. P.K. Taneja, MD, GSFC inaugurated the event in the august presence of Shri Y. Kamalakara Rao, President BFI, Mr. Pankaj Kapadia, President, Gujarat Bridge Association & Shri Mukul Chatterjee, Hon. Secretary, BFI. Mr. Vijay Ranchan, Chief Advisor – Organising Committee and Mr. S.K. Bannatwala, Secretary of the organizing committee, welcomed all the participants and dignitaries on the dais.

The championship started with the Team of Four event for the Ruia Gold cup, in which 84 teams from all parts of the country participated along with one team from Sri Lanka. Unlike last 2 years, when the teams were divided into groups of 8-10 teams and played a round-robin within themselves with top 2 teams qualifying for the next round, the format of the Team of four event was again brought back to its yesteryears format, wherein the teams were divided into 2 groups and the top 12 teams from each group qualified to the super league.

"FORMIDABLES" team won the **Ashok R. Ruia Gold Trophy** for the Team of Four event. **The Holkar Trophy for Open Pair** was won by **UTTAM GUPTA – KEYZAD ANKLESARIA** and the **BAM event for Mohan Sicka Memorial Trophy** was won by **NALCO** team.

A detailed report on the Winter Nationals is given inside (from Page 5)

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The Team of Four Event Winners with the Ashok R. Ruia Gold Trophy

From L to R: B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sunit Chokshi, Rajesh Dalal, Mrs. Kiran Nadar & K.R. Venkatraman



THE OPEN PAIRS WINNERS FOR HOLKAR TROPHY

Keyzad Anklesaria & Uttam Gupta

ROMAN KEY CARD BLACKWOOD (Part 1)

Blackwood convention, devised by Mr. Easley Blackwood, is one of the most widely used conventions in the world. It is one of the easiest conventions ever devised and its popularity is universal. The Blackwood convention has undergone many modifications and many variations have resulted from this one concept. One of these variations is called **Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB)** which is the result of constant quest for greater accuracy in Slam Bidding. RKCB has been popularized by Mr. Eddie Kantar, who has written a book and many articles on this subject. His ideas were earlier available on his web site (www.kantarbridge.com). The ideas presented in this article are from Mr. Kantar's article RKB.

Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB) differs from the original concept of Mr. Easley Blackwood in that there are not only four Aces counted in the different responses, but five Key Cards which are the four Aces and the King of the agreed trump suit. The basic reason behind this concept is that when Slam is to be played in a suit, the King of the trump suit is almost as important as an Ace and also the trump Queen is valuable.

A) Response to RKCB 4NT Bid

RKCB is used after Opener and Responder have agreed on a trump suit. There are two ways of responding to RKCB 0314 or 1430 and the difference between them is that 5C and 5D responses are inverted.

- 5C – Shows 0 or 3 Key Cards playing 0314 whereas playing 1430 it shows 1 or 4 Key Cards
- 5D – Shows 1 or 4 Key Cards playing 0314 whereas playing 1430 it shows 0 or 3 Key Cards
- 5H – Shows 2 Key Cards without the Queen of Trumps
- 5S – Shows 2 Key Cards WITH the Queen of Trumps

Out of the two methods, the one which will produce 5C response often, is better as it saves space which helps in Queen ask at a lower level. When a stronger hand asks the weaker hand, more often answer is 1 and playing 1430 produces 5C response. However when the weaker hand asks the stronger hand, more often answer is 3 and playing 0314 produces 5C response. Therefore, Eddie Kantar recommends play both!!!. That means whenever Strong hand asks play 1430 and when Weak hand asks play 0314.

Eddie Kantar's advise – For those that don't think they can handle two sets of responses, play one or the other. Then **1430 is better** as it comes more often (i.e. stronger hand asks weaker hand more often).

How to find out which hand is strong and which is weak?

In most RKCB sequences, the Opener is considered the Strong Hand unless:

1. Opener has limited his hand to a minimum opening bid (12-14) or Opener has opened preemptively.
2. Responder makes a strong jump shift response.

If a player makes a Take out double and 4NT RKCB is used, the doubler is considered the strong hand.

B) Double Keycard Ask

When two suits have been specifically bid and raised, the Double Keycard ask can be used. In Double Keycard, there are 6 key cards, the 4 aces and the 2 kings of the bid suits. The following are the responses:

- 5C – Shows 0 or 3 Key Cards playing 0314 whereas playing 1430 it shows 1 or 4 Key Cards
- 5D – Shows 1 or 4 Key Cards playing 0314 whereas playing 1430 it shows 0 or 3 Key Cards
- 5H – Shows 2 Key Cards with no Queen of agreed suits
- 5S – Shows 2 Key Cards with the lower ranking Queen
- 5N – Shows 2 Key Cards with the higher ranking Queen
- 6C – Shows 2 Key Cards with both the Queens

What Next

The most likely follow up to an RKCB Key card ask is the Queen-ask whenever the response is 5C or 5D. However in case 4NT bidder has the Queen or the response is 5H or 5S, the next auction is 5NT – King ask. The bid of 5NT confirms possession of all the 5 Key cards as well the Queen of the agreed suit. The best way to utilize 5NT is to play 5NT bid as a Specific King Ask (SKA).

We will see in action Queen-ask and Specific King ask in our next month's bulletin. (... to be continued)

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwa)

Local Bridge News & Results - Jan 2008

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event – Results

01/01/2008 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	66.50%
NS 2: Alok Khemka – Bhavna Naraindas	58.90%
EW 1: J.B. Sengupta – R.C. Consul	68.80%
EW 2: K.C. Sikka – Mrs. S. Sikka	56.70%

08/01/2008 – 13 Tables

NS 1: S.P. Verma – G. Gupta	65.20%
NS 2: V.N. Puri – D.K. Mutreja	63.50%
NS 3: S. Malhotra – Mrs. Nicky Mehra	58.70%
EW 1: R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	68.50%
EW 2: Narvir Singh – Mrs. Kunti Thakur	59.70%
EW 3: Dr. Nikita Kamal–Amarjit Wadhawan	57.30%

15/01/2008 – 11 Tables

NS 1: P.C. Gupta – R. Parasrampur	60.10%
NS 2: Mrs. Urmil Agarwal – Ashok Chandra	56.60%
EW 1: Kavita Dhawan – Suman Bansidhar	65.60%
EW 2: Mrs. Sushma Gupta – Ujjwal Gupta	59.40%

22/01/2008 – 9 Tables

NS 1: Kavita Dhawan – Suman Bansidhar	61.10%
NS 2: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – P.C. Gupta	59.40%
EW 1: K.C. Kumar – Rudra Dev	58.30%
EW 2: Ashim K. Ghosh – S.S. Gupta	58.00%

29/01/2008 – 10 Tables

NS 1: Alok Khemka – Bhavna Naraindas	63.15%
NS 2: Kavita Dhawan – Suman Bansidhar	59.72%
EW 1: K.C. Kumar – Rudra Dev	61.07%
EW 2: Deepak Khanna – Ashim .K. Ghosh	55.65%

Indian Oil Monthly Pairs Bridge Tournament

44 Pairs (11 Tables in 2 sections) participated in the Indian Oil sponsored Pairs Bridge tournament held at Indian Oil Bhavan, Yusuf Sarai, New Delhi on Sunday the 20th January 2008.

The winners of the 2-session (18 boards per session) event were:

NS1: Mrs. S. Bansidhar–Mrs. Kunti Thakur	351.53
NS2: Ashok Goel – Vinod Sharma	351.18
NS3: Mrs. Noriko Domichi – N.K. Jain	344.50
NS4: Sham Sharma – Sunil Bhatia	341.00
EW1: D.D. Gulhati – Anoop Dhawan	357.50
EW2: Dr. T. Moghe – S.K. Syal	351.50
EW3: D.N. Agarwal – M.M.L. Sharma	350.21
EW4: R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	348.62

- Reported by Maj. B.H. Iyer

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

05/01/2008 – 12 Teams

- GENERAL** – (Arun Jain, P.C. Gupta, Sunil Bhatia, Gen. Vijan)
- DYNAMIC** – (V.K. Mutreja, R. Chakravarty, Madhu Sharma, V.N. Puri)

12/01/2008 – 10 Teams

- ACES** – (Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma, P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari)
- COSMOS** – (A.K. Jha, Joyjit Sen Sarma, A. Mandal, R.K. Jain)

19/01/2008 – 12 Teams

- COSMOS** – (T.C. Pant, Duleep Mutreja, A.K. Jha, Rajesh Jain, Sudhir Aggarwal)
- MEHRA's** – (G.N. Mehra, Mrs. Kamla Mehra, S.S. Gupta, B.R. Murar)

AILBA Friday Pairs Event - Results

04/01/2008 – 10 Tables

NS 1: Amarjit Wadhawan – A.K. Jha	59.0%
NS 2: Mrs. Ruby Kochhar – P.K. Rajgariah	54.7%
EW 1: Mrs. Saklender Sikka – K.C. Sikka	58.7%
EW 2: C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal	57.0%

11/01/2008 – 7 Tables

NS 1: G.N. Mehra – D.P. Sharma	63.2%
NS 2: Mrs. Noriko Domichi – N.K. Jain	61.7%
EW 1: C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal	62.0%
EW 2: Mrs. Sushma Gupta - Ujjwal Gupta	58.8%

18/01/2008 – 8 Tables

NS 1: Amarjit Wadhawan – Maj. B.H. Iyer	62.2%
NS 2: Mrs. Rinku Singh – Mrs. Neena Thadani	58.3%
EW 1: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah	61.6%
EW 2: Mrs. Asha Sharma – Daya Dhaon	59.5%

25/01/2008 – 7 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Shashi Jain - Amarjit Wadhawan	56.4%
NS 2: Mrs. Rinku Singh – Mrs. Neena Thadani	55.0%
EW 1: Mrs. Noriko Domichi – N.K. Jain	58.0%
EW2: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah	57.1%

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

Vasant Vihar Club Pairs Bridge Tournament

30 Pairs (15 Tables) participated in the monthly Vasant Vihar Club tournament held on 6th January 2008. The results:

1. Mrs. Kunti Thakur–Mrs. Suman Bansidhar 66.59%
2. Sham Sharma – Sunil Bhatia 64.55%
3. P.C. Gupta – R.K. Gupta 64.09%
4. Amarjit Wadhawan – Paresh Gupta 62.73%
5. Narvir Singh – Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal
6. Sunil Malhotra – Ashok Giridhar

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

DBA SELECTION TRIALS FOR RAMA JAIN TOURNAMENT

The trials for selecting the pair to represent **Delhi** in the **All India Rama Jain** Open Pair Tournament to be held at DBA, New Delhi on 8th & 9th March 2008 will be held as per the following schedule:

24th February 2008, Sunday

10.00 AM Elimination Round
02.30 PM Final

The elimination round will be held only if there is a minimum of 20 Pairs, else only the final round will be played. The tournament committee will decide the play format before start of the tournament, in case only the Final round takes place.

- Secretary, DBA

Indo Dubai Bridge Meet

An Indo Dubai Bridge Tournament will be held on 1st & 2nd March 2008 at Hotel Le Meedian (Napolean Hall), 8 Windsor Place, Janpath Road, New Delhi under the aegis of All India Ladies Bridge Association (Delhi Chapter). The tournament is sponsored by WAVE Cinemas.

Tournament Schedule

Team of Four (7 rounds of 10 boards each)

1st March 2008, Saturday

0930 - 0945 Hrs: Entries

1000 – 1300 Hrs: Swiss League (Sessions 1 & 2)

1345 – 1800 Hrs: Swiss League (Sessions 3 to 5)

2nd March 2008, Sunday

0945 – 1245 Hrs: Swiss League (Sessions 6 & 7)

1400 – 1830 Hrs: Mixed Pairs / Ladies Pairs

Prize Distribution followed by Cocktail & Dinner

Prizes	T-4	Mixed / Ladies Pairs
1 st	Rs. 40,000	Rs. 20,000
2 nd	Rs. 25,000	Rs. 15,000
3 rd	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 12,000
4 th	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000
5 th	Rs. 7,000	Rs. 8,000
6 th	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 6,000
7 th	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 4,000
8 th	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 2,000

Plus other attractive prizes for Best Ladies Team / Pair.

Entry Fee: Team of Four: Rs. 4000 per T-4. Additional player upto 6 @ Rs. 1000/- each.

Mixed Pairs: Rs. 1500 per Pair

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DELHI GYMKHANA CLUB COL HARISH CHANDRA MEMORIAL Open Bridge Tournament

Dates of the Tournament – 15th and 16th March 2008
@ Rose Garden, Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi

Time - It shall convene at 1000 hours on 15th March 2008.

Events – There will be a total of 10 rounds of 10 boards each. The team positions shall be decided based on VPs score after 10 rounds.

Prize Money – Rs. 1,00,000/-

Entry Fee:

(a)Gymkhana Players - No Entry fee (b) Open Teams - Rs.1000/- per team

FREE TEA AND LUNCH SHALL BE SERVED TO THE PARTICIPANTS FOLLOWED BY COCKTAIL ON 16th MARCH 2008.

It is a Member Sponsored Tournament.

49th Winter Bridge Nationals 2007 - Complete Report

The 49th Winter Bridge National Championship, under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India was organized at the **GNFC Sports Complex at Narmadanagar, Bharuch** from 2nd to 10th Jan 2008. The main events of the championship were:

- *Team of Four Duplicate – For Ashok R. Ruia Gold Trophy*
- *Board-a-Match – For Mohan Sicka Memorial Trophy*
- *Open Pairs – Holkar Trophy*
- *IMP Pairs – MNC Trophy*
- *Categorised Pairs & Consolation Pair Events*

Each event is detailed below for the benefit of readers.

Team of Four Event for ASHOK R. RUIA Gold Trophy

In all 84 teams from all parts of the country participated in the Team of Four event. The teams were divided into 2 groups of 42 teams. The teams played 13 rounds of 12 boards each in 2 and half days of round robin (5 rounds on Day 1, 6 on day 2 and 2 rounds before noon on day 3), after which the top 12 teams from each group qualified for the super league.

Indian Railways "A" with 256 VPs from Group "A" and **Dhampur Sugar Mill** with 248 VPs from Group "B" led the 12 qualifiers from their respective group to the next stage. **The group-wise qualifiers were:**

Group - A			Group - B		
Rank	Team Name	Total VPs	Rank	Team Name	Total VPs
1	INDIAN RAILWAYS "A"	256	1	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	248
2	FORMIDABLES	245	2	INDIA BLUES	244
3	TOLANI SHIPPING	241	3	INDIAN RAILWAYS "B"	235
4	KABRA	223	4	RAJEEV KHANDELWAL	234
5	NALCO	215	5	TRAMBAK RUBBER	221
6	MOHOTA	211	6	FMC	219
7	WEAROLOGY	210	7	SOUMITRA	217
8	K V VAHALIA	210	8	J.P. GOENKA	217
9	MANYAWAR	209	9	MAYA MEERA SNEHA	211
10	FARIA	208	10	TARKUNDE	209
11	PANKAJ KAPADIA	208	11	KAUSHIK	205
12	JEROO MANGO	207	12	MALANI	205

Navyuga Engineering (206 VPs), SMOAK (203) & Bimal Sicka (202) from Group "A" & Boat House Club (201), Surat Tennis Club and Shukratara (199) were some of the unlucky teams, which could not reach the next stage of the team of four event. Except for Pankaj Mehta's team, which has been performing consistently well in the past year, there were no surprises, as all the top seeded teams qualified comfortably.



An excellent view of the GNFC Sports Complex -
The site of the 49th Winter Nationals



Play in Progress in the 49th Winter Nationals

These 24 qualified teams played a mini Swiss league of 8 rounds (of 12 boards each) for finalizing the quarter-finalists. The results of the Mini-Swiss league:

Team #	Team Name	C/ORD	RD # 1		RD # 2		RD # 3		RD # 4		RD # 5		RD # 6		RD # 7		RD # 8		PEN	TOT	Rank
			Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs	Vs	VPs			
5	TOLANI SHIPPING	8	6	20	2	14	4	14	1	22	11	11	9	25	12	15	16	21		150	1
12	J P GOENKA	3	11	8	17	25	23	25	2	25	3	14	16	16	5	15	4	14		145	2
3	FORMIDABLES	9	4	16	9	14	8	21	14	20	12	16	11	13	2	13	21	23		145	3
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL	10	1	19	5	16	9	19	12	5	21	21	4	13	3	17	11	25		145	4
16	WEAROLOGY	1	15	18	8	10	22	25	9	16	18	25	12	14	11	21	5	9		139	5/6
4	INDIA BLUES	9	3	14	1	18	5	16	11	8	19	19	2	17	7	22	12	16		139	5/6
9	TRAMBAK RUBBER	4	10	23	3	16	2	11	16	14	14	25	5	4	15	22	18	13		132	7
18	MANYAWAR	1	17	19	21	10	20	24	7	17	16	4	1	16	6	21	9	17		129	8
15	MOHOTA	1	16	12	20	12	10	20	6	14	8	24	7	14	9	8	23	23		128	
11	SOUMITRA	3	12	22	14	14	7	16	4	22	5	19	3	17	16	9	2	3		125	
7	RAJEEV KHANDELWAL	7	8	15	23	16	11	14	18	13	1	18	15	16	4	8	6	17		124	
1	INDIAN RAILWAY - A	12	2	11	4	12	19	20	5	8	7	12	18	14	23	16	8	18		123	
21	PANKAJ KAPADIA	1	22	19	18	20	14	13	8	16	2	9	6	14	19	22	3	7		121	
8	KABRA	4	7	15	16	20	3	9	21	14	15	6	13	21	22	18	1	12		119	
19	TARKUNDE	1	20	16	6	18	1	10	13	23	4	11	23	16	21	8	24	16		119	
20	FARIA	1	19	14	15	18	18	6	23	6	24	18	17	21	10	19	22	16		119	
6	INDIAN RAILWAY - B	7	5	10	19	12	13	17	15	16	23	18	21	16	18	9	7	13		118	
13	NALCO	2	14	6	24	21	6	13	19	7	10	25	8	9	17	15	10	15		113	
23	KAUSHIK	0	24	22	7	14	12	4	20	24	6	12	19	14	1	14	15	7		111	
22	JEROO MANGO	0	21	11	10	15	16	4	24	15	17	17	14	23	8	12	20	14	1	110	
14	MAYA MEERA SNEHA	1	13	24	11	16	21	17	3	10	9	3	22	7	24	7	17	25		110	
10	F M C	3	9	7	22	15	15	10	17	16	13	2	24	25	20	11	13	15		104	
24	MALANI	0	23	8	13	9	17	13	22	15	20	12	10	5	14	23	19	14		99	
17	K V VAHALIA	1	18	11	12	5	24	17	10	14	22	13	20	9	13	15	14	4		89	

The **top 8 teams** from the Mini Swiss league reached the Quarter-Final stage of the Ruia Gold. 3 teams had the same score of 145 and the VP product decided that J.P. Goenka (17525), Formidables (17384) and Dhampur Sugar Mills (16408) will be ranked as 2, 3 & 4 respectively. The TOP 4 Teams were given the option of choosing their opponents for the quarter final, with team ranked 1 having the first choice and so on. The line-up for the quarter finals (3 * 12 boards) was:

- Table 1: TOLANI SHIPPING Vs. WEAROLOGY
 Table 2: J.P.GOENKA Vs. TRUMBUK RUBBER
 Table 3: FORMIDABLES Vs. INDIA BLUES
 Table 4: DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL Vs. MANYAVAR

The Quarter-final (3*12 boards) Scores

Table #	Team Name	Vs.	Team Name	Boards			TOTAL
				1-12	13-24	25-36	
1	TOLANI SHIPPING (#1)		WEAROLOGY	25-07	12-20	23-15	60-42
2	J.P. GOENKA (#2)		TRAMBAK RUBBER	22-22	55-00	06-51	83-73
3	FORMIDABLES (#3)		INDIA BLUES	32-21	15-45	35-03	82-69
4	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL (#4)		MANYAVAR	14-35	06-40	60-09	80-84

In the first match on Table 1, the 2 Mumbai teams – **TOLANI SHIPPING & WEAROLOGY** played a tough match. Tolani team won the first set by 18 IMPs but Wearology recovered 8 in the second set. Tolani however kept the pressure on to win the last set by another 8 IMPs to go through to the semi-final. **WEAROLOGY** was represented by **Dipak Poddar, Milind Athavale, R. Shridharan, Anand K.S. Samant, Anal Shah & Jitu Solani.**

The second match between **J.P. GOENKA & TRAMBAK RUBBER** was a tussle between the two Kolkata teams. The first set ended in a tie but Goenka's team blitz their opponents in the second set by 55-0. It looked like it was curtains for Trambak Rubber, but they gave a real tough fight in the last round recovering 45 IMPs. Alas it was not enough and J.P. GOENKA team qualified for the semi-final spot. **TRAMBAK RUBBER** were represented by **Sudhirkumar Ganguly, Prasun Mukherjee, S. Lahari, H.S. Bajoria, A.B. Chakraborty & D. Santra**.

The match on table 3 between **FORMIDABLES & INDIA BLUES** evoked the maximum interest in kibitzers. It was supposed to be the toughest match and it turned out to be exactly that way. Formidables gained 11 IMPs in the first set, but then India Blues came back with a bang in the second set. They won the set by 30 IMPs to lead by 19 IMPs with last set to go. However, Formidables gave a spirited display in the last set gaining 32 IMPs to win the match by 13 IMPs and qualify for semi-finals. **INDIA BLUES** team was represented by **.M. Shah, Sandeep Karmarkar, S.K. Iyengar, N.R. Kirubakaramurthy, K. Krishna Kumar & P. Sridhar**.

In the match between **MANYAVAR & DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** on table 4, Manyavar took a commanding lead of 55 IMPs against Dhampur Sugar Mills (DSM) in the first 2 set, winning by 21 and 34 IMPs respectively. DSM didn't give up and recovered 51 IMPs in the last set but that was not enough to qualify. **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL** team was represented by **Ashok K Goel, Kamal Mukharjee, Pritish Kushari, Sourendra C Dutt, Kamal Roy & Alok Sadhu**.

The line-up for the 3 * 12 boards semi-final was – **Tolani Shipping Vs. Manyavar & J.P. Goenka Vs. Formidables**.

The Semi-final (3*12 boards) scores

Table #	Team Name	Vs.	Team Name	Boards			TOTAL
				1-12	13-24	25-36	
1	TOLANI SHIPPING (#1)		MANYAVAR (#4)	18-08	00-28	11-03	29-39
2	J.P. GOENKA (#2)		FORMIDABLES (#3)	15-36	14-29	46-19	75-84

In the **3 session Semi-finals**, **MANYAVAR** beat **TOLANI SHIPPING** by **10 IMPs (39-29)**. Tolani Shipping led the first session by 10 IMPs (18-8) but Manyavar recovered well in the 2nd session winning by 28-0 and leading by 18 IMPs. Tolani Shipping team tried their best but could only recover 8 IMPs (11-3) to lose the match by 10 IMPs. The last 2 sets of this match were reduced to 8 boards from 12 boards, as the teams sat in the same direction in the 2nd set and hence due to shortage of time the boards were reduced. The **TOLANI SHIPPING** team was represented by **Archie Sequeira, Arun Bapat, V.M.Lal, Arvind.Vaidya, R.G.Bhiwandkar & R.A.Agarwal**.

In the second semi-final, **FORMIDABLES** beat **J.P.GOENKA** by **9 IMPs (84-75)**. They led the first set by 21 IMPs (36-15) and consolidated their position by winning the 2nd set by 15 IMPs (29-14). With 36 IMPs arrear, the J.P. Goenka team fought well in the last set but could only recover 27 IMPs (46-19) to finally bow to their opponents by 9 IMPs. The **J.P.GOENKA** team was represented by **J.P.Goenka, Badal Das, Swarnendu Banerjee, Uttam Gupta & Keyzad Anklesaria**.

So it was MANYAVAR Vs. FORMIDABLES in the 4*16 boards Final of the Team of Four event of Ruia Trophy. The 64 board final was expected to be an excellent tussle between two well balanced teams. It was the 6th final for the Formidables team, who had never been able to win the coveted Ruia Trophy. On the other hand, this was the first Ruia final for the Manyavar team.

In a well fought first session, Manyavar took the first set by 8 IMPs (36-28). The second set turned out to be bad for the Formidables team when they lost 33 IMPs (09-42), thus trailing by 41 IMPs at half way stage. The match became quite interesting in the last session, when Formidables was able to recover 29 IMPs (36-7) in the 3rd session. With last 16 boards to go, Manyavar led by 12 IMPs.

In a nail-biting contest in the last set, it was **FORMIDABLES** who kept their nerves intact and won the set by 37-10 to score an emphatic victory by 15 IMPs (110-95) over the **MANYAVAR** team and win the coveted **Ashok R. Ruia Gold Trophy**. *It turned out to be sixth time lucky for them*. The **B.M. Malani Trophy** for the Runners-up went to the losing team **MANYAVAR**.

The winners "**FORMIDABLES**" team was represented by **Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B.Satyanarayana, K.R. VenkatRaman, Subhash Gupta, Rajesh Dalal & Sunit Chokshi**. The runners-up "**MANYAVAR**" team was represented by **Kalpna Mishra, Anil Padhye, Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare & Vinay Desai**.

The Final Scores (4 * 16 boards)

Team Name	Team #	Vs.	Team Name	Team #	Boards					TOTAL
					1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	PEN	
MANYAVAR	1		FORMIDABLES	2	36-28	42-09	07-36	10-37	0-0	95-110

Heartiest Congratulations to the "FORMIDABLES" Team – The Ashok R. Ruia Gold Trophy Winners.

Board –a-Match event for MOHAN SICKA Memorial Trophy

The Board-a-Match event for the MOHAN SICKA Memorial Trophy started with a 2-session first elimination round in which 44 teams participated.

The teams were divided in 4 groups of 11 teams each. 15 top teams each from combined groups "A" & "B", and "C" & "D" qualified for the 2nd elimination round. The leaders in the 1st elimination round were:

Gr. A & B Combined:

- | | |
|------------------|-------|
| 1. NAVAYUGA ENGG | - 171 |
| 2. FARIA'S | - 153 |

Gr. C & D Combined:

- | | |
|------------|-------|
| 1. KABRA | - 175 |
| 2. KAUSHIK | - 165 |

The 30 qualified teams were joined by the 6 teams from the quarter-final & semi-final of the team of four event for the Second elimination round. These 36 teams were put in 4 sections of 9 teams each and played in 2-sessions (1st session of 24 boards & the second session of 27 boards). The top 10 teams each from combined sections "A" & "B" and combined sections "C" & "D" qualified for the BAM finals. The toppers of the 2nd elimination round were:

Sections "A" & "B" combined:

- | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----|
| 1. MAYA MEERA SNEHA | - | 198 |
| 2. NAVAYUGA ENGG. | - | 190 |

Sections "C" & "D" combined:

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|-----|
| 1. WEAROLOGY | - | 181 |
| 2. TOLANI SHIPPING | - | 180 |

The 20 qualified teams were joined by the Team of Four event winners "FORMIDABLES" team for the 3-session final. The teams were divided in 3 sections of 7 teams each and played a total of 60 boards (20 rounds of 3 boards each) against each other.

The **NALCO** team won the event with a score of **222** points. They scored 70 points in the 1st session, scored an impressive 86 in the 2nd session and finally 64 in the 3rd session along with their carry over of 2 points to emerge winner of the prestigious **Mohan Sicka Memorial Trophy**. The winners were represented by **A. Rout, J. Pratihari, D.N. Lenka, B.M. Behera, I. Khan, S.K. Pradhan**.

With a score of 210, the second position was taken by **PANKAJ KAPADIA** team. They were represented by **Pankaj Kapadia, Ajit Chakradeo, Jagdish Biswas, Sadhan Ghosh, Sanat Kumar Saha, Indranil Chakroborty**. There was a tie between Indian Railway "A" & Malani's IV teams for the 3rd place won by Indian Railway "A". The top rank holders were:

Rank	Team Name	Total
1	NALCO	222
2	PANKAJ KAPADIA	210
3	INDIAN RAILWAY "A"	208
4	MALANI's IV	208
5	TOLANI SHIPPING	207
6	FORMIDABLES	203

HOLKAR OPEN PAIRS

The open Pairs event for the HOLKAR TROPHY started with the 2-session first elimination round. 96 pairs in 4 sections (Sections 'A' to 'D' with 12 tables each) took part in the first elimination round.

15 top NS & 15 EW from combined sections "A" & "B" and 15 top NS & 15 EW from combined sections "C" & "D" qualified to the next elimination round. The group-wise leaders in the 2-session (22 boards each) first elimination round of HOLKAR OPEN PAIRS were:

Group "A" & "B" combined:

NS1: B D MOHANTY - C R MOHAPATRA	524.67
NS2: BHARATI DEY - D BOSE	521.72
EW1: S R BHATTACHARYA - S SOME	557.33
EW2: SUJIT BASU - S ROY CHAUDHURY	549.20

Group "C" & "D" combined:

NS1: M Mukherjee - R Roy	558.40
NS2: D Poddar - K Krishna Kumar	519.90
EW1: K Bendre - Suhas Vaidya	561.60
EW2: J Pratihari - A Rout	534.45

The 2nd elimination round of the Holkar Open Pairs was played in 3 sessions of 22 boards each. 6 Pairs from Team event (Semi-finalists & finalists) joined the 60 qualifiers from 1st elimination round. The pairs were divided in 3 sections of 11 tables each and played Scrambled Mitchell movement in 3-sessions. The top ranking qualifiers were:

1. A.N. Banerjee – S. Mukherjee	1314.00
2. J. Pratihari – A. Rout	1252.50
3. Sunit Choksi – Rajesh Dalal	1197.48
4. Deepak Poddar – K. Krishnakumar	1192.05
5. K.R. Venkatraman – Subhash Gupta	1177.00

The top 32 ranked Pairs qualified for the final, which was played in 2 sessions of 62 boards (32 boards in the first session & 30 in the 2nd session) with Barometer scoring. The leaders at the end of first session were:

1. Keyzad Anklesaria – Uttam Gupta	321.85
2. J.N. Roy – S. Majumdar	306.25

The duo of Keyzad Anklesaria (from Ahmedabad) & Uttam Gupta (from Bangalore) continued their good form to finally win the **Holkar Trophy** with a score of 583.62. Their 2nd session score of 261.77 (58.17%) was enough to pip the Bengal duo of Amarnath Banerjee – Sumit Mukherjee to 2nd place by 0.7 points. Amarnath – Sumit tried their level best with an excellent 286.77 (63.73%) in the 2nd session along with their 1st session score of 296.15, but had to satisfy for 2nd place with a score of 582.92. The top rank holders were:

1. KEYZAD ANKLESARIA- UTTAM GUPTA	583.62
2. A N BANERJEE - S MUKHERJEE	582.92
3. MRS. KIRAN NADAR-B SATYANARAYANA	532.74
4. SUNIT CHOKSI - RAJESH DALAL	531.39
5. DEEPAK PODDAR - K KRISHNAKUMAR	527.94
6. S RAY - P ROY	523.64

- Reported By Editor

SOME INTERESTING DEALS

Winter Nationals 2007

Day - 1

The Round-1 match in the Team of Four event between India Blues & Maya Meera Sneha team produced 2 interesting slams.

Board 1, Dealer: N, Vul: None

♠A3		N	♠J982
♥T97532	W	E	♥AK84
♦J		S	♦AQ2
♣AK93			♣J6

Open Room:

W	N	E	S
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2D(1)	Pass	2H	Pass
3C	Pass	4H	Pass
5H	Pass	6H	All Pass

In the open room East (K. Krishnakumar) of India Blues opened a 15-17 NT and West (Kirubakara Murthy) bid 2D (transfer to hearts) and then a forcing 3C. When East showed his good heart support, West showed his extra heart value and East bid the slam.

The lead was a diamond from South, North covering the Jack with the King and besides heart breaking 3-0, declarer was able to discard the spade loser from dummy on the diamond.

Closed Room:

W	N	E	S
	Pass	1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1NT	Pass
3H	Pass	4H	All Pass

In the closed room, EW (Sukamal Das – Vijay Goel) were playing 12-14 NT and hence East opened 1D. His 1NT re-bid now showed a 15-17 hand but once West made an invitational bid rather than a game forcing 2C, East just raised to game.

Board 3, Dealer: S, Vul: EW

♠J65		N	♠AKT
♥	W	E	♥QJ63
♦K982		S	♦AQ6
♣KQJ976			♣AT5

Open Room:

W	N	E	S
			Pass
3C	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	DBL	Pass	Pass
RDBL	Pass	6C	All Pass

West (Kirubakara Murthy) opened 3C and his partner bid 4D (which was a cue bid with club fit). West got the chance to cue-bid hearts and his re-double showed top control and now Krishnakumar was happy to go to slam.

Closed Room:

W	N	E	S
			Pass
3C	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	6C	All Pass

In the closed room also, West (Vijay Goel) preferred bidding 3C and his partner made a forcing 3H bid and over 3NT bid 4c (RKC in clubs). 4D showed one keycard and now East also bid 6C (there could have been 2 heart losers?).

As it turned out, in the open room the lead was a spade and as Queen was offside and diamond did not break 3-3, only 12 tricks got made. In the closed room the lead was diamond 10 and now declarer was able to take the marked finesse in diamond to discard the spade loser for 13 trick thus gaining an imp. India Blues won the match 24 IMPs (21-9)

Day – 2

WELL PLAYED HAND

Mr. Gobind Singha, one of the senior most Bridge player of India, played this hand in the Round #9 of the Team of Four event in Group "B".

Team # 35 (Malani) Vs. Team # 20 (Rajasthan)

		N		
				♠xx
		W	E	♥9
			S	♦Qxxx
				♣KQxxxx
♠AKT8				
♥QJ8x				
♦AKx				
♣Jx				
♠Qxxx				
♥KTxx				
♦Txx				
♣Ax				
				♠J97
				♥A742
				♦J9x
				♣9xx

(for convenience of readers, the hands are rotated as NS)

W	N	E	S
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
4H	All Pass		

Lead: ♠x

South (declarer – Mr. Gobind Singha) played Ten from the dummy, which won the trick. He now played the ♥Q, which held. But the ♥9 from East awoke the declarer. He played a club from dummy and East's Queen held the trick. East continued with a club and West after taking with Ace played a diamond taken in dummy with the Ace. Declarer now came to hand with ♥A and finessed the ♠J. He now played the top spades, discarding a diamond from hand. Cashed the ♦K and ruffed a diamond in hand. A club from hand produced the 10th trick performe.

Interestingly, if declarer plays a 2nd round of heart early, the defense will prevail.

DID THE PSYCHE HELP?

This hand from Round #8 was played in the match between Team # 14 (Indradhanush) & Team # 24 (Gogate) in Group "A".

♠xx ♥AQTxx ♦Jx ♣AQxx ♠QJxxx ♥ ♦xxx ♣Jxxxx	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠AKxxx ♥Jx ♦Qxx ♣Kxx ♠T ♥K8xxxx ♦AKTxx ♣T
	N										
W		E									
	S										

(for convenience of readers, the hands are rotated as NS)

W	N	E	S
			1H
Pass	1S(?)	Pass	2D
Pass	4H	All Pass	

South with his 6-5 distribution opted to open the hand with light values and North with his excellent heart holding tried to take the opponents for a ride with a psychic one spade.

East thought for quite a while (from the look on his face it was clear that he was not believing North), but then finally passed. South bid his second suit and now North not knowing what to do just bid Four Hearts. I think by this time East was totally convinced that North has psyched but preferred not to bid.

As it turned out it was a cold slam in hearts and the psyche had actually back fired.

Day – 3

A THIN SLAM

A very thin slam was bid in the Swiss league round # 12 match between INDRADHANUSH & BAJAJ Teams.

♠x ♥KQxxxx ♦Qxx ♣Txx	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠T98x ♥A ♦AKxxx ♣Kxx ♠KQ ♥Jxxx ♦xxx ♣QJxx ♠AJxxxx ♥xx ♦Jx ♣Axx
	N										
W		E									
	S										

(for convenience of readers, The hands are rotated as NS)

W	N	E	S
			1S
Pass	2D	Pass	2S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5H
DBL	6S	All Pass	

South on the first seat opened a light one spade and partner after bidding his diamond suit and with good 4 carder support immediately used RKC. The 5H bid was doubled and now with no loser in Hearts, he jumped to the slam in spades.

The lead of ♣x was won in hand, and a heart played to the Ace. The spade ten was pulled from dummy and when spade queen was played, it was a simple matter to play the diamond and discard the losing club on the 4th diamond.

WELL BID GAME

This hand from the Swiss league round # 12 match between INDRADHANUSH & BAJAJ Teams.

Board 30, Dealer: East, Vul: None

♠AJ64 ♥742 ♦J8654 ♣K ♠KQT98 ♥J5 ♦K72 ♣T53	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠53 ♥K63 ♦AT93 ♣J764 ♠72 ♥AQT98 ♦Q ♣AQ982
	N										
W		E									
	S										

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1H
1S	Pass(*)	Pass	2C
Pass	3H(*)	Pass	4H
All Pass			

The Nort-South pair of Indradhanush team bid the hand well to reach an excellent game in Hearts. South (Ramani) opened the hand 1H and West (R.P. Deshpande of Bajaj team) overcalled a spade. North (Ramakrishnan Kavilara) opted to PASS expecting partner to take some action. East (Rajesh Saboo) passed and now South bid his second suit. West passed and now North judged the hand well and bid Three Hearts as the ♣K had become a golden card now. South obliged and accepted the invitation from North to bid game.

The lead was ♠K and declarer played the Ace, cleared the ♣K and played a low diamond from dummy to his Queen and West's King. West continued diamond to East's Ten, ruffed by declarer, who ruffed a club in dummy; took heart finesse and played the Heart Ace. The clubs were good and defense could only get a spade and a trump for an excellent +420.

GRAND SLAM

This hand was played in Round #13 between BAJAJ & ABHYANKAR teams.

Board 15, Dealer: South, Vul: NS

	♠T9x		
	♥KJxx		
	♦		
	♣Jxxxx		
♠Qxxxx	N	♠AKx	
♥xx	W	♥Axx	E
♦AJ752	S	♦T943	
♣K		♣Axx	
	♠Jx		
	♥Qxx		
	♦KQ83		
	♣Qxxx		

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	2D	Pass
3D	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5C	Pass
6S	All Pass		

Dr. Saboo (East) & V.J. Purranik (West) of Bajaj team reached a very thin slam in spades. It was gutsy of West to enquire 4NT after his ultra light opening. The slam is lay down if diamonds are 2-2. In case they are 3-1, the honors should divide.

As it turned out the diamonds were 4-0. Declarer took the ♣x lead in hand with King, went to dummy with trump Ace and played a low spade to Jack & Queen and took the last trump out by playing to dummy's King.

He now played the ♦10, South covering with King and declarer winning the trick with Ace. A low diamond was played to the Nine and whether South takes the trick or ducks, the contract was now cold with Heart Ace providing the important entry to dummy for discarding a heart on the Ace of clubs and the marked diamond finesse to score the slam.

GRAND SLAM

This hand was played in Round #1 of the Mini Swiss league. Many pairs bid the nice Grand slam in clubs.

	♠KT65		
	♥J432		
	♦9765		
	♣7		
♠QJ932	N	♠A	
♥K5	W	♥AQ97	E
♦AJ	S	♦K42	
♣QJ42		♣AK953	
	♠874		
	♥T86		
	♦QT83		
	♣T86		

It is a nice exercise for the players to bid it with your partner. TRY IT OUT.

Day – 4

This board from the Mini-Swiss league match between Dhampur Sugar Mills & Indian Railways "A" was a nice bidding exercise.

Board 10, Dealer: East, Vul: Both

	♠KT65		
	♥J432		
	♦9765		
	♣7		
♠QJ932	N	♠A	
♥K5	W	♥AQ97	E
♦AJ	S	♦K42	
♣QJ42		♣AK953	
	♠874		
	♥T86		
	♦QT83		
	♣T86		

W	N	E	S
1H(2)	Pass	1C(1)	Pass
3C	Pass	2C	Pass
3H(3)	Pass	3D(3)	Pass
5D(5)	Pass	4NT(4)	Pass
5NT(7)	Pass	5H(6)	Pass
		7C	All Pass

- (1) – Precision 16+ (2) – Transfer to Spades
 (3) – Cue-bids (4) – RKC (5) – 1 or 4 Key Cards
 (6) – Queen Ask (7) – Queen is there.

The lead was ♣6, but there was not much in the play and the contract was easily made for +2140 to DSM. What surprised many was how come Manas Mukherjee & Subir Majumder not only missed the lay down Grand but even did not bid the small slam. The deal costed 17 IMPs to Railways team and they lost the match by 16 IMPs (28-12), which got converted to 19-11 VPs victory for DSM.

Day – 5

Psychic Double

This hand is from the 4th session of IMP Pairs.

	♠JT98		
	♥A62		
	♦AKQ		
	♣KJ5		
♠Q64	N	♠532	
♥T98753	W	♥2	E
♦93	S	♦J8652	
♣Q8		♣9762	
	♠AK7		
	♥KQJ		
	♦T74		
	♣AT43		

West	North	East	South
Pass	2C	Pass	1NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	2D
Pass	6NT	DBL	5D
			All Pass

Seeing all the four hands it is impossible to imagine that the declarer went down in an ice cold slam. South's 1NT was 15-17 and he denied 4-carder major on the Stayman enquiry by partner. 4NT was simple Black wood and 5D showed 2.

East – West were Samir Pal & P.K. Bera and Samir tried the psychic double weapon for declarer to go wrong.

The lead was ♥T. Declarer took it in dummy and based on the double tried the spade finesse, which lost. The heart continuation was taken in hand and declarer after going to dummy with a top diamond tried the club finesse. That also lost and the DOUBLE had done its job.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SIGNAL

Board 3, Dealer: South, Vul: EW

♠JT4 ♥KT832 ♦J5 ♣KT7	N W E S	♠K85 ♥Q9 ♦K764 ♣J963
♠A97 ♥J65 ♦T92 ♣AQ42		♠Q632 ♥A74 ♦AQ83 ♣85

West	North <i>Kavilara</i>	East	South <i>Jagguboy</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Lead: ♦4 from East.

South's 1D was Precision and North's 2NT showed 11-12 balanced, denying a 4-carder major. For unknown reasons, South excepted the invitation with bare minimum points and bid 3NT (*Editor: usually happens when the going is not good*).

Declarer played low from dummy and West won the trick with the ♦J and shifted to the 4th best ♥3. East's ♥Q was allowed to win and East continued with the ♥9, declarer playing low and West put the ♥K and played back the ♥10. Declarer won with Ace in dummy, East discarding a club. Declarer now played the ♠2 and West made the first mistake of not putting the Jack (signaling the Ten with him). Declarer took with the Ace and now it was the turn of East to falter, when he did not chuck the ♠K on Ace. When the low spade was played, East took the trick with King and now it was easy for the declarer to score his 9 tricks consisting of 3 spades, one heart, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs.

Had West rightly signaled his entry, it would have been easy for East to chuck the ♠K on Ace.

BAM-FINAL

Board 10 - 1st session of BAM finals.

Out of the 21 tables, on which the board was played – 3 tables bid Grand slam in hearts, 1 a small slam and the remaining 17 tables played in game contract only. It was interesting to note that the slam was bid on those tables where East opened the bidding with 11 HCPs, but 2 Aces and the King.

Board 10, Dealer: E, Vul: Both

♠J73 ♥AKT8643 ♦Q4 ♣A	N W E S	♠A ♥975 ♦A652 ♣K9763
♠Q98 ♥QJ ♦KJ98 ♣QJ42		♠KT6542 ♥2 ♦T73 ♣T85

Rajesh Dalal - Sunit Chokshi (Formidables), Prithi Kushari – Alope Sadhu (Dhampur Sugar Mills) & Navyuga Engineering pair bid the Grand slam, whereas the pair of Maya Meera Sneha team bid the small slam.

Bidding at Rajesh Dalal - Sunit Chokshi table:

W	N	E	S
		1D	Pass
1H	Pass	2H	Pass
2S(1)	Pass	3C	Pass
4NT	Pass	5H(2)	Pass
7H	All Pass		

The 2S bid was check back and 3C showed exactly 1-3-4-5 distribution. West just checked on the Keycards and banged the unbeatable Grand Slam.

Bidding at Kushari – Sadhu table:

W	N	E	S
		1D	Pass
1H	Pass	2C	Pass
2S(1)	Pass	3H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5H(2)	Pass
7H	All Pass		

Except for small variation in bidding, the Grand slam was bid easily.

HOLKAR-FINAL

This deal (see next page) from the 1st session of Holkar Open Pairs Final, demonstrates that when the chips are down then also you are not supposed to be nervous.

K. Krishnakumar (KK) (South) playing with Deepak Poddar (North) opened 1NT (15-17) and was raised to 6NT. West (K.R. Venkatraman) led a spade. As soon as dummy came down, Krishnakumar realized that the only hope for the 12th trick is singleton ♦Q.

All India Sir Padampat Singhania Memorial Bridge Tournament

The 7th All India Sir Padampat Singhania Memorial Bridge Tournament was organized from 25th to 27th Jan 2008 at Kamla Club, Kanpur by the Kailashpat Singhania Sports Foundation. The participation in this tournament is by invitation to players in good standing. The organizers invited 24 Pairs from all over India and each pair played a 8-board match against every other pair. 8 Rounds were played on 25th, 9 rounds on 26th and 6 rounds on 27th Jan 2008.

IMP scoring was used subject to a maximum of 17 IMPs on a board. The top 2 NS & 2 EW scores were eliminated for calculation of datum of each board. Each pair started with a bank of 25 VPs per match. The net IMP difference of the match, subject to a maximum of 25 IMPs was added to the bank of the winning pair and subtracted from the bank of losing pair. The maximum score a pair could achieve in a match was 50, whereas the minimum score a losing pair would get was zero.

Pritish Kushari – Debbrata Majumda with a score of 42 & 45 in their first 2 rounds were the initial leaders. However they were overtaken by S. Moin (Bihar) & S. Lahiri (UP) in the next 2 rounds with a score of 143 / 200 after 4 rounds. They continued their good work in the next 2 rounds as well were the leaders after 6 rounds with a score of 208/300. Kushari – Majumdar blitzed V.M. Gupta (UP) – D.S. Jadon (UP) in the 7th round by 46 IMPs to gain full 50 and lead the race after 7 rounds with 252.

At the end of day 1 (round 8) the top scorers were (out of 400):

1. Pritish Kushari – D. Majumdar	267	5. Puneet Gangal – K. Krishnakumar	251
2. S.M. Moin – S. Lahiri	265	6. Kr. Vijayanand Singh – Pradeep Singh	232
3. Subhash Gupta – KR Venkatraman	255	7. Dipak Poddar – Milind Atavale	229
4. Bhabesh Saha & Vibhas Todi	254	8. T.C. Pant – Daleep Mutreja	227

The first 2 rounds on Day-2 again saw changes in the top positions. Moin – Lahiri with +79 in 2 rounds again regained the TOP slot with 339/500 pushing Kushari – Majumdar to 2nd place with 327. Pant – Mutreja scored heavily (97 out of 100) to jump to 3rd place with 324 and Saha – Todi retained their 4th position with 322. 2 more rounds were played before lunch on the 2nd day and the leaders at lunch were: Puneet Gangal – K. Krishnakumar (383 – 1st), Kushari – Majumdar (382- 2nd), Moin – Lahiri (381 – 3rd), Pant – Mutreja (374 – 4th) & Subhash Gupta – KR Venkatraman (370 – 5th).

The next 2 rounds after lunch saw the leaders Puneet – KK lose heavily and go down drastically. Moin – Lahiri also lost both their matches to go down from 3rd to 4th position with 418, whereas Pant-Mutreja came to 3rd position with 437. Kushari – Majumdar maintained their 2nd place with 439 but there was a new leader in Subhash – Venkatraman with 441/700.

The top rank holders at the end of day 2 (Round 17) were:

1. Subhash Gupta – KR Venkatraman	535	5. Dipak Poddar – Milind Atavale	490
2. S.M. Moin – S. Lahiri	515	6. Bhabesh Saha & Vibhas Todi	487
3. Pritish Kushari – D. Majumdar	511	7. Puneet Gangal – K. Krishnakumar	482
4. T.C. Pant – Daleep Mutreja	490	8. Manish Jaiwal – H.K. Singh	451

The last day fight was on as there was not too much difference in the scores between first to seventh positions. At lunch time (after 20 rounds) on the last day the leaders were: Kushari – Majumdar (612/1000 – 1st), Moin – Lahiri (602 – 2nd), Subhash Gupta – KR Venkatraman (596 – 3rd) & Pant – Mutreja (571 – 4th).

With the last 3-rounds to go it was anybody's game. With the last round to go Moin – Lahiri again regained the TOP position. The top ranked holders were:

1. S.M. Moin – S. Lahiri	661	5. Pankaj Mehta – K. Bhattacharya	608
2. Pritish Kushari – D. Majumdar	654	6. Puneet Gangal – K. Krishnakumar	604
3. Subhash Gupta – KR Venkatraman	650	7. Bhabesh Saha & Vibhas Todi	600
4. Manish Jaiwal – H.K. Singh	616	8. Dipak Poddar – Milind Atavale	598

With 2 big losses (only 14 & 4 out of 50 each in 2 rounds), Pant – Mutreja came down from 4th to 9th position. Whereas Pankaj Mehta – K. Bhattacharya came in the top 8 for the first time. Manish Jaiswal – H.K. Singh continued their good work of before lunch to jump from 8th to 4th position.

And now all eyes were on the result of the last round. The tussle between the first 3 pairs was enormous as there was very little to choose between them.

The TOP 3 pairs retained their positions after the last round and **S.M. Moin – S. Lahiri** were the deserving winners of this prestigious invitational tournament.

The final results:

Rank	PAIR NAME	TOTAL
1	S M Moin (Bihar) & S Lahiri (UP)	707
2	Pritish Kushari (W.B.) & Debabrata Majumdar (W.B.)	704
3	Subhash Gupta (Delhi) & K R Venkatraman (Tamilnadu)	691
4	Pankaj Mehta (U.P.) & K. Bhattacharya (WB)	646
5	Dipak Poddar (Maharashtra) & Milind Athawale (Maharashtra)	642
6	Bhabesh Saha (W.B.) & Vibhas Todi (W.B.)	640
7	T C Pant (Delhi) & D Murteja (Delhi)	625
8	Manish Jaiswal (UP) & H K Singh (UP)	616
9	Suhas Vaidya (Maharashtra) & K Bendre (Maharashtra)	610
10	Puneet Gangal (Rajasthan) & K Krishnakumar (Tamilnadu)	604
11	Himani Khandelwal (Maharashtra) & Rajiv Khandelwal (Maharashtra)	601
12	K. Vijay Kumar (A.P.) & K. Divakar Reddy (A.P.)	579
13	R Sridharan & Raju Tolani (Maharashtra)	571
14	Kr. Vijayanand Singh (U.P.) & Pradeep Singh (U.P.)	569
15	A K Sinha (U.P.) & B N Rastogi (U.P.)	560
16	Ajit Chakradeo (Maharashtra) & Pranjal Chakradeo (Maharashtra)	543
17	Mrs. Bharati Dey (W.B.) & Maj. Hooda (Delhi)	543
18	Sapan Desai (Gujarat) & Sunit Choksi (Gujrat)	521
19	Sudhir Agarwal (Delhi) & Amod Rele (Maharashtra)	514
20	Y Kamalakara Rao (A.P.) & K. Suryanarayana (A.P.)	508
21	K P Newatia (U.P.) & S. P. Agnihotri (U.P.)	480
22	P K Halder (UP) & P Chakraborty (UP)	469
23	V M Gupta (UP) & D S Jadon (UP)	464
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Congratulations to all the Winners.

- Editor

NEW PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

Pursuant to the resignation of Mrs. Rehana Saigol, Mr. Khurshid Hadi was unanimously elected as President of the Pakistan Bridge Federation at the Executive Council Meeting held on 6th December, 2007.

Mr. Hadi's first act was to place on record the Federation's appreciation for the extraordinary contribution of Mrs Saigol during her five year tenure. Mrs Saigol's untiring hard work, her efficient management and her ever present charm have raised the image of the PBF throughout Pakistan. Mr. Hadi also commended the contributions of Mr. Masood Mazhar, Hon Treasurer and Mr. Tariq Rasheed, the Hon. Secretary and appreciated Mr. Rasheed's willingness to continue his selfless service to the PBF.

Mr. Hadi has made the promotion of bridge and bridge activities at the school and college level as the foremost priority of his team. In this regard he has asked for the support of all members both for ideas and for time commitments in the manner of Mrs Shauq in Lahore and Tariq Rasheed's PBU team in Karachi.

Mr Hadi confirmed that the management team will comprise Mr. Tariq Rasheed as Hon. Secretary, Mr. Raza Naqvi as Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Ameer Hasan as Exec. Secretary and requested all members to provide them with whatever assistance they required. Mr. Hadi also committed to working closely with Mr. Mazhar Jaffri SEVP WBF and Mr. Azwer ul Haq Hon Sec. to BFAME in the organisation and participation of international tournaments and events.

- Reported by Mr. Syed Ameer Hasan

Tech Mahindra All India Junior Bridge Championship

The Contract Bridge Assosiation (CBA) organised the Tech Mahindra sponsored - All India Junior Bridge Championship from 24th Jan to 27th Jan 2008 at the Andheri Sports Complex in Mumbai.

Around 36 participants from all over India took part in these championships with six school children from Salem being the youngest participants. Mr Jose Damiani, president WBF, sent a congratulatory message to the organising committee. He also mentioned that "... Junior Bridge is our lifeline to the future... We hope that this great event will contribute to the selection of (Indian) team, pairs or individual to the 1st World Mind Sports Games to be held in Beijing, China later this year."

The tournament had 3 events.

The winners in the 'Individual' event were:

1. Ayan Mandal (IIT Kharagpur Alumni), age 22
2. Jenish Shah (D J Sanghvi College of Engineering, Mumbai), age 21
3. Ashok Gurumurthy (IIT Madras), age 21
4. Aniket Kasliwal (IIT Mumbai)
5. B V S Prajwal (IIT Madras), age 19
6. Aniket Sanghvi (Pune) , age 24

The winners of the "Progressive Pairs" event:

1. Swarnendu Sil (Jadavpur University) - Anindya Bhattachara (Heritage Institute Of Technology) - age 23 & 24
2. Pravin Kachelkar (K V Pendharkar Commerce College) - Jenish Shah - age 26 & 21
3. Rishabh Singh (IIT Kharagpur) - Mithun Mukherjee (Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore), age 21
4. Sabyasachi Sadhukhan (Srirampur College) - Avijit Hazra (Jadavpur University) - age 22
5. Anurag Mohota (VNIT , Nagpur , age 20) - Aniket Sanghvi (Pune)
6. Raghuvir Nadig (IIT Mumbai) - Avin Mittal (IIT Mumbai) - age 20

Team Of Four Duplicate:

GOLDEN EYE (Ayan Mandal, Soumya Das, Aniket Sanghvi , Anurag Mohota , Pravin Kachelkar) beat IIT Madras A (Guthi, Prashant Shriram, Angad Singh, B V S Prajwal, Ashok Gurumurthy) by 99-65 to win the Team event. **Aces High** (Paresh Kale, Jenish Shah, Aniket Kasliwal, Karan Sharma, Arun Subramaniyam) & **Dark Horses** (Rishabh Singh , Sadhukhan , Swarnendu , Anindya , Mithun) were the Losing semi finalist teams.

Congratulations to all the participants, prize winners and to CBA for organising these championships. One certainly hopes that these players will keep the flag of India flying at the Junior World games.

- Reported by Editor

PAKISTAN BRIDGE FEDERATION Welcomes all Participants To

12th Balijee International Bridge Championship



20th to 23rd March 2008

**At
Lahore Gymkhana Club
LAHORE**

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Chief Organizer**

Punjab Bridge Association

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Programme

Thu 20th Mar: 0930 Hrs: 1st Session Pairs
1400 Hrs: Lunch at Hosts Residence
1630 Hrs: 2nd Session Pairs

Fri 21st Mar: 0930 Hrs: 3rd & Final Session Pairs
1500 Hrs: T-4 (Rounds 1 & 2)

Sat 22nd Mar: 1000 Hrs: T-4 (Rounds 3 & 4)
1500 Hrs: T-4 (Rounds 5 to 7)

Sun 23rd Mar: 1100 Hrs: T-4 (Round 8)
1345 Hrs: T-4 (Rounds 9 & 10)

Cash Prizes (In Rs.)

	OPEN		LADIES	
	Teams	Pairs	Teams	Pairs
I	140,000	70,000	20,000	10,000
II	90,000	45,000	16,000	8,000
III	60,000	30,000	12,000	6,000
IV	40,000	20,000	8,000	4,000
V	20,000	10,000	4,000	2,000

Entry Fee

Open Pairs: Rs. 1000 per person
Team of Four: Rs. 1000 per person

International Bridge News

The Summer Festival of Bridge

(courtesy: Tournament's Daily Bulletins)

The 2008 Summer Festival of Bridge was held from 14th to 28th Jan 2008 at Canberra, Australia. Some of the interesting deals of the tournament are given below:

The Kiss of Life

Dummy was stone dead. There was no vestige of an entry to the set up tricks residing therein. However, the kiss of life saw Sleeping Beauty awaken in this one from the Last Train.

Last Train 4/29, Dealer: N, Vul: All

♠87 ♥92 ♦QJ5 ♣K6432	N W E S	♠AQ53 ♥AQJ3 ♦K73 ♣AQT ♠AT6 ♥KT764 ♦AT8 ♣85 ♠KJ942 ♥85 ♦9642 ♣J7
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North was playing 3NT. The 6 of hearts was led to the 8, 9 and Jack. Declarer now played 3 rounds of spades, East taking the last. East led the 4 of hearts and suddenly dummy came alive as the 5, 2 and 3 made up the rest of the trick.

Everybody's Trying

Another Last Train hand saw all three active players trying hard with the defence coming out on top.

Last Train 5/7, Dealer: S, Vul: All

♠KQJ6 ♥T643 ♦AK53 ♣T	N W E S	♠T54 ♥AQ92 ♦J94 ♣875 ♠9832 ♥J85 ♦7 ♣AKQ63 ♠A7 ♥K7 ♦QT862 ♣J942
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Kieran Crowe-Mai opened 1D after a pass by dealer. Kim Morrison bid his tasty spade suit and, a couple of explorations later, Kim was in the spade game.

Leigh Gold pondered his lead and found the excellent shot of the King of hearts. A second heart went to Adam Sarten's Ace and Kim dropped a hopefully deceptive Jack.

Adam considered this but decided that King from Kxx was, to say the least unlikely and played the third heart for Leigh to ruff and the defence still had the Ace of trumps to come. A datum of 210 to EW suggests that this defence was not found universally.

Lessons From Ish

Sartaj Hans was taken by an idea from Ishmael Delmonte some years ago. In the Mixed Pairs, he finally got the opportunity to assess its efficacy. Sartaj and Catherine Ritter were, of course, victorious in the event and one of their tops came via this piece of larceny.

MultiPairs 2/21, Dealer : N, Vul: NS

♠J7 ♥AKT83 ♦A ♣KQ875 ♠K8432 ♥ ♦KQJT84 ♣A3	N W E S	♠T95 ♥72 ♦9732 ♣T964 ♠AQ6 ♥QJ9654 ♦65 ♣J2
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Despite West's vigorous competition, Sartaj was playing 6H from North. The 10 of spades was led, suggesting to Sartaj that the King was offside. He flew the Ace and dropped the Jack from hand. He then tested Ish's theory by cashing the Ace of diamonds from the closed hand before playing a heart towards the Queen. He came off table with a small club. West took his Ace and now had a choice to make. Cash the King of diamonds or the King of spades (bearing in mind that Jack at trick one). North tried the diamond and Sartaj remembered to thank Ish.

2008 Summer Festival Title Holders

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

David Lilley, Andy Braithwaite, Ron Klinger, Bill Haughie, John Lester, Gabi Lorentz

NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Karen Creet, Sheila Bird, Julia Hoffman, Jenny Thompson, Rena Kaplan, Paula Schroor

NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

ACT: Ann Powell, Tony Marinos, Peter Kahler, Tim Davis, Tony Hancock, Alison Hancock

ZONE 7: Murat Genc, Margaret Perley, Wayne Burrows, Chris Ackerley, Arlene Schwartz, Jeff Miller

AUSTRALIAN MENS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1st : John Newman & David Lusk

AUSTRALIAN WOMENS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1st : Helena st Dawson & Christine Williams

AUSTRALIAN MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1st : Catherine Ritter & Sartaj Hans

AUSTRALIAN SENIORS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1st : Paul McGrath & Robyn Fletcher

AUSTRALIAN NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1st : Graham Hislop & James Sunderland

BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA **The New Executive Committee**

The new Executive Committee of the Bridge Federation of India elected at the Annual General Meeting held at the Sports & Recreation Club, G.N.F.C., Bharuch on 1st January, 2008 is:

President	:	Mr. Y. Kamalakara Rao
Vice-Presidents	:	Dr. Mohan Kanda I.A.S. (Retd.) Mr. Amitav Verma I.A.S. Mr. Yatish Chandra Mr. V.C. Kapoor Mr. Vijay Ranchan I.A.S. (Retd.) Mrs. Jeroo Mango Mrs. Gita Lakhani Mr. Vijayanand Singh Mr. R.P. Bhatnagar Mr. Kailash Newatia Mr. Suresh Kamat
Honorary General Secretary	:	Mr. Mukul Chatterjee
Honorary Secretary (Master Points)	:	Mr. Niranjana Ubhayakar
Honorary Joint Secretaries	:	Mr. B. Ramamohan Rao Mr. Arijit Guha Mr. Arvind Gupta Prof. Robins Jacob
Honorary Treasurer	:	Mahendra Kumar Choudhary

A Great Loss to Bridge Fraternity

With deep regret we inform the sudden and sad demise of Lala Madhav Prasad, scion of the well known and forward looking Zamindar family of Pilibhit, U.P., on 5th Jan 2008 at 6 AM from a heart attack.

He was President of the Uttrakhand Bridge Association and was a well known, respected and loved Bridge player of no mean ability and participated in all major tournaments in India. He represented "Boat House Club" team from Nainital and won many laurels in the Bridge arena.

He was around 74 years of age and did his Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from University of California. While studying at California, he shared the same apartment with Late Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto (Late Prime Minister of Pakistan) and Mr. Piloos Modi. He maintained excellent relations with them throughout their life time.

He was known for his gracious demeanour, courtesy and sense of humour and last but not least for his sumptuous hospitality. He hosted the Annual Corbett Park tournament at their resort at GARJIA (Corbett Park). The tournament was always a great success because of the informal atmosphere, camaraderie and lovely food.

We have lost a great human being, Bridge lover and a dear friend. On behalf of the whole Bridge fraternity, we convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

May GOD bless the departed soul.

**National Selection trials to select an Open Team to represent the Country
in the World Bridge Olympiad to be held at Beijing in October 2008
will be held at Andheri Sports Club, Mumbai.**

- a) A sponsored event will be organized prior to the selection trials subject to four teams participating to select one team to qualify to play in the trials. The entry fee is Rs.15,000/- per team and Rs.400/- per player toward WBF registration fee. An additional team will be qualified if the entries are more than four. The qualified team(s) should pay entry fee of Rs.10,000/- for the trials. Entries along with entry fee should reach the organisers before 15th april 2008.
- b) This year the Winners of the following events are eligible to participate in the trials.
- i) Winners of the T/4 duplcate event in the National Championships 2007.(Bharuch)
 - ii) Winners of Tolani Grand Prix team event held in November 2007.
- The entry fee is Rs. 10,000/- per team and Rs. 400/- per player toward WBF registration fee.

In addition, direct entry sponsored teams who pay Rs. 1,50,000/- per team plus Rs. 400/- per player towards WBF registration fee will be allowed to take part in the trials. Entries along with entry fee should reach the organizers before 9.00 p.m. on 4th May 2008.

All communications may be addressed to Mr. Anand Bhagwat, Hon. Secretary, Maharashtra Bridge Association, Narasimha Bhavan, Ram Maruti Road, Near Income Tax Office, Thane – 400 602. Phone No. 022-25405085, Cell No. 92234-76027.

Program

3 - 4 May 2008	-	Sponsored event
6 - 8 May 2008	-	Preliminary round of the trials (all teams participating) to select four teams to semi-final Knock-out.
9 - 11 May 2008	-	Semi-finals and Finals

Five teams participating: Triple round robin over 14 board matches to select two teams for final play off over 96 boards.

Six teams or more participating : Double round-robin over 12 board matches to select four teams for Semi-final over 64 boards, Knock-out. The leading team in the round-robin has the privilege to choose their opponent for semi-final Knock-out. The finals will be over 96 boards.

(B. RAMA MOHAN RAO)
Hon. Jt. Secretary, Bridge Federation of India

5th SAARC BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP - 2008

The 5th SAARC Bridge Championship will be hosted by the Bridge Federation of Sri Lanka at Lihiniya Surf Hotel – Bentota (39 miles south of Colombo) frpm 23rd to 27th April 2008

Events:	Open Pairs – 3 Sessions (Day 1)
	Open Teams – (Day 2 to Day 5)
	Ladies Teams – (Day 2 – Day 4 / day 5)
	Transnational Teams - Depending on schedule of events
Entry Fees:	Open Teams: US\$ 300 per Team
	Ladies Teams: US\$ 200 per Team
	Open Pairs: US\$ 30 per Pair

Interested teams may send their provisional entry along with the entry fees to Mr. B. Rama Mohan Rao, Hon. Jt. Secretary (Gen.), Bridge Federation of India, latest by 25th Feb 2008 on the following address:

G-3, 252/3, Flat No. 44, Anand, Magnum Plaza, Erram Manzil, Hyderabad – 500082.

You may contact him on 040-23323609 (excluding between 1300 to 1530 Hrs.)

Please note that all expenses have to be borne by the individuals.

Mr. Y. Kamalakar Rao
President. BFI

Seth Shrinivas Lohia Memorial Bridge Championship - 2008

The Seth Shrinivas Lohia Memorial Bridge Championship will be held at Ganges Club Ltd., Arya Nagar, Kanpur from 14th to 17th Feb, 2008. The tournament will be organized by Kanpur Bridge Association under the auspices of BFI.

Contacts: Mr. J.K. Lohia: 09839060711
Mr. S.P. Shukla: 09415487651

TOURNAMENT IN CHATTISGARH

Chattisgarh Bridge Sangh is planning to host the 7th All India Chattisgarh Chief Minister Trophy from 22nd Feb to 24th Feb 2008 at Bilaspur, Chattisgarh. The tournament will be conducted by BDCDA under the aegis of BFI.

Contact: Mr. Sujit Roy
Mob: 098931-95544

ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The Delhi Bridge Association will hold the ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN MEMORIAL PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT on 8th & 9th March 2008 at DBA Building, 18, Institutional Area, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.

MADHAVA PRASAD MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The famous Corbett Park tournament will be played in the memory of Late Shri Madhava Prasadji as "MADHAVA PRASAD MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT" at Garjia (Corbett Park) from 26th to 29th June 2008.

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DELHI BRIDGE SCHEDULE

1. Pair event on every Tuesday evening from 1830 Hrs. onwards & Team event on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards at Delhi Bridge Association Bldg., 18, Institutional Area, Lodi Estate. **Contact: T.C. Pant – 09811094407.**
2. Open Pairs tournament on every Friday at FRIENDS CLUB, Friends Colony (West), from 1400 Hrs organized by the Ladies Bridge Association. **Contact: Mrs. Shashi Jain – 0120-2512470.**
3. Open Pairs tournament on the first Sunday of every month in the evening at Vasant Vihar Club. **Contact: Amarjit Wadhawan - 09811452647**
4. A monthly Pairs event, sponsored by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd held every 3rd Sunday afternoon at IOC Bhavan, Yusuf Sarai. **Contact: Amarjit Wadhawan - 09811452647**

Forthcoming Events 2008

National

- 01-03 Feb: Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Holkar IMP Pairs Event, Indore
08-10 Feb: Shree Cement Tournament, Kolkata
14-17 Feb: All India Lohia Tournament, Kanpur
22-24 Feb: Chattisgarh Chief Minister Trophy, Bilaspur
01-02 Mar: Indo Dubai Bridge Meet, New Delhi
08-09 Mar: Rama Jain Memorial, New Delhi
15-16 Mar: Col. Harish Chandra Memorial Open Bridge Tournament, Delhi Gym. Club
05-06 Apr: KINI Memorial, Panjim, Goa
23-27 Apr: 5th SAARC Championship, Colombo
03-04 May: Sponsored Event for Selection Trials of Indian Team
06-11 May: Selection Trials of Indian Team
26-29 Jun: Madhava Prasad Memorial Bridge Tournament (Corbett Park), GARJIA

International

- 05-11 Feb: 13th NEC Festival, Yokohama, Japan
13-17 Feb: Yeh Bros. Cup, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
22-24 Feb: White House Top 16 Teams, Amsterdam
23 Feb–1 Mar: Gold Coast Congress, Broadbeach, Australia

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