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DIAMOND wins the SPINGOLD

DIAMOND team comprising of **John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco** won the **SPINGOLD Team of Four Championship** in the 82nd Summer ACBL Championships held from 21st July to 1st Aug 2010 at New Orleans, LA.

They beat the **Rose Meltzer squad (Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, David Berkowitz, Alan Sontag, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes)** by 118-115 in the finals.

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ITALY, FRANCE & POLAND win the European Teams Champions

Italy - **Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza npc, Massimo Ortensi Coach**, added to its laurels by winning their twentieth European Bridge Teams Championship Open title. The runners up were **Poland's** and third place went to **Israel**. **Iceland, Sweden, Netherlands** and **Bulgaria** joined them in the hunt for the Bermuda Bowl 2011.

France (Veronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Daniele Gaviard, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, José Damiani Npc, Thomas Bessis Coach), finished 1 VP ahead of the **Netherlands** to secure their thirteenth *European Women's Team* title. Third place went to **Sweden**. Carrying the European banner with them for the *Venice Cup 2011* will be **Germany, England, Poland & Italy**, the 4th to 7th ranked teams respectively.

Poland's third Senior European Bridge Team Championship was secured by **Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russsyan, Wlodzimierz Wala Npc**. Second place went to Denmark. Italy finished third and **France, Germany** and **Bulgaria** joined them for the Senior's Bowl 2011.

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WBF Announces

2011 World Teams Championships

The 2011 World Teams Championships, comprising of the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup, Seniors Bowl and the World Transnational Open Teams Championships will be held at the NH Conference Centre Koningshof in Veldhoven, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

The venue NH Conference Centre Koningshof (www.nh-hotels.com) is situated in Veldhoven, two miles south of Eindhoven. The city of Eindhoven (in the south of the Netherlands and around 150 Kms from capital city Amsterdam) is also known as the Phillips city being the headquarters of the famous Phillips Company and also for the famous football club, PSV Eindhoven.

The Opening Ceremony will be on 15th October, and the official awards ceremony will be on 29th October 2011.

Corbett Park Tourney

Vijay Goel -1 team comprising of **ASHIM MUKHERJEE, SUBASHISH, ASHOK BEDI and SUNIL BHATIA** won the **Madhava Prasad Memorial Bridge (aka Corbett Park)** tournament.

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Goa Bridge Festival

Poddar Developers (Deepak Poddar, J.Solani, K.S.Samant, R.A.Agrawal) won the Goa Bridge Festival's Team of Four event.

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Hindusthan Club Tourney

C.V. Rao's team comprising of **Badal Das, Partha Sarathi Mukherjee, Swarnendu Banerji, Pranab Burdhan, Shibnath Sarkar and Aloke Sadhu** won the 5th All India Hindusthan Club Bridge Tournament.

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LEBENSOHL – RUBENSOHL – RUMPELSOHL (PART-1)

When your partner opens 1NT and RHO passes, you have no problem in bidding your hand with all types of gadgets. However when your RHO throws a spoke and overcalls with 2D/2H or 2S, you need to have a clear understanding how to proceed further. One of the mostly used convention is LEBENSOHL.

A) LEBENSOHL Convention

Lebensohl convention has been designed to enable responder to bid better his hand after an opponent overcalls over his partner's one notrump opening. True history of Lebensohl is not known. This convention was thought to be the brain child of Mr. Kenneth Lebensold, who denied any involvement in development of this convention. Mr. George Boehm first publicized this convention through an article in The Bridge World magazine in November 1970.

The Lebensohl convention is basically a method for the responder to make competitive as well as forcing bids after an opponent has overcalled over the one notrump opening. However today, the Lebensohl principle is also used to handle responses to takeout doubles of weak two bids and also when opener reverses.

The corner stone of Lebensohl convention is a bid of 2NT as puppet to 3C which allows responder to show various kinds of hands. I remember an incident on this convention. In year 1992 when returning from Ahmedabad nationals, I was explaining this convention to one of my friend. When I told him that 2NT is puppet to 3C, he didn't agree saying how can it be that you can't play 2NT natural Invitational. It was a hard time to convince him the utility of this convention. But today many Bridge players are playing some variation of Lebensohl. The complete Lebensohl structure of responder's bids after a two-level overcall is:

- **Double**, is for take out or penalty or raise to 2NT depending on your partnership understanding.
- **Two-level suit bid**, is natural and non forcing, to play.
- **Three-level suit bid**, is natural and game forcing.
- **Cue-bid of overcaller's suit**, is like Stayman and promises a 4-card major and denies a check in the opponent's suit. The cue-bid is game forcing.
- **Jump to 3NT**, denies a stopper in the opponent's suit and is to play, if opener has a stopper. Without stopper, opener bids a 5-card major to play or looks for a minor suit contract.
- **2NT**, is puppet to 3C. Opener must bid 3C only. Responder then rebids:
 - **Pass**, shows a weak hand and long clubs.
 - **New suit below the overcaller's suit**, is to play.
 - **New suit above the overcaller's suit**, is invitational.
 - **Cue-bid of overcaller's suit**, is like game forcing Stayman and promises a 4-card major and also shows a check in the opponent's suit. Opener bids a 4-card major, otherwise 3NT.
 - **3NT**, shows a stopper in the opponent's suit and is to play.
- **Four-level bids**, as without intervention

The above set of responses enables responder to show various kinds of non-forcing, invitational and game forcing hands and allows search for major suit fits. Also it makes possible to avoid three notrump when neither opener nor responder has a stopper. In the above responses a **Direct** bid (cue or 3NT) **Denies** stopper in the opponent's suit where as a **Slow** action (via 2NT puppet) **Shows** stopper. The acronym for this mechanism is FADS – **F**ast **A**ction **D**enies **S**topper. You can reverse the meanings of two bids i.e. a direct cue bid or 3NT bid shows stopper and via 2NT denies stopper. The acronym for this mechanism would be FASS – **F**ast **A**ction **S**hows **S**topper.

The above Lebensohl structure is applicable when opponent's make a natural call of 2D, 2H or 2S. If they interfere with 2C bid which is either natural or unspecified single suiter, play System on that means :

Double – Stayman, 2D/H – Transfer and all other bids same as without interference.

The only drawback of this convention is that it makes responder declarer when responder makes a 3-level game forcing call. Therefore, many players use transfers in Lebensohl. This variation of Lebensohl is known as **Advanced Lebensohl**. There are other variations on transfer concept – **Rubensohl and Rumpelsohl** which we would be discussing next month.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results - July 2010

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event – Results

06/07/2010 – 13 Tables

NS 1: M.P.S. Chauhan – Col. S.P. Arvind	64.41%
NS 2: Mrs. Tutu Narula - Sanjay Shrivastava	60.42%
NS 3: Arun Jain – A.K. Jha	59.72%
EW 1: T.C. Pant – Daleep Mutreja	63.54%
EW 2: S.K. Agarwal – Col. B.L. Anand	62.85%
EW 3: S.R. Malhotra – S.K. Syal	57.94%

13/07/2010 – 10 Tables

NS 1: Ajay Tankha – V.N. Puri	56.82%
NS 2: Mrs. Tutu Narula–Sanjay Shrivastava	53.92%
EW 1: K. Chandramouli – Gautam Roy	67.93%
EW 2: S.K. Agarwal – Col. B.L. Anand	54.45%

20/07/2010 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Prof. S.C. Gupta – Mrs. Mani Gupta	63.37%
NS 2: J.B. Sengupta – Joyjit Sen Sarma	57.24%
EW 1: K. Chandramouli – Gautam Roy	63.33%
EW 2: A.K. Jha – Arun Jain	62.47%

27/07/2010 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Daya Dhaon – Col. S.P. Arvind	61.50%
NS 2: Dr. Nikita Kamal – Amarjit Wadhawan	57.33%
EW 1: Arun Jain – A.K. Jha	69.98%
EW 2: Ms. Sarita Kakkar – R.N. Palit	59.53%

Delhi Gymkhana Club Monthly Pairs Tournament

28 Pairs (14 Tables) participated in the monthly Delhi Gymkhana Club Pairs tournament held on **14th July 2010**. 26 boards were played and the results were:

NS 1: Maj. Gen A.L. Suri – Anil Gupta	59.83%
NS 2: Anoop Dhawan – Mukesh Shivdasani	57.28%
NS 3: S. Sunderrajan – Lt. Gen. C.B. Vijan	55.01%
EW 1: Dr. Vikram Jain – Arun Jain	61.58%
EW 2: Kawaljit Singh – Mrs. Sunita Singh	59.62%
EW 2: Ramesh Vasudeva - Anand Virmani	58.02%

- Reported by Maj. B.H. Iyer

Vasant Vihar Club Pairs Bridge Tournament

29 Pairs (14 & half Tables) participated in the monthly Vasant Vihar Club tournament held on **18th July 2010**. 26 boards were played and the results were:

NS 1: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani	63.63%
NS 2: Subhash Gupta – Vinod Sharma	58.38%
NS 3: Mrs. Sakinder Sikka – K.C. Sikka	58.24%
EW 1: A.K. Upadhyay – Ambrish Wadhawa	60.04%
EW 2: Rajesh Jain – Arun Jain	59.61%
EW 2: M.P. Judge – I.K. Judge	57.04%

- Reported by Amarjit Wadhawan

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

03/07/2010 – 16 Teams

- PUSHPAK** - (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Amarjit Wadhawan, Dr. Nikita Kamal, Paresh Gupta)
- FOREMOST** – (A.K. Upadhyay, Ambrish Wadera, Subodh Jain, Ashok Giridhar)
- EXPLORERS** - (R.K. Gupta, R. Chakravarty, Mrs. Shashi Jain, Dr. Tushar Moghe, N. Roy)

10/07/2010 – 10 Teams

- FOREMOST** – (A.K. Upadhyay, Ambrish Wadera, Subodh Jain, Ashok Giridhar)
- DAZZLERS** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Yogesh Tiwari, S.N. Mathur, Anoop Dhawan)

17/07/2010 – 13 Teams

- TANKS** – (V.N. Puri, Ajay Tankha, Sanjay Shrivastava, Ambrish Wadera, Mrs. Tutu Narula)
- EXPLORERS** - (R. Chakravarty, Mrs. Shashi Jain, N. Roy, T.K. Bhattacharjee)
- KOSMOS** – (TC Pant, Namit Sharma, Rajesh Jain, R.C. Consul, B.S. Gupta)

24/07/2010 – 14 Teams

- KOSMOS**– (T.C. Pant, D.K. Mutreja, Namit Sharma, Rajesh Jain)
- DYNAMOS** - (S.K. Agarwal, Col. B.L. Anand, Ved Prakash, R.K. Garg)
- URMIL** – (Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal, Mrs. Beneeta Chandra, Ramesh Tandon, Ms. Sheena Khorana)

31/07/2010 – 17 Teams

- PUSHPAK** – (P.C. Gupta, D.K. Tewari, Amarjit Wadhawan, Dr. Nikita Kamal, J.B. Sengupta)
- ALPHAS** - (Daya Dhaon, Col. S.P. Arvind, D.P. Sharma, Mrs. Asha Sharma)
- ARUN JAIN** – (Arun Jain, A.K. Jha, Sunil Bhatia, Sham Sharma, Mrs. Asha Surana)
- TNT** – (T.N. Tikku, Sarvesh Chopra, A.K. Sinha, S.C. Jain)

AILBA Friday Pairs – Results

02/07/2010 – 14 Pairs

1. Mrs. Madhu (RK) Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah	64.2%
2. Mrs. Kamla Mehra – S.K. Agarwal	64.0%
3. Mrs. Madhu Gupta – Ravinder Gupta	59.9%

09/07/2010 – 14 Pairs

1. Mrs. Sunita Dhawan – Mrs. Kalpana Bapna	61.4%
2. Mrs. Suman Bansidhar – Mrs. K. Dhawan	61.1%
3. Sangram Guha – T. Bhattacharya	58.0%

16/07/2010 – 8 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Shashi Jain – Sangram Guha	59.8%
NS 2: Mrs. Tutu Narula – Sanjay Shrivastava	52.1%
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharma	62.5%
EW 2: Mrs. Madhu (SK) Agarwal– Ms. P. Datta	54.5%
EW 2: A.K. Narang – N.K. Jain	54.5%

23/07/2010 – 12 Pairs

1. Mrs. Madhu (RK) Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah	63.7%
2. Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharama	59.9%
3. Mrs. Shashi Jain – Sangram Guha	59.9%

30/07/2010 – 9 Tables

NS 1: Mukesh Shivdasani – K.K. Sabharwal	57.4%
NS 2: G.N. Mehra – P.K. Rajgariah	55.8%
EW 1: Daya Dhaon – N.K. Jain	62.5%
EW 2: Mrs. Raieshwari Gupta – Ms. Poonam Datta	55.6%

ALL INDIA SIMULTANEOUS CLASSIC PAIRS, 2010 @ DBA

The PYC Hindu Gymkhana, Pune organised the **First All India Simultaneous Classic Pairs 2010** event on **Sunday, 4th July 2010**. Any bridge club / association of India affiliated to BFI could participate in the event. The event was held under the auspices of BFI and Master Points were awarded as per the BFI norms. The deals were set by **Mr. Suhas Vaidya** of Pune.

The event was played in two independent sessions of 26 boards each. A pair could play either or both the sessions.

Delhi Bridge Association also held the event on 4th July 2010. The first session started at 1000 Hrs. and the second at 1500 Hrs.

28 Pairs (14 Tables) in the first session and 26 Pairs (13 Tables) in the second session participated in the event. The toppers at Delhi Bridge Association (DBA) for each session were as follows:

Session – I

North – South

1. Mukesh Shivdasani- Yogesh Tiwari - 1448.5 (55.7%)
2. Urmil Aggarwal–Beneeta Chandra – 1347.5 (51.8%)
3. S.K. Aggarwal – R.K. Garg - 1282.5 (49.3%)

East-West

1. Namit Sharma – Rajesh Jain - 1813.5 (69.8%)
2. Paresh Gupta– Amarjit Wadhawan - 1679.0 (64.6%)
3. R.N. Gupta – S.R. Gupta - 1641.0 (63.1%)

Session – II

North – South

1. Namit Sharma – Rajesh Jain - 1709.5 (65.8%)
2. T.C. Pant – D.K. Mutreja - 1406.5 (54.1%)
3. Sangram Guha – V.K. Mutreja - 1404.0 (54.0%)

East-West

1. D.P. Sharma–Mrs. Asha Sharma–1477.0 (56.8%)
2. Mukesh Shivdasani- Yogesh Tiwari-1457.5 (56.1%)
3. Deepak Arora – Subodh Jain - 1430.5 (55.0%)

Suhas Vaidya, who set the deals of this tournament deserves all the praise for providing the players with some excellent hands. His commentary on each hand was also superb.

The PYC plans to conduct this event annually on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of JULY every year. The total prize money will be Rs. 20000 /- (Rs. 10000 for each session) sponsored by **"AMANORA PARK TOWN"**.

The results of all the clubs are being collated by Suhas Vaidya and Kaustubh Bendre. The results will be out sometime in August first week and the winners will be informed.

We hope PYC club and Suhas Vaidya will continue their efforts to make this an interesting annual affair.

- Reported by Editor

JHIC BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The Jubilee Hills annual tournament was organized by **Jubilee Hills International Centre, Hyderabad** from 10-12th July 2010.

42 teams participated in the Team of four event. After 8 rounds of Swiss league, the following TOP 8 teams went through to the Quarter final stage:

1/2.	Challengers & A.S. Gupta	- 143 VPs
3.	Bharani	- 142
4.	Mohota (Nagpur)	- 139
5/6.	Vipers & Venu's	- 136
7.	Faria	- 135
8.	Akkineni	- 133

Results of Quarterfinals – 2 x10 boards.

Venu's beat AS Gupta [AS Gupta, V KRishnan, S Vasanth, Satyavathi, TR Krishnan, Sainathan] by 50-37; Challengers beat Akkineni [A Balaram, RV Subramanian, S Sankaran, K Vijay Kumar, Vasanth Koltaya, Ch Apparao] by 60-48; Bharani beat Faria [Placido John Faria, Finton Lewis, GEC Vidya Sagar, Moin, Ajay Yadnik, Prabhat Kumar] by 59-33; and Mohata beat Vipers [R Venkatesh, D Vijay, S Vijaya Raghavan, BSN Prajwal] by 50-46 after trailing by 17 imps in the 1st session.

Results of Semi finals:- 2 x 12 boards

Mohata beat Venu's [Vedakumar, Prem Kumar, TK Naidu, G Somi Reddy, JVN Reddy] by 88-30;

Bharani beat Challengers [BS Madhkar, Leela Iyengar, Vinoth Kumar, Guthi Raja Sekhar] by 86-13.

Result of Finals: In the 2*14 board final, Mohata [B.K. Mohota (captain), S. Chhajed, S. Ray, R.P. Deshpande] led Bharani [Dr K Srinivas (Captain), MS Srinivas, YV Rao, PH Kumar, DSP Rao] by 69-1 IMPs after 1st session and Bharani conceded the match. Mohota's team from Nagpur lifted the late **Gullapalli Rama Rao Memorial Trophy**.

43 teams participated in the **Board-a-match** event. **BHARANI** team captained by Dr. K Srinivas, performed well to comfortably win the event and lift the **MOLDTEC Trophy**. The final results:

1. Bharani Team - Dr. K Srinivas [drkvas, BBO Nick] Captain, YVRao, PHS Kumar, DS Prakash Rao & MS Srinivas.
2. Madhukar, Chennai - BS Madhukar, Leela Iyengar, Guthi Raja Sekhar, Vinoth
3. Navayuga - PBG Tilak, N Viswanath, G.V.Rao, S Raja Gopala Rao, G Krishnam Raju
4. Rama Sastry - VVRama Sastry, RV Subba Rao, K Koti Reddy, PB Ragaviah

In **OPEN PAIRS** event, **P. Sudhakar Rao – C.D. Kumar** with **61.17% score** lifted the **Justice Ramanujulu Naidu Memorial Trophy**. 108 pairs entered into the event. Finals were held after 2 elimination rounds. The other rankings were: 2nd - G Veerabhadra Rao-MS Srinivas (60.5%), 3rd - M D Choudary- K Srinivas (59.0%); 4th - BK Mohota- S Chhajeed (56.83%); 5th - S Vijay Raghavan - BVS Prajwal (55.17%); 6th - BS Madhukar - Leela Iyengar (53.33%); 7th - Dr.K Srinivas- YV Rao (53.33%) & 8th - Goverdhan Agarwal - PN Malhotra (51.33%).

- Reported by Mr. MBV Subrahmanyam, CTD

All India Madhava Prasad Memorial Bridge Tournament (Corbett Park)

The **All India Madhava Prasad Memorial Bridge Tournament** (a.k.a Corbett Park tournament) was played at **"The Corbett River View Retreat", Corbett Park, Garjia** from **8th to 11th July 2010** under the auspices of *Bride Federation of India*.

The tournament is gaining lot of momentum is evident from the fact that **50 Teams** from Delhi, U.P., Uttarakhand, Punjab, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Mumbai, Pune & down South participated in the tournament. Surely the beautiful terrain of Corbett Park and the love and affection of every bridge player towards the Late Kr. Madhava Prasad, whose brain child it was has brought all the glory to this tournament. Mr. Madhava Prasad, the proud son of late Kr. Madhava Prasad has not only continued to keep the tradition of sponsoring this fabulous tournament alive but has seen to it that it goes from better to best. It is due to his efforts only that today we are seeing 50 teams, whereas there used to be maximum 25-28 teams in earlier years.

In the **Team of Four** event, the teams were divided in 3 groups "A", "B" & "C". The groups "A" & "B" consisted of 16 teams each and "C" consisted of 18 teams. Each group played a round robin of 15 rounds (of 8 boards each) within their own group. The league results were:

GROUP - A			GROUP - B			GROUP - C		
Rank	Team Name	VPs	Rank	Team Name	VPs	Rank	Team Name	VPs
1	BIMAL SICKA	323	1	V GOEL -1	261	1	VIJAY GOEL B	283
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	294	2	EMERGENTS	256	2	AZURE	272
3	FORMIDABLES	293	3	KR VIJAY ANAND SINGH	249	3	DELHI BLUES	252
4	BIKANER TEAM	274	4	PUSPAK	246	4	SUSHMA AGARWAL	248
5	SURESH BHATTACHARYA	248	5	ALPHA	244	5	PANKAJ MEHTA	246
6	CSC (PUNJ)	243	6	ONGC B	240	6	MANGALMURTI	245
7	HARBHAJAN SINGH	229	7	4 SPC	236	7	ASISH MALHOTRA	240
8	MOHIT MEHTA's IV	215	8	ARUN JAIN	229	8	SUHAS	235
9	SUNDAR RAJAN	213	9	DYNOMOS	213	9	USHA JOSHI's IV	234
10	ASHIM KUMAR	208	10	LIVE SAVER's SIX	212	10	KANWALJITS	233
11	SNAP	189	11	NBA –B	211	11	AJAY VAISYA	231
12	ONGC A	183	12	LAKHANPAL's	210	12	KHUSBOO	217
13	NBA "A"	166	13	NBA –E	207	13	EHAA	214
14/15	SAMIR BHATTACHARJEE	164	14	ASHOK CHARAN	205	14	7 NT	204
14/15	NBA "D"	164	15	MOON WRITER	199	15	NL GHOSH's IV	174
16	PANCHAM	143	16	R N MALIK	168	16/17	ANAND	165
						16/17	NAINITAL C	165
						18	MODAK	161

After the Round-Robin the **TOP 2** teams from each group qualified to the knock-out quarter-final stage. The 3rd ranked teams from each group played a 2-board match against each of the remaining team in a turner movement to determine the 7th & 8th ranked teams for the quarter-finals. The results were:

FORMIDABLES: beat Kr. VIJAY ANAND SINGH 11-0 and drew with DELHI BLUES 0-0 - 1 WIN + 1 DRAW
DELHI BLUES: beat FORMIDABLES 1-0 and drew with Kr. VIJAY ANAND SINGH 0-0 - 1 WIN + 1 DRAW
Kr. VIJAY ANAND SINGH: drew with DELHI BLUES 0-0 and lost to FORMIDABLES 0-11 - 0 WIN + 1 DRAW

The final ranking for quarter-final was:

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| 1. BIMAL SICKA | 2. DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS | 3. VIJAY GOEL – B | 4. AZURE |
| 5. VIJAY GOEL - 1 | 6. EMERGENTS | 7. FORMIDABLES | 8. DELHI BLUES |

The TOP 3 ranked teams were given the rights to choose their opponents based on their rankings. The Quarter final line up was:

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| 1. BIMAL SICKA (#1) | Vs. EMERGENTS (#6) |
| 2. DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2) | Vs. DELHI BLUES (#8) |
| 3. VIJAY GOEL – B (#3) | Vs. VIJAY GOEL – 1 (#5) |
| 4. AZURE | Vs. FORMIDABLES (#7) |

In the 2*10 boards quarter-finals, the scores were as follows:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards		TOTAL
				1-10	11-20	
1	BIMAL SICKA (#1)	Vs	EMERGENTS (#6)	21-43	17-19	38-62
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2)	Vs	DELHI BLUES (#8)	8-41	31-4	39-45
3	VIJAY GOEL "B" (#3)	Vs	VIJAY GOEL -1 (#5)	17-35	8-33	25-68
4	AZURE (#4)	Vs	FORMIDABLES (#7)	18-17	36-9	54-26

The scores of the 2*12 boards semi-final matches were:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards		TOTAL
				1-12	13-24	
1	EMERGENTS (#5)	Vs	AZURE (#4)	7-25	7-29	14-54
2	DELHI BLUES (#8)	Vs	VIJAY GOEL -1 (#3)	18-31	24-15	42-46

The scores of the 2*16 boards final match was:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards		TOTAL
				1-16	17-32	
1	AZURE (#4)	Vs	VIJAY GOEL -1 (#3)	24-44	8-67	32-111

FINAL TEAM RANKINGS:

1	VIJAY GOEL - 1	ASHIM MUKHERJEE, SUBASHISH, ASHOK BEDI, SUNIL BHATIA
2	AZURE	SANDEEP THAKRAL, KAUSTABH BENDRE, N.K. GUPTA, SANDIP DUTTA
3/4	DELHI BLUES	TC PANT, RAJESH JAIN, PARESH GUPTA, SHAM SHARMA
3/4	EMERGENTS	PRABIR KUMAR SAHA, SABYASACHI SADHU KHAN, SUMAN BANERJEE, SANJIB BASAK, SOUMYA DAS, S.R. DAS
5/8	BIMAL SICKA	BIMAL SICKA, ALOKE SADHU, BADAL DAS, SHIBNATH DE SARKAR, PRANAB BARDHAN, GOPINATH MANNA
5/8	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	ASHOK GOEL, KAMAL MUKHERJEE, PRITISH KUSHARI, DEBBRATA MAJUMDER, BHABESH SAHA, SUMIT MUKHERJEE
5/8	VIJAY GOEL "B"	VIJAY GOEL, SUKAMAL DAS, SAMIR BASAK, SHANKAR ACHARYA
5/8	FORMIDABLES	SUBHASH GUPTA, B. SATYANARAYANA, KINGSHUK BHATTACHARYA, C.S. MAJUMDER

Pair Event:

A total of 90 pairs participated in the 1st session of Pair event played on 10th July evening. They were divided into 3 sections and played 11 rounds (of 2 boards each). The pairs of the losing quarter-finalists and semi-finalists teams joined the Pairs event in the 2nd session with a pre-determined score (equivalent to the 15th ranked pair of 1st session). The second session was also of 11 rounds of 2 boards each. The winners were:

Rank	Pair Name	Score
1	MANAS MUKHERJEE - SUBIR MAJUMDER	888.51
2	B SATYANARAYANA - SUBHASH GUPTA	866.23
3	SUMIT MUKHERJEE – BHABESH SAHA	848.46
4	BADAL DAS – ALOKE SADHU	832.00
5	K DAS - A BHATTACHARJEE	829.73
6	D P SHARMA - MRS. ASHA SHARMA	818.96
7	COL. S.P. ARVIND - A BHARIHOKE	815.74
8	SUHAS VAIDYA - NITIN SHIROLE	813.06
9	KR V A SINGH - ARVIND PRASAD	812.60
10	SANKAR ACHARYA – SAMIR BASAK	810.02

Congratulations to all the winners.

The organizer - **Mr. Arvind Prasad** provided excellent facilities and the food was superb. Besides enjoying their daily dose of Bridge, all the participants enjoyed their morning walks in the beautiful jungle surroundings.

- Reported by Editor

Interesting Deals from Corbett Park Tournament 2010

Some of the interesting deals from the Corbett Park Tournament held at Garjia (Corbett Park) are detailed below:

UNLUCKY SLAM

The deal is from the Round-6 match of the Round-Robin stage.

Board 12, Dealer: West, Vul: NS

	N		
♠xx			♠AKJx
♥Qxx			♥AJx
♦T9653			♦8742
♣KQJ	W	E	♣Ax
♠QTxxx			
♥x	S		
♦AKQJ			
♣xxx			
	♠xx		
	♥KT9xxx		
	♦		
	♣xxxxx		

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	2NT(1)	Pass
3H(2)	Pass	4C(3)	Pass
4D(3)	Pass	4H(3)	Pass
4NT(4)	Pass	5D(5)	Pass
5NT(6)	Pass	6S(7)	All Pass

In the open room, East bid 2NT (Jacoby) to show his 4-carder trump support with 13+ HCPs. Partner bid 3H showing his singleton in heart. After that East-West did cue-bidding of 4C, 4D and 4H showing the top controls. West enquired the keycards and East's 5D showed 1 or 4 (4 was guaranteed as he has cue-bid 4C and 4H). West further asked 5NT (for Kings) and 6S from East denied any king (he would have bid 6C for King of Club or Kings of Diamond & Heart; 6D for King of Diamond or Kings of Club & Heart; and 6H for King of Heart or Kings of Club & Diamond), which became the final contract.

North. However, South did not do any Lightner double and North led his natural CK lead. If South makes an Lightner double, based on elimination process (it can not be heart as West has informed about his singleton), North will be able to lead the diamond suit as between the clubs & diamonds, there is more probability of diamond void with partner. After the lead, there was no play as declarer just gave a club trick for +980.

In the **CLOSED ROOM**, EW was not playing Jacoby and hence East opted bidding 2D with his 4-carder diamond suit (showing the game forcing hand). Though, West was able to show his singleton heart and East further described his spade fit, they opted for a final contract of 6D rather than 6S. On a normal trump break, it was an excellent contract (in fact 7D may make, if East has better diamonds) but unluckily the diamonds broke 5-0. After the CK lead there was no way to make the contract and the contract went 2 down for a 14 IMPs gain to the opponents.

WHO DARES WINS

The following deal shows that aggressive bidding sometimes turns out to be a boon. This deal is again from the Round-6 match of the Round-Robin stage.

Board 10, Dealer: East, Vul: Both

	N		
♠Kx			♠AQx
♥Jx			♥T87x
♦Kxxxx			♦AQx
♣Axxx	W	E	♣xxx
	S		

West	North	East	South
		1D (1)	Pass
2D	Pass	2NT (2)	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

EW was playing Precision and 1D showed 11-14 HCPs with minimum 2+ diamonds. 2D showed 11+ HCPs with diamond suit and East's 2NT showed checks in both major suits (The daredevil East considered his T87x in hearts as check). Not knowing that East is a bare minimum hand, West raised the final contract to 3NT, with a combined strength of 23 HCPs divided 12 against 11.

The lead was CK and East after with Ace, played the diamond suit. When it broke, he claimed his 9 TOP tricks for a 12 IMPs gain on the board. Ironically the contract in the CLOSED room was "ALL PASS".

DON'T BE TOO GREEDY

The declarer is rarely satisfied with going 1 down and always tries to get that extra trick for fulfilling the contract, independent of a game contract or a part-score. But sometimes, the greed of getting that extra trick turns out to be really bad for your side.

This is what happened on the following deal in one of the Round-12 match of the Round-Robin stage.

Board 9, Dealer: North, Vul: EW

	N		
♠8x			♠QJ97x
♥Qxx			♥Kxx
♦AT7x			♦8x
♣Txxx	W	E	♣AKx
	S		
♠xx			
♥AJxxx			
♦K9xx			
♣xx			
	♠AKTx		
	♥xx		
	♦QJx		
	♣QJ98		

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

North came out with a brilliant lead of S8. Declarer put the Jack and South won with the King and played the CQ. Declarer won in the dummy with the King and played the HK and took the heart finesse, losing to North's HQ. North now played the CT ducked by declarer and continuation taken in dummy with the Ace. He had now 4 hearts and 2 clubs tricks and was 1 short of his target.

But who does not try for that all important missing trick to fulfill the contract. He saw a ray of hope. If South has the DA, he can score his 7th trick. So he played a low diamond and South inserted the DJ to King and North's diamond Ace. North continued with his good defense playing the spade and now the declarer was in trouble. South won dummy's S9 with S10 and cashed the 2 winning clubs. Declarer discarded one from each red suit. When the spade Ace was played, he got in further problems and further the DQ and diamond back allowed the defense to collect 10 tricks, thus defeating the innocuous looking 1 NT contract by 4 tricks and gaining +400 on the board.

GOOD INFERENCE & LUCKY BREAK

This was one of the interesting deals of session-1 in the quarter-final match.

Board 12, Dealer: West, Vul: NS

<p>♠AQx ♥AQJT9xxx ♦T9 ♣</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠KT9xxx ♥K ♦Ax ♣AQTx</p>	<p>♠Jxx ♥xx ♦Qxxx ♣xxxx</p>
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OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
4C(1)	Pass	4H	All Pass

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
4C(1)	4S	Pass	Pass
5H	DBL	All Pass	

(1) – Namyats – 8 & half tricks with heart as trumps

The opening bid in both the room was identical. In the open room North thought for long and passed. After East bid 4H and South & West passed, he again took his time before passing the bid.

South led his singleton spade and declarer took the right inference of it being singleton due to the long time taken by North. He hopped up with the Ace and knowing that there are 2 losers (1 spade and 2 diamonds), he only hoped that HK falls in singleton. He played the Heart Ace and was home when the singleton King fell.

In the closed room, West also opened the hand with 4C, but here North overcalled 4S. The contract would have gone down 1 as West gets a ruff. But it is very difficult to pass with an 8-carder suit and West went to the safety of 5 Hearts, which was doubled by opponents.

The contract went one down for an 11 IMPs swing to opponents.

Interestingly 5C by NS is always cold but it is nearly impossible to reach. The only chance is that North passes the 4C bid and over 4H by East, South comes into action with 4NT (for minors). But that looks good only in theory, practically bidding 4NT vulnerable will be out of question. Also there is little chance that West will allow the NS to play in 5C. If he can bid 5H over 4S, he will surely do the same over 5C also. So in general the par will be West 5H doubled down 1.

MULTI STRIKES AGAIN

In my earlier Newsletter editions also, I have referred to many hiccups which have taken place after the Multi 2D opening. The following deal from session-1 of the quarter-final match between Dhampur Sugar Mills and Delhi Blues added one more to the long list.

Board 14, Dealer: East, Vul: None

<p>♠KTxx ♥QJTxxxx ♦x ♣K</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠Ax ♥ ♦AKQxxxx ♣xxxx</p>
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In the closed room, the EW pair of Paresch Gupta – Sham Sharma played in 5D doubled going 2 down giving 300 to their opponents, over 4H by NS.

In the open room, the MULTI 2 Diamond struck. See what happened.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kushari</i>	<i>TC Pant</i>	<i>Laltu</i>	<i>Rajesh Jain</i>
2H (2)	Pass	2D (1)	Pass
4H (4)	Pass	3D (3)	Pass
		Pass (?)	All Pass

(1) – Multi 2D (Weak in Either Major or an ACOL 2 in one of the minors); (2) – Response to Multi with weak hand; (3) – ACOL 2 in diamond; (4) – Splinter (Heart void or singleton); (?) – Multi Strikes Again

Over multi 2D, South had no clear cut bid and Kushari correctly bid 2H with his hand. The North hand with both major suits made it obvious that the multi is most probably an ACOL 2 in one of the minor. With thoughts of bidding a pre-emptive 4H over the minor, in the next turn, he passed. His thoughts were fruitful, when Laltu (Debrata Majumder) showed the long diamonds. But his thought of bidding 4H were shattered, when Kushari splintered. He passed again, and then the MULTI STRUCK AGAIN. How can West have a splinter in hearts, when East is void in the suit and why some sane opponents are not bidding with their 12-carder combined suits? The thought made him think that 4H is actual suit and he passed. The contract went 8 down for 400 to Delhi Blues and that was a gain of important 3 IMPs to Delhi Blues.

- Reported by Editor

GOA BRIDGE FESTIVAL

The **Goa Bridge Association** held their annual **Goa Bridge Festival** under the auspices of Sports Authority of Goa from **15th to 18th July 2010** at Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias, Miramar, **Panaji, Goa**. The festival was inaugurated by Sri Manohar Parrikar, leader of opposition of state of Goa.

There was an overwhelming response from the Bridge Players and 90 pairs and 44 Teams from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and other parts of India participated in this keenly contested Bridge Tournament, consisting of the IMP Pairs, Open Pairs, Team of Four Duplicate and Board A Match events. The glittering Trophies with Cash Prizes were awarded to the ranking teams and pairs.

IMP PAIR'S EVENT

IMP Pairs event for Rodrigues Trophy was played in 3 sessions (total 72 Boards) on 15th & 16th of July. **Sandeep Karmarkar & Vinay Desai** with 106 IMPs won the Rolling Trophy. Ravi Dudhane - Finton Lewis (104 IMPs), Himani & Rajiv Khandelwal (84 IMPs) and Daxindas & Prakash Hegde (76 IMPs) secured the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place respectively.

The Pairs Olao D'souza & Shirwekar and S.Kamat & Dayal secured 1st and 2nd Place among the local pairs participated.

OPEN PAIR'S EVENT

The Open Pairs event for Rajaram Hede Memorail Trophy was played in 2 sessions of 24 boards each (in 3 sections) on 16th July afternoon. **Finton Lewis & Alphanso** top ranked with 92.87 MPs and won the Rolling Trophy. A. Subbaraju & P.N.Malhotra (87.94 MPs), Madhar & Shirish (85.94MPs) and Dr. Vahalia & Buddy Shah secured the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place respectively.

Olao D'souza - Shirwekar and P.Bhadare - P.K.George secured 1st and 2nd Place among the local pairs.

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

44 Teams participated in the Team of four Duplicate event for the Manohar Keni Memorial Trophy. A Swiss league of seven Rounds of 8 boards was played to qualify the top 8 teams for the quarter-finals knockout.

Poddar Developers (136 VPs), TWEM (126), Sunil Machar (125), CABAL (124), Swaroop (123), MBPT (122), Kamalakar (119) and Lina Mayadas (119) were the teams qualified.

The quarter final matches were won by Sunil Machar (by 71 IMPs), Poddar Developers (64 IMPs), CABAL (41 IMPs) and Kamalakar (31 IMPs).

The losing QFs were: TWEM (Vinay Sharma, Rahul Shetty, Ajit Chakradeo, Dr. Vahalia); Swaroop (Swaroop Urs, Durgadas, Kulkarni, H. Joshi, Shyamsunder, Anil Tikare); MBPT (Golatkar, Vichare, Khare, Bhosale, Shinde, Nandu Surye); Lina Mayadas (Lina Mayadas, Ravi Dudhane, R.Khandelwal, Hemani Khandelwal)

In the first of the 2*10 boards semifinals, Sunil Machar's Team qualified for Finals winning by a solitary IMP against Kamalakars Team (Y.K.Rao, K.V.Kumar, B.Ram Mohanrao, Dishan Kumar, Sudhakar) in a keenly contested match. In the 2nd match Poddar Developers defeated CABAL Team (R.Shridhar, P.Hegade, R.Gularni, D.A.Gadgil) by 12 IMPs, to reach the final.

In the 2*12 boards final, Poddar Developers (Deepak Poddar, J.Solani, K.S.Samant, R.A.Agrawal) were trailing 4 IMPs after first half against Sunil Machar's Team (Arun Bapat, R.G.Bhiwandkar, Vinay Desai, Sandeep Karmarkar) but in the second half Poddar Developers gained 26 IMPs and won the match and the Manohar Keni Trophy conveniently by 22 IMPs.

The Goa Team, Jetliners (Shirwekar, Olao, George, Bhandare) won the 1st prize and the 2nd prize was secured by Goa Blue Team (Giani, Soni, Prabhudesai, N.Rao, S.Saldanha, D.Menezes) among the local teams.

BOARD A MATCH EVENT:

The Board A Match event for Padmashri Vasant Rao Dempo Trophy was played in one session with each team playing against all the contesting Teams. **MANGO'S** Team (Anal Shah, G Manna, ARD Sequeria Ian Concessio) won the prestigious Trophy by securing 126 points. They had also had won this Trophy last year. The other ranking teams were: 2nd place - Ramasastry (113 Points - VVR Sastry, PB Raghunath, J Reddy and Somi Reddy); 3rd place - Durga Dass (112 Points - K Durga Das, Swaroop Urs, Kulkarni, Himanshu Joshi); 4th Place : MBPT (112 Points - MB Shinde, SB Vichare, Raju Khare, Pradeep Bhosale).

The prizes and trophies were awarded by Engineer S.V. Naik, senior most bridge player of Goa Bridge Association.

- *Reported by A.K. Jahagirdar*

Bridge Tournament in Memory of Late Shri Satya Prakash Wadera

Mr. Ambrish Wadera is going to organize a one-day Pairs Bridge Tournament in memory of his late father **Shri Satya Prakash Wadera**, who was an ardent fan of the game.

The tournament will be held on **22nd August 2010 from 0930 Hrs. to 1930 Hrs. at Hotel Star Rocks, C5/30, Safadarjung Development Area, Next to Orthonova Hospital, Ring Road, N Delhi (Ph 011-49594959)**. It will be played in 2 sessions of minimum 26 boards. Morning tea with snacks and lunch to all the participants would be provided. The tournament will end with a prize distribution ceremony followed by high tea. Total 6 prizes worth Rs. 25,000/-. **Entry: Rs. 400 per Pair.**

Contact: TC Pant (9811094407) or Ambrish Wadera (9810774402) for entries.

5th All India Hindusthan Club Bridge Tournament

The 5th All India Hindusthan Club Bridge Tournament, sponsored by Bangur Cement Ltd., was conducted by West Bengal Bridge Association at Hindusthan Club Limited, Kolkata from 23rd to 25th July 2010. The total Prize money was ₹ 3.20 Lacs.

39 Teams comprising of nearly all TOP players of India participated in the **Team of Four** event and played 10 rounds (10 boards each) of Swiss league over one and half days. 4 rounds were played on day-1 (the tourney starts in the afternoon) and 6 rounds on day-2.

The following top 8 teams qualified for the super league:

1. H.K. Jalan
2. C. V. Rao
3. Poddar Developers
4. Maya Meera Sneha
5. Shree Cement
6. Maharaja
7. Formidables
8. Rajani Kant Sinha's IV.

The last qualified team had a score of 168 VPs. Arun Jain's IV (167) and Hari Bajoria's IV (168- 1 Pen) missed the qualifying bus narrowly.

The qualified teams played an all-play-all Super league (7 rounds of 8 boards each) and the winners were:

1. **C.V.Rao (127 VPs)** - (Badal Das, Partha Sarathi Mukherjee, Swarnendu Banerji, Pranab Burdhan, Shibnath Sarkar and Alope Sadhu)
2. **Rajani Kant Sinha's IV (119 VPs)** - (RJK Sinha, Kajal Das, Joy Narayan Roy, Babu, Lalta and Puttu)
3. **Maya Meera Sneha (109 VPs)** - (Sukamal Das, Ashim Mukherjee, Samir Basak, Sankar Acharjee, Subhasish)
4. **Poddar Developers – 107 VPs**
5. **Shree Cement – 107 VPs**
6. **H.K.Jalan – 103 VPs**
7. **Formidables -85 VPs**
8. **Maharaja – 80 VPs**

The non qualifying teams played a one-day Swiss league (7 rounds of 8 boards each) on the last day. The final standings of the Swiss league were:

1. **R L Kejriwal MC:** (Satyanarayan Kejriwal, Alope Daga, Goopi Manna, Kinshuk Bhattacharjee, Chandrasekhar Mazumder)
2. **Ajay Bagaria's IV:** (Ajay Bagaria, Gobindo Sinha, Bivas Todi, Satyabrata Lahiri, Prasun Mukherjee and Atanu Ganguly)

Mr Hari Mohan Bangur of Bangur Cement Ltd. gave away the prizes to the winners.

- Reported by Sourendra Coomer Dutt

THE IBL LEAGUE 2010

The **Indian Bridge League 2010** was played live on BBO in the last 2 months. A brainchild of Mr. Debgiri Sanyal (dslee on BBO), the IBL attracted 8 good teams from India.

The participating teams were – **Texan Aces, Dhampur Sugar Mills (DSM), Manyavar, Random6, India Juniors, Chennai Online, 4SQ Kolkata & C.V. Rao.**

The teams played an all-play-all round-robin matches of 20 boards, after which the TOP 4 teams qualified for the semi-finals.

The first 2*12 boards semi-final was played on 13th July 2010 between Manyavar and Random 6. **Manyavar** defeated Random 6 (NK Gupta, Arun Bapat, Vinod Sharma, Alok Daga, Sukamal Das & Keyzad Anklesaria) by **80-52** (44-27, 36-25). It was a well contested match with a large viewership.

The first session line-up was Alok Daga – Vinod Sharma (NS for Random6) Vs. Rajesh Dalal – Anil Padhye (EW for Manyavar) in one room and NR Kirubakaramoorthy - Uttam Gupta (NS for Manyavar) Vs. NK Gupta – Keyzad Anklesaria (EW for Random6), in the other room.

The second session line-up was edmunte1 – donatoru (BBO names) (NS for Manyavar) Vs. Vinod Sharma – Keyzad Anklesaria (EW for Random6) in one room and NK Gupta – Arun Bapat (NS for Random6) Vs. Ajay Khare – Raju Tolani (EW for Manyavar), in the other room.

One of the interesting deal from the match was the board No. 4 of 1st session.

. Board 4, Dealer: West, Vul: Both

♠92			
♥QJ976			
♦9653			
♣A4			
♠K764		♠AJ5	
♥42	N	♥AKT	
♦2	W	♦KQJ	E
♠K98732	S	♣QJT6	
♠QT83			
♥853			
♦AT874			
♣5			

West	North	East	South
<i>A. Padhye</i>	<i>A.Daga</i>	<i>R. Dalal</i>	<i>Vinod Sharma</i>
Pass	Pass	1C(1)	Pass
1D(2)	1H	2NT	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
6C	All Pass		

1C from East was strong club (16+ HCPs) and 1D from west was denial (<8 HCPs). Alok Daga tried to intervene with 1H (which finally became his nemesis) and East showed his 21-22 balanced hand with 2NT. West enquired for majors and East denied. When West showed his long club suit and partner liked it with a diamond cue-bid, Anil Padhye jumped to slam.

South led his singleton trump and North after winning with Ace, played the HQ, east winning with the Ace. The trumps were drawn, declarer playing his CQ to CK in dummy and played the heart for the marked finesse, discarding the losing diamond trick on HK.

By now it was evident that, North did not have both the Aces, otherwise it would have been cashed at first instance and he would have even been doubled in the final contract. Declarer played the DK and took the ruffing finesse discarding his 2 spade losers to fulfil his contract. In the other room the Random6 EW played the reasonable 3NT making 11 tricks and thus Manyavar team had a 12 IMPs gain on the board.

May be North should not have opened his mouth with 1H and may be South should have opened his mouth with a Double of the 4D cue, which would have given warning to the opponents not to go to slam. But North's play of HQ after cashing the club Ace in any case was totally listless after East's NT over his call. Actually he had nothing to play except diamonds.

The second semi Final was played between DSM and Texan Aces on Sunday, the 18th of July at 7:30 PM. P Sridhar –Texas (G. Venkatesh), Kista (R. Krishnan) – KR Venkatraman (for Texan Aces) played against Sumit Mukherjee – Bhabesh Saha, Sandip Dutta - Kaustab Nandi (for DSM) in both sets. Texans won the 2*12 boards match by 31 IMPs (33-18, 31-15).

The grand final of IBL 10 was played between TEXAN ACES and MANYAVAR a.k.a Suket Club on 21st July 2010 from 1930 Hrs. in 2 sessions of 12 boards each.

In the first session, J.M. Shah – G. Venkatesh (NS for Texan Aces) played against Rajesh Dalal – Anil Padhye (EW for Manyavar) on Table-1 and Raju Tolani – Ajay Khare (NS for Manyavar) played against K.R. Venkatraman – R. Krishnan (EW for Texan Aces) on Table-2.

The Manyavar team started well in the first 4 deals taking a lead of 18 IMPs but then succumbed to the pressure exerted by their opponents in the next few deals. Texan Aces won the 1st set by 18 IMPs (42-24). The following deals from the set allowed the Texan Aces to gain momentum in the match.

Board 5, Dealer: North, Vul: NS

	♠QJ765		
	♥6		
	♦AK97		
	♣T73		
♠T832	N	♠AK	
♥Q9	W	♥AKJ854	
♦J432	E	♦Q865	
♣QJ2	S	♣K	
	♠94		
	♥T732		
	♦T		
	♣A98654		

West <i>Kista</i>	North <i>R. Tolani</i>	East <i>Venky</i>	South <i>Ajay Khare</i>
	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	3D	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the S6 and declarer won in dummy and played CK won by South. Now any return from South allows 10 tricks and Texan Aces scored +430. In the other room, the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
<i>A. Padhye</i>	<i>JM Shah</i>	<i>R. Dalal</i>	<i>G. Venkatesh</i>
	Pass	1C(1)	Pass
1D(2)	Pass	2H	All Pass

EW were playing Strong Club and 1C was 16+ and 1D (< 8 HCPs). It is not clear whether EW were playing 2H as forcing one round or not. Usually those playing Precision or Strong Club play 2NT as second negative (with < 4 HCPs) and a raise to game (4H) would have been 3-carder support with very weak hand and 3H would have shown a 5+ hand with some hearts. As the cards lie, 4H would not have scored as happened on the table, when South led his singleton diamond and got the ruff. That was 8 IMPs gain on the board to Texan Aces.

Board 7, Dealer: South, Vul: Both

	♠T6		
	♥976		
	♦KT87654		
	♣9		
♠J85	N	♠AK73	
♥J32	W	♥AKO	
♦2	E	♦AJ9	
♣QT6432	S	♣AK8	
	♠Q942		
	♥T854		
	♦Q3		
	♣J75		

West <i>Kista</i>	North <i>R. Tolani</i>	East <i>Venky</i>	South <i>Ajay Khare</i>
	Pass	2C(1)	Pass
Pass	Pass	2H(3)	Pass
2D(2)	Pass	2NT	Pass
2S(4)	Pass	6NT	All Pass
3NT	Pass		

2C was Strong (Standard) and 2D was accepting a game. 2H was strong hand with Heart suit or balanced. 2S was a forced bid and 2NT showed the balanced variety. Partner raised to 3NT and with 28 HCPs East had no problem in raising to 6NT.

South led the H4 and the Texan Aces declarer quickly claimed the top 12 tricks for +1440. In the other room, the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
<i>A. Padhye</i>	<i>JM Shah</i>	<i>R. Dalal</i>	<i>G. Venkatesh</i>
	2D(1)	DBL	Pass
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2NT(2)			

Here, JM Shah created problems for East by opening a weak 2D. East doubled and partner bid the Lebensohl 2NT. Now the onus was on East, and he opted for 3NT, which became the final contract. D7 was led by North and there were always 12 TOP tricks but Manyavar got only 690 for it and that was 13 important IMPs for the Texan Aces. These 2 deals demoralized Manyavar and after that they never recovered.

What is the correct bid after partner's 2NT lebensohl. East can bid another forcing 3D showing his very good hand. But again what he does on 4C from partner? They may or may not reach the slam. Really these pre-empts take you for a tough ride.

In the 2nd session, Ajay Khare - Raju Tolani (NS - Manyavar) played against J.M. Shah – G. Venkatesh (EW - Texan Aces) on and R. Krishanan - K.R. Venkatraman (NS - Texan Aces) played against Rajesh Dalal – Anil Padhye (EW - Manyavar).

Texan Aces easily won the 2nd set by 46-17 to win the match by 47 IMPs and become the IBL 10 champions. Texan Aces also emerged as the only undefeated team of the tournament.

Congratulations to the Winners - **Texan Aces (G. Venkatesh, J.M. Shah, R. Krishanan, K.R. Venkatraman, P. Sridhar, S. Sunderram)** and the Runners up - **Manyavar Team (Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, NR Kirubarkarmoorthy, Uttam Gupta, Anil Padhye & Rajesh Dalal)** along with all the other participants of the event.

G. Venkatesh was nominated as the "Player of the Final" as well as "Player of the Series".

Three Cheers for Debgiri Sanyal, the soul of the IBL 10, for the initiative he took in organising the first ever IBL on BBO. He has already started planning for the 2nd IBL and the attraction of IBL2 will be addition of Formidables team.

- Editor

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Declarer now cunningly played a low diamond from dummy and when West played low, inserted the diamond 10, East winning the trick with DJ.

Declarer, easily got an important clue from this play that the DK is with East and not west. Now you go to the seat of East for playing the next card. He is left with Spades and Diamond. Which card you play?

You as declarer have tried your level best to allow the defender go wrong. And in this case, if East is not alert enough, he may lead a spade back as on the initial spade lead, he never got a chance to know whether his partner had even or odd no. of spade cards. It is also highly possible, that his odd no. of cards are 3 and not 5 as is the actual case and declarer has 4-carder spade.

If you are able to dodge him, it is highly possible, he may return a spade allowing you to ruff in dummy and throw your club looser from hand. Now you can ruff the clubs in hand and take the marked diamond finesse to fulfill your contract.

But a clever East will also be watching the club discards from partner and his high-low showing even no. will give enough indication to partner that the declarer has 3 cards in club and he can see clearly that you can not throw it anywhere and hence will play the diamond, defeating you.

What a fascinating game this Bridge is..... Attack & Counter Attack.

- Reported by Editor

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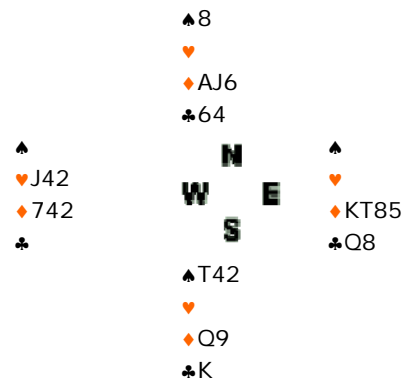
The Criss-Cross squeeze he made is one of the most elegant that was seen in this European Championships at Ostende. And for sure it wasn't obvious to play it the way he did it.

West	North	East	South
Dubin	Piekarek	Gromov	Smirnov
			1NT
Dbl*	Rdbl**	Pass	2S
Pass	2NT	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

* One-suiter ** Ready for business

Dubin started off with three rounds of hearts, the third one ruffed by Gromov in East, who immediately returned the jack of trumps, won by Smirnov with the ace. He then continued pulling the last trump from East, and got the knowledge that West was 2-6 in the majors vs. East's 3-1. It was obvious that he needed the queen of clubs to be onside to have a chance of getting the remaining tricks

Smirnov continued with a club to dummy's ace and then a club to the jack, which held the trick, arriving at the following position:



In this situation you could play for clubs 3-3, and if that didn't work you could try for the diamond finesse. However playing like that probably won't get you into the daily bulletin.

Smirnov next played his three spades, taking note of two hearts and one diamond from West. Declarer followed suit on the first one from dummy and then discarded the jack and six of diamonds. East who was in great trouble, discarded the five and eight of diamonds and then chose to discard his eight of clubs. But even if East had pitched a diamond the criss-cross squeeze would have brought home the game.

On the king of clubs the queen fell from East which cleared the suit, so dummy's six could score the last needed trick. Well done Smirnov!

(Courtesy: BBO Vu-graph & Daily Bulletins of 50th European Team Championships 2010)

Allow the Opponents to go Wrong

The game of Bridge is nothing but a tussle between Declarer & Defender. Many a times result of an ordinary looking deal hinges on a lead, which may turn out to be brilliant. Similarly the defenders many a times go for typical leads, which provide a different scenario of their holdings to the declarer, allowing him to stray from the correct line of play to fulfill the contract.

One such informative deal, received from **Mr. VISWANATH NAYANI (v.nayani@rediffmail.com)** of Hyderabad is detailed below:

The deal was played between NAVAYUGA and Dr VASANTH teams in the Round no 7 of Mini Swiss League of the 2009 winter Nationals at Bangalore. The complete deal is given below:

Board 22, Dealer: East, Vul: EW

♠A75 ♥AK7 ♦AKQT ♣AJ3 ♠J86 ♥T842 ♦765 ♣Q54	N W E S	♠T32 ♥953 ♦J2 ♣K9862 ♠KQ94 ♥QJ6 ♦9843 ♣T7	
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Contract 6NT by North. Lead S2 by East

After 3 passes North opened a strong 2C and N-S reached a contract of 6NT. The lead was S2 by East. The card by card play of the deal is as below:

TRICK	E	S	W	N
1	S2	S4	S8	SA
2	D2	D3	D5	DA
3	DJ	D4	D6	DK
4	C6	D8	D7	DQ
5	H3	D9	H2	D10
6	S10	SK	S6	S7
7	CK	C7	C4	CJ
8	H5	H6	H10	HA
9	H9	HQ	H4	H7
10	C8	HJ	H8	HK
11	C2	C10	C5	CA
12	S3	S9	SJ	S5
13	C9	SQ	CQ	C3

The contract went 2 down. The declarer was flabbergasted to see the SJ with West. Though the sitter Contract went two down, North had all the praise for the carding in the SPADE suit, which made him play the contract as above expecting the Spade suit breaking 4-2.

The beauty of the play of **S8** by West on the S2 lead was superb and most imaginary. All the subsequent play of **S10** and rest of play were normal. As could be seen, there are 12 straight tricks.

Had West routinely played SJ at trick 1 there is no chance to the declarer to think about the play in that suit. It is West's superb forethought in playing of **S8 at trick 1, which made the declarer to think of an alternate play.**

Mr. D. Raja Rao, a NATIONAL MASTER was the West. As can be seen from the deal with 33 HCP and a 4-4 fit some pairs may play in a Diamond slam. However the contract of 6NT is also reasonable. Without any doubt West deserves KUDOS for his forethought in not sacrificing the SJ at trick1.

Its an excellent deal for all the readers/players who have a minimum analytical mind and can understand the crux in this deal.

Based on a similar theme, there is another quite instructive hand, which came across in the Delhi Bridge Association's weekly Saturday tournament on 3rd July 2010.

Board 2, Dealer: East, Vul: NS

♠Ax ♥KTxx ♦QT97 ♣9xx ♠K9xxx ♥Qx ♦xx ♣QJxx	N W E S	♠QJTxxx ♥xx ♦KJxx ♣x ♠ ♥AJxxx ♦A8x ♣AKxxx	
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West	North	East	South
		2D (1)	Pass
2H (2)	Pass	2S	4C(3)
4S	5H	Pass	6H
All Pass			

- (1) - Multi, waek 2 in either major suit;
- (2) - relay bid showing a hand to play till 2S;
- (3) - Leaping Michaels, showing 5-5 in ♥ & ♣

After East showed his weak 2 in spades, South came into action with the Leaping Michaels bid showing 5-5 in hearts & clubs. West pre-empted with 4S and North knowing that he will not get further opportunity took a free bid of 5H. South felt that his hand is too good and raised it to six.

East led the spade and declarer took stock of the hand. If he had the C10, he may have thought of trying the top 2 clubs and check whether CQ & CJ falls or not. But without that he was sure of a club loser. The other option was if East has the singleton DK. Considering the options, he discarded a club from dummy, winning the trick with spade Ace, and ruffed a spade in dummy. Now he played the heart Ace and a low heart, planning to finesse. However, when the HQ fell, that problem got solved. Declarer now played the TOP 2 clubs and East showed out on the 2nd club.

The probability that East will now have singleton DK became remote, as East's hand is now marked as 6-2-4-1 or 7-2-3-1.

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50th European Team Championships 2010

The 50th European Bridge Teams Championships was held in Kurssal, Ostend, Belgium, from 22nd June to 3rd July 2010. It comprised of the *Open*, *Women* and *Senior* national teams events. Since 2002, the European Team Championships are held every even-numbered year.

OPEN TEAMS:

38 teams participated in the Open Team event and were divided into 2 groups of 19 teams. They first played a complete round robin (20 board matches) of 19 rounds called Round Robin -1 with one bye round for all. The TOP 9 teams from each group went through to the 2nd Round-Robin. The RR1 results:

GROUP "A"			GROUP "B"		
Rank	Team Name	Score	Rank	Team Name	Score
1	ICELAND	358	1	ISRAEL	363
2	ITALY	350	2	SWEDEN	362
3	FRANCE	343	3	POLAND	361
4	TURKEY	338	4	RUSSIA	334
5	BULGARIA	332.5	5	ESTONIA	323
6	GERMANY	316.5	6	NETHERLANDS	318
7	SWITZERLAND	311	7	ENGLAND	304
8	NORWAY	302	8	DENMARK	297
9	LATVIA	290	9	PORTUGAL	290
	WALES	290	10	AUSTRIA	288
-	HUNGARY	290	11	BELGIUM	269
12	CROATIA	289	12	IRELAND	265
13	FINLAND	269	13	SPAIN	264
14	SERBIA	259	14	ROMANIA	257
15	SLOVAKIA	243	15	GREECE	255
16	SCOTLAND	241	16	MONACO	248
17	LEBANON	229	17	LUXEMBOURG	243
18	LITHUANIA	211	18	UKRAINE	208
19	CYPRUS	163	19	SAN MARINO	182

At the end of the round robin-1 excitement centred on Group A where **Wales**, **Latvia**, **Hungary** and **Croatia** vied for the final qualifying spot. Three teams got tied into ninth place as the last round unfolded but in a dramatic finish it was **Latvia** who emerged from the three-way tie.

In Group B **Austria** made a gallant attempt to overtake **Portugal**, for the ninth spot but they had left themselves with too much to do.

The 9 TOP teams from both the groups kept their entire score against the other qualifying teams of their group, but none of their scores against non-qualifiers from their group. They further played 9 rounds against all the 9 teams of the other group.

Six Teams qualify for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl. Netherlands qualifies as hosts for all three competitions. If Netherlands (host for 2011 World Championship) occupies a qualifying position in any event the team finishing seventh will qualify.

At the end of the Final Round-Robin, **Italy** (**Norberto Bocchi**, **Giorgio Duboin**, **Lorenzo Lauria**, **Agustin Madala**, **Antonio Sementa**, **Alfredo Versace**, **Maria Teresa Lavazza npc**, **Massimo Ortensi Coach**), has added to its laurels by winning their twentieth European Bridge Teams Championship Open title.

The runners up were Poland's **Cezary Balicki**, **Krzysztof Buras**, **Jacek Kalita**, **Krzysztof Kotorowicz**, **Grzegorz Narkiewicz**, **Adam Zmudzinski**, **Piotr Walczak npc**, **Marek Wojcicki Coach**. Third place went to Israel, represented by **Michael Barel**, **Eldad Ginossar**, **Ilan Herbst**, **Ophir Herbst**, **Ron Pachtman**, **Yaniv Zack**, **Joseph Engel npc**.

The final rankings were:

Rank	Team Name	Score	Rank	Team Name	Score
1	ITALY	314	10	TURKEY	251
2	POLAND	308	11	FRANCE	248.5
3	ISRAEL	304.5	12	ENGLAND	247
4	ICELAND	289	13	DENMARK	232
5	SWEDEN	274	14	NORWAY	229
6	NETHERLANDS	271	15	SWITZERLAND	204
7	BULGARIA	265	-	ESTONIA	204
8	RUSSIA	263	17	LATVIA	201
9	GERMANY	253.5	18	PORTUGAL	192

The teams ranked 4 to 7 - **Iceland**, **Sweden**, **Netherlands** and **Bulgaria** join the top 3 in the hunt for the Bermuda Bowl 2011.

WOMEN TEAMS:

28 teams participated in the Women Team event with France starting the defence of their title. The teams played an all-play-all complete round robin of 27 rounds.

In a breath taking finish **France** (**Veronique Bessis**, **Bénédicte Cronier**, **Catherine D'Ovidio**, **Daniele Gaviard**, **Joanna Neve**, **Sylvie Willard**, **José Damiani npc**, **Thomas Bessis Coach**), finished 1 VP ahead of the **Netherlands** (**Laura Dekkers**, **Marion Michielsen**, **Jet Pasman**, **Anneke Simons**, **Martine Verbeek**, **Wietske van Zwol**, **Alex van Reenen npc**, **Hans Kelder Coach**), to secure their thirteenth *European Women's Team* title.

Third place went to **Sweden** (**Pia Andersson**, **Jessica Larsson**, **Cecilia Rimstedt**, **Sandra Rimstedt**, **Sara Sivelind**, **Emma Sjoberg**, **Henrik Noberius npc**, **Simon Bech Coach**).

Carrying the European banner with them into the *Venice Cup* will be the 4th to 7th ranked teams **Germany**, **England**, **Poland** & **Italy** respectively.

The final rankings were:

Rank	Team Name	Score	Rank	Team Name	Score
1	FRANCE	505	15	GREECE	395
2	NETHERLANDS	504	16	BULGARIA	387
3	SWEDEN	500	17	SCOTLAND	377
4	GERMANY	495	18	PORTUGAL	372
5	ENGLAND	492	19	HUNGARY	370
	POLAND	481	20	CROATIA	356
7	ITALY	469	21	SPAIN	352
8	AUSTRIA	453	22	IRELAND	340
9	NORWAY	442	23	LEBANON	323
10	RUSSIA	441	24	FINLAND	320
11	DENMARK	438	25	BELARUS	310
12	ISRAEL	434	26	SWITZERLAND	300
13	BELGIUM	416	27	WALES	284
14	TURKEY	402	28	CZECH REPUBLIC	278

SENIOR TEAMS:

23 teams participated in the Senior Team event with Germany starting the defence of their title. and played a complete round-robin (23 rounds).

The Poland team represented by **Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russsyan, Włodzimierz Wala Npc**, secured their third Senior European Bridge Team Championship.

The Second place went to Denmark, **Thomas Berg, Geert Jorgensen, Peter Lund, Peter Magnussen, Steen Møller, Peter Schaltz, Flemming Danielsen npc**.

Italy, **Franco Baroni, Franco Caviezel, Franco Cedolin, Enrico Longinotti, Giovanni Maci, Carlo Mariani, Giancarlo Bernasconi npc, Carlo Mosca Coach**, finished third. **France, Germany and Bulgaria** join them in the Senior's Bowl being ranked as 4th to 6th in the championship.

The final ranking:

Rank	Team Name	Score	Rank	Team Name	Score
1	POLAND	422	13	SWEDEN	359
2	DENMARK	416	14	ENGLAND	352
3	ITALY	411	15	BELGIUM	340
4	FRANCE	407	16	TURKEY	329.5
5	GERMANY	391	17	NORWAY	318.5
6	BULGARIA	385	18	SPAIN	292
7	ISRAEL	382	19	ESTONIA	280
8	HUNGARY	380	20	CZECH REPUBLIC	269.5
9	IRELAND	378	21	FINLAND	254
10	AUSTRIA	374	22	WALES	245
11	SCOTLAND	365	23	SWITZERLAND	237
12	NETHERLANDS	360			

Magerman Cup (Pairs Event)

102 pairs participated in this 3-Session qualifier Pairs event. The TOP 28 pairs played in the FINAL A whereas the next 62 pairs played the FINAL "B". The final was played in 2 sessions and the winners were:

Final A

1	GOTARD - GOTARD (GER – GER)	56.80%
2	GRANSTROM - PATANA (FIN – FIN)	56.27
3	SPANGENBERG -SPANGENBERG (NED-NED)	54.92
4	RITMEIJER - BRANTSMA (NED – NED)	53.51
5	WINKEL - VAN HOOIJDONK (NED – NED)	52.82
6	KOISTINEN - ELSINEN (FIN – FIN)	52.54

Final B

1	STUURMAN - WACKWITZ (NED – NED)	61.81
2	MAYENCE - DELFORGE (BEL – BEL)	60.44
3	MESBUR - CARROLL (IRL – IRL)	59.64
4	LORENZINI - GROSSET (FRA – FRA)	58.73
5	HELMICH - HOP (NED – NED)	58.27
6	GAAST - MALYSA (NED – POL)	57.76

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NEW EBL PRESIDENT

Yves Aubry had been unanimously elected to serve as President of the EBL. The following were elected to the **EBL Executive Committee**:

Jean Charles Allavena
Sevinc Atay
Jens Auken
Marc De Pauw
Panos Gerontopoulos
David Harris
Josef Harsanyi
Jan Kamras
Radoslaw Kielbasinski
Filippo Palma
Armand Trippaers
Pim Vaders

Mixed Pairs Tournament

Mrs. Promila Saraf, President, All India Ladies Bridge Association is sponsoring as well as organizing a Mixed Pairs Bridge Tournament on Sep 12, 2010 at PHD Hose, New Delhi.

The tournament with a prize money ranging between Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 25,000/- will be held from 1500 Hrs. to 1900 Hrs.

Please contact **Mr. N.K. Jain (9871385601)** for your entries and further queries.

- As per information received from Mr. N.K. Jain

Interesting Deals from European Team Championships 2010

Some of the interesting deals from European Team Championship are detailed below:

Round 2 of RR: Norway Vs. Croatia

Board 9, Dealer: North, Vul: EW

♠9743 ♥JT ♦A863 ♣J93 ♠KJT85 ♥9842 ♦KQ4 ♣4 ♠AQ ♥AQ65 ♦JT ♣AQ762	N W E S	♠62 ♥K73 ♦9752 ♣KT85	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Borevkovic Ekren</i>		<i>Zoric</i>	<i>Berset</i>
	Pass	Pass	1C
1H(1)	Dble	1S	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Borevkovic overcalled his suit in transfer fashion but when partner did not show any particular enthusiasm, elected to try the effect of the DK lead. This hit the jackpot twice as it established the suit and avoided the loss of a defensive spade trick and a tempo. Well done, one down, Croatia +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Tesla</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Stanicic</i>
	Pass	Pass	1C
1S	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3H	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Charlsen had no overcalling gadget available and thus simply bid and led his suit. Not good enough this time as declarer now was able to establish his 5th club as East would be out of spades. The successful heart finesse saw the contract home with an overtrick for 10 IMPs to Croatia.

This was another big swing in favour of Croatia.

Board 18, Dealer: East, Vul: NS

♠AKQJ97 ♥9842 ♦6 ♣K8 ♠T32 ♥T65 ♦J87 ♣A764	N W E S	♠86 ♥AQJ3 ♦K952 ♣Q32	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Borevkovic Ekren</i>		<i>Zoric</i>	<i>Berset</i>
		1NT	Pass
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
All Pass			

In the Open Room, 2H was a constructive transfer but when South made no further move, there it rested. Norway +200. In the closed room the bidding went:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Tesla</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Stanicic</i>
		1D	Pass
1S	2S	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Once North showed his suit by simply overcalling in spades, NS were bound to reach game, which was cold but presented even less problems for declarer when West led a logical diamond. Croatia +600, for a gain of 9 IMPs.

Slam Guess

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

In Open Pool B, England and Ireland, met in the third round. Peter Pigot, East for Ireland on this deal, faced this trick-one guess in a slam:

Board 15, Dealer: South, Vul: NS

♠AQJ98 ♥A4 ♦KJT ♣KJ8	N W E S	♠T763 ♥K ♦AQ8764 ♣73 ♠K542 ♥T93 ♦95 ♣AT62	
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West	North	East	South
<i>BJ O'Brien</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Pigot</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
			Pass
2NT	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5C	Pass	6D	All Pass

4D was natural, 4H a cue, 4NT keycard, and 5C showed 0 or 3 keys.

Tom Townsend led C2. Pigot put in the jack to find Gold winning with the queen and returning a club to Townsend's ace. One down and 11 IMPs to England.

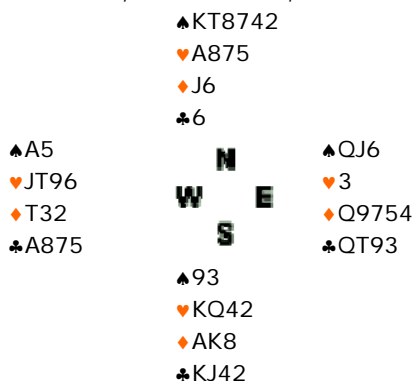
This was well done by Townsend. His spade king was badly placed, partner would have at most a queen and had not doubled the heart cue.

But should North have doubled the response to Keycard? And was the fact that North had not doubled Five Clubs a possible clue to the winning decision for declarer?

At the other table the contract was 5S making 12 tricks.

Round 3 : Netherlands Vs Russia

Board 8, Dealer: West, Vul: None



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Playing in 4H you would lose a spade and a club apart from the inevitable trump loser, due to the favourable position of the SA. In 4S, two trump losers are the minimum, so you have to get rid of your possible heart loser by taking the right view in clubs. Apart from that, there are squeeze chances.

How would you fancy your chances in 4S with Simon de Wijs as a defender in West? He led the HJ which declarer won with the King in hand to play a trump. Simon rose with the Ace and continued...the H6 (his lowest heart) for Bauke Muller to ruff. After some consideration, Bauke did indeed return a low club and thus, the second heart ruff defeated the contract. Very well defended indeed!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khven</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rudakov</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

In the other room, the Dutch avoided this trap and duly reached 4H to register 10 IMPs. Making 4H might not be as easy as it looks, however. A diamond went to the Jack, Queen and Ace and a spade was led, the King winning. The next spade went to the Ace and at this point, West cashed the CA before continuing a diamond.

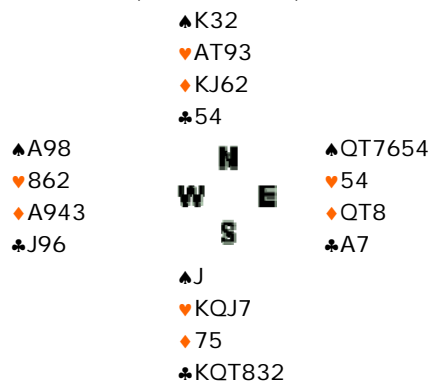
This gave declarer an easy ride. He won the DK, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade, West overruffing. Now, West has only clubs left apart from his trumps, so cashing the CA early on does not seem to have mattered at all.

Foiled by Fredin (and Fallenius)

by Jan van Cleeff

Open teams, section B, round 7 - Sweden Vs. The Netherlands

Board 14, Dealer: East, Vul: None



After a weak two in spades by East, the popular contract was 4H, played by South, West usually kicked off with the SA and then switched to a low diamond. To make his game it all came down for declarer to guess the suit. The Swedish declarer in the closed room played the jack and was down right away, losing two diamonds, a spade and a club.

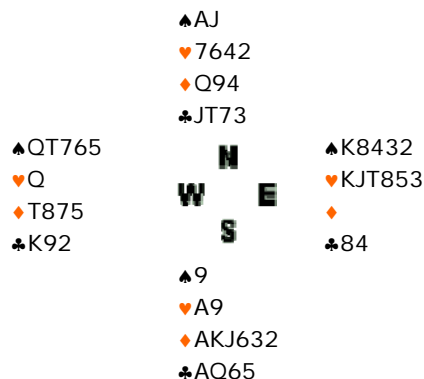
In the open room declarer had to guess as well, though in a different suit. That had everything to do with the fact that the Swedish West was Peter Fredin, a player who always puts something extra in his game.

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		2S	3C
3S	3NT	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Peter Fredin led a low (!) spade, low from dummy and East won the suit. Fallenius continued the suit and Sjoert Brink was at the cross roads. After a while he decided that it was more likely that East had the SA than West. He therefore pitched a diamond from hand. The defense took its tricks for a push.

Round 5. This cracking deal is from the women's match between Germany and Turkey:

Board 2, Dealer: East, Vul: NS



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Erdogan</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Kizikli</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
		Pass	1D
1S	Dble	4S	4NT*
Pass	5C	5D	Pass*
5S	Pass	Pass	6D
All Pass			

East led a spade and declarer won with the ace and mindful of East's bid of 5D rightly rejected the trump finesse, playing a club to the ace and a club. (If clubs are 4-1 then the winning line is to take a first round finesse, but with 6-6 in the majors East might have bid differently. If trumps were 4-1 then after a club to the ace and a club West has only to duck to leave declarer with an insoluble problem.) With trumps 3-2 declarer was in no danger, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ozan</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Aluf</i>
		2D*	3D
4S	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

(*) - 2D Majors, 5-10 or 23-24 balanced.

East had a gadget that came in handy and with 4S being unbeatable Germany added +590 to the score from the other room for a handy 18 IMPs.

Round 11 Match

This board caused havoc all over the place, the scores ranging from +2,200 to -1,700 for NS.

Board 15, Dealer: South, Vul: NS

	♠53		
	♥62		
	♦QT3		
	♣K97642		
♠		♠K98762	
♥		♥KJT974	
♦AJ7542	W	♦6	
♣AQJT853	S	♣	
	♠AQJT4		
	♥AQ853		
	♦K98		
	♣		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Jónsson</i>
			1C
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
6D	Dbl	All Pass	

After the Strong Club, West had an easy overcall but maybe a slightly doubtful slam raise. On friendly defence (no trump lead but rather the SA), Smirnov managed to collect eight tricks for a mere +800 to Iceland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
			1C
5H	Pass	6D	Dble All Pass

In the Closed Room, after the strong club from South, Iceland also declared 6D as East after using their special convention but here, Elinescu correctly led a trump. North could now lead a major through dummy every time he got the lead so the contract eventually had to go down six. Germany +1400 for a 12-IMP gain.

In the England v. Netherlands match, Jansma and Paulissen avoided being hurt badly:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Jason H.</i>
			1S
2NT	Pass	Pass	3H
4C	Dbl	All Pass	

Paulissen made the sensible move of passing 2NT. The message was well received by Jansma who now knew that bidding 4C at his next turn would be more than enough. Not that he escaped the axe but down two looked like a good result for the Netherlands. And so it proved, as this is what happened at the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			1S
2NT	Pass	3H	Pass
4C	Dbl	4H	Dbl All Pass

Once Gold decided to introduce his suit, he was doomed. He might (or even should) have passed 4C which would have made the board a push but when he went on to 4H, his side had lost another bushel of IMPs. Down five for - 1100 and 13 IMPs to the Dutch.

The Russia-Poland match also saw a big swing:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
			1C
5C	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

Buras made the very practical bid of what he thought he could make. Not a bad idea at all, holding a solid enough trump suit. Any diamond values in dummy will also help you with clubs as trumps. On this particular day, his sound enough approach cost only 500...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
			1S
4NT	Dbl	5D	5H
6D	Dbl	All Pass	

...which was still much less than what Khiuppenen had to suffer after raising partner's diamond preference to slam. Down five on a trump lead, Poland +1100

This deal has one very particular property: all four suits are divided 7-6 between the two pairs; we really need a name for that particularity.

Freak Deal

This freak deal from Round 16 of the Open was exciting at most tables, but Frangos Philippos of Cyprus, in their match against Switzerland achieved a most unusual coup.

Second to speak, at adverse vulnerability, he picked up: ♠- ♥ A J 9 8 3 2 ♦ A K Q 8 3 2 ♣ A

He opened an artificial game-forcing Two Diamonds. Rather to his surprise there was a double on his left passed back to him.

He knew Two Diamonds doubled was not a game contract, so he conceived the idea of removing himself from this into Three Diamonds. Again it went double, pass, pass. Now he was in game so he was able to Pass. The full deal was:

Board 12, Dealer: West, Vul: NS

	♠		
	♥AJ9832		
	♦AKQ832		
	♣A		
♠QT2	N	♠AKJ9	
♥	W	♥QT65	
♦J764	E	♦	
♣J97653	S	♣KQT82	
	♠876543		
	♥K74		
	♦T95		
	♣4		

Frangos managed 11 tricks for a score of 1070 to Cyprus. As East-West are cold for Six Clubs this was a good result. Of course, East thought his doubles were for take-out whilst West, having assumed the first one showed diamonds, saw no reason to disturb the later one.

At the other table the popular contract of Six Hearts doubled was reached. Most declarers ruffed the opening spade lead and laid down the heart ace. When they showed 4-0 some declarers tried the ace of diamonds next. East ruffed and came to a second trump later.

Alain Levy of France was one of the few to succeed when at trick three he played a low trump. This gave East a difficult decision. If declarer has solid diamonds and a losing club to ruff it is necessary for East to play low (if he splits, declarer can ruff his club with the small trump and give up a trump). But when East did play low Levy was home. He put in the seven of trumps and led a diamond. When they also proved to be 4-0 he still had the trump king as entry for the diamond finesse. He conceded only one trump trick. Switzerland in Six Hearts doubled failed by one trick and Cyprus scored a 15 IMPs gain.

In the Senior team match between England and the Netherlands, the bidding went as follows:

In the closed room Nico Englander from The Netherlands played 6D from North and due to bad breaks failed by one trick. In fact, declarer managed to lose one heart only, when he played a low heart to the seven (East had bid both majors in the process).

In the open room the spotlight was on West, Jan-Willem Bomhof, a player who, due to his spectacular style of bidding and play, is a frequent and welcome guest to bridge columns.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bomhof</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Niemeijer</i>	<i>Harper</i>
Pass	1D	Dbl	Pass
2C	4H	5C	Pass
Pass	5D	Pass	Pass
?			

In the 'balancing position' by now Bomhof was pretty sure that his partner was void in diamonds.

So he gave it a shot in 6C, duly doubled by North, who was convinced he had enough defence. Not so.

Round 4 of Final RR

Board 7, Dealer: South, Vul: All

	♠963		
	♥Q96		
	♦AK94		
	♣963		
♠K8	N	♠AQJT54	
♥A843	W	♥T75	
♦J5	E	♦876	
♣JT872	S	♣4	
	♠72		
	♥KJ2		
	♦QT32		
	♣AKQ5		

In the Portugal-France match, the old adage about NT players who don't have spades once again proved right when East could double for a spade lead: .

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>
			1NT

Pass 3NT All Pass

When West, who had led a natural CJ, played back a low club after winning the second round of hearts, Cruzeiro even had an overtrick for Portugal +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
			1NT

Pass 3NT Dbl All Pass

The classic convention of doubling 1NT-3NT for an unexpected major suit lead proved very effective here when Palma could more than obey Barbosa's request by putting the SK on the table. That was +800 to Portugal and a juicy 16 IMPs.

Elegant Criss-Cross squeeze

by Micke Melander

In the match between Germany and Russia (R15 - Open), Smirnov from the Russian team executed a really nice piece of declarer play.

Board 15, Dealer: South, Vul: NS

	♠876		
	♥T85		
	♦AJ6		
	♣A642		
♠53	N	♠QJ9	
♥AKJ432	W	♥7	
♦742	E	♦KT853	
♣T9	S	♣Q873	
	♠AKT42		
	♥Q96		
	♦Q9		
	♣KJ5		

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82nd Summer NABC 2010, New Orleans, LA

The 82nd Summer North American Bridge Championships 2010 was played from **21st July to 1st Aug 2010 at New Orleans, LA**. The important events of the championship are detailed below:

Grand National Teams (GNT)

Total 128 teams (32 teams in Championship Flight - for players with more than 5000 masterpoints), and 32 each in Flight-A, Flight-B & Flight-C respectively) met to decide the winners of the 2010 Grand National Teams in the four flights.

Last year's champion, led by Rose Meltzer, did not qualify for the knockout phase. Also, the powerhouse District 9 team led by Warren Spector and including Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, were eliminated in the first round of knockouts.

In the semi-finals of the Morehead Championship Flight, Jill Meyers led her District 23 team to a 124-105 victory over the District 10 squad captained by John Onstott (John Onstott, David Siebert, Allan Siebert, Iype Koshy). In the other semi-final, Simson dispatched Dan Morse's (Dan Morse, Ira Hessel, Greg Hinze, Hemant Lall, Justin Lall, Nagy Kamel) District 16 team by 148-97.

The GNT Championship title went to team Simson of District 11 as the foursome of Walter Johnson, Doug Simson, Dennis Clerkin and Jerry Clerkin prevailed in the final against the Jill Meyers led District 23 lineup of Jill Meyers, Mitch Dunitz, Walter Schafer and Ed Davis by 142-112. The District 11 squad jumped out to a 49-30 lead in the first quarter, only to watch District 23 strike back in the second to lead at halftime by 1 IMP. A commanding third quarter performance, however (District 11 won 44-2), put the eventual winners in control of the match. District 23 won the last set 36-25, but it was not enough.

The District 4 team captained by Elliot Shalita (Elliot Shalita, Corey Krantz, Howard Cohen, Douglas Dye, Richard Olanoff, Andy Kaufman) led from start to finish in winning the **Goldman Flight A** Grand National Teams with a 120-81 victory over the District 7 team led by Lance Shull.

The District 14 squad of Eric Hendrickson, Paul Gutterman, Andy Caranicas and Richard Lawson won the **Sheinwold GNT Flight B** final, defeating their District 15 opponents 123-89.

The District 11 team captained by Ryan Schultz (Ryan Schultz, David Camillus, Ambrish Bansal, D. Thomas Terwilliger) raced out to a 53-5 first-quarter lead on their way to a 152-52 rout of the District 20 squad led by Chris Poulos in the **Mac Nab Flight C** final.

The Von Zedtwitz Gold Cup Life Master Pair

At the end of the two qualifying sessions of the prestigious Von Zedtwitz Gold Cup Life Master Pairs event, there were 156 qualified pairs left for Semi finals, out of the 314 pairs (157 Tables) who entered the 3-day event.

Lee Atkinson and Mark Yaeger with a score of 1229.68 led the qualifiers from the 2-session qualifying round. 4.5 match points behind were Brian Senior and Sandra Penfold of Nottingham, England.

The Indian pairs, Kirshnan Ramaratnam - K Venkatraman (25th position - 1143.04); Uttam Gupta - Kirubakara Moorthy (50th position - 1086.80) and Rajeswaran Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar (83rd position - 1048.83) qualified for the semi-final round.

Erik Saelensminde and Boye Brogeland, of Norway led in the 2 session semi-final round with a carryover of 96.25 matchpoints. Their carryover was slightly ahead of Londoners Tom Townsend and David Gold. In third, about 24 matchpoints behind were Brazilians Joao Paulo Campos and Miguel Villas Boas. Out of the 156 pairs, 78 Pairs qualified for the finals.

The Indian pair of 16 Kirshnan Ramaratnam - K Venkatraman (16th position - 49.13) & Uttam Gupta - Kirubakara Moorthy (60th position - 17.94) also qualified for the 2-session final.

Boye Brogeland and Erik Saelensminde, members of Norway's 2007 Bermuda Bowl champion team, resurrecting a partnership after an extended layoff survived a poor board on a late play at the end of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs to win the event. Second place went to the Italian pair of Norberto Bocchi and Guido Ferraro.

The standings for the first 8 places in the Life Master Pairs finals were:

1 Erik Saelensminde - Boye Brogeland	1260.22
2 Norberto Bocchi - Guido Ferraro	1253.79
3 Joaopaulo Campos - Miguel Villas Boas	1242.02
4 Joe Grue - Curtis Cheek	1199.34
5 Alan Osofsky - Alan Sontag	1187.59
6 Joaquin Pacareu - Benjamin Robles	1181.52
7 Zia Mahmood - Jeff Meckstroth	1168.14
8 Winthrop Allegaert - Jaggy Shivdasani	1154.03
16 Uttam Gupta - Kirubakara Moorthy	1101.50
26 Kirshnan Ramaratnam - K Venkatraman	1064.16

SPINGOLD Team of four Knockout Event

65 teams took part in this prestigious event, which included 5 teams comprising of Indian players.

The teams with Indian players were: #43 (Hansa Narasimhan, Amarnath Banerjee, Subir Majumder, Rana Roy, Bhabesh Saha, Sumit Mukherjee); #46 (G Venkatesh, Jyotindra Shah, S Sundarram, P Sridhar, Kirshnan Ramaratnam, K Venkatraman); #59 (Rajeswaran Rajkumar, Prahalad Rajkumar, Raghavendra Rajkumar, Michael Gill from USA); #63 (Kirubakara Moorthy, Uttam Gupta, and Romanians - Eduard Monteanu, Eugen Chelu) and #65 (Rajendra Gokhale, Arvind Ranasaria, Satya Rami, Peiyush Jain)

Due to the odd number of teams there was one three-way match, between seeds 32 (Dawson), #64 (Deneroff) and #65 (Gokhale) and the #32 team defeated the two lower-ranked squads to advance.

All the top seeds had an easy time advancing to the round of 32. The highest ranked team to take an early exit was the No. 18 seed captained by Mike Moss, which lost to the #46 seed Indian team "Texan Aces" by a score of 185-83.

Also of note in the first round was the remarkable comeback of Brian Senior's team (No. 34) against the No. 30 seed led by Bill Pollack. Down 53 IMPs with one quarter to go, Senior won the last set by 64 IMPs to make it to the next round of the event.

Out of the Indian teams only the # 46 Texan Aces survived to the 2nd round. The #63 seed Moorthy team lost to #1 seed Schwartz by 69-162; #43 seed Narasimhan lost to #21 Berg in a tight contest by 100-119; the #59 seed Rajkumar's team lost to #5 seed Fleisher by 133-172.

The top-seeded squad led by Richard Schwartz was upset in the last-32 stage losing to Dennis Dawson's No. 32-seed squad by 132-116. Although Schwartz (Russ Ekeblad, Matthew Granovetter, Jan Jansma, Ron Rubin and Louk Verhees) won the first quarter by 38-20, Dawson (Leon Lowe, Kalin Karaivanov, Rumen Trendafilov, Vladislav Isporski and Valentin Kovachev) won the second set 58-20 and never looked back. The Schwartz line-up included five of the six members of last year's Spingold champions.

In another last-32 round upset, the #9 seed team of Lou Ann O'Rourke were defeated by seed #24 led by Alon Apteker of South Africa by 139-92. The Indian team Texan Aces also lost to the #15 seed French team of Zaleski by 87-158 (18-38, 28-29, 14-57, 27-34), thus ending progress of all the Indian teams in the Spingold.

There were some big upsets in the last-16 stage of the Spingold Knockout Teams, with three high seeds being sidelined. The Nick Nickell, Carolyn Lynch and Martin Fleisher squads were upset in the round of 16.

Nickell, seeded No. 2, fell to the #15 seeded French team captained by Romain Zaleski by 119-157 (34-46, 21-53, 37-23, 27-35). The winners led from the start, taking a 46-34 lead and building it to a 44 IMPs lead at halfway, to a final score of 157-119. No. 5 Martin Fleisher fell behind the #12 seed Swedish-Bulgarian foursome (De Knijff, npc) early and did not recover, losing 111-79 (24-18, 27-19, 49-33, 11-9). Lynch, seeded No. 6, led after the first set against the #11 seed Aubrey Strul squad but were outscored 65-27 in the 2nd quarter. A 31-3 rally by Lynch in the 4th quarter was not enough to avert a 131-114 (26-51, 65-27, 37-5, 3-31) defeat. No. 8 John Diamond trailed the Alon Apteker squad with a quarter to go but won the final set 68-5 to cruise into the next round with a 189-130 victory. In another close match #7 Jacobs defeated #10 Henner-Wellend by 171-163.

Quarter-finals:

Two of the quarterfinal matches were settled by a single digit margin. In the match between #3 seeded Meltzer and #6 (original #11 seed) the Aubrey Strul team, Meltzer scored a 12 imps game swing on the final board to come from a 5 imps deficit to gain a 102-95 (9-40, 40-16, 19-33, 34-6) victory.

The Strul team (Aubrey Strul, Michael Becker, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Boye Brogeland, Erik Saelensminde) was in command till the 3rd quarter leading by 21 IMPs. However the lucky board (the 3NT contract was going down on a club lead but as partner has called hearts, hence a heart was led rather than the 5-carder club) fetched Meltzer with all the luck required to enter the semi-final.

#2 (original #15 seed) Zaleski trailed 95-63 at the half against #7 seed George Jacobs (George Jacobs, Steve Beatty, Norberto Bocchi, Guido Ferraro, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek) before rallying to take an 11-IMP lead after three sets. They held on to a 126-125 (20-61, 43-34, 49-6, 14-24) win.

The other two matches were one sided, as #8 seed John Diamond took out #1 (earlier #32 seed) Dennis Dawson (Dennis Dawson, Leon Lowe, Kalin Karaivanov, Rumen Trendafilov, Vladislav Isporski, Valentin Kovachev) by 167-81 (12-28, 53-18, 58-11, 44-24) and #4 seed James Cayne eliminated #12 seeded Martin de Knijff (npc) (Peter Fredin, Bjorn Fallenius, Viktor Aranov, Jules Stefanov) by 164-111 (33-38, 12-40, 48-1, 71-32). De Knijff led at half way stage but the 3rd set rout by 48-1 by their opponents demoralized them completely.

Semi-finals: In the first semi-final, the #1 seed (original #8) Diamond earned their spot in the final with a 121-89 (12-25, 26-15, 38-36, 45-13) victory over the #4 seed Cayne (James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Antonio Sementa and Giorgio Duboin). Cayne led by 2 IMPs at the halfway point, and the match was tied at 76 after three quarters, but then Diamond pulled away in the final set, winning it 45-13.

In the 2nd semi-final, the #3 seed Meltzer started strongly against the #2 seed (originally #15) Romain Zaleski (Albert Faigenbaum, Dominique Pilon, Jean Quantin, Marc Bompis and Franck Multon), winning the opening set 34-13, but the French team came back in the second set winning 20-0 to draw to within 1 IMP. But after that Meltzer pulled away to comfortably win 113-85 (34-13, 0-20, 37-20, 42-32).

The Spingold Knockout Final: With two boards to go in the tight Spingold final, the #2 seed (original #3) Rose Meltzer squad (Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, David Berkowitz, Alan Sontag, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes) had a 12-IMP lead over the #1 seed (original #8) John Diamond team (John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco) and looked good for the win. However, a disaster on the next-to-last deal turned the match around, and Diamond emerged with a 118-115 (34-11, 36-32, 8-53, 40-19) victory.

Meltzer's lead was forged mostly on a vulnerable slam bid by Fantoni and Nunes in board 55 of the final set. The Italians bid 6♥ on a 4-4 heart fit missing five trumps to the K-10 and an outside ace, but on the lie of the cards the slam could not be defeated and Meltzer gained 13 IMPs. The match was relatively even from there, and Meltzer had a seemingly comfortable lead with two boards to play. On the penultimate board, Greco and Hampson got to 2♠ on a 5-2 fit and managed to bring it home for plus 110.

At the other table, Sontag made an aggressive bid after Berkowitz had passed his 1♠ opener and Gitelman balanced with 1NT. Sontag ended up playing 3♠ doubled, going down three for minus 800. That cost 14 IMPs and put Diamond into the lead. Diamond gained 1 IMP on the last board to win by 3 IMPs.

Diamond started the final strong, winning the opening set 34-11 and taking a 70-43 lead at the halfway point. But then Meltzer blitzed their opponents 53-8 in the third set to lead by 96-78 with a quarter to go. Diamond regained the lead early in the fourth set but fell behind after the slam swing before collecting 800 to surge ahead for good.

WAGAR Women's Knockout Team Event

There were 16 entries for the WAGAR Women's Team event. Each of the top eight seeds in the 16-team field advanced to the quarter-finals with a rout of their opponents in the round of 16. The closest match of the day was the Glasson team's 156-114 win over the No. 9 seed, captained by Lynne Schaefer. Two of the matches ended early when one team withdrew after three quarters, another at the half.

In the quarterfinal round, No. 1 seed Dinkin played only three quarters against the No. 8 seed led by Joann Glasson (Joann Glasson, Lisa Berkowitz, Susan Picus, Stasha Cohen, Peggy Sutherland, Petra Hamman) before the latter withdrew facing a 155-85 (48-8, 72-57, 35-3, w/d) deficit. The 2nd set score of 72-57 in a 16-board match meant that around 8 imps per board were exchanged in the set.

In the other matches, No. 2 Westheimer defeated No. 7 Phyllis Fireman (Phyllis Fireman, Shannon Cappelletti, Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Catherine D'Ovidio, Daniele Gaviard) 132-109 (41-10, 42-39, 27-40, 22-20); No. 6 seed Sylvia Moss, down 6 IMPs with a quarter to go, won the final set by 50 IMPs to prevail 157-113 (33-22, 23-48, 29-21, 72-22) over No. 3 Connie Goldberg (Connie Goldberg, JoAnn Sprung, Pam Wittes, Linda Lewis, Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack), and No. 4 seeded Joel knocked off No. 5 Susan Miller (Susan Miller, Bronia Jenkins, Sally Woolsey, Jan Martel) 122-94 (13-34, 22-3, 67-18, 20-39).

In the semi-finals, the No. 1 seed Sam Dinkin, npc defeated their #4 seeded opponents captained by Geeske Joel by 191-120 (36-40, 43-19, 50-27, 62-34). Joel played with Tobi Sokolow, Jill Meyers, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg and Janice Seamon-Molson.

Valerie Westheimer led her No. 2 seed team to a 129-113 (30-11, 22-34, 29-18, 48-50) victory over #3 (earlier #6 seed) Sylvia Moss's squad. Moss played with Judi Radin, Migry Zur Campanile, Shawn Quinn, Wen Wang and Yi Lin.

WAGAR Final: In a nail-biting match, the #1 seed Lynn Baker's team (with npc Sam Dinkin) overcame a 45-IMP deficit from the first quarter to win the final of the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams by 2 IMPs against #2 seed Valerie Westheimer's squad. The final score in favour of Dinkin was 125-123 (14-59, 51-12, 26-31, 34-21). Dinkin's lineup was Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Irina Levitina, Beth Palmer and Lynn Deas.

Playing for Westheimer were Valerie Westheimer, Disa Eythorsdottir, Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letizia and Betty Ann Kennedy.

Down 59-14 after the first quarter, Dinkin rallied to trail by just 6 IMPs at the half. Westheimer, however, maintained a small lead through the third quarter, with the score reading 102-91 in their favour. The exciting fourth quarter saw the lead change hands several times, before a critical deal very late in the set in which a Dinkin pair reached a making 3NT at one table while the Westheimer counterparts bid to a non-making 5♦ at the other. This swung the lead in Dinkin's favor by a handful of IMPs. The remaining boards were flat, and Dinkin claimed the win.

TRUSCOTT UPSC Senior Swiss Teams Event

174 Teams (87 tables) began play and 88 teams qualified to the finals of the event. The team captained by Reese Milner led the qualifiers to the final with carryover of 26.35. In the finals, the team of Ken Cohen, Neal Satten, Rick Rowland and Thomas Weik overcame a rocky start to win the four session contest. They won seven of their eight matches in the final to finish with 134.54 victory points (including carryover). The final rankings:

1. Ken Cohen, Neal Satten, Rick Rowland, Thomas Weik 134.54
2. John Malley, Daniel Colatosti, Sheila Gabay, Richard Budd, Mel Colchamiro 119.81
3. Reese Milner, Peter Weichsel, Melih Ozdil, Garey Hayden 113.35
4. R Jay Becker, Ron Feldman, David Sokolow, David Hampton, B Marshall 112.82

Wernher Open Pairs:

240 Pairs participated in the Wernher Open Pairs event and 130 Pairs qualified for the final round. The toppers of the 2-session qualification round were **Ishmael Delmonte and Pamela Granovetter** who scored 63.77% in the 1st session with a 67.15% game in the second set to lead by almost two boards.

Uttam Gupta - Kirubakara Moorthy (22nd - 122.88) and Rajeswaran Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar (40th - 97.95) also qualified for the final round.

Beatrice Kemp and Richard Burton had two solid sessions in the final round of the Wernher Open Pairs to win the two-day contest by less than half a board. They scored 57.15% in the first final session and 61.12% in the second final to finish with 2095.56 match points. In second with 2076.10 were Tom Carmichael and Jeff Roman. The final standings were:

1. **Richard Burton - Beatrice Kemp** 2095.56
2. Thomas Carmichael - Jeff Roman 2076.10
3. Ronald Smith - Linda Smith 2073.21
4. Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout 2037.13
5. Andy Avery - Cecily Kohler 2029.98
6. Jonathan Steinberg - Daniel Korbel 2024.74
7. Waldemar Frukacz - Jacek Jerzy Kalita 2018.98
8. David Caprera - Roger Lee 2017.92

Uttam Gupta - Kirubakara Moorthy were ranked 18th with a score of 1934.07 & Rajeswaran Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar were 21st with a score of 1911.95)

Freeman Mixed Board-a-match Teams:

The Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, one of the oldest ACBL events first played in 1929, is a four session event with two qualifying and two final sessions. Beginning this year, the event is named in memory of Richard (Dick) Freeman, the long time partner of Nick Nickell. A trophy will be dedicated later this year.

176 teams (88 tables) participated in the event and The team captained by Jill Meyers took the lead after two qualifying sessions. Meyers, playing with Lew and JoAnna Stansby and Gary Cohler had a carryover score of 5.00 to the final two sessions. 80 teams qualified for the 2-session finals.

In one of the strongest performances ever in the event, the foursome captained by Jill Meyers (Jill Meyers, Gary Cohler, JoAnna and Lew Stansby) led from the start in winning the Richard Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams by 5.46 boards. Second place went to Gloria and Les Bart and Sally and Kit Woolsey.

On the first day of qualifying, the winners posted scores of 20 (out of 26) and 18.5, but had a carryover of only 1.6 boards. They settled the issue in the two final sessions with scores of 16 and 19.5. They had the event won with a round to go, leading by more than three boards with two boards to play. Similarly, the Bart team was nearly four boards clear of third with two to play. The final ranking:

1. Jill Meyers, Jo Anna Stansby, Lew Stansby, Gary Cohler 40.50
2. Les Bart, Gloria Bart, Kit Woolsey, Sally Woolsey 35.04
3. Jason Feldman, Erin Feldman, Lynne Feldman, Barry Schaffer 34.13
4. Barbara Sonsini, Garey Hayden, Mark Lair, Migry Zur Campanile, Renee Mancuso 32.21

NABC Fast Pairs:

Nagy Kamel and Dan Jacob with a score of 63.66% in the afternoon session and a 64.62% in the evening, posted the top score in the qualifying round of the NABC+ Fast Open Pairs. They had a carryover of 202.89 to the finals. Out of the 196 participating pairs, 104 made the cut to the two-session final.

K Venkatraman - Kirshnan Ramaratnam (8th place) and Raghavendra Rajkumar - Rajeswaran Rajkumar (23rd place) also qualified to the finals.

Dan Jacob and Nagy Kamel, had two solid sessions in the final to win the event by about 31 match points on a top of 51. Second place went to Steve Shirey and Allan Stauber. They had a slim lead after two qualifying sessions, following up with a 62.52% game in the first final session and 55% in the second final.

The leaders were:

1. **Nagy Kamel - Dan Jacob** 1734.50
2. Steve Shirey - Allan Stauber 1703.74
3. Justin Lall - Jaggy Shivdasani 1689.26
4. Ira Chorush - Venkatrao Koneru 1678.35
5. Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz 1657.03
6. Lewis Gartnerman - Robert McCaw 1649.72
7. Adam Wildavsky - Philippe Cronier 1641.40
8. Robert Bitterman - Jerry Helms 1641.23

K Venkatraman - Kirshnan Ramaratnam were on 25th place with 1497.71 and Raghavendra Rajkumar - Rajeswaran Rajkumar on 45th place with a 1413.75 score.

NABC+ Roth Open SWISS Teams:

256 teams participated in the event and 128 teams qualified to the finals of the event. The team captained by Geeske Joel entered the final of the Roth Open Swiss Teams with a carryover of 30 IMPs. Joel is playing with Tobi Sokolow, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jill Meyers, Jill Levin and Debbie Rosenberg. About 6.5 IMPs behind the leaders are the team led by Lou Ann O'Rourke having Marc Jacobus, Eddie Wold, Roger Bates, Bas Drijver and Sjoert Brink.

Moorthy's team (Kirubakara Moorthy, Uttam Gupta, Eugen Chelu, Eduard Montean) ranked 31/34; Narasimhan team (Hansa Narasimhan, Amar Banerjee, Sumit Mukherjee, Bhareesh Saha, Subir Majumder, Rana Roy) ranked 46/47 and the Texan Aces (G Venkatesh, Jyotindra Shah, S Sundarram, P Sridhar, K Venkatraman, Krishnan Ramaratnam) ranked 56/59 also qualified for the finals.

In the finals, the Fleisher team (Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein) won the **NABC+ Roth Open Swiss Teams** with a score of 124.82. The Aptekar team was second with 119.82.

The final ranking:

1. **Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein - 124.82**
2. Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, Jacob Morgan, Philippe Cronier, Adam Wildavsky, Michael Polowan - 119.82
3. Mel Colchamiro, Sheila Gabay, John Malley, Daniel Colatosti, Richard DeMartino, John Stiefel - 117.53
4. Geeske Joel, Tobi Sokolow, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jill Meyers, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg - 116.00
5. Mark Gordon, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Terje Aa, Jorgen Molberg, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue - 115.06
6. Aaron Silverstein, Andrew Rosenthal, Chris Willenken, David Gold, Tom Townsend, Michael Rosenberg - 111.71
7. Renee Mancuso, CA; Sheri Winestock, Catherine D'Ovidio, Sandra Rimstedt, Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva - 110.65
8. Stephen Landen, Ralph Katz, Jason Feldman, Daniel Gerstman, Venkatrao Koneru, Ira Chorush - 110.00

The Texan Aces team - G Venkatesh, Jyotindra Shah, S Sundarram, P Sridhar, K R Venkatraman and Krishnan Ramaratnam finished at 21st place with a score of 94.18 score

- Reported by Editor

Courtesy: Daily Bulletins & BBO Vu-graph of Summer NABC 2010



**THE WORLD BRIDGE SERIES
CHAMPIONSHIPS
1 – 16 October 2010
Philadelphia, PA, USA**

This year, The World Bridge Series Championships (WBSC) will be held in the USA 1-16 October 2010! It is the first such event to be held in the United States since 1994 and approximately 100 nations are expected to participate in the world series, represented by thousands of the world's best players competing for world titles. Along with the WBSC, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) District 4 will be hosting a two week World Bridge Federation Regional tournament, which will enable bridge players of all abilities to share in the excitement! The World Youth Team Championships (Pre-qualification required) will also take place in Philadelphia at this time. WBF Master Points will be given out for these events. Our sincerest thanks to the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) and the ACBL for their support and sponsorship.

For WBSC schedules, housing, and additional information please click on the following links:

WBF-

www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Philadelphia.10/Philadelphia.htm

USBF

http://www.usbf.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=627&Itemid=282

Brochure

<http://www.usbf.org/docs/2010wc/Philadelphia2010.pdf>



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*Team of Four Duplicate
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*&
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**30th Oct – 2nd November
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

23rd Oct: 2000 Hrs – Captain's Meet
24th Oct: 0930 -1100 Hrs. – Opening Ceremony
24th – 27th Oct: Round Robin Qualifying (4 Days)
28th Oct: Trip to Taj Mahal @ Agra
29th Oct: 0930-1315 Hrs – S Final (2*14 boards)
1415-1830 Hrs – Final (2*16 boards)
1930 Hrs. – Cocktails / Victory Dinner

Note: The number of rounds per day and boards per round for the qualifying round-robin will depend on no. of entries in the championship.

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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 the first Sunday of every month in the evening at Vasant Vihar Club. **Contact: Amarjit Wadhawan – 09811452647**
3. 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.**

1st ASIA CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

The First Asia Cup Championship 2010 will be held at Ning Bo, China from 30th Aug till 5th Sep'10 at Smile and Natural Ninbo Hotel (5 star) (see www.yuanzhou.com.cn)

Representative teams of all NBOs of ZONE-4 can participate in both OPEN & WOMEN Team event.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2010

National

14-17 Aug: Poddar National Masters, Mumbai
27-29 Aug: 8th Sir Padampat Singhania Memorial Invitational Pairs, Kanpur
03-05 Sep: Kerala Bridge Festival
16-19 Sep: KN Modi Tournament, Nainital
24-26 Sep: Lokmanya Seva Sangh Prize Money event at Mumbai
30 Oct-02 Nov: HCL Tournament New Delhi, India
26-28 Nov: Delhi Gymkhana Club Prize Money event
10-17 Dec: 52nd Winter Nationals, Kolkata

International

Aug 30–Sep 5: 1st Asia Cup Championship @ Ning Bo, China
Sep 13-16: 3rd Buffett Cup, Cardiff, Wales
Oct 1-16: 13th World Bridge Series, Philadelphia, PA
Oct 24-29: 3rd Commonwealth Nations Cup New Delhi, India

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