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Team "FORMIDABLES" to Represent India in the World Mind Sports Game

"Formidables" represented by Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, K.R. Venkatraman, Rajesh Dalal & Sunit Chokshi will be representing India in the World Bridge Games (formerly known as the World Bridge Olympiad) within the 1st World Mind Sports Game, to be held at Beijing, China from 3rd to 18th October 2008.

In the final of the selection trials for open teams held at Hyderabad, they beat Shree Cement by 66 IMPs, thus establishing their supremacy in the country.

In the final of the senior's event, AZURE-DHAMPUR team represented by Maj. Surender Hooda, Ashok Vaidya, Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, V.M. Lal & R. Sridhar beat BHANDARI's team by 14 IMPs and will represent the Indian Senior's team at the 1st World Mind Sports Game at Beijing.

Let us all wish them the very best and hope they will bring laurels to the country.

See Details on Page 8.

NICKELL to represent USA in the World Mind Sports Game

The **NICKELL Team** (Frank Nickell - Captain, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Chris Compton, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell) beat Strul team (Aubrey Strul, Capt, David Berkowitz, Chip Martel, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, Lew Stansby) by 216-190 in the USA OPEN team trials and will represent USA in the 1st World Mind Sports game at Beijing.

The **MOSS team** (Sylvia Moss – Capt, Janice Seamon-Molson, Mildred Breed, Judi Radin, Tobi Sokolow, Marinesa Letizia) beat BAKER (Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Karen McCallum, Irina Levitina, Beth Palmer, **Pam Granovetter**, NPC) by 224-173 in the USA Women's team trials and will represent USA in the 2008 olympiad at Beijing.

The **MILNER team** (Reese Milner, Grant Baze, Russ Ekeblad, Matthew Granovetter, Sam Lev, Billy Eisenberg) defeated ONSTOTT (John Onstott, Drew Casen, Dan Morse, Bobby Wolff) by 143-73 and earned the right to represent the United States Senior team at the 2008 Mind Sports game to be played in Beijing, China.

See Details on Page 15 & 16.

Hampson – Rodwell wins the 2008 Cavendish

Geoff Hamson & Eric Rodwell with a score of 3367.76 won the **2008 Cavendish Pairs**. 54 Pairs participated in the event.

See Details on Page 13.

NORWAY are the European Teams Champion

Norway (Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Harald Skjaeran Coach, Jorgen Molberg, Geir Helgemo, Terje AA, Boerre Lund, Sten Bjertnes npc) added the European Team Championship to their Bermuda Bowl crown. They captured the title for the first time in history, ending Italy's record breaking run.

France (Danièle Allouche-Gaviard, Veronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, Julien Gaviard npc) retained the European Women's Team Championship. Turkey won the Senior Team Championships.

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RUBIN TWO-BIDS

In early days of bridge, opening suit bids at the two-level used to show very strong unbalanced hand almost forcing to game. These bids occurred infrequently and also occupied four bids. Therefore today most of the bridge players use only one bid for all these i.e. 2C opening bid. The forcing 2C opening bid is an artificial bid used for showing a very strong hand, which normally assures game although the bidding may stop in a part score. Now a days forcing 2C is widely used as it frees the other two level bids for more frequent conventional bids (e.g. weak two in majors, multi 2D, Ekrens, Flannery etc.).

As 2C opening bid has to cover all the strong hands, American Expert Ira Rubin developed Rubin Two-Bids. Although not very popular but certainly has lot of advantages and we strongly recommend these bids.

A) What are Rubin Two-Bids

As per this convention, a two level opening bid shows either:

- A weak two-bid in the suit above the suit opened (more frequent)
- A strong one or two suiter with the suit opened
- Strong balanced hands (can be as per partnership understanding)

So playing Rubin Two-bids, 2C opening bids shows either a weak two-bid in Diamond or strong one or two-suiter with clubs or balanced hands of 22-24 HCP. Similarly for other two-level bids.

Weak-two bid in Diamonds is not our preference instead we prefer preemptive hands containing at least 9-cards in major. Therefore, we recommend the following structure:

1. **2C** opening bid shows: either weak hand with both Majors atleast 9-cards or strong hand with Clubs (single suiter or two-suiter) or a balanced hand of 22-24 HCP or 28+ HCP.
2. **2D** opening bid shows (like multi 2D): either weak two-bid in Hearts or strong hand with Diamonds (single suiter or two-suiter) or 4-4-4-1 hands (any singleton) 18+ HCP or balanced hand of 25-27 HCP.
3. **2H** opening bid shows: either weak two-bid in Spades or strong hand with Hearts (single suiter or two-suiter) or balanced hand of 20-21 HCP.
4. **2S** opening bid shows: either constructive 3-level preempt in Clubs or strong hand with Spades (single suiter or two-suiter) or a balanced hand of 25-27 HCP with 5 Spades.

B) Responding to Two way Two-Bids

In responding to above bids, responder assumes that opener has the weak hand and responds accordingly.

- 2D over 2C is relay and 2NT over 2D/H/S is relay.
- 2H/S over 2C is sign-off where as next suit bid is sign-off over 2D/H/S.
- New suit (other than the next suit) are natural and forcing over 2D/H/S.
- Jumps are preemptive and jumps to game are natural and to play.

After responder's sign-off, if the opener has the strong hand, he bids:

- Rebids the suit opened with a strong one-suiter.
- Bids a new suit at 3-level to show a strong two-suiter.
- Bids notrump to show a strong balanced hand.
- 2D-2H-2S bid shows 4-4-4-1 hand any singleton 18+ HCP.

Over 2C we recommend special responses as below:

- 2D is relay. Opener bids : 2H to show both majors, - 2S also shows both majors (6S+4H), -2NT shows balanced hand of 22+ HCP, -3C strong single suiter in clubs, -3D/H/S shows 4-card second suit where as -4D/H/S shows 6 Clubs and 5-cards in second suit..
- 2H/S over 2C is sign-off. Opener bids - 2NT with 22-24 HCP balanced hand, 3 & 4-level bids as above.
- 2NT and 3C are transfers showing Club/Diamond suit. Opener to transfer with weak hand.
- 3D bid shows an invitational hand with 3-3 cards in both majors (against preemptive hand with majors)
- 3H/S are preemptive and assumes opener has a weak hand.
- 3NT is to play opposite weak hand with both majors.

Many of the responses can be modified as per partnership understanding.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aqqarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results - May 2008

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event – Results

06/05/2008 – 18 Tables

NS 1: Suraj Jain – Brig. D.N. Khanna	59.38%
NS 2: J.B. Sengupta – Col. S.P. Arvind	56.25%
NS 3: Mrs. Chand Vir – Sheena Khorana	55.21%
EW 1: P.C. Gupta – Arun Jain	64.58%
EW 2: S.R. Gupta – Dr. R.L. Sanghi	60.42%
EW 3: Sanjay Shrivastava – Subodh Jain	59.03%

13/05/2008 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Col. S.P. Arvind – Wg Cdr. B.S. Yadav	66.53%
NS 2: Mrs. Beneeta Chandra – Narvir Singh	63.26%
NS 3: Yogesh Chandra – Mohan Hirani	63.13%
EW 1: Daya Dhaon – A.K. Jha	66.13%
EW 2: Sanjay Shrivastava – Subodh Jain	64.30%
EW 3: Suresh Kumar – M.M. Sinha	58.21%

20/05/2008 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Raghubir Jasuja – Arun Jain	64.15%
NS 2: Prof. S.C. Gupta – Mrs. Mani Gupta	61.81%
NS 3: Suraj Jain – Brig. D.N. Khanna	55.86%
EW 1: Sunil Malhotra – Col. B.L. Anand	65.28%
EW 2: Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharma	60.28%
EW 3: T.C. Pant – Duleep Mutreja	59.47%

27/05/2008 – 14 Tables

NS 1: Prof. S.C. Gupta – Mrs. Mani Gupta	62.15%
NS 2: Col. K.K. Sabharwal – VN Puri	61.81%
NS 3: Raghubir Jasuja – Arun Jain	58.68%
EW 1: D.P. Sharma – Mrs. Asha Sharma	60.42%
EW 2: R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	60.42%
EW 3: S.R. Gupta – P.C. Gupta	58.33%

Indian Oil Monthly Pairs Bridge Tournament

52 Pairs (13 Tables in 2 sections) participated in the Indian Oil sponsored Pairs Bridge tournament held at Indian Oil Bhavan, Yusuf Sarai, New Delhi on Sunday, 18th May 2008.

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

NS1: P.C. Gupta – S.R. Gupta	390.00
NS2: N.K. Jain – A. Bharihoke	360.50
NS3: Paresh Gupta – Sham Sharma	354.50
NS4: Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal – Narvir Singh	350.00
NS5: Dr. R.L. Sanghi – Ravi Sawhney	344.00
EW1: Dr. Tushar Moghe – D.K. Tewari	365.50
EW2: A.K. Jha – A. Mandal	361.50
EW3: Deepak Khanna – A.K. Ghosh	351.00
EW4: Dr. Asha Surana – Raghubir Jasuja	347.50
EW5: Mukesh Shivdasani – M.S. Sharma	343.50

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

03/05/2008 – 16 Teams

- ROYAL INDIA** – (Amarjit Wadawan, Dr. Nikita Kamal, Mrs. Shashi Jain, R. Chakravarty, R.K. Gupta)
- ACES** – (Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma, Paresh Gupta, Joyjit Sen Sarma)
- ASHA SURANA** – (Mrs. Asha Surana, R.S. Jasuja, Col. S.P. Arvind, A.K. Narang)

10/05/2008 – 7 Teams

- C.S. CLUB** – (Ved Prakash, S.K. Agarwal, V.K. Mutreja, Dr. R.L. Sanghi)
- TARGET** – (Alok Khemka, Mrs. Bhavna Naraindas, Mrs. Chitra Roy, Vineet Chandra)

17/05/2008 – 16 Teams

- COSMOS** – (T.C. Pant, Duleep Mutreja, A. Mandal, Joyjit Sen Sarma)
- ASHAS** – (D.P. Sharma, Mrs. Asha Sharma, Mrs. Asha Surana, R.S. Jasuja)
- SONCHEL** – (M.S. Sharma, Mukesh Shivdasani, K.G. Sharma, S.N. Mathur, V.N. Puri)

24/05/2008 – 14 Teams

- ARUN JAIN** – (Arun Jain, Sunil Bhatia, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)
- G. SINGH** – (G. Singh, M.S. Murty, D.P. Sharma, Mrs. Asha Sharma)
- CEN. SEC. CLUB** – (V.K. Mutreja, S.R. Gupta, S.K. Agarwal, Ved Prakash)
- COSMOS** – (Duleep Mutreja, T.C. Pant, Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma)

31/05/2008 – 13 Teams

- ARUN JAIN** – (Arun Jain, Sunil Bhatia, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)
- APEX** – (V.N. Puri, Col. K.K. Sabharwal, Mukesh Shivdasani, M.S. Sharma)
- PATRIOTS** – (Narvir Singh, Mrs. Kunti Thakur, Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal, Mrs. Beneeta Chandra)

Vasant Vihar Club Pairs Bridge Tournament

32 Pairs (16 Tables) participated in the monthly Vasant Vihar Club tournament held on 4th May 2008. The results:

1. Mrs. S. Bansidhar – Mrs. Kunti Thakur	64.20%
2. Suraj Jain – Brig. D.N. Khanna	59.47%
3. A.K. Upadhyay – A. Wadera	58.40%
4. S.R. Malhotra – S.K. Syal	57.20%
5. Sham Sharma – Paresh Gupta	56.06%
6. Mrs. Kavita Dhawan – Ranji Dhawan	56.06%

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

AILBA Friday Pairs Event – May Results

02/05/2008 –9 Tables

NS 1: Prakash Bhandari – Daya Dhaon	73.8%
NS 2: A.K. Narang – Col. S.P. Arvind	55.1%
EW 1: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah	60.5%
EW 2: Mrs. Rekha Sarin – Mrs. Margarida	56.5%

09/05/2008 – 5 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Kamla Mehra – G.N. Mehra	56.5%
EW 1: Ms. P. Datta –Mrs. Madhu (SK) Agarwal	62.5%

16/05/2008 – 8 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Kunti Thakur – Mrs. Sarita Sharma	54.1%
NS 2: Mrs. Shashi Jain – N.K. Jain	53.1%
EW 1: Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharma	55.5%
EW 2: Mrs. Madhu Agarwal – P.K. Rajgariah	53.8%

23/05/2008 – 12 Pairs

1. Mrs. Bhavna Naraindas – Alok Khemka	59.0%
2. Mrs. Sushma Gupta – Ujjwal Gupta	58.5%

30/05/2008 – 14 Pairs

1. Daya Dhaon – Prakash Bhandari	60.7%
2. Mrs. Indu Krishna – Aditya Prasad	56.3%
3. Mrs. Shashi Jain – R.S. Jasuja	55.5%

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

☆☆☆☆☆ Great News ☆☆☆☆☆

Mr. Anant M. Bhagwat's book - THE BRIDGE ADVENTURES OF MR BADHIR, (THE NUMB) has been nominated as one of the six books among all the Bridge books published for the "Master Point Press Book of the Year Award" for 2008 by the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA). He is the second Indian to be given this honour.

Earlier Mr. R. Jayaram's book SERENDIPITY IN BRIDGE was one of the six finalists in 2006, which finally lost out to Sabine Auken's I LOVE THIS GAME.

Wishing him all the success.

-Editor on behalf of Indian Bridge Fraternity

All India UBHAYAKAR Trophy 2008 - A+ DBA

The National Pairs at Home for N.P. UBHAYAKAR TROPHY - 2008 was held at all the centers in India on the last Sunday of June (22nd June). The event was played in 2 sessions of 24 boards each. The first session started at 1030 Hrs. and the second at 1500 Hrs.

20 Pairs (10 Tables) in the first session and 16 Pairs (8 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. Narvir Singh–Mrs. Kunti Thakur - 1305 (54.38%)
2. M.R. Goyal – G.N. Mehra - 1283 (53.46%)
3. D.K. Tewari – P.C. Gupta - 1282 (53.42%)

East-West

1. Amarjit Wadhawan– Rajesh Jain - 1446 (60.25%)
2. R. Parasrampur – M.S. Murty - 1445 (60.21%)
3. R.K. Gupta – R. Chakravarty - 1437 (59.88%)

Session – II

North – South

1. T.C. Pant – A.K. Jha - 1411 (58.81%)
2. Narvir Singh–Mrs. Kunti Thakur - 1403 (58.46%)
3. D.P. Sharma–Mrs. Asha Sharma- 1294 (53.92%)

East-West

1. Subodh Jain – Ajay Tankha - 1301 (54.21%)
2. Dr. R.L. Sanghi–Ravi Sawhney - 1293 (53.88%)
3. Amarjit Wadhawan– Rajesh Jain - 1250 (52.08%)

- Reported by Editor

THE WINTER NATIONALS 2008

The 50th (Golden Jubilee) Winter National Bridge Championships will be held at Kamala Nagar, Kanpur from 12-21 November 2008.

Teams sending their entries before 15th August 2008 will be given adequate concession. Please contact the undersigned for the same.

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Local Bridge News & Results - June 2008

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event – Results

03/06/2008 – 14 Tables

NS 1: S.S. Gupta – M.P. Singhana	60.34%
NS 2: Suraj Jain – Brig. D.N. Khanna	58.29%
NS 3: Alok Khemka – Mrs. Bhavna Naraindas	54.51%
EW 1: Arun Jain – Raghbir Jasuja	70.81%
EW 2: K.P. Sinha – Sangram Guha	66.56%
EW 3: Ajay Tankha – M.S. Murty	61.92%

10/06/2008 – 13 Tables

NS 1: Alok Khemka – Mrs. Bhavna Naraindas	61.78%
NS 2: Suraj Jain – Brig. D.N. Khanna	55.88%
NS 3: V.N. Puri – D.K. Mutreja	53.60%
EW 1: Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	64.66%
EW 2: D.P. Sharma – Mrs. Asha Sharma	62.95%
EW 3: Arun Jain – Raghbir Jasuja	56.31%

17/06/2008 – 14 Tables

NS 1: P.C. Gupta – Arun Jain	69.45%
NS 2: T.C. Pant – A.K. Jha	60.13%
EW 1: Daya Dhaon – Prakash Bhandari	71.45%
EW 2: K.P. Sinha – Sangram Guha	66.67%

24/06/2008 – 11 Tables

NS 1: Col. B.L. Anand – Col. S.P. Arvind	60.42%
NS 2: S.K. Agarwal – Dr. R.L. Sanghi	56.99%
EW 1: Arun Jain – Raghbir Jasuja	67.01%
EW 2: Ujjwal Gupta – Mrs. Sushma Gupta	62.81%

DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

07/06/2008 – 16 Teams

1. **ARUN JAIN**– (Arun Jain, Sunil Bhatia, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)
2. **ACES** – (Sudhir Aggarwal, Mrs. Kunti Thakur, N.K. Jain, Anil Bharihoke)
3. **PATRIOTS** – (Narvir Singh, Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal, D.P. Sharma, Mrs. Asha Sharma)
3. **RKG** – (R.K. Gupta, R. Chakravarty, Mrs. Shashi Jain, T. Bhattacharya)

14/06/2008 – 7 Teams

1. **COSMOS** – (Duleep Mutreja, A. Mandal, Joyjit Sen Sarma, N.K. Jain)
2. **RKG** – (R.K. Gupta, R. Chakravarty, T. Bhattacharya, Mrs. Shashi Jain)

21/06/2008 – 12 Teams

1. **PATRIOTS** – (Narvir Singh, Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal, Mrs. Kunti Thakur, Dr. Rajeev Anand)
2. **RKG**– (R.K. Gupta, R. Chakravarty, Amarjit Wadhawan, T. Bhattacharya)

28/06/2008 – 8 Teams

1. **FRIENDS**– (J.B. Sengupta, R.C. Consul, Ravi Sawhney, Namit Sharma, Rakesh Nanda)
2. **ACES**– (Sudhir Aggarwal, Vinod Sharma, Rajesh Jain, D.K. Mutreja)

AILBA Friday Pairs Event - Results

06/06/2008 – 11 Pairs

1. Mrs. Suman Bansidhar–Mrs. Kunti Thakur 74.0%
2. Mrs. Shashi Jain – Amarjit Wadhawan 65.7%

13/06/2008 – 13 Pairs

1. Mrs. Madhu (RK) Agarwal–P.K. Rajgariah 67.8%
2. Mrs. Kamla Mehra – G.N. Mehra 55.9%
3. Mrs. Suman Bansidhar–Mrs. Kunti Thakur 55.5%

20/06/2008 – 13 Pairs

1. Daya Dhaon – Prakash Bhandari 70.0%
2. S.K. Agarwal – Dr. R.L. Sanghi 63.4%
3. Mrs. Shashi Jain – R.S. Jasuja 54.8%

27/06/2008 – 16 Pairs

1. Mrs. Asha Sehgal – Sneha Thadani 60.8%
2. Mrs. S. Bansidhar – Mrs. Kunti Thakur 58.3%
3. Mrs. Rajkumari Agarwal–Mrs. Shashi Jain 54.9%

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

Vasant Vihar Club Pairs Bridge Tournament

32 Pairs (16 Tables) participated in the monthly Vasant Vihar Club tournament held on 1st June 2008. The results:

NS1: Mrs. Shashi Jain - R. Chakravarty	62.70%
NS2: N.K. Jain – Anil Bharihoke	56.10%
NS3: Suraj Jain – Brig. D.N. Khanna	55.90%
EW1: C.P. Mittal – S.A. Bijlani	64.50%
EW2: A.K. Jha – R.C Consul	62.50%
EW3: Mukesh Shivdasani – MS Sharma	54.50%
EW3: Y.P. Punj – Raj Singh	54.50%

- Reported by Mr. Amarjit Wadhawan

2008 Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs Bridge Contest

The 2008 Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs Bridge Contest organized by WBF was held throughout the World's Bridge clubs on 6th & 7th June 2008.

Both the events i.e. event held on 6th June (Friday event known as session # 6080) and on 7th June (Saturday event known as session no. #7080) were totally separate and a pair could play in one or both the events.

The event gets scored across all the participants taking part in the event throughout the world at the www.ecatsbridge.com site (of Anna Gudge & Mark Norton) and everyone can view the detailed results and compare their performance within their clubs, Nation-wise, Zone wise or in the whole world.

THE FRIDAY EVENT OF 6th June 2008 (Session # 6080):

A total of 5662 Pairs from 313 Clubs in 38 countries participated in the Friday event. The TOP 10 pairs from the world are as follows:

Pos	Pair Name	%
1	<u>Frau S. Bohnsack - Herr H. Bohnsack</u> (<i>BV Fair Play 90 Köln-Süd, Germany</i>)	73.74
2	<u>Ron Harmon & Joan Harmon</u> (<i>Dick Bowers_1 D B C, USA</i>)	73.46
3	<u>Guglielmone Giovanni & Cabiati Sandro</u> (<i>Circolo San Giuliano GenovaSect.A, Italy</i>)	73.25
4	<u>John Griscom & John Lewis</u> (<i>Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club, USA</i>)	72.94
5	<u>Vigneri Paolo & Mainardi Angela</u> (<i>Bridge Club Canottieri CasaleSect.B, Italy</i>)	72.26
6	<u>Pedro Clementi & Andres Carreras</u> (<i>Ing. Jacobo Salmun, Argentina</i>)	72.04
7	<u>Rick Roeder & Dayou Zhou</u> (<i>Adventures In Bridge, USA</i>)	72.03
8	<u>Gibertini Giuliano & Mori Piero</u> (<i>Associazione Bridge ModenaSect.A, Italy</i>)	71.98
9	<u>Bove Giulio & Bove Francesco</u> (<i>Bridge Club CasertaSect.A, Italy</i>)	71.62
10	<u>John O Sullivan & Jill OSullivan</u> (<i>Tenby, Wales</i>)	71.20

A total of 5 clubs (total 110 Pairs) from India participated in the Friday event. The details of the participating clubs & the number of pairs in each are:

- Contract Bridge Association @ Mumbai: 36
- Delhi Bridge Association @ Delhi: 26
- Karnataka State Bridge Association @ Bangalore : 26
- Lucknow Club @ Lucknow: 10
- Nainital Bridge Association @ Nainital: 12

The TOP 10 pairs from India are as follows:

Nat	World	Pair Names	%
Position			
1	19	<u>Shyam Sundar & Swarup Anand</u> (<i>Karnataka State Bridge Assoc.</i>)	69.67
2	186	<u>B.N. Parasrampuriah & Arvind Prasad</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc</i>)	62.78
3	212	<u>Motaz & Shantanu</u> (<i>Karnataka State Bridge Assoc.</i>)	62.45
4	223	<u>Mrs. Kiran Nadar & Subhash Gupta</u> (<i>Delhi Bridge Association</i>)	62.33
5	232	<u>Bn Jamkhandi & Jp Antia</u> (<i>Karnataka State Bridge Asaoc.</i>)	62.25
6	240	<u>Arun Jain & Raghuraj Jasuja</u> (<i>Delhi Bridge Association</i>)	62.19
7	259	<u>Abhay Todankar & Satish Deewanji</u> (<i>Contract Bridge Session 1</i>)	61.90
8	272	<u>A.K. Jha & S Majumder</u> (<i>Delhi Bridge Association</i>)	61.68
9	358	<u>R.P. Airan & D.S. Chaudhary</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc.</i>)	60.76
10	431	<u>Bharat Shah & Rahul Shetty</u> (<i>Contract Bridge Session 1</i>)	60.10

The leaders of Friday session at the respective participating clubs in India are:

Nat	World	Pair Names	%
Position			
1	19	<u>Shyam Sundar & Swarup Anand</u> (<i>Karnataka State Bridge Assoc.</i>)	69.67
2	186	<u>B.N. Parasrampuriah & Arvind Prasad</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc</i>)	62.78
4	223	<u>Mrs. Kiran Nadar & Subhash Gupta</u> (<i>Delhi Bridge Association, India</i>)	62.33
7	259	<u>Abhay Todankar & Satish Deewanji</u> (<i>Contract Bridge Session 1, India</i>)	61.88
33	1741	<u>SA Abbasi & KN Jaiswal</u> (<i>Lucknow Club, India</i>)	53.70

THE SATURDAY EVENT OF 7th June 2008 (Session # 7080):

A total of 5481 Pairs from 268 Clubs in 37 countries participated in the Saturday event.

A total of 7 clubs (total 159 Pairs) from India participated in the Saturday event. The details of the participating clubs are:

- Contract Bridge Association @ Mumbai: 36
- Delhi Bridge Association @ Delhi: 23
- Karnataka State Bridge Association @ Bangalore: 28
- Lucknow Club @ Lucknow: 10
- Nainital Bridge Association @ Nainital: 10
- Varanasi Bridge Association @ Nainital: 10
- Calcutta Club (in 2 sections "A" & "B") @ Kolkata: 42

The TOP 10 pairs from the world are as follows:

Pos	Pair Name	%
1	<u>Zara Giovanna & Di Cesare Sandro</u> (<i>Ass Sportiva Mes Amis GalatinaSect.A, Italy</i>)	73.89
2	<u>Pat Quinn & Enda Glynn</u> (<i>Rtctribes, Ireland</i>)	73.66
3	<u>Javed Khalid & Saeed Akhtar</u> (<i>Rawalpindi Islamabad Bridge Association, Pakistan</i>)	71.86
4	<u>Roger Lee & Chien-Yao Tseng</u> (<i>Bridge Center, USA</i>)	70.85
5	<u>Carolyn Fox & George Fox</u> (<i>Pasadena Duplicate Bridge, USA</i>)	70.18
6	<u>Radu Ariton & Michael Gecht</u> (<i>Bridge Club Of Staten Isl, USA</i>)	70.10
7	<u>Douglas H Scott & Wonnie Duncan</u> (<i>Anchorage Unit 425, USA</i>)	69.77
8	<u>Bernasconi Isabella & Bernasconi Edoardo</u> (<i>Bridge Association ComoCantùHeliosSect.A, Italy</i>)	69.65
9	<u>Herman Helber & Fred Theurkauf</u> (<i>Bridge Center, USA</i>)	69.50
10	<u>Craig Gower & Alon Apteker</u> (<i>The Links Bridge Club B, South Africa</i>)	69.38

The leaders of Saturday session at the participating clubs in India are:

Nat	World	Pair names	%
Position			
1	31	<u>Sumit Mukherjee & Sukamal Das</u> (<i>Calcutta Club A, India</i>)	67.70
2	78	<u>Bhavesh Saha & O P Choudhury</u> (<i>Calcutta Club B, India</i>)	65.54
3	165	<u>V G Bhagwat & Mrs Y. Singapuri</u> (<i>Contract Bridge Session 1, India</i>)	63.32
4	204	<u>Rajesh Jain & Amarjit Wadhawan</u> (<i>Delhi Bridge Association, India</i>)	62.63
5	219	<u>Onke Agarwal & P.R. Agarwal</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc., India</i>)	62.34
10	334	<u>Bn Jamkhandi & Dr Sridhar</u> (<i>Karnataka State Bridge Assoc.</i>)	60.85
15	465	<u>V.B. Lal & S.P. Sinha</u> (<i>Varanasi Bridge Assoc., India</i>)	59.64
19	699	<u>KNJaiswal & SAAbbasi</u> (<i>Lucknow Club, India</i>)	58.09

The TOP 10 pairs from India are as follows:

Nat	World	Pair Names	%
Position			
1	31	<u>Sumit Mukherjee & Sukamal Das</u> (<i>Calcutta Club A, India</i>)	67.70
2	78	<u>Bhavesh Saha & O P Choudhury</u> (<i>Calcutta Club B, India</i>)	65.54
3	165	<u>V G Bhagwat & Mrs Y. Singapuri</u> (<i>Contract Bridge Session 1, India</i>)	63.32
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5	219	<u>Onke Agarwal & P.R. Agarwal</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc., India</i>)	62.34
6	225	<u>Mukul Gupta & L. Kumar</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc., India</i>)	62.25
7	227	<u>Daljit Singh & Anil Agarwal</u> (<i>Nainital Bridge Assoc., India</i>)	62.25
8	235	<u>Raghubir Jasuja & Arun Jain</u> (<i>Delhi Bridge Association, India</i>)	62.14
9	258	<u>S.Vazirani & G N Manna</u> (<i>Contract Bridge Session 1, India</i>)	61.89
10	334	<u>Bn Jamkhandi & Dr Sridhar</u> (<i>Karnataka State Bridge As, India</i>)	60.85

- Reported by Editor

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But on the hand in question you don't just need a 3-3 heart break (36% chance): you can tolerate a 4-2 break provided the diamonds break 4-3 (62%) as you can ditch your losing spades. You still have chances even if West finds the lead of a low spade, as the defender with 4 trumps might hold 4 diamonds. So if you bid like Serhan Aytekin there is a 58% chance that you will end up in a slam that everybody wants to be in and a 42% chance of ending up in a borderline slam. But as the defenders have every reason to conclude that you sound like a player with 4-card heart support, you could well receive a passive trump lead even with a 4-2 trump break.

This is the way that past bridge stars like Rixi Markus and Boris Schapiro used to bid, and how modern bridge stars like Ulf Tundal and Glenn Groetheim have also been known to bid.

- By Michael Akeroyd

The Indian Selection Trials 2008

The Selection Trials for finalizing the Teams to represent India in the OPEN & SENIOR events at the 1st World Mind Sports Game were held at Fateh Maidan Club, Hyderabad from 3rd to 11th May 2008. The selection trials event is sponsored by Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd.

The World Bridge Games (formerly known as the World Bridge Olympiad) are part of the 1st World Mind Sports Game, to be held at Beijing, China from 3rd to 18th October 2008.

The trials started with a 3-day, "Pre-Trials Sponsored event", in which 12 teams (unexpectedly large number for a selection trial) participated and played a double round robin of 8-boards each, with 8 rounds each on the first 2 days and 6 rounds on the 3rd day.

As per the tournament format, the TOP 4 teams were to qualify to play the main trials from 6th May onwards, where they would be joined by the two direct seeded teams – "Formidables" and "Shree Cement" (they won the right to be seeded teams as they were the winners of Ruia Trophy and Tolani Grand Prix respectively) and 2 direct entry teams - "Wellknit" & "Texan Aces" (on a payment of Rs. 1.5 Lacs per team). As per the international standards, all the teams played the same boards in the trials.

On Day-1 of the Pre-Trials, after 6 rounds, Navayuga with 115 VPs were the leaders. The scores of the other participating teams were: Dhampur Sugar Mills – 112, NALCO – 106, Kaushik "B" – 104, Tolani Shipping – 98, Khandelwal – 93, Kaushik "A" – 90, C.V. Rao – 89, Kamlesh Gupta – 78, Agarwal – 69, FMC – 57 & Faria -47.

At the end of the first leg (11 rounds) of the double round-robin, it was still the "Navayuga" team leading with 194 VPs. Tolani Shipping with 183 VPs were 2nd. Dhampur Sugar Mills & Kaushik "B" were sharing the 3rd position with 181 VPs. The scores of other teams were: NALCO (179), Khandelwal (177), Kamlesh Gupta (170), Kaushik "A" (166), C.V. Rao (162), FMC (138), Agarwal (138), Faria (97).

The 2nd leg continued on the 3rd day, and Tolani Shipping team lying on the 4th place before the last round of 2nd leg, crashed out with a disastrous last match against lowly placed C V Rao team. NALCO, which were 7 VPs behind Tolani and registered a marginal 17-13 win in its last match, qualified in the process. Navayuga, Kaushik B and Dhampur won their respective last matches to qualify with relative ease. In fact Team Kamlesh Gupta, who were 5 VPs behind Tolani and 2 VPs ahead of Nalco, had a chance too, but they lost to Kaushik B by 11-19. It was up to Tolani Shipping to seal its place in the main trials by getting minimum of 11 VPs. It was not to be as Tolani Shipping (R A Agarwal, Arvind Vaidya, Archie Sequeira, Arun Bapat, V M Lal, Raju Bhiwandkar) shot itself in the foot by squandering 48 imps Vs 9 in the last match and crashed out.

The Qualifiers for the Main event:

1. Navayuga
2. NALCO
3. Dhampur Sugar Mills
4. Kaushik "B"
5. WELLKNIT (Directly Sponsored Team)
6. TEXAN ACES (Directly Sponsored Team)
7. FORMIDABLES (Seeded Team)
8. SHREE CEMENT (Seeded Team)

The qualified teams played a double round robin (14 rounds) of 12 boards each, with the top 4 teams to play a 64-boards semi-final and further the winners to play a 96-boards final.

At the end of the 1st leg of the round-robin (7 rounds) the positions of the teams were:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. FORMIDABLES | - 137 VPs |
| 2. DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS | - 120 |
| 3. SHREE CEMENT | - 115 |
| 4. TEXAN ACES | - 108 |
| 5. NAVAYUGA | - 93 |
| 6. KAUSHIK "B" | - 88 |
| 7. WELLKNIT | - 88 |
| 8. NALCO | - 85 |

After 10 rounds, the scores were - Formidables (181), Shree Cement (178), DSM (168), Navayuga (145), Kaushik (140), Texan Aces (139), Wellknit (132) & NALCO (105) and the main interest was to know "who will take the 4th position". Finally at the end of the 2nd leg, the TOP 4 teams who qualified for the semi-finals were:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. FORMIDABLES | - 243 VPs |
| 2. SHREE CEMENT | - 240 |
| 3. DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS | - 231 |
| 4. KAUSHIK "B" | - 209 |

The sponsored teams of Texan Aces & Well Knit could not qualify for the semi-finals. Navayuga (Badal Das, S N Sarkar, B Saha, Sumit Mukherjee, D Majumdar, P Bardhan) & NALCO (Raut, Pratihari, Lenka, Behera, Khan, Pradhan) also went out of the competition.

Formidables by virtue of leading the field, chose Kaushik "B" as their opponent for the 4-session, 64 boards semi-final. Shree cement played with Dhampur sugar Mills in the other semi-final. Formidables beat Kaushik "B" (A Subba Raju, Prakash Kejriwal, C.S. Majumder, Samir Basak, G Manna, Prakash Dalvi) 150-130; whereas Shree Cement beat Dhampur Sugar Mill (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Sukumal Das, Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani) by 158-76.

In the 6*16 boards final, Formidables had a carry over of 12 IMPs. They won the first set by 2 IMPs, there were no gains on the 2nd set and they further gained 6 IMPs in the 3rd set. They consolidated their position in the 4th set by winning it 54-21 and taking a lead of 54 IMPs (161-107) with 32 boards to go. They won the 5th set by 15 IMPs and lost the last by a mere 3 IMPs to finally win by 66 IMPs.

WELL DONE FORMIDABLES. Congratulations to the team represented by **Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, K.R. Venkatraman, Rajesh Dalal & Sunit Chokshi.** They will be representing India in the World Bridge Games (formerly known as the World Bridge Olympiad) within the 1st World Mind Sports Game, to be held at Beijing, China from 3rd to 18th October 2008.

The losers Shree Cement team, which has performed exceedingly well in the last 2 years were represented by Rana Roy, Manas Mukherji, Subroto Saha, S Lahiri, Vibash Todi & Subir Mazamdar

SENIORS EVENT:

The following 3 teams participated in the selection trials for the Senior event:

1. J.P. Goenka (J.P. Goenka, Ashok Ruia, S.K. Iyengar, Archie Sequeira and Kamal Roy)
2. AZURE – DHAMPUR (Surender Hooda, Ashok Vaidya, V.M. Lal, R. Sridhar, Ashok Goel & Kamal Mukherjee)
3. Bhandari (Prakash Bhandari, Col. Sabharwal, Sajjan & Deiya)

They played a double round-robin to finalize the top 2 teams. J.P. Goenka's team got eliminated in the round-robin hence it was Azure-Dhampur Vs. Bhandari in the finals.

In the finals, AZURE – DHAMPUR won by 14 IMPs against Bhandari's team and will represent India in the Senior event of the 1st World Mind Sports Game, at Beijing, China.

Congratulations to Andhra Pradesh State Bridge Association and M/S Navyuga Engineering Company (the sponsors) for excellent organization of the trials.

Heartiest Congratulations to all the members of the "FORMIDABLES" & the "AZURE-DHAMPUR" Teams.

Let us all wish the best to the Indian Teams and hope they will bring laurels to the country.

*- Reported by Editor
(based on information received from Mr. Rammohan Rao, Hon. Jt. Secretary, BFI)*

Take A Bow, Formidables !

It was Team Formidables all the way, in the Indian Selection Trials that concluded in Hyderabad. The champion Indian team, who had recently clinched the elusive teams title at Bharuch winter nationals, once again underlined its consistent supremacy in the competitive bridge scenario in the country. Though the finals against Shree Cement was quite tight for the first 2 sessions of the 16 x 6 contest, one break of 33 imps in the 4th session broke the shackles. Shree Cement, another good team with 2007 Tolani Grand Prix victory under its belt, had its task cut out as Formidables consolidated its position in the penultimate set, to increase its lead to 69 imps. It was clear by then who will represent India at the 1st Mind Sports Olympiad at Beijing. Formidables romped home with 66 imps.

Heartly congratulations to Mrs Kiran Nadar and her team. Lot of credit should go to Mrs. Nadar for first building a solid team and then, more importantly, keep it together for a long period of time, even though the team may have had some bad days at the office. While individual bridge skills are quite important, no less important are the aspects like keeping pace with modern bridge, have partnerships continuity and the team spirit. In addition to technical superiority, it is quite evident that the team has a strong desire to win and win the big ones. Representing India must be high on the agenda and they have repeated their past victories in the Indian trials with another convincing performance this time round. Kiran - Satya , Subhash - Venkataramana and Rajesh Dalal - Sunit Choksi were the 3 pairs that the team comprised of.

Trials won; what next? Will this team aim at surpassing its past performance in Bermuda Bowls, Olympiads and Open world championships? It was QF in 2001 Bermuda Bowl, the round of 16 at the 2002 Montreal open championships - just to recall a few. There was Mastrich Olympiad also in year 2000. Between now and October, will the team prepare single mindedly for the Beijing challenge, by going that extra mile? Because if they do, then (and only then) there is a more than even chance of Formidables & India shining brightly internationally - a vital piece missing from our bridge closet and something which will make the popularity of bridge in India a world of good. I have always believed that bridge is one of very few sports, which can bring laurels to India . We have the ability, and by now the exposure. Add useful practice, specific training in weeks to follow and maintain physical fitness to help go distance - anything is possible.

Will Team India (Formidables) push really hard this time to do something special at Beijing ?

- By Arvind Vaidya.

All India Madhava Prasad Memorial Bridge Tournament (Corbett Park)

The All India Madhava Prasad Memorial Bridge Tournament (earlier known as Corbett Park tournament) was played at "The Corbett River View Retreat", Corbett Park, Garjia from 26th June to 29th June 2008 under the auspices of *Bride Federation of India*.

30 Teams from Delhi, U.P., Uttarakhand, Punjab, West Bengal, Mumbai, Pune & Bangalore participated in the tournament.

The large participation was a great tribute to the late Shri Madhava Prasad on whose memory the tournament was held.

In the **Team of Four** event, the teams were divided in 2 groups of 15 teams each and played a complete round robin of 15 rounds (of 10 boards each) within their own group with a bye round. After the Round-Robin the following top 4 teams from each group qualified for the first round of Super league. The league results were:

GROUP-A			GROUP-B		
Rank	Team Name	VPs	Rank	Team Name	VPs
1.	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL	283	1.	PANKAJ MEHTA	286
2.	BANDO	261	2.	BIMAL SICKA	283
3.	ARUN JAIN	261 (-1)	3.	PUNJAB BRIDGE ASSOC.	268
4.	VR5	260	4.	ALOK DAGA	267
5.	CEN. SEC. CLUB (HARBHAJAN)	257	5.	ASIAN PIPES	258
6.	TRANSPARENT, PUNE	254	6.	MAYA MEERA SNEHA	250
7.	SASWATA BHATTACHARYA	241	7.	TRICON INFOTECH	239
8.	BOAT HOUSE CLUB "A"	228	8.	COSMOS	226
9.	SHYAM'S, BANGALORE	224	9.	PARIMAL DAS	216
10.	HEMANT JALAN	206	10.	PARAMHANS CLUB	210
11.	ALPHA	205	11.	ROYAL INDIA	206
12.	NAINITAL BRIDGE ASSOC "A"	191	12.	BOAT HOUSE CLUB "B"	202
13.	KELKAR, PUNE	189	13.	CEN. SEC. CLUB(RC AGGARWAL)	197
14.	TOLLYGUNJ BRIDGE CLUB	167	14.	SURESH TIWARI, MUMBAI	161
15.	KHANNA'S	161	15.	VANITA ASHRAM	97

The 2nd & 3rd ranked teams from each group were swapped to form new groups and the teams played a 3*10 boards Super-league round-1 within their group. The results of the 3*10 boards Super league were:

GROUP-A						GROUP-B							
T#	Team Name	1	2	3	4	Tot	T#	Team Name	1	2	3	4	Tot
1	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL		13	15	14	42	1	PANKAJ MEHTA		22	16	10	48
2	BIMAL SICKA	17		17	19	53	2	BANDO	8		12	14	34
3	PUNJAB BRIDGE ASSOC.	15	13		15	43	3	ARUN JAIN	14	18		18	50
4	VR5	16	11	15		42	4	ALOK DAGA	20	16	12		48

The top 2 teams from each group qualified for the round-2 of super league. Bimal Sicka & Punjab Bridge Association from Group-A and Arun Jain & Alok Daga from Group-B qualified. The qualifiers played a 3*8 board round-2 of super-league. The results were:

T#	Team Name	1	2	3	4	Tot
1	BIMAL SICKA		17 (24-18)	16 (22-20)	25 (41-08)	58
2	ARUN JAIN	13 (18-24)		14 (28-33)	16 (27-25)	43
3	ALOK DAGA	14 (20-22)	16 (33-28)		11 (02-14)	41
4	PUNJAB BRIDGE ASSOC.	05 (08-41)	14 (25-27)	19 (14-02)		38

FINAL RANKING:

1. **Bimal Sicka** - Mrs. Bimal Sicka, Finton Lewis, Gopinath Manna, Pranab Bardhan, Vinay Sharma
2. **Arun Jain's** - Arun Jain, K. Krishnakumar, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, S. Lahiri, S. Moin Khan
3. **ALOK DAGA** – Alok Daga, S.P. Ghose, Ravi Goenka, Suman Sengupta, Mrinal Mukherjee
4. **PUNJAB BRIDGE ASSOC.** – K.R. Lakhanpal, K.K. Kundra, P.K. Nayyar, S.P. Sharma
- 5/8. **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** – Ashok K. Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Debashish Roy, D. Majumder, P. Kushari
- 5/8. **VR5** – S. Banerjee, A. Banerjee, B. Ganguly, U. Sinha, A. Sircar
- 5/8. **PANKAJ MEHTA** – Pankaj Mehta, Pradeep Anand Singh, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das, Bhawesh Saha
- 5/8. **BANDO** – A.K. Banerjee, Sujit Bose, D.C. Bagchi, P.K. Das Sharma, Bharti Dey

Board-a-Match Event:

The teams which could not qualify for the super-league played a BAM event. 21 teams participated in the event and played 1-board match against all the other teams. The results:

1. ALPHA – 82 (Daya Dhaon, Prakash Bhandari, Ajay Kumar, Ashok Vaidya)
2. COSMOS – 74 (A.K. Jha, A. Mandal, Sham Sharma, Sunil Bhatia)
3. BOAT HOUSE CLUB "A" – 73 (B.N. Parasrampur, Gen. Dhawan, C.S. Majumder, S. Basak)
4. SHYAM'S BANGALORE – 72 (Shyamsundar, Kulkarni, Swarup Anand, Pai)
5. TRANSPARENT, PUNE – 69 (T. Mukherjee, S. Mitra, K. Bhattacharya, S. Dey, D. Bose)

Pair Event:

A total of 49 pairs participated in the Pair event. They were divided into 2 sections and played 11 rounds (of 2 boards each). The winners were:

1. Debashish Bose - Swapan Dey - 61.04%
2. Badal Das - Sumit Mukherjee - 60.15%
3. R.C. Agarwal - Dr. V.K. Mutreja - 60.10%
4. Bharti Dey - B. Saha - 59.11%
5. Pradeep Singh - Pankaj Mehta - 59.01%
6. P. Majumder - S. Bhattacharya - 58.93%
7. S. Adak - Parimal Das - 58.92%
8. A.K. Jha - A. Mandal - 56.97%
9. Tapas Mukherjee - K. Bhattacharya - 56.77%
10. Vijay Goel - Sukamal Das - 56.01%

The organizers (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

CABAL SUPER CHAMPION OF CHAMPION OF MAHARASHTRA

A super Champion of Champion's event called 'CABAL CHAMPION' will be organized and sponsored by Cabal Insurance from among the 32 Pairs selected depending upon their ranking in various champion of Champion's of Monthly pair events conducted by various clubs and association from all over Maharashtra. The event will be held on first Sunday of July every year starting from July 2009. The total prize money for the event will be Rs. 50,000/- which may be increased depending on the response from various centers conducting Champion of Champions for monthly pair events.

For details of CONDITIONS OF CONTEST and registration of your event for Super Champion of champions, the centre organizers may contact the undersigned.

Anand KS Samant

Coordinator, Cabal Super Champion of Champions
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DEHRADUN CLUB BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The Dehradun Club Ltd. organized an Open Bridge Tournament at Dehradun on 14th & 15th June 2008 under the auspices of Uttrakhand Bridge Association & Bride Federation of India.

21 Teams mainly from Delhi, U.P., Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and MP participated in the tournament.

In the **Team of Four** event, the teams played a Swiss league of 7 rounds (of 10 boards each) after which the top 5 teams along with the best DOON club team qualified for a Super league. The qualifiers from the Swiss league were:

1. ACES, Delhi - 153 VPs
2. Pankaj Mehta, Moradabad - 122
3. Arun Jain, Delhi - 122
4. Engineers, Panchkula - 119
5. Cen. Sect. Club, Delhi - 113
6. DOON Club, Dehradun - 113

The Cen. Sect. Club, Delhi were lucky to qualify, when Maya Meera Sneha from Delhi with a score of 119 quit the tournament due to personal urgency of its team members.

The qualifiers played an all-play-all Super league (5 rounds * 8 boards) for finalizing the winners. The winners were:

1. **Pankaj Mehta, Moradabad - 101 VPs (Pankaj Mehta, Bhavesh Saha, C.S. Majumder, Kingshuk Bhattacharya)**
2. Arun Jain, Delhi - 92 VPs (Arun Jain, R. Jasuja, D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta)
3. Engineers, Panchkula - 78 VPs (Ajay Kadian, Sanjay Gupta, Naresh Jain, R.K. Garg)
4. DOON Club, Dehradun - 65 VPs (P.K. Hari, K.C. Gupta, R.K. Gupta, M.D. Dhir, M.M. Tayal)
5. ACES, Delhi - 62 VPs (Vinod Sharma, Sudhir Aggarwal, T.C. Pant, A.K. Jha)
6. Cen. Sect. Club, Delhi - 51 VPs (Harbhajan Singh, S.R. Malhotra, S.K. Syal, Y.P. Punj, Shyam Lal, S.R. Gupta)

Pair Event:

The participants of the non-qualifying teams played an Open IMP Pair event. A total of 28 pairs participated in the event and played 2 boards against each other in 2 sessions. The winners were:

1. M.L. Jain – N.K. Bajpai - 75 IMPs
2. Prakash Bhandari – Daya Dhaon - 69
3. Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharma - 56
4. B. Roy – S.C. Gupta - 47
5. Prashidhi Singh – Col. Bhatnagar - 44
6. R.S. Yadav – C.K. Patil - 35

Congratulations to the Winners and to the organizers for excellent conduct of the tournament.

- Reported by Editor

First All India Inter-club Tourney

- Tournament report by R. Venkatesh

We had a below par response to the **first all India inter-club tourney at Bowring Institute, Bangalore from 29-31st May**. Only 14 teams inclusive of 5 local teams participated in the Main event. Reasons for the poor participation include stiff entry fee, short advance notice for outstation teams as well as scheduling a 3 day event on 2 working days (Thr/Fri).

To some extent, the quality of the field did compensate for the lack of quantity. We had one of the best fields for any bridge tournament at Bangalore in the recent past. 14 teams played a full RR of 10 board matches (common boards) over the first 2 days.

3 sponsored teams namely, Khodays A, Khodays BK and Khodays XXX qualified for the K/O semis comfortably in that order. The 4th semi final spot was up for grabs till the last round. WGCC scored maximum in last 2 rounds of RR to pip Tricon Knights (Rajeeva Parasar, B.K Satyen, Kapil Bhalla, C.Krishna and R.Venkatesh) for the last qualifying spot.

Khodays 'A' picked WGCC in the 10x2 boards semi finals. It turned out to be the wrong choice when WGCC defeated Khodays 'A' by a narrow margin of 7 IMPs after wiping out c/o of 5 IMPs. In the other semi-final, Khodays 'XXX' exacted revenge for the initial RR loss and beat Khodays 'BK' comprehensively by a margin of 30+ IMPs after wiping out c/o of 5 IMPs.

Khodays 'XXX' took a huge lead of 37 IMPs in the first set of the finals and held on in the second segment to win comfortably. Many congratulations to the winning team comprising of C.R Badrinath, R.Krishnan, N.R Kripakaramoorthy, K.Krishnakumar, Nirmal Kr Jain and R. Krishnakumar (Khodays). WGCC comprising of J.M Shah, Bharat Shah, Ian Concessio, Prakash Dalvi, Anil Tikare and Rahul finished 2nd

Khodays BK (B. Krishnan, BPS Pai, Manohar Rao, Soumik Sarkar, Ayan Mondal and Manoj Kr Nair) defeated Khodays A (Anil Padhye, Kalpana Mishra, K.R Venkatraman and Ramesh Kumar) in the playoff match to decide 3rd/4th place.

Consolation BAM was conducted for all the non-qualifiers on 31st May. Vijay's team comprising of D.Vijay, R.N. Subramanian, K.N.Shyamsundar and Durgadas won the event.

Bowring Institute and Khodays provided breakfast, lunch, snacks and cocktail mini-dinner to all the participants on all the days.

A special word of appreciation for R.Krishnakumar (of Khodays) for sponsoring the prize money as well as allowing teams to play under the Khodays' banner. Guptaji (Mr. AS Gupta) and Bowring Institute provided all the logistics support and infrastructure to conduct the tournament. Total prize money of approx Rs 1.5 lacks (TDS applicable) was distributed to all the prize winners.

As always, CTD B.V. Subramanya directed the tournament very efficiently.

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Prize Money BRIDGE Tournament 2008

*Team of Four Duplicate
for
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Entry Fees

Team of Four: Rs. 5000/- for 4 member teams
and Rs. 1000 further for each
additional member)

Open Pairs: Rs. 1200/- per Pair for first elimination &
Rs. 800 from those qualified to play the
2nd elimination.

International Bridge News

WBP CAVENDISH 2008

The World Bridge Productions' **Cavendish invitational Pairs (34th edition)**, John Roberts Teams and World Bridge Productions Pairs for 2008 were held at Las Vegas from 7th to 11th May 2008.

The Cavendish Invitational Pairs:

54 top players from all over the world participated in the 5-session Cavendish invitational tournament. The auction for the Cavendish 2008 was a huge success hitting \$12,00,000. The top 10 bid pairs were:

SNO.	Pair Name	Bid Value	Bidder
1	Helgemo - Helness	\$74,000	Hauge
2	Levin - Weinstein	\$65,000	Zaleski
3	Hampson - Rodwell	\$50,000	Mahaffey
4	Fallenius - Fredin	\$42,000	Farholt
5	Gitelman - Moss	\$40,000	Zimmerman
6	EIAhmady - Sadek	\$37,000	Wigoder
7	Zhong - Zhao	\$36,000	Lewis
8	Meckstroth - Welland	\$35,000	Zaleski
9	Brink - Drijver	\$35,000	Zaleski
10	Chemla - Lebel	\$32,000	Zaleski

The share of the top 3 winners to be (\$275,240; \$28,812), (\$176,940; \$18,522), (\$117,960; \$12,348) respectively for the Auctioneer & the Pair respectively.

Each pair played 3 boards against 45 out of the other 53 opponents in the 5-session event spanning over 3-days. Each session comprised of 3-board matches against 9 opponents.

The leaders at the end of day-1 (After 2 Sessions - 18 rounds) were:

1.	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver	2220.00
2.	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	1852.00
3.	Ionut Coldea - Cornell Teodorescu	1703.00
4.	Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard	1268.00
5.	Russell Ekeblad - Jan Jansma	1254.00
6.	Jeff Meckstroth - Roy Welland	1225.00
7.	Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis	1191.00
8.	Jacob Morgan - Michael Polowan	1058.00
9.	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith	938.00
10.	Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell	894.00

On day-2, Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell with a score of 1766.76, jumped from their 10th position of first day to the TOP position. The leaders of day-1, Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver from the Netherlands slumped to 3rd position, whereas the reigning champions Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein moved to 5th position from 2nd. Gary Cohler - Sam Lev who were not on the TOP 10 list on day-1 had a field day and finished at the 2nd position.

The Standings After Day Two (4 Sessions - 36 Rounds), with the last session to go were:

1.	Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell	2660.76
2.	Gary Cohler - Sam Lev	2379.24
3.	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver	1852.00
4.	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss	1834.76
5.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	1812.04
6.	Neil Chambers - John Schermer	1444.24
7.	Russell Ekeblad - Jan Jansma	1335.76
8.	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	1241.24
9.	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack	1179.74
10.	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmerman	1178.76

The last session did not produce any stbacks, and finally **Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell** won the 2008 Cavendish Invitational Championship. Their score of 707.00 in the 5th session was enough to win the event. Congratulations to them.

The **2008 Cavendish Pairs Final Standings:** (TOP 27 positions out of the 54 Pairs):

Rank	Pair Name	Score
1	Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell	3367.76
2	Gary Cohler - Sam Lev	3017.24
3	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	2827.04
4	Neil Chambers - John Schermer	2497.24
5	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver	2492.20
6	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack	1830.74
7	Jacek Pszczola - Jerzy Zaremba	1660.76
8	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss	1651.76
9	Per Erik - - Jon-Egil	1597.24
10	Chris Compton - Bob Hamman	1308.24
11	Michael Elinescu - Entscho Wladow	1276.76
12	Russell Ekeblad - Jan Jansma	1206.76
13	Michael Rosenberg - Christal Henner-Welland	1139.24
14	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	1053.24
15	James Cayne - Alfredo Versace	1028.76
16	ARichard Jedrychowski - Wojtek Olanski	1021.24
17	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith	988.00
18	Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel	982.76
19	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmerman	882.76
20	Gilad Altshuler - David Birman	700.76
21	Ionut Coldea - Cornell Teodorescu	660.76
22	Jeff Meckstroth - Roy Welland	641.76
23	Marc Bompis - Jean Quantin	427.76
24	Jacob Morgan - Michael Polowan	265.24
25	Bart Bramley - John Kranyak	223.20
26	Pablo Lombardi - Juan Carlos	11.24
27	Joe Grue - Gavin Wolpert	-70.24

2008 John Roberts Teams

20 Teams participated in the John Roberts Team event. Each team played 9 matches (3 matches of 9 boards each in 3 sessions with a scoring scale of 30-0 per match).

At the end of 2 sessions on day One (after 6 matches), **Welland's** team (Roy Welland – Jeff Meckstroth – Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver) with 136 VPs was on top. **Altschuler** (Gilad Altshuler – David Birman – Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola) with 125 VPs were 2nd placed. In third place, with 121 VP was **Berkowitz** team (Berkowitz-Pollack – Jan Jansma – Russ Ekeblad - Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon) and the 4th place was shared with 106 VPs by **Hauge** team (Jan-Peter Svendsen – Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness – Erik Saelensminde - Erik Austberg - John Egil-Furness) & **Teodorescu** team (Cornell Teodorescu - Paul Chemla - Ionut Coldea - Michel Lebel).

The final three matches in the last session were played on day 2 and the team captained by **Lou Ann O'Rourke** (Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein) had an exciting final session. Sitting in 7th place as the day began, O'Rourke won all three matches and finished in first place with 182 VPs and a prize money of US\$ 52,010. The second-place (US\$ 37,150) went to the **Cornell Teodorescu** team (Paul Chemla, Ionut Coldea and Michel Level) who finished with 176 VPs.

In third place (US\$ 26,748) with 168 VPs was the **Gilad Altschuler** team (David Birman, Sam Lev and Jacek Pszczola). The Roy Welland team (Jeff Meckstroth, Sjoert Brink and Bas Drijver) with 167 VPs finished in fourth place (US\$ 19,318) while the **David Berkowitz** team (Billy Pollack, Jan Jansma-Russ Ekeblad, Sheila Ekeblad and Michael Seamon) with 161 VPs finished fifth (US\$13,374) rounding out the top five money winners. The **Jim Mahaffey** team (Peter Weichsel, Fredrik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao) won the third session overall which paid \$10,000.

2008 WBP Pairs

22 Pairs participated in the 11th WBP Annual Pairs event. The leaders after 2 sessions were Joel Wooldridge - Thomas Carmichael with 557. Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord with 467 were second.

Joel Wooldridge - Thomas Carmichael continued their good work in the final session and comfortably won the WBP Pairs event.

Final Standings

1.	Joel Wooldridge - Thomas Carmichael	766.00
2.	Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord	754.00
3.	Connie Goldberg - Bill Eisenberg	497.00
4.	Mark Epstein - Roberta Epstein	486.00
5.	Philip Gordon - Jason Feldman	412.00
6.	Jim Mahaffey - Peter Weichsel	307.00
7.	Robert Hollman - Bruce Ferguson	298.00
8.	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg	136.00

- **Reported by Editor**
(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins: Cavendish 2008)

A Hand from Gelibolu Peace Cup

The second Gelibolu Peace Cup was held at Canakkale, near Gallipoli, Turkey in April and won by a strong Turkish team ahead of representative teams from Germany, France, England, South Africa and a team representing the host city of Canakkale. The English Bridge Union sent their Ladies squad in order to get some practice for them before the European Championships at Pau, France in June.

The City of Canakkale team actually finished third and scored a 23-7 VP win over England in the 20 board match on the first day. This was achieved partly through luck and partly through excellent judgement. Owing to a travel delay England had been forced to field an expert but unpractised partnership and on Board 7 there was a bidding misunderstanding costing 15 imps. On Board 8 the Turkish East-West bid and made an against the odds 6 Clubs. But on Board 10 the Turkish North showed class by using 'guesstimation' to bid an excellent 6 Hearts.

Board 10, Dealer: East, Vul: All

		♠854		
		♥AQ		
		♦AK854		
		♣AK9		
♠KT32			N	♠Q6
♥762			W	♥JT3
♦87			E	♦JT432
♣J765			S	♣832
		♠AJ97		
		♥K9854		
		♦Q		
		♣QT4		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Serhan</i>	<i>Heather</i>	<i>Hasan</i>
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Aytekin</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Ozcan</i>
		Pass	1H
Pass	2D	Pass	2H
Pass	4NT(1)	Pass	5H (2)
Pass	5NT	Pass	6C (3)
Pass	6H	All Pass	

(1) – RKCB, (2) 2 or 5 controls, (3) 0 kings

Lead: heart 2.

The English N-S bid 1H – 2D – 2H – 3C – 3NT – 4NT – end. But Serhan Aytekin did not wish to risk drifting off course like this or also risk giving too much information to the defenders.

The point is that, if your partner has opened and guaranteed a suit as good as K x x x x and you have 2-card A Q support:

There is a 30% chance that he has 6 or 7 hearts.

There is a 28% chance that he has K J x x x

There is a 42% chance that he has K x x x x

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USBF Team Trials 2008

The Team trials for the United States Bridge Federation 2008 was played from 27th May to 6th June 2008 at the PGA Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida to select the USA team for representing the country at the 2008 Mind Sports game to be played in Beijing, China from Oct 3-18, 2008.

25 Teams participated in the Championships. The #1 seed **STRUL** Team and #2 **NICKELL** team were given a bye to the Quarter-finals. The Nick Nickell team won last year's USBC and this year they finished first in the Spingold and fourth in the Resinger, earning a bye to the quarter-finals of the USBC. The **JACOBS** TEAM earned a bye to the last 16 of the 2008 USBC because 4 of the team's players won the 2006 USBC and reached the quarter-finals of the 2008 Vanderbilt.

As per the format of play, the remaining 22 teams in the USBC were divided into 2 groups (Marlins and the Dolphins) and played round robin matches (11 rounds of 7-board each) in their group. The top 8 teams from each group advanced to the RR2 whereas the bottom 3 teams from each group got eliminated after the 1st round robin. The scores at the end of RR1:

Dolphins		Marlins	
5. FLEISHER	119.80	13. ROBINSON	121.00
4. MAHAFFEY	113.14	14. GORDON	120.04
6. GU	111.90	12. WELLAND	113.80
9. WILDAVSKY	109.90	15. EKEBLAD	111.40
3. SPECTOR	105.10	22. MILGRIM	109.80
8. TUDOR	99.80	16. ALLEGAERT	100.80
7. LEWIS	99.10	18. DEUTSCH	100.10
10. STAUBER	96.80	19. KONERU	96.30
11. EINBERG	94.70	20. HARRIS	86.64
1. MELTZER	91.60	21. KOLESNIK	83.81
2. OROURKE	58.73	17. IVATURY	56.26

The top 8 teams in each group played the 2nd RR of 7-boards each against all the surviving 8 teams of the other group. A percentage of the VPs it earned against the eliminated 3 teams in its division was added to the scores in RR2 and the top 11 teams advanced to Round of 16. The final scores after RR2:

Rank	Team Name	Score
1.	Mahaffey	223.45
2.	Gordon	211.89
3.	Robinson	201.91
4.	Welland	197.05
5.	Ekeblad	193.60
6.	Milgrim	180.36
7.	Tudor	176.40
8.	Gu	173.30
9.	Spector	171.03
10.	Lewis	167.09
11.	Fleisher	167.14
12.	Koneru	161.30
13.	Stauber	158.90
14.	Wildavsky	150.53
15.	Allegaert	144.46
16.	Deutsch	141.88

The original #4 seed – Meltzer (Rose Meltzer, Capt , Roger Bates , Billy Cohen, Kyle Larsen , Alan Sontag , Ron Smith) were the surprising elimination of Round robin.

The top 11 teams were joined by the Jacobs team for the last-16 KO stage. The scores were:

T. #	Team Name	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	TOT
3	Robinson	12	15	33	36	35	11	142
14	Tudor	65	55	28	36	5	3	192
4	Jacobs	34	18	31	41	42	42	208
13	Milgrim	54	33	23	7	27	43	187
5	Spector	35	23	49	26	67	54	254
12	Ekeblad	17	42	26	37	35	22	179
6	Welland	29	30	33	27	49	52	220
11	Lewis	25	34	4	16	30	21	130
7	Mahaffey	30	9	20	22	25	63	169
10	Fleisher	38	34	1	17	34	5	129
8	Gordon	9	41	6	40	31	29	156
9	Gu	34	14	33	26	41	18	166

The 6 winners were joined by the 2 seeded team in the quarter-final KO. Mahaffey rallied to win against Fleicher in the last set.

In the 8*15 boards, last-8 stage matches, **Strut** beat Gu by 219-108 (41-20, 41-14, 13-16, 56-31, 31-16, 37-11, WD); **Nickell** beat Mahaffey by 327-244 (53-21 21-43, 36-29, 18-31, 76-29, 36-64, 39-11, 48-16); **Wellend** beat Tudor by 121-27 (59-19, 62-8, WD) and **Jacobs** beat Spector in a tight match by 287-259 (51-34, 29-46, 50-3, 17-40, 14-25, 49-9, 37-47, 40-55).

The Semi-Finals: (8*15 boards):

In the first semi-final **Strul** beat Jacobs (George Jacobs, Capt, Bobby Levin, Zia Mahmood , Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Michael Rosenberg) by 267-214 (38-19, 41-17, 56-15, 16-72, 34-16, 46-16, 23-24, 13-35)

In the second semi-final, **Nickell** beat Wellend (Roy Welland - Capt, Steve Garner, Chris Willenken, Howard Weinstein), by 245-209 (27-49, 44-25, 52-12, 17-30, 19-7, 38-29, 32-25, 16-32).

The Finals: (8*15 boards):

In the final, **Nickell (Frank Nickell - Captain, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Chris Compton, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell)** beat Strul (Aubrey Strul, Capt, David Berkowitz, Chip Martel, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, Lew Stansby) by 216-190 (22-30, 20-37, 34-31, 11-22, 39-8, 31-7, 44-21, 15-34) and will represent USA in the 1st World Mind Sports game at Beijing. The match was neck-to-neck till the 5th session with score standing at 126-128 in favor of Strul. But afterwards it was all Nickell.

Women's Team Trials:

The Women's Team Trials of United States Bridge Federation 2008 was played from 22nd to 26th May 2008 at Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. 8 teams participated in the event. As Baker's team had a direct bye to the semi-finals, the remaining 7 teams played an all-play- all double round-robin (of 8 boards each) with one bye round for each team per RR. The top 3 teams advanced to the semi-final to join the Baker's team. The results at the end of RR were:

Team #	Team Name	C/O from RR1 excl. bye rnd	Final Score after RR2
3.	Moss	69.58	148.72
7.	Miner	69.59	146.59
4.	Quinn	68.36	134.15
5.	Westheimer	70.63	133.55
2.	Narasimhan	57.30	131.76
8.	Tucker	52.35	119.00
6.	Kennedy	27.87	90.91

The strong Narasimhan team (Hansa Narasimhan, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg, Rozanne Pollack, Jill Meyers, JoAnna Stansby) could not qualify for the semi-final spot.

The top 3 teams reached the semi-final stage. Baker's team became the seed # 1 and played against Quinn the Seed #4. In the 2nd semi-final, Moss (original seed #3) played against Miner (original seed #7). The results of the 6*16 boards semi-final was:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96
1	Baker	253	67	39	34	32	26	55
4	Quinn	144	9	12	40	30	16	37
2	Moss	175	38	35	22	27	11	42
3	Miner	138	13	32	25	10	31	27

Both BAKER & MOSS teams had an easy time against their opponents once they had taken a big lead after 2 rounds. The Quinn team (Shawn Quinn – Capt, Renee Mancuso, Sheri Winestock, Pamela Wittes, Linda Lewis, Suzy Burger) lost to Baker team by 109 IMPs, whereas Miner (Carole Miner, Peggy Kaplan, Cindy Bernstein, Cynthia Balderson, Melody Bi, Sally Wheeler) lost to Moss team by 37 IMPs.

In the 96 boards final in the Women's Championship between BAKER & MOSS team, **MOSS** (Sylvia Moss – Capt, Janice Seamon-Molson, Mildred Breed, Judi Radin, Tobi Sokolow, Marinesa Letizia) beat BAKER (Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Karen McCallum, Irina Levitina, Beth Palmer, **Pam Granovetter**, NPC) by 224-173 (39-38, 38-19, 57-46, 16-59, 42-4, 32-7) and will represent USA in the 2008 olympiad at Beijing.

- Reported by Editor
- Courtesy live BBO Vu-graph and USBF Site

United States Senior Team Trials - 2008

The Senior's team trials of United States Bridge Federation 2008 was held in Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, Mass., from 16th to 19th June 2008. 10 Teams participated in the event to select the Senior team which will represent USA Seniors at the 2008 Mind Sports game to be played in Beijing, China from Oct 3-18, 2008.

The teams first played a Round Robin consisting of 9 matches of 6 boards each, scored using the USBF 6-board VP scale. After the round robin, the top 8 teams qualified for the quarter-finals. The round-robin results were:

1.	Meltzer	111.00
2.	Milner	104.24
3.	Tritt	96.43
4.	Lynch	94.45
5.	ORourke	94.44
6.	Robinson	92.79
7.	Onstott	92.16
8.	DeMartino	90.88
9.	Stauber	64.55
10.	Goldstein	59.06

In the 4*15 boards quarter-finals, **Tritt** narrowly beat the all powerful Meltzer team (Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, Bart Bramley, Lew Stansby) by **119-110** (34-18, 25-36, 33-26, 27-30); **Milner** beat ORourke team (Lou Ann O'Rourke, Mike Passell, Garey Hayden, Gaylor Kasle, Ron Smith, Marc Jacobus, NPC) by **145-84** (47-17, 25-16, 17-41, 56-10); **Robinson** narrowly defeated Lynch (Carolyn Lynch, John Sutherlin, David Berkowitz, Mark Lair, Neil Chambers, John Schermer) by **119-111** (25-27, 17-26, 31-35, 46-23) and **Onstott** defeated DeMartino team (DeMartino-Colchamiro, Brod-Earl, Eisenstein-Jabbour) **103-87** (33-15, 16-28, 30-18, 24-26).

In the 4*15 boards Semi-finals, **Onstott** defeated Tritt (Jim Tritt, Bob Etter, Farid Assemi, Keith Garber, Jim Looby) by 127-107 (26-40, 23-18, 33-11, 45-38) whereas **Milner** easily defeated Robinson (STEVE ROBINSON, PETER BOYD, KIT WOOLSEY, FRED STEWART) by 179-123 (45-25, 45-30, 50-18, 39-50).

In the 4*15 board finals, the **MILNER** team defeated **ONSTOTT** (John Onstott, Drew Casen, Dan Morse, Bobby Wolff) by **143-73 (33-12, 6-44, 43-12, 61-5)**.

Thus **MILNER** team (**Reese Milner, Grant Baze, Russ Ekeblad, Matthew Granovetter, Sam Lev, Billy Eisenberg**) has earned the right to represent the United States Senior team at the 2008 Mind Sports game to be played in Beijing, China.

- Reported by Editor (Courtesy: USBF Site)

49th European Teams Championships 2008

The **49th European Bridge Teams Championships** was held in Pau, France, from 14 to 28 June 2008. It comprised of the *Open*, *Women* and *Senior* national teams events. Until now, the *Open* and *Women* series had always been held as a single round robin. This year a new format was introduced in the *Open* series with teams split in two groups to play a first round robin and then the top teams from both groups joining in a second round robin for finalizing the new European Championships.

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 boards 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:

1 NETHERLANDS 341.00	1 SWEDEN 376.00
2 ITALY 339.00	2 RUSSIA 343.00
3 ICELAND 323.00	3 NORWAY 335.30
LATVIA 323.00	4 BULGARIA 335.00
5 ISRAEL 319.00	5 GERMANY 329.00
6 DENMARK 315.00	6 FRANCE 319.00
7 TURKEY 314.00	7 POLAND 314.00
8 CZECH REP. 310.00	8 PORTUGAL 310.50
9 ENGLAND 301.00	9 ESTONIA 290.00
FINLAND 301.00	10 BELARUS 276.50
11 MONACO 283.00	11 IRELAND 274.70
12 GREECE 270.00	12 AUSTRIA 272.00
13 SWITZERLAND 262.00	13 BELGIUM 256.00
14 SPAIN 254.00	14 WALES 255.00
15 LUXEMBOURG 253.00	15 HUNGARY 251.00
16 CROATIA 252.00	16 SLOVAKIA 250.00
17 SERBIA 245.00	17 ROMANIA 245.00
18 LITHUANIA 218.00	18 SAN MARINO 239.00
SCOTLAND 218.00	19 MALTA 144.00

The 18 TOP teams again played an all-play-all Round-robin and finally **Norway (Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Harald Skjaeran Coach, Jorgen Molberg, Geir Helgemo, Terje AA, Boerre Lund, Sten Bjertnes npc)** added the European Team Championship to their Bermuda Bowl crown. They captured the title for the first time in history, ending Italy's record breaking run. The final rankings:

1 NORWAY 299.00	10 SWEDEN 262.00
2 RUSSIA 287.00	11 TURKEY 251.00
3 GERMANY 286.00	12 ENGLAND 242.00
4 BULGARIA 285.00	13 CZECH REP. 231.00
5 ITALY 279.00	14 POLAND 230.00
6 N'LANDS 273.00	15 LATVIA 224.00
7 DENMARK 269.00	16 ISRAEL 221.00
8 ICELAND 265.00	17 PORTUGAL 202.00
9 FRANCE 263.00	18 ESTONIA 200.00

Russia, (Alexander Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Jouri Khokhlov, Georgi Matushko, Jouri Khiouppen & Vadim Kholomeev Elena Maytova npc) made some history of its own by securing the silver medals.

Germany, (Michael Elinescu, Michael Gromoeller, Andreas Kirmse, Josefr Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov, Entsch Wladow, Helmut Hausler npc) took the bronze.

WOMEN TEAMS:

25 teams participated in the Women Team event with France starting the defence of their title. The teams played a complete round robin (25 rounds) with a bye round.

Danièle Allouche-Gaviard, Veronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, Julien Gaviard npc retained France's crown in the European Women's Team Championship. Italy took silver and Spain bronze. A thrilling struggle saw Sweden, Germany & Denmark capture the remaining places in the Venice Cup. The final ranking:

1 FRANCE 466.00	14 FINLAND 386.00
2 ITALY 450.00	15 CZECH REP. 360.50
3 SPAIN 442.00	16 HUNGARY 358.00
4 SWEDEN 435.00	17 ISRAEL 352.00
5 GERMANY 426.00	18 ICELAND 347.00
6 DENMARK 425.00	19 SCOTLAND 331.00
7 POLAND 423.00	20 PORTUGAL 308.00
8 NETHERLANDS 416.00	21 IRELAND 305.50
ENGLAND 416.00	22 GREECE 300.00
10 NORWAY 415.00	23 WALES 283.00
11 CROATIA 412.00	24 AUSTRIA 271.00
12 TURKEY 408.00	25 LEBANON 235.00
13 RUSSIA 397.00	

SENIOR TEAMS:

20 teams participated in the Senior Team event with Germany starting the defence of their title. and played a complete round-robin (19 rounds).

Turkey (Emin Basaran, Orhan Ekin, Faik Falay & Ibrahim Yucekok & Ergun Korkut pc) captured the Seniors title ahead of Sweden (silver) and Belgium (bronze). Poland, Netherlands and Italy took the other Senior Bowl places. The final ranking:

1 TURKEY 348.00	11 SCOTLAND 294.00
2 SWEDEN 333.00	12 AUSTRIA 278.00
3 BELGIUM 327.00	13 NORWAY 273.00
4 POLAND 325.00	14 GERMANY 263.00
5 N'LANDS 322.00	15 IRELAND 248.00
6 ITALY 314.00	16 ESTONIA 237.00
ENGLAND 314.00	17 FINLAND 229.00
8 DENMARK 313.00	18 SPAIN 223.00
9 FRANCE 312.00	19 SWITZERLAND 206.00
10 ISRAEL 295.00	20 WALES 200.00

(Courtesy: Daily Bulletins of 49th European Team Championships 2008)

DOUBLE BARREL CROWHURST (DBC)

Partner opens 1D playing precision and you are looking at ♠ K X X ♥ A J X X X ♦ K X X ♣ X X.

Well not bad, you have some sort of mixed reactions as this hand can play in various contracts like 1NT, 2 NT, 3 NT, 2H, 3H and finally 4H obviously slam looks unlikely. The bidding proceeds as 1D-1H-1N - ?

Now depends upon your personality (aggressive), and your mood you may take actions like 3 NT only to find your partner with

♠ A X X	♠ K X X
♥ X X	♥ A J X X X
♦ A T X X	♦ K X X
♣ A J X X	♣ X X
(Dealer)	(You)

Certainly far from making, as partner has ordinary hand with 13 HCPS with doubleton heart. Partner is not happy with the result and makes a comment that you have overbid the hand.

Next time when similar bidding takes place, remembering the last bad result, you pass 1 NT and miss a sitter game as partner has....

♠ Q T 9	♠ K X X
♥ K Q X	♥ A J X X X
♦ A X X X	♦ K X X
♣ K T X	♣ X X
(Dealer)	(You)

After the spade lead by opponent this hand makes 2 spades, 5 hearts and two diamond tricks for a total of 9 tricks and you hear partner shouting at you that 3 NT is cold. How can you pass with 11 HCPS? Again you have no convincing answer.

Well, problems are not yet over. This time I decide to do something correct hopefully.

1D-1H-1N- ?

I bid 2C as Crowhurst, which we play normally GF. Partner bids 2 Hearts and I bid 2 NT giving a choice and partner opts for a game in hearts with

♠ A X	♠ K X X
♥ X X X	♥ A J X X X
♦ A Q X X X	♦ K X X
♣ Q X X	♣ X X
(Dealer)	(you)

RESULT 1 DN. We lost 2 clubs and two hearts as opening lead was Cx.

Partner I think we should not reach game with 12 opposite 11, if both hands are balanced as once in blue moon game will be made, so my suggestion is - do not bid Crowhurst with 11 HCPS or play forcing up to 2 NT.

I know, but I was feeling bad to play in 1NT when 3 NT was cold. On the other hand, when I used to bash game either in suit or directly 3 NT, partner used to come with minimum hand.

Friends I can make so many hands, where you are not sure what to do? In all the above hands we had bad results because all the actions were taken UNILATERALLY.

If we consult our partner for the invitational hands like above, partner can answer you, revalue his hand and finally take the decision to reach the correct contract, even if it may not be correct on a bad day.

You will like to play in part score when partner has minimum and not to miss the game when it is cold. Both can say - Wow what a great bidding sequence!

Yes we are now going to discuss DBC **DOUBLE BARREL CROWHURST**)

After 1D- 1M- 1N- ? M = Major

All jumps are game forcing. They generally show pure types of hands like a good six cards of suit if the jump is suit rebid else 5-5 if the jump is in other suit.

Two diamond is a game forcing check back and the openers priorities are as follows:

- A) Two of the other major with a four card even with three card support of responders major is there, since it is GF.
- B) Two of a partners Major with three cards.
- C) Three of a minor with 6 baggers.
- D) Two NT with none of the above.

Two clubs starts with most invitational sequences. Opener is required to bid 2D (Puppet) responder now describes the hand

- A) Pass with 4M and gen 5/6 D weak hand.
- B) 3C as sign off.
- C) 2NT to show invitational with 4 M with gen. Clubs.
- D) 2 of Major to show 5 cards of M and invitational.

1D-1H-1N-2S show 4 /4 in Majors and inv. with 5 / 4 inv bid

1D-1H-1N-2C-2D-2S

All other non jump bids are natural and non-forcing.

The ADVANTAGES are many and decision becomes clear cut. Let us see some examples:

You as dealer hold

♠ X X	♥ A Q 10 X	♦ K X X	♣ A X X X
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bidding goes 1D-1S-1N-2H- ?

You are tempted to bid 3H and a game is possible, if partner has decent hand. This possibility is ruled out as playing DBC partner will bid 2C then introduce hearts.

We can show light invite with 5 card M and still get out of it.

You hold ♠ A x x ♥ K J X X X ♦ K X x ♣ X X, we can show this hand by

1D- 1H-1N-2C-2D-2H

We can distinguish between types of invitations.

Strong invitational hands with six cards begins with 2C and then followed with jumps.

1D-1H-1N-2C-2D-3H where as 2H is light invitational.

Five - five in Majors

1D-1S

1N-2C

2D-3H strong 5/5 inv.

Partner opens 1 D and bidding 1D-1S-1N

You have

♠ K Q 10 X X X ♥ A X ♦ A X X ♣ X X

Bid 3S GF as you have good six carder.

♠ K 10 X X X X ♥ K X ♦ A Q ♣ J X

Re-bid 2D (GF Check back) and then 3 spades over partner's 2NT to show weak 6 carder.

♠ A Q 10 X X ♥ K Q 10 X X ♦ K X ♣ X

Re-bid 3 H to show concentrated 5/5

♠ K J X X X ♥ Q 10 X X X ♦ K X ♣ A

Re-bid 2D then 3H to show 5/5 not concentrated.

♠ A Q 10 X X ♥ X ♦ X X ♣ A 10 X X X

Bid 3C

♠ K Q 9 X X ♥ K X ♦ X X ♣ K Q X X

Bid 2D then bid 3C or 2 NT to give choice to partner.

MORE EXAMPLES OF DOUBLE BARREL CROWHURST:

♠ A X X	♠ K Q X X X
♥ K Q X X	♥ A X X
♦ A X	♦ X
♣ J 10 X X	♣ K Q X X X

(Dealer)

1D-1S-1N-3C-3S-4C-4D-4H-4N-5S-6S

3C = S + C (GF)

CONCENTRATED VAUES IN 2 SUITS

♠ A K X X X	♠ X X
♥ Q T X X X	♥ A K X X
♦ A X	♦ K Q X X
♣ X	♣ X X X

(Dealer)

1D-1S-1N-2D-2H-4C-4D-4N-5S-6H

2D = GF CROWHURST

No direct 3H bid over 1NT, as H SUIT HAS HOLES

4C = SPLINTER 4D = CUE

♠ A Q X X	♠ K X
♥ K X	♥ A X X
♦ K X X X	♦ A Q X X
♣ X X X	♣ A K X X

(Dealer)

1D-1H-1S-2D-2N-3D-3H-3S-3N-4D-4S-4N- 5H-6C-6D

5H = 2 Key Cards

6C = ASKING 3rd RD ROUND CONTROL

3H, 3S, 4S = CUE BIDS

♠ A X X	♠ K X
♥ K X X	♥ X X X X
♦ X X	♦ X
♣ A X X X X	♣ J 10 9 X X

(Dealer)

1D-1H-1N-2N-3C ALL PASS

2N = PUPPET TO 3C

INV HANDS WILL GO VIA

1D-1H-1N-2C-2D-2N

Friends with above bidding methods we could have avoided all the accidents we had. Any way I hope you will enjoy playing DBC.

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The first Coaching camp for the selected Juniors for the first Bridge Series at Mind game Olympics at Beijing will be held during 18-20 July 2008 At MDP Hostel, National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Vihar Mumbai, The coaching camp will begin on Friday the 18th in the morning at 10 am and will conclude on 20th evening around 5pm. THE PARTICIPANTS SHALL REACH NITIE LATEST BY 18TH EARLY MORNING AND CAN BOOK THEIR RETURN JOURNEY BY SUNDAY EVENING, LOCAL HOSPITALITY OF ACCOMODATION AND FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF COST TO THE SELECTED JUNIORS Accommodation is available for three nights 17th - 19th July.

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