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WELCOME TO CHENNAI

A large number of teams have converged on Chennai for the 47th Winter National Bridge Championship to be held at the J.J. Basket Ball Stadium from 27th Dec 2005 to 5th Jan 2006. Players from Italy, Sri Lanka, Jordan & Singapore are expected to participate. We wish all the participants a pleasant stay and an enjoyable game.

Message from President Emeritus

It is a matter of great relief as well as of pleasure that 47th National Bridge Championship is being hosted by Tamil Nadu bridge association at Chennai after all the harrowing experience of persistent bad weather. I do trust that organizers will be once again at their traditional best in organizing this championship.

I convey my greetings to all the players who would be participating in this championship and from what I understand so far their comforts will be taken due care by the hosts and that the playing arena will be an excellent one enabling every team to play to its potential.

May I also appeal to all the participants to join the organizers in full measure for the flood relief.

I do pray for the success of the success of the championship in all respects and record my sincere thanks to the sponsors and co-sponsors and state govt for their support to this great mental sport.

I also convey my best wishes to each member of the organizing committee and hope that this championship will be a very rewarding experience to every one.

P. C. Goenka

Today's Programme

0900 – 0930 Hrs.: Inauguration

0930 – 2115 Hrs.: Ruia Gold Cup – Swiss League
(Total number of teams will be divided into 16 groups. Qualifying rounds will be played in round-robin)

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

Here we are, it is good to see you all. First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous year in 2006. It gives me immense pleasure to convey my very warm greetings to all of you on this occasion of the 47th Winter National Bridge Championships. I consider it to be a great privilege to extend a hearty welcome to all the contestants, officials, dignitaries, members of the media and invitees.

The gracious and generous patronage of the honourable Selvi. J. Jayalalithaa the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu for these Championships signals a significant step forward for the Bridge fraternity of the Country.

All of you will find at J.J. Indoor Basket ball Complex, Kilpauk Garden, Chennai, a perfect environment for play with most courteous and dedicated organisers. I sincerely thank all those who are responsible in making the arrangements for the successful conduct of the championships. For the success of the championships there is always somebody and Tamilnadu should be proud of Sri. N.R. Kirubakara Murthy and Mrs. Janaki Srinivasan whose involvement in the game is a great asset. I extend a warm hand of appreciation to them.

All of you are aware that Contract Bridge is the queen of intellectual games. Bridge has more human interest, partnership as well as opposition, judgement as well as cleverness, logic as well as intuition. The game is played with cards just like chess with pawns. It is not a card game and there is no element of luck. With the recognition by the International Olympic Committee and Indian Olympic Association, the game of Bridge has moved out of the back room and into the competitive arena of Olympics. No bridge player is a loser. What lies behind us and before us are tiny matters compared to what lies with in us. Bridge players can be proud of the enhanced image of their favorite game and by extension their own personal image. Today 130 countries are affiliated to the World Bridge Federation and States and Central Sports controlling bodies in the country are affiliated to the Bridge Federation of India.

The Federation is taking effective steps to draw more youngsters to the game through Budget allotment, organising coaching and offering special incentives. The Junior National Bridge Championships were conducted by the Andhra Pradesh State Bridge Association in May 2005 duly supported by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh. I appeal to all the players that they should introduce one member each year to this fascinating game and I assure you that the federation will take measures to retain them in the "Bridge Fold". More and more games will be introduced particularly to the new comers. As regards resources, primarily they should come from within. Federation is making all efforts to rope in the corporate sector.

In one of the best secrets in the business world, the two most powerful names in the Corporate America have formed an alliance, not in the Board Room but at the Bridge Table, Warren Buffet suggested that Bill Gates should join him at a local Bridge Tournament near his home in Nebraska and Gates jumped at the proposal. They took Robert Harman and Sharon Osberg and played in the tournaments. Such is the fascination of the game.

Now it is my duty to remind all the contestants that the Olympic rules will be strictly implemented. The Olympic rules forbid the consumption of Alcohol and smoking in the playing arena. The World Bridge Federation requires that the players should not leave the table for smoking outside the playing arena during the entire session of play.

My message to the players on this occasion is to play their best, remain non-controversial, abide implicitly by the decisions of the Committees, adhere to "Zero Tolerance" policy and strive to carry home happy memories of the championships.

I appeal to the press, AIR and Doordarshan to give adequate publicity to this fascinating game. I wish all the players the best of luck and success in the competition to win coveted tropics. I in particular will feel 'at home' since the Bridge fraternity of the country are closely associated with me. I wish the championships a great success.

Y. KAMALAKARA RAO

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My hearty and warm welcome to all the players around the country for the 47th Winter National Bridge Championship. This year the Winter Nationals will be unique and will provide a great opportunity for more players to participate and win National Titles.

To Prelude I'm thankful to God without whose grace and blessings organizing this tournament would not be possible amidst the climatic conditions which had shaken TamilNadu for the past two months. But still we were improvising on the welfare, comforts and the playing conditions for the players. With support from all, we shall move ahead. Please ignore any shortcoming and enjoy all the games to a great level.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our Sponsors, Members of our Organization, Mr. Dyaneshwaran (President of Basket ball Association and JJ Basket Ball Stadium) and last but not the least our **Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J. Jayalalitha** but for their willingness and encouragement this show would not have been possible at all. **Let all players have Fine Bridge!**

Kirubakaramurthy. N.R
President, Tournament Committee

No Smoking & Alcohol

Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. Any player or team official smoking or consuming alcohol before, during or after the session in the areas designated below may attract penalties as published in the prospectus.

Smoking is also prohibited in Press & Bulletin Rooms, the Scoring and Results Room and the Vu-graph Auditorium. This restriction applies to anyone visiting the Championships as well as to all participants.

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area. The Chief Tournament Director may take suitable action in case of violation.

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THE TOP 16 SEEDED TEAMS

Seed No.	Team Name	Player's Name
1	Indian Railways 'A'	Manas Mukerjee, Rana Roy, Sneheshish Roy, Pritish Kushari, Sumit Mukerjee, Amarnath Banerjee
2	Formidables	Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Venkataraman.K.R, Sunit Chokshi, Rajeswari Tiwari
3	India Blue's	Ashok Ruia, S.K.Iyengar, Sudhir Majumdar, J.M.Shah, Rajendra Gokhale, Sudhir Ganguly
4	Dhampur Sugar Mills	Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Sandeep Thakral, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, R.Venkatesh
5	Agsar Paints	N.R.Kirubakara Moorthy, B. Prabhakar, Anil Padhye, Sunderram, P. Sridhar, Rajesh Dalal
6	Indian Railways'B'	Saroj Bhattacharjee, Ashim Mukherjee, Gopinath Manna, Pranab Roy, D.Majumdar, Debasish Bose
7	Tolani Shipping	R. A. Agarwal, Archie Sequeira, Finton Lewis, Ajit Chakradeo, Prakash Hegde, Anal Shah
8	C.V.Rao	C.V. Rao, SNDe Sarkar, Swarendru Banerjee, Badal Das, Alok Sadhu
9	SN.Chatterjees's IV	Som Nath Chatterjee, Punya Kirti Das Sharma, Kalipada Das, Debashis Datta, Apurba Bhattacharya
10	Manywar	Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, K.Ankalasariya, S.Dhakras, Vinay Desai
11	Radhey	V M Lal, Raju Bhiwandkar, Rajmohan, Premchand Bafna, Suhas Vaidya, Deshpande V
12	Monotona	Dipak Poddar, Anand KS Samant, Sunil Machhar, R.Sridharan, A.M.Bapat, Sapan Desai
13	TRAMBAK RUBBER	Hari Shankar Bajoria, Bivas Todi, Govinda Singha, Bhabesh Saha, Asit Baran Chakraborty, Shankar Acharya
14	ALOK DAGA'S IV	Alok Daga, Ajay Brahmachari, Satyabrata Lahiri, Ajay Bagaria, Subrata Saha, Shankar Prosad Ghosh
15	JP Goenka's IV	Jagdish Prasad Goenka, Souren Dutt, I Alphonso, Mrinal Mukherjee, P.Dalvi, S.Roy
16	Indian Railways'C'	B. Dey, .Sujit Bhattacharjee, Arup Dutta, Hasibul Hasan, .Pawan Aggarwal, Biswanath Saha

Note: 1. The above seeded teams are not permitted to change the names of players.
2. Groupings subject to change.

Previous Winter National Bridge Championships – A Summary

The 44th Winter Nationals 2002

The 44th Winter National Bridge Championship 2002 was organized by Punjab Bridge Association under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India at **Sutlej Club, Ludhiana** from **23rd Nov – 3rd Dec 2002.** A total of 128 teams participated in the team of four event for the Ruia trophy. The event winners were:

Ruia Gold Cup – for Team of Four:

Winners: Indian Railway 'B' (Manas Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Rana Roy, Subir Majumdar, Sumit Mukherjee & Amarnath Banerjee)

Runners-up: Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajesh Dalal, R. Venkatraman & Sunit Choksi)

Board-a-Match:

Winners: Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, K.R. Venkatraman & Sunit Choksi)

Runners-up: Trambak Rubber

Holkar Open Pairs:

1. D. Bose & A.K. Kundu
2. Subhash Gupta – Sunit Choksi

The 45th Winter Nationals 2003

The 45th Winter National Bridge Championship 2003 was organized by Maharashtra Bridge Association under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India at **Hotel Auragabad Ashok**, **Aurangabad from Jan 3 – 13, 2004.**

A total of 157 teams participated in the team of four event for the Ruia Gold cup. Indian Railways again showed their supremacy, when both the Railways team – Railway 'A' & Railway 'B' reached the Ruia Trophy Finals for the Team of Four event. The event winners were:

Ruia Gold Cup – for Team of Four:

Winners: Indian Railway 'B' (Manas Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Rana Roy, Sumit Mukherjee & Amarnath Banerjee)

Runners-up: Indian Railway 'A' (Ashim Mukherjee, S. Roy, D. Majumdar & P.Roy)

Board-a-Match:

Winners: Formidables (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, K.R. Venkatraman & Sunit Choksi)

Runners-up: C.V. Rao's Team

Holkar Open Pairs:

1. Rajesh Dalal & Anil Padhya
Jt. 2nd Ratanlal Kejriwal & Prakash Kejriwal
Jt 2nd Usha Kabra & Gopinath Manna

First time live broadcast of the Team of Four (Semi finals onwards) and Final of the Holkar Pairs on BBO, created history and Aurangabad will be long remembered for this.

The 46th Winter Nationals 2003

The 46th Winter National Bridge Championship 2004 was organized by Andhra Pradesh State Bridge Association & Visakhapatnam District Bridge Association, under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India at **Waltair Club, Vishakapatnam from Dec 7 – 17, 2004.**

A total of 161 teams participated in the team of four event for the Ruia Gold cup. Railways 'A' easily defeated India Blues 162-108 IMPs (41-32, 65-15, 34-27, 22-34) to claim the Ruia Trophy for the third consecutive year.

Ruia Gold Cup – for Team of Four:

Winners: Indian Railway 'B' (Manas Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Rana Roy, Sumit Mukherjee & Amarnath Banerjee, Hasibul Hasan)

Runners-up: India Blues (Ashok Ruia, J.M. Shah, S.K. Iyengar, Rajendra Gokhale and Sandeep Karmarkar)

Board-a-Match:

Winners: Indian Railway 'B' (Manas Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Rana Roy, Sumit Mukherjee & Amarnath Banerjee, Hasibul Hasan)

Runners-up: Tolani Shipping

Holkar Open Pairs:

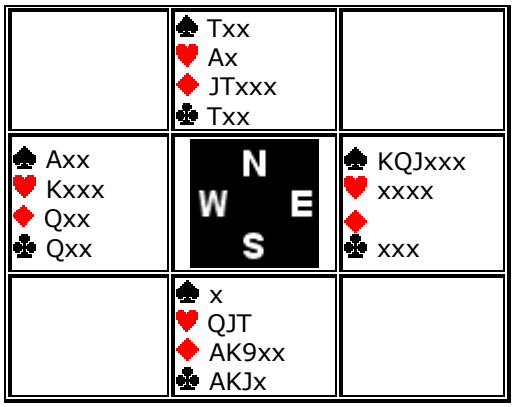
1. Kiran Nadar and B. Satyanarayana
2. K. Suryanarayana and C. Koteswara Rao

Let us see whether any other team can beat Indian Railway team and be the new Champions or it will be Railways for the fourth time in succession.

Interesting Deals From Winter Nationals

This deal from the Holkar Finals of Ludhiana Winter Nationals 2002 is a beauty. Geza Ottlik & Hugh Kelsey would also have not minded to put it in their book "Adventures in the Card Play".

No one knows whether anyone was able to make 5-diamond contract on the table. But soon after the game, one of our genius bridge players **Mr. Honey B. Prabhakar** found out the solution to make as well as defend the hand. See how it works.



The bidding:

W	N	E	S
P	P	2S	3D
3S	4D	P	5D

The bidding was as shown above and SA was lead and continued. The contract seems to have 3 obvious losers – a spade, a diamond & a club. But see what happens, if you ruff the spade continuation with DK and play a low diamond.

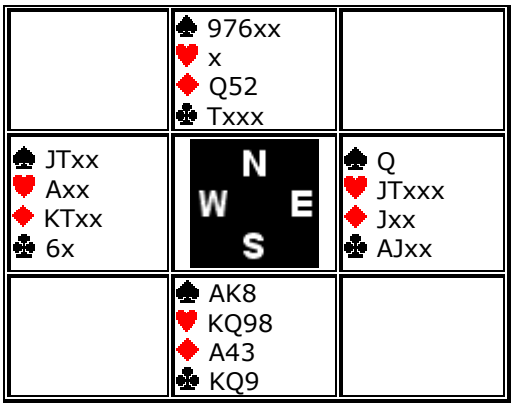
Case1: If West wins with the Queen he may return another diamond or spade. If spade is returned, ruff with DA and if diamond is returned, win in dummy and ruff a spade with DA, and play all the trumps.

Case2: West does not take the trick with DQ. Win in dummy and ruff a spade with DA and play a diamond. If west takes the trick first or second time, he is doomed. You can run the trumps and in the last 5-card position, West gets squeezed as he can either keep 3H & 2C or 2H & 3C.

Defense: Duck the diamonds both the times, when declarer plays low after ruffing with Ace & King. Now there are not enough entries to dummy for squeeze. **SUPERB IS IT NOT?**

The following hand from the Holkar Pairs final of Winter Nationals 2004 held at Vizag required perfect timing for execution.

See how B. Satyanarayana (he & Mrs. Kiran Nadar won the event) used the opportunity given to him by opponents:



West	***North***	***East***	***South***
	Kiran		*Satya*
			2NT (1)
Pass	3H(2)	Pass	3S
All Pass			

(1) – 21-22 Balanced, (2) – Transfer to Spades

The bidding was simple and West led ♣6, dummy playing low and East taking with Ace. Now if East returns a diamond, the contract doesn't have any chance as defenders will get 2 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond and a club for down one. East led back a low heart instead and the ♥Q was taken by Ace and another heart returned. Satya discarded a diamond and took the trick with ♥K. He ruffed a heart in dummy and played a low spade from dummy taking with the ♠A and carefully noting the fall of ♠Q. Now he played the ♣K and continued with ♣Q. If west ruffs, he can either play a diamond or spade. If he plays diamond you can take with ♦ Q, ruff the last club with eight and West can do nothing except over-ruffing but you are through now. If he returns a spade, you can take with King and play the fourth heart, which can be ruffed in dummy or a club discarded, if West ruffs with his last trump.

Hence defender discarded a diamond. Satya ruffed in dummy and played the last club from dummy ruffing with Eight. That was the end of defense as you can play the hand further as explained above.

Making the contract fetched 14.5 out of 15 for the board. WELL PLAYED SATYA.

The PROGRAMME

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tue	Dec 27	0900 -0930	Inauguration
		0930 -2115	**RUIA GOLD SWISS**
Wed	Dec 28	0930 -2215	RUIA GOLD Continues
Thu	Dec 29	0930 -1400	RUIA GOLD-RD OF 64
		1530 -2045	RUIA GOLD–RD OF 32
		0930 –2115	**RUIA SILVER** .
		1400 –2100	**KAMALAKAR Trophy**
Fri	Dec 30	0900 -2030	RUIA GOLD-RD OF 16
		0900 –2100	RUIA SILVER
		0930 –2100	KAMALAKAR Pairs
Sat	Dec 31	0900 -2040	RUIA GOLD- RD OF 8
		0900 -1700	**MOHAN SICKA Trophy**
		1800 -2100	**HOLKAR Trophy**
Sun	Jan 01	0900 -2100	RUIA GOLD–SF
		0930 –1230	HOLKAR
		1400 –2100	MOHAN SICKA Trophy
		1500 -2100	**I O B** Pair event
Mon	Jan 02	0900 –2100	RUIA GOLD – FINALS
		0900 –2030	HOLKAR – Pairs
		1000 -1300	**BSNL** Individual
		1500 -1900	BSNL Individual
Tue	Jan 03	0900 –1200	HOLKAR Trophy
		1000 –2100	**L J THOMAS Team of 4**
Wed	Jan 04	0900- 2100	MOHAN SICKA FINALS
		0930- 2100	**Indus Ind Bank** pairs Categorized Pairs open to all (except life masters)
Thu	Jan 05	0900- 2100	HOLKAR Trophy FINALS
		0900- 2100	**G.K.Sundaram** Fast Pairs

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Commandments for Bridge Players

1. **Thou shalt not play any game other than bridge whilst at the bridge table.**
2. **Thou shalt not call a misdeal just because thou has been dealt no picture cards.**
3. **Thou shalt never take the rules of bridge in vain.**
4. **After losing three games, thou shalt not cry, nor stamp thy feet, nor set fire to thy bridge table.**
5. **Thou shalt honour thy tournament director's decision, even though thou might find it unfavourable.**
6. **When thy partner makes a mistake, thou shall not kill.**
7. **Thou shalt not resort to handsignals, meaningful looks or kicks under the table to instruct thy partner.**
8. **Thou shalt keep table talk to a minimum, unless thou hast some juicy gossip that will not wait.**

ENTRY FEES & LAST DATES FOR ENTRIES

S.No.	EVENTS	Entry fees(In Rs.)	LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES
1	**Ruia Gold** (Prelim Rds)	1800	On/before 0800 Hrs. on 27-12-05
2	**Ruia Gold** (64 teams KO)	600	Before 2200 Hrs. on 28-12-05
3	**RuiaGold** (32 teams KO)	600	Before 1430 Hrs. on 29-12-05
4	**Ruia Silver** (Swiss League)	600	Before 2230 Hrs. on 28-12-05
5	**Ruia Silver** (32 teams joining)	600	Before 1430 Hrs on 29-12-05
6	**Kamalakar Trophy** (IMP Pairs)	300	Before 2200 Hrs. on 28-12-05
7	**BOARD A MATCH** Mohan Sicka	1000	Before 2200 Hrs on 28-12-05 (including expected seeded teams)
8	**Holkar Trophy**–1st & 2nd Elimination	600	Before 2200 Hrs. on 28-12-05 (including expected seeded teams)
9	**Holkar trophy** – 3rd elimination & Finals	600	Before 0800 hrs on 03-01-06
10	**BSNL** Individual		Before start of the event
11	**L J THOMAS Team of 4**		Before start of the event
12	**Indus Ind Bank - categorized pairs**		Before start of the event
13	**G K Sundaram Fast pairs**		Before start of the event

Note: Entry Fee for all sponsored events (Sr. No. 10 to 13): Rs. 100 per player