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C.V. RAO - CHIEF SPONSOR
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C.V. RAO hails from Andhra Pradesh and is an ardent lover of the game of Bridge. He does not draw any distinction in his attempt to promote the game and comes forward to help players from all over the country. His helping nature is such that he employs as many Bridge players as possible in his organisations. He is fully aware of the need of the players who cannot afford the high expenditure involved in participating in the Nationals and fulfilling the desire to enjoy the fascination of the game. His sponsorship knows no bounds.

On the very first day of my arrival at Visakhapatnam for this Nationals, he expressed his desire to help all players - financially or otherwise - to make them play this game without any hindrance and enjoy it. That nearly 50% of the teams who played in the Ruia event were extended free lodging is an indication of his generosity. Lavish lunches - almost a gourmet delight - were provided to all. This kind of spread has never been seen and all will wonder if it will be repeated elsewhere at any time in the future. Other amenities - to relieve the mental strain normally faced by players - like return travel arrangements, medical and communication facilities, were made readily available.

A well-natured personality - with a ready smile for anyone approaching him - to make them feel comfortable, I wonder how many would have realised that everyday, this same person mingled with them, in his own quiet way while at the same time overseeing the arrangements. He is known for his non-interference in administrative matters but is well aware of things happening around him.

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| SCHEDULE OF PLAY (17-12-2004) Holkar Trophy (Finals) |
| 09.30 a.m. onwards in 3 Sessions |

At the table he does not call the Director on frivolous or flimsy grounds and gives due respect to all the tournament and Federation officials. Those who have met him at the table in many of the tournaments will also have noticed that he makes his partner feel at ease making him forget that he is sitting before his "Big Boss".

In the Board-a-Match, the CIM/CID took a decision to reduce the field from the 2nd Elimination for a final play off among 27 teams (25 qualifiers + 2 seeded). C.V. Rao wanted a final for a larger number and he had so expressed himself. However, since the announcements were made, the officials stuck to their decision while the event was conducted. Later, many players approached him and requested him to prevail over the tournament officials to increase the number of qualifiers to 31 teams, which he did in good faith, especially to encourage the average players.

Many of you may be aware of Mr. P.C. Ghenka and Mr. S.G. Bose Mulla, who were treating the Winter Nationals as a "Bridge Festival" and rules were not being strictly imposed. However, during my tenure, I insisted on the Rules & Regulations to be strictly followed making exceptions as and when required in the interest of the game.

The CID announced about the increase in the number of qualifiers at the instance of C.V. Rao. His intentions are well known and he stated to me that **if by this increase his team qualifies, it would be withdrawn making way for the next team.**

It is very rare to find a sponsor like C.V. Rao who has no axe to grind. Though he has expressed his displeasure, maybe it is his drawback since he calls "a spade a spade". His contribution and patronage to the game is commendable.

This is published in the Bulletin in the general interest of the players and also to make known the good intentions of C.V. Rao.

FEEDBACK ON THE TOURNAMENT

We, retired Engineers of Farakka (West Bengal) express our hearty thanks and deep gratitude to all dignitaries, organizers, sponsors and others associated with the 46th Winter National Bridge Championships-2004 at Visakhapatnam for their superb and extraordinary arrangements, nice accommodation, delicious lunch, tea/coffee, nice hospitality and overall decent arrangements in conducting day to day Bridge play.

We expect and rather sure that similar nationals will be held at Vizag once again in 3-5 years and also golden jubilee celebrations to encourage bridge lovers to the "City of destiny" and tourist Paradise.

CATERER'S VOICE

We thank the Organizing Committee for giving us an opportunity to provide Catering arrangements for the 46th Winter National Bridge Championships. We hope things are to your taste and satisfaction. We also thank Prof. V. Rattan Kumar who stood by us in putting up a good show.

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PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

As we come to the close of the Championships, Prize distribution ceremony is scheduled for Board-a-Match and Holkar events at 7:00 p.m on 17th Dec 2004.

Chief Guest : Smt. Ratna Pracha, IAS Officer on Special duty, APLIC, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
All Bridge players are earnestly requested to attend.

RESULTS OF BOARD-a-MATCH FINALS

Indian Railway 'A' do a remarkable Double

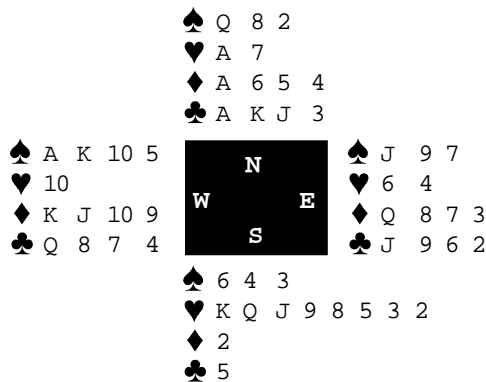
This is an unimaginable recovery. Scoring just 38 points in the first session, the same Railwaymen who won the Ruia Trophy - Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Pritish Kushari, Sumit Mukherjee, Amar Nath Banerjee and Hsibul Hsan - played incredibly in the next two sessions to collect 73 and 75 points to take their total to 194 points (including the carry over of 8 points). That makes it a double for them this year. Will one pair of this six score win the Holkar also? We will know on Friday evening.

Tolani Shipping - R. Agarwal, G. Biswas, Dr M. Jagannath, A. Sarkar, A.R.D. Sequeira and Prakash Dalvi finished second, just three points behind. Tied for the third place are Formidables (Kiran Nedar, Siddhesh Gupta, K. R. Venkataraman, B. Satyanarayana and Sunit Choksi) and Indian Railway 'B' (Saroj Bhattacharya, Snehasis Roy, Asim Mukherjee, Gopinath Manna, Pranab Roy and Debasis Majumdar). Both were on 189 points

Early leaders Bangalore Blues and the Sri Lanka team which had a huge carry over 15 points faded out of contention. For Kiran and her team mates this must have been really heartbreaking. Formidables had won the BAM trophy in both Ludhiana and Aurangabad and the hat-trick was just not to be.

| S.No | Team Name | Carry over | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
|------|--------------------------|------------|----|----|----|-------|
| 1. | Indian Railway - 'A' | 8 | 38 | 73 | 75 | 194 |
| 2. | Formidables | 5 | 64 | 58 | 62 | 189 |
| 3. | Tolani Shipping | 7 | 49 | 74 | 61 | 189 |
| 4. | Indian Railway - 'B' | 8 | 59 | 54 | 68 | 188 |
| 5. | Sri Lanka | 15 | 56 | 59 | 56 | 186 |
| 6. | Monotona | 3 | 52 | 63 | 66 | 184 |
| 7. | Bangalore Blues | 5 | 66 | 50 | 61 | 182 |
| 8. | India Blues | 8 | 50 | 65 | 58 | 181 |
| 9. | Tranibak Rubber | 4 | 58 | 47 | 67 | 176 |
| 10. | S N D M C | 6 | 56 | 63 | 45 | 170 |
| 11. | Alok Daga | 2 | 60 | 50 | 54 | 166 |
| 12. | O S R C - 'B' | 3 | 65 | 42 | 53 | 163 |
| 13. | Nest International | 0 | 59 | 43 | 57 | 159 |
| 14. | R P Gupta's -IV | 1 | 33 | 58 | 67 | 159 |
| 15. | Shyamagar Card Club | 5 | 48 | 58 | 43 | 154 |
| 16. | Kanalkar | 2 | 59 | 52 | 41 | 154 |
| 17. | Pankaj Kapadia | 3 | 65 | 46 | 39 | 153 |
| 18. | Naimuddin | 4 | 50 | 38 | 58 | 150 |
| 19. | Maya Mira | 5 | 51 | 55 | 38 | 149 |
| 20. | Navayuga Engg. Co. Ltd., | 8 | 42 | 48 | 50 | 148 |
| 21. | Aparajitha | 6 | 45 | 62 | 34 | 147 |
| 22. | Kaushik Team | 4 | 52 | 56 | 33 | 145 |
| 23. | Kabra | 1 | 40 | 36 | 63 | 140 |
| 24. | Lawrence Club | 3 | 59 | 34 | 42 | 138 |
| 25. | AUFC, Waltair | 3 | 47 | 41 | 45 | 136 |
| 26. | Radhey | 3 | 39 | 42 | 51 | 135 |
| 27. | Jhala | 0 | 42 | 37 | 20 | 99 |

TIGRESS SWALLOWS A KING



This lady Kalpana Misra can sometimes become a tigress at the table. In BWF Elimination II Session 1, she demonstrated on the table how kings can be swallowed!

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|---------------|-----------------|
| North | South |
| (Anil Padhye) | (Kalpana Misra) |
| | 4♥ |
| 5♣ | 5♠! |
| 6♥ | |

She took courage in her hand and made that cue bid of five spades and Anil promptly put her in the heart slam. West led ace of Spades, East put up the nine (reverse signals) showing three or five cards and Kalpana played the six spot. West went into a long trance not knowing whether to continue spades or to shift. He ultimately shifted to a trump. Kalpana ran all her trumps. On the third and fourth hearts East discarded his two remaining spades confirming three cards only. Both defenders held on to the minors and Kalpana makes her twelve tricks two of which are the spade four and three!

Gitavani:

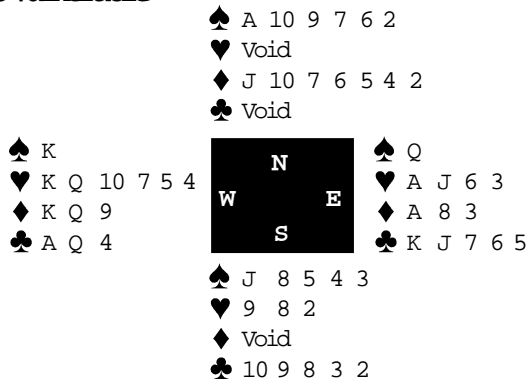
यथाऽसौ, दिव्यं वाचं तान्नाश्रयेत्, योऽपि
 वाचं उच्यते अज्ञानं च, तं ज्ञानं च, अज्ञानं च

The man who is full of faith, who is devoted to It, and who has subdued the senses, obtains 'Knowledge', ere long he goes to the Supreme Peace.

ECSTASY TO AGONY

By Nayani Viswanath

NS Vulnerable



EW land in an uncontested six hearts contract, in a Pairs event. As South, you have a choice of leads in the black suits, but luckily you lead a spade. Partner wins with the ace, the queen also coming down from declarer's hand. Partner returns a diamond, which you ruff for down one. You are thrilled... until you see the score sheet. You get a glorious 1.5 out of 26. What had happened was many Norths had core into the bidding in the spade suit and these NS pairs had bid six spades intending it as a sacrifice. The contract easily makes on a cross ruff and by establishing diamonds! Ecstasy to agony?

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Our Special thanks to Shri. K.V. Rao, Managing Director, Hy-Grade Pellets Ltd., Visakhapatnam for having sponsored the prizes for various events. Your kind gesture for the cause of Bridge is well received Sir!

- Organizing Committee

PRAY AND PLAY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION YOU WANT

It was Sunit Choksi who gave me this hand. After your RHO had opened with a Precision two clubs, you go on a kite-flying mission and bid upto 7H, on the following layout. Several top players are of the opinion that seven hearts just cannot be made; Sunit not only gave me the hand but also told me how it can be made.

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ♠ K 10 5 | ♠ Q 9 6 4 | ♠ J 8 3 |
| ♥ 10 8 2 | ♥ Q 6 3 | ♥ 7 |
| ♦ 10 9 8 7 2 | ♦ K | ♦ 6 5 3 |
| ♣ J 5 | ♣ 10 8 6 4 2 | ♣ A K Q 9 7 3 |
| | ♠ A 7 2 | |
| | ♥ A K J 9 5 4 | |
| | ♦ A Q J 4 | |
| | ♣ Void | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Pass | 2♠ | 2♣ | DBL |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 7♥ | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | | All Pass | |

You ruff the club lead in hand and pause the thought. In her book 'Creative Visualisation', Shakti Gawain had written that in a situation of this kind, you must visualise that things are as you want them to be. If hearts are two-two you just cannot make this hand because you have only one trump on the table to ruff your two spade losers after discarding dummy's spades on your winning diamonds. You should therefore assure that trumps are 3-1 and that it is East who holds the singleton. The second important consideration is the timing aspect as regards trump reduction in hand, because West's lead of jack of clubs cries from the roof top it is from a holding of jack-doubleton, which gives East six cards in that suit. The third important thing is to draw one round of trumps with dummy's queen, not an honour from hand for which there is a reason, which will become clearer in the later part of this analysis.

After ruffing the first club, a low heart to the

queen, followed by cashing diamond king. Now a spade to the ace, hand's three diamonds cashed discarding all three spades, ace of spades, ruff a spade and only now you can ruff that second club. Back to the table with the second spade ruff and you are now left precisely with AKJ of hearts and you are home! Thank you Shakti Gawain for that gem, and thank you Sunit for telling me how to apply Gawain's concept on the Bridge table.

AN REVOIR, UNTIL CHENNAI

Once again, the time has come to say goodbye and convey my heartfelt thanks to all those who made these bulletins possible. There are two regrets. We could not match the levels set by CVR and his team of organisers in the playing and other facilities and technical excellence achieved by that team and the tournament directors. The second regret is that quite a few mistakes, particularly in hand layouts and analysis have crept in. I need to improve. We are trying to bring out an Evening Edition today to give you the Holkar trophy results as well.

I was able to make the bulletins mainly because I was "enabled" by the untiring efforts of specially M.S. Srinivas. This man is a workhorse. But for the timely release of scores by Gajendra Singh Chauhan, the bulletin would have read like yesterday's newspaper. Esther Peters and V.V Partha saradhi deserve a special mention as they patiently tolerated my impatience. The help rendered by CH. Nagesh, V. Nagabhushana Rao and R. Ramana was equally important in the context that these three had several responsibilities.

Niranjan held me back rightly when the occasion arose. CIDSudhu is a Bulletin Editor's delight; Ranju rightly advising me on matters official; Kailash babu for pushing me to the limit; Hanu & Hari for ensuring that the Bulletin is posted every day in India as well as two important foreign sites; the list goes on.

Most importantly, Kanalakur and CVR and his organizing team for having reposed their faith in me. I may not have fully reached their expectation levels; but, I was at least almost there!

Thank you !

- R. Jayaram

KIRAN & SATYA LEAD THE LIST OF QUALIFIERS FOR TODAY'S HOLKAR FINALS

Scoring a fantastic 71% in the third session of the Holkar Elimination III, Kiran Nedar & B. Satyanarayana lead the list of 32 qualifiers who will play the Holkar finals today. They scored a total of 1357 in the three sessions and were followed by Kamal Roy and Arabinda Roy who scored a total of 1240 points. K.N. Shyam Sunder & A.S Viswanathan came third with a score of 1164.

| <u>S.No.</u> | <u>PAIR NAME</u> | | <u>SCORE</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. | B. Satya Narayana | - Kiran Nedar | 1357 |
| 2. | Kamal Kumar Roy | - Arabinda Roy | 1240 |
| 3. | K.N. Shyam Sunder | - A.S. Viswanathan | 1164 |
| 4. | S.K. Jain | - Sujit Bhattacharjee | 1153 |
| 5. | P Bera | - H Hasan | 1151 |
| 6. | S Banerjee | - P. Kushari | 1148 |
| 7. | Gobinda Singha | - Sekhar Nath Chunder | 1146 |
| 8. | S Bose | - G Das | 1142 |
| 9. | V M Lal | - R Bhiwandkar | 1138 |
| 10. | S N Dey Sarkar | - Badal Das | 1136 |
| 11. | Uttam Gupta | - S Naimuddin | 1136 |
| 12. | K.R Venkatraman | - Sunit Choksi | 1133 |
| 13. | P Roy | - D Majumdar | 1131 |
| 14. | Tapas Mukherjee | - Sunan Sengupta | 1128 |
| 15. | Ashantha De Mel | - Anton Selvanayagan | 1127 |
| 16. | Kalpana Misra | - Anil P Pachye | 1124 |
| 17. | S.K. Ganguly | - K. Krishna Kumar | 1117 |
| 18. | A N Banerjee | - S. Mukherjee | 1115 |
| 19. | Pranab Barchan | - K. Bhattacharya | 1112 |
| 20. | Paul De Niese | - Dr. HHJ Keerthisena | 1111 |
| 21. | S Roy | - T Roy | 1108 |
| 22. | Usha Kabra | - Gopinath Manna | 1104 |
| 23. | J M Shah | - Dr. N.S. Rao | 1099 |
| 24. | Aloke Sachu | - Bhabesh Saha | 1088 |
| 25. | Raju Tolani | - Subhash Gupta | 1084 |
| 26. | K. Suryanarayana | - C. Koteswara Rao | 1082 |
| 27. | A.R.D Sequeira | - Prakash Dalvi | 1081 |
| 28. | Biljon De | - Paban Agarwal | 1079 |
| 29. | J Batihari | - Ranjit Das | 1078 |
| 30. | Sandeep Thakral | - N.K. Gupta | 1076 |
| 31. | K.S. Challan | - S. Kekre | 1075 |
| 32. | Dipak Podbar | - Suhav Vaidya | 1075 |