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At a colorful function held on December 14, 2004, Prizes were awarded covering the Team of four Duplicate Event for Ruia Trophy and Categorized Pair events (Masters & NonMasters).

The Prizes were given by Sarvashri T. Krishna Prasad, IPS., Deputy Inspector General of Police, Visakhapatnam, D.V. Subba Rao, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Y. Kamalakara Rao - President, Bridge Federation of India and M.B.V. Subrahmanyam, Chief Tournament Director.



Ruia Trophy Winner - Railway 'A' Team



Ruia Trophy Runner - India Blues Team



Ruia Trophy Semi-finalist - NALCO Team



Ruia Trophy Semi-finalist - Railway 'B'

SCHEDULE OF PLAY (16-12-2004)		
Board-A-Match (Finals)		
09.30 a.m.	-	Session 1
02.00 p.m.	-	Session 2
05.30 p.m.	-	Session 3

LIST OF BAM FINALISTS

Sri Lanka with a fantastic score of 217 and Railway 'B' (187) head the list of qualifiers to the BAM finals to be held on Thursday. The Ruia trophy finalists - Railway 'A' and India Blues have been automatically seeded direct into the finals.

GROUP A+B+C

1. Railways-B	72	49	66	187
2. SNDMC	53	73	53	179
3. Maya Merrra	59	56	65	*178
4. Tranbak Rubber	51	63	59	173
5. Naimuddin	57	58	56	171
6. Radhey	50	70	49	169
7. Lawrence Club	54	60	56	*168
8. Monotona Red	72	37	59	168
9. Pankaj Kapadia	58	36	74	168
10. OSRC-B	55	62	51	168
11. Alok Daga	52	49	64	165
12. Kanalkar	56	49	59	164
13. OSRC (BM)	48	62	50	160

(Overall better score)

*Penalty: -2

GROUP D+E+F

1. Sri Lanka	78	66	73	217
2. Navayuga Engg	66	72	51	189
3. Tolani Shipping	69	61	53	183
4. Aparajitha	75	49	57	181
5. Shyamagar CC	69	58	51	178
6. Bangalore Blues	65	55	56	176
7. Formidibles	57	65	53	175
8. Kushik	65	53	55	173
9. AUFC	62	54	51	167
10. R.P.Guptas-IV	63	55	44	162
11. Kabra	66	47	48	161
12. Jhala	51	61	45	157

We, most of the tournament directors and I, stay at a place called 'Old Chambers' here at the club where the undisputed 'dada' is a 75 year old man who goes by the name Salil Banerjee. Man of very few words, Salilda is company par excellence, as pearls of wisdom are brought out as the night wears on.

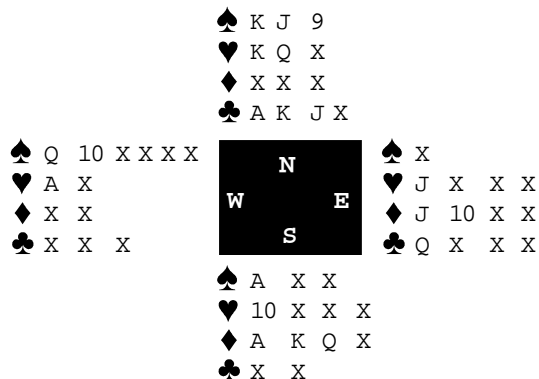
An engineer by profession, Dada is also a product of Shantiniketan from where he holds a degree in Bengali. Not only has he translated several Marathi stage plays into Bengali, he has performed in and directed many of them. His favourite is Akhri Sawal. He has adapted Chase a crooked shadow into a Bengali drama and staged it. He has also adapted Witness for the prosecution but has not succeeded in staging it.

It was Kailashbu Nevatia who inculcated him into Bridge Tournament Directorship and he has been doing it as hobby from 1953. He has been CID at the Hindalco tournaments and it was from the 1997 Bangalore Nationals that he came on to the National scene.

A sportsman to the core - he even represented the Agra University Football team - he is a living example of true sportsman spirit. We enjoyed every minute of the time we spent with you, Dada.

A TRIPLE SUNDAE

Saroj Bhattacharya is God's own man. Over several nationals, I have had several occasions to interact with him and every time he comes out with some thing or other which is enlightening. On the morning of Holkar Elimination III, Session 1 he was watching Swamendu first convert a ten-trick hand to a eleven trick one and then on to twelve-tricks! When dummy came down, I was mentally considering which would be the safest line of play for eleven tricks. Swamendu, perhaps, only considered 12 tricks, Saroj wrote to me where he had given all the details.



Sitting South, Swamendu had opened a diamond, West overcalled one spade, British doubled and Swamendu bid two hearts. British bid two spades, two no trump by Swamendu raised to three. West led fourth best spade, won in dummy. A diamond to hand, a heart towards the table and the king wins. Back to hand with another diamond and a second heart fetches the ace from LHO. Back comes a second spade won in hand, even as East discards a club. A heart to the queen, and the third spade winner, the king from dummy reduces poor East to a pulp. He discards a diamond. A diamond off the table to the queen in hand and then the established fourth diamond, discarding a small club from the table, renders East hors de combat! A three-suit recurring squeeze converts ten tricks to twelve.

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This Bulletin Editor of yours does not seem to know how to count. He is the man who downloaded from the bridge-india Website and compiled a list of Ruia, Holkar and BAW winners 1979 Nagpur onwards and published it in the souvenir of Aurangabad Nationals. Even then, he has deprived three of our most distinguished players one title each in the cover page of yesterday's bulletin! Rana Roy has won the Ruia Trophy five times (not four) - 1995, 1997, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Pritish Kushari has also won five times (not four) - 1992, 1998, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Manas Mukherjee has won it four times (not three) - 1992, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Thank you very much Asim Mukherjee, for pointing out.

