



Bridge Federation of India

Monthly Newsletter - March



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Welcome message from the President :

Dear Bridge Mates,

I extend my sincerest gratitude to all the associations and players for bestowing upon me the honor of serving as the President of the Bridge Federation of India. It brings me great pleasure to announce the release of our inaugural newsletter. This initiative, conceived by my esteemed team and particularly our Secretary, aims to bridge the communication gap between the numerous activities are currently underway, and we pledge to provide regular updates in a transparent manner.



BFI committee and all stakeholders involved in this exquisite mind sport. With this newsletter, we aspire to foster a stronger sense of unity and collaboration within our community. It serves as a platform to disseminate important information, share updates, and provide insights into the developments within our federation.

We would all like to see BFI function in an impartial, efficient and transparent manner. This initiative is a good starting point to propel the growth and prosperity of bridge in India. The ACTC meeting on 13th March was a very positive experience and gave us a chance to orient ourselves with the task at hand. It is imperative that Japan includes Bridge as an event in the Asian games 2026.

Our upcoming challenge is to conduct the selection trials in May and hone the contentious Ranking point policy and other policies repeatedly until we build a robust selection process. With the world championship coming up in October we have our plates full and I will endeavor to provide the administration to meet the challenges.

Empowering Bridge: Shree Cement & Tolani Shipping extends sponsorship



Tolani Shipping Company has promised to organize the annual National Masters Championship as well as the Junior National Championship. Similarly, Shree Cement is sponsoring a Category 1 annual ranking points event and has pledged support for the National Inter State Bridge Championship for a duration of upcoming six years.

Revamp underway: BFI Technical Committee initiates overhaul

In the first week of March, the newly elected BFI committee established a technical committee, headed by Mr. S. Sunderram and including Anand K. Samant, B. Prabhakar, Shantanu Rastogi, and convener Debasish Ray. This committee is tasked with overseeing ongoing enhancements to various procedures, which will be announced at an appropriate time.

**Ranking Points Link
(Updated till 5th March)**



Tournament Results - March

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ACB & AILBA Ladies Pairs

29th February - 1st March

1. Vrinda Jhunjhunwala & Himani Khandelwal
2. Priya Balasubramanian & Bindiya Kohli
3. Alka Jain & Devi M. Bhatnagar

[Results Link](#)
[Images Link](#)

ACB & AILBA Mixed Pairs

2nd - 3rd March

1. Anjali Karthikeyan & Shambhunath Ghosh
2. Kiran Nadar & Bachiraju Satyanarayana
3. Sumit Mukherjee & Monica Jajoo

[Results Link](#)
[Images Link](#)

FNCC Bridge Championship : 9th - 11th March

Team of Four :

Winner : Nest Inn

N. Niranjana, R. Kannan, K. R. Venkatraman, SRC Sekar, Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare.

Runners up : Potluris

Sudhakar Rao, A. K. Sinha, S. K. Bandhopadhyay, A. Bhattacharya, Prashant.

Match Point Pairs :

1. Srinivasan Iyengar
Sukrit Vijayakar
2. Sandeep Thakral
Subhash Gupta
3. B. Satyanarayana
S. K. Iyengar

IMP Pairs :

1. Wajid Ali & Mohan Rao
2. G. V. Rao & D. S. R. Raju
3. P. Jain & A. Saldhana

Swiss Pairs :

1. A. S. Gupta & V. Krishnan
2. Vasanti Shah & J. N. Roy
3. V. Phatarphekar & R. Shridharan

[Results Link](#)

KBA Open All India Bridge Championship : 22th - 24th March

Team of Four :

Winner : Crazy 6

Mathew Chandy, Soham Sarkar, Biswajit Podder, Binod Shaw, Sanjit Dey, Arun Bapat.

Runners up : Coolers

S. Vijayraghavan, Afsar Majeed, R. Raghavengra, P. Sridhar, Uma V. Jalapathy

IMP Pairs :

1. P. Sajan & A. Mohan
2. Kaushik Mukherjee & B. Seenivasagan
3. K. Subramanian & R. Ramesh

Match Point Pairs :

1. Binod Shaw & Sanjit Dey
2. R. Shreekrishnan & V. Kumar
3. Saswata Bhattacharya & Pranay Majumder

[Results Link](#)

Ongoing Tournament

[Tournament Website Link](#)

Smt. Vijaya Jajoo Memorial National Mixed Bridge Championship :

26th - 27th March



Upcoming tournaments : April

Category I Ranking points events with Superb Ambience and Hospitality

Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix : 28th - 31st March

Sponsored by : **INDIA GLYCOLS LIMITED**



[Tournament Website Link](#)

Venue : **WELCOMHOTEL DWARKA**

3, District Centre, Sector 10 Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075

Contact Persons : Dipak Poddar - 9821319000 : Anand K. Samant - 9820951180

H.K. Seth - 9810576897 - 9540096897

Team of Four:

Swiss league : 28th March, 10.00 - 29th March, 13.00

[Registration Link](#)

Knock out : 29th March, 14.00 - 30th March, 20.30

Final : 31st March, 9.30 - 17.50

Board - A - Match :

Session I & II : 29th March, 14.00 - 20.30

Match Point Pairs :

Elimination : 30th March, 10.00 - 20.30

Final : 31st March, 9.30 - 17.50

7th All India Shree Cement Bridge Tournament : 11th - 14st April

Sponsored by : **Shree Cement**

Organised by :

Corporate Bridge Association of India

Venue : **Biswa Bangla Convention Centre**

New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata, West Bengal - 700156

[Tournament Website Link](#)

Contact Persons : Soumadeep Ghosh (registration)- 9831719151

Arnab Guha - 9433886533 : Rajendra Sirohia- 9331001284

Soham Sarkar- 9836333281 : S. R. Dutta (accommodation)- 9903407320

Team of Four:

Swiss league : 11th April, 10.00 - 12th April, 12.45

[Registration Link](#)

Knock out (PQF/QF/SF/ Final) : 12th April, 13.45 - 14th April, 17.45

Board - A - Match :

Session I & II : 12th April, 14.15 - 19.45

Match Point Pairs :

Elimination : 13th April, 10.15 - 19.30

[Registration Link](#)

Final : 14th April, 9.30 - 17.30

IMP Pairs :

Session I & II : 14th April, 10.00 - 17.00