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# HCL SOUTH ZONE BRIDGE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

TRIVANDRUM 2024

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## 3 EVENTS

- Team of Four - Duplicate
- Match Point Pairs
- Swiss Pairs

**October 25 - 27 , 2024**

Hotel Hycinth, Thampanoor,  
Trivandrum, Kerala

**PRIZE MONEY: ₹ 4 LAKH**

## About HCL South Zone Bridge

The South Zone Bridge Championships was first played in 1975. A regional event erstwhile, it primarily featured teams and players from the Southern States. After the Covid, the tournament is making a fresh beginning as a BFI-approved Open tournament that will be eligible for Federation Master Points.

HCL Group, the premier promoter of the sport of Bridge in the country, has associated for the revival of the South Zone Championships.

## About HCL Group

Founded in 1976 as one of India's original IT start-ups, HCL Group is a pioneer in modern computing. Today, the HCL Group is US\$ 13.4 billion conglomerate, employing over 219,000 people in 60 countries. The group comprises of three business companies: HCL Infosystems, HCLTech, and HCL Healthcare.

Since 1976, HCL is investing into building its belief system of Human Potential Multiplied across Technology, Performing Arts, Learning and Skilling, Environment, Nature, Wildlife, Healthcare and Sports. **HCL has taken steady steps to multiply potential of Indian Sports and its athletes with a focus on excellence, ecosystem development and engagement. The focus sports are Squash, Bridge, Cycling, and Football.**

For 20 years, HCL has been supporting bridge through the HCL International Bridge Championship, fostering conversations and excellence in this mind sport. The International Bridge Championship is the highest prize money tournament in the world with a total prize purse of Rs 2.7 Cr.



# THE PROGRAM

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## Day 1, Friday, October 25, 2024

Time in Hour	Activity
4:30 pm	<b>Inauguration</b>
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Match Point Pairs</b> (Single session of 26 boards)

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## Day 2, Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time in Hour	Activity
9:45 am - 7:00 pm	<b>Swiss League for T/4 Duplicate</b> (6 rounds x 10 boards). Top 6 qualify

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## Day 3, Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time in Hour	Activity
9:30 am - 1:15 pm	<b>T/4 Play-Off</b> (3 rounds x 10 bds)
9:30 am - 1:15 pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> (4 rounds x 6 bds)
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>T/4 Play-Off</b> (2 rounds x 10 bds)
2:00 pm - 4:45 pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> (3 rounds x 6 bds)
5:00 pm	<b>Prize distribution</b>

# EVENTS & TROPHIES

1	<b>Team-of-4 Duplicate</b> for the HCL Rolling Trophy
2	<b>Match Point Pairs</b> for the Dr KV Jacob memorial Trophy
3	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> for the Synthite Trophy

The competitions will be conducted as per BFI rules and regulations.  
All events will be eligible for BFI Federation Master Points

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## Prize Money

Prize money Rs	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Total
<b>T/4 Duplicate</b>	₹1,00,000	₹60,000	₹40,000	₹25,000	₹16,000	₹12,000	₹7,000	<b>₹2,60,000</b>
<b>MP Pairs</b>	₹30,000	₹22,000	₹15,000	₹9,000	₹5,000	₹3,000	NA	<b>₹84,000</b>
<b>Swiss Pairs</b>	₹20,000	₹15,000	₹9,000	₹6,000	₹4,000	₹2,000	NA	<b>₹56,000</b>

## Entry fees

<b>T/4 Duplicate (For 4-member team)</b>	<b>₹4,800*</b>
<b>MP Pairs (per pair)</b>	<b>₹1,500</b>
<b>Swiss Pairs (per pair)</b>	<b>₹1,500</b>

\*Extra Rs 1,200 each for 5th/6th player

## With Compliments from KBA

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>High Tea with Veg/Non-Veg snacks</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Lunch, Dinner, Mid day &amp; Evening snacks, Fellowship</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Mid-day snacks, Lunch and High Tea with snacks</b>

Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and Drinking water will be available right through the day on all days

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## Registration

Online registration will be enabled on [www.bridgefromhome.com](http://www.bridgefromhome.com). Registration for Team-of-4 Duplicate and MP Pairs will close on Oct 24. Entry fees are to be paid by scanning QR code on the BFH registration page or sent by bank transfer to Kairali Bridge Association, SB a/c no 57027200189, State Bank of India, Panampilly Nagar branch, Ernakulam. IFSC code SBIN0070658. It is mandatory for entry fee to be paid by Oct 24 for T-4/MP Pairs entries to be confirmed.

Swiss Pairs registration will be at the venue on Oct 26, and will close by 8 pm.

## The Venue and access to it

The Confluence, an air conditioned dome-shaped arena, at the 5-star Hotel Hycinth will be the venue for the Tournament and provide a grand ambience as well as extremely comfortable playing conditions.

Hycinth, the host hotel, is on the Manorama Road, 400 metres from the Trivandrum Central Railway Station. Located 10 km from the Domestic airport and 7 km from the International Airport, it is well connected to different parts of the City by Autorikshaws and Uber/Ola taxi services. Trivandrum also has an efficient bus transport system.

## Tourist Attractions

Trivandrum is a major tourist centre known for the Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Kovalam and Varkala beaches, Poovar backwaters and Western Ghat tracts of Ponmudi & Agasthyamala. Its Zoo, Museum, Art Galleries, Planetarium, Parks and Gardens are also treats for nature lovers. Tourist season usually extends from October to March. Players wishing to do the tourism rounds have to make their own arrangements for the same.

## Accommodation

There are several hotels within a 1 km radius of the Venue that offer tariffs matching different budgets and varying choice of facilities. Some of the hotels have offered special tariffs for the participants, applicable for the tournament dates. Bookings may be done by players directly with these hotels, referring to the Bridge Tournament to avail these tariffs.

## Accommodation Tariff and Details

Name of Hotel/Resort	Distance from Venue	Special Tariff for Tournament Days (Rs)			Remarks	Contact Numbers	Contact Person
		Type	Single	Double			
Hycinth Hotels (5-star)	0	Dlx	₹5,000	₹6,000	Incl GST & Breakfast	9400000740	Arun Karthik
Hotel Horizon (3-star)	100 m	Std	₹2,500	₹3,000	Incl GST & Breakfast	9387681430 / 8281182811	Murali
		Dlx	₹3,000	₹3,500			
Hotel Apollo Dimora (4-star)	0.5 km	Std	₹5,000	₹5,500	Incl GST & Breakfast	8086097233	Ahin Sunil
		Dlx	₹7,000	₹7,500			
The Central Residency	50 m	Std	₹3,136	₹3,692	Incl GST & Breakfast	7356444302	Sinoj

There are various other hotels for lower budgets near the venue. Bookings for most of these are available online. For any assistance pl contact Jose Abraham, member Organising Committee (Cell no 99463 58108)

## About NatXtra

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## About Dr KV Jacob memorial Trophy for MP Pairs

**Dr KV Jacob**, in whose name the Trophy is presented, was a bridge lover and among the foremost psychiatrists of India, from the first batch of NIMHANS, Bangalore . He was the first Professor of Psychiatry in Medical College, Trivandrum, and was Head of the City's Mental Hospital. Dr Jacob played rubber bridge actively in the 50's & 60's.

His son and the Trophy donor **Vergheese K Jacob** is a very accomplished bridge player and currently based in Hyderabad. He is also a management consultant and social innovator, specialising in bringing state-of-the-art management and technology practices into the social sector. **Vergheese was member of the Standard Sabari team that won the Tolani Silver event of the Summer Nationals in 2015 at Bangalore.**

## The Org Team

**Chairman** - Sajiv K Menon, President, Kairali Bridge Assn (KBA)

**Vice Chairman** - Kurian Poopally, Vice President, KBA

**General Secretary** - SV Santhosh, Hon Secy, KBA

**Treasurer** - Brig Josekutty Kurian, Hon Treasurer, KBA

**General Convenor** - Rajeev S

**Joint Convenors** - Joseph Cherian, Afshar Majeed

### Members

Sahirudeen SH, President, Trivandrum Dist Bridge Assn (TDBA)

Brig Azad Sameer, Vice President, TDBA

N Satish Chandran

MGK Nair

Capt Thomas Kurian

Jose Abraham

Balakrishna Panicker

N Sudarshanan

Joby Mathew George

Salil Kanj Jalan

Col PSC Nair

George Mohan

M V Rao

Sudhir Velayudhan

Sukrit Vijayakar (Registration & Website)

### S Zone State representatives:

NCJ John, Chief Patron, KBA

Harihara Subramanian, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Br Assn

Kunal Jaiswal, Secretary, Karnataka State Br Assn

P Ramachandrarao, Secretary, Telengana Br Assn

J Venkata Ramana Murthy, Secy, Andhra Pradesh Br Assn

Vikram Vepa, Secretary, Goa Br Assn

M Mugeshkumar, Secretary, Pondicherry Br Assn

## Technical Manpower

KS Swaminathan (CTD)

T Sankar (TD)

SRC Sekar (Dealing & Tech support)

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