



Stellar Success at the 21st HCL International Bridge Championship

The 21st HCL International Bridge Championship, held from 14th to 22nd September 2024 at The Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, New Delhi, was an overwhelming success. A key feature of the global bridge calendar, the Gold Teams event was part of the prestigious World Bridge Tour, attracting top teams from around the globe, including USA, Poland, Russia, Israel, Italy, Norway, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh etc..

The championship witnessed participation from 51 teams in the Gold section and 92 teams across the silver categories. The organization of the event was impeccable, earning widespread praise for its excellent game quality, superior hospitality, and luxurious ambience. Players and attendees alike hailed it as one of the best-organized bridge tournaments in recent years.

Team WHAM (Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung, Michael Whibley, and Matthew Brown from Australia and New Zealand) defeated Shourie (Rajath Shourie, Gavin Wolpert, John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy, Kevin Bathurst, and John Hurd from USA) in a close math in the GOLD category of the Team of four event to lift the Naresh Tandan Trophy. First, third, and fourth sessions were tight, with IMP scores 40-35, 25-28, and 23-25 for Shourie. WHAM won the third session 29-4. That difference was enough to overcome the carry-over score of six IMPs Shourie started with. WHAM eventually won by 117-98 IMPs.



Mohini Tandan Trophy for Team of Four SILVER category was lifted by RSCS (Ramprosad Das, Subrata Chakraborty, Sanjay Raha, Chandan Choudhury). They beat Jackalls (D.P.Acharya, Shubham Acharya, Mridul Das, Nukesh Ghatia, Shubhrajit Mukhopadhyay, Hemant Kumar Sarma) by 119-84.6 IMPs. In the play-off for third position, Sahyadri defeated Sabass 77-58 IMPs.



S. Sunderram and P. Shridharan clinched the Neena Banerjee Trophy when they won the Match-Point GOLD Pairs final with a score of 63.21%. Binod Kumar Shaw and Sanjit Dey were the runners-up with a score of 58.38%. Marianne Karmarkar and Sandeep Karmarkar were third with 56.37%.



The HCL International Bridge Championship continues to raise the bar, solidifying its status as a premier event on the global bridge scene.

Team India Set for Glory at the 16th World Bridge Games in Buenos Aires

India is gearing up to shine on the global stage at the 16th World Bridge Games, scheduled from 21st October to 3rd November 2024 at the Centro de Convenciones de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Four teams will represent the nation across categories.

In the Open category, the Raju Tolani & Ajay Khare, Binod Kumar Shaw & Sanjit Dey, and Sandeep Thakral & Jaggy B Shivdasani will showcase their skills. The Mixed category will see Kiran Nadar & Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal & Himani Khandelwal, and T V Ramani & Bindiya Kohli competing. In the Women's category, Puja Batra & Asha Sharma, Alka M Kshirsagar & Bharti Dey, and Alka Jain & Devi Muthu Bhatnagar will represent India. The Senior category features Ravi Goenka, Arun Bapat, Kamal Mukherjee, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, and Vibhas Todi.

We wish Team India all the success as they compete against the world's best, hoping to bring laurels back home!

2nd WBF Online Women's Teams scheduled for January 2025

After the remarkable success of the inaugural event earlier this year, the World Bridge Federation (WBF) is excited to announce the 2nd WBF Online Women's Teams event, taking place from Friday, January 3rd to Sunday, January 5th, 2025.

Held on the RealBridge platform, this transnational tournament allows teams from multiple countries to compete, offering women players around the globe a chance to participate in a high-level international event without the need for travel. With its accessibility and competitive spirit, the event promises to draw talented women bridge players for a thrilling start to the new year!

Duplication Machine Woes Resolved: Betterment for Bridge Tournaments

Duplication machines have become indispensable for bridge tournaments, ensuring seamless card dealing. In recent years, however, several tournaments faced challenges due to frequent breakdowns and maintenance issues of these machines.

During the 21st HCL International Bridge Championship, Per Jannerstan from Bridge Sorter company, visited India and provided critical solutions to resolve these problems.

Additionally, various bridge organizations acquired new dealing machines from him, which promises to alleviate duplication issues in future events. This development marks a positive step towards smoother and more efficient bridge tournaments going forward.



Coaching Camps for World Championships 2025

The Bridge Federation of India has announced a series of coaching camps in Ahmedabad to evaluate and prepare teams for the 2025 World Championships. The camps will take place as follows:

- Men Event: 6th March – 12th March
- Mixed Event: 13th March – 17th March
- Women & Seniors Event: 18th March – 20th March

These camps will serve as key evaluation platforms for players across all categories, ensuring India fields its strongest teams for the prestigious global event. The intensive sessions aim to sharpen skills and build team synergy in preparation for the World Championships.

BFI Hosts Successful E-Bridge E-Bridge Events and Championships

The BFI successfully hosted its third edition of the E-Bridge Online Juniors Tournament on 29th September, sponsored by Express Avenue Mall. Held on the RealBridge platform, the event saw 28 pairs competing in three age categories: Under 16, Under 21, and Under 26. Expertly organized and supervised, the tournament highlighted the bright future of India's young bridge talent.



The Bridge Federation of India announces upcoming E-Bridge events on RealBridge: Juniors (twice a month), Women's (monthly), the Women's National Championship in February 2025, and an International Event in May/June 2025 with a prize pool over Rs. 80 lakhs, promoting competitive bridge participation across all levels.

66th Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter National Bridge Championship **8th - 18th December**

Organized by **Bridge Federation of India**

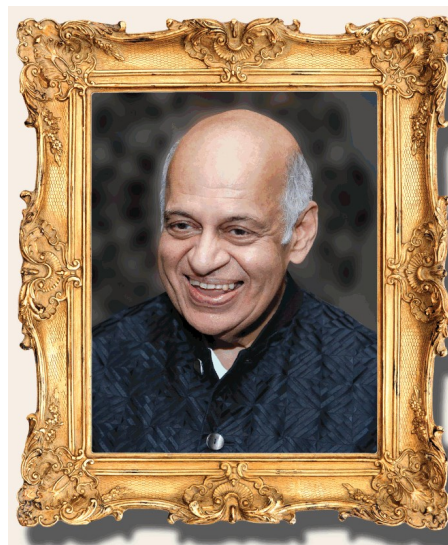
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Prize Money : **10.35 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex (Balewadi Stadium), Pune**

The Bridge Federation of India is pleased to announce that this year's Winter Nationals will now officially be named the Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter Nationals, thanks to the generous sponsorship from Ashok Ruia Family.

- RUIA Gold and Silver Teams Trophy
- Match Point Pairs (Mall of the Millennium Cup)
- IMP Pairs (Phoenix Market City Cup)
- Mixed Pairs (Phoenix Mixed Pairs Cup)
- Women Pairs (Amla Ruia Women's Cup)
- Ashok Ruia Senior Teams Cup



In addition, the annual sponsorship will be increased by Rs. 3,00,000 every two years (in 2026 and 2028), ensuring continued support for the event's growth. Ashok Ruia Family has also committed to designing and providing rolling trophies for the Gold and Silver Teams, along with replicas for display and individual awards for the winning teams and pairs.

The sponsorship package will also include Rs. 1 lakh to recognize outstanding performances with the following awards:

- Ashok Ruia Lifetime Achievement Award (Rs. 40,000 + memento)
- Ashok Ruia Best Player/Pair Award (Open Category, 26+ years) (Rs. 25,000)
- Ashok Ruia Best Player/Pair Award (Juniors Category) (Rs. 25,000)

This enhanced sponsorship underscores Ashok Ruia's dedication to the development of bridge in India, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for his continued support and commitment to making all future Winter Nationals the Ashok Ruia Winter Nationals.



Upcoming Events -

October - November 2024

All India Shri Ajay Kumar Goel Memorial Bridge Tournament

3rd - 6th October

[Website Link](#)

Organized by **Nainital Bridge Association**

Sponsored by **Dhampur Sugar Mills**

Prize Money : **6 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **The Boat House Club Ltd. Nainital**

HCL South Zone Bridge Championships : 25th - 27th October

Organized by **Kairali Bridge Association and**

Trivandrum District Bridge Association

[Website Link](#)

Sponsored by **HCL Technologies**

Prize Money : **4 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Trivandrum, Kerala**

3rd East Zone Open Championship - 8th - 10th November

Organized by **West Bengal Bridge Association**

Sponsored by **Balarampur Chini**

[Website Link](#)

Category II Ranking Point event

Prize Money : **5 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **NKDA Community Centre, Newtown, Kolkata**

Prime Ladies Pairs - 11th - 12th November

Organized by **Bombay Bridge Association**

Sponsored by **Prime Securities**

[Website Link](#)

Category B Ranking Point event

Prize Money : **1.4 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Bombay Gymkhana Club**

Prime National Mixed Teams & Pairs - 13th - 16th November

Organized by **Bombay Bridge Association**

Sponsored by **Prime Securities**

[Website Link](#)

National Ranking Point event

Prize Money : **5 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Bombay Gymkhana Club**



Tournament Results -

September 2024

21st HCL International Bridge Championship

14th - 22nd September

Gold Team of Four : Naresh Tandan Trophy

Winner : WHAM

Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung,
Michael Whibley, and Matthew Brown

Runners up : Shourie

Rajath Shourie, Gavin Wolpert,
John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy,
Kevin Bathurst, and John Hurd

[Results Link](#)

Silver Team of Four : Mohini Tandan Trophy

Winner : RSCS

Ramprosad Das, Subrata Chakraborty,
Sanjay Raha, Chandan Choudhury

Runners up : Jackalls

D.P.Acharya, Shubham Acharya,
Mridul Das, Shubhrajit Mukhopadhyay,
Nukesh Ghatia, Hemant Kumar Sarma

Match Point Pairs Gold Neena Bonarji Trophy

1. S Sunderram & P. Sridhar
2. Binod Kumar Shaw & Sanjit Dey
3. Marianne Karmarkar & Sandeep N
Karmarkar

Mixed Pairs

N K Gupta Trophy

1. Gopika Tandan & Arun Jain
2. Alka M Kshirsagar
3. Marianne Karmarkar & Sandeep N
Karmarkar

Match Point Pairs Silver

1. Jodi Tutty & David Beauchamp
2. Pijush K. Barui & Satyabrata Mukherjee
3. Keyzad Anklesaria & Harald Eidi

IMP Pairs

1. T V Ramani & Subhash Bhavnani
2. Goutam Pore & Suman Banerjee
3. J. Bhattacharjee & N. Bhattacharjee

Pro-Am Pairs

1. Arun Bapat & Sanjit Dey
2. Sailaja Tahiliani & Christian Bakke
3. Amit Dabriwala & Keyzad Anklesaria

E-Bridge Online Junior Pairs : 29th September

[Results Link](#)

Under 16 - 1. Ananya Kunal Mehta & Jashith Narang 2. Krishanth S. & Roshand S.

Under 21

1. Kunj Chheda & Vigneshwaran B.
2. Anas H & Allen Mathew

Under 26

1. Sohan Gurjar & Shyam Choudhary
2. Anirudh Prakash & Madhav Prakesh