



# Bridge Federation of India

## Monthly Newsletter - December



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### Message from the President :

Dear Bridge Enthusiasts,

It's in deed a pleasure to have MBA host the 66th winter National bridge championships 2024 in Pune. The organizing committee comprises of a wonderful pool of experience, talent and dedication to serve the game of Bridge. We are assured of witnessing an unparalleled edition and I heartily extend my warmest wishes to shri Deven Doshi, president MBA and his entire team.



The Bridge Federation of India is proud to honor the silver medal winning Indian Seniors Team who dazzle the world championships in Argentina recently, leaving no doubt that the current pool of world class Indian senior players is truly among the best in the world. We plan to make a serious push for gold at Denmark next year. I would personally like to see the entire bridge fraternity come together to adopt and train youngsters and women players to create a large pool of junior and women players to complement the seniors and emulate their performances. A detailed policy document is under discussion and taking shape. We shall launch both these initiatives later this year.

The role of the state associations can never be understated and is crucial. we are happy to see Assam Bridge Association adding members recently to be the fastest growing state. Similarly, we have Chattisgarh bridge association formed recently, I extend my congratulations to general secretary shri Sunil Kant Kamra and the President.

A warm welcome to the BFI as fully affiliated member in due course. The PSU sector is also holding a significant yet latent pool of Bridge players. We see a huge potential to have more sectors as affiliated members of BFI. The organizing committee is holding a seniors only event for the first time and I am offering no prizes for guessing which is the team to beat. On this happy note I once again wish you all a scintillating championship and extend my best wishes to MBA and Pune District bridge association.

### BFI Honors Sporting Excellence at Annual Sports Awards 2024

BFI celebrated the remarkable achievements of its players and teams at the BFI Annual Sports Awards 2024, held during the opening ceremony of the 66th Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter Nationals Championship. Sponsored by Phoenix Market City, the event took place at the Balewadi Sports Stadium, Pune, on December 12th.

- **Lifetime Achievement Award: Shri N.R.K. Moorthy & Late Shri Y. Kamalakar Rao**
- **Best Player of the Year: Shri Sumit Mukherjee**
- **Best Junior Players of the Year: Shri Sayantan Kushari & Shri Sagnik Roy**

The ceremony also honored the Indian Seniors Team and their coach, Mr. Girish Bijoor, for clinching the silver medal at the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games in Argentina. Additionally, an appreciation trophy was awarded to the debutant pair Sanjit Dey and Binod Shaw, for their performances in the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games. All prizes for the Winter Nationals will be distributed after January 5, 2025.

**Bank details submission link : Winter National 2024**

## **MBV Subrahmanyam : Official Reviewer & Disciplinary Committee Observer**

BFI is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. MBV Subrahmanyam as the Official Reviewer and Disciplinary Committee Observer for all BFI-recognized Category A events. In his new role, Mr. Subrahmanyam will oversee adherence to the BFI Disciplinary Code 2024, reporting directly to the BFI Disciplinary Committee and the BFI President. He will be responsible for addressing any reported violations and investigating complaints related to these events. The BFI advises all State Secretaries and registered players to take note of this appointment and direct any relevant concerns to Mr. Subrahmanyam in accordance with the established guidelines.

## **Revision of Player Membership and Masterpoint Fees Effective April 1, 2025**

BFI has announced a revision in the Player Membership and Masterpoint fees under the BFI Masterpoint Scheme. Effective April 1, 2025, the annual fee for all registered players will be ₹500. The BFI requests all state associations to promptly notify their players about this update and ensure compliance with the revised fee structure. This amendment aims to streamline the federation's operations and enhance support for the Bridge community in India. For further details, players and associations may contact BFI through official communication channels.



## **Upcoming Events -**

### **January - February 2025**

#### **V. K. Agarwal Mixed Pairs : 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Organized by **Indore Contract Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

Ranking Point Event - Cat B

Prize Money : **1.65 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Yeshwant Club, Indore**

#### **20th Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Holkar National**

#### **Bridge Championship : 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Organized by **Indore Contract Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

Prize Money : **22 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Yeshwant Club, Indore**

#### **Madras Gymkhana Annual Bridge Championship**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> January**

[Website Link](#)

Organized by **Tamil Nadu Bridge Association**

Prize Money : **6 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Madras Gymkhana Club, Anna Salai, Park Town, Chennai**

## **Willingdon Club Annual Swiss Pairs : 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Organized by **Willingdon Sports Club**

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

[Website Link](#)

Prize Money : **5.5 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai**

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## **AILBA Women Ranking Event : 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Organized by **All India Ladies Bridge Association & Bombay Gymkhana**

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

[Website Link](#)

Prize Money : **89 Thousand Rupees**

Venue : **Bombay Gymkhana, Mumbai**

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## **FNCC Bridge Championships**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

[Website Link](#)

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Venue : **Film Nagar Culture Center, Filmnagar, Hyderabad**

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## **EA Bridge National Women Championships : 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Organized by **Tamilnadu Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Prize Money : **2 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Express Avenue Mall, Express Estate, Thousand Lights, Chennai**

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## **Vijya Jajoo Memorial National Mixed Championships**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February**

[Website Link](#)

Organized by **Tamilnadu Bridge Association**

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Prize Money : **1.5 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Express Avenue Mall, Express Estate, Thousand Lights, Chennai**

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## **Tolani Open National Masters Bridge Championships**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February**

[Website Link](#)

Organized by **Tamilnadu Bridge Association**

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Prize Money : **4.8 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Express Avenue Mall, Express Estate, Thousand Lights, Chennai**

**Annual Sir Padampat Singhania Memorial Invitational pairs  
21<sup>st</sup> February - 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

[Website Link](#)

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Venue : **Kamla Club, Kanpur**

**Kr. Murli Manohar Memorial Bridge Championships  
27<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

[Website Link](#)

Organized by **Dhampur Sugar Mills**

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Prize Money : **8 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh**



**Tournament Results -**

**December 2024**

**66th Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter National Bridge Championship  
8<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Gold : Team of Four**

Bank details submission link : Winter National 2024

**Winner : Indian Railways 'A'**

Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder,  
Sayantan Kushari, Sagnik Roy,  
Gopinath Manna, Sandip Datta

**Runners up : Fenesta**

Richa Sriram, Ranjan Bhattacharya,  
Koushik Mukherjee, Priya Ranjan Sinha,  
Joyjit Sensarma, Vijay Devadass

[Results Link](#)



## **Silver : Team of Four**

### **Winner : Sahyadri**

Sampath Srinivasan, Ajoy Sonak,  
V Ravichandran, U V Athavale,  
Dilip V Karmarkar, Shrikant B Bendre

### **Runners up : Gladiators**

Tarun Singhal, Umesh Kumar Singh,  
Ramkesh Chandra Sharma,  
Anurag Pandey

## **Mall of the Millennium Match Point Pairs**

1. Jitendra J Solani & Rajesh A Dalal
2. Kajal Chandra Das & Swapan Kumar Ghosh
3. Sandip Datta & Debabrata Majumder



### **Ashok Ruia Senior Pairs**

1. P Sridhar & Milind Athavale
2. Narendra Shinde & Suhas Vichare
3. Tapan Bhattacharya & Indranath Chatterjee

### **Phoenix IMP Pairs**

1. Vinay Desai & Raju Tolani
2. Pranab Bardhan & Badal Das
3. R Anbazhagan & Sekhar K Bandopadhyay

### **Phoenix Mixed Pairs**

1. T V Ramani & Bindiya Kohli
2. Biswajit Poddar & Aditi Jhaveri
3. Rajul R Dalal & Aparna Sain

### **Amla Ruia Women Pairs**

1. Aditi Jhaveri & Marianne Karmarkar
2. Vasanti Shah & Gopika Tandan
3. Alka M Kshirsagar & Bharati Dey