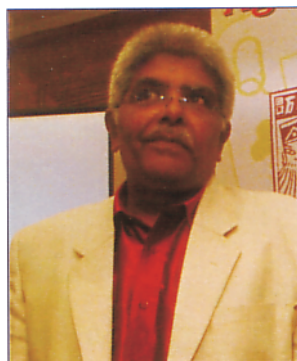


*Heartiest welcome to the City Of Joy  
to all the Players and Officials  
of the 54th Winter National Bridge Championship  
at Geetanjali Stadium, Rashbehari Connector,  
Kolkata, West Bengal  
from 16th Dec to 22nd Dec 2012  
Organised by  
West Bengal Bridge Association  
(Under the Auspices of Bridge Federation of India.  
The Organising Committee wishes you all  
a very memorable stay and best of luck.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am happy that I am being part of 54th Winter National Bridge Championship at Kolkata and thankful to God for helping us in running this Championship successfully year after year.

I would like to thank West Bengal Bridge Association (WBBA) especially Sri Arijit Guha as an instrumental person for organising this event at Kolkata. This year's event is partially sponsored by BFI for the first time. As decided we have been able to arrange the Championship in a convenient and comfortable venue.

We have planned the Championship well in advance than usual to run it smoothly.

We seek cooperation from the players, especially from Top teams and expect them to be an example of Patience, Politeness, Friendliness and courtesy. I would like to request the participants to respect the Tournament Directors but for whom it may be tough to run the Championship. Smoking is totally prohibited in and around the stadium. Let us start maintaining Queue wherever possible (whether it is Tea or Lunchtime, checking the draw/schedule or even using wash room). Let us enjoy playing the game with utmost discipline.

I thank all the players who have come to participate in this Championship and wish everybody Best of Luck!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. R. Kirubhakara Moorthy'.

**N. R. Kirubhakara Moorthy**

*President*

Bridge Federation of India

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## TROPHIES

Ruia Gold	Winners	:	Ashok R. Ruia Trophy
	Runners-up	:	Ashok R. Ruia Trophy
Ruia Silver	Winners	:	Ashok R. Ruia Trophy
	Runners-up	:	Ashok R. Ruia Trophy
Open Pairs	Winners	:	Holkar Trophy

## ENTRY GUIDELINES

Event	Entry Fees	Last Date for Receipt
Ruia Gold Trophy	4000 per team	16-12-2012
Ruia Silver Trophy	2500 per team	16-12-2012
IMP Pairs	1000 per pair	upto 11 a.m. 18-12-2012
Holkar Trophy	700 per pair	upto 6 p.m.
Elimination 1		19-12-2012
Elimination II & III	300 each	
Junior Pairs	Free	
Mixed Pairs	600 each pair	upto 6 p.m. 21-12-2012
Swiss Pairs	600 each pair	upto 11 a.m. 21-12-2012

**NB:** Programme of Side event will depend on number of entries

## NO SMOKING



**Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the stadium.**



**No Mobile Please :** Use of mobile phone inside the playing arena while any event is on, is strictly prohibited. Violation will attract penalty by the CTD as per Rules.

**Please Note:** Please follow the Rules of the tournament scrupulously. Players should occupy their respective tables as per schedule without waiting for the announcement by the Directors. The Directors will impose penalty as per Rules and Conditions of Contest for any violations.

## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Day 1 (Dec. 16) –	10.00	Ruia Gold Qualification	1-5 Sessions
		Ruia Silver Qualification	1-5 Sessions
Day 2 (Dec. 17) –	10.00	Ruia Gold Qualification	6-10 Sessions
		Ruia Silver Qualification	6-10 Sessions
Day 3 (Dec. 18) –	10.00	Ruia Gold Qualification	11-12 Sessions
		Ruia Silver Qualification	11-12 Sessions
		16 Teams Qualify for Ruia Gold & 12 Teams Qualify for Ruia Silver Super League	
	02.30	Ruia Gold Pre Quarter Final	3 Sessions
		Ruia Silver Super League	4 x 8
	02.30	IMP Pairs	2 Sessions
Day 4 (Dec. 19) –	10.00	Ruia Gold Quarter Final	4 x 14
		Ruia Silver Super League	7 x 8
			1 x 14
	10.00	IMP Pairs	3 Sessions
Day 5 (Dec. 20) –	10.00	Ruia Gold Semi Final	4 x 14
	10.00	Holkar Pairs Elimination I	2 Sessions
		Holkar Pairs Elimination II	1 Session
	14.00	Side events Ladies/Mixed Pairs	
Day 6 (Dec. 21) –	10.00	Ruia Gold Final	4 x 14
	10.00	Holkar Pairs Elimination II	1 Session
		Holkar Pairs Elimination III	2 Sessions
	14.00	Side events Swiss Pairs	
Day 7 (Dec. 22) –	10.00	Holkar Pairs Final	3 Sessions
	14.00	Mixed Pairs	1/2 Sessions

### JUNIOR EVENTS

21st & 22nd December  
 Programme will be decided  
 and confirmed on 20th December, 2012

## Psychic Calls WBF Code of Practice

Definition of Psychic Call: "A deliberate and gross misstatement of honour strength or suit length".

A psychic call is lawful if not based upon a partnership understanding. No penalty or score adjustment may be awarded against such lawful action. A partnership understanding exists if it is explicitly agreed by the partnership; alternatively it may exist because it is the implicit consequence of one of a number of circumstances. To deem that such an implicit understanding exists it must be determined that the partner of the player who psyches has a heightened awareness that in the given situation the call may be psychic.

This will be the case only if in the opinion of the committee one of the following circumstances is established:

1. similar psychic action has occurred in the partnership on several occasions in the past, and not so long ago that the memory of the actions has faded in the partner's mind - habit is to be identified when an occurrence is so frequent that it may be anticipated; or
2. in the recent past a similar psychic call has occurred in the partnership and it is considered the memory of it is so fresh that it cannot have faded from mind; or
3. psychic calls of various kinds have occurred in the partnership with such frequency, and sufficiently recently, that the partner is clearly aware of the tendency for such psychic calls to occur; or
4. the members of the partnership are mutually aware of some significant external matter that may help recognition of the psychic call.

A psychic call which is found on the above basis to be a matter of partnership understanding is disallowed and an

artificial score adjustment may be awarded, together with a procedural penalty to the offending side if deemed appropriate. Players who are found to have any explicit agreement concerning psychic calls, or an implicit agreement concerning a particular kind of psychic call, are to be reminded that they have a partnership agreement that is subject to the regulations established under the authority of Law 40D.

### Disclosure of psychic tendencies

A partnership may not defend itself against an allegation that its psychic action is based upon an understanding by claiming that, although the partner had an awareness of the possibility of a psychic in the given situation, the partner's actions subsequent to the psychic have been entirely normal. The opponents are entitled to an equal and timely awareness of any agreement, explicit or implicit, since it may affect their choice of action and for this reason the understanding must be disclosed.

## UNGROUND

With old age taking its toll, 4 bridge players were complaining. "The lettering on the cards seems to be getting smaller every year." moaned the first senior. "Yes, that makes it even more difficult to remember them" complained the second. "What about the poor printing – the Club and Spades almost look alike." groaned the third. Having heard enough from his three buddies, the oldest and wisest of the group said, "Just be thankful we're still on the right side of the Spades!"

## STONE DEAF

Pay no attention to what your partner tells you ... Remember, no statue has ever been set up in honor of any critic.



# FOR FUTURE EXPERTS : KICKING THE HABIT

BARBARA SEAGRAM

NO, this is not a thinly disguised attempt at getting bridge players to give up bad habits but rather a look into some of those quirky habits or routines we all fall into when we get cards in our hands. For many bridge players, the worst moment of any session is not when you have to confess that you were a few points shy of your bid, or when you forget to cash the setting trick in a redoubled contract, but rather when LHO places a card face up on the table and the penny drops — you have to play the hand! The fate of Western civilization seems to hang in the balance as the world waits for you to call a card from dummy. And the director has called the round. Yes, the pressures are enormous, but by cultivating a few good habits as declarer, the 'p' word in your declarer's vocabulary will soon stand for 'plan in peace', not for 'panic'.

Let's start with a self-help quiz on some of the common declarer bad habits:

1. When dummy comes down, you
  - (a) thank partner and then immediately call a card
  - (b) immediately call a card (who has time for civility?)
  - (c) panic and then call the wrong card
  - (d) analyze the lead, count your losers (or winners in notrump), develop a plan for disposing of those losers (or develop the tricks needed) and then call a card

If you picked (a), at least you have developed good manners. Never let partner (or particularly the opponents) know that dummy is not exactly what you expected, or more than you could possibly have hoped for, or anywhere in between. If you picked (b), see (a). If you picked (c), you must have skipped the first paragraph. But if you picked

(d), then you have developed one of the best habits a declarer can get into — never play too quickly at Trick 1. This is your chance as declarer to map out your strategy and figure out what needs to be done and when. Far too many players have fallen into the lamentable habit of winning the first trick in haste and repenting at leisure. Reviewing the bidding, doing a short analysis of the lead, and planning out the hand can all be done (especially if you practise) in a few moments. Those few moments of planning before you play to the first trick will save you the time lost to agonizing huddles as you realize you've botched the play because you didn't think earlier!

2. When dummy appears, are you
  - (a) inquisitive?
  - (b) depressed?
  - (c) panic-stricken?
  - (d) some but not all of the above?

If you picked anything but (a), start reading this article again! Remember, as declarer you get to see and manage half the cards in the deck! You know exactly

where your strengths and weaknesses are and have, at least in theory, an easier task to make best use of those resources than do the defenders, who can only see thirteen of their side's cards. When dummy appears, count the high card points held in your hand and dummy's. Subtract this total from 40 and you have the total point count for the opponents. Your next step is to figure out where the missing points are likely to be and/or where you need them to be! Sometimes the only way a hand can be made is if you make some assumptions and play for them. And don't forget to make a short analysis of the opening lead:

What does it show?

The lead of a queen usually promises the jack, for example.

What does it deny?

Similarly, leading the queen denies the king. Leading a low card usually denies having a strong sequence, such as KQ or AK.

Why did the opponents lead that suit?

If, for example, leader's partner has overcalled, and leader fails to lead that suit, ask yourself why. If they lead a trump, what are they protecting? "Why did West not lead a heart — both the ace and king are missing. Gee, I guess he can't have them both." And so on. In analyzing the lead, don't forget to include a review of the bidding — ask yourself questions like "Hmm, West passed East's opening bid but has led the DA. Can't have much more than another jack."

This will often help you place key cards, as the bidding may suggest that the missing honours are in a particular hand and that changed context may influence you to handle finesse situations differently than by making the recommended "textbook" play.

3. When you play to Trick 1, do you
  - (a) have no clue what to do next?
  - (b) have a clear idea of what to do next?
  - (c) have a vague idea, depending on what happens at Trick One?
  - (d) have a nervous fit?

You have enough hints from the first few questions to know that the answer to this one is (b). Always know what you plan to do at Trick 2 before you play to Trick 1. What suit do you plan to tackle next? Do you have to be in hand or in dummy? Do you have a choice?

And never underestimate the importance of getting the hand off on the right foot, so to speak. Fred Karpin, an expert player and noted writer, devoted an entire book, *Bridge Strategy at Trick One*, to showing how the correct play at the beginning sets the tone for the hand and often determine its outcome! So make sure you know exactly what your tactics are when you set out and you won't go far wrong! Now, when dummy appears, take a deep breath instead of grabbing the first trick. You'll be more relaxed and well on your way to kicking some of declarer's worst habits!

## HOW BRIDGE RELATES TO REAL LIFE

(Incomplete Call). You telephoned me when my husband was on the other line (Simultaneous Calls) but did not tell me what you wanted I said I would call back but before I could (Hesitation), you called me again (Call out of Rotation).

Of course I slam down the phone (Call out of Rotation – Rejected).

Then you sent me a letter (Play of Card Accepted) but I was shocked that you asked me out for just a Big Mac (Insufficient Bid).

Of course I refused (Insufficient Bid Rejected).

You then tried to offer me 2 Big Macs (Attempt to Correct with a Double).

Luckily you realised your mistake (Illegal Bid) and offered me an expensive dinner. (Corrected by Sufficient Bid)

During dinner you told me you were single (Deliberate Deception) but luckily I found out

the truth from a mutual friend (Unauthorized Information).

Later you dared to ask me to go to your home (Inappropriate Communications) for some action (Illegal Play) and cheat on my husband (Violation of Partnership Agreement).

When I refused you (Claim Rejected) you asked me again (Requirement to Repeat Claim Statement).

You saw that I was hesitating (Extraneous Information from Partner).

You knew I was vulnerable (Scoring) and would give in (Acquiescence Occurs) and follow you (Wrong Lead Accepted).

However I changed my mind in time (Acquiescence in Claim Withdrawn).

Now you did not want to pay for the meal (Retraction of Card Played) and so I left (Play Ceases).

## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

*Dear Friends,*

*A warm welcome to you all to the Kolkata megalopolis! It is indeed a rare privilege to be entrusted with the opportunity of organising 54th Edition of Winter National Bridge Championship with the interruption of a single year. Thanks BFI for reposing faith on the West Bengal Bridge fraternity.*

*I am sure that you all will enjoy the newly built playing arena at Geetanjali Stadium. The name Geetanjali refers to an anthology of surrealistic poems by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore which earned him Nobel Prize for Literature. Please do not spoil it by throwing tea cups, cigarette butts or spitting on the walls. Leave nothing except your footprints. Enjoy the game in its true spirit. Prove once again like the previous years that Bridge is a gentleman's game.*

*I propose to publish interesting hands in your News Bulletin from Bidding, Play out or Defence angle which you come across during the tournament. Please feel free to furnish the hand details along with your observation. Also any interesting anecdote which makes pleasurable reading may be brought to my notice.*

*Happy Bridging of Minds! Best of Luck!*

  
Saila Ranjan Das  
Editor