

Ahmedabad Bridge Chronicle

Dear Bridge friends,

The month of April 2010 has literally seen a fresh beginning, a new dawn in the history of Ahmedabad bridge.

The new weekly event K.M.Shah trophy at Karnavati Club promises to be a unique event with rules giving rise to more competitive atmosphere. Adding to the atmosphere will be the expected outstation competition in the

quarterly events along-with the local quarter toppers. These events to be played in July/October/January/April are likely to be really classy affairs.

With non playing directors conducting most of the events, scorebridge software firmly established, penalties subscribed for scoring errors of players and with bridge pads likely to adorn our local events soon, the scoring is likely to be finally hi-tech in Ahmedabad Bridge.

The establishment of **Ahmedabad bridge Circle** and the inaugural issue of **Ahmedabad Bridge Chronicle** is timed to coincide with these fresh initiatives in Ahmedabad Bridge. The issue is now in your hands. It is just a beginning. The comparatively raw presentation & unappealing design of pages are part of many other aspects which could do better with a computer literate presenter. In my anxiety to stick to a date deadline I have included minimal of items in the inaugural issue. However with passage of times the bulletin would take a better shape & include many more features. Your contribution by way of feedback, encouragement, good wishes and matter for publication, apart from ideas for design and contents will be eagerly looked forward to and highly appreciated.. Let us all work for a better tomorrow in our beloved city for this lovely game.

P.V Vahalia

Ahmedabad, 9th May 2010

Message:

I would like to express my gratitude to Sri Vahalia for his selfless initiative of starting a forum 'Ahmedabad Bridge Circle' for all those interested in sharpening their skills for playing the game of bridge. I am glad that all will benefit from reading the monthly bulletin 'Ahmedabad Bridge Chronicle' Which will have tips and narratives on every aspect of this game.

I am especially happy that among the proposed activities of the forum a special programme is earmarked for ladies too. I wish the initiative all the success and hope that all the bridge lovers will avail of the benefits to the fullest.

- Jayashree Patel, Vice-president, A.B.A & Convenor, ladies bridge activities, Ahmedabad.

Weekly Pairs at Ellis Bridge Gymkhana

05.04.10

NS.1st Rashmi Dalal & Vijay Ramchan- 58.74 %
NS.2nd A.K.Dixit & P Chattopadhyay – 57.52 %
EW.1st Amol Dalal & Sapan Desai – 62.50 %
EW.2nd R.H.Vakil & Monish Munshaw - 61.55 %

12.04.10

NS.1st Manoj Shah & Bina Shah - 62.02 %
NS.2nd Jignesh Parikh & K S Deodhar - 58.17 %
EW.1st P Vahalia & Vibha Bhatt - 57.21 %
EW.2nd R.H.Vakil & M Munshaw - 57.05 %

19.04.10

NS.1st- Amol Dalal & Kavi Patel – 62.50 %
NS.2nd- Jignesh Parikh & Deodhar – 59.46 %
EW.1st- Vinay Desai & Nina Shah - 62.18 %

Sponsored event – Bharat Dalal Family

04.04.10 - 21 pairs – 2 sessions - Mitchell/howell

1. P.Vahalia /K Patel/Amol Dalal
2. Jignesh Parikh % K Deodhar
3.

Mixed pair Event –E.B.Gymkhana

11.04.10 -14 Pairs – Howell Movement

1. Vinay Desai & Rupa Bakeri -58.65 %
2. P.Vahalia & Vibha Bhatt - 58.33 %

Mixed Pair Event – Sports Club

18.04.10

1. Neena Shah & K Deodhar
2. Jayashree Patel & Nilkamal Vakil

EW.2nd–Usha Shah & S Fozdar – 55.45 %

26.04.10

NS-1st- Jayashree Patel &A.K.Dixit – 62.34 %

NS-2nd- Shashikala Desai & N Jhaveri- 59.62 %

EW-1st - N Vywala & S Telwala –60.74 %

EW-2nd- R H Vakil & M Mushaw –59.46 %

Sponsored Event-Devang Nanavaty

25.04.10

1.Manoj/Jayesh/NILkamal/Kshitij/Amol

2. Jignesh/Deodhar/Jiraj/Vinay/Dixit/Chattopadhyay

Weekly Pairs at Karnavati Club

02.04.10

1.Dashrath Desai & N R Bhalakia – 62.82 %

2 P Vahalia & Nikunj Shah – 61.54 %

3.Nina Shah & Rupa Bakeri – 58.49 %

09.04.10

1.H Shukla & B M Shah – 64.62 %

2.N K Agarwal & Manglik – 60.58 %

3.Jignesh Parikh & K Deodhar – 59.42 %

16.04.10

1.Rashmi Dalal & Shashikala Desai-59.62 %

2.N K Agarwal & Manglik –59.23 %

3.Jignesh Parikh & K Deodhar – 58.85 %

23.04.10

1.P.Vahalia & Kshitij Patel – 66.83 %

Weekly event at the Orient Club

07.04.10

1. - results not available -

2.

3.

14.04.10

1. - results not available -

2.

3.

21.04.10

1.Neena Shah & K Deodhar – 59.20 %

2. V Panchal & Sapan Desai – 59.00 %

3. S K Shah & Y Trivedi – 57.70 %

28.04.10

1.Manoj Shah/J Mehta/Dixit/Chattopadhyay

2.Jignesh Parikh & Shashikalaben - 62.98 %

2.D.Sheth/S.Sheth/Uday Patel/G Fozdar

3.J Gajjar & Manglik - 55.77 %

3. S Parikh/ Bhavana Parikh/J Gajjar/B Rgandhi

The Tracer Bid *by Dr Krishna Vahalia*

There have been many developments in the bidding after an opening bid of one notrump., yet a particular type of hand still of problem still creates problems. How do you treat the following hand if your partner opens the bidding with a 15-17 point no trump?

♠ x ♥ Q x x ♦ A K x x x ♣ Q x x

All is well if you use stayman and you find a fit but what do you do otherwise? Maybe your system permits you to bid 3 diamonds.. Even then your partner may not be able to decide between notrump and diamonds

without knowing more about your distribution especially your shortness. Most likely he will take a chance with 3 no trumps on all these hands.

(a) ♠ AK10 ♥ AKx ♦ Q10x ♣ Jxxx

(b) ♠ Jxxx ♥ AKx ♦ Q10x ♣ AK10

(c) ♠ Jxxx ♥ AK10 ♦ Q10x ♣ Akx

If he has hand (a), you are happy to have landed in the best contract. However if he has hand (b) you should be playing in 5 diamonds. Opposing hand (c) you may go down in 3 no trumps when you have fair odds for 6 diamonds. Current methods do not have a satisfactory way to cope. The Tracer bid explained below has proved very effective in filling the gap.

In old fashioned standard the response of 2 diamonds was used as a signoff. The benefits of this treatment being small and infrequent, this response can be used as a tracer bid. If you are using transfer bids though, you

cannot spare the 2 diamond response. In that case, you may be able to use 2 spades. The 2 spade tracer bid will be assumed in what follows

Requirements for Tracer

To use the tracer your strength must be sufficient to force to game, in your minor suit if necessary. And you must have a worthless singleton (or void) in some suit. You should not use tracer when you have very strong slam possibilities or when you hold five or more cards in a major. Avoid using the tracer with a true 2 suiter with 2 very weak suits. On borderline hands it may be advisable not to advertise your weakness by disclosing your singleton.

Opener's rebid

Generally opener would like to know responder's short suit. He can inquire with 2 no trumps. Responder names his short suit at 3 level (he bids 3 no trumps when he has three cards in hearts precisely. Natural bidding follows. Major suits are shown at the three level if possible. Responder should not bypass three no trump without a major fit.

Occasionally, opener may not want to disclose his partner's suit, especially if he has good stoppers in all suits. On such hands, opener may close the bidding with a direct bid of 3 no trumps. Or he may explore for a 4-4 major fit by bidding 3 of his major.

The tracer bid in action

Opener Responder

♠ A Q x ♠ x
 ♥ K J x ♥ A x x x
 ♦ Q 10 9 x ♦ K x x x
 ♣ A 10 x ♣ K J x x
 1NT 2♠
 3NT

♠ A K x x ♠ Q J x x
 ♥ A Q x ♥ K x x
 ♦ x x x ♦ x
 ♣ K 10 x ♣ A Q x x x
 1NT 2♠
 2NT 3♦
 3♠ 4♣*
 4♥ 6♠

* Spades agreed.

Opener Responder

♠ A J x x ♠ K x x
 ♥ K Q x x ♥ A x x
 ♦ x x ♦ x
 ♣ A Q x ♣ K J x x x x
 1NT 2♠
 2NT 3♦
 3♥ 3NT*
 4♣ 4♦**

6♣ *no major ** slam try

Opener Responder

♠ A Q x ♠ x
 ♥ Q J x x ♥ K x x x
 ♦ A K x x ♦ Q x x x
 ♣ x x ♣ A J x x
 1NT 2♠
 2NT 3♠*
 4♥

* spade shortness with 4 hearts

Opener Responder

♠ A Q x ♠ x
 ♥ Q J x x ♥ K x x
 ♦ A K x x ♦ Q x x x
 ♣ x x ♣ A J x x x
 1NT 2♠
 2NT 3NT*
 Pass

* spade short with 3 hearts

Opener Responder

Signal Success

You are defending a contract of 4H

Partner leads ♣K and dummy spreads

to show

♠ K Q 10 ♥ J 10 x x ♦ K x ♣ Q 10 7 6 4

you hold

♠ A x x ♥ x x ♦ J 10 x ♣ A J 8 5 2

Leading Light

You sit North and hear the bidding as under:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1H(1)	Pass	2♦(2)
Pass	3♦(3)	Pass	4♣(4)
Pass	5♣(5)	Pass	5♦(6)
Pass	5Nt(7)	Pass	6NT

- (1) 5+ cards, 11-15 HCP
- (2) 5+ cards 12+ HCP
- (3) Min 3 card support
- (4) Ace asking
- (5) 2 aces odd
- (6) king ask
- (7) 2 kings same rank

You are Holding

Double dummy

♥ 742

♣ 6

N

♠ 97

♠ 85

♥ K8

♥ J9

S

♥ Q5

♦ Q9

South is on lead and with ♥ as

trumps to make 2 tricks.