

### **3<sup>rd</sup> All India Hindusthan Club Bridge Tournament**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> All India Hindusthan Club Bridge Tournament, sponsored by Bangur Cement Ltd., was conducted by West Bengal Bridge Association at Hindusthan Club Limited, Kolkata from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

42 Teams including 10 outstation teams participated in the **Team of Four** event and played 10 rounds (10 boards each) of Swiss league over one and half days. The following top 8 teams qualified for the super league.

1. JP Goenka (185 VPs)
2. OCI Copper (178)
3. RL Kejriwal MC (178)
4. Dhampur Sugar Mills (176)
5. Samar (174)
6. Shree Cement (170)
7. Bando (169)
8. MRSMC (166)

The two notable teams, which narrowly missed the super-league berth, were Ajay Bagaria (164) and Maya Meera Sneha (160).

The winners of the all-play-all Super league (7 rounds of 8 boards each) were:

1. **JP Goenka (131 VPs) - JP Goenka, Amarnath Banerjee, Swarnendu Banerjee, Alok Sadhu and Gopinath Manna**
2. Dhampur Sugar Mills (120 VPs) - Ashok Goel, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Sumit Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Badal Das and Debabrata Mazumder
3. OCI Copper
4. Bando
5. Shree Cement
6. RL Kejriwal MC
7. Samar
8. MRSMC

The non qualifying teams played a one-day Swiss league (7 rounds of 8 boards each) on the last day. The winners of the Swiss league were:

1. **Maya Meera Sneha (139 VPs) - Ashim Mukherjee, Sourendra Coomer Dutt, Sukamal Das, Chandra Sekhar Mazumder and Samir Basak.**
2. Trambak Rubber (137)
3. SPPCC (133)
4. Dr. PK Bera (124)
5. D.P.Banerjee (120)
6. Kamalesh Gupta (118)

Total Prize money was Rs. 3.20 Lakhs. Mr. Subir Poddar, President of Hindusthan Club gave away the prizes to the winning teams.

**- Reported by Sourendra Coomer Dutt**