

# Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix Bridge Championship 2010

Hotel Crowne Plaza, Delhi

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*Under the auspices of  
Bridge Federation of India*

## Sh. M L Bhartia - An Ardent Lover of The Game of Bridge

Sh. Mohan Lal Bhartia, an Industrialist of fame who made waves in the Industrial fields was a great lover of the game of bridge - rubber bridge in particular. He also excelled in the game of 'Sweep' where memory is tested and gradually switched over to the more challenging game of bridge. Moving from Calcutta to Delhi 25 years ago, he made Delhi Gymkhana Club his hub for regular bridge games till he realised that to have a concentrated dose of it at stakes of your choosing, 17 Friends Colony his residence was more suited for the purpose. A suitable and well orchestrated bridge room was organised where 'Nashta' comprising of home cooked delicacies like samosas, idli, tikkis with specially made Bengali sweets or hot jalebis formed part of the rituals on the hotly contested battlefiled - the bridge table where cross examination and passing the blame on to your partner and sometimes on the opponents for finding a right lead took longer than the actual playing time. Generally the kibitzer the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> player waiting in the wings after having seen all cards would initiate such debate.

The evening game or a late night game was a delight to watch where challenges were made and individual and not table stakes were raised to any level to prove a point. Mohan Lal ji would live upto any challenges specially coming from players like Late Lala Brij Mohan Gupta, Karan Sawhney, Vivan Khub Chand whom he considered certainly not better than him. He fully understood that Rubber Bridge is not only a game of cards but is based on alertness - he was always in a better position since he just took an odd Chhota, making your partner comfortable and make better partner the declarer cashing in on the idiosyncrasies of the opposition and raise the stakes when you are favourably placed. Mohan ji generally came out a brave winner. Another great quality he had was to help the cause of bridge and to that he was always a willing person to sponsor Bridge tournaments in Delhi Gymkhana, whenever the need arose; and it arose many times. One is proud and one is happy to say that last year this Tournament was graded as one of the best organised and conducted with attractive prize money and modest entry fee. This year, this tournament will also form the basis for the selection trials of Indian Team for Commonwealth Bridge Championship. May we continue and improve the good work under the patronage of Mr U S Bhartia - the proud son to carry the tradition of sponsorship started by his late father Mohan Lal Ji.

One is privileged to have amongst us the newly inducted President of BFI Mr. N R Kirubakara Moorthy. We welcome him to his new and challenging post of President. Some of us had strived hard to bring in the change so that we could see dynamism in the functioning of BFI. We pray and hope that the game will prosper, under Sh. Kiruba's team - with more transparency in financial affairs, proper conduct of the bridge events, promotion of the game and to give one example, the next selected Indian team gets free passage to the venue, subsidised board and lodging and full entry fee for all the events for which the team has entered, paid by BFI. In return, we bridge lovers must endeavour to see that the BFI financial coffers do not dry up by contributing funds at state level. Towards this cause high prize sponsored event could part with certain percentage to the BFI for the promotion of the game. We would certainly like his 18 - member team to show their contribution and results and live upto the high expectations and confidence imposed in the new team under new well meaning and inspired President Kiruba.

We once again thank Sh. Uma Shankar Bhartia for continuing the tradition set by his late father Sh Mohan Bhartia of sponsoring Bridge events in a bigger and better way than before. Perhaps one such event in times to come, could once again be held in the Delhi Gymkhana Club - the place his Late father cherished the most and where he sponsored several bridge tournament in his times.

*- By Maj. S.K. Hooda*

# Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix Bridge 2009 - Summary

The **All India Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix Bridge Championship 2009** was organized by the **India Glycols Limited** under the auspices of Bridge Federation of India at **Crowne Plaza Hotel, New Delhi from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009.**

## TEAM OF FOUR EVENT:

48 Teams participated in the Team of Four event, which constituted of 10 rounds of Swiss league (of 10 boards each) after which the TOP 8 teams qualified for the knock-out quarter-final stage.

At the end of Day-1, 6 rounds of the Team of Four event were played and the TOP position holders were: ALPHA - 114 VPs; JESUS's IV - 112; SOUMITRA - 111; B.C. MONDAL'S IV - 110; PROMILA SARAF, SPARTANS & INDIA GLYCOLS LTD. all with 106; and SHREE CEMENT - 104.

The remaining 4 rounds of the Team of Four event were played on Day-2 and the following TOP 8 teams qualified for the Quarter-Finals:

1.	<b>SHREE CEMENT</b>	- 183 VPs
2.	<b>SOUMITRA</b>	- 182
3.	<b>H &amp; R INDIA</b>	- 181
4.	<b>INDIA GLYCOLS LTD.</b>	- 175
5.	<b>TEXAN ACES</b>	- 174
6.	<b>JESUS's IV</b>	- 172
7.	<b>ALPHA</b>	- 169
8.	<b>KAMLESH GUPTA'S IV</b>	- 168

PROMILA SARAF (167) & MAYA MEERA SNEHA (166) just missed the quarter-final berths. FORMIDABLES (160), TOLANI SHIPPING LTD. (160), TRAMBAK RUBBERB (157), DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (155), ARUN JAIN (155), and PODDAR DEVELOPERS (155) were some of the TOP non-qualifier teams.

The TOP 4 teams had the privilege of choosing their opponents and the line up for the 3\*12 board quarter-final was:

- T-1: SHREE CEMENT (#1) Vs. ALPHA (#7)  
T-2: SOUMITRA (#2) Vs. JESUS's IV (#6)  
T-3: H & R INDIA (#3) Vs. KAMLESH GUPTA'S IV (#8)  
T-4: INDIA GLYCOLS LTD. (#4) Vs. TEXAN ACES (#5)

2 sessions of the quarter-finals were played on Day-2 and the last session was played on Day-3 morning.

**Shree Cement** beat Alpha (Daya Dhaon, S.K. Syal, S.R. Malhotra, Y.P. Punj, Sanat K. Saha, Prasun Kr. Mukherjee) by 85-61 (CO: 8-0, 25-14, 32-23, 20-24); **Soumitra** beat Jesus's IV (Kanan Mondal, Ajay Sengupta, Snehasis Roy, Debasis Roy, Pranab Roy) by 47-37 (CO: 8-0, 24-14, 2-8, 13-15); **H & R India** beat Kamlesh Gupta's IV (Kamlesh Gupta, Alok Daga, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Suman Sengupta, Kaustav Nandi, Sankar Prasad Ghose) by 63-48 (23-1, 11-32, 29-15) and India Glycols Ltd. (Hemant Jalan, S. Dang, A.N. Banerjee, Sarnendu Banerjee, Keyzad Anklesaria, Uttam Gupta) lost to **Texan Aces** by 47-98 (3-52, 17-22, 29-24, Pen: 2-0).

The line up for the 3\*16 boards semi-finals was SHREE CEMENT Vs TEXAN ACES and SOUMITRA Vs. H & R INDIA.

Both the semi-finals turned out to be very interesting. In the first semi-final, **SHREE CEMENT** beat TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M. Shah, S. Sunderram, P. Sridhar, B. Prabhakar, Rajeshwar Tewari) by 90-82 (23-40, 33-12, 34-30). Shree Cement led with only 4 IMPs before the last-16 boards and managed to take the last set by another 4 Imps to beat their opponents by mere 8 IMPs.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final was equally interesting. The first set was comfortably won by H & R but Soumitra were able to recover the deficit and were only trailing by an IMP when players set for the last set. However the last set belonged to Soumitra and finally they beat H & R INDIA (C.R. Badrinath, K. Krishnakumar, N.R. Kirubakaramoorthy, R. Krishnan) by 115-98 (22-45, 56-34, 37-19).

In the 4\*16 boards Team of Four final, SHREE CEMENT team met SOUMITRA team. There was a semblance of fight till the 2<sup>nd</sup> set but then Soumitra team bowed out to the power of their opponents withdrawing without playing the final set. The final score in favor of SHREE CEMENT was 142-88 (51-21, 39-43, 52-24, WD).

**The SHREE CEMENT Team comprised of Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumder, V.M. Lal and R. Bhiwandkar and the Runners-up SOUMITRA team comprised of Suhas Suhas Vaidya, Vinay Desai, Sapan Deasi and Kaustubh Bendre**

There were prizes for the TOP-4 unseeded teams and they were won by:

1. PROMILA SARAF - (Mrs. Promila Saraf, P. Sudhakara Rao, B. Venkateswarlu, Narayan Iyer, Sankar Acharya, Biman Chatterjee)
2. GARDEN CITY - (T.R. Krishnan, N. Prakasam, Shyam Sunder, Sanyal, Manoj Kumar, C.M. Kulkarni)
3. HYBRID - (Sanjay Gupta, Ajay Kadian, M.R. Goyal, Anil Bharihoke, R.N. Gupta)
4. COL. SABHARWAL'S TEAM - (Col. K.K. Sabharwal, A.K. Kundu, S.M. Moin, S. Lahiri)

## OPEN PAIRS EVENT:

The 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 1<sup>st</sup> elimination round started on Day-2 evening. 112 Pairs participated in the 2-Session 1<sup>st</sup> elimination round of the OPEN PAIRS. The pairs were put in 4 sections of 14 Tables each and played 22 boards in each session. Sections "A" & "B" played one set of boards and "C" & "D" played another set of boards. The toppers of elimination-1 were:

COMBINED "A" & "B" -

1. VIJAY GOEL – SUKAMAL DAS - 611.09
2. P. BARDHAN – P.S. MUKHERJEE - 593.00
3. R. SRIDHARAN – AJAY KHARE - 579.57

COMBINED "C" & "D" -

1. VINOD SHARMA–SUDHIR AGGARWAL - 556.67
2. SANGRAM GUHA – D.K. REWARI - 546.64
3. BADAL DAS – S. MUKHERJEE - 543.93

The TOP 23 each from combined sections "A" & "B" and combined sections "C" & "D" along with the best 24<sup>th</sup> ranked score out of all the sections qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. They were joined by the 11 losing quarter-finalists pairs from the team of four event plus 2 sponsor pairs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. The 60 Pairs played in 2 sections of 15 tables each in the 2-session 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round and the TOP 27 pairs qualified for the finals.

The top ranking pairs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round were:

1. B.SATYANARAYANA–K.R.VENKATRAMAN - 572.43
2. SANDIP DUTTA – J. BISWAS - 559.72
3. PARESH GUPTA - AMARJIT - 542.17
4. UTTAM GUPTA – KEYZAD ANKLESARIA - 535.02

In the OPEN PAIRS final, THE 27 qualifiers were joined by 4 losing semi-finalist pairs from Team of four event and one sponsor pair. The 32 Pairs played an all-play-all final of 62 boards in 2 sessions. Barometric scoring was used. After the 1<sup>st</sup> session (32 boards) the leaders were:

1. P. BARDHAN–PARTHA S MUKHERJEE - 312.50
2. DIPAK PODDAR – JITU SOLANI - 286.50
3. B.SATYANARAYANA–K.R. VENKATRAMAN - 283.00
4. K. KRISHNAKUMAR – R. KRISHNAN - 282.50
5. ALOKE SADHU – A.B. CHAKRAVARTI - 276.00
6. DEBASISH BOSE – PRONOB ROY - 269.00

Bardhan – Mukherjee were on TOP till the 27<sup>th</sup> round but Krishnakumar – Krishnan took the lead on the 28<sup>th</sup> round and maintained it for the next 3 rounds to emerge the winners of the Pairs event. The TOP ranked pairs were:

1. K. KRISHNAKUMAR – R. KRISHNAN - 553.73
2. P. BARDHAN – PARTHA S MUKHERJEE - 543.77
3. B. SATYANARAYANA–K.R. VENKATRAMAN - 523.97
4. DIPAK PODDAR – JITU SOLANI - 520.97
5. DEBASISH BOSE – PRONOB ROY - 520.03
6. R. SRIDHARAN – AJAY KHARE - 512.50
7. UTTAM GUPTA – KEYZAD ANKLESARIA - 493.77
8. PARESH GUPTA – AMARJIT - 492.50
9. G. VENKATESH - J.M. SHAH - 490.93
10. ALOKE SADHU – A.B. CHAKRAVARTI - 483.97

2 Pairs consolation events were also played on the last day. The winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Consolation was P. SUDHAKAR RAO – S.P. GHOSH with 67.50%. D. MAZUMDER – G. MANNA with 58.33% was 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consolation, the winner was D. MAZUMDER – TAPAS MUKHERJEE with 66.14% and 2<sup>nd</sup> was D.P.BHATTACHARYA – S . BHATTACHARYA with 62.27%.

The tournament ended with a Prize giving ceremony.

- by T.C. Pant

**INDIAN TEAM SELECTION TRIAL FOR  
COMMONWEALTH  
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2010, DELHI**

Please note that this tournament is also to contest for the selection of Indian Team for Commonwealth Bridge Championship to be held in New Delhi from 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010.

An additional Rs. 5000 fee will be charged from teams willing to participate in the selection trials.

**ALL INDIA RAMA JAIN MEMORIAL  
BRIDGE TOURNAMENT**

The Delhi Bridge Association will hold the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the ALL INDIA MRS. RAMA JAIN MEMORIAL TIMES NATIONAL PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at DBA Building, 18, Institutional Area, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.

Information to all the State Association for conducting the selection of their respective States has already been sent.

**THE LOHIA BRIDGE TOURNAMENT**

The 24<sup>th</sup> SETH SHRINIVAS LOHIA Memorial Bridge Championship 2010 will be held at Ganges Club Limited, Arya Nagar, Kanpur from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2010.

For detailed information please visit the site: [www.lohiabridge.com](http://www.lohiabridge.com)

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**TOURNAMENT AT VARANASI**

A Bridge Tournament has been organised by Varanasi Bridge Association at Varanasi from 19<sup>th</sup> Mar to 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 2010.

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**MADHAVA PRASAD MEMORIAL  
BRIDGE TOURNAMENT**

The "MADHAVA PRASAD MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT" (also famous as the Corbett Park tournament) will be held at "The Corbett River View Retreat", Garjia (Corbett Park) from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

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# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix 4<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010



## Tournament Schedule

February 04	0900 – 0945 Hrs.	Registration
	0945 – 1000 Hrs.	Inauguration
	1000 – 1120 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 1 (10 Boards) – Predetermined draw
	1140 – 1300 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 2 (10 Boards) – Predetermined draw
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1520 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 3 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1540 – 1700 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 4 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1700 – 1730 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1730 – 1850 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 5 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1910 – 2030 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 6 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
February 05	0930 – 1050 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 7 (10 Boards) – Actual draw
	1110 – 1230 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 8 (10 Boards) – Actual draw
	1230 – 1330 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1330 – 1450 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 9 (10 Boards) – Actual draw
	1510 – 1630 Hrs.	T-4, Round – 10 (10 Boards) – Actual Draw
	1630 – 1700 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1700 – 1840 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 1-12) - Session-1
	1700 – 2030 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – I, Session I (18/22 Boards)
	1850 – 2030 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 13-24) - Session-2
	February 06	0930 – 1110 Hrs.
0930 – 1230 Hrs.		Pair Elimination – I, Session II (18/22 Boards)
1130 – 1340 Hrs.		Semi-Final (Boards 1-16) - Session-1
1300 – 1400 Hrs.		Lunch Break
1430 – 1640 Hrs.		Semi-Final (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
1400 – 1700 Hrs.		Pair Elimination – II, Session I (18/22 Boards)
1700 – 1730 Hrs.		Tea Break
1730 – 1940 Hrs.		Semi-Final (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
1730 – 2030 Hrs.		Pair Elimination – II, Session II (18/22 Boards)
February 07		0900 – 1110 Hrs.
	0930 – 1340 Hrs.	Open Pair Final - Session I
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	Team of Four Final (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1340 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1415 – 1625 Hrs.	Team of Four Final (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1415 – 1800 Hrs.	Open Pair Final - Session II
	1640 – 1850 Hrs.	Team of Four Final (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1700 Hrs.	Prize Distribution

Results of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix Bridge Championship 2010@

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### Vu-Graph on BBO

The Live Vu-graph of the Tournament will be available on BBO, Quarter-Final onwards.