

# HCL

## 42<sup>nd</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

### CHENNAI, INDIA Sep 26<sup>th</sup> - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

42<sup>nd</sup> Bermuda Bowl  
20<sup>th</sup> Venice Cup | 8<sup>th</sup> d'Orsi Trophy  
10<sup>th</sup> Transnational Open Teams

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# STARTING ON A HIGH NOTE



**On stage at the end of the opening ceremony are, from left, N.R.K. Moorthy, Bridge Federation of India President, WBF President Emeritus Jose Damiani, WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and Shiv Nadar, founder and Chairman of HCL Technologies, main tournament sponsor.**

At a time when bridge needs a proverbial shot in the arm, India rolled out the red carpet for the HCL 42nd World Bridge Teams championships in a colorful, lively opening ceremony that went a long way to promoting good feelings.

World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona declared the tournament open at 8:55 p.m., just hours after a press conference devoted to dealing with accusations and rumors that have been the talk of the bridge world for a month or more.

“This championship will be a great success,” said Rona near the end of the ceremony. He offered thanks to the local organizers for “offering the best conditions” for the championships. “Tomorrow,” he added, “we start with this marvelous bridge adventure. I hope you go home with fantastic memories.”

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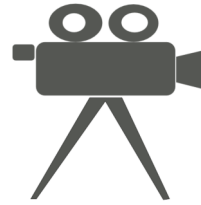
## Electronic Surveillance Equipment

In order to access the playing rooms you will have to pass through an electronic screening device.

Unnecessary delays can be avoided by ensuring that you are not carrying anything that will activate the equipment.



## Video Corner



you'll find daily videos on

[www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)

and on our facebook page

## Badges !!

Don't forget your badge when you come to the playing area!



## No smoking or drinking policy



Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.



## Reviewer replaces Appeals committees

Before we used to have Appeals Committees where you could bring complaints about TD rulings. This is no longer the case.

The procedure is now as follows:

Simple cases (bid-out-of-turn, insufficient bids, revokes, penalty cards) are mostly dealt with immediately by the TD

More complex cases are thoroughly discussed and agreed between the TDs

In judgement cases TDs will collect the opinions of a Panel.

The TD gives a ruling.

If you are not satisfied with **the procedure** – if you find fault with the way it was handled:

THEN you may apply to the Reviewer if you think that

- TD applied the wrong Law,
- TD overlooked important facts
- TD asked the wrong question(s) to the Panel

You tell the TD to get his help in appealing to the Reviewer, who will consider your complaint and IF he finds it has merit he will return the case to the TDs for further consideration.

**IF he finds it has no merit your deposit of US\$ 75 will be forfeited, and you may lose VP(s) orimps**



## System cards

You must bring two properly filled in **WBF system cards** to the table.



«Properly» means you have followed the instructions in the **Guide to Completion of System Card** (about 15 pages)

<http://www.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/conventioncards/Guidetocompletion.pdf>

### A summary:

- Explain your methods clearly .
- Describe responses to overcalls and all openings
- Do not use “weak”, “free” or other vague terms. **Use hp strength ranges!**
- Avoid using convention names without explanation (Timbuktou, Gazilli, Truscott, Reverse Bergen, Modified Smith...). Many are understood differently or not at all in other countries.
- No HUM systems.
- No Brown stickers in the Round Robin may be used (Multi 2♦ is allowed. You may look at your defence methods against Multi).

From the Quarterfinals on you are allowed a maximum of three Brown stickers.

### **Important!**

**If your opponents are hurt or damaged by your lack of, or insufficient, information on the system card or at the table, the TD will normally change the result.**



## BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph  
BBO 6 is also OURGAME*

### 11:00

England v India	BBO 1
USA1 v Argentina	BBO 2
Denmark v USA2	BBO 3
Egypt v Australia	BBO 4
USA1 v Japan (VC)	BBO 5
China v France	BBO 6

### 14:30

USA2 v Bulgaria	BBO 1
Singapore v Canada	BBO 2
Sweden v England	BBO 3
Brazil v Egypt	BBO 4
Poland v Australia (VC)	BBO 5
New Zealand v China (OT)	BBO 6

### 17:10

USA1 v Sweden	BBO 1
Bulgaria v Denmark	BBO 2
England v Australia	BBO 3
Japan v France	BBO 4
Canada v USA2	BBO 5
England v China (VC)	BBO 6



# Bermuda Bowl

## 11:00 - 13:20

1	CHINA	FRANCE
2	UAE	JAPAN
3	NEW ZEALAND	GUADELOUPE
4	SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND
5	USA1	ARGENTINA
6	ENGLAND	INDIA
7	JORDAN	SWEDEN
8	EGYPT	AUSTRALIA
9	CANADA	BRAZIL
10	BULGARIA	SINGAPORE
11	DENMARK	USA2

## 14:30 - 16:50

1	JAPAN	CHINA
2	GUADELOUPE	UAE
3	POLAND	NEW ZEALAND
4	ARGENTINA	SOUTH AFRICA
5	INDIA	USA1
6	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
7	AUSTRALIA	JORDAN
8	BRAZIL	EGYPT
9	SINGAPORE	CANADA
10	USA2	BULGARIA
11	FRANCE	DENMARK

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5	USA1	SWEDEN
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7	JORDAN	BRAZIL
8	EGYPT	SINGAPORE
9	CANADA	USA2
10	BULGARIA	DENMARK
11	JAPAN	FRANCE

# Venice Cup

**11:00 - 13:20**

21	DENMARK	BRAZIL
22	USA I	JAPAN
23	NETHERLANDS	INDIA
24	PAKISTAN	JORDAN
25	GUADELOUPE	CANADA
26	CHINESE TAIPEI	VENEZUELA
27	AUSTRALIA	USA2
28	ENGLAND	POLAND
29	NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE
30	EGYPT	CHINA
31	SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY

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# d'Orsi Trophy

**11:00 - 13:20**

41	BULGARIA	CHILE
42	POLAND	EGYPT
43	INDONESIA	PAKISTAN
44	GUADELOUPE	JAPAN
45	AUSTRALIA	TUNISIA
46	BRAZIL	ENGLAND
47	CANADA	AUSTRIA
48	USA I	NORWAY
49	INDIA	IRELAND
50	CHINA	SWEDEN
51	USA2	NEW ZEALAND

**14:30 - 16:50**

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42	PAKISTAN	POLAND
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44	TUNISIA	GUADELOUPE
45	ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA
46	AUSTRIA	BRAZIL
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## Rona to players: help WBF catch cheaters

Expressing deep sadness at recent accusations of cheating in bridge at high levels, WBF President Gianarrigo Rona urged players to participate in the process of policing the game.

“We are really sad,” Rona told a packed meeting room at the Grand Chola Hotel on Saturday afternoon. What the players are accused of, he said, “mirrors the worst part of human nature. If we want to beat this terrible illness, we have to work together. We want to play true bridge, clean bridge,”

“Speculation,” Harris said, “is not the way to deal with things. Some of the accused have not had the chance to say anything.”

The swirl of rumors and accusations began about a month ago when Norway’s Boye Brogeland – 2007 Bermuda Bowl champion – announced that he and three other members of the winning team in the 2014 Spingold were forfeiting the victory because of the actions of two members of the squad.



During an hour-long press conference, Rona was joined in his entreaty by WBF President Emeritus Jose Damiani, who told the crowd, “Without you, we can’t do anything. You can see at the table what is happening.” Damiani acknowledged that technological advances have made detection easier, “but nothing will replace what you observe at the table.”

WBF Legal Counsel David Harris also addressed the gathering, responding to a question as to whether the Bermuda Bowl field is set or awaiting other changes, a reference to the withdrawals of teams from Israel, Germany and Monaco.

Harris was asked about rumors of other pairs suspected of cheating and whether information about them will be made public. His response: “If some pairs or teams are not to be included, there will be a release. The WBF will deal with matters as appropriate.”

When Zia Mahmood was called upon to pose a question to the WBF officials, he suggested a special committee empowered to review high-level bridge via videos and online play and that the committee’s work be open for observation to all.

“We all want the same thing – to stop what is happening,” he said, adding that he has dealt with questions about the integrity of the game of bridge from friends and even from his children. “I’m not only saddened,” he said, “I’m heartbroken.”

Rona said the WBF will soon assemble a committee to review and oversee high-level bridge play. Rona, who was president of the Italian Bridge Federation and the European Bridge League, was asked how he felt about accusations against players well known to him.

“I know all these players since they were children,” Rona said. “I am deeply saddened by the accusations. If they are judged guilty, there is no tolerance.”



## Starting on a high note

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Paloma Rao, Debdatta Roy and Sunil Varghese were emcees for the program that featured a musical group led by Stephan Devessay, a traditional Indian dance and a seven-member group called Accapella, whose repertoire included songs by Elvis Presley, the Beatles and Michael Jackson.

The main tournament sponsor, HCL Technologies, was represented at the ceremony by Shiv Nadar, company founder and chairman. In his welcome message in the tournament program, Nadar said, “As a technology enterprise originally, HCL operates in a dynamic environment that needs strategic focus and quick decision-making skills for success. This aligns perfectly with bridge that requires strategic thinking, strong presence of mind and quick decision-making abilities and makes the game a natural fit for HCL.”

A social bridge player, Nadar wished all teams – especially the Indian squads in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d’Orsi Trophy – “the very best.”

After the Indian national anthem was played, Roy noted that the last line of the song translates in English to “Victory, victory, victory for all.”

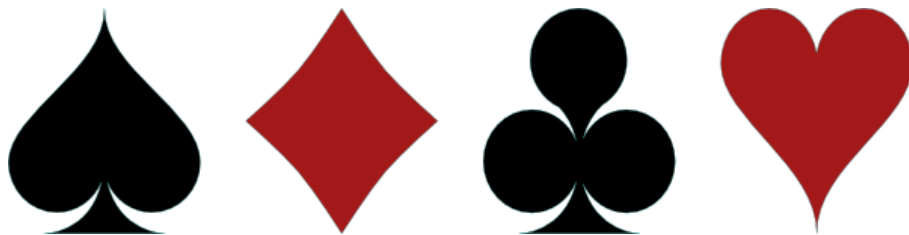
President N.R.K. Moorthy of the Bridge Federation of India thanked everyone for traveling to Chennai, noting that luminaries such as Jeff Meckstroth and Zia Mahmood have lots of fans in India. “Let us all have a good time,” he said.

## Communication from the WBF Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee of the World Bridge Federation met earlier today. It determined that the invitation extended to Cezary BALICKI and Adam ZMUDZINSKI be withdrawn; consequently they will no longer be eligible to play in the Bermuda Bowl in Chennai.

Yves Aubry  
Chairman of the WBF Credentials Committee

# Welcome to Chennai !



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