

Bridging SCBA



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Upcoming Events

Mixed Teams 2023

Sat./Sun, 21-22 Oct, SCBA
(1000)

Double 8 Pairs 2023

Sat 28 Oct, SCBA (1430)
Note : Registration Closed
with immediate effect due
to overwhelming of full
house registered

HS Ho Preliminary

Sat/Sun, 4-5 Nov, SCBA
(1000)

Deepavali Holiday Special Game

Mon, 13 Nov, SCBA (0930)

Singapore National Handicap Teams

Sat/Sun, 18-19 Nov, SCBA
(1000)

South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023

Mon-Fri, 11-15 Dec, York
Hotel (1000)

Christmas Pairs 2023

Mon, 18 Dec, SCBA (1930)

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2 Editor's Note

Good day everyone!

Warmest greetings and welcome to our Oct 2023 issue of our SCBA Newsletter.

Time is flying as we are already in our last quarter of this year 2023 but rest assured we are still very much thrilled in bringing you the most anticipated newsletter in this “BRIDGE’ world.

Let’s all of us begin today with a big bang with **FOCUS** (Follow **O**ne **C**ourse **U**ntil **S**uccess) & Cherish on our life with more than anything else. Always keep your face toward the Sunshine and shadows will fall behind you. Love the life you live and live the life you love. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it. A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It is all about being real, being humble, being strong and being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others. It is only then we can have a full happy and contented life. The difference between Who you are and Who you want to be, is always What you do. Never allow waiting to become a habit, Live your dreams and take the risks as Life is happening now. Always be a Warrior and not a worrier.

With this issue, we are also thrilled to announce that we had successfully concluded our Annual IMP Pairs 2023 and Matchpoint Teams Championships 2023. We sincerely would like to thank everyone for their kind participation in these great events. Same time, please also be reminded that our annual prestigious event – Double ‘8’ Pairs 2023 competition has been scheduled on 28th Oct 2023, Saturday, from 1430 to 1830 hrs with FREE buffet being provided hence would appreciate to receive your warmest supports once again.

Last but not least, we do appreciate your continuous supports and are happy to have you as a reader of our wonderful newsletter. Do enjoy ! Cheers !

With warmest thanks / Gerald Cheo
geraldcheo@scba.org.sg

3 Committee's Message

Dear Bridge friends and members of SCBA,

I stand before you today with a deep sense of gratitude as I take the helm as the President of the Association. First and foremost, I like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the previous committee for their dedication and hard work, especially during the pandemic and the post-pandemic recovery. A special mention also goes to all our national teams who competed in the 2022 Asian Games and brought home two Bronze medals, demonstrating our ability to stand against the best in the region.

I want to assure you that we are committed to continuing some of the exceptional initiatives set in motion by the previous committee. Looking ahead, we also have plans to develop the mind sport in line with best practices while retaining our agility as a small but nimble organisation. Firstly, we will work towards nurturing a robust talent pipeline, ensuring that the next generation of bridge players receives the support they need to enjoy this mind sport while excelling in it. A key lever would include establishing Bridge as a co-curricular activity in more schools, especially those with existing clubs in their IP JCs.

Secondly, we aim to strengthen our stakeholder feedback channels. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of our association, and we are committed to creating more opportunities for open dialogue and collaboration with our members. Lastly, we are looking to strengthen our tournament operations such that our events have a stronger value proposition. Through this, we also hope to secure a stronger financial position to deliver on our objectives more effectively.

My long-term vision is to elevate Contract Bridge to a position of respect nationally such that it is a respected and admired pursuit in Singapore. I believe that we can be a united community and achieve great things together. Thank you for entrusting me and our team with this responsibility, and we hope to secure your support for some of our various initiatives.

Let's embark on this journey together, with passion and purpose.

Luwen Koh, President, SCBA
president@scba.org.sg

1. Singapore National IMP Pairs Championships 2023

The annual Singapore National IMP Pairs Championships 2023 had been concluded and append herewith the top winners placements for all events.

Champion : Foo Yoke Lan & Alan Sia

1st Runners-up : Rajendra Krishnan & Ng Chun Tat

2nd Runners-up : Luo Cheng & Seet Choon Cheng

Warmest Congratulations to all winners. Cheers!

2. Singapore National Matchpoint Teams Championships 2023

The annual Singapore National Matchpoint Teams Championships 2023 had been concluded and append herewith the top winners placements for all events.

Champion : Fishy Wabbits

(Team Members : Ong Jin Xiang, Ang Shen Ting, Gerald Tan & Kelvin Ong)

Joint 1st Runner-up : Coup de Grace

(Team Members : Teo Xue Heng, Lam Cheng Yen, Zhang Yukun, Linus Lee, Bryan Yang & Timothy Wu)

Joint 1st Runner-up : Evian

(Team Members : Loo Choon Chou, Seet Choon Cheng, Lam Zeying & Luo Cheng)

Warmest Congratulations to all our winners. Cheers!

3. 19th Asian Games 2023 Hangzhou China

We are thrilled to bring great news that both our Mixed Team and Ladies Team have won Bronze Medal in the 19th Asian Games at Hangzhou China.

Warmest congratulations to our Mixed Team Warriors of Lam Zeying, Loo Choon Chou, Seet Choon Cheng, Luo Cheng, Tan Sock Ngin & Gideon Tan AND to our Ladies Team Warriors of Jazlene Ong, Leong Jia Min, Lim Jing Xuan, Low Siok Hui, Selene Tan & Li Lan



4. Singapore Mixed Teams 2023

The Singapore Mixed Teams Championships 2023 will be held from 21st – 22nd Oct 2023, Sat/Sun at SCBA from 1000 hrs.

Please do join us for utmost GREAT fun in Bridging the WORLD !

5. Double “8” Pairs Championships 2023

The annual Double “8” Pairs Championships 2023 will be held on 28th Oct 2023, Sat at SCBA from 1430hrs. Buffet will be provided.

Note : Registration Closed with immediate effect due to overwhelming of full house registered.

6. HS Ho Preliminary Round 2023/2024

The annual HS Ho Preliminary Round 2023/2024 games will be held from 4th – 5th Nov 2023 at SCBA on Sat from 1000 hrs.

7. Deepavali Special Holiday Game

The Deepavali Special Holiday Game will be held on 13th Nov 2023, Mon at SCBA from 0930 hrs.

8. National Handicap Teams Championships 2023

The annual National Handicap Teams Championships 2023 will be held from 18th Nov to 19th Nov 2023 Sat/Sun at SCBA from 1000hrs.

9. National Youth Teams Championships 2023

The annual National Youth Teams Championships 2023 will be incorporate together with the South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023 to be held at York Hotel Singapore from 11th Dec 2023 to 15th Dec 2023.

10. South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023

This year SCBA will be the host for the prestigious South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023 events where it will be held from 11th Dec 2023 to 15th Dec 2023 Mon-Fri at York Hotel Singapore.

11. Christmas Pairs Championships 2023

The annual Christmas Pairs Championships 2023 will be held on 18th Dec 2023, Mon at SCBA from 1930 hrs. Buffet will be provided. Lots of prizes will be won.

12. Christmas Day Special Holiday Game

The Christmas Day Special Holiday Game will be held on 25th Dec 2023, Mon at SCBA from 0930

13. Beginner / Intermediate Course

If you have a friend who wants to learn and enjoy on how to play Bridge, do drop an e-mail to our following colleague address:

kelvin@scba.org.sg

14. Bridge Column

All readers are strongly encouraged to continue posing any questions through the editor account with any burning questions they may have.

In additionally, other columnists are also welcome to provide valuable input to the column. Please do send all relevant information to editor@scba.org.sg.

15. Sale of Logistics

With our past of hosting multiple Local and International BIG events, we do have some lightly-used logistics remained that we will make available to all our members at a much discounted price. Please do approach our club manager for full details of pricing and arrangement.

Do refer to the appendix for full price list details.

16. Membership Prices

Similar to the past years arrangement though we had been absorbing the costs of general inflation as well as providing you with an improved experience during and after all games. We will still maintain our membership prices as before, as for NOW, for the benefits of all members. Our annual membership prices are as follow : Ordinary Member at \$70, Student Member at \$30 and Corporate Member at \$200 per annual.

Do join us for utmost GREAT fun in Bridging the WORLD !

Donations to SCBA

**Enjoy a 250% deduction on taxable income by donating to SCBA.
Qualification for tax deduction is valid until further notice.**

Types of Tax Deductible Donations Available

1. Unrestricted donation to one of our three funds: General Fund, Bridge Development Fund, National Bridge League Fund
2. Restricted donation to set up a new fund for purposes dictated by the donor (SCBA will inform and seek the donor's opinion if the fund cannot be used)
3. Donations to name SCBA's events or programmes;
4. Donations where SCBA or its approved beneficiary acknowledges the donation by including the donor's name or logo in the SCBA's collaterals (e.g. banners, publications, advertisements). Examples would be Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships and future iterations of SEABCC and APBF if they are held in Singapore.

Claiming Tax Deductible Donations

Tax deduction is given for donations made in the preceding year. For example, if an individual makes a donation in 2023, tax deduction will be allowed in his tax assessment for the Year of Assessment (YA) 2024. The tax deductions for qualifying donations will be automatically reflected in the donor's tax assessments based on the information from the IPC (such as the donor's name, date and amount of donation on the tax deduction receipt).

To donate to SCBA, please approach our club manager for more details.



Bridgemate Scoring

for weekly games is now in full implementation

- Automatic player name entry via player numbers
 - No name errors
 - Know who you are playing against the next round
 - Reduce instances of wrong seatings
 - Personal analysis available on Bridgewebs
 - Linkage to online Masterpoint system (coming soon)
 - Implementation in Teams Events (coming soon)
 - Your player number in other clubs should work here too
- If you need a player number, drop a mail to <competition@scba.org.sg>

We are on Pianola Webs!

Online portal for all things Bridge

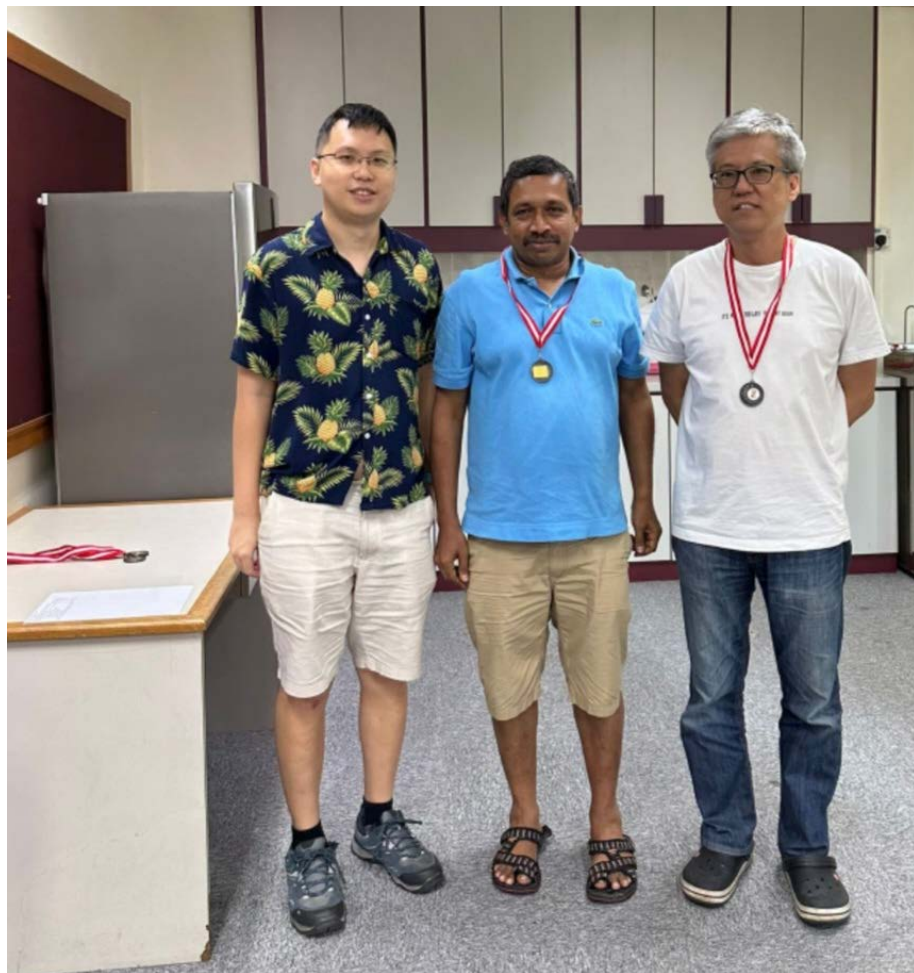
- Latest news and upcoming events
- Newsletter and tournament forms download
- Weekly game results immediately available after the games end
- Click on your own pair for personal analysis
- Review your bidding, play and defence online – anytime with your smartphone

Singapore National IMP Pairs 2023



Champion Pair : Foo Yoke Lan & Alan Sia (Absent with apologies)

Singapore National IMP Pairs 2023



1st Runners Pair : Rajendra Krishnan & Ng Chun Tat



2nd Runners Pair : Luo Cheng & Seet Choon Cheng

Singapore National Matchpoint Teams 2023



Champion : Fishy Wabbits (Team Members : Ong Jin Xiang, Ang Shen Ting, Gerald Tan & Kelvin Ong)

Singapore National Matchpoint Teams 2023



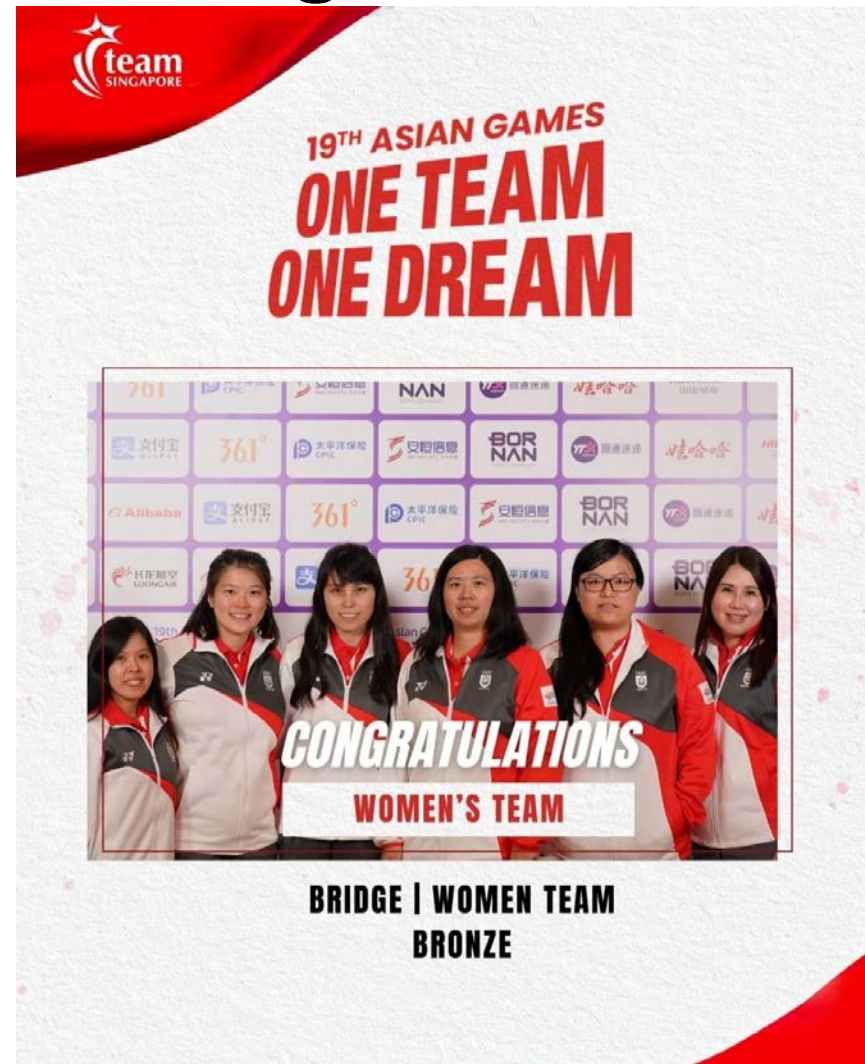
Joint 1st Runner-up Teams : Coup de Grace (Team Members : Teo Xue Heng, Lam Cheng Yen, Zhang Yukun, Linus Lee, Bryan Yang & Timothy Wu) AND Evian (Team Members : Loo Choon Chou, Seet Choon Cheng, Lam Zeying & Luo Cheng)

19th Asian Games 2023 Hangzhou China



Singapore BRIDGE Elite Warriors

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Singapore BRIDGE Elite Warriors

16 Oct Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Asian Games 2023	Asian Games 2023	Asian Games 2023	Asian Games 2023	Asian Games 2023	Asian Games 2023	Asian Games 2023
8	9	10	11	12	13	National League Round #9
AGM Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	Singapore Mixed Teams
Singapore Mixed Teams	23	24	25	26	27	Double '8' Pairs
29	30	31				

17 Nov Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	HS Ho Preliminary 2023/2024
HS Ho Preliminary 2023/2024	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	Deepavali Holiday Special Game	14	15	16	17	National Handicap Teams
National Handicap Teams	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

18 Dec Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	16
17	Christmas Pairs	19	20	21	22	23
24	Christmas Holiday Special Game	26	27	28	29	30

19 Corporate Clubs, Officials and Directors

SCBA Weekly Games
 Monday – 9.30am
 Thursday – 9.30am
 Friday – 7.30pm
 Saturday – 10.00am (depends on availability)
 Sunday – 10.00am (depends on availability)

AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
 Mon 1.00pm

KAMPONG KEMBANGAN CC, 5 Lengkong Tiga
 Mon, Thurs 7.00pm

NUS SPORTS & RECREATION CENTRE, Kent Ridge
 Crescent, MPSH 4. Mon, Thu 7.00pm

NUSS The Graduate Club, 1F Cluny Road.
 Every Wed 7.30pm at Bukit Timah Guild House
 Please contact Dr Siak at 9376 8816 to register in advance.

SINGAPORE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB, 240 Sime Road
 Bridge @ The Niblick.
 Mon & Thurs 7.30pm. Wed 1.00pm

SINGAPORE JAPAN CLUB BRIDGE LEAGUE, 120 Adam
 Road. Tues 9.00 am

TANGLIN CLUB, 5 Stevens Road.
 Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm

SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB, Connaught Drive.
 Mon & Thurs at 7.00pm

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 Yeo Hui Teng
 Antoine Wong
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 Koh Han Wei
 Kwok Jun Kiat
 Kelvin Ong
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 Romulus Tham
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 Leong Hung Rey
 Perumal Ramanathan
 Raj Jayaram
 Amy Starling
 Russell Siew

SINGAPORE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Local and Regional Calendar of Events 2023 (caa 29 Aug 2023)			
Month	Date	Event	Venue
JAN	2	New Year Charity Pairs	SCBA
	15	H S Ho Match 1	SCBA
	30	Hongbao Pairs	SCBA
FEB	11, 12, 18, 19	Mixed/Youth Trials (U25, U20, Girls)	SCBA
	25, 26	Mixed/Youth Trials Reserve Week	SCBA
MAR	4, 5, 11, 12	Open/Ladies/Seniors Trials	SCBA
	18, 19	Open/Ladies/Seniors Trials Reserve Week	SCBA
	19	H S Ho Match 2	SCBA
	25	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #1	SCBA
APR	2	H S Ho Match 3	SCBA
	7-9	Easter Congress	SCBA
	15	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #2	SCBA
	23	H S Ho Match 4	SCBA
	29, 30	Singapore Open Pairs	SCBA
MAY	1	Labour Day Special Game	SCBA
	6	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #3	SCBA
	7	H S Ho Match 5	SCBA
	13, 14	Singapore Open Teams Qualifying	SCBA
	20, 21	Singapore Open Teams Championship Finals / Finals B	SCBA
	27	National Youth Pairs	SCBA
	28	H S Ho Match 6	SCBA
JUN	2	Vesak Day Special Game	SCBA
	6, 7	National Schools Teams	SCBA
	11	H S Ho Match 7	SCBA
	9-18	APBF Championships	Hong Kong
	24	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #4	SCBA
	25	H S Ho Match 8	SCBA
	29	Hari Raya Haji Special Game	SCBA
JUL	8	Singapore Mixed Pairs	SCBA
	15, 16	H S Ho Finals	SCBA
	21-23	Pesta Sukan Congress	SCBA
	29	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #5	SCBA
	31-7 Aug	World Youth Bridge Team Championships	Veldhoven, NL
AUG	9	National Day Special Game	SCBA
	19	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #6	SCBA
	20-3 Sep	World Bridge Team Championships	Marrakech, MA
SEP	2	IMP Pairs	SCBA
	9	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #7	SCBA
	9, 10	Selangor Congress @ Royal Lake Club	KL, MY
	16	Matchpoint Teams	SCBA
	23-8 Oct	Asian Games	Hangzhou, CN
	23	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #8	SCBA
OCT	14	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #9	SCBA
	15	SCBA AGM (Election Year)	SCBA
	21, 22	Singapore Mixed Teams	SCBA
	28	Double 8 Pairs	SCBA
NOV	4, 5	H S Ho Preliminary	SCBA
	13	Deepavali Special Game	SCBA
	18, 19	National Handicap Teams Championship	SCBA
DEC	11-15	South East Asia Bridge Championships	Singapore
	18	Christmas Pairs	SCBA
	25	Christmas Day Special Game	SCBA

Singapore Contract Bridge Association

Bridge Equipment For Sale

- With effective from 01 May 2023



Preowned Items For Sale

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total in SGD</u>
1 Bridge Cards	1 deck of 52 cards	1.00
2 Bridge Board in a set of 24 pieces with 24 deck of preowned cards	1 set of 24 boards with cards	96.00
3 Bridge Board in a set of 32 pieces with 32 deck of preowned cards	1 set of 32 boards with cards	128.00

Brand New Items For Sale

1 Bridge Cards	1 deck of 52 cards	3.00
2 Individual Bridge Board without sticker number	1 Board	10.00
3 Bridge Board in set of 24 pieces with 24 deck brand new cards	1 set of 24 boards with cards	240.00
4 Bridge Board in set of 32 pieces with 32 deck of brand new cards	1 set of 32 boards with cards	320.00
5 Bidding Cards with Box	Set of 4 boxes	50.00
6 Sticker Number for Bridge Board	1 pcs from No 1 to 16	5.00
7 Sticker Number for Bridge Board	1 pcs from No 16 to 32	5.00
8 SCBA Official Pens	1 Pen	1.00



6TH SOUTH EAST ASIA BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

11-15 Dec 2023

York Hotel, Singapore

11 Dec	Open Pairs	US\$150/pair
12 Dec	Mixed Teams	US\$150/team
13-15 Dec	Open Teams	US\$400/team
	Ladies Teams	US\$400/team
	Senior Teams	US\$400/team
	Youth Teams	US\$150/team

Registration/Information



UNDER THE AUSPICES OF



HCL

20th HCL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Celebrating **20** *Years*



PRIZE MONEY
₹26 Million
(USD 310,000)

October 31 - November 6, 2023

The Leela Ambience
Convention Hotel, Delhi

1, CBD, Maharaja Surajmal Marg,
(Near YAMUNA SPORTS COMPLEX),
Vishwas Nagar Extension, DELHI - 110032

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About HCL International Bridge Championship

Bridge is a strategy game that teaches one to be of a tougher mindset, to use one's intellect to maximum capacity, communicate powerfully and to pursue victory diligently. It is these qualities that makes bridge a perfect fit for HCL.

HCL has been strongly supporting the game in India since 2003 through the HCL International Bridge Championship held every year in New Delhi, India. The Championship is the premier bridge tournament in the country and the biggest In terms of the prize money and participation levels. The last championship in 2022 had a prize purse of Rs. 22 million. The previous editions of the tournament have witnessed participation by over 1000 players from 185 teams. International teams having players from USA, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia, Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, Iceland, South Africa, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, Denmark, Romania, Japan, Thailand, Jordan, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh have participated in the last few editions of the Championship.

The 20th HCL International Bridge Championship will be held from October 31 to 6th November 2023 at the Leela Ambience Convention Hotel. The total prize money has been increased this year by approximately 18% to Rs. 26 Million (USD 310,000), one of the highest across any Bridge tournament worldwide. The Championship will have three main events:

- Team of Four Gold- Winners will be awarded the 'Naresh Tandan Trophy'
- Team of Four Silver- Winners will be awarded the 'Mohini Tandan Trophy'
- Open Pairs- Winners will be awarded the 'Neena Bonarji Trophy'
- Being the 20th edition, there will be an special ProAm event on the last day of the tournament (6th Nov 23) in which Amateur player will partner a Professional player. The ProAm event will have a maximum of 36 pairs. Further details will be provided shortly to interested players. Those interested in ProAm event may please contact Mr. Sandeep Thakral on +91-9910034918.



THE PROGRAM



Tuesday, October 31, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	Note: There will be 2 parallel team events in Gold & Silver category.. See the criteria for Silver category participation in the "Notes for Participants". TEAM OF FOUR GOLD / SILVER EVENT - SWISS LEAGUE (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)
1000 - 1015	Director's Announcements & Display of Draw for Team of Four Events
1020 - 1145	Round 1
1205 - 1330	Round 2
1330 - 1430	Lunch Break
1430 - 1555	Round 3
1615 - 1740	Round 4
1740 - 1810	Tea Break
1810 - 1935	Round 5



Wednesday, November 1, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENTS - SWISS LEAGUE Continues (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)
1000 - 1125	Round 6
1145 - 1310	Round 7
1310 - 1410	Lunch Break
1410 - 1535	Round 8
1555 - 1720	Round 9
1720 - 1750	Tea Break
1750 - 1915	Round 10
1930 - 2000	Captain's meet for the Top 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER event for Pre-QF knock out



Thursday, November 2, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER - KO PRE-QUARTER FINALS (4*14 boards)
1000 - 1200	Session 1
1215 - 1415	Session 2
1415 - 1515	Lunch Break
1515 - 1715	Session 3
1715 - 1745	Tea Break
1745 - 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS - ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1630	Session 2
1630 - 1700	Tea Break
1700 - 1930	Session 3
1930 Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)
2015 - 2045	Draw of Lots for ProAm Tournament



Friday, November 3, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER - KO Quarter Finals (4*14 boards)
1000 - 1200	Session 1
1215 - 1415	Session 2
1415 - 1515	Lunch Break
1515 - 1715	Session 3
1715 - 1745	Tea Break
1745 - 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS - ELIMINATION 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1630	Session 2
1630 - 1700	Tea Break
1700 - 1930	Session 3
	MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)
1100 - 1415	Session 1
1415 - 1515	Lunch Break
1515 - 1830	Session 2



Saturday, November 4, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER - KO Semi Finals (4*14 boards)
1000 - 1200	Session 1
1215 - 1415	Session 2
1415 - 1515	Lunch Break
1515 - 1715	Session 3
1715 - 1745	Tea Break
1745 - 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS - ELIMINATION 3 and IMP PAIRS - ELIMINATION (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1630	Session 2
1630 - 1700	Tea Break
1700 - 1930	Session 3



Sunday, November 5, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER - Finals (4*14 boards) & Play-Off
0900 - 1100	Session 1
1115 - 1315	Session 2
1315 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1600	Session 3
1615 - 1815	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS- FINAL (GOLD & SILVER) - Barometer Scoring
0930 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1745	Session 2
	IMP PAIRS - FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)
1000 - 1330	Session 1
1330 - 1430	Lunch Break
1430 - 1745	Session 2
	IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)
1030 - 1330	Session 1
1330 - 1430	Lunch Break
1430 - 1730	Session 2
1830	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony



Monday, November 6, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	Pro-Am Pairs Tournament (IMP Scoring) - Max 54 Boards
0930 - 1315	Session 1 (28 Boards)
1315 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1730	Session 2 (26 Boards)
1800	Prize Distribution

PRIZE MONEY

Event wise break-up of the total prize money:

TEAM EVENTS			PAIR EVENTS						SPECIAL EVENT
Rank	Gold	Silver	Rank	Open Pairs Gold	Open Pairs Silver	IMP Pairs	MP Pairs STRATA-II	IMP Pairs STRATA-II	ProAm IMP Pairs Event
1st	44,00,000	16,00,000	1st	12,80,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	80,000	80,000	6,00,000
2nd	24,00,000	9,60,000	2nd	8,40,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	50,000	50,000	4,00,000
3rd	12,50,000	4,80,000	3rd	6,40,000	1,20,000	1,20,000	36,000	36,000	3,00,000
4th	9,00,000	3,60,000	4th	4,80,000	80,000	80,000	24,000	24,000	1,80,000
5th to 8th	4,50,000	1,80,000	5th	3,20,000	60,000	60,000	18,000	18,000	1,40,000
9th to 16th	1,80,000	72,000	6th	2,50,000	40,000	40,000	12,000	12,000	1,00,000
17th to 20th	60,000	25,000	7th	2,00,000	30,000	30,000	10,000	10,000	80,000
			8th	1,50,000	20,000	20,000	8,000	8,000	60,000
			9th	1,00,000	15,000	15,000	7,000	7,000	50,000
			10th	90,000	10,000	10,000	6,000	6,000	40,000
			11th	75,000					30,000
			12th	60,000					20,000
			13th to 16th	50,000					
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 (1st)	20,000					
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 (2nd)	13,500					
			Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair - 1st	20,000					
			Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair - 2nd	15,000					
Total	1,24,30,000	47,96,000		48,22,000	7,25,000	7,25,000	2,51,000	2,51,000	20,00,000
Grand Total							2,60,00,000		

All figures are in Indian Rupees.

Note 1 - For international players, the final prize money will be converted as per the prevailing foreign exchange rates of the day. TDS will be deducted as per the prevailing Indian Income Tax rules

Note 2 - There are two prizes each for Best mixed and Ladies pairs in open MP Pairs event. For winning this prize pairs must reach Open MP Pairs final or 3rd elimination of MP Pair event.

ENTRY FEE

Team Entry -

- Team of Four Gold - Rs. 10,000 for 4 member team and Rs. 2000 for additional member
- Team of Four Silver - Rs. 8,000 for 4 member team and Rs. 1,500 for additional member

Note: In the Team of Four Gold and Silver events, the 16 teams qualified to play the KO stage will pay additional Rs. 3,000 per team.

- Open MP Pairs - Rs. 4,000 per pair
- Open MP Pairs STRATA II - No entry fee for this event. Non qualifiers from Match Point Pairs elimination-1 round can only participate in this event.
- IMP Pairs - Rs. 2,500 per Pair
- IMP Pairs Strata II - No entry fee for this event. Non qualifiers from IMP Pairs elimination round can only participate in this event.

Note: There will be a 50% concession on entry fee for a Team / Pair consisting of all under-30 players.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- In SILVER event, a team can have only **one “National Master or above level player”**, who will be treated as the team mentor. All other players should be below the rank of “National Master”. In case, a team is found to have more than one player above “National Master” level, the team will get scratched from Silver event.
- All foreign teams will participate in the GOLD event only, unless tournament committee gives them special permission to participate in “SILVER” category.
- The MPs to be considered for participation in the Silver event will be as on **15th Oct 2023**.
- The **TOP 26 pairs** from Elimination-3 round of MP Pairs will qualify for MP Pairs GOLD final, whereas **pairs ranked 27-52** will play in the MP Pairs SILVER final. The rest of the Elimination-3 qualifiers will be seeded to the IMP Pairs final.
- The Match Point Pairs STRATA - II is only for those non-qualifiers, who could not qualify to the elim-2 round of the MP Pairs event. Similarly the IMP Pairs STRATA - II is only for those non-qualifiers, who have paid entry of IMP Pairs but could not qualify to the IMP Pairs Final. Any non-qualifier not interested to play the STRATA-II event is kindly requested to inform the same to TC Pant through WhatsApp (Mob: 9811094407) or personally at the venue.
- Registration for all events will only be done online. The Registration will be completed only once the payment of entry fee is made online through the payment gateway on the registration page.
- No entry for team event will be accepted after the stipulated closing time of **2000 hrs on Sunday, October 29, 2023**.

All teams are advised to register their entries in advance on website. The following persons can be contacted for any clarification:

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- **Closing time for entries of MP Pairs is 1430 hrs on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.**
- **Closing time for entries of IMP Pairs is 2030 hrs on Friday, November 3, 2023.**
- Sponsor will have a quota of **2 Pairs**, directly seeded to the MP Pairs GOLD Final.
- Participating players are required to take their seats as per the program; failure to do so will result in penalty.
- Displaying of properly filled convention cards at the table is compulsory. Copies of blank Convention cards will be made available at the venue.
- Players will be provided Lunch at the venue. Tea /coffee and snacks during scheduled tea breaks, will also be provided.
- Players are requested not to bring Tea/Coffee/Cold drinks/Lunch inside the playing arena.
- Please visit the Tournament web site **www.hcl-bridge.com** for accommodation details in nearby hotels and their contacts. Details will be updated around 1st August 2023.
- The applicable Supplementary Conditions of Contest (SCoC) will be published on the tournament web site **www.hcl-bridge.com** by 15th August 2023.
- Tournament will follow the WBF - 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- The organizing committee has the right to change the tournament schedule and format, if deemed necessary.
- All prize money will be credited to the winner bank accounts within 15-20 days of the final day of the tournament.

Organizing Committee

ORGANIZING MEMBERS

Chairperson - Mrs. Kiran Nadar

Co-Chairman - Dr. Sutanu Behuria (President, BFI)

Organizing Secretary - Sandeep Thakral

Head of Operations - T C Pant

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Website - Sandeep Thakral & HCL Team

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BBO Vu-Graph - Pramod Samant & Team

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Head TD - Laurie Kelso (Head TD, WBF)

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