



# BONUS. 5<sup>TH</sup> ASIA BRIDGE CUP GOA INDIA



TAJ CIDADE DE GOA HORIZON | 21<sup>ST</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

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## INDIA, THE HEART OF BRIDGE'S FUTURE

Dear Players, Captains, Coaches, Officials, Delegates, and Friends,

It is with immense pleasure and pride that we welcome you to Goa for the **5th Asia Cup Bridge Championships 2026**, which commences tomorrow at the beautiful **Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon**.

Over the coming week, the championship will bring together some of the finest bridge players from across Asia and Oceania in a celebration of skill, strategy, sportsmanship, and friendship. We are delighted to host participants from numerous countries and territories, all united by their passion for the game of bridge and their commitment to excellence.

The Bridge Federation of India is deeply honoured to have been entrusted with the responsibility of hosting this prestigious championship. We are committed to providing a world-class playing environment and an unforgettable experience for all participants, both at and away from the bridge table. We hope that while competing at the highest level, you will also enjoy the warm hospitality, rich culture, and scenic beauty that Goa has to offer.

We express our sincere gratitude to the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India**, and the **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** for their invaluable support, guidance, and encouragement in making this championship possible.

We also place on record our heartfelt appreciation to our **Title Sponsor, BONUS (Parksons Cartamundi Pvt. Ltd.)**, **HCL**, **Shree Cement Ltd.** whose generous support and partnership have been instrumental in the successful organization of this championship.

While the coming days will undoubtedly witness intense competition and memorable achievements, we hope they will also foster enduring friendships and strengthen the bonds that unite the international bridge family.

On behalf of the Bridge Federation of India, we wish every participant, official, delegate, and seminar attendee a successful, enjoyable, and memorable stay in Goa. May the week ahead be filled with outstanding bridge, meaningful exchanges of ideas, and the spirit of camaraderie that makes our game truly special.



From Left to Right: Ben Thompson (Vice President, WBF), Khunying Esther Sophonpanich (President-APBF), Frank Riehm (President, WBF), Prasad Keni (President, BFI), H. M. Bangur (Chief Guest), NRK Moorthy (Member, WBF Executive Council)

Glimpse of 5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championship 2026 Opening Ceremony

### DAY-1 SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2026

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT - ALL PLAY ALL ROUND ROBIN  
(EACH ROUND OF 14 BOARDS EACH)

TIME	EVENTS	BBO MATCHES	
0930 - 1130 Hrs.	R - 1 (Men / Women / Mixed); RR1 - 1 Seniors	TBL - 05 TBL - 14	Chinese Taipei (#6) Indonesia (#24) Vs. Singapore (#11) Vs. Philippines (#26)
1150 - 1350 Hrs.	R - 2 (Men / Women / Mixed); RR1 - 2 Seniors	TBL - 03 TBL - 23	Bangladesh "A" (#3) India "A" (#34) Vs. India "B" (#13) Vs. Australia "B" (#39)
1450 - 1650 Hrs.	R - 3 (Men / Women / Mixed); RR1 - 3 Seniors	TBL - 05 TBL - 33	China (#5) Thailand (#53) Vs. Japan (#10) Vs. India "A" (#58)
1710 - 1910 Hrs.	R - 4 (Men / Mixed); RR1 - 4 Seniors	TBL - 06 TBL - 22	Thailand (#7) China "B" (#32) Vs. Hong Kong China "A" (#15) Vs. Japan (#42)



1350 - 1450 Hrs. - LUNCH BREAK  
1650 - 1710 Hrs. - TEA BREAK



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Asia Pacific Bridge Federation?



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DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA



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श्रम एवं रोजगार  
व युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल  
भारत सरकार  
Minister  
Labour & Employment  
and Youth Affairs & Sports  
Government of India

### Message

It gives me immense pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all players, officials, delegates, and distinguished guests participating in the 5th Asia Bridge Cup 2026 in Goa, India.

This prestigious championship brings together some of the finest bridge players from 14 nations across Asia and Oceania, reaffirming the power of sport to unite people across borders, cultures, and backgrounds. Events of this nature not only showcase excellence in competition but also strengthen friendship, mutual respect, and international cooperation.

Bridge is a unique mind sport that combines intellect, strategy, partnership, discipline, and perseverance. It promotes analytical thinking, decision-making, teamwork, and lifelong learning, making it one of the most engaging and rewarding sporting disciplines in the world.

India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has emerged as a leading destination for hosting major international sporting events and is committed to strengthening its sporting ecosystem at every level. As our nation advances its vision of becoming a global sporting powerhouse and pursues its aspiration to host the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games, events such as the Asia Bridge Cup contribute significantly to showcasing India's organizational capabilities, hospitality, and sporting excellence to the international community.

I congratulate the Bridge Federation of India, the Asian bridge fraternity, and all stakeholders associated with the successful organization of this championship. Their dedication and commitment have created a wonderful platform for celebrating the spirit of competition and friendship through sport.

I am confident that the championship will provide memorable experiences, foster lasting friendships, and further strengthen the bonds among participating nations. I wish every player the very best for the competition and hope that all our guests enjoy the rich culture, warm hospitality, and natural beauty of India.

May the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Bridge Cup 2026 be a resounding success and a celebration of excellence, friendship, and sporting spirit.

With best wishes,

(Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya)



**FRANCK RIEHM**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**World Bridge Federation**



Dear Friends,

It is a great privilege to be with you in India this year, in the wonderful setting of Goa.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Bridge Federation of India, the Bridge Federation of Asia and the Middle East, the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation and the South Pacific Bridge Federation, and to their Presidents, Mr Prasad V Keni, Mr Bahjat Al Majali, Mrs Esther Sophonpanich and Mr Ben Thompson, for once again coordinating the organization of this magnificent event.

This year the WBF will also take part with the WBF Officers' Seminar, dedicated to the representatives of the National Bridge Organizations of Zones 4, 6 and 7. Together we are working to grow our game both here and across the world.

Our sport carries enormous and remarkable potential: it spans every age (indeed, we even get better as we grow older!), overcomes physical, cultural and social barriers, and thanks to online platforms can erase distances while preserving the logic of the game. This is precisely why we believe in our motto: "Bridge for Peace"!

Enjoy Goa, and good bridge to you all!

Franck Riehm  
President, World Bridge Federation



**KHUNYING ESTHER SOPHONPANICH**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**Asia Pacific Bridge Federation**



21 June, 2026

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation, it gives me great pleasure to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations to India, host of the 5th Asia Cup Bridge Championships to be held in beautiful Goa from June 21-27, 2026. The Asia Cup, held once every four years, has become one of the most important and prestigious bridge events in our region. It brings together the finest players from Zones 4, 6, and 7 of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation - regions that proudly include nations participating in the Asian Games. Beyond competition, this championship strengthens friendship, understanding, and sporting excellence among our member countries.

We are especially delighted that India, a leading member of Zone 4 with a rich and growing bridge tradition, is hosting this important championship. Goa, with its renowned hospitality, vibrant culture, and scenic beauty, provides a wonderful setting for players, officials, and guests to enjoy both world-class bridge and memorable fellowship.

I would like to express sincere appreciation to the Bridge Federation of India, the Organising Committee, sponsors, volunteers, and all those whose dedication and hard work have made this event possible.

To all participants, I wish you an enjoyable championship, memorable friendships, and success at the tables.

May the 5th Asia Cup Bridge Championships, Goa be a great success and a proud milestone in the continuing growth of bridge throughout Asia and the Pacific.

With best wishes,

Khunying Esther Sophonpanich  
President  
Asia Pacific Bridge Federation



**PRASAD KENI**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**Bridge Federation of India**



Dear participants, officials and distinguished guests,

Namaskar. Suswagatam.

Some games are played within borders.

Bridge has always belonged beyond them.

It is both an honour and a profound pleasure for the Bridge Federation of India to welcome the distinguished players, officials, delegates, and members of the international bridge community to the 5th Asia Cup Bridge Championships in Goa.

The Asia Cup is a gathering of minds shaped by different cultures yet united by a square green biazee table.

India is privileged to host this meeting of excellence.

Goa, long accustomed to crossroads and conversations between worlds, offers an apt setting. Here hospitality is not ceremony but instinct.

Competitiveness, victories, losses and medals apart, the enduring value of these championships lies elsewhere too — in the friendships renewed, rivalries refined, and the intermingling and sharing of various cultures.

To every participant who has travelled across geographies and time zones to be here, thank you for bringing your excellence, your commitment, and your faith in this extraordinary game to the lovely city of Goa.

May this championship offer not only demanding bridge, but memorable encounters, inspired partnerships, and moments worthy of the game we hold in such high regard.

Welcome to India and to the 5th Asia Cup Bridge Championships in Goa.

Tumka Borea Zai ( May Things Go Well For You).

Prasad Keni  
President  
Bridge Federation of India



**DEBASISH RAY**  
**SECRETARY**  
**Bridge Federation of India**



Dear Players, Officials and Delegates of WBF, APBF, BFAME and Zone 7,

Let me extend to you a warm and hearty welcome on behalf of the bridge fraternity of our country and Bridge Federation of India to participate in the 5th Asia Cup Bridge Championships 2026 here in picturesque Goa. I hope you will enjoy the ambience of the Taj Cidade Goa Horizon, the serenity of the Goa beaches, the famous Goan seafood, the friendly atmosphere of Panaji City and the fierce competition at the Bridge table.

I hope that your time here in Goa will be rewarding and memorable. May this championship witness inspiring performances and enduring friendships.

I wish all participants the very best for a successful and enjoyable tournament.

With Best Regards,

Debasish Ray  
Hon. Secretary  
Bridge Federation of India

# PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

 AUSTRALIA	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	SENIOR
 BANGLADESH	MEN			SENIOR
 CHINA	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	
 CHINESE TAIPEI	MEN		MIXED	SENIOR
 HONG KONG CHINA	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	
 INDONESIA		WOMEN		
 INDIA	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	SENIOR
 JAPAN	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	SENIOR
 KOREA	MEN			
 KUWAIT	MEN			
 MALAYSIA				SENIOR
 PHILIPPINES		WOMEN		
 SINGAPORE	MEN		MIXED	
 SAUDI ARABIA	MEN			
 THAILAND	MEN		MIXED	SENIOR
 UAE			MIXED	

# THE OPENING CEREMONY PRESIDENT'S SPEECH



**Franck Riehm**

President of the World Bridge Federation

“ This is an amazing event for me. It is my first time coming to India, and I must say that it is such a wonderful country. This is also my first World Bridge event, which makes it even more special and important to me.

Dear representative of the City of Goa, dear Esther, President of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation, President of the Asia and Middle East Bridge Federation, dear Ben, my friend and President of the South Pacific Bridge Federation, dear Prasad Keni, President of the Bridge Federation of India, distinguished sponsors, ladies and gentlemen, and dear bridge players—where are you? Ah, there you are!

It is an honor for me to attend the opening of this Fifth Asia Cup, taking place this year in the magnificent city of Goa.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer special congratulations to the Bridge Federation of India for organizing such a fantastic event.

Prasad Keni, its President, and his entire team deserve our sincere appreciation and congratulations. A big round of applause for them, please.

We are at the heart of bridge's future here in India. The potential of our wonderful game is enormous in this part of the world. Therefore, we must continue to promote our game. This is your job, my job, and the responsibility of all of us. We must recruit new players and explain to everyone what a tremendous educational and life-enriching activity bridge is, especially for young people.

Over the next few days, you will be competing at the bridge table. Of course, I hope that each of you performs well. But above all, I hope you compete in the true spirit of sportsmanship and with respect for your opponents.

I wish you all the very best of luck. I would also like to thank once again the organizers of this magnificent event and congratulate the Bridge Federation of India for being one of the finest ambassadors of bridge here in Goa and throughout India.

Long live the Fifth Asia Cup. Long live bridge.

Thank you all.”

# TODAY'S DRAW

## MEN'S TEAMS

TABLE	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
1	HONG KONG CHINA B <b>VS</b> HONG KONG CHINA A	KOREA <b>VS</b> HONG KONG CHINA A	KOREA <b>VS</b> BANGLADESH B	KOREA <b>VS</b> INDIA B
2	BANGLADESH A <b>VS</b> BANGLADESH B	HONG KONG CHINA B <b>VS</b> BANGLADESH B	HONG KONG CHINA B <b>VS</b> INDIA B	HONG KONG CHINA B <b>VS</b> SAUDI ARABIA
3	INDIA A <b>VS</b> INDIA B	BANGLADESH A <b>VS</b> INDIA B	BANGLADESH A <b>VS</b> SAUDI ARABIA	BANGLADESH A <b>VS</b> SINGAPORE
4	CHINA <b>VS</b> SAUDI ARABIA	INDIA A <b>VS</b> SAUDI ARABIA	INDIA A <b>VS</b> SINGAPORE	INDIA A <b>VS</b> JAPAN
5	CHINESE TAIPEI <b>VS</b> SINGAPORE	CHINA <b>VS</b> SINGAPORE	CHINA <b>VS</b> JAPAN	CHINA <b>VS</b> AUSTRALIA
6	THAILAND <b>VS</b> JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI <b>VS</b> JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI <b>VS</b> AUSTRALIA	THAILAND <b>VS</b> HONG KONG CHINA A
7	KUWAIT <b>VS</b> AUSTRALIA	THAILAND <b>VS</b> AUSTRALIA	KUWAIT <b>VS</b> HONG KONG CHINA A	KUWAIT <b>VS</b> BANGLADESH B
8	KOREA <b>BYE</b>	KUWAIT <b>BYE</b>	THAILAND <b>BYE</b>	CHINESE TAIPEI <b>BYE</b>

## SENIOR TEAMS

TABLE	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
31	INDIA B <b>VS</b> INDIA A	MALAYSIA <b>VS</b> INDIA B	INDIA B <b>VS</b> BANGLADESH	AUSTRALIA <b>VS</b> INDIA B
32	JAPAN <b>VS</b> MALAYSIA	BANGLADESH <b>VS</b> JAPAN	JAPAN <b>VS</b> AUSTRALIA	INDIA A <b>VS</b> JAPAN
33	THAILAND <b>VS</b> BANGLADESH	AUSTRALIA <b>VS</b> THAILAND	THAILAND <b>VS</b> INDIA A	MALAYSIA <b>VS</b> THAILAND
34	CHINESE TAIPEI <b>VS</b> AUSTRALIA	INDIA A <b>VS</b> CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINESE TAIPEI <b>VS</b> MALAYSIA	BANGLADESH <b>VS</b> CHINESE TAIPEI

# TODAY'S DRAW

## MIXED TEAMS

TABLE	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
21	CHINA B VS CHINA A	SINGAPORE VS UAE	SINGAPORE VS JAPAN	SINGAPORE VS HONG KONG CHINA A
22	AUSTRALIA A VS AUSTRALIA B	AUSTRALIA A VS CHINA A	CHINA B VS UAE	CHINA B VS JAPAN
23	INDIA A VS INDIA B	INDIA A VS AUSTRALIA B	INDIA A VS CHINA A	AUSTRALIA A VS UAE
24	HONG KONG CHINA B VS HONG KONG CHINA A	HONG KONG CHINA B VS INDIA B	HONG KONG CHINA B VS AUSTRALIA B	HONG KONG CHINA B VS CHINA A
25	CHINESE TAIPEI VS JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI VS HONG KONG CHINA A	CHINESE TAIPEI VS INDIA B	CHINESE TAIPEI VS AUSTRALIA B
26	THAILAND VS UAE	THAILAND VS JAPAN	THAILAND VS HONG KONG CHINA A	THAILAND VS INDIA B
27	SINGAPORE <b>BYE</b>	CHINA B <b>BYE</b>	AUSTRALIA A <b>BYE</b>	INDIA A <b>BYE</b>

## WOMEN'S TEAMS

TABLE	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
11	HONG KONG CHINA B VS HONG KONG CHINA A	HONG KONG CHINA B VS INDONESIA	HONG KONG CHINA B VS PHILIPPINES	HONG KONG CHINA B VS AUSTRALIA A
12	INDIA A VS INDIA B	INDIA A VS HONG KONG CHINA A	INDIA A VS JAPAN	INDIA A VS PHILIPPINES
13	AUSTRALIA B VS AUSTRALIA A	AUSTRALIA B VS CHINA	AUSTRALIA B VS HONG KONG CHINA A	AUSTRALIA B VS JAPAN
14	INDONESIA VS PHILIPPINES	PHILIPPINES VS INDIA B	INDONESIA VS INDIA B	INDONESIA VS HONG KONG CHINA A
15	CHINA VS JAPAN	AUSTRALIA A VS JAPAN	CHINA VS AUSTRALIA A	CHINA VS INDIA B

# IMPORTANT LINKS

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 **CHAMPIONSHIP SITE**

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 **FULL SCHEDULE**

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 **ALL RESULTS**

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**BE THE CHAMPION !**

**Men Teams**



**Women Teams**



**Mixed Teams**



**Senior Teams**



# NOTES FOR PLAYERS - ORGANISING COMMITTEE

## DETAILS OF VENUE FOR THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Your Registration / Help Desk is on the Ground Floor. You will see both the desk as you enter the playing arena.
2. The playing Halls are on the Ground Floor once you enter from the left door of the Registration desk. The playing arena is divided into 3 Halls. "Assembleia Hall 1", will be the OPEN Room for Men & Mixed Events. "Assembleia Hall 2", will be combined OPEN & CLOSED Room for Women & Seniors Events and "Assembleia Hall 3", will be the CLOSED Room for Men & Mixed Events.
3. The SYSTEM DESK has been created opposite to "Assembleia Hall 3" and this place will cater to all your needs on Convention Cards. You can get your copy or opponents CCs here. Just ask the desk to print a copy for you.
4. There is a MEDICAL DESK next to SYSTEM DESK and it will cater to any medical emergencies. This will be manned by a doctor.
5. You can get the deal record copy from the HELP DESK as soon as the round is over.
6. Line up area & area for self printing of your score is on the GF just outside the "Assembleia 1" hall.
7. Display of Line up / Round Scores will be put up just outside the playing Halls on TVs.
8. The DRAW for the next round and Running Scores will be available opposite Registration Desk on TVs.
9. The BBO Rooms are on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor called WEST 1 (Open BBO Room) & WEST 2 (Closed BBO Room).
10. There is a Players Lounge on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, where players can take rest.
11. Vu-graph Room is on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
12. CTD Room / Operation Head Room / Bulletin Room are on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in Business Centre / South 1 & South 2 Halls.

## IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE

1. Please wear the Badge, given to each participant all the time in the playing arena . This is mandatory.
2. The SCoC and all tournament related information including the Results & Bulletins is on the tournament web site [www.bonusasiacup2026.com](http://www.bonusasiacup2026.com). Please read the SCoC carefully. There will be no printed bulletin copy.
3. Please abide by the Tournament timings strictly.
4. Players are not allowed to leave the table for smoking before the match / segment is over. Smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking area of the hotel.
5. IMPORTANT: You can not carry the mobile phones or any electronic item inside the playing area. Please deposit it at the HELP DESK before entering the playing arena.
6. Any player who wishes to go to the toilet must call the TD first.
8. All questions and answers about calls made must be in writing on prescribed note paper.
9. Please notify a TD, if there is any discrepancy in scores. Otherwise the scores become official 20 Minutes after they have been announced.
10. Spectators are not allowed in the Closed Room nor at the BBO Tables.
11. The Tea & Coffee counters will be available on both GF and FF in the foyer area.

# ORGANISING & TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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# RESULTS - ASIA CUPS



## TOTAL TALLY

CHINA	(4 Gold) - 10	SINGAPORE	(2 Gold) - 2
CHINESE TAIPEI	(2 Gold) - 9	HONG KONG CHINA	(1 Gold) - 6
INDONESIA	(5 Gold) - 8	JAPAN	- 3
INDIA	(2 Gold) - 8	NEW ZEALAND	- 1
AUSTRALIA	(1 Gold) - 4		

### 1ST ASIA CUP 2010 - NINGBO, CHINA

RANK	OPEN TEAM	WOMEN TEAM
1	Indonesia	China
2	China	Indonesia
3	Hong Kong China	Chinese Taipei

### 2ND ASIA CUP 2014 - JINHUA, CHINA

RANK	MEN	WOMEN	SENIORS	JUNIORS	YOUNGSTERS	GIRLS
1	Singapore	Indonesia	Indonesia 1	China	Singapore	China
2	Indonesia	Australia	Australia 1	Chinese Taipei	China	Hong Kong China
3	Japan	China	China	Hong Kong China	Chinese Taipei	
4	Australia	Japan	Japan Diamond	Japan	Hong Kong China	

### 3RD ASIA CUP 2018 - GOA, INDIA

RANK	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	SENIORS	SUPER MIXED
1	China	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei A	Australia	India B
2	Hong Kong China	China	India B	Chinese Taipei A	Japan
3	India B	Australia	China	India A	India A
4	China Trainees	India	Hong Kong China	Thailand	Thailand

### 4TH ASIA CUP 2022 - JAKARTA, INDONESIA

RANK	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED	SENIORS
1	Hong Kong China	Indonesia	Indonesia	India B
2	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	India	Japan
3	India	Hong Kong China	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia B
4	Japan	Singapore	Singapore	Indonesia A

## ROSTERS - MEN'S TEAMS



### AUSTRALIA

Joachim Haffer, Fraser Rew, George Kozakos, Hugh Grosvenor, Fraser Rew (Captain)



### BANGLADESH A

MD Alauddin, Saikat Talukder, Md Rashebul Hasan, A H M Kamruzzaman, Rashedul Hasan Ripon, Bishwajit Saha, Md Rashebul Hasan (Captain), Md Rashebul Hasan (Coach)



### BANGLADESH B

Shah Ziaul Haque, Md. Zahid Hossain, Md. Moshir Rahman, Md Rashedul Ahasan, Mohammad Maula Al Mamun, B. M. Mahmud Hossain, Mohammad Monirul Islam (Captain), Mohammad Ehsanuzzaman (Coach)



### CHINESE TAIPEI

JenChien Chung, ChiiMou Lin, Wei Ho, Sun Wei Lee, YiAn Hung, Hsueh-Hsien Liu, Chung Jen-Chien (Captain)



### CHINA

Chuancheng Ju, Zheng Jun Shi, Yang Cai, Jien Chen, Chunhui Dong, Guanyu Shen, Chuancheng Ju (Captain), Gang Chen (Coach)



### HONG KONG, CHINA A

KwokFai Mak, Wai Kit Lai, WaiLap Abby Chiu, Shun Sum Alan Sze, Wai Lam Ho, Gordon Ho, Wang Wenfei (Captain)



### HONG KONG, CHINA B

ChiCheung Baron Ng, Cheuk Lun Aron Hui, Tsz Tin Wan, Kai Yin Tam, Alex Seto, Leo To, Chi Cheung Baron Ng (Captain)



### INDIA A

Subhash Gupta, Sandeep Thakral, Sumit Mukherjee, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sagnik Roy, Kaustabh Nandi, Debasish Ray (Captain), Koushik Mukherjee (Coach)



### INDIA B

Kaustubh Bendre, Sayantan Kushari, Gopinath Manna, Sandip Datta, Ajay Khare, Arun Bapat, Debasish Ray (Captain), Koushik Mukherjee (Coach)



### JAPAN

Tadashi Teramoto, Ryoga Tanaka, Shunsuke Morimura, Noriaki Koike, Hiroki Yokoi, Yuki Harada, Chizuno Saito (Captain)



### KOREA

Seongseok Kang, Seungjin Roh, Daehong Kim, Soo Ik Lee, Seongseok Kang (Captain), Daniel Puerto Moreno (Coach)



### KUWAIT

Khalifa AlSabah, Ahmed Alrowaieh, Ibrahim Elsebahy, Sherif Noshy, Ibrahim Elsebahy (Captain)



### SAUDI ARABIA

Abdallah Rehami, Mohammad Ba Daowd, Omar Suwaigh, Abdul Hakim Sahab, Bassem Afiouni, Abdallah Rehami (Captain), Abdallah Rehami (Coach)



### SINGAPORE

Jia Ke, Stephen Robinson, Rajendra Krishnan, Rajendra Krishnan, Christopher Gregory, Derek Lee, Sean Teo, Ke Jia (Captain)



### THAILAND

Sahasn Leevorawat, Sararut Pranonsatid, Kridsada Promjak, Sirawitch Rattanaprateeptong, Suttipat Vichanuwat, Chirawut Thotongkam, Sahasan Leevorawat (Captain), Chayes Luang-On (Coach)

## ROSTERS - SENIOR TEAMS



### AUSTRALIA

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## London Bus Syndrome

By Mark Horton

If you type the words *London Bus Syndrome* into your search engine you will discover *the term draws from the common observation that when waiting for a bus in London, one may wait a long time only to have several buses arrive at once.*

As the clock was winding down to the start of the 2026 Asia Cup I paid a visit to the 4th Mavericks Summer National Bridge Championships in Bendur, Mangalore. This sensational deal cropped up in final stages of the Tolani Gold Teams:

**Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.**

<p>♠ KJ3 ♥ J87 ♦ AKQ ♣ 9854</p>		<p>♠ 5 ♥ A10964 ♦ 107543 ♣ A6</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ KQ532 ♦ J9862 ♣ 107</p>
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The probability of holding an 8500 hand is 0.000031%. This is what happened in the playoff for third and fourth place:

### Hemant Jalan v EA Bridge

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Churmski</i>	<i>Tolani</i>	<i>Buros</i>	<i>Padhye</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
2NT	Clubs		
5NT	Pick a slam		

East led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ♠A and ruffed a spade. East overruffed and switched to a heart (a trump is even better) which meant declarer was four down, -400.

If declarer had ruffed the second spade high he could then have played three rounds of trumps. When the suit breaks 4-2 the contract is one down.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dalal</i>	<i>Laltu</i>	<i>Solani</i>	<i>Manna</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and played the ♠A, quickly claiming 11 tricks, +650 and 14 IMPs.

In the Final, between Formidables and Fenesta, both teams reached the excellent but doomed 6♠, which was doubled by West.

You can imagine my surprise when the following day I opened Andrew Robson's article for the July 2026 edition of *Bridgerama+* and saw that on one of the deals the South hand was

♠-♥KQJ109642 ♦-♣AQ1074!

Incredibly, just a few days later in the fifth round of the EBU's National Teams League the opening deal of the match delivered a bidding challenge for the 38 East-West pairs:

**Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.**

<p>♠ K93 ♥ KQ82 ♦ KQ97 ♣ K6</p>		<p>♠ AQ8754 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ AQJ7543</p>
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<p>♠ 102 ♥ A10976 ♦ 10852 ♣ 92</p>			
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The East hand (it has a probability of 0.000056) is full of potential, but how to discover if partner has the black kings and a fit. One thing to keep in mind that asking for keycards may not tell you what you need to know.

### The Seniors v Reece

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sowter</i>	<i>Wain</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Writing in the *Acol Index*, Eric Crowhurst says (in an uncontested auction) that a rebid of 4♦/4♥/4♠ by East would be a cue bid, while a jump to the five-level in a new suit would indicate a void (Exclusion Blackwood had not yet arrived). He also notes that rebidding 4♣ could be played as RKCB.

It was surprising that East did not bid 5♥ over 5♣. If West had then bid 5♠....

That was +940 and although it was a disappointing result, 10 pairs had languished in game, and no one had reached a grand slam.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pryor</i>	<i>Reece</i>	<i>Gibbons</i>	<i>Poole</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦*	Dble	3♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	All Pass

3♦ Fourth suit forcing

When Malcolm Pryor jumped to 6♠, Roger Gibbons judged that it was likely that partner would hold the all important kings. His reward was +1510.