



Presidential :



Just as July was a very hectic month full of important activities, so is August proving to be! We had a very humorous, informative and entertaining guest lecture by Rtn Rajendra Bhavalkar of RCP Mideast. He has a knack of story telling and he regaled the audience with several real-life experiences. After this weekly meeting on 1st August, I attended some district events. This was an educative experience for me. There was district Admin Seminar on 4th August hosted by RCP Shivajinagar. It was an interesting exposure to Admin avenue, complete with skits, etc.

We also received accolades from District 3131 for our contribution to Foundation for RY 2018-19 in a function on 10th August. We were recognized for significant contribution to TRF on per capita basis, > USD 200/- for Clubs with > 40 members. Also our PE, Rtn Makarand Phadke, got personal appreciation as best Foundation Director for RY 2018-19. He did wonderful work last year.

On 11th August, we hosted District Youth Seminar. PP Aneel Joshi was Convenor for this event. It was an interesting event packed with lots of information for Young Generation avenue. Key-note speaker, RJ Anagha Modak, spoke very eloquently and emphatically. It was a treat to listen to her. Other speaker, PDG Rtn Deepak Shikarpur, was also impressive. Both of them struck a cord with 50+ Rotaractors, who also presented two very well written and executed skits.

We installed our third Interact Club in Versatile School, Sinhagad Road, on 9th August. Our own, Ann Arusha Majali, is Vice-Principal in the School. It was an important achievement and witnessed by a few

members of our Club & Dist. Youth Team. As usual, the newly installed President of the Interact Club & its Board are all excited. They have ambitious plans for the year, full of Projects and activities.

PP Rtn Deepak Bodhani hosted an informal get-together with families of newly inducted Club members on 15th August. It was a great way to assimilate Ingale family and Rtn Pradnya Gokhale & her family in our Club. Deepak made an excellent presentation to appraise all of them about our Club, its genesis, history, past projects, etc.

Monsoon Picnic on 17th & 18th August provided an excellent opportunity for significant number of Rotarians and their families to develop special bonds with each other. It was a perfect mix of business and pleasure. It was very informative and educative to know first hand the work being done by our Club in Falode near Bhimashankar, in the area of water storage augmentation and adult literacy. We could do some long-term strategy planning with villagers for development activities too. The picnic coincided with my 66th birthday on 18th August and there was grand celebration arranged by Convenor, Rtn Datta Deshpande. I enjoyed the occasion with my Rotary family.

The "2 Minutes Jalwa" will now be held on 21st Sept. in Jyotsna Bhole Auditorium, Hira Baug. Please gear up and showcase your talent on a larger platform as the event is open to outside non-Rotarians too.

We have an event on 31st August. In lieu of Teachers' Day on 8th Sept. we are felicitating selected teachers in the function, Specializing in various branches of fine arts in schools. As always, I am eager to hear from you about anything close to your heart. Do get in touch with me. My communication channels are always open.



Mukund Chiplunkar

Inductions on 1st August :

Pradnya Gokhale



Pradnya Gokhale , an electronics engineer holds a Masters in Education. She was the Principal of Kothari National School, Pune and very recently last month has been promoted to academic director for the two Kothari schools.

Earlier to her recent assignment she was Head of Curriculum development and Teacher training at Kaveri Gifted Education Centre in Pune and is developing a math and Science curriculum for the gifted whose IQs are 130+.

Ms Gokhale is a team member working on Innovations in Education with IIT (Bombay). She was a speaker for curriculum development and design in the International conference in Sri Lanka organised by British Council last month.

Pradnya Gokhale is also a west zone British Council school ambassador. She has mentored several teachers in Action Research across India and they are now successfully awarded the global teacher accreditation award by Cambridge foundation, UK for completing their action research.

She is a British Council facilitator too and has conducted more than 50 workshops on different core skills. She is also a resource person for Education Initiatives, India and conducted workshops on critical Thinking and Science through games and toys. Apart from working in India she has also worked in Schools in Abu Dhabi.

Pradnya Gokhale is master trained by CBSE in CCE and Life skills. She is a trainer in Science and mathematics teaching. She has conducted more than 80 workshops in schools across India on activity based teaching and learning in mathematics and Science, Team building and Life skills. Some of her other areas of interest are integrating Internationalism in Curriculum, infusing values during Teaching.

Pradnya Gokhale is married since 30 years and has a son and a daughter. Husband Nitin Gokhale a Mechanical Engineer is working in Abu Dhabi in an Oil field Company. Son Aditya, has recently got married and is working in J P Morgan as a Senior Associate in New York. Daughter Archana is doing her MBA from S P Jain and has completed her engineering from COEP.

WELCOME TO METRO PARIWAR

Kavita Datta Deshpande



Present Occupation: Service- General Manager (Finance & Gen Admin). In Pratham Technologies Pvt Ltd. Educational Qualification: B.Com (Mumbai University), DTL (Pune University).

Major Achievements :

Played a role in professional Marathi theatre. Worked with Hon. Dr. Shriram Lagoo, Suhas Joshi, Rohini Hattangadi, Arun Nalawade, Kishor Kadam etc.in various famous Marathi plays like Natasamrat, Ekach Pyala, etc.

Played a major role in social Drama named “ Samanatekade Watchal” written by Jyoti Mhapsekar and directed by Sushma Deshpande. Drama was specially dedicated to empowerment of women.

Best Woman Actor prize in PYC drama competition 2018-19. Acted in various Inter Rotary Club Ekankika competitions held by Rotary Club of Shivajinagar every year. Doing comparing in various private programs.

Special interests: Music, Gardening, Reading, etc.

Travelled to more than dozen countries like Germany, UK, USA, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, France, Netherlands, Malaysia, Srilanka etc.

1st Aug. Programme report

रो. डॉ. राजेंद्र भवाळकर - लग्न पहावे दुरून नावातच दम आहे कि नाही ,नावासारखाच एक दमदार असा ,खुमासदार मनोरंजन आणि खदा खदा हसविणारा ,दुसऱ्यांची अवघड लग्ने जुळवायचा उद्योग/ उपदव्याप गेली ३८ वर्षे यशस्वी पणे करणाऱ्या रो डॉ राजेंद्र भवाळकरांचा १ ऑगस्ट चा कार्यक्रम अत्यंत रंजक आणि उत्तम झाला अपंग, जेष्ठ नागरिक ,HIV वधुवर अश्यांचे व इतर असे १५००० विवाह अक्षदा ह्या विवाह संस्थेत पार पडले आहेत. खरच पार पडले आहेत, कारण पालकांना पटवण्या पासून सत्यनारायणापर्यन्त सर्व जबाबदारी डॉ पार पाडतात हि अक्षदा ची खासीयत आहे आणि त्यात डॉ Specialist आहेत त्यांचे किस्से प्रत्यक्ष ऐकणे हीच खरी गम्मत आहे आणि ती गम्मत सर्वांनी भरभरून अनुभवली, इथे लिहिण्यात काहीच मजा नाही. आता पर्यंत डॉ ३ दा आपल्या क्लब ला आले आहेत, अनुपस्थित मेम्बर्स साठी परत पुढे संधीची वाट बघुयात



नीळकंठ

Today's Inductions : Honorary members



Kamoolkar Bipinchandra Harishchandra

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION : B.E. (Mech) , D.M.E.

WORK EXPERIENCE : Total 47 years out of which first 30 year in the Automobile industry & Various Multi nationals in

the areas such as Maintenance, Services ,Reconditioning and manufacturing of Machine Tools, Over-hauling, S.P.M. building, R & D / Tryout of Machines, CNC machines, Industrial hydraulics pneumatics, project management, TPM & ISO implementation, retro fitment of new CNC Controls, Training, Industrial Safety etc

After 30 years in the industry for **last 16 years** working as freelance trainer/consultant for Industries and Technical Institutions.

ASSIGNMENTS HELD INCLUDE :

After 30 years of Industrial experience in the most renowned Industries in the Maharashtra , such as Telco , Bajaj Tempo, Cummins ,Godrej and Boyce. Also worked for a firm in Indonesia for 3 years as G.M. and was instrumental in Installation of New Automobile factory for manufacturing Trucks, Heavy fabrication , Gear plant ,Tool Room etc. Visited Japan , USA, Europe, Germany for various Technical assignments no of times .

Presently Director of Technical Training and Consultancy firm namely MAC Hi tech Services in Pune. Official facilitator in India for " Seven Habits of Highly effective People" program by Stephen Covey. Edited a Marathi Book by the name "Akanksha pudhti jithe gagan thengane" .

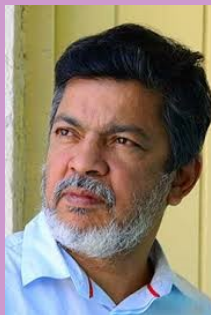
Is well known expert & pioneer in teaching CNC technology, Maintenance Management, Industrial Hydraulics in Pune. Published papers on above subjects in the national level seminars.

Regular faculty member for Indian Institute of production Engineers , Sigma consultants, St. Joseph Technical Institute etc for more than last 20 years.to teach above subjects

Other Hobbies:

Teaching technical subjects in the Technical Institutions , Acting and directing Marathi Plays, acting in TV serials as amateur artist etc Has won many prizes for acting and direction at state level competitions.

Milind Mulick



Early Profession : Worked as a freelance architectural illustrator.

Experience : Commercial designer , painting regularly, currently a full time painter

Exhibitions : 40 solo shows. 4 show in the prestigious Indian gallery Jehangir Art Gallery, Akvarellcentre, Sweden, Clement –Ferand, Rochemaure France. Centre D,art Sebastian,Saint cyr sur mer Mallorca ,Mauritius and Singapore. etc

Participated in many group shows. Paintings in various corporate collections in India and private collections india and USA, Europe, Japan, Singapore, and Australia and Mauritius

Publications : Article in various local magazines from 1995 till today

My first book was published (by - name of publisher). The book is entitled *Watercolors* (put this in italics) in 2000. It is currently in its 15th printing and a new edition will be coming out soon. My second book, entitled *Sketchbook* which was published in 2003 is currently 5th reprint.

"Perspective" and "Opaque color" published in 2004 and 2005 "Watercolor Landscape" published 2008. "At Home" "Natural inspiration" "Acrylic" "Watercolor Demonstrations" published in 2009,2011,2012,2013 respectively "Watercolor Expressions" published 2016

"Varanasi" published 2017,"Watercolour Paintings using photo reference" Article in International Artist Magazine No 36 issue in April 2004

And many articles in art magazines in UK ,France and USA

Awards for landscape in "International Artist magazine" competition.2004

Painting accepted for "American Watercolor Society" 2005 ,2006,2007 exhibit.

Teaching : have taught watercolor workshops in various places in India, and Europe, Dubai, Singapore , Mauritius and Russia.

Giving lecture demonstrations on drawing and watercolors in various art colleges in Maharashtra as a visiting faculty member. Associated with Art2Day Institute as teacher

Program Committee 2019-20				
September 2019 Calendar				Rotary Theme-Basic Education and Literacy Month
<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Date & Day</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Projects, Festivals, Public Holidays District Events, etc</u>	<u>Notes/ Actions/ Remarks</u>
1.			2 nd Sept - Lord Ganesh Festival Anant Chaturdashi – 12 September	MONTHLY TEAM – EDUCATIONIST
2.	5 th Sept, Thur	Skip	Gauri Festival	
3.	8 th Sept, Sun	Flexi/ Hatke Meeting - Ganesh Darshan, ending with Breakfast		TO BE COORDINATED BY September Monthly Team - EDUCATIONIST Hatke Meeting - 1 Visit 5 Manache Ganapati early morning followed by breakfast at Poona Guest House Kasaba, Jogeshwari, Dandushet, Mandai, Guruji Talim
4.	12 th Sept, Thur	Skip	Ganesh Visarjan	
5.	19 th Sept, Thur	Skip	Being 2 minutes Jalwa on 21 st Sept	Due to 2 Minutes Jalwa program on Sat 21 st Sept
6.	21 st Sept Sat 22 nd Sept	2 Minutes Jalwa	 District Literacy Seminar	Convener – Ann Vandana Jyotsna Bhole Sabhagriha 4-8 pm (if asked by Convener, Monthly Team to provide assistance for 2 Minute Jalwa)
7.	26 th Thursday – Weekly Meeting	Pawsali Kavita Vachan	At B.V.Rao Hall	Convener & Program detailing to be done by Monthly Team Members - Educationist

Today's Programme →

ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE METRO
DIST NO 3131 * CLUB NO 31769

Induction of Honorary Members:

- ✦ Milind Mulick
- ✦ Bipin Kamoolkar

Celebration of Birthdays & Anniversaries

“परिचय” : मेट्रोच्या नवीन सदस्यांशी

इंगळे परिवार, गोखले परिवार, परंजपे परिवार, परंढे परिवार यांच्याशी गप्पा मारतील माजी अध्यक्ष जयंत व ज्योती बोकील

गुरुवार दिनांक २२ ऑगस्ट २०१९, संध्याकाळी सव्वासात वाजता, बी.व्ही राव हॉल, डेक्कन जिमखाना

सव्वासात ते पावणेआठ : फेलोशिप, पावणेआठ ते सव्वाआठ: रोटरी बिझिनेस, सव्वाआठ नंतर : परिचय

District Youth Seminar : Chaitanya

It was almost about six months back that the then DGE Ravee Dhotre called me & told me that he wants the District Youth Seminar to be hosted by



our club. I checked up with President Mukund, who agreed for it. Further, DGE Ravee wanted me to be the convenor for this event. After a couple of meetings, the date & the name of the seminar was finalised – CHAITANYA.

Initially I made a small team of myself, President Mukund & our club's Youth Director Hemant & started planning, in short, whatever our club as a host club needs to do was streamlined, planned & fixed. As usual Ann Smita was very helpful in getting us the hall, parking & the canteen arrangements.

The registration area was handled by Shireesh, Neelkanth, Ann Mugdha, Ann Anjali, Vivek Kulkarni, Uday Subhedar, Hemant, Madhavi Chauhan, Ujjwala Shinde, Rajendra Ingle, Dilip Paranjape, Shobhana Paranjape, Arusha. A big team really as most of the registrations were to be spot registrations.,



The stage was handled by Surekha, Smita, Vandana Joglekar & Yoge-

shri Phadke. The hall arrangements were handled by Satish Shingade, Seema & Makarand. The food & tea coffee arrangements were handled by Datta, Kavita & Nimkar & later by Neelkanth. The audio visual projections which is an important part of a seminar was handled by Rajendra Majali. Almost everybody present was involved in doing something. The arrangements were immaculate & perfect to stand up to the standards of our club.



The seminar contents were planned by district Youth team. There were two keynote speakers. One, our PDG Dr. Deepak Shikarpur, who spoke on 'IT – the Indian Talent'. He covered the future of IT field in India & how Indian Youth should gear up for this future.

The other key note speech was really a feather in the cap. It was by Anagha Modak who really mesmerised the gathering. She spoke on meaningful & constructive communication. With quotes from Dnyaneshwari & Bhagvatgita she covered the topic very efficiently. She received a standing ovation. Our club felicitated her with Rs. 10,000/- & a memento. Other than this there were presentations from the youth team on Interact, Rotaract, NGSE, RYLA & RYE giving the details of these activities.

There were two skits by Rotaractors of RC Nigdi on Acid attack on girls. The other was on pros & cons of latest communication gadgets like, internet, mobiles, whats app etc. The seminar ended at around 1.30 pm. Then there was mount watering & sumptuous lunch served at the posh canteen of Symbiosis.

The total registrations received were 159. Out of these 57 were by Rotaractors. Overall it was a great & successful event hosted by our club & a good experience for all of us. District Governor Ravee congratulated us for hosting & for nicely organising the event.

 - Aneel Joshi.

Monsoon Picnic

Rotary Club of Pune Metro तर्फे मान्सून ट्रिप चे भीमाशंकर च्या परिसरात 17,18 ऑगस्ट ला आयोजन केले होते. एक फॅमिली औटिंग चा आनंद व रोटरी ऍक्टिव्हिटीज् चा आढावा यांचा सुरेख मेळ असलेली ही ट्रिप दत्ता व कविता देशपांड्यांनी पद्धतशीरपणे रचली होती. एकूण ३४ जणांचा ताफा भारतबॅझ बस ने शनिवारी सकाळी पुण्याहून नाशिकरोड च्या दिशेने रवाना झाला. जुने जाणते रोटरी कुटुंबीयांसोबत आमच्या सारखे नवीन सभासद अतिशय उत्साहाने सहभागी झालो होतो. वरिष्ठ रोटे. दिलीप परांजपे (SPDP फेम) यांनी आगळ्यावेगळ्या अंताक्षरी चा कार्यक्रम दिमाखदारपणे जमवला. नेहमीच्या गाण्यांच्या भेंड्यांऐवजी प्रत्येकाच्या समरणशक्ती ला स्फुरण देणारे 'रंग', 'प्राणी' आणि 'दागिना' असे विशिष्ट शब्द पहिल्या कडव्यात असलेल्या गाण्यांच्या भेंड्या जाम रंगल्या.

Anna उदय सुभेदार ने आपल्या सुरेल आवाजाने व अचूक कडव्यांनी सर्वांना मंत्रमुग्ध केले. Anna Dr. कीर्ती चौहान ने आणलेले माईक्स व पोर्टेबल स्पीकर असल्याने सम्पूर्ण बसने ओरकेस्ट्रा अनुभवला. फलोदे उंचावर असल्याने तेथे थंड वारा वहात होता व थोडे पावसाळी वातावरण होते. पोहोचता क्षणी गरम चहा सर्वाकरिता तयारच होता. बिन-दुधाचा गुळाचा चहा ग्रामस्थांसोबत घेतल्याने त्यांच्या चेहऱ्यावर आनंद स्पष्ट दिसत होता. पुढे आम्ही सर्वजण फलोदे च्या दक्षिण उतरंडीकडे तळ्याकाठी जमा झालो.

तेथे रोटरी क्लब पुणे-मेट्रो व फलोदे-ग्रामंचायत यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने गेल्या मे महिन्यात तळ्याचे खोलीकरण करण्यात आले होते. पावसामुळे हे तळे पूर्ण भरून गेले. या तळ्यामुळे 'नंदेचीवस्ती' येथील उन्हाळ्यातील वापराच्या पाण्याचा प्रश्न बहुतांशी सुटेल अशी अपेक्षा आहे. या तळ्याचे अनौपचारिक उद्घाटन फलोदे ग्रामस्थांसमोर पार पडले तेव्हा सर्वांच्यात उत्साहाचे व आनंदाचे वातावरण होते. त्यातच पुढे वाडीवरच्या वाचनालयात आमची जेवणाची सोय केली होती. रून व श्रावणसरी च्या लपंडावातच आम्ही वाचनालयाच्या इमारतीत पोचलो. आम्हाला सांगण्यात

आले की वीस बाय साठ फुटांची साधी इमारत ग्रामस्थांनी पूर्णतः श्रमदानातूनच उभारली होती. आम्हाला त्यांनी नाचणी व तांदळाच्या भाकर्या व काळ्या दाण्याची आमटी चे गरम जेवण वाढले. हे गावरान जेवण सर्वांनी चविष्ट पणे हादडले.

सायंकाळचा मुक्काम ब्लू मॉर्मन मध्ये ठरल्या प्रमाणे आम्ही तेथे वामकुक्षीच्या वेळेत पोचलो. सायंकाळच्या चहा नंतर वातावरण धुक्यातून मोकळे असल्याने थोडे चालून ही आलो. मग गच्चीतल्या हॉलमध्ये पुन्हा एकदा गाणी आणि महफिल रंगली. मध्यरात्री प्रेसिडेंट मुकुंद चिपळूनकारांच्या वाढदिवसानिमित्त अनघा गोखले ने घरी तयार केलेला केक सादर केला.

रविवार सकाळ कुणीही लवकर उठण्याच्या मूडमध्ये नव्हते. तशी गरज ही नव्हती. भिमाशंकरी सकाळ धुके आणि थंडीचे पांघरुण घेऊन आली. आरामात नाश्ता घेऊन बसने डिंभे धरणाच्या बॅकवॉटर परिसरातील एका गावात पोचलो. अतिशय देखणे रम्य व सुंदर डोंगराळ भागात सेल्फी घेण्याचा मोह अनेकांना पडला व बस अनेकदा थांबवावी लागली. एका लांब पुलावर चालायचे ठरवल्यावर सर्वांनी एकमताने गाडी सोडली. व आम्ही पुन्हा फलोदे च्या वाचनालयात जेवायला आलो. पुन्हा एकदा गावरान भाजीचा आस्वाद आणि या वेळी अनेकांनी शेजारील दुकानात तांदूळ, नाचणीचे लाडू, इ. वस्तूंचा बाजार लुटला.

भोजनोपरांत गावकरी म्हणाले प्रौढ साक्षरता वर्गाच्या निमित्ताने स्त्रिया एकत्र आल्यात. प्रौढ साक्षरतेमुळे पुढील अनेक सामाजिक उपक्रम सुरू झाले असे आम्हाला समजले. हे काम करण्याच्या अंजली सहस्रबुद्धेचा गावकर्यांनी केलेला सत्कार बघताना फार अभिमान वाटला.

तदनंतर आम्हा सर्वांना घरचे वेध लागले परंतु आपण रोटेरियन आहोत व रोटरी मेट्रो चे सदस्य आहोत या जाणिवेनी अत्यंत अभिमान व समाधान देणारे अनेक क्षण ट्रिप मध्ये अनुभवायला मिळाले होते.

सामाजिक व वैयक्तिक आनंदाचा मेळ घालून वेळेचे योग्य भान ठेवून आखलेली सहल आणि नियोजनाप्रमाणे पार पाडलेली सहल आम्हाला रोटरीच्या सुरुवातीच्या काळातच मिळाल्याने रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पुणे-मेट्रो च्या संयोजकांचे अभिनंदन व धन्यवाद



- Deepashree Ingale

Interact Installation Report :

VERSATILE SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB (Inspired Roots.....!)

Every school strives hard to have an all-round development of their students through various activities. Extracurricular activities play a very important role in the development of every child. It helps a child to open up their minds and also contribute to their overall academic profile. To have an all-round development and to inculcate good values in our students, Versatile School has chosen to start with an Interact Club under the able guidance of Rotary Club of Pune Metro.

The Interact Committee of RCPM under the leadership of Director of Young Generations; Rtn. Hemant Atre had a meeting to discuss about this new venture. Rtn. Hemant prepared a very informative presentation to make the students and parents of Versatile School aware about the contribution of 'Rotary' in our society. PP. Jayant played a very important role in guiding the whole process.

The Installation ceremony was well planned by the Interact committee. President Mukund, Secretary Sneha, Rtn. Hemant, Rtn. Surekha & Rtn. Dilip attended the function. It was a great pleasure to have Rtn. Prakash Awachat from the District Interact Committee to attend the event. Rtn. Prakash delivered a very inspiring speech to the students. President Mukund and Rtn. Hemant also expressed their pleasure to start the club. They also made the students aware about their duties towards the society.

The Interact board was formed comprising of the President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and the Treasurer. The other committees were formed to have easy functioning of the club. Students really felt very proud and responsible to take up their duties. The function was also attended by the Founder Secretary of Versatile School, Mrs. Sanjana Nikam, the Principal Mrs. Vandana Bolakhe and the teachers.

I am very sure that my students will definitely learn to prioritize and manage their time well, gain insights into possible career aspirations and emerge as responsible citizens, by participating in the Interact club activities that are beyond traditional academics. This

is the very first year of Interact activities in Versatile School and I am sure the efforts taken by the committee and other RCPM members will surely prepare the students to pass the torch of "Inspired Roots" ahead. I am also very happy and take pride in playing the role of a mediator and be a strong bridge between my students and my RCPM to carry on this motivational journey.

- Ann Arusha Majali,
Vice-Principal,
Versatile School, Pune.



Bridge-4

This was my last issue puzzle Very happy to report, that many of you could find the answer. This was the whole deal

	North		East
	♠ 10 9 8 7		
	♥ x x x		
	♦ K Q x		
	♣ x x x		
West			East
♠ A K J 3 2			8 5 4
♥ A K 4 3			Q 8 2
♦ 6 3			A 5
♣ A K			8 7 4 3 2
	South		
	♠ Q		
	♥ x x x		
	♦ J x x x x x		
	♣ Q J x		

After the lead of Diamond king, which was won in dummy, on low spade Queen appeared. Declarer took the Ace. The only chance to make the slam was to find hearts divided 3-3 and he did not want to lose the trump control. In bridge, if you think that specific layout of cards will fulfill your contract, you have to assume the same and proceed. **Fortune favors the brave.** Without drawing trumps declarer went with three rounds of hearts and on the fourth heart he discarded a low diamond from dummy. North could rough if he wanted, but the slam was home! This week's problem is also simple

Against 4 H contract of South, west leads King of clubs followed by a small club taken by east's ace. East switches to spade. How does south proceed?

North	South
♠ 10 x x	♠ A K x
♥ 9 x x	♥ A K Q 10
♦ J 10 x x x	♦ A K Q x
♣ x x	♣ x x
Friends, now let us go back to standard	♣ -1

Request you to remember the basics: Bridge is a partnership game and you need combined assets of the partnership to win! I had also said that, the game has two parts, the auction or bidding, where the four players bid in a clockwise rotation describing their hands, and the play, where the side that wins the bidding auction tries to take the tricks necessary to fulfill their contract

Bidding is the language of bridge. Its purpose is to relay information about the strengths and weaknesses of each player's hand to his partner. A bid consists of a number and a suit (spades (♠), hearts (♥), diamonds (♦), clubs (♣) or no trump (NT), The suits are assigned value with notrump the highest and clubs the lowest. A one heart bid means the pair intends to take six tricks plus one, or seven tricks total, with hearts as trump. In the bidding phase, the dealer makes the first call, either a pass or a bid, and the auction proceeds clockwise until it is ended by three successive players saying "Pass." The final bid becomes the "contract." This means that one pair has contracted to make a certain number of tricks (six plus the number indicated in the bid) in a particular suit or in no trump

The first player to name the suit of the final contract – or the first to bid no-trump, if that is the case – becomes the “declarer.” The person to the left of the declarer makes the opening lead, and the declarer’s partner, the “dummy,” places his hand face up on the table. At this point, the “dummy” becomes an observer while his partner, the “declarer,” plays the cards from his own and the “dummy” hand. A pair fulfills its contract by winning tricks equal to or more than the number bid. A trick consists of four cards, one from each player’s hand, played in clockwise order.

Beginners, please read the above carefully. With this information, you can watch the game with interest.

The first step when you are dealt with cards is to assemble your cards according to the suit (eg. Club , diamond , heart and spade) and decide your strength. The strength is decided by the high card points

Ace = 4; king = 3; queen = 2; jack = 1.

For a beginner, you need at least 13 counts to open your mouth . You can get more adventurous as you become an expert!

The dealer has the first chance to bid. If the dealer has at least 13 high card points in the hand and a suit, dealer makes a bid to let his partner know which suit he prefers. If the dealer doesn’t have many high cards and doesn’t want to make a bid, he says “pass.”

Bids must be made according to the hierarchy of suits: clubs, diamonds, hearts, spades and finally no trump. Thus, if 1♣ is the opening bid, the next hand to bid must bid at least 1♦, the next hand at least 1♥ and so on. If declarer were to open 1♣, the next bid would have to be 1NT or 2♣, 2♦ or 2♥.

After the dealer makes a decision, each player in turn has an opportunity to either bid or pass. At the end of the bidding, each partnership will have decided on the suit it wants to name as trumps and if it has enough strength (high cards) to bid for the privilege of naming trumps. Or one partnership will have passed, letting the opponents pick the trump suit in return for committing to winning a certain number of tricks. The bidding ends when three players in succession say “pass.”

With 13 or more points, open the bidding with one of your longest suits. **A cardinal rule here, heart and spade are known as major suits and you must have five cards to open the suit**

With 15 to 17 high-card points and a balanced hand (one where all suits are represented with at least two or more cards), open 1NT (no trump).

The partners on a bridge team have certain roles to play. The opening bidder describes his hand to his partner. The partner then adds his own counts to the opener’s hand and decides whether the partnership assumes the role of deciding on the best denomination and the best level for the final contract. The partner of the opening bidder knows more about the combined strength of the two hands after hearing the opening bid and looking at his own hand.

You need combined strength of 25-26 points for a game in No trump (3 No trumps), 26-27 points to bid 4 H or 4 spades and 27-28 points to bid 5 Clubs or 5 Diamonds

This is another cardinal rule

As we all become more proficient, we shall tackle the PRECISION CLUB system!



- Bhushan Mahajan

Highlights : 2nd BoD Meeting on 4th August

Major Decisions taken in 2nd BoD Meeting on 4th August 2019



1. FDs in Cosmos Bank and deposits with HDFC Ltd will not be renewed on maturity. The proceeds will be invested in new FDs in Bank of Baroda. Nationalized banks to be preferred over private banks and Companies for making FDs.

2. Four members who were in our membership list on 1st July 2019, but decided to discontinue thereafter, would be requested to reimburse RI & District dues paid on their behalf for FY 2019-20 by the Club.