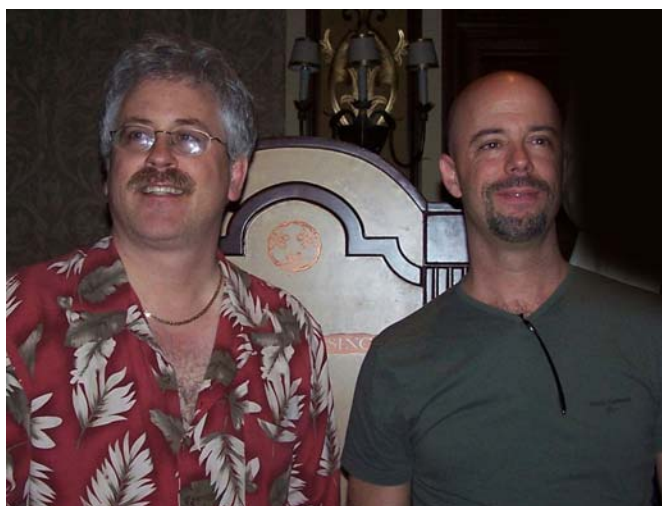


The Cavendish Invitational

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Eric Rodwell and Geoff Hampson Win 2008 Cavendish Invitational in a Squeaker!



Eric Rodwell & Geoff Hampson

Joel Wooldridge and Tom Carmichael Victorious in 2008 WBP Pairs



Joel Wooldridge & Tom Carmichael

Cavendish Invitational Final Standings

1	3367.76	Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell
2	3017.24	Gary Cohler - Sam Lev
3	2827.04	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein
4	2497.24	Neil Chambers - John Schermer
5	2492.20	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver
6	1830.74	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack
7	1660.76	Jacek Pszczola - Jerzy Zaremba
8	1651.76	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss
9	1597.24	Per Erik Austberg - Jon-Egil Furunes
10	1308.24	Chris Compton - Bob Hamman
11	1276.76	Michael Elinescu - Entschow Wladow
12	1206.76	Russell Ekeblad - Jan Jansma
13	1139.24	Michael Rosenberg - Christal Henner-Welland
14	1053.24	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness
15	1028.76	James Cayne - Alfredo Versace
16	1021.24	ARichard Jedrychowski - Wojtek Olanski
17	988.00	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith
18	982.76	Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel
19	882.76	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmerman
20	700.76	Gilad Altshuler - David Birman
21	660.76	Ionut Coldea - Cornell Teodorescu
22	641.76	Jeff Meckstroth - Roy Welland
23	427.76	Marc Bompis - Jean Quantin
24	265.24	Jacob Morgan - Michael Polowan
25	223.20	Bart Bramley - John Kranyak
26	11.24	Pablo Lombardi - Juan Carlos Ventin
27	-70.24	Joe Grue - Gavin Wolpert
28	-231.76	Kevin Bathurst - Justin Lall
29	-304.72	Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard
30	-400.20	John Diamond - Jim Krekorian
31	-466.76	Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom
32	-502.24	George Mittelman - Melih Ozdil
33	-550.76	Drew Casen - Mike Passell
34	-559.24	Amos Kaminski - Shaya Levit
35	-657.24	Fu Zhong - Jie Zhao
36	-751.76	Knut Blakset - Mathias Bruun
37	-757.04	Boye Brogeland - Rita Shugart
38	-922.76	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis
39	-1041.00	Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin
40	-1043.74	Albert Faigenbaum - Romain Zaleski
41	-1213.76	Zia Mahmood - Charles Wigoder
42	-1216.24	Erik Saelensminde - Jan-Peter Svendsen
43	-1223.24	Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis
44	-1257.28	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky
45	-1560.24	Apolinary Kowalski - Vitas Vainikonis
46	-1585.76	Seymon Deutsch - Jaggy Shivdasani
47	-1596.20	Paul Chemla - Michel Lebel
48	-1621.24	Alain Levy - Herve Mouiel
49	-1751.76	Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees
50	-1919.76	Walid Elahmady - Tarek Sadek
51	-2165.76	Fred Stewart - Kit Woolsey
52	-2192.76	Ralph Buchalter - Migry Zur Campanile
53	-3621.24	George Jacobs - Ralph Katz
54	-3767.76	Veronel Lungu - Daniel Savin

WBP Final Standings

1	766.00	Joel Wooldridge - Thomas Carmichael
2	754.00	Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord
3	497.00	Connie Goldberg - Bill Eisenberg
4	486.00	Mark Epstein - Roberta Epstein
5	412.00	Philip Gordon - Jason Feldman
6	307.00	Jim Mahaffey - Peter Weichsel
7	298.00	Robert Hollman - Bruce Ferguson
8	136.00	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg
9	104.00	Fred Hamilton - Wafik Abdou
10	87.00	Leo Bell - John Jones
11	-41.00	Marshall Miles - Stephen Goldstein
12	-42.00	Michael McNamara - Sylwia McNamara
13	-55.00	Jeff Fang - David Yang
14	-63.00	Mike Cappelletti - John Morris
15	-70.00	Kerri Sanborn - Stephen Sanborn
16	-213.00	Stig Farholt - Jacob Ron
17	-238.00	Gene Freed - William Wickham
18	-433.00	Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon
19	-434.00	Lisa Berkowitz - Marvin Deneroff
20	-586.00	Patty Cayne - Charles Weed
21	-695.00	Lynn Baker - Karen McCallum
22	-1027.00	Marc Jacobus - Lou Ann O'Rourke

2008 WBP Pairs Overall Awards

	<u>AUCTION</u>	<u>PLAYERS</u>
1ST	11,084	4,040
2ND	7,917	2,888
3RD	5,702	2,080
4TH	4,117	1,502
5TH	2,850	1,040

Session Awards

3rd Session	
1st Place	1,000

2008 Cavendish Invitational Section Awards

Owners Pool

1st Session

1st \$2,500 Brink - Drijver

2nd Session

1st \$4,000 Levin - Weinstein

2nd \$2,500 Meckstroth - Welland

3rd Session

1st \$6,500 Bathurst - Lall

2nd \$5,000 Deutsch - Shivdasani

3rd \$2,500 Brogeland - Shugart

4th Session

1st \$12,500 Cohler - Lev

2nd \$9,500 Multon - Zimmerman

3rd \$5,000 Helgemo - Helness

4th \$2,500 Cayne - Versace

5th Session

1st \$20,000 Elinescu - Wladow

2nd \$12,000 Pszczola - Zaremba

3rd \$8,000 Mittelman - Ozdil

4th \$5,000 Chambers - Schermer

5th \$2,500 Levin - Weinstein

Players Pool

\$5,000

\$3,000

\$2,500

Cavendish Invitational Pairs Overall Awards

Position	Auction Pool	Player Pool
1 st	\$275,240	\$28,812
2 nd	176,940	18,522
3 rd	117,960	12,348
4 th	88,470	9,260
5 th	78,640	8,232
6 th	68,810	7,204
7 th	58,980	6,174
8 th	49,150	5,144
9 th	39,320	4,116
10 th	29,490	3,088

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session IV

Bd: 17 Dlr: N Vul: Neither

North		
S. K J 6		
H. 8 7 2		
D. J 10 9 2		
C. Q 9 3		
West		East
S. A Q 10 9 8 4		S. 7
H. 4		H. A 10 9 3
D. A 8 7		D. Q 5 4 3
C. J 10 2		C. A K 8 4
South		
S. 5 3 2		
H. K Q J 6 5		
D. K 6		
C. 7 6 5		

Peter Fredin declared 3NT here – Zia was South and Wigoder was North – on an auction where South had preempted in hearts. The early play was predictable: HK ducked, DK (1) ducked, diamond to the DQ, and a spade to the S10 and SJ. A heart back would have been good enough but Wigoder returned the DJ to the DA. Four rounds of clubs followed:

North		
K 6		
8 7		
J		
—		
West		East
A Q 9 8 4		—
—		A 10 9
—		5
—		4
South		
5 3		
Q J 6		
—		
—		

Declarer cashed the C4, his 6th winner, so needing three more. South pitched a spade, and North was still not sure he could afford a spade (after all, South had shown six hearts, two diamonds, and three clubs!). Had he thrown a heart,

Declarer would have cashed the HA and end-played North in diamonds; instead he pitched his winning diamond! Fredin cashed his diamond and South pitched a heart and North pitched a heart. Now Fredin tried to exit with a low heart to end-play South who got out with his last spade, and North took trick 13 with the SK

Bd: 22 Dlr: E Vul: E-W

North		
S. 5 3		
H. K J 8 2		
D. 10 8 2		
C. A Q 4 2		
West		East
S. A K Q 4 2		S. 10 8 7
H. A Q 10 4 3		H. 7 5
D. Q 4		D. J 9 7
C. 9		C. K J 6 5 3
South		
S. J 9 6		
H. 9 6		
D. A K 6 5 3		
C. 10 8 7		

	Welland	S. Blanchard	Meckstroth	B. Blanchard
			Pass	Pass
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
3H	Pass	3S	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	4S	All Pass	

Once Meckstroth responded to 1S (was that really necessary), Welland drove his side to game. Shane found the excellent trump lead, and when Welland put in the 7, Bob kept up the good work by ducking. Welland, in dummy, took the heart finesse, lost, and a second trump came back, and now when Welland tried to ruff a heart in dummy the defense got the over-ruff, three minor suit winners and a heart at the end for down 300.

Buffett Cup Challenge Match

September 15-18, 2008
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Bd: 24 Dlr: W Vul: Neither

North
 S. A Q J 7
 H. K 7
 D. 2
 C. A K Q J 8 7

West	East
S. 10 9 8 4	S. K 6 5 3
H. 10 5 2	H. A J 9
D. 10 8 5 3	D. Q 9 7
C. 10 5	C. 6 3 2

South
 S. 2
 H. Q 8 6 4 3
 D. A K J 6 4
 C. 9 4

How should you play the contract of 6C - one that was reached at quite a few tables? It's easy unless they lead a trump. Russ Ekeblad got a trump lead and put up the C9 (Just in case!). Had it held he had several options (a heart towards the king ensures the contract with the HA on his left) but the C9 was covered. Russ elected to play the SA and SQ now and that was the 12th trick. He could pitch his spade loser on the top diamond after drawing trumps.

a spade to the SQ, and a spade back (perhaps a club up might have been more discreet) and when Bompis showed out, the roof fell in. The defense cashed four spades and a heart back cut declarer's communication for any squeeze.

Zia was hard at work here too. After a heart lead to the HJ, declarer played a spade to the S10 and SJ. North ducked the heart return so Zia won the H10 and shifted to the D8 to the DJ. Declarer led a spade to the queen, unblocked the DK, and led a club to the CJ and CQ. Now he cashed the DA, and in the ending:

	North	
	5	
	A Q	
	—	
	A 3	
West		East
A 8 4		—
—		K 8
—		Q
10 4		K 9
	South	
	6	
	—	
	10	
	8 7 5	

Bd: 25 Dlr: N Vul: N-S

North
 S. Q 5 3 2
 H. A Q J 2
 D. K 6
 C. A 6 3

West	East
S. A J 9 8 4	S. 7
H. 7 4	H. K 10 8 6 5
D. 9 7 4	D. Q 8 5 2
C. 10 4 2	C. K J 9

South
 S. K 10 6
 H. 9 3
 D. A J 10 3
 C. Q 8 7 5

Declarer led a club to the ace on which Zia completed his unblocks in clubs by pitching the king. Wigoder's hand was now high so when declarer exited with a club the defense had the rest.

Bd: 26 Dlr: E Vul: Both

North
 S. A 7 5
 H. J 8 6 5
 D. A K
 C. K J 9 3

West	East
S. K 9 3 2	S. Q J 10
H. K	H. Q 10 9 7 3
D. J 10 8 6	D. 5 4 2
C. 10 8 7 4	C. Q 6

South
 S. 8 6 4
 H. A 4 2
 D. Q 9 7 3
 C. A 5 2

3N on the N/S cards is no thing of beauty, but Chip Martel played there and was pleased to see the H9 hold trick one. Pleased did I say? With the lead in dummy, he was poorly placed to tackle any of the side suits. He elected to lead the

Steve Weinstein (North) played 3NT on a heart lead ducked to the HA and cashed the DQ. At this point

North	
—	
J 8	
—	
K J 9	
West	East
9	—
—	Q 10 9 7
J	—
10 8 7	Q
South	
—	
A 4	
9	
5 2	

East could be counted out inferentially as 3-5-3-2. (Had East shown out on the DQ, Weinstein would have had to guess where the CQ was.) As it was, Weinstein led a club to the C9 for a guaranteed end-play on East. He had to give dummy a trick and a heart entry for the repeat club finesse.

**2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs
Session V**

Bd: 4 Dlr: W Vul: Both

North		
S. K Q 9 7 6 5		
H. 6 3		
D. J 7		
C. 9 4 2		
West		East
S. —		S. A 4 2
H. A K 10 8 4		H. J 7 5
D. A K 10 5 4		D. Q 9 8 6 2
C. Q 10 7		C. J 6
South		
S. J 10 8 3		
H. Q 9 2		
D. 3		
C. A K 8 5 3		

Cohler-Lev are not an especially experienced partnership and Cohler was faced with a vicious problem here. As East, he saw the following auction:

West	North	East	South
1H	2S	3H	4S
5D	Pass	??	

Was 5D natural or cue-bid; did it deny a club control? I was sitting behind Gary and was able to confirm with him that he would have passed if he could. But failing that, he raised to 6D, not cuebidding the SA in case the lead was critical... was it ever! Martel was torn between the black-suits, but settled for a top spade.

Bd: 8 Dlr: W Vul: Neither

North		
S. Q 10 5 3		
H. A K 8		
D. 9 7 5		
C. 10 9 6		
West		East
S. A J 7 4 2		S. K 9
H. Q 9 6 4		H. J 7 3
D. 6		D. J 10 8
C. A K Q		C. J 8 5 4 3
South		
S. 8 6		
H. 10 5 2		
D. A K Q 4 3 2		
C. 7 2		

Even at the Cavendish, there is a place for routine technique – but one man’s routine is another man’s stumbling block. Roy Welland declarer 3D after his opponents had started 1S-1N-2H-2S. West led the CK and in my opinion with the C10 in dummy East should signal count (after all if the CK holds, declarer can’t have the CAJ). It’s ok for West to try to cash a second top club but then he must shift to a heart before declarer can create a discard for his heart loser on the spade. This needs partner to have the SK and HJ – but if he has any other assets, the part-score surely cannot be beaten.

**35th Cavendish
Invitational**

May 6-10, 2009

Bd: 9 **Dlr: N** **Vul: E-W**

North

S. 6 2
H. 4 2
D. J 10 8 4 2
C. K 8 6 5

West

S. K Q 10 9 7
H. 10 7 3
D. A Q
C. A 9 4

East

S. J
H. A K J 9 8 6 5
D. K 9 6
C. J 2

South

S. A 8 5 4 3
H. Q
D. 7 5 3
C. Q 10 7 3

All the chasing pack would be happy to see a deal like this one. A marginal slam, cold except on the killing lead (see bd. 4). Brink/Drijver bid 4H-4N-5H-6H and Helgemo led the SA against Brink/Drijver. Welland overcalled 1S against Bessis and when they bid to a slam he led a club, as did Levin on a similar auction. Chris Compton had a different problem. He heard his opponents bid to 6NT after Hamman had overcalled in spades. Which minor to lead? When asked after the hand, he answered, "When the opponents show a long suit, I always lead away from my honors. It's my rule."

Bd: 16 **Dlr: W** **Vul: E-W**

Levin-Weinstein were in need of some action, and they certainly found it! This feels like the sort of deal where you want to defend not declare; it certainly worked out that way.

North

S. 7 6 5
H. K J 7
D. 3 2
C. J 10 9 3 2

West

S. 8 3
H. Q 8 6 5 3
D. 10 8
C. K Q 5 4

East

S. Q J 9 4
H. 2
D. A Q 6 4
C. A 8 7 6

South

S. A K 10 2
H. A 10 9 4
D. K J 9 7 5
C. ———

Welland	Weinstein	Meckstroth	Levin
Pass	Pass	1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

You can certainly question Jeff Meckstroth's decision not to retreat to 2C over 1NT or especially over the double. But that is neither here nor there. Weinstein had done well to sit the double. When he led a top club, Welland had four top winners and probably needs to exit with a heart at trick two to avoid opening up the side-suits to his opponents' advantage. He actually chose to win the CQ and run the spade eight. Levin won cheaply and shifted to a low heart, and the defenders led diamonds and hearts in turn until they had nine top tricks, and a discarding error gave them a tenth for a cool 1100.

Bd: 17 **Dlr: N** **Vul: Neither**

North

S. A 10 9 6 2
H. 7 2
D. K 10
C. A K 8 4

West

S. Q 8 3
H. 9 5
D. 9 6 3
C. Q 7 6 5 3

East

S. K J 7 5
H. Q J 6 3
D. A Q J 8
C. 10

South

S. 4
H. A K 10 8 4
D. 7 5 4 2
C. J 9 2

With Meckstroth smarting for revenge after the previous deal, he heard his opponents bid 1S-1NT-2C and now he doubled. Welland sat it out and collected nine tricks on the trump lead. -280 was not so terrible for E/W given what went on elsewhere. For example against Zia (South) and Wigoder, where Wigoder opened 1S and heard his LHO overcall 1NT. Now the doubling started and West ran to 2C, East redoubled, and West declared 2Dx. On a top club lead and heart shift Zia won the HK, got his spade ruff, and led HK then a third heart. East ruffed with D9 and was overruffed with the 10. A spade ruff with the four, a heart ruff with the king, and a fourth spade allowed the D7 to score by force, which must surely be some kind of record!

Down 800 as East took the four trump tricks and nothing else.

Chambers/Schermer also defended diamonds as N/S when Helness overcalled 1NT as East and ran to 2C when doubled. He was planning to redouble, and was doubtless not best pleased to hear Helgemo raise to 3C! The redouble got Helgemo to 3D...the good news if such there was, was that declarer kept his D9 to the right moment and also escaped for 800.

Bd: 21 Dlr: N Vul: N-S

North

S. K 3
H. A 8 5 4 3
D. Q 10 9
C. 10 8 3

West

S. 9 5
H. K Q 10 9
D. 7 5
C. K Q 9 6 4

East

S. J 10 6 2
H. J 7 6
D. A J 4 3
C. J 7

South

S. A Q 8 7 4
H. 2
D. K 8 6 2
C. A 5 2

A normal spade part-score, at all tables? Not if you are Paul Chemla, the French equivalent of the Rueful Rabbit (le lapin agile maybe?). He sat South and opened 1S, heard a 2C overcall and a negative double from his passed partner, and naturally bid 2D. when his partner jumped to 3H he suspected something had gone amiss; when he looked down at the bidding tray he saw that he had bid 2H not 2D!! now he tried to recover by bidding 3NT; no dice; an unsympathetic Michel Lebel bid 4H, and he converted to 4S, doubled on his right.

At this point he needed a deus ex machina, and it arrived in the form of West who compounded his inelegant overcall with an unfortunate lead – the D7 to the nine, jack, and king. Chemla cashed two trumps ending in hand and played HA and ruffed a heart. A diamond to the DQ and DA saw East shift to a club. Chemla took the ace, crossed to the D10 to ruff a heart, and the SQ and DK represented ten tricks. Three spades, a heart a club three diamonds and two ruffs.

Until Next Year...

Bd: 24 Dlr: W Vul: Neither

North

S. K 8 6
H. A 8
D. A 7 4
C. A K 9 4 3

West

S. A 5 4
H. 9 7 5 4 3
D. K 2
C. Q 7 6

East

S. Q J 10
H. K 2
D. J 8 5 3
C. J 10 8 2

South

S. 9 7 3 2
H. Q J 10 6
D. Q 10 9 6
C. 5

3NT from the North seat is no thing of beauty but it was a popular spot from North. On the lead of SQ to the SA and a second spade declarer won in hand and played HA and another heart. The defenders shifted to a club, cutting declarer's communications, and now he needs to play a diamond to the ten. If he does so, he has nine tricks.

When Compton was East he led the SQ and Hamman ducked his ace, so declarer won his king and played HA and another heart. Compton shifted to a club to the queen and king, and declarer now erred by playing DA and another diamond instead of a low one. Hamman took the DK and led a low spade to Compton, and a spade back to the SA let Hamman exit with a heart. Dummy was endplayed to give East the DJ at trick 13.

With three deals to go the top three pairs were separated by less than 6 total IMPs or 160 cross-IMP. Levin-Weinstein did nothing wrong in the last round but had three slightly below-par results to lose 10 real IMPs and stay third. This was the final deal.

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Final Deal...

Bd: 27

Dlr: S

Vul: Neither

North

S. K 9 2

H. Q J 8 6 3

D. 7 6 3

C. K 4

West

S. J 8 7 5 3

H. A 2

D. J 4

C. Q J 6 2

East

S. Q 6

H. K 7 4

D. 9 8 2

C. A 10 8 7 5

South

S. A 10 4

H. 10 9 5

D. A K Q 10 5

C. 9 3

Lev as West heard 1D on his right and he passed, and his opponents then conducted an invitational auction to 2H, which he passed out. Had he guessed to balanced with 2S he would have collected 110 or driven his opponents to a non-making contract. Hampson as South opened 1 14-16 no-trump and when Rodwell transferred to hearts and invited with 2NT he guessed to pass – and was right up to a point since 3H can be beaten on a spade ruff, though it is hard to find. But 2NT was no bed of roses either if West could lead a club; the defense have the first seven tricks. As it was West led a spade and declarer took the first eight. The swing to Rodwell/Hampson of +55 – instead of -120 left them the winners by 330. That meant that even if Lev had balanced and gone +110, they would still have been winners by a handful of imps.

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