

The Cavendish

Invitational

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HELGEMO-HELNESS LEAD

CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL PAIRS

WITH ONE TO GO!

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| 1. 2725.73 Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness | 17. 950.42 Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky |
| 2. 2679.77 Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue | 18. 811.00 Tom Hanlon - Hugh McGann |
| 3. 2610.62 Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees | 19. 683.96 Bob Hamman - Zia Mahmood |
| 4. 2501.38 Drew Casen - Mike Passell | 20. 678.58 Haojun Shi - Ze Jun Zhuang |
| 5. 2244.00 Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein | 21. 613.84 Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel |
| 6. 1399.15 Michael Elinescu - Entscho Wladow | 22. 561.80 Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens |
| 7. 1323.85 Bjorn Fallenius - Richard Schwartz | 23. 198.15 Patrick Huang - Bobby Wolff |
| 8. 1286.04 John Kranyak - Gavin Wolpert | 24. 90.35 Marc Bompis - Jean Quantin |
| 9. 1240.58 Peter Fredin - Michael Moss | 25. 53.00 Jeroen Bruggeman - Gert-Jan Paulissen |
| 10. 1227.84 Russ Ekeblad - Eric Rodwell | 26. 44.65 Valerio Giubilo - Alfredo Versace |
| 11. 1147.19 Bart Bramley - Justin Lall | 27. 37.92 Stephen Landen - Pratap Rajadhyaksha |
| 12. 1122.39 Christal Welland - Michael Rosenberg | 28. -118.38 George Jacobs - Ralph Katz |
| 13. 1117.19 Robert Blanchard - Sam Lev | 29. -122.81 Jens Auken - Soren Christiansen |
| 14. 1040.54 Agustin Madala - Antonio Sementa | 30. -165.96 Amos Kaminski - Shaya Levit |
| 15. 1019.19 Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson | 31. -181.54 Ashley Bach - Mike Cornell |
| 16. 1018.23 Ron Smith - Jason Feldman | 32. -205.69 Bartosz Chmurski - Piotr Gawrys |

CHORUSH-LALL LEAD

10TH ANNUAL WBP PAIRS

AFTER TWO SESSIONS OF PLAY

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| 1. 797.08 Ira Chorush - Hemant Lall | 10. 241.00 Leonard Ernst - Wojciech Kurkowski |
| 2. 572.00 Jeff Fang - Erez Hendelman | 11. 203.00 Leo Bell - Marshall Miles |
| 3/4. 544.00 Mark Lair - Jim Mahaffey | 12. 186.00 Gail Greenberg - Jeffrey Hand |
| 3/4. 544.00 Tom Carmichael - Joel Wooldridge | 13. 176.00 Kathrine Bertheau - Johan Upmark |
| 5. 537.00 Ann Levy - Sylvie Wellard | 14. 46.00 Mike Cappelletti - John Morris |
| 6. 417.83 Fred Hamilton - John Jeffrey | 15. 17.00 Michael & Sylwia McNamara |
| 7. 371.08 Dan Jacob - Dick Yarrington | 16. -12.00 Connie Goldberg - Renee Mancuso |
| 8. 347.00 Frank Treiber - James Cunningham | 17. -36.00 Margie Gwozdzinsky - Cathy Strauch |
| 9. 326.83 Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon | 18. -61.42 Rajeev Gupta - Joyjit Sarma |

2007 WBP Pairs Overall Awards

Position	Auction Pool	Player Pool
1 st	9,850	4,850
2 nd	6,567	3,234
3 rd	4,766	2,352
4 th	3,582	1,764
5 th	2,985	1,470
6 th	2,090	1,030

Session Awards

Third Session

1st Place 1,000

WBP Pairs Auction		
PAIR	AMT	OWNER
1. Gail Greenberg, Jeff Hand	1,100	Abdou
2. Fared Assemi, Edward Wojewoda	1,300	Martel
3. Leo Bell, Marshall Miles	1,100	Gwozdzinsky
4. Fred Hamilton, Barbara Hamman	1,000	Hamilton
5. Mike Cappelletti, John Morris	1,200	Morris
6. Lenny Ernst, Wojcieh Kurkowski	1,000	Ernst
7. Mark Lair, Jim Mahaffey	1,500	Compton
8. Sheila Ekeblad, Michael Seamon	1,000	S. Ekeblad
9. Connie Goldberg, Renee Mancuso	1,300	Eaton
10. Ira Chorush, Hemant Lall	2,200	Mahaffey
11. Rajib Gupta, Joyjit Sen Sarma	1,000	Gupta
12. Josh Donn, Bruce Rubin	1,000	Donn
13. Marc Jacobus, LouAnn O'Rourke	1,000	O'Rourke
14. Mike Albert, Gary Zeiger	1,000	Albert
15. Alex Kolesnik, Roberto Scaramuzzi	1,000	Kolesnik
16. Brian Glubok, David Hoffner	1,700	Mahaffey
17. Shane Blanchard, Owen Lien	1,100	Abdou
18. Jim Eastham, Dan McGuire	1,000	Eastham
19. Chester Johnston, Jim Murphy	1,000	Johnston
20. Margie Gwozdzisky, Cathy Strauch	1,000	Strauch
21. Ann Levy, Sylvie Wellard	1,600	Zimmermann
22. Kathrine Bertheau, Johan Upmark	1,300	Abdou
23. Jeff Fang, Erez Hendelman	1,100	Greenberg
24. Michael McNamara, Silwia McNamara	1,000	McNamara
25. Dan Jacob, Dick Yarrington	1,100	Mahaffey
26. James Cunningham, Frank Trieber III	1,000	Cunningham
27. Robert Todd, Bob Soni	1,000	Todd
28. Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge	2,100	Abdou

Cabendish Invitational Section Winners		
SESSION 1		
1st	Agustin Madala - Antonio Sementa	\$2,500
SESSION 2		
1st	Michael Elinescu - Entschow Wladow	\$4,000
2nd	John Kranyak - Gavin Wolpert	\$2,500
SESSION 3		
1st	Russ Ekeblad - Eric Rodwell	\$6,500
2nd	Tom Hanlon - Hugh McGann	\$5,000
3rd	Amos Kaminski - Shaya Levit	\$2,500
SESSION 4		
1st	Drew Casen - Mike Passell	\$12,500
2nd	Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue	\$9,500
3rd	Chih-Kuo Shen - Jui-Yiu Shih	\$5,000
4th	Roy Welland - Chris Willenken	\$2,500
SESSION 5		
1st		\$20,000
2nd		\$12,000
3rd		\$8,000
4th		\$5,000
5th		\$2,500

2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs - Session 3

Bd: 1
Dlr: N Vul: None

<p>S. K Q 7 5 4 H. 6 2 D. K J 8 2 C. 8 6</p> <p>S. 10 3 2 H. K J 10 7 4 D. Q 5 4 3 C. 7</p> <p>S. J 6 H. A Q 9 3 D. 10 9 7 6 C. Q 4 3</p>	<p>S. A 9 8 H. 8 5 D. A C. A K J 10 9 5 2</p>	
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Billy Eisenberg scored a goal for his side here. He opened 1C, heard a 1H response, and Joe Grue came in with 1S. Any guesses as to Billy's next call? A jump to 3NT would not work – The defenders can get diamonds going after the SJ is ducked. Billy tried the “intellectual” 2D and when he was raised to 3D he bid 3NT.

Curtis Cheek on lead could infer Billy “must” have a singleton heart so he led the HA, and shifted to spades. Billy won the second spade and crossed to the HK to finesse clubs for his 9 tricks.

Bd: 2
Dlr: E Vul: N-S

<p>S. Q J H. K Q J 9 6 5 3 D. 8 6 3 2 C. —</p> <p>S. 10 7 H. A 10 D. — C. K Q 10 9 7 6 5 3 2</p> <p>S. A K 8 5 4 H. 4 2 D. J 10 9 5 C. A J</p>	<p>S. 9 6 3 2 H. 8 7 D. A K Q 7 4 C. 8 4</p>	
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Grue-Cheek got it back on the next hand when Eisenberg's adventure in Diamond-Land proved less wonderful. He opened 2D, and now over a 2S overcall, Abdou bid 3C, but then saved in 5C over 4H. Both his opponents were unable to bid any more because of their diamond length, and Cheek was thus endplayed into doubling 5C.

+300 was one of the very few plus scores for N/S. But

Rogoff-Verhees did better...they played 5H after 1S (5C) 5H All pass. East led the DK, and West...ruffed to try to give his partner the club ruff. OOPS...that was +650.

Bd: 4
Dlr: W Vul: Both

<p>S. 9 4 2 H. A K Q 6 3 D. 6 2 C. K J 7</p>	<p>S. K J 7 H. J 7 2 D. K 10 7 C. A Q 10 5</p> <p>S. A 8 6 5 3 H. 10 5 4 D. 5 4 3 C. 9 2</p>	<p>S. Q 10 H. 9 8 D. A Q J 9 8 C. 8 6 4 3</p>
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It looks normal for North to come in with a double over 1H, whereupon N/S will compete to 2S over a red-suit, and go down 200 there on normal play.

Defending 2H N/S can lead a low spade to the SA, then three rounds of clubs ruffed, a spade to the SK, and a fourth club ruffed with the H10 promotes the setting trick for the HJ. Was defeating 2S the best possible result for E/W? Not exactly. Ashley Bach opened the 13-count 1NT (15-17) and was raised to 3NT; on a HA lead you or I might try to run nine tricks. Ashley was less optimistic about the suits breaking, and so took a diamond finesse then tried a club to the king for his 9th trick. The defenders took the ace and led a spade to the SA...for a heart back. +600 to the New Zealanders.

Bd: 9
Dlr: N Vul: E-W

<p>S. 8 6 H. A Q J 6 4 D. 9 6 2 C. 10 6 4</p>	<p>S. J H. 9 8 5 3 2 D. Q 10 4 3 C. K Q 2</p> <p>S. A K Q 4 3 H. K 7 D. A 8 C. A J 9 7</p>	<p>S. 10 9 7 5 2 H. 10 D. K J 7 5 C. 8 5 3</p>
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Those who live by the sword, die by the sword. Elinescu-Wladow had a 2H opening to show six, or 5-4 with a minor – whether or not you would care to use it here is very much up to you! Wladow did, Helness doubled for take-out, and when Elinescu and Helgemo passed, Declarer might well have redoubled for rescue (3D looks like 800 on repeated trump leads, but getting all the trump plays in may not be so easy).

Helness led the SA and shifted to the HK and another heart; nicely done. When Helgemo played four rounds of trumps, Helness could discard so as to get a club shift – and that was +1100 since all declarer could manage was one trump, one club and one diamond (Helgemo was able to pitch a losing diamond away on the 13th club).

Bd: 10
Dlr: E Vul: Both

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

Blanchard-Lev teetered on the edge of triumph here against Hanlon-McGann. After Blanchard opened 1H and heard a 1S response, he elected to jump to 3D. Lev raised to 4D and converted 4S to 6D which looks sensible enough though the final contract is nothing to write home about. Blanchard avoided the first problem when Hanlon led the C10. After drawing trumps, all he needed was the heart finesse. No luck.

Closing Ceremony

Sunday 3:00pm

Please join us in the LaCascada room for drinks and snacks immediately following the Sunday Session. Awards and Checks for the winners will be presented during the closing ceremony.

Bd: 13
Dlr: N Vul: Both

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

As befits its reputation, Board 13 proved unlucky for some. Casen-Passell handled it well:

West	North	East	South
	Casen		Passell
	1H	P	1N
2S	3D	3H	P
4S	5D	P	5H
Dbl.	All Pass		

Casen claimed his 850 at trick 1. Note that 5S looks to be easy enough. The 3-0 trump break does not prevent declarer ruffing two clubs in the short hand and taking the marked trump finesse.

Very few E/W pairs went plus here. Hanlon-McGann bid to 6H as N/S (Alas their opponents had not reached 5S so they could not really claim it was a sacrifice). A few pairs had an Exclusion-Blackwood accident to duplicate this result. But Doub-Wildavsky managed to buy the hand in 5S despite North's opening 2C. Their auction was

West	North	East	South
	2C	P	2D
2S	3H	4S	P
P	5D	P	P
5S	P	P	Dbl.
All Pass			

The key was Wildavsky's 4S jump which confirmed real trump support and was all Doub needed. You see how important partnership trust and discipline is; Wildavsky knew Doub was likely to be sound for his overcall, and was able to help partner take the key decision.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Bd: 15**Dlr: S Vul: N-S**

S. A Q 8 7

H. K 8 7

D. A Q 6

C. Q J 4

S. —

H. 9 5 2

D. K 10 9 7 3

C. 10 7 6 5 2

S. 4 2

H. A Q J 6

D. J 4 2

C. A K 9 8

S. K J 10 9 6 5 3

H. 10 4 3

D. 8 5

C. 3

The most interesting declarer play deal of the event so far saw many declarers succeed, and some fail.

At the table I was watching, Mike Passell was at the helm in 4S after preempting with 2S initially (Casen might have responded 3NT to 2S and had an easier time). Against 4S, John Diamond led the D10 (what else would you expect?). Passell finessed, then played one trump and a club to the jack. Krekorian won and exited with a diamond. Passell now eliminated clubs before diamonds – a mistake? Then in the four-card ending, with three hearts and a spade in both hands, he led a low heart. Diamond's careful play of the H9 doomed him to down one.

By contrast, McGann played 4S on a club lead and ducked in dummy – a nice deceptive maneuver. Rodwell took the CK and CA. McGann ruffed and simply took both red – suit finesses (assuming that Rodwell might have come into the bidding with all four of the missing key-cards).

Note that on the diamond lead, declarer surely does best to finesse then strip off diamonds in the process of drawing trumps. Now he leads a club to the CQ and CK. To give the defense a chance, East must win and smoothly return a low club! Now if declarer falls for the bait he will assume the missing club honor is on the left and produce the same losing position as Passell took.

Of course, E/W could get into the auction—at their own risk.

Roy Welland as West heard the auction go 2S-P-3N, back to him. He doubled (light take out or penalties) and ran to the 4C when it was redoubled. Willenken sacrificed in 5C over 4S and Welland ruffed the opening spade lead, tried a club to the C9 and claimed +750!

Well perhaps claiming is not the right expression; 5C doubled might seem easy – but it requires a little care. Compare what happened to two other declarers here.

Doub ruffed the spade, passed the C10, and when that held he took a heart finesse and claimed 11 tricks a few moments later.

A less careful declarer led a club to the nine and next ran the DJ...and Hamman ducked! Nice play Bob; now declarer could ruff a spade to hand to take one heart finesse but had no more entries to repeat the finesse, and had to go down one. (Of course had declarer led a diamond to the D10 this position could not have arisen.)

Bd: 18**Dlr: E Vul: N-S**

S. 6 4

H. A 6 4

D. J 8 5

C. K J 6 3 2

S. A K Q 8 5 3

H. K 10

D. Q 9

C. Q 10 5

S. 9

H. Q J 8 3 2

D. A K 4 3 2

C. 9 8

S. J 10 7 2

H. 9 7 5

D. 10 7 6

C. A 7 4

Tarek Sadek and Ahmed Hussein managed to find a way to 4H here. Hussein responded 1S, then used 4th Suit (doubled by Wafik Abdou) and eventually got to give preference to hearts. On the lead of the CA and another club, Abdou got to play a third club and Sadek had to decide whether to ruff high or low. The percentage play might be the H8, but the double and the lead make it rather closer than it might appear in abstract. Sadek ruffed high, then led a heart to the HK. Abdou thoughtfully ducked, won the next heart, and led a 4th club to promote the H9 for down one. Quite a few pairs allowed 4S (or occasionally 3NT) to make but very few pairs bid to 4H. Pszczola-Vainkonis bid 1H-2S-3D-3H-4H to earn their +420.

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BEFORE PLACING IN BOX.**

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 13, 2007

10:30 am	Final Session CIP	Estancia
11:30 am	Final Session WBP Pairs	Grand Ballroom 3-4
3:00 pm	Closing ceremony	LaCascada

Friendly Enemies

By Sam Leckie

Five years ago today, the Headline in the Bulletin was –“Hanlon-McGann Lead the Cavendish,” Unfortunately, they ran out of steam and finished out of the money.

These guys are actually from the Republic of Ireland and not like Scotland, England, Wales and North Ireland which make up the British Isles. Every year for 65 years, the home countries competed for the Camrose Trophy until 1998 when the Republic rejoined the competition. In the past few years, the Republic has dominated the event with Hanlon-McGann their top pair.

The competition is played in the same friendly spirit as the Cavendish with one exception. All four other nations do not care who beat the English! Why is that? It probably stems from back in the late fifties when the English were a real class act and in the Camrose only picked two top pairs and a provisional pair and still easily thrashed the rest of us. In the late sixties, matters changed and Scotland won the Trophy in five out of the ten years.

But the scars still linger on. Here’s an example of this. In my playing days, there was a rumor that before a match I retired to my room to build up a “Hate” campaign against my opponents and this inspired me to play better.

Absolute Rubbish! Minutes before a Scotland-England match was about to start, Tony Friday who was playing for England, spotted me at the reception and trying to embarrass me said in a loud void to all and sundry: “Surprised to see you here, Sam, thought you’d be in your room for your usual pre-match meditation.” There was a ripple of laughter. I replied, “Tony, the English are the only ones I don’t need to go to my room to work up that feeling.”

With six rounds to go the position of my picks are as follows: 2,5,16,17, and 47. I have asked Gitelman-Moss for DNA samples to confirm they are who they say they are!

Thanks Sam for writing for the Cavendish Bulletin!

Zia Heads to Kashmir to Open New School

Zia is going directly from the Cavendish to Pakistan, where he and Jose Damiami will be marking the opening of the school which has been largely funded by bridge players and charitable contributions from the world of bridge. Zia wants to thank everyone for their generosity.

All the teachers at the school will be women. Zia is happy that this will demonstrate that women **do** have a valuable role to play in the Islamic community. The school is in Kashmir, where the worst effects of the earthquake were felt.

**A BIG thank you to all of the
players, directors and staff that made the
2007 Cavendish Invitational a HUGE success!**