



MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish^{wbp}



Invitational

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Cavendish Teams Auction Sets Records

Yesterday's opening brunch banquet saw the Vista Ballroom packed with bargain hunters; who says there's no free lunch? In this context, many teams which would be rated as favorites in almost any other

event went for bargain-basement prices. But at the other end of the food chain the team comprised of the reigning World Champion Italians (Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti, Antonio Sementa) sold for a record-setting \$32,500. Also commanding top prices were the teams captained by Steve Weinstein (\$21,000), Perry Johnson (\$15,000), Malcolm Brachman (\$14,000) and Peter Boyd (\$14,000). George Jacobs (whose own team went for a not-too-shabby \$13,000) conducted a spirited and humorous auction ("When I said the Italians would go for \$30,000 I didn't mean *exactly* \$30,000. Who'll make it \$31,000?") with a little help from David Berkowitz and some "light" comic relief from Bob Hamman, who only three times tried to outbid – himself! The auction set a record total for the team event of \$247,500. (That's almost a quarter-million dollars for those of you keeping score.) Complete auction results can be found on page 4.



George "Going once, going twice...oops, who bid that?" Jacobs

So Let's Talk Money

With a record auction total in the Cavendish Teams, the table at the right shows how the award pool breaks down:

Place	Auction	Players'
1st	\$73,508	\$15,708
2nd	49,005	10,472
3rd	35,460	7,616
4th	26,730	5,712
5th	22,275	4,760
6th	15,592	3,332

Some Expansions and Clarifications of Conditions of Contest

Systems – General:

- It is our intent to allow methods with which contestants are (or we deem them to be) familiar.
- It is also our intent to allow a reasonable degree of artificiality in auctions where the opening bid has guaranteed considerable extras over opening bid value or where the response guarantees game invitational values or better (23 HCP).

Systems – Some clarifying points in Condition 11:

- 11-a) Swedish and Polish Club systems are permitted.
- 11-d) A gambling 3NT is permitted; 3NT as a preempt in a minor is not permitted.
- 11-l) Transfer opening bids and transfer responses other than to an opening bid of 1NT and 2NT are not permitted. But:
Rubensohl is permitted and transfer responses to an overcall are permitted so long as the transfer guarantees length in the implied suit.
Transfer responses to an opponent's T/O double are permitted if the bid guarantees length in the implied suit.
Transfer responses to an opening 1♣ bid are allowed so long as the partnership has guaranteed game invitational values in HCP.

Cavendish Pairs:

- Carryover from Qualifying to Final:
There will be a 33% carryover from each pair's qualifying score into the final two sessions. To adjust the score to fit a field of 20 qualifying pairs, the raw score resulting from 31 comparisons will be divided by that number of comparisons and then multiplied by 9, the number of comparisons in the finals and this result will then be divided by 3. In no case shall the spread between the highest and lowest qualifying scores be greater than 40 realimps (realimps are the totalimps divided by the number of comparisons) or a total of $40 \times 9 = 360$ adjustedimps. If the leading qualifier has a qualifying score greater than 40 realimps or 360 adjustedimps the lead score will be reduced to the maximum carryover of 40 realimps, with the other qualifying scores being prorated.
- Carryover from the Qualifying into the Secondary Final:
There will be a 20% carryover of each pair's final non-qualifying score. To adjust the score to fit a field of 44 non-qualifying pairs, the raw score resulting from 31 comparisons will be divided by that number of comparisons and then multiplied by 21, the number of comparisons in the secondary final. This product will be divided by 5. It is expected that there will be minus scores carried over. In no event will the lowest score be minus more than 10 realimps or 210 totalimps.
- Format for the Qualifying Rounds:
The field will be seeded solely by auction prices. The field will be arrayed and divided into 8 brackets (ties if any for the bottom of any bracket and the top of the next lower bracket will be broken by chance). All pairs will play four of the seven other pairs in its bracket and five of the eight pairs in each of the other brackets. All pair numbers will be assigned randomly.
- In the Event of a Tie for the Last Qualifying Position:
A tie shall be any group of pairs who have the exact same qualifying score. If tied pairs have played each other, the head-to-head winner of that round(s) of tied pairs will be declared the first tie-breaking winner. If there is no head-to-head winner, the second tie-breaker will be the pair which has won the most rounds. (A winning round is net plusimps on the two boards played.) The third tie-breaker shall be the pair who was plus netimps on the most number of boards.

The Field for the 1999 WBP Pairs

Pair #		Pair #	
1	Nell Cahn – Petra Hamman	14	Rose Johnson – Jo Morse
2	Dan Jacobs – Rob Crawford	15	John Gowdy – Bill Curtis
3	Colby Vernay – Barry Schaefer	16	Leonard Ernst – Richard Halperin
4	Jan Martel – Joanna Stansby	17	Charlton Buckley – Bruce Ferguson
5	Reese Milner – Disa Cheeks	18	Joe Ellsbury – Peggy Sutherland
6	Michael Elienescu – Sorin Pleacoff	19	John Jeffrey – Jeff Gargrave
7	Lorne Russell – Sy Dombu	20	Joel Woolridge – Darren Wolpert
8	Mike Lucas – Cam Donner	21	Allen Hawkins – Jim Foster
9	Roberta Epstein – Mark Epstein	22	Roger Lord – Wojciech Kurkowski
10	Michael Friedman – Larry Cohen	23	John Solodar – Judith Weisman
11	Kishore Anand – Ghassan Menachi	24	John Lowenthal – Gail Stanhope
12	David Yates – Michael McNamara	25	Tom Smith – John Roberts
13	Doug Doub – Martin Fleischer		

“Alpine Rescue,” MGM Style

If you’ve made the trek from the MGM Grand hotel to the Convention Center without the aid of a guide or motorized conveyance of any sort you can probably appreciate what the pioneers who braved the dangers of America’s western frontier or those hearty souls who traversed the snowy wilderness of central Europe’s alpine mountain ranges were up against. The trip to the playing area is fraught with dangers and diversions: gaming tables, slot machines, arcades, swimming pools, shops, restaurants, studios, galleries, theme parks, a spa/salon – ooh...is that a wedding chapel? – more arcades, more shops, more restaurants, down some stairs, a never-ending variety of corridors leading – who knows where. Wait, look, pictures on the walls. Those who came this way and perished? Carrot Top, fountains, pools, civilization, Reba, show me the way.

Keeping on the straight and narrow, moving at a respectable pace, down the valley of the moon, past the mountains of doom, though it seems to take forever, finally...the Convention Center! Two more long escalators (you can get a nose bleed up this high, can’t you?), more corridors, follow the “Cavendish something-or-other” signs and you end up where you need to be...only twenty minutes late!

That didn’t do it for you? The return trip will deepen your appreciation of the exploring spirit.

“Why didn’t I sprinkle bread crumbs on my way out here?” I mused to my traveling companion on a journey back to the hotel.

“It wouldn’t have done any good,” he replied. “Have you ever seen what a horde of hungry bridge players can do to a trail of bread crumbs? You wouldn’t get as far as the swimming pool. The hotel really should have built a monorail or something to shuttle guests to and from the Convention Center.”

“Even one of those moving walkways like they have at airports would help,” I added. “Barring that, at least they could provide St. Bernards with casks of whiskey (or diet coke, in my case) around their necks to find lost guests and lead them back to the hotel/casino. The management, more than anyone, should know that a lost hotel guest out here in no-man’s land isn’t pushing coins into a slot machine or doubling down at the blackjack table.”

Another keen observer told me, “I wear a pair of walking shoes and put my regular shoes in my bag. You have to bring a sweater, toiletries, and anything else you might need during the day because you can’t go back to your room to get something you forgot – it takes too long.”

Then you get there and the playing conditions are so wonderful and the hospitality, the banquets and the ambiance are so magnificent that you just can’t help thinking, like the pioneers who first laid eyes on the California “promised land” – this was worth it.

Why didn’t someone think of building a hotel near the Convention Center? I’d stay there.

Auction Results for the MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Teams

Team #		Auction Price
1	George JACOBS, Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein, Steve Garner, Bob Hamman, Nick Nickell	13,000
2	Mike WHITMAN, Grant Baze, George Mittelman, Henry Mansell	5,000
3	John ONSTOTT, Mark Lair, Garey Hayden, Jim Robison	7,000
4	Malcolm BRACHMAN, Paul Soloway, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Bobby Goldman	14,000
5	Lorenzo LAURIA, Alfredo Versace, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti, Antonio Sementa	32,500
6	Seymon DEUTSCH, Bobby Wolff, James Rosenbloom, Billy Cohen	4,000
7	Gerald SOSLER, Kay Schulle, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen	5,000
8	Perry JOHNSON, Jeff Meckstroth, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco	15,000
9	Rita SHUGART, Andy Robson, Marek Szymanowski, Krysztof Martens	11,500
10	Peter BOYD, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart	14,000
11	Russ EKEBLAD, Sheila Ekeblad, John Sutherlin, Michael Seamon, Richie Schwartz, Drew Casen	6,000
12	Rose Johnson MELTZER, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Mark Molson, Boris Baran	6,500
13	Steve WEINSTEIN, Robert Levin, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby	21,000
14	Manuel CAPUCHO, Maria Joao Lara, Franco Pietri, Mario Di Maio	5,000
15	Robert BLANCHARD, Piotr Gawrys, Gaylor Kastle, George Steiner	8,000
16	Reese MILNER, Marc Jacobus, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Ron Smith	7,500
17	Hector CAMBEROS, Pablo Lombardi, Mike Moss, Bjorn Fallenius	7,000
18	LouAnn O`ROURKE, Billy Miller, Curtis Cheek, Kyle Larsen, Roger Bates	4,000
19	Wayne CHU, Tim Cope, Craig Gower, Chris Convery	5,000
20	Sorin PLEACOFF, Michael Elianescu, Verone Lungu, Florin Rometti, Daniel Sawin	4,000
21	L. PEINETTI (npc), Enza Rossano, Antonio Vivaldi, Amedeo Camello, Fabio Rosati	6,000
22	Gerhard SCHIESSER, Roland Rohofsky, Paul Chemla, Christian Mari	6,000
23	Gabriel CHAGAS, Zia Mahmood, Michel Abecassis, Boye Brogeland, Espen Erichsen	11,000
24	Sam LEV, Barnet Shenkin, John Mohan, Brian Glubok, John Roberts	11,500
25	Charleton BUCKLEY, Hugh Ross, Bruce Ferguson, Brenda Keller, Peter Nagy	4,000
26	Adam WILDAVSKY, Steve Beatty, Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard	9,500
27	Billy EISENBERG, Fred Hamilton, Larry Cohen, Mickey Friedman	4,500
28.	CAVENDISH TEAM – Roberta & Mark Epstein, Brenda Jacobus, Carol Pincus, Willy Whitaker, Gunner Halberg	

Auction Total: \$247,500

In the  Zone



Are you in the “Zone”? Not just any zone, the MSN Gaming Zone. Join MSN’s Lorne Russell at his table outside the playing area (3rd floor Convention Center) where he’ll be happy to demonstrate “Bridge on the Zone” and to answer your questions about MSN (but not about how you should have bid or played that hand that cost you 13 imps). He plans to set up shop about an hour before each session and again at session’s end. We’re delighted to have him here. Your assignment, kids, is to keep him busy. Ask him some questions (he’s such a nice, lonely man), tell him some jokes, make him (and MSN) feel needed.

The Field for the 1999 MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Pairs

Pair #		Pair #	
1	Gaylor Kastle – George Steiner	33	Jim Robinson Jr – Gene Freed
2	Ralph Katz – George Jacobs	34	John Onstott – Mark Lair
3	David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen	35	Pablo Lambardi – Hector Camberos
4	Alan Sontag – Peter Weichsel	36	Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller
5	Seymon Deutsch – Bobby Wolff	37	Eric Rodwell – Robin Klar
6	Lee Rautenberg – Drew Casen	38	James Rosenbloom – Amos Kaminsky
7	Bob Hamman – Nick Nickell	39	Eddie Wold – Mike Passell
8	Kerri Sanborn – Steve Sanborn	40	Dan Mordecai – Roger Bates
9	Jeff Meckstroth – Perry Johnson	41	Tim Cope – Wayne Chu
10	Krzysztof Martens – Marek Szymanowski	42	Chris Convery – Craig Gower
11	Howard Weinstein – Steve Garner	43	Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis
12	Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd	44	Gary Cohler – Harry Tudor
13	Sam Lev – Barnet Shenkin	45	Neil Chambers – John Schirmer
14	Mike Moss – Bjorn Fallenius	46	Paul Soloway – Malcolm Brachman
15	Sidney Lazard – Bart Bramley	47	Franco Pietri – Mario Di Maio
16	Lorenzo Lauria – Alfredo Versace	48	Henry Mansell – George Mittelman
17	Massimo Lanzarotti – Andrea Buratti	49	Ishmael Del Monte – Lionel Wright
18	Ron Smith – Billy Cohen	50	Maria Joao Lara – Manuel Capucho
19	Brad Moss – Fred Gitelman	51	Boye Brogeland – Espen Erichsen
20	Chip Martel – Lew Stansby	52	Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson
21	Michel Abecassis – Mark Molson	53	Andrzej Zakrewski – Chris Compton
22	Daniel Sawin – Verone Lungu	54	Enza Rosano – Antonio Vivaldi
23	Kay Schulle – John Mohan	55	Fabio Rosati – Amedeo Camella
24	Russ Ekeblad – John Sutherlin	56	Michael Cornell – Ashley Bach
25	Sheila Ekeblad – Michael Seamon	57	Gerhard Schiesser – Roland Rohofsky
26	Richie Schwartz – Marc Jacobus	58	Robert Blanchard – Piotr Gawrys
27	Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	59	Joe Jabon – Aiden Ballentyne
28	Robert Levin – Steve Weinstein	60	Gunnar Hallberg – William Whittaker
29	Rita Shugart – Andy Robson	61	Fred Hamilton – Billy Eisenberg
30	Adam Wildavsky – Dan Morse	62	Shawn Quinn – Mildred Breed
31	Zia Mahmood – Gabriel Chagas	63	Christian Mari – Paul Chemla
32	Grant Baze – Mike Whitman	64	Brian Glubok – John Roberts

An “Astute” Appraisal

by Sam Leckie

Spectating at the Cavendish this year is Mr. Peter Cohen, the new president of the Scottish Bridge Union. A couple of weeks ago Peter chaired a celebration dinner for Albert Benjamin, the “Grand Old Man” of Scottish bridge, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. When asked about his worst hand ever Albert did not hesitate. It happened when he and his partner could not beat a small slam holding KQJ98 of trumps. Impossible? – Not really! Albert held QJ9 of trumps and doubled the slam because he did not like the bidding. At trick two declarer led a low trump toward the A102 in dummy. Albert split with the jack, regretting his silly double. Declarer won the ace, returned to his hand in a side suit, and played another low trump toward dummy’s 102. Certain he was trying for an overtrick Albert played the queen – six made. Albert’s comment to his bemused partner befitted his Grand Old Man title: “Well, at least I was right about the bidding.”

The MSN Cavendish Teams: Day One

Match One:

Bd: 1	♠ —
Vul: None	♥ QJ1062
Dir: North	♦ QJ854
	♣ K95
♠ KQ109632	♠ J87
♥ A8	♥ K975
♦ 9	♦ AK6
♣ A62	♣ Q73
	♠ A54
	♥ 43
	♦ 10732
	♣ J1084

Board 1. Half the field played slam, half stopped in game. At the table I was watching, a weak 2♥ from Hampson pushed Robinson-Boyd to slam after:

North	East	South	West
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

If they were good enough to bid, they were good enough to lead though Hampson, who kicked off with a top heart. Greco took the ♠A at trick 2 and returned a heart. This was essential as otherwise

declarer really has little choice but to play for the Vienna Coup, and successfully squeeze West in hearts and clubs. This was a 22 imp swing – as it happened, the final margin in the match.

Bd: 5	♠ A64
Vul: N/S	♥ K73
Dir: North	♦ AK82
	♣ J84
♠ J72	♠ 983
♥ 65	♥ J1042
♦ 10975	♦ Q
♣ AK92	♣ Q10753
	♠ KQ105
	♥ AQ98
	♦ J643
	♣ 6

Board 5. This was a tough board for those playing a strong NT. After using Stayman it was reasonable for South just to punt 3NT over the 2♦ response. Now it looks trivial on a club lead for the defense to cash out. However, West must try to cater to declarer having ♣Q10x, while at the same time trying to ensure the suit is blocked. Peter Boyd played the technically correct line by winning the ♣K and returning the ♣9. Larry Cohen, at another table, won the ♣A at trick 1 and returned the ♣2 (sacrificing technical accuracy for deception). Larry's teammates managed to avoid the bidding trap altogether. Their auction was (Sosler: North; Schulle: South): 1NT-3♣; 3♦-4♦; 5♦-Pass. With the ♠J behaving, 11 tricks were easy.

Board 8. One rarely comes across a hand where 3NT is cold and 2NT is a favorite to go down. However, when Brenda Jacobus and Carol Pincus reached 3NT on the N/S cards, on a heart lead there was little choice but to win and lead ace and another club. The fact that the ♣K was doubleton and the spade suit was blocked meant that the defense could not take more than 4 tricks. Lucky maybe, but in the other room, where 2NT was the contract, Bobby Wolff won the heart lead to try a low club from hand, needing only three tricks in the suit. Willie Whittaker ducked smoothly and when dummy's ♣Q held the trick, Wolff decided to finesse in clubs. Whittaker won and cleared hearts and Wolff had only seven tricks.

Bd: 8	♠ 10743
Vul: None	♥ AJ5
Dir: West	♦ AKQ
	♣ A62
♠ QJ92	♠ AK
♥ Q4	♥ K98732
♦ J764	♦ 952
♣ 983	♣ K7
	♠ 865
	♥ 106
	♦ 1083
	♣ QJ1054

Match Two:

Bd: 13	♠ 9864	
Vul: Both	♥ J93	
Dir: North	♦ Q863	
	♣ 43	
♠ 102		♠ AKQJ5
♥ K65		♥ 87
♦ K1074		♦ AJ9
♣ QJ52		♣ K97
	♠ 73	
	♥ AQ1042	
	♦ 52	
	♣ A1086	

Board 13. The majority of the field found their way to 3NT and made it comfortably enough. Meckstroth-Johnson were tipped off to the problem in hearts after a strong club auction and played 4♠. Greco-Hampson, their teammates, defended 3NT and beat it when declarer misguessed the hand. You have to sympathize with Marc Jacobus though, since on the auction:

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Martel	Smith	Stansby
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Martel led the ♥3! (His reasoning was two-fold: first, he needed to hit partner's suit and a good club suit might not be enough; second, while his partner was more likely to have hearts than diamonds, dummy might be five-four in spades and a minor but would not hold hearts.) Stansby played the ♥Q so Jacobus won and cashed out the spades, during which Stansby pitched clubs and Martel a discouraging diamond. Since Martel's heart lead clearly denied a five-card suit Jacobus knocked out the ♣A and the defense cashed out for down one.

Match 3:

Bd: 20	♠ J1092	
Vul: Both	♥ QJ	
Dir: West	♦ A9764	
	♣ Q7	
♠ Q7		♠ A83
♥ K9764		♥ A853
♦ J105		♦ K8
♣ 542		♣ AJ98
	♠ K654	
	♥ 102	
	♦ Q32	
	♣ K1063	

Board 20. Paul Soloway was full of congratulations for his opponents here. A hyper-aggressive (we use that adjective as a simile for overbid) auction left Soloway (East) in 4♥. Andrea Buratti led a heart to the ace and a heart back to the king brought the first piece of good news. Now Soloway led a low club from dummy and if Lanzarotti had ducked, Soloway would have played the eight to force the ten. Best defense would now be another club but declarer wins and returns a club. Since he can build a spade trick to pitch a club or a club trick to pitch a spade, he has only to guess diamonds to make. But Lanzarotti put up the ♣Q. When Soloway took this and exited a low club, Buratti took his ten and led a small

diamond to the ace. Now a spade back set up the defense's fourth winner.

Board 21. E/W look destined to reach 3NT – unless they could stop off to double a N/S pair who went overboard in diamonds. When the defense clears the diamonds at once, nine tricks seem a long way off. But in the match between Chu and Sosler both tables found a way to nine tricks. When Craig Gower declared 3NT (on the auction (2♠)-2NT-(Pass)-3NT), Kay Schulle led a top diamond. Craig took the second diamond, led the ♥Q, covered by

Bd: 21	♠ Q1098762	
Vul: N/S	♥ 54	
Dir: North	♦ 8	
	♣ J106	
♠ J53		♠ AK4
♥ AJ87		♥ Q106
♦ 1097		♦ A5
♣ Q75		♣ A8432
	♠ —	
	♥ K932	
	♦ KQJ6432	
	♣ K9	

the king and ace, and then cashed the top spades. When Schulle pitched two diamonds, Gower guessed to take the heart finesse. He cashed out the hearts and threw Kay in with a diamond to lead clubs for his ninth trick. Remarkably, this was for a 4-imp loss, since David Berkowitz had made the same play in 3NT doubled to land nine tricks.

Bd: 22	♠ A65	
Vul: E/W	♥ AKJ106	
Dlr: East	♦ 94	
	♣ Q109	
♠ 10872		♠ KJ3
♥ 9542		♥ 73
♦ A832		♦ K5
♣ 5		♣ AJ8763
	♠ Q94	
	♥ Q8	
	♦ QJ1076	
	♣ K42	

Board 22. It's bad enough to stay low and miss cold games, but when your opponents beat you in the safe partscore you have reached it adds insult to injury!

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Mari	Weichsel	Chemla
		2♣	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

P e t e r

Weichsel led the ♣A, an incisive shot, then carefully played the ♣7 for Alan Sontag to ruff. Alan now found the fine play of underleading the ♦A (Peter clearly had no preference between

the pointed suits) and Weichsel won his king, then gave Sontag a ruff with a high club. Now Alan lead the ♠A to Ensure one down.

Bd: 27	♠ 98	
Vul: None	♥ 754	
Dlr: South	♦ A1052	
	♣ K1092	
♠ 75		♠ KQJ3
♥ AKQJ10		♥ 832
♦ 84		♦ 3
♣ Q873		♣ AJ654
	♠ A10642	
	♥ 96	
	♦ KQJ976	
	♣ —	

Board 27. Since E/W have a combined 23 HCP you would expect them to have declared the hand at a few tables. Not so. On almost every occasion South sacrificed in 5♦ and conceded 50 or 100. A few Souths stole the hand in a diamond partscore – not bad since 4♥ looks eminently playable. However, Eisenberg and Hamilton demonstrated that 4♥ could and should be beaten. This was the auction:

Paul Lewis	Fred Hamilton	Linda Lewis	Billy Eisenberg
West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♥
3♣	3♦	3♥	4♣!
4♥	All Pass		

Eisenberg's initial pass followed by his revealing bidding tipped Hamilton of to the low club lead. Billy ruffed, crossed to the ♦A for a second ruff, and had the ♠A for down one.

Words for Bridge Players to Live By:
Buy low – Sell high

Tomorrow: Words for Option Traders to Live By

Match 4:

Bd: 4	♠ AKJ7
Vul: Both	♥ K4
Dir: West	♦ 643
	♣ J1096
♠ 652	♠ Q1083
♥ A10753	♥ 862
♦ J87	♦ AKQ102
♣ A3	♣ Q
	♠ 94
	♥ QJ9
	♦ 95
	♣ K87542

Board 4. I thought Steve Weinstein had a tough problem here. He declared 3♦ as East after his opponents has competed actively in clubs. He received the ♣7 lead. Quite reasonably he put up the ace and led a low heart from dummy. Gitelman put up the king and then found the only defense to trouble declarer: he underled his ♠AK. Now Weinstein had to guess whether to play Moss for ♠Jx, ♠Jxx, or his actual holding. When he went up with the queen, the defense now had five winners to cash when they came in with the second heart.

Board 9. Both tables for Sosler produced giant results here. When Cohen-Berkowitz held the E/W cards and heard an invitational sequence to 2NT, Berkowitz (West) doubled South's 3NT bid since he had a spade stack. He led a diamond to the jack and when declarer drove out the ♣Q the defense cashed out for down two. Kay Schulle as South declared 3NT after LHO overcalled 1♠. She won the spade lead and cashed one top club, then exited with the ♠K. The defense can prevail on a heart shift followed by a diamond play, but West actually shifted directly to a diamond. Kay won cheaply, unblocked diamonds, then played a third spade. Now when East gained the lead with the ♥Q he had to give the lead to dummy for a club finesse; plus 430.

Bd: 9	♠ 52	♠ 64
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ87	♥ AQ962
Dir: North	♦ A632	♦ 1097
	♣ 1053	♣ Q92
♠ AQ873		♠ KJ109
♥ 103		♥ 54
♦ Q854		♦ KJ
♣ 84		♣ AKJ76

Match 5:

Bd: 12	♠ KJ6	♠ 874
Vul: N/S	♥ J854	♥ KQ1097
Dir: West	♦ 75	♦ 1098
	♣ K1052	♣ Q3
♠ AQ952		♠ 103
♥ 6		♥ A32
♦ AKQJ		♦ 6432
♣ AJ8		♣ 9764

Board 12. The standard contract was 4♠ here, with West having forced to game and East having headed for the five-three fit. On a heart lead to the ace South typically shifted to a diamond. Declarer wins and now has the option of tackling trumps in many different ways. Howard Weinstein led a low trump from hand; when South won and continued the attack on diamonds, rather than finding the club shift, Howard won, cashed the ♠A, then led a third and fourth diamond and could not now be defeated. Martel-Stansby defended 3NT on the ♣Q lead (Stansby discouraging with the seven). Glubok led a spade to the queen and king and now Martel did well to lead the ♥8 to the queen and ace. Stansby's club continuation doomed the contract.

More tomorrow – same bat time, same bat channel.

Schedule

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday, May 6th	12:00 PM	Final Session, Teams	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	TBA	Vu Graph	3rd floor Convention Center, 302
	6:15 PM	Cocktail Party	3rd floor Rotunda Ballroom
	7:45 PM	Cavendish Pairs Auction	3rd floor Rotunda Ballroom
		Toast To The Internet	
Friday, May 7th	12:00 PM	1st Qual. Session, Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	7:30 PM	2nd Qual. Session, Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
Saturday, May 8th	11:00 AM	WBP Brunch (all invited)	3rd floor Convention Center, 315
	11:30 AM	WBP Auction	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	12:30 PM	3rd Qual. Session, Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	12:30 PM	1st Session, WBP Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	7:30 PM	1st Final Session, Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	7:30 PM	Non-Qual. 1st Session	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	7:30 PM	2nd Session, WBP Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	TBA	Vu-Graph	3rd floor Convention Center, 302
Sunday, May 9th	12:00 PM	2nd Final Session, Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	12:00 PM	Non- Qual. Final Session	3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319
	12:00 PM	Final Session, WBP Pairs	3rd floor Convention Center,
			318-319
	TBA	Vu-Graph	3rd floor Convention Center, 302
	6:00 PM	Awards Ceremony and Closing Cocktail Party	2nd floor Convention Center Vista Ballroom 206-10