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Dan Mordecai Squad Leads John “Jocko” Roberts Teams

Only six of the twenty-four teams in this event include a woman, and only one of those six teams has more than one woman. (For extra credit, name the seven women entered in this event.) Well men, move over for Dan Mordecai's squad (Roger Bates, Sylvia Moss, Sue Picus) who lead the field with 141 VPs. In second place at 122 VPs, 19 behind Mordecai, is the team captained by Bob Blanchard (Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Sam Lev). In third place with 116 VPs is the French team captained by Alain Levy (Herve Mouiel, Pierres Saporta and Zimmerman). Only one other team is within a match of the leaders (Malcolm Brachman, Mike Cappelletti, Jr., Geir Helgemo, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold with 113 VPs) while five more teams have scores in triple digits. Match-by-match results and the final day-one standings can be found on page 3, along with the prize awards. The auction results and team rosters are on page 2.

If you missed yesterday's wonderful opening brunch buffet, cut your losses and join us at tonight's gala cocktail party beginning at 6:15. The big pair auction will begin at 7:00 p.m., so bring your check book and “bid-em-up.”



“This team is a steal at \$10,000. Why, Sam Lev alone is worth \$15,000.”



“But George, Sam isn't on this team.”



“Okay, Sam, did I get it right?”

Gamblers Non-Anonymous

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Conditions of Contest: Expansions and Clarifications

In general, it is our intent to allow methods with which other contestants are expected to be familiar. It is also our intent to allow reasonable artificiality in auctions where the bidding side has guaranteed sufficient (high-card) values to invite game. If you have any questions about your own or your opponents' methods, the person to see is Barry Rigal.

Schedule

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday, May 9	12:00 PM	3 rd (final) Session, Teams	Miranda Ballroom
	6:15 PM	Cocktail Party	Brasilia 2 & 3
	7:00 PM	Auction, Cavendish Pairs	Brasilia 2 & 3
Friday, May 10	12:30 PM	1 st Session, Pairs	Miranda Ballroom
	7:30 PM	2 nd Session, Pairs	Miranda Ballroom
Saturday, May 11	10:30 AM	WBP Brunch (all invited)	Pavilion 11
	11:00 AM	WBP Auction	Pavilion 11
	12:30 PM	3 rd Session, Pairs	Miranda Ballroom
	12:30 PM	1 st Session, WBP Pairs	Pavilion 6
	7:30 PM	4 th Session, Pairs	Miranda Ballroom
	7:30 PM	2 nd Session, WBP Pairs	Pavilion 6
Sunday, May 12	12:30 PM	5 th Session, Pairs	Miranda Ballroom
	12:30 PM	3 rd Session, WBP Pairs	Pavilion 6
	5:00 PM	Closing Cocktail Party	Pavilion 1

John "Jocko" Roberts Teams: Rosters and Auction Results

Team#	Members	Auction Price
1	Aleksander Petrunin , Andrei Gromov, Michal Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola	\$18,000
2	Roy Welland , Bjorn Fallenius, Steve Garner, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Howard Weinstein	17,000
3	Perry Johnson , Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	15,000
4	Bob Blanchard , Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Sam Lev	10,000
5	Rose Meltzer , Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Peter Weischel	9,000
6	George Jacobs , David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Bob Hamman, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood	8,500
7	Lou Ann O'Rourke , Curtis Cheek, Peter Fredin, Magnus Lindkvist, Billy Miller	8,000
8	Kit Woolsey , Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard, Fred Stewart	8,000
9	Malcolm Brachman , Mike Cappelletti, Jr., Geir Helgemo, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold	8,000
10	Michael Moss , Chuck Burger, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro	7,000
11	Rita Shugart , Paul Chemla, Philippe Cronier, Andrew Robson	6,500
12	Simon Deutsch , Billy Cohen, Fred Hamilton, Ron Smith, Paul Soloway	6,500
13	Alain Levy , Herve Mouiel, Pierre Saporta, Pierre Zimmerman	6,250
14	Jim Mahaffey , Gary Cohler, Brian Glubok, Mark Lair, John Mohan, John Sutherlin	6,250
15	John Onstott , Ross Grabel, Garey Hayden, Jon Wittes	6,000
16	Russ Ekeblad , Sheila Ekeblad, Bobby Levin, Mark Molson, Michael Seamon	6,000
17	Gaylor Kasle , Steve Beatty, Marc Jacobus, George Steiner	5,500
18	Drew Casen , Richard Coren, Billy Eisenberg, Larry Cohen	5,000
19	Ishmael Del'Monte , Hector Camberos, Neville Eber, Pablo Lambardi	5,000
20	Jose Ventin , Antonio Frances, Luis Lantaron, Juan Torres	4,500
21	Lionel Wright , Michael Cornell, Gunner Hallberg, Nick Sandquist	4,500
22	Bruce Ferguson , Brenda Keller, Peter Schneider, Rick Whitworth	4,000
23	Mike Whitman , Grant Baze, Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky	4,000
24	Dan Mordecai , Roger Bates, Sylvia Moss, Sue Picus	4,000

Auction Total: \$182,500

John "Jocko" Roberts Teams: Standings After Day 1 (6 Matches)

(Team Rosters on p. 2)

Team #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total	Rank
1		21								18	26		1	21						18					105	6/8
2	9				8		18				9				2				27						73	20
3				20		3				4		20			8	28									83	13/15
4			10		25			24									23			30			10		122	2
5		22		5		11				0										22		19			79	17
6			27		19				9							14	12						2		83	13/15
7		12						15				26	7		18					27					105	6/8
8				6			15		26					29							23		6		105	6/8
9						21		4		12		20									26	30			113	4
10	12		26		30				18		22										0				108	5
11	4	21								8		9		10				22							74	19
12			10				4		10		21					30					8				83	13/15
13	29						23							17			27				12		8		116	3
14	9							1		20		13						5				28			76	18
15		28	22				12									8	0		30						100	9
16			2			16					0				22				12				30		82	16
17				7		18							3		30			28					8		94	11
18										8			25		18	2		16					23		92	12
19		3													0			14		9		28	18		72	21
20	12			0	8		3													21			22		66	22
21								7	4	30		22	18										18		99	10
22					11				0					2					2		12		20		47	23
23																0		7	12	8		10		5	42	24
24				20		28		24					22				22						25		141	1

John "Jocko" Roberts Teams Prize Awards



	Auction	Players
1 st	\$54,120	\$20,196
2 nd	\$36,080	\$13,464
3 rd	\$26,240	\$9,792
4 th	\$19,680	\$7,344
5 th	\$16,400	\$6,120
6 th	\$11,480	\$4,284



Entrants for the WBP Pairs 2002

(Based on information available at press time. This is unofficial. Updates will be published as they become available.)

Pair #	Pair #
1 Russ Samuel – Shawn Samuel	18 Brenda Keller – Rick Whitworth
2 Bill Jacobson – Keith Woolf	19 Peter Friedland – David Siebert
3 Lou Ann O'Rourke – Jeff Roman	20 Marshall Lewis – ?
4 Lynn Baker – Kerri Sanborn	21 Richard Coren – Billy Eisenberg
5 Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	22 Roger Lord – Jacklyn Sincoff
6 Sheila Ekeblad – Mark Molson	23 Victor Chernoff – Nels Erickson
7 Bruce Ferguson – Brenda Jacobus	24 Jon Greenspan – Krzysztof Jassem
8 Larry Cohen – Jill Levin	25 Fred Hamilton – Rhoda Walsh
9 Steve Scott – Haig Tchamitch	26 Leonard Holtz – Renee Mancuso
10 Derrell Childs – Louise Freed	27 Kent Mignocchi – Beverly Perry
11 Don Lusskey – ?	28 Kyle Larsen – Jo Morse
12 Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	29 Jim Robison – Jerry Weinstein
13 Bill Doroshow – Nate Ward	30 George Mittelman – Peter Nagy
14 Paul Erb – Leonard Ernst	31 Roy Hoppe – Mike McCarthy
15 Marty Baff – Phil Becker	32 Les Amoils – Disa Cheek
16 Mike McNamara – David Yates	33 Wirt Gilligham – Marjorie Michelin
17 Leszek Rabięga – Edward Wojewoda	34 Irving Litvack – Darren Wolpert

Entrants for the Cavendish Pairs 2002

(Based on information available at press time. This is unofficial. Updates will be published as they become available.)

Pair #	Pair #
1 David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen	31 Marty Fleisher – Eric Rodwell
2 Paul Chemla – Philippe Cronier	32 Rose Meltzer – Peter Weischel
3 Steve Garner – Howard Weinstein	33 Mike Cornell – Lionel Wright
4 Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson	34 Bjorn Fallenuis – Roy Welland
5 Roger Bates – John Mohan	35 Antonio Frances – Juan Torres
6 Boye Brogeland – Espen Erichsen	36 Doug Doub – Adam Wildavsky
7 Marc Jacobus – Gaylor Kasle	37 Michel Abecassis – Michel Eidi
8 Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway	38 Jared Lilienstein – Glenn Milgrim
9 Drew Casen – Bill Pollack	39 Pierre Saporta – Pierre Zimmerman
10 Gunnar Hallberg – Nick Sandquist	40 Steve Levinson – Barnet Shenkin
11 Steve Landen – Pratap Rajadhyaksha	41 Peter Fredin – Magnus Lindkvist
12 Christian Mari – Herve Vinciguerra	42 George Jacobs – Ralph Katz
13 Steve Beatty – George Steiner	43 Chuck Berger – Michael Moss
14 Hector Camberos – Pablo Lambardi	44 Ishmael Del'Monte – Neville Eber
15 Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller	45 Gary Cohler – Mark Lair
16 Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard	46 Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss
17 Alain Levy – Herve Mouiel	47 Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes
18 Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis	48 Grant Baze – Michael Whitman
19 Ross Grabel – Jon Wittes	49 Luis Lantaron – Juan Ventin
20 Geir Helgemo – Eddie Wold	50 Walid Alahmadi – Tarek Sadek
21 Andrew Robson – Rita Shugart	51 Garey Hayden – John Onstott
22 Jim Krekorian – Rick Zucker	52 Georgio Duboin – Guido Ferarro
23 Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth	53 Piotr Gawrys – Amos Kaminski
24 Michael Courtney – Charles Wigoder	54 Gene Freed – Jeff Olson
25 Bob Blanchard – Sam Lev	55 Brian Glubok – Jim Mahaffey
26 Mike Cappelletti, Jr. – Mike Passell	56 Tom Hanlon – Hugh McGann
27 Joanna Stansby – Lew Stansby	57 Russ Ekeblad – Michael Seamon
28 Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	58 Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood
29 Billy Cohen – Ron Smith	59 Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
30 Andrei Gromov – Aleksander Petrunin	60 Michal Kwiecien – Jacek Pszczola

The John "Jocko" Roberts Teams: Day One

Match One:

Board 2 woke up any contestants who were still asleep. In the match pitting the two top-ranked teams there was not much excitement at this table...

Bd: 2	♠ Q10943		
Dlr: East	♥ AJ82		
Vul: N/S	♦ A		
	♣ QJ10		
♠ 2		♠ 875	
♥ 7		♥ 93	
♦ KJ10765		♦ Q9843	
♣ AK852		♣ 974	
	♠ AKJ6		
	♥ KQ10654		
	♦ 2		
	♣ 63		
West	North	East	South
Garner	Pszczola	Weinstein	Kwiecien
		Pass	1♥
2♦	4♦	5♦	5♥
All Pass			

Garner sat out 5♥, with the reasonable expectation that if partner had a trick he would set 5♥; if not, 6♦ doubled would cost 500—no big deal. He was right up to a point, but the save was there had he wished to take it.

At the other table, however, Gromov was not going to pass that powerhouse in the East seat...

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Gitelman	Gromov	B. Moss
		3♦!	3♥
5♦	6♥	All Pass	

When 6♥ was down one, that was 13 imps to **Petrinin**.

Martel and Stansby also engineered a 13-imp pickup, but surprisingly Chip Martel did not open the East hand.

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Hamman	Martel	Zia
		Pass	2♦(1)
2NT(2)	3♣(3)	4♦	4NT(4)
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			
(1) Flannery; (2) Minors; (3) Undiscussed; (4) RKCB			

Zia brilliantly arranged to play 6♥ from the North seat, and on a diamond lead the contract would have rolled home. But Martel was up to the challenge; he led a club for down one.

Bates and Mordecai did the best of any N/S pair I could find. After Bates (South) opened 1♥ his LHO overcalled 4NT. Can you blame his partner, East, for applying maximum pressure by immediately jumping to 7♦? Doubled that was down 800.

The other big swing of the set came on a marginal Grand Slam.

Bd: 4	♠ J9		
Dlr: West	♥ 54		
Vul: Both	♦ Q9853		
	♣ J1096		
♠ AK1075		♠ Q	
♥ K108		♥ AQJ93	
♦ K7		♦ A1064	
♣ 874		♣ A32	
	♠ 86432		
	♥ 762		
	♦ J2		
	♣ KQ5		

In the top-ranked match Garner and Weinstein bid:

West	North	East	South
Garner	Pszczola	Weinstein	Kwiecien
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣(1)	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♥	All Pass		
(1) Serious slam try			

Over 5NT Garner knew he could not show his values precisely. So rather than bid 6♦ and trap his partner into a slow 6♥ bid he just leaped to the Grand Slam.

On the trump lead Weinstein won, unblocked the ♠Q at trick two, and crossed to the ♦K to cash the ♠AK. If they had stood up he would have had a high crossruff; as it was, when North ruffed the third spade Weinstein needed to ruff two diamonds in dummy and for the ♠10 to live. All was well when North proved to be two-two in the majors and the contract made.

Effectively this same line of play was followed by Sylvia Moss playing with Sue Picus to wrap up the Grand Slam.

Far more pairs missed the Grand Slam than bid it, although essentially it only requires four-three spades, with the extra chances involving the doubleton ♠J that exist in the actual layout.

Match Two:

In the match between the Round 2 leaders, Mordecai and Kasle,imps went flying in all directions. Sue Picus and Sylvia Moss bid two slams off two cashing tricks and gained 10 and 5 imps respectively for their team.. (The first slam was off a cashing ace-king but made twelve tricks on an unfortunate opening lead; the other, also off a cashing ace-king, gained 5 imps in unlikely fashion when 4NT went down three at the other table.)

In spite of those gains, this turned out to be the big swing deal of the match:

Bd: 16	♠ J1093	
Dlr: West	♥ 732	
Vul: E/W	♦ 972	
	♣ J75	
♠ 8		♠ AQ7654
♥ KQ6		♥ AJ
♦ AJ653		♦ KQ4
♣ Q1043		♣ A2
	♠ K2	
	♥ 109854	
	♦ 108	
	♣ K986	

Both E/W pairs bid to 7♦. How should you play it on a trump lead? Both Marc Jacobus and Krzysztof Jassem in another match elected to play for three-two diamonds by leading to the ♠A and ruffing a spade. When the ♠K fell the hand was over. An alternative and plausible line is to win the ♦Q and then cross to the ♦J. If trumps are four-one you need a very favorable spade lie; if trumps split you can revert to ruffing out the spades. The problem with the latter line is that the play has to proceed as follows if spades do not behave: ♦Q, ♦J, spade to the ace, spade ruff, heart to the jack, spade ruff, heart to the ace, spade ruff, ♥K pitching the ♣2. For this line to succeed you need the hand with a doubleton spade either to have only two trumps or to have begun with five hearts, so that it cannot throw them all away on the spades. In all probability, this means that the line adopted by the two declarers here was the right one.



The Opening Brunch Banquet: There's nothing like a sumptuous meal to loosen up the wallet

At the other table Chris Compton, also in 7♦, was treated to a low club lead by George Steiner on an auction where dummy was due to have the ♣A. Compton looked at this for a long while and eventually elected to run this to his hand, playing for Steiner to be pulling a fast one on him.. One can perhaps sympathize with this view, but the fact remains that cost him 19 imps (although Mordecai still narrowly won the match).

Match Three:

Board 19 offered the chance of a double game swing and the leaders at the end of the first session took full advantage.

Bd: 19	♠ ---	
Dlr: South	♥ K10987	
Vul: E/W	♦ 10763	
	♣ AQ86	
♠ AJ4		♠ K107632
♥ 42		♥ 65
♦ A54		♦ KQJ92
♣ K9754		♣ ---
	♠ Q985	
	♥ AQJ3	
	♦ 8	
	♣ J1032	

Compton-Bates played in 4♠ doubled when South quite reasonably thought he had good defense; only the club void with East messed up his calculations. By contrast, at other tables N/S got more active:

West	North	East	South
Cohen	S. Moss	Berkowitz	Picus
			Pass
1♦(1)	1♥	1♠	4♦(2)
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		
(1) Precision; (2) Splinter			

Once Sylvia Moss worked out to bid 5♥ her side was always gaining at least 12 imps since that contract will do no worse than one down. Berkowitz led a spade to the jack, ruffed, and Moss ducked a diamond to Cohen, who played a club. Moss ducked and Berkowitz ruffed to return a trump. But Sylvia could win and use club entries to take three diamond ruffs, to finish with +650.

Woolsey and Stewart found a way to blow their opponents out of the auction with the N/S cards. Playing their version of Precision South opened 2♦ (10-15 HCP, short diamonds) and North jumped directly to 4♥. When East passed that was good for a double game swing since Bramley-Lazard at the other table reached 4♠ on the E/W cards and collected +620.

Match Four:

Mouiel and Levy had started their set against Cornell and Wright with the following bidding catastrophe...

Bd: 1	♠ K83		
Dir: North	♥ A653		
Vul: None	♦ AKQ		
	♣ AQ9		
♠ 97542		♠ Q6	
♥ KQ1042		♥ J8	
♦ 82		♦ J107654	
♣ 7		♣ 1054	
	♠ AJ10		
	♥ 97		
	♦ 93		
	♣ KJ8632		
West	North	East	South
Cornell	Mouiel	Wright	Levy
	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♥	2NT	Pass	3♠(1)
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass!			
(1) Transfer (clubs)			

Mouiel believed his partner had forgotten their system; Levy was confident he was showing long clubs and a spade control. 4♠ down two was not a success, with 6♣ easy and 7♣ makable.

It seems harsh to blame Levy for putting his partner under pressure in this way. However, their next bidding misunderstanding worked out much better.

Bd: 6	♠ A52		
Dir: East	♥ ---		
Vul: E/W	♦ AQ1094		
	♣ A8642		
♠ QJ94		♠ 83	
♥ K843		♥ QJ962	
♦ 763		♦ 82	
♣ J9		♣ K1053	
	♠ K1076		
	♥ A1075		
	♦ KJ5		
	♣ Q7		
West	North	East	South
Cornell	Mouiel	Wright	Levy
		Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
(1) Inverted			

3♠ was supposed to show five-five in the minors, but Levy forgot and raised what he thought was his partner's spade suit. Mouiel now clarified things for Levy, and reached the perfect spot.

On a trump lead Levy won in dummy and led a club toward his queen. Wright hopped up with his king to play a second trump, but Levy won, unblocked the ♣Q, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, and claimed twelve tricks for an 11-imp pickup when the contract at the other table was 3NT.

Match Five:

When Bramley-Lazard took on Sandquist-Hallberg, the former dug themselves into a pit.

Bd: 10	♠ A96		
Dir: East	♥ 1053		
Vul: Both	♦ 973		
	♣ A543		
♠ J7		♠ 108532	
♥ Q42		♥ K8	
♦ A42		♦ KQ65	
♣ QJ976		♣ 82	
	♠ KQ4		
	♥ AJ976		
	♦ J108		
	♣ K10		

Hallberg (South) opened his 14-count a strong notrump and Sandquist did well to pass this around to Bramley (East), who could double to show spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs. Lazard ran to 2♣ (pass-or-correct) and ultimately left Bramley holding the baby in 2♦ doubled.

Hallberg led the ♦J and Bramley won in hand to lead a spade. Hallberg needed no second chance to get trump promotions going. He won the ♠Q, then cashed the ♥A on which Sandquist discouraged. Now the ♣K and a club to the ace let Nick lead a third club. Hallberg was allowed to score his ♦8 and now a spade to Sandquist's ace for a fourth club meant +500 for the defense.

A Rolling Stone Gathers Moss, Moss, and More Moss

You may have noticed that there are three different Moss's playing in this event. All three are related, and each is on a different team. Test your Moss-Quotient by matching each Moss with his/her correct familial status. (No fair peeking at the roster for first names.)

- | | |
|------------|---------------------|
| A. S. Moss | 1. Father |
| B. M. Moss | 2. Father's ex-wife |
| C. B. Moss | 3. Father's son |

(Answers on p. 9)

Many a Slip...

Alain Levy showed us what we must be one of the neater declarer plays of the event. On Board 22, where 3NT by West was normally down one, Alain, West, declared 3NT after opening a strong notrump. He was playing against no less a pair than Kwiecien-Pszczola.

Bd: 22	♠ 63		
Dlr: East	♥ 8643		
Vul: E/W	♦ 10754		
	♣ AJ2		
♠ 852		♠ QJ109	
♥ K2		♥ AJ5	
♦ AK96		♦ Q83	
♣ KQ63		♣ 1094	
	♠ AK74		
	♥ Q1097		
	♦ J2		
	♣ 875		

On the ♥6 lead (five, nine king) Levy led a spade to the nine, which held. South won the second spade to play the ♣7 and North made a slight slip when he ducked Levy's queen. That allowed Levy to clear the spades (on which North pitched a

heart) and South exited with a club, won by North with the jack. North, who could not afford to cash his last club since it would set up Levy's ninth winner, exited with a heart. Levy took the ace in this six-card ending:

	♠ ---		
	♥ 8		
	♦ 10754		
	♣ A		
♠ ---		♠ Q	
♥ ---		♥ J	
♦ AK96		♦ Q83	
♣ K6		♣ 10	
	♠ 7		
	♥ Q10		
	♦ J2		
	♣ 8		

The ♠Q forced North to discard his last heart (as declarer pitched his low club). Levy cashed the ♦Q, led a diamond to the ace, and then endplayed poor North with the ♣A to lead into his diamond tenace. Nine tricks made!

Beware Greeks...

Since we're on the subject of neat declarer plays, consider this little gem perpetrated by Paul Soloway. It occurred on Board 15 from yesterday's second match.

Bd: 15	♠ 10		
Dlr: South	♥ Q109		
Vul: N/S	♦ KQJ764		
	♣ 1073		
♠ 6		♠ K85	
♥ K853		♥ A7642	
♦ A8		♦ 95	
♣ AQJ952		♣ K84	
	♠ AQJ97432		
	♥ J		
	♦ 1032		
	♣ 6		

At those tables where South opened 4♠, West had to chose his poison. Soloway, like several others who held his cards, reasonably bid his six-card suit and the auction suddenly came to a screeching halt in 5♣. North led the ♠10 and now our declarers surveyed dummy with an odd mixture of hope and trepidation.

If hearts were two-two (less-than-likely), declarer could win trick two (whatever South played), draw trumps, and pitch his losing diamond on dummy's fifth heart. If South shifted to a diamond at trick two and hearts were not two-two then the player with three hearts would be able to cash a diamond when he got in with a heart to set 5♣ one trick. In fact, at the other table that is precisely what happened: South overtook the ♠10 with the jack at trick one and shifted to a diamond and down went declarer. Was there anything Paul could do to forestall such a fate?

Well, there were no guarantees, but at trick one Paul called for...the ♠K. That's right, the ♠K!

Consider the effect this had on South. After winning his ace, he stopped to consider how to proceed at trick two. With the ♠K no longer in dummy, it seemed easy to lead a high spade hoping to promote a trump trick for partner. (Of course we can see that declarer would not have played the ♠K at trick one if a trump promotion were possible.) The lure of the easy spade play was just too much to resist. Had Paul reflexively played low at trick one it is still possible that South would have chosen to try for a trump promotion by playing another spade. But by playing the king, Paul made South's losing option much more attractive.

Picking the Winner is Easy-Peasy

by Sam Leckie

May I gently remind you that I cleaned up last year with you guys when I took six pairs against the field and Kwiecien-Pszczola came through on the line for me. I flew home with all my Scottish £5 notes intact and a fistful of your dollars.

I don't imagine that you would fall for these same odds again so this year I'll only take five pairs against the field. The deal is that you pay \$10 up front and if one of my pairs doesn't win you have your money returned together with a beautiful blue Scottish £5 note signed by yours truly. (Believe me, this could be a collector's item as there's not many of them going around.) However, if you prefer I'll match your \$10 bill with one of mine.

MY five selections, in alphabetical order, and my reasons for picking them are as follows:

1. Garner-Weinstein Steve told me they love even-numbered years.
2. Gromov-Petrinin Their reputation precedes them.
3. Hamman-Mahmood Now married, Zia can give it his full concentration and break his duck—and his partner's not bad either.
4. Kwiecien-Pszczola 26 years since holders retained the cup. It's time it happened again.
5. Levin-Weinstein The girls back home would never forgive me if I missed out Bobby.

How can you find me if you want to bet? Well, there's no problem there. Just stand around the cakes and drinks table. I spend most of my spare time there—and I've got the figure to prove it!

New Appeals Procedure

This year appeals will be conducted without the Appeals Committee knowing the identities of the parties involved. All information will be conveyed to and from the AC by a Director. Points and counterpoints will be in writing, if so requested by any party to the appeal.

However, the ultimate goal of the appeal is to arrive at

the best possible decision. If the AC decides that face-to-face contact with the involved parties is necessary, it will be free to arrange it.

We hope this new procedure will prove satisfactory to everyone involved. We invite your cooperation.

Special Notice: World Bridge Productions Pairs Pre-Auction

In order to generate interest and facilitate the live WBP Pairs auction, to be held on Saturday morning, May 11, provisions have been made to accept bids prior to the start of the live auction. Here's how it will work:

Arrayed around the Registration Desk will be preliminary owners' cards for all expected participants. (Not all of these pairs may attend, but the vast majority is expected.) If you wish to bid on a pair you may do so by entering the amount of your bid on the pair's card and signing your

name opposite the bid amount (minimum bid = \$1000). These bids will be considered binding, just as if they had been made in the live auction. If your bid is not topped in either the pre- or live auctions you will become the owner of the pair and have all of the attendant rights and responsibilities. Remember, each pair must buy back 10% of their purchase price and may buy back up to 40% of themselves if they are so inclined.

Please confirm your bids with the appropriate parties at

Answers to Moss-Q: A-2; B-1; C-3