

The Cavendish Invitational

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2007 JOHN ROBERTS TEAMS - AFTER 6 MATCHES

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IMPORTANT CHANGE TO CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL PAIRS AUCTION PRE-AUCTION

This year, we will be experimenting with an important modification to the Cavendish Invitational auction process. All pairs will be pre-auctioned by silent bid from 10:30 am on Wednesday, May 9th through 4:00 pm Thursday May 10th. An auction desk will be located near the playing area. All bids will be posted, along with the identity of each bidder. Bidders will be supplied with a bidding slip. Fill out a slip for each bid on each pair and submit slips to the bidding desk. We will record a time for each slip and post bids on appropriately displayed cards, one for each pair. Do not enter your bids directly on the display cards, we will do this. Once the bid price on any pair reaches \$15,000, this pair will then be further auctioned live on Thursday evening, though silent bids will continue to be accepted until the 4:00 pm Thursday deadline. The minimum raise to any bid is \$500. Any pair whose pre-bid price by the deadline is less than \$15,000 will be deemed sold to the highest bidder at that time and will not be auctioned live on Thursday evening.

BRUNCH BY THE POOL KICKS OFF 2007 JR TEAMS



**Geoff Hampson & Eric Rodwell
Lou Ann O'Rourke & Marc Jacobus**



**Bobby & Jill Levin
Shane Blanchard**

Ten Glorious Years

By Sam Leckie

I can hardly believe that this is the tenth consecutive year I've come to Vegas to watch the Cavendish. On my first visit (1998), Hamman-Nickel pipped Zia-Weinstein (Steve) on the post. I was so caught up in the great bridge, big money, and that thrilling finish I decided there and then to take my annual vacation here every year.

I quickly made my presence felt when in those early years I selected a small number of pairs to win the event, and those were published in this bulletin. Lo and behold, I was right in four out of the first five years!

You could say I reached my peak in 2003 when I gave a detailed profile of the winning pair, which could only fit Gitelman-Moss. That feat made the WBP step in and stopped me naming my selection before the auction, as they felt it could affect the prices! How about that? These past years I have been less successful simply because I suddenly started to let my heart rule my head. In two of the three years they played together, I chose Zia-Hamman. The whole basis of that selection

was that surely Zia must win one day and who better than with the great man himself.

The fact is my relationship with Bob is probably better than with any other player. He not only acknowledges my presence but listens to any suggestions I make about the tournament. For instance, a few years ago I suggested name badges for all the players. He listened, nodded his head in approval, and, of course, the rest is history!

I gave up playing tournament bridge a few years ago and have now turned my hand to the other game where bad beats reign. I'm not sure these days if I come to Vegas for the Cavendish, or the Cavendish for Vegas.

Now, down to the important business...

Having studied the field carefully on my long flight from Scotland, the good news is that I've decided to nominate only one pair, and the bad news is you won't know 'til Friday. I will give you one piece of information in advance however, surprise, surprise, it's not Zia and Bob!

WRITE FOR THE BULLETIN

We're looking for outstanding bridge hands on bidding and play. Please include player names, event name and session, hand record and details of the auction and play. You may submit the hands to Barry Rigal in person or email to barryrigal@mindspring.com. We also ask that any articles in foreign languages written after the event be copied to us.

2007 John Roberts Teams Session 1, Round 1

Bd: 2 S. K 10 9 5 3 2
Dlr: E H. J 6
Vul: N-S D. 8
 C. A 8 5 3

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

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

To prevent this position arising, I think Weinstein has to avoid splitting his heart honors. But declarer might still be able to survive. Imagine a spade lead, and two rounds of trumps ducked. Declarer wins the HA and plays a third trump. North wins and shifts to a top spade. Declarer can discard a heart now, and when the defenders lead another spade, declarer ruffs, and runs the trumps.

North
 S. 5 3 2
 H. J
 D. 8
 C. ———

Wolpert	Cohler	Kranyak	H. Weinstein
		1C	P
1H	1S	2C	4C
5C	5S	P	P
6C	Dbf	All Pass	

West	East
S. ———	S. ———
H. 10 9	H. ———
D. A K 10	D. J 9 5 3
C. ———	C. ———

South
 S. ———
 H. K Q
 D. Q 7 6 4
 C. ———

5S has at least three top losers but Wolpert was going for the big position when he bid on to 6C – partner was marked with the minors, and on a good day a singleton heart might be all he needed, along with good clubs. The defenders led a spade to the Ace, Kranyak tried CK, ducked, then a low heart to the Queen and Ace. Cohler took the second club and cashed a heart, then led the SK, but now on the run of the trumps Weinstein was squeezed. In the five-card ending he had to pitch a diamond to come down to three diamonds and two hearts, so Kranyak could finesse in diamonds and run the suit for down one.

On the last trump South still has to make a discard in the diagrammed ending, and whatever he does concedes the rest. Since Ekeblad-Seamon played 5C doubled and making after South had overcalled 1D over 1C, that was 12 IMPs to their team.

A LITTLE SHADE AND A LITTLE SUN BEFORE COMPETITION



Jacek Pszczola, Sam Lev, Barry Goren, Drew Casen

Billy Rosenbaum, Chris Compton, David Berkowitz



2007 John Roberts Teams Session 1, Round 1

Bd: 9	S. A 8 7 2	
Dlr: N	H. J 8 6 5 4	
Vul: E-W	D. 10 6	
	C. A 8	
	S. J 6 4	S. K Q 10 5 3
	H. Q	H. A 7 2
	D. A K 9 5 4 2	D. Q 8 3
	C. J 10 3	C. 9 4
	S. 9	
	H. K 10 9 3	
	D. J 7	
	C. K Q 7 6 5 2	

N/S have a tough problem both in the bidding and the play here.

Weinstein meant his 4C as looking for a sacrifice, Cohler hoped that it showed a better hand. At the table Weinstein's low club lead worked well – and badly. It let the defender cash two clubs – but now the wrong defender was on lead. Weinstein continued with a 3rd top club and declarer had +790.

Weinstein could have played HK at trick three – which would have been enough to set 4S because the communication problem is too hard with trumps 4-1.

And note that 5C works out as a cheap save which was found in the other room for -300. Helness-Helgemo had the same problem on defense.

Maybe North should shift to a heart at trick two? The net result was 10 IMPs to Moss instead of 11 IMPs the other way.

Wolpert	Cohler	Kranyak	H. Weinstein
	P	1S	2C
3C	Dbl	3S	4C
4S	Dbl	All Pass	

2007 John Roberts Teams Session 1, Round 3

Bd: 24	S. 9 7 4	
Dlr: W	H. Q 6 4 3 2	
Vul: None	D. 8 5	
	C. 9 6 2	
	S. A Q 2	S. K J 10 8 6 3
	H. 9 8 5	H. A K 10
	D. K J 9 7 4	D. Q 3
	C. 10 8	C. A Q
	S. 5	
	H. J 7	
	D. A 10 6 2	
	C. K J 7 5 4 3	

seriously together for more than a decade, and they produced a polish sequence here.

The key was that when Bertheau as a passed hand heard his partner make a slam try, he realized he was as good as could be. His 4D try denied a club control, so when his partner cooperated he simply used keycard and drove to slam, in spades of course.

Right he was. With the diamonds 4-2, Nystrom could ruff out the suit and take three diamonds, six spades and three top tricks in the other suits. This may not sound so impressive, but it turns out to be a very difficult hand for standard methods – very few pairs reached slam since even after a Drury auction it is hard for East to envisage both the good spades and the source of tricks from the passed hand.

Madala-Sementa reached slam using natural methods:

Bertheau	Paulissen	Nystrom	Bruggeman
P	P	1C*	2C
2D	P	2S	P
3S	P	3N	P
4D	P	4H (**)	P
4N	P	5D	P
6S	All Pass		

Medala	North	Sementa	South
P	P	1S	2C
3C	P	4C	P
4D	P	4H	P
5S	P	6S	All Pass

* Strong Club

** No shortness

Medala's jump to 5S was well-conceived (good trumps, nothing else to say).

Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom have been playing

2007 John Roberts Teams Session 1, Round 2

Bd: 16
Dir: W
Vul: E-W

S. A 9 6 5
 H. A 9 8
 D. A K 8 3
 C. 6 4

S. 10 7 3
 H. K J 7 2
 D. 10 7
 C. Q 10 8 5

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

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

West and can only score one more trick, since East can keep enough diamond winners. Instead declarer cashes only one diamond and two spades, ending in hand:

North

S. 9
 H. A 9
 D. 8 3
 C. —

West

S. —
 H. K J 7
 D. —
 C. Q 8

East

S. —
 H. 5
 D. Q J 9
 C. 2

South

S. —
 H. Q 10 5
 D. —
 C. J 3

Pierre Zimmerman declared 3N from the South seat here, after Franck Multon (playing a mini notrump) had opened 1D.

On a club lead to the King and Ace, he led a heart to the 9, a good start. Now he tried the HA and another heart, on which Meckstroth pitched an encouraging diamond. Now, Johnson's shift to a diamond doomed him to one down. A spade play at trick three might have been better both in theory and in practice. Meckstroth can win the SJ to shift to the C7, covered all around, but now can do no better than to return a diamond won in dummy.

Declarer must be careful now. The winning line appears to be to cash the spade and diamond winners, ending up in dummy. After nine tricks (two clubs, two diamonds, one heart and four spades) declarer reduces to two clubs and two hearts in hand, but West keeps three hearts and a bare CQ; declarer has no exit from dummy to endplay

Declarer exists with the CJ, letting West cash two clubs and then be endplayed to concede the rest. Mark Lair played 3N from the North seat on the DQ lead, on which West was obliged systemically to unblock the D10. He ducked, won the high diamond continuation and led a spade up, ducking East's SJ. Now East could not continue diamonds, and probably should just have played a spade. But he shifted to a heart. Lair carefully put up dummy's H10, and when West covered it was all over. Declarer had three tricks in each major and three minor-suit winners for +400 and 11 IMPs.

WHAT'S THE GAME PLAN? HOW ARE WE GOING TO WIN?



**George Jacobs
 & Wafik Abdou**



**Geir Helgemo
 & Tor Helness**

2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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|---|--|
| 1 Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson | 29 John Diamond – Jim Krekorian |
| 2 Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness | 30 Jacek Pszczola – Vitas Vainkonis |
| 3 Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss | 31 John Kranyak – Gavin Wolpert |
| 4 Tom Hanlon – Hugh McGann | 32 Russ Ekeblad – Eric Rodwell |
| 5 Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein | 33 Mathias Bruun – Stig Werdelin |
| 6 Alain Levy – Paul Chemla | 34 Amos Kaminski – Shaya Levit |
| 7 Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue | 35 Drew Casen – Mike Passell |
| 8 Jeroen Bruggeman – Gert-Jan Paulissen | 36 Neil Chambers – John Schermer |
| 9 Peter Fredin – Mike Moss | 37 Chih-Kuo Shen – Juei-Yu Shih |
| 10 Frank Multon – Pierre Zimmermann | 38 Marty Fleisher – Chip Martel |
| 11 Bjorn Fallenius– Richie Schwartz | 39 Michael Elinescu – Entschö Wladow |
| 12 Bart Bramley – Justin Lall | 40 Christal Henner-Welland – Michael Rosenberg |
| 13 TBA – Ron Smith | 41 Doug Doub – Adam Wildavsky |
| 14 Ahmed Hussein – Tarek Sadek | 42 Patrick Huang - Bobby Wolff |
| 15 Ton Bakkeren – Huub Bertens | 43 Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey |
| 16 Roy Welland – Chris Willenken | 44 George Jacobs – Ralph Katz |
| 17 Albert Faigenbaum – Romain Zaleski | 45 Jens Auken – Soren Christiansen |
| 18 Bruce Rogoff – Louk Verhees | 46 Michel Eidi – Fulvio Fantoni |
| 19 Bob Blanchard – Sam Lev | 47 Gilad Altshuler – David Birman |
| 20 Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom | 48 Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth |
| 21 Hao-Juh Shi – Ze-Jun Zhuang | 49 Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway |
| 22 Steve Landen – Pratap Rajadhyaksha | 50 Wafik Abdou – Billy Eisenberg |
| 23 Jill Levin – Jill Meyers | 51 Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin |
| 24 Gary Cohler – Howard Weinstein | 52 Valerio Gubilo – Alfredo Versace |
| 25 Augustin Madala – Antonio Sementa | 53 Chris Compton – Kyle Larsen |
| 26 Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood | 54 Ashley Bach – Mike Cornell |
| 27 This space intentionally left blank | 55 Bartos Chmurski – Piotr Gawrys |
| 28 David Berkowitz – Bill Pollack | 56 Jie Zhao – Fu Zhong |

2007 World Bridge Production Pairs

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum | 16. Ira Chorush, Hemant Lall |
| 2. Fared Assemi, Edward Wojewoda | 17. Rajib Gupta, Vandana Vidwans |
| 3. Joe Kivel and partner | 18. Todd, Soni |
| 4. Marc Jacobus, LouAnn O'Rourke | 19. James Cunningham, Frank Trieber III |
| 5. Leo Bell, Marshall Miles | 20. Dan Jacob, Dick Yarrington |
| 6. Fred Hamilton, Barbara Hamman | 21. Mike Albert, Gary Zeiger |
| 7. Mike Cappelletti, John Morris | 22. Chester Johnston, Jim Murphy |
| 8. Josh Donn, Bruce Rubin | 23. Jeff Fang, Erez Handelman |
| 9. Lenny Ernst, Wojcieh Kurkowski | 24. Katherine Bertheau, Johan Upman |
| 10. Mark Lair, Jim Mahaffey | 25. Ann Levy, Sylvie Wellard |
| 11. Colby Vernay and partner | 26. Randy Pettit, Jon Slaney |
| 12. Sheila Ekeblad, Michael Seamon | 27. Alex Kolesnik, Roberto Scaramuzzi |
| 13. Connie Goldberg, Renee Mancuso | 28. Brian Glubok, David Hoffner |
| 14. Michael McNamara, Silwia McNamara | 29. Shane Blanchard, Owen Lien |
| 15. Jim Eastham, Dan McGuire | 30. Gail Greenberg, Jeff Hand |

John Roberts Teams & WBP Teams - Conditions of Contest, 2007

1. **Schedule:** The John Roberts Teams will be played in three sessions, starting at 10:30 am Wednesday morning and continuing Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Starting times for the second and third sessions will be announced from the floor.
2. **Scoring:** Each session will consist of three nine-board matches, scored at IMPs and converted to Victory Points according to the following scale.

<u>IMPs</u>	<u>VPs</u>	<u>IMPs</u>	<u>VPs</u>
0	15-15	12-13	23-7
1	16-14	14-15	24-6
2	17-13	16-18	25-5
3	18-12	19-21	26-4
4-5	19-11	22-24	27-3
6-7	20-10	25-27	28-2
8-9	21-9	28-31	29-1
10-11	22-8	32 up	30-0
3. **Entries:** Each team may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, all of whom must be listed on the official entry form. There is no minimum play requirement.
4. **Format:** Screens and bidding boxes will be used. For each match, duplicated boards will be played across the field to equalize the swings that might be available otherwise.
5. **Penalties:** Pairs are not allowed to discuss a hand during the course of a match, or compare results with their teammates in the playing area. Failure to observe these conditions will result in an automatic, non-appealable penalty of three Victory Points for each violation.
6. **Tardiness:** A team is required to seat a complete foursome within 10 minutes of the announced starting time. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of three IMPs being given to the non-offending team for each five-minute segment of lateness. The Tournament Committee may appoint a substitute, or substitutes, until the tardy member(s) arrives, and the match may be curtailed by one or more boards unless the Chief Director determines that there is sufficient time to complete the full match. These penalties may be increased for repeated offenses.
7. **Slow Play:** For each nine-board match, 75 minutes are allotted, plus a 10-minute grace period. Failure to complete a match within that limit shall subject both teams to a penalty of three Victory Points, unless a pair has notified a Director of slow play by their opponents. If a match is not completed within five minutes after the expiration of the grace period, unplayed boards will be curtailed. The second and third matches for each session may not begin until play for the previous match has been completed at all tables.
8. **Pairings:** For the first match, pairings will be made at random. In subsequent matches, pairings will be based on Victory Point totals, with the proviso that teams may not play against each other more than once in any given session.
9. **Systems and Conventions:** All methods approved for the Cavendish Invitational Pairs are allowed, but no others. In general, any convention that would require a pre-alert and suggested written defenses, including Multi, preemptive opening bids that do not specify the suit or suits held, and other artificial bids that cannot be explained to an average player within 10 seconds, are barred. If there is any question about the acceptability of your system, it must be approved by a member of the Tournament Committee prior to the start of play.
10. **Appeals:** Other than penalties specified in 5,6 and 7 above, a Director's ruling may be appealed to an Appeals Committee designated by the Tournament Committee upon posting a bond of \$50. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final except as in 13 below and the bond will be forfeited if the appeal is deemed to be substantially without merit.
11. **Standings:** The final standings shall be determined by the total Victory Points won by the teams entered. In the event of a tie for first place, a six-board playoff will be held to determine the winner of the John Roberts Teams for the Jack Dreyfus Cup. Ties for other overall placings will share the available prize money.
12. **Smoking and Dress Code:** Players and kibitzers may not smoke in the playing area and are expected to dress properly. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to redress an infraction of these provisions in any manner it deems appropriate, and to rule on any other matter not specified in these Conditions.
13. Any of the above notwithstanding, the Tournament Committee may take any action it deems necessary for the health and well-being of this event and its participants.

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not allowed in the hotel. Smoking is allowed in the casino area and outside.

CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL PAIRS \$100,000 PICK-THE-WINNERS SWEEPSTAKES

All Entries must be received no later than 11:59:59pm (CST) {9:59:59pm Las Vegas time} on Thursday May 10, 2007, the day prior to the start of The 2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Tournament (the "Event"). The only way to enter is online at www.cavendishinvitational.com. To enter, follow the links to the promotion website. Limit one entry per e-mail address.

One Grand prize of \$100,000 USD, payable in cash is available to that entrant who has correctly predicted the top five (5) finishers in exact order.

One Level I \$10,000 prize for correctly predicting the top four (4) finishers in the Event in exact order as described herein.

One Level II \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the Entrant who submitted the highest scoring Entry and who has not won a Grand Prize or Level II prize.

Please visit www.cavendishinvitational.com for Cavendish Invitational Pairs "\$100,000 Pick-the-Winners Sweepstakes" Official Rules.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 10, 2007

10:30 am JR Teams 3rd session Estancia D-E-F-G (3 9-board matches)
3:00-4:00 pm Beer, Cheese and Fruit Outside playing area

This is the final opportunity to place pre-bids for the CIP Auction

6:00 pm Open Bar Grand Ballroom 3-4
6:15 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Auction

Friday, May 11, 2007

10:30 am CIP 1st Session Estancia (27 boards)
4:00 pm CIP 2nd Session Estancia (27 boards)

Saturday, May 12, 2007

9:00 am Breakfast LaCascada
9:30 am Auction, WBP Pairs
10:30 am CIP 3rd Session Estancia (27 Boards)
WBP Pairs 1st Session Grand Ballroom 3-4
4:00 pm CIP 3rd Session Estancia (27 boards)
WBP Pairs 2nd Session Grand Ballroom 3-4

Sunday, May 13, 2007

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

Hospitality Time

Please join us for beer, cheese and fruit outside the playing area following the afternoon session to congratulate the winners and make your last minute pre-bids on the Cavendish Invitational Pairs.

See page 1 for details on the Pre-Auction.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE PLAYING AREA

Absolutely no electronic devices capable of sending or receiving signals (other than hearing aids) may be brought into the playing rooms under any circumstances. This applies to kibitzers as well as players. You may leave your electronic devices at the check-in table; however, WBP will not be held responsible for lost items. PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR PHONES BEFORE PUTTING THEM IN THE BOX!