

The Cavendish Invitational

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Welcome to the 35th Annual Cavendish Invitational

World Bridge Productions welcomes you to the 2009 Cavendish Pairs, John Roberts Teams and World Bridge Production Pairs. This year, BridgeBase is once again providing live Internet VuGraph coverage (surf to bridgebase.com). The onsite auction will, as usual, feature George Jacobs, Chris Compton and whomever else we can coerce into making a fool of himself. The five-session Cavendish Invitational Pairs features a star-studded field (see page 3), while the three-session John Roberts Teams, in its prize-only format, anticipates at least 16 entries (see page 2). The three-session WBP Pairs will have a field in excess of 20 pairs. The complete schedule for this year's tournament is on the back page of this Bulletin.

In the spirit of friendship and good bridge, we welcome you to the 2009 Cavendish Invitational. We hope you have fun and wish everyone a successful experience. Have a pleasant stay in Las Vegas, and good luck to all.

Bob Blanchard, Bob Hamman, Billy Rosenbaum, Roy Welland

2008 John Roberts Teams Winners

**Lou Ann O'Rourke & Marc Jacobus
Geoff Hampson & Eric Rodwell
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein**



2008 Teams Awards

1 st	\$52,010
2 nd	\$37,150
3 rd	\$26,748
4 th	\$19,318
5 th	\$13,374

2008 Winner's Circle

1. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
2. Cornell Teodorescu, Paul Chemla, Ionut Coldea, Michel Lebel
3. Gilad Altshuler, David Birman, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola
4. Roy Welland, Jeff Meckstroth, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver
5. David Berkowitz, Bill Pollack, Jan Jansma, Russ Ekeblad, Sheila Ekeblad, Michael Seamon

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2009 John Roberts Teams

1. Jim Mahaffey – Mike Passell – Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola – Jie Zhao – Zhong Fu
2. Martin De Knijff – Frederic Wrang – Bjorn Fallenius – Peter Fredin – Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom
3. Lou Ann O'Rourke – Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson – Eric Rodwell – Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
4. Pierre Zimmermann – Frank Multon – Michel Bessis – Thomas Bessis – Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness
5. Connie Goldberg – Billy Eisenberg – Ton Bakkeren – Huub Bertens
6. Romain Zaleski – Paul Chemla – Maria Lara – Manuel Capucho
7. Albert Faigenbaum – Dominique Pilon – Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin
8. Seymon Deutsch – John Kranyak – Billy Cohen – Ron Smith – Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue
9. Roy Welland – Michael Rosenberg – Georgio Duboin – Guido Ferraro
10. Charles Wigoder – Zia Mahmood – Bob Blanchard – Shane Blanchard
11. Bruce Rogoff – Louk Verhees – Josef Piekarek – Alex Smirnov
12. Gaylor Kasle – Drew Casen – Jim Krekorian – Neil Chambers – John Schermer
13. Mike Moss – Gunnar Hallberg – David Berkowitz – Bill Pollack
14. Kevin Bathurst – Justin Lall – Jason Feldman – Dan Zagorin
15. Barry Goren – John Hurd – Jeff Meckstroth – Joel Wooldridge
16. Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall - Gary Cohler - Michael Seamon

Appeals Announcement

Appeals of tournament directors' rulings (in all events) will be handled in the following manner. Any director's ruling will be reconsidered (at the request of either side) by filing a timely request for reconsideration with the Director in Charge. Said request for reconsideration shall be in writing and must set forth in sufficient detail the reason(s) why the filing party believes that the ruling was incorrect.

Upon receipt of a request for reconsideration the tournament directing staff, along with whomever else the staff wishes to consult, will reconsider the ruling and render a decision. The directors may request a hearing when there are facts in dispute, but are not required to do so.

Invitational Pairs Auction

On Thursday evening, May 7, you and your guest are cordially invited to our cocktail party at 6:15 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. The auction of the Pairs starts at 7:00 p.m. Each pair must make an initial bid of \$12,500 for the partnership and must own a minimum of 10% of itself. A pair has the right to purchase 40% of itself, or more, if the owner consents. Proper attire is required at all times, with jackets and ties requested for this auction.

Special Note

The change in the auction process instituted last year seems to have been a success and will be continued this year. All pairs will be pre-auctioned by silent bid from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday May 6th through 4:00 p.m. Thursday May 7th. An auction desk will be established near the playing area. All bids will be posted in some fashion, along with the identity of each bidder. Since the minimum bid on each pair is deemed to be made by the pair itself, the opening bid by anyone else during this process must be at least \$13,000.

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 p.m. deadline. Minimum raise of any bid is \$500.

Any pair whose bid price by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday is less than \$15,000 will be deemed sold to the highest bidder at this time and will not be auctioned live on Thursday evening. Accordingly, any player or other potential bidder not on site before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday must be sure to communicate with us if wishing to bid on himself or herself or any other pair. We will attempt to contact any CIP participants not in attendance by Thursday morning to determine their wishes with regard to their, or any other pair's auction price. If you are not going to be onsite prior to the auction, you may contact us on Wednesday at 917.282.7451 to place a bid on yourself or any other pair.

2009 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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|---|---|
| 1. Sam Lev - Jacek Pszczola | 26. John Diamond - Eric Greco |
| 2. Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens | 27. Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss |
| 3. Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue | 28. Nikolay Demirev - Nicolas L'Ecuyer |
| 4. Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin | 29. Jason Feldman - Daniel Zagorin |
| 5. Bart Bramley - Mike Passell | 30. Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell |
| 6. Brian Glubok - Harry Tudor | 31. Jill Levin - Jill Meyers |
| 7. Michael Elinescu - Entschow Wladlow | 32. Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis |
| 8. Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees | 33. Zia Mahmood - Charles Wigoder |
| 9. Gene Freed - George Mattos | 34. George Jacobs - Ralph Katz |
| 10. Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin | 35. Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom |
| 11. Michael Rosenberg - Christal Henner-Welland | 36. Seymon Deutsch - John Kranyak |
| 12. Josef Piekarek - Alex Smirnov | 37. Georgio DuBoin - Guido Ferraro |
| 13. Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian | 38. Kevin Bathurst - Justin Lall |
| 14. Manuel Capucho - Maria Lara | 39. Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon |
| 15. Fred Stewart - Kit Woolsey | 40. Perry Johnson - Jeff Meckstroth |
| 16. Roy Welland - Chris Willenken | 41. Boye Brogeland - Odin Svendsen |
| 17. Martin DeKnijff - Frederic Wrang | 42. Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord |
| 18. David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack | 43. Frank Multon - Pierre Zimmermann |
| 19. Paul Chemla - Romain Zaleski | 44. Gunnar Hallberg - Mike Moss |
| 20. Marty Fleisher - Chip Martel | 45. Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein |
| 21. Neil Chambers - John Schermer | 46. Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek |
| 22. Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness | 47. Billy Cohen - Ron Smith |
| 23. Bob Blanchard - Shane Blanchard | 48. Zhong Fu - Jie Zhao |
| 24. Gary Cohler - Michael Seamon | 49. Roger Bates - Chris Compton |
| 25. Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall | 50. Left Blank |

John Roberts Teams Past Winners

- 2007** Gaylor Kastle, Drew Casen, Neil Chambers, John Diamond, Jim Krekorian, John Schermer
2006 Wafik Abdou, Connie Goldberg, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha
2005 Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
2004 Charles Wigoder, Gunner Halberg, Richard Jedyrchowski, Michael Cornell,
2003 Perry Johnson, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2002 Bob Blanchard, Piotr Gawrys, Sam Lev, Krzysztof Jassem
2001 Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Fred Gittelman, Steve Garner, Brad Moss, Howard Weinstein
2000 Perry Johnson, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
1999 Bobby Levin, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Steve Weinstein
1998 Wubbo De Boer, Jan Jansma, Bauke Muller, Jan Van Cleeff
1997 Andrea Buratti, Massimo Lanzarotti, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace
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Reprise of 2008

by Phillip Alder

The defending champions in the John Roberts Teams are Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein.

Last year, before the final nine-board round, the standings by team captain were: 1. Altschuler 168 victory points; 2. O'Rourke 152; 3. Welland 151; 4=. Berkowitz and Teodorescu 147. Altschuler was playing against O'Rourke, and Welland was facing Berkowitz, with 30 victory points available in each match.

The Welland-Berkowitz match ended in a 16-14 win for Welland, which killed the chances of both teams.

Teodorescu had a big 29-1 win over Vainikonis to finish with 176 victory points. Altschuler would take the title with no worse than a 9-21 loss.

The first board was flat. On the second, Sam Lev and Jacek Pszczola for the Altschuler team reached an aggressive six hearts that was slightly worse than the trump finesse. The finesse lost (the king was singleton offside with four missing) and the slam went down one. When Hampson and Rodwell stopped in five hearts, O'Rourke gained 13 international match points.

One imp changed hands over the next three boards, then Gilad Altschuler and David Birman bid a seven-club contract that had no play whatsoever. Levin and Weinstein bid and made six clubs to gain 14 imps for O'Rourke.

The seventh board was flat. Then came this deal:

<p>Dir: West Vul: Both</p>	<p>North ♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ K J 10 ♦ 5 ♣ A J 8 6 5</p>	<p>East ♠ K J ♥ 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ 10 9 7 4</p>	<p>South ♠ Q 4 ♥ A 9 8 6 5 ♦ A Q J 6 ♣ 3 2</p>
<p>West ♠ 10 8 7 6 2 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ K Q</p>			<p>West ♠ 10 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K ♣ —</p>
			<p>North ♠ — ♥ K J ♦ — ♣ J 8</p>
			<p>East ♠ — ♥ 4 3 ♦ 10 3 ♣ —</p>
			<p>South ♠ — ♥ A 9 8 ♦ J ♣ —</p>
<p>West North East South Pass ♣ Pass ♥ ♠ Dble (a)Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass</p>			

(a) Fit-showing double showing three-card heart support

Altschuler-Birman and Levin-Weinstein played in four hearts by South.

At both tables, West led the club king. For O'Rourke, Weinstein won with dummy's ace and played a spade toward his queen. Lev (East) went in with his king and returned the spade jack to South's queen. Declarer cashed his diamond ace, ruffed a diamond on the board, and called for the spade ace, which was ruffed by East and overruffed by South.

A second diamond ruff brought out West's king, and the spade nine was ruffed and overruffed. Declarer led his high diamond, ruffed by Pszczola (West) and overruffed by dummy's king.

That was eight tricks for Weinstein, and he had to score two more trump tricks from his remaining ace-nine-eight.

At the other table, Birman won with dummy's club ace, played a diamond to his ace, and led a club. Hampson (West) took his queen and shifted to a spade. Rodwell (East) won with his king and led the club ten, South discarding his spade queen and West ruffing low.

A spade return was won with dummy's ace, declarer discarding a diamond. A spade ruff, a diamond ruff and a spade ruff left this position, with South on lead needing all four tricks:

Plus 620 and plus 100 gave O'Rourke another 12 imps and a match win by 40 imps to 6. This converted to a 30-0 whitewash in victory points.

The defending champions in the Cavendish Invitational Pairs are Hampson and Rodwell, who completed a memorable double. Second were Gary Cohler and Sam Lev, ahead of Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein.

This was a critical deal for the winners, board 3 of the fourth session, which was spotted on BBO by Larry Cohen.

	North		
Dir: West	♠ A 10 7 6 5		
Vul: N-S	♥ Q 8 7 3		
	♦ J 8 2		
	♣ K		
		East	
West		♠ Q J 2	
♠ K 9 8		♥ A K 9 2	
♥ J 10 6 5 4		♦ 9 7 3	
♦ 10		♣ 10 3 2	
♣ A Q 8 5			
	South		
	♠ 4 3		
	♥ —		
	♦ A K Q 6 5 4		
	♣ J 9 7 6 4		

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
4♦	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

You can see that each player has ten high-card points. Perhaps you would expect it to be passed out, but that happened only three times. Modern tournament players come to bid, not to pass.

Some commentators expected Hampson (West) to open one heart because he was playing a strong-club system, which would have limited his hand to a maximum of 15 points. But he passed, perhaps not liking his rebid if partner responded two diamonds.

After Ionut Coldea from Romania (North) passed, though, Rodwell (East) opened one heart, a lead-directing bid.

Cornel Teodorescu from Romania (South) overcalled two diamonds, preferring that intervention to the Unusual Notrump because his diamonds were so much better than his clubs.

Now West made a four-diamond splinter bid, showing game values in hearts with at most a singleton diamond.

North, confident that his partner was void in hearts, raised to five diamonds. Surely, though, he should have advanced with four spades. Since he was a passed hand, this would have shown five spades and diamond support. Here, of course, South would have retreated to five diamonds.

West doubled five diamonds.

Would you prefer to declare or to defend?

Hampson led the heart jack. South ruffed in his hand and played a club, West winning with the ace and shifting to his trump. Declarer won in his hand, ruffed a club on the board, and trumped a heart.

The crucial moment had arrived. Making the mathematically correct play, winning if either opponent was down to a singleton club queen, South ruffed a low club.

When the queen did not appear, declarer had to go down two. He cashed dummy's spade ace and gave up a spade, but East forced South with another spade, and declarer could cash only his two top trumps. He lost the last two tricks to West's club queen and East's heart ace.

Plus 500 gave Hampson and Rodwell 193 imps. But if South had led the club jack from his hand at trick six, pinning East's ten, he would have made his contract. Minus 750 would have cost the winners 340 imps, a difference of 533 imps on one board, far more than their winning margin.

So, did you bet on the declarer? Wrong! Assuming everyone plays knowing all of the cards, West defeats the contract if he leads his trump. Declarer would win in his hand and play a club, but West lets dummy's bare king take the trick! (And who would find that play?) South can crossruff hearts and clubs, but he ends with only ten tricks: one spade, one club, two club ruffs on the board and six trumps in his hand.

If West takes trick two, declarer, as at the table, would lead his club jack on the third round of that suit to pin East's ten, establishing two club tricks.

Now, though, let us look forward to many great calls and coups over the next five days.

Which famous player once said, "Three against one is fine...but seven against one is just too much."
(see Thursday's Bulletin for answer.)

Write for the Bulletin

We're looking for outstanding bridge deals 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 deals to Phillip Alder in person or email to phillipalder@prodigy.net.

John Roberts Teams & WBP Teams - Conditions of Contest, 2009

1. **Schedule:** The John Roberts Teams will be played in three sessions, starting at 10:30am 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.
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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.

Cavendish Invitational Pairs & WBP Pairs - Conditions of Contest, 2009

1A — Cavendish Pairs

There will be no more than 60 pairs entered. Play will consist of three-board rounds and there will be no more than 45 rounds.

1B — WBP Pairs

Format will be based upon the number of entries. Play will be conducted over three sessions.

For both events, the boards will be played simultaneously, barometer style, but scores will not be posted until the end of each session. Screens will be used in the Cavendish but not in the WBP.

2. The events will be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (The Laws). Whenever the use of screens precludes unauthorized information the Tournament Director may waive certain provisions of The Laws.
3. 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.
4. Players are required to be in their places at the announced starting times. A penalty of 50 IMPs will be assessed for each five-minute lateness segment, beginning 10 minutes after the starting time for first offenders, and for each five minutes of tardiness after the announced starting time for repeat offenders.
5. Discussion of boards during a round is prohibited. In each session a player making any remark that, in the judgment of a director might be overheard at another table, will be penalized 50 IMPs for the first offense, 100 IMPs for the second infraction, and 150 IMPs for each offense thereafter. These are automatic and not appealable.
6. Players are free to leave the playing area when they conclude each round, but are prohibited from comparing results in the playing area. Any pair detected doing so will be assessed automatic, non-appealable penalties as in 5 above.
7. For each three-board round, 25 minutes (17 minutes for two-board rounds) are allotted, plus a two-minute grace period. A new round may not be started until the previous round's play has been completed at all tables. Pairs failing to complete play within the allocated time will be given a written warning for a first offense. A second infraction will result in a 50 IMP penalty; subsequent offenses, up to 200 IMPs. The cumulative penalties for slow play will not exceed 300 IMPs in any single session. Penalties for slow play do not carry over to another session and are administered by the Chief Director, in consultation with the Tournament Committee. In the absence of a player's report to a Director regarding an opponent's slow play or the player himself, it shall be deemed that both pairs are equally at fault. Slow play penalties are not appealable.
8. It is strongly recommended that at trick one declarer take about 15 seconds before playing to the opening lead and that the player in third seat take about 10 seconds before playing. Thereafter, significant breaks in tempo before selecting small cards will be strongly discouraged.
9. The Alert Procedure is mandatory. Players shall alert their calls as they are made, and their partner's calls when the bidding tray is moved to their side of the table. It is the Alerter's responsibility to ensure that his screenmate realizes that an alert has been made. A player may ask for an explanation of a bid, **IN WRITING** at the appropriate turn to bid and play, and the answer must also be given **IN WRITING**. All bids or calls which have a conventional meaning (other than Stayman, Blackwood, strong and artificial 2-club openings) are subject to an alert. Each player shall have a convention card completely filled out and, if possible, a hard copy of all system notes available for inspection.
10. No pre-alerts are required for carding agreements, except that leading low from a doubleton must be pre-alerted. Any method of leads against suit or notrump contracts is permitted, but the partnership may play only one structure of honor and low card leads against suit contracts. A different structure of leads may be played in defense of a notrump contract, but only one method is allowed. Normal or upside-down signals and discards for attitude, count or suit preference are permitted, but variable, or encrypted, signals are not.
11. Any irregularity in the Alert procedure may result in score adjustments for Misinformation or Unauthorized Information. Both players are required to know their bidding agreements and to alert and explain their agreements properly and identically. The appropriate laws will be applied if damage to the opponents result therefrom, and even if no damage ensues from an alert infraction, a procedural penalty may be assigned. In general, players should assume that if no alert is made, no alertable call has been made. Therefore, if there is any doubt in a player's mind as to whether or not a call is alertable, the player should alert.
12. The North and South players control the bidding tray. The screenmate is permitted to make a screen huddle to normalize the tempo by removing the bid card from the bidding box, showing it to North or South, but withholding it from being placed in the tray.
13. Players (behind screens) should endeavor to place their bidding cards in the tray without creating sounds which would be heard on the opposite side of the screen.
14. In general, any convention or treatment that is familiar to the average tournament player, or can be explained to the average player within 10 seconds, is allowed. Methods of a destructive nature are not authorized, nor are the following:
 - a. Forcing or strong pass systems;
 - b. Multi 2♦ and similar conventional opening bids;
 - c. Two-suited weak two/three-bid openings which specify only one (or neither) of the suits held; anchor suit must contain at least five cards, except that two of a major showing that suit and a minor is permitted – even if the major is only a four card suit.
 - d. Preemptive bids that do not specify which suit is held;
 - e. Artificial bids or sequences that require lengthy explanations;
 - f. Canapé style overcalls or opening bids if the first-bid suit may be shorter than four cards;
 - g. Any system, convention or treatment that would require a pre-alert (in ACBL parlance) and written suggested defenses.
 - h. Transfer openings and transfer responses, subject to the following exceptions:
 1. Any transfer response structure to a notrump opening, overcall or rebid is permitted, as are transfer responses showing at least high-card game invitational values.
 2. Transfer responses over a 1♣ opening bid, as long as a 1♠ response promises at least invitational values.
15. Each board will be scored by International Match Points as follows: each pair's score will be compared with every other score achieved by pairs in the same direction. The maximum swing on any single comparison will be 17 IMPs times the number of comparisons. Average-plus and average-minus scores will be calculated according to a pre-determined formula, as will the adjustment for a fouled board.
16. Any Director's ruling (other than penalties under sections 4, 5, 6 and 7) may be appealed to the Appeals Committee designated by the Tournament Committee. If a pair or team wishes to lodge an appeal, it must post US \$50 which will be forfeited if the Appeals Committee deems the appeal to be substantially without merit. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are not subject to further appeal; however see 20 below.
17. The Tournament Committee will decide on the acceptability of substitutes should the need arise.
18. Disciplinary penalties may be imposed by the Tournament Committee for violations of conduct by players or their guests.
19. Kibitzers will be permitted to enter the room only at the beginning of a round or match.
20. Any of the above notwithstanding, the Tournament Committee may take any action it deems necessary in the best interests of the event and its participants.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

9:00am	Breakfast	Opium Terrace (Poolside)	
10:30am	JR Teams 1 st session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)
4:00pm	JR Teams 2 nd session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)

Thursday, May 7, 2009

10:30am	JR Teams 3 rd session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)
4:00pm	End of pre-bid period for CIP Auction		

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

Friday, May 8, 2009

TBD	CIP 1 st Session	Estancia Ballroom	(27 boards)
4:00pm	CIP 2 nd Session	Estancia Ballroom	(27 boards)

Saturday, May 9, 2009

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

Sunday, May 10, 2009

TBD	Final Session CIP	Estancia Ballroom	
	Final Session WBP Pairs	Grand Ballroom 3-4	
3:00pm	Closing Party	Lobby Bar Terraces	

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