

The Cavendish Invitational

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Welcome to the 36th Annual Cavendish Invitational

World Bridge Productions welcomes you to the 2010 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 14 entries (see page 2). The three-session WBP Pairs will have a field in excess of 15 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 2010 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

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 a timely filing for such consideration 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.

Pre-Auction-Invitational Pairs Auction

The change in the auction process instituted two years ago is a success and will continue this year. All pairs will be pre-auctioned by silent bid from 10:00 a.m. Wednesday May 5th through 4:00 p.m. Thursday May 6th. 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.

2010 John Roberts Teams

1. **MAHAFFEY, Jim** – Mike Passell – Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola – Jie Zhao – Zhong Fu
2. **DE KNIJFF, Martin** – Frederic Wrang – Bjorn Fallenius – Peter Fredin
3. **O'ROURKE, Lou Ann** – Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson – Eric Greco – Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
4. **ZIMMERMANN, Pierre** – Franck Multon – Michel Bessis – Thomas Bessis – Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness
5. **KASLE, Gaylor** - Finkel – Drew Casen – Jim Krekorian – Russ Ekeblad – Jan Jansma
6. **FAIGENBAUM, Albert** – Dominique Pilon – Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin
7. **BLANCHARD, Robert** – Shane Blanchard – Bruce Rogoff – Louk Verhees
8. **ZALESKI, Romain** – Paul Chemla – Chris Compton – Bob Hamman
9. **BRINK, Sjoert** – Bas Drijver – Simon De Wijs – Bauke Muller
10. **WELLAND, Roy** – Chris Willenkin – Christal Hennar-Welland – Michael Rosenberg – Josef Piekarek – Alex Smirnov
11. **ZAGORIN, Daniel** – Kevin Bathurst – Bart Bramley – Nikolay Demirev
12. **DEUTSCH, Seymon** – John Kranyak – Billy Cohen – Ron Smith – Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue
13. **DIAMOND, John** - Brian Platnick - Jeff Meckstroth - Zia Mahmood

John Roberts Teams & WBP Teams - Conditions of Contest, 2010

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.

2010 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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| 1. Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue | 26. Michael Elinescu - Entschow Wladlow |
| 2. Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver | 27. Christal Henner-Welland - Michael Rosenberg |
| 3. Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss | 28. Gary Cohler - Eric Robinson |
| 4. Jack Zhao - Fu Zhong | 29. Boye Brogeland - Arthur Malinowski |
| 5. Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson | 30. Sam Lev - Jacek Pszczola |
| 6. Mark Lair - Roger Lord | 31. Nicolas L'Ecuylar - Jim Krekorian |
| 7. Seymon Deutsch - John Kranyak | 32. Steve Garner — Zia Mahmood |
| 8. Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmermann | 33. Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon |
| 9. Hamish Bennett - Billy Miller | 34. Glenn Grotheim - Ulf Tundal |
| 10. Ashley Bach - Michael Cornell | 35. Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein |
| 11. Bart Bramley - Nikolay Demirev | 36. Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis |
| 12. Paul Chemla - Romain Zaleski | 37. Huub Bertens - John Mohan |
| 13. Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard | 38. John Diamond - Brian Platnick |
| 14. Martin DeKnijff - Frederic Wrang | 39. This space intentionally left blank |
| 15. Billy Cohen - Ron Smith | 40. This space intentionally left blank |
| 16. Josef Piekarek - Alex Smirnov | 41. This space intentionally left black |
| 17. Hemant Lall - Justin Lall | 42. Perry Johnson - Jeff Meckstroth |
| 18. Steve Beatty - George Jacobs | 43. Ahmed hussein - Eric Rodwell |
| 19. Manuel Capucho — Maria Capucho | 44. Michael Kamil - Michael Moss |
| 20. Chris Compton - Bob Hamman | 45. Simon DeWijs - Bauke Muller |
| 21. Chip Martel - Kit Woolsey | 46. Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness |
| 22. Gunnar Andersson - Marten Gustavsson | 47. This space intentionally left blank |
| 23. Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees | 48. Roy Welland - Chris Willenkin |
| 24. Russ Ekeblad - Jan Jansma | 49. Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin |
| 25. Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin | 50. Drew Casen - Mike Passell |

John Roberts Teams Past Winners

- 2009** Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao
2008 Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
2007 Gaylor Kasle, 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 Jedrychowski, 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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The Cavendish Invitational 2009

by Phillip Alder

As a lead-in to this year's event, here are the results and best deals from last year, starting with the John Roberts Teams, which had a truly exciting finish. As the final round started, only two teams could win, Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein led with 175 vps. Second were Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola, Jie Zhao and Zhong Fu with 151 vps. O'Rourke was playing against Seymon Deutsch, John Kranyak, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Billy Cohen and Ron Smith (who were third with 141 vps); and Mahaffey was on BBO against Barry Goren, Jeff Meckstroth, John Hurd and Joel Wooldridge (fourth with 139).

Even if Mahaffey won a 30-0 blitz (32 imps or more), O'Rourke would be safe with a loss by at most 13 imps. (If they lost by 14 or 15 imps, there would be a six-board playoff.)

Luckily, the deals were lively. This was the second:

	North
Board 20	S. A K Q 7 3
Dlr: West	H. 7 4 2
Vul: N-S	D. A 10 2
	C. K 8

West
S. J 10 5 2
H. 9 8 5 3
D. K 9
C. 10 6 4

East
S. .8 6
H. J 10 6
D. Q J 8 6 5 3
C. 3 2

South
S. 9 4
H. A K Q
D. 7 4
C. A Q J 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
Pass	1NT (a)	Pass	2S (b)
Pass	3C (c)	Pass	4D (d)
Pass	4S (e)	Pass	5D (f)
Pass	7C (g)	All Pass	

(a) 15-17 points
 (b) Transfer to clubs
 (c) Positive
 (d) Roman Key Card Blackwood
 (e) Three key cards
 (f) Showing all five key cards, looking for seven, and asking for side-suit kings
 (g) "I've got what you need, partner."

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
	1C (a)	Pass	2C (b)
Pass	2S	Pass	3C
Pass	4C	Pass	4D (c)
Dble	4H (d)	Pass	5D (e)
Pass	7C	Pass	7NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) 16-plus points
 (b) 5-plus clubs, 12-plus points
 (c) Roman Key Card Blackwood in clubs
 (d) A diamond control and 3 key cards
 (e) Interest in a grand slam, asking for side-suit kings

After Rodwell doubled four diamonds and the tray went under the screen, there was quite a pause. Confident that Grue knew his RKCB reply, this told Cheek that Hampson was thinking of bidding five diamonds. And if North had no secondary honors in diamonds, he had to have the spade queen for his one-club opening. Hence Cheek's conversion to seven notrump.

There were 13 top tricks, so Deutsch gained 2 imps.

Smoking Policy

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

In the other match:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
	1NT (a)	Pass	4C (b)
Pass	4S (c)	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) 14-16 points

(b) Gerber

(c) Two aces

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
	1S	Pass	2C (a)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	Pass	4H
Pass	4NT (b)	Pass	5S (c)
Pass	5NT (d)	Pass	7C (e)
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

(a) Two-over-one game-force

(b) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(c) Two key cards and the club queen

(d) Asking for side-suit kings

(e) "I've got what you need, parter."

Later John Hurd probably regretted not opening one spade. With 16 prime points and an excellent five-card suit, his hand was worth more than 16 points.

The Chinese had a good auction to seven notrump to gain 13 imps.

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.

The next deal had its funny side in the O'Rourke-Deutsch match.

		North		
Board 21		S. 5 3 2		
Dlr: North		H. 10 9 6 3		
Vul: N-S		D. Q J 7 3		
		C. 5 3		
	West		East	
	S. Q 10 9		S. A 8 7 6 4	
	H. A Q 5		H. J 2	
	D. 2		D. 10 9 8 6 5	
	C. K Q 10 9 7 6		C. 4	

		South
	South	S. K J
	H. K 8 7 4	
	D. A K 4	
	C. A J 8 2	

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
	Pass	Pass	1C
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
	Pass	Pass	1C (a)
2C	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Precision: 16-plus points

O'Rourke played in clubs at both tables!

Against Weinstein, Cohen led the club king. When declarer ducked, Cohen continued with the club nine. South won with his jack, played a diamond to dummy's queen, and returned a heart to his king and West's ace. Another trump went to South's ace. Declarer tried to cash the diamond ace, but West ruffed, drew South's last trump, and shifted to the spade ten. Smith won with his ace and cashed the heart jack, at which point declarer conceded down three. He had taken only one spade, one diamond and two clubs.

Rodwell had no trouble in two clubs from his side, but Deutsch gained 5 imps.

In the other match, these were the auctions:

Goren got on the scoreboard here:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Board 22
Dir: East
Vul: E-W

North
S. A 8 7 3
H. J 10 2
D. Q
C. Q 8 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
	Pass	Pass	1C (a)
2C (b)	Pass	Pass	Pass

West
S. Q 6 5
H. A Q 9 6
D. J 10 6 5
C. 10 9

East
S. 10
H. 7 5 4 3
D. K 9 8 7 3
C. A K J

(a) Natural

(b) Also natural; two diamonds would have shown at least 5-5 in the majors

South
S. K J 9 4 2
H. K 8
D. A 4 2
C. 7 5 3

Four hearts was no fun. West led the club king, which Wooldridge ducked. A spade shift went to East's ace and a second spade was won by South. A diamond to the queen was followed by a heart to the king and ace. A low club was ruffed with the heart jack, a diamond was ruffed with the heart five, and the heart queen was cashed for down three.

The Chinese lost their way against Meckstroth's two-club contract. North led the diamond queen. South overtook with his king and shifted to a low trump, declarer winning with his king. West led his club queen to South's ace, ruffed South's diamond-ace continuation, and drove out the club jack. Now South led the spade king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the heart jack, which South failed to cover. This allowed Meckstroth to take the rest, repeating the heart finesse, drawing trumps, and cashing two spades with the aid of the fall of the jack.

Plus 300 and minus 130 gave Mahaffey 5 imps and the lead by 23-0.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
		Pass	1S
Pass	3D (a)	Pass	3S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Limit raise with four or five trumps

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
		1D (a)	1S
Dble	4S	All Pass	

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
		Pass	1S
Pass	2NT (a)	Pass	3S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Four-plus spades, game-invitational strength or more

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West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao	Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
		1D (a)	1S				Pass (a)
Dble	3D (b)	3H	3S	Pass	1D (b)	1S	Dble (c)
4H	4S	Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT (d)	2S	All Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass	(a) Cheek had a heart in his diamonds			
(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points				(b) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points			
(b) A mixed raise: typically, nine losers (7-9 points) with four trumps				(c) The heart is still in his diamonds			
				(d) 11-13 points			

Perhaps Zhao was double-crossed, bidding three spades to push his opponents into four hearts. However, four hearts would probably have made. The only way to beat it is diamond ace, diamond ruff, spade to the king, diamond ruff — hardly likely. (Note that four hearts by West is much easier to defeat.)

Everyone took eight tricks in spades, so Goren gained 6 imps for minus 50 and plus 300. And O'Rourke won 3 imps for two fewer undertricks.

Next came:

	North	East
Board 23	S. K Q 6 3	S. A J 10 7 5 4
Dlr: South	H. K 6	H. 10
Vul: Both	D. 9 2	D. A Q J 3
	C. A 10 7 5 4	C. K J
West	South	South
S. 9 2	S. 8	S. 8
H. Q J 7 4	H. A 9 8 5 3 2	H. A 9 8 5 3 2
D. K 10 8 7 4	D. 6 5	D. 6 5
C. 9 2	C. Q 8 6 3	C. Q 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
			2H
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3D (a)	3H	3S	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
(a) They do not use Lebensohl			

In three notrump, Cohen took one spade, five diamonds and one club for down three. (North led his heart king and shifted to a low club.)

Against two spades, South led the diamond six. Declarer won in the dummy, ran the spade nine (pinning South's singleton eight), then played another spade. Hampson now lost only one spade, one heart and one club.

Plus 300 and plus 170 gave O'Rourke 9 imps and the lead by 5.

On BBO:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
			2H
Pass	3H	3S	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
			2H
Pass	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against three spades, Wooldridge led the heart ace and shifted to his spade eight. But later Pepsi misguessed clubs, so lost one spade, one heart and two clubs.

There was more at stake in the other room, where Goren was in four spades. Declarer, after winning the first trick with dummy's diamond king and unblocking his jack, played a spade to his jack and cashed the spade ace. Now he had to lose four tricks: two spades, one heart and one club.

Plus 140 and plus 100 gave Mahaffey 6 imps.

The next deal added to Mahaffey's lead.

	North	West	North	East	South
Board 24	S. 8 7 6 3	Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
Dlr: West	H. Q 10 5 2	Pass	Pass	2C (a)	Dble
Vul: None	D. 8 5	2D (b)	Pass	3C (c)	3S
	C. 4 3 2	4C	Pass	Pass	4D

West

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

East

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

Pass 4S All Pass

(a) Six-plus clubs, 11-15 points

(b) Inquiry

(c) Minimum

South

S. A K Q 5 4
H. K 4 3
D. K J 6 4 3
C. —

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1C	Dble
1H	Pass	2C	2S
3C	3S	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
Pass	Pass	1D (a)	1S
Dble	2H (b)	Pass	3D (c)
Pass	3S	All Pass	

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

(b) Weak spade raise, typically 5-7 points with three spades

(c) Game-try

Cheek promised a really good hand to try for game opposite the weak raise, but Grue wasn't bidding four on his hand, despite the fourth trump.

The board was flat at plus 170 in each room.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
Pass	Pass	1C	1S
Dble	2S	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Lev led his club king. Declarer ruffed, played his heart king, which East ducked, drew two rounds of trumps, and led a heart to the ten and ace. Pepsi returned a club. South ruffed and played a heart to dummy's queen. Now declarer led a diamond, but he misguessed, putting up his king. West won with the ace and played the heart jack. Declarer ruffed, but had to lose a diamond and a club to go down one.

At the other table, Meckstroth also led the club king. Zhao ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, and led the heart king. East won with his ace and erred by shifting to the diamond two. (Another club stops the overtrick.) Declarer guessed correctly by playing his jack. Now South took seven spades, one heart and three diamonds.

Plus 50 and plus 450 gave Mahaffey 11 imps and the lead by 34, sufficient for a blitz.

The action continued:

	North
Board 25	S. A 10 5 4 2
Dlr: North	H. K 8 5
Vul: E-W	D. 7 6
	C. 10 6 5

West

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

East

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

South

S. 9
H. Q J 7 3 2
D. Q 4 2
C. A J 7 3

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
	Pass	Pass	1H
1S	2H	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Then came the final deal:

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
	Pass	Pass	1H
1S	2H	2S	3H
4S	Dble	All Pass	

Board 27
Dir: South
Vul: None

North
S. A Q 8
H. 8 6 4 2
D. A K
C. K Q 10 6

East
S. K J 9 7 6 3
H. Q J
D. 9 8 3
C. A 3

West
S. 5 4 2
H. 9 7 5
D. 10 6 4 2
C. 9 5 4

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

Smith did not like passing over his partner's takeout double of two hearts, but the contract had to go down one.

Hampson's imaginative raise to two spades worked out badly when North could double four spades. West could have escaped for down one, but he did not take the diamond finesse and went down two.

Plus 100 and plus 500 gave Deutsch 12 imps and the lead by 7.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
	Pass	Pass	2H
Dble	3H	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
			Pass
Pass	1C	1S	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3S
Pass	4H	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
	Pass	Pass	1H
1S	2H	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
			1D (a)
Pass	2C	2S	3C
Pass	3S	Pass	4S
Pass	6C	All Pass	

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

Both declarers took seven tricks, giving Mahaffey 5 imps.

Board 26 gained Mahaffey 2 imps, but it was flat in the other match.

Grue chose a great moment to respond two clubs, not one heart.

Against six clubs, East led the heart jack, Rusinow. Declarer won with dummy's king, played a club to the king and ace, won the trump return with his ten, cashed the spade ace, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to his ace, ruffed a spade, led a diamond to his king, drew the last trump, and claimed. He took one spade, two hearts, four diamonds, three clubs and two spade ruffs.

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Minus 480 and plus 920 gave Deutsch 10 imps and a win by 29 imps to 12, or 25-5 in victory points. O'Rourke had finished with 180 victory points. If Mahaffey won a blitz, his team would win by 1 vp.

This was the auction in one room:

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
			1D
Pass	1H	1S	2H
Pass	2S	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer took 12 tricks. Now there was a long delay. Mahaffey was ahead by 41 imps. But if Hurd and Wooldridge got to a small slam, Mahaffey would win by only 29-1 and would also have 180 vps. There would be a playoff.

This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
			1D
Pass	1H	1S	2H
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The board was flat and Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao had won by 1 vp.

The Pairs was much less exciting, with Bobby Levin and Stevie Weinstein winning easily. It was their second win in three years and fourth overall. (Weinstein has also won twice with Fred Stewart.) Second were Geoff Hampson and Eric Rodwell, the defending champions, and third were Roy Welland and Chris Willenken.



Pride of place must go to this deal from the fourth session:

North			
Board 9	S.	10 6 4	
Dlr: North	H.	K J 10 6 3 2	
Vul: E-W	D.	3	
	C.	K 10 5	
West		East	
S.	8 3	S.	A Q J 7 5 2
H.	A 9 7 4	H.	8 5
D.	A 2	D.	Q 10 5
C.	A 8 7 6 2	C.	Q 3
South			
S.	K 9		
H.	Q		
D.	K J 9 8 7 6 4		
C.	J 9 4		

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gitelman	Levin	Moss
	2H	2S	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Fred Gitelman led the heart six, declarer ducking South's queen. Brad Moss shifted to the diamond eight, which ran to dummy's ten. Now Weinstein called for the spade queen and South played low smoothly! He was confident that if he won the trick, declarer would have five spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club.

Now declarer played a diamond to his ace and led his second spade and ... you guessed it ... went up with dummy's ace, dropping South's king.

Weinstein then turned to Gitelman and said that if he held the club king, he was going to be squeeze-endedplayed in the rounded suits by the run of the spades. Being brought down to four cards, if Gitelman kept king-doubleton in hearts and clubs, West would play the ace and another heart, forcing a lead away from the club king.

So, not only did Weinstein earn 212 imps, he would also have had a tied top in a matchpoint event with Jill Meyers and Jill Levin (Bobby's wife). Meyers took 11 tricks in a similar fashion.

In addition, this performance won for Weinstein the Best Declarer Play of the Year award from the International Bridge Press Association.

This deal features a great defensive play by Josef Piekarek.

	North		East
Board 23	S. 10 9 5		S. A J 8 4 2
Dlr: South	H. A K J 4		H. Q 10 7
Vul: Both	D. A K 9 7 2		D. —
	C. K		C. —
	West		South
	S. K 3		S. Q 7 6
	H. 9 8 3 2		H. 6 5
	D. 5		D. —
	C. Q 10 7 5 4 3		C. A 9 8
	South		
	S. Q 7 6		
	H. 6 5		
	D. Q 10 3		
	C. A 9 8 6 2		

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Kurkowski	Piekarek	Lord
			Pass
Pass	1D	1S	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

If Alex Smirnov (West) had started the defense with the king and another spade, declarer would have had either to get the diamonds right or to guess the endgame to catch East in an endplay. But West decided to go with his long suit.

After winning with dummy's club king, declarer played four rounds of diamonds, putting Piekarek (East) on play in this position:

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

What did Piekarek lead now?

If he had led a low spade, South would have played low from his hand. West would have won with his king and shifted to a heart, but declarer would have had several winning lines.

Piekarek found the only lead to defeat the contract: the spade jack.

Now South had to succumb. If he had played low from his hand, East would have continued with a low spade to West's king, and West would have shifted to a heart. And when South covered with his queen, West won with the king, played a spade to his partner's ace, and East led a third spade, endplaying the dummy. The defense took three spades, one heart and one diamond.

And now arguably the best-bid deal from last year, the first board of the final session:

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Board 1
 Dlr: North
 Vul: None

North
 S. 5
 H. Q J
 D. J 8 7 6 5 4
 C. 10 7 4 3

West
 S. K 10 9 4
 H. A K 9 8 2
 D. 10
 C. A K 8

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

South
 S. J 8 7 6 3 2
 H. 7 3
 D. 9 2
 C. J 6 2

West	North	East	South
Lev	Wigoder	Pszczola	Zia
	3D (a)	3NT	Pass
4C (b)	Pass	4NT (c)	Pass
5D	Pass	6NT	Pass
7NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) Probably not everyone's choice
- (b) Inquiry
- (c) Nothing particular to say

Most of the field played in hearts, winning 12 tricks. After cashing West's ace and collecting an honor from North,

everyone knew that the percentage play was a second-round finesse.

Lev and Pepsi did better, never showing their hearts. In seven notrump Pepsi had the luxury of leaving his decision until he had cashed all of his winners in the other suits.

South led the diamond nine. East won in his hand, cashed another diamond and played a heart to the ace, North dropping his queen. Now came a spade to the ace, the spade queen, a club to the ace, the club king, the spade king, and a club to the queen. What had Pepsi learned about South's hand?

South had shown up with six spades, two diamonds and at least three clubs. He could not hold three hearts. So Pepsi played a heart to the king and claimed.

Plus 1520 was worth 236 imps. This contract was also bid and made by Franck Multon-Pierre Zimmermann and Fred Stewart-Kit Woolsey. Seven hearts was bid and made by Albert Faigenbaum and Dominique Pilon.



**Let
 the
 games
 begin!**

2009 John Roberts Teams "In the Money"

1. Jim Mahaffey – Mike Passell – Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola – Jie Zhao – Zhong Fu
2. Lou Ann O'Rourke – Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson – Eric Rodwell – Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
3. Seymon Deutsch – John Kranyak – Billy Cohen – Ron Smith – Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue
4. Romain Zaleski – Paul Chemla – Chris Compton - Brian Glubok

2009 Teams Awards	
1st	\$43,450
2nd	\$31,350
3rd	\$21,450
4th	\$13,750

Cavendish Invitational Pairs & WBP Pairs - Conditions of Contest, 2010

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 5, 2010

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 6, 2010

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 III-IV	
6:15pm	Dinner		
7:00pm	Auction		

Friday, May 7, 2010

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

Saturday, May 8, 2010

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

Sunday, May 9, 2010

10:30am	Final Session CIP	Estancia Ballroom	
TBA on SAT	Final Session WBP Pairs	La Cascada	
3:00pm	Closing Party	Lobby Bar & Terrace	

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