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Hanlon-McGann Lead 2002 Cavendish Pairs

With two strong fifth-place sessions, each in excess of 1000 imps, Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann lead the field at the end of Day 1 of the 2002 Cavendish Pairs with a score of 2068 imps. With a field-leading score of 1496 in the evening session, Boye Brogeland and Espen Erichsen vaulted into second place with 2006 imps, just 62 imps behind the leaders. In third place with 1730 imps are Bart Bramley and Sidney Lazard. Rounding out the top five pairs are Michael Cornell and Lionel Wright (1288 imps) and Curtis Cheek and Billy Miller (1253 imps). Surprisingly, none of the top ten selling pairs are among the top ten leaders of the event. The highest placed top-ten pair, Michal Kwiecien and Jacek Pszczola, are currently in 13th place. The complete Day 1 standings along with the overall and session prize awards can be found on page 3.

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.

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
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	Miranda Veranda

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 Grover – Richard Halperin
3 Chris Compton – Daniel Klein	20 Richard Coren – Billy Eisenberg
4 Lynn Baker – Kerri Sanborn	21 Roger Lord – Jacklyn Sincoff
5 Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	22 Victor Chernoff – Nels Erickson
6 Sheila Ekeblad – Mark Molson	23 Jon Greenspan – Krzysztof Jassem
7 Bruce Ferguson – Brenda Jacobus	24 Fred Hamilton – Rhoda Walsh
8 Larry Cohen – Richard Rogers	25 Leonard Holtz – Renee Mancuso
9 Steve Scott – Haig Tchamitch	26 Kent Mignocchi – Beverly Perry
10 Derrell Childs – Louise Freed	27 Kyle Larsen – Jo Morse
11 Don Lusskey – ?	28 Jim Robison – Jerry Weinstein
12 Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	29 George Mittelman – Peter Nagy
13 Bill Doroshov – Nate Ward	30 Roy Hoppe – Mike McCarthy
14 Paul Erb – Leonard Ernst	31 Les Amoils – Disa Cheek
15 Marty Baff – Phil Becker	32 John Jeffrey – Marjorie Michelin
16 Mike McNamara – David Yates	33 Gavin Wolpert – Darren Wolpert
17 Leszek Rabiega – Edward Wojewoda	

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

2002 Cavendish Pairs: Standings After Day 1

Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price	Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price
1	2068	Tom Hanlon – Hugh McGann	11,000	31	8	Paul Chemla – Philippe Cronier	29,000
2	2006	Boye Brogeland – Espen Erichsen	25,000	32	-17	Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway	10,000
3	1730	Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard	21,000	33	-39	Joanna Stansby – Lew Stansby	12,000
4	1288	Mike Cornell – Lionel Wright	10,000	34	-101	Andrei Gromov – Aleksander Petrunin	28,000
5	1253	Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller	26,000	35	-183	Andrew Robson – Rita Shugart	10,000
6	1242	Michel Abecassis – Michel Eidi	17,000	36	-219	Billy Cohen – Ron Smith	22,000
7	1200	Garey Hayden – John Onstott	10,000	37	-251	Roger Bates – John Mohan	29,000
8	1040	Rose Meltzer – Peter Weischel	10,000	38	-320	Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson	33,000
9	908	Jim Krekorian – Rick Zucker	13,000	39	-373	Pierre Saporta – Pierre Zimmerman	10,000
10	839	Gary Cohler – Mark Lair	15,500	40	-379	Doug Doub – Adam Wildavsky	10,000
11	735	Georgio Duboin – Guido Ferraro	23,000	41	-427	Marty Fleisher – Eric Rodwell	20,500
12	689	Walid Elahmadi – Tarek Sadek	13,000	42	-523	Grant Baze – Michael Whitman	10,000
13	684	Michal Kwiecien – Jacek Pszczola	39,000	43	-560	Marc Jacobus – Gaylor Kasle	15,000
14	665	Drew Casen – Bill Pollack	11,000	44	-568	Steve Landen – Pratap Rajadhyaksha	12,500
15	634	Jared Lilienstein – Glenn Milgrim	10,000	45	-589	Bjorn Fallenus – Roy Welland	18,000
16	623	Gunnar Hallberg – Nick Sandquist	18,000	46	-605	Peter Fredin – Magnus Lindkvist	30,000
17	557	Steve Levinson – Barnet Shenkin	10,000	47	-721	Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein	30,000
18	448	Geir Helgemo – Eddie Wold	36,000	48	-888	Mike Cappelletti, Jr. – Mike Passell	17,500
19	444	George Jacobs – Ralph Katz	11,000	49	-933	Bob Blanchard – Sam Lev	25,500
20	426	Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes	10,000	50	-987	Steve Beatty – George Steiner	10,000
21	355	Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss	26,000	51	-1001	Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis	10,000
22	350	Alain Levy – Herve Mouiel	30,000	52	-1010	David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen	41,000
23	347	Steve Garner – Howard Weinstein	33,000	53	-1020	Piotr Gawrys – Amos Kaminsk	10,000
24	313	Gene Freed – Jeff Olson	10,000	54	-1092	Christian Mari – Herve Vinciguerra	12,000
25	306	Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood	30,000	55	-1139	Antonio Frances – Jose Torres	10,000
26	146	Russ Ekeblad – Michael Seamon	17,000	56	-1190	Luis Lantaron – Juan Ventin	10,000
27	110	Brian Glubok – Jim Mahaffey	10,000	57	-1238	Ross Grabel – Jon Wittes	15,500
28	73	Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	17,000	58	-1622	Chuck Berger – Michael Moss	13,500
29	42	Michael Courtney – Charles Wigoder	10,000	59	-1803	Ishmael Del'Monte – Neville Eber	10,000
30	12	Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth	23,000	60	-1853	Hector Camberos – Pablo Lambardi	11,000



Overall and Session Awards Cavendish Pairs



Session=	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	(From Player's Pool)	Overalls Auction	Players
1 st			\$7,500	\$12,500	\$20,000	(\$5,000)	\$243,967	\$32,760
2 nd			\$5,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	(\$3,000)	\$156,193	\$21,060
3 rd			\$2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000	(\$2,500)	\$104,129	\$14,040
4 th			\$2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000		\$ 78,097	\$10,530
5 th			\$2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		\$ 69,419	\$ 9,360
6 th							\$ 60,742	\$ 8,190
7 th							\$ 52,064	\$ 7,020
8 th							\$ 43,387	\$ 5,850
9 th							\$ 34,710	\$ 4,680
10 th							\$ 26,032	\$ 3,510

The 2002 Cavendish Pairs: Day One

Session One:

After a quiet 3NT deal at every table, the next two boards generated huge swings.

Bd: 2	♠ 7543		
Dir: East	♥ KQ9		
Vul: N/S	♦ 2		
	♣ AQ1098		
♠ KJ9862		♠ A10	
♥ 75		♥ A6	
♦ 9		♦ A1087643	
♣ K643		♣ J7	
	♠ Q		
	♥ J108432		
	♦ KQJ5		
	♣ 52		

The object here for E/W was to find their paying 4♠ save over 4♥ and avoid 5♦ doubled which, as Hallberg-Sandquist discovered, cost 800. Here are two contrasting approaches:

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Meckstroth	Duboin	Johnson
		1♦	1♥
1♠	2♦	3♦	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dbl	All Pass

Meckstroth decided to follow an unfortunate route, then guessed unluckily that he would find Johnson with more useful cards (he did know of the singleton spade, of course). 5♥ doubled went quietly down one.

By contrast, Abecassis with the North cards jumped to 3♣, fit showing, and when his LHO's 3♦ was passed back to him jumped to 4♥. No one had anything further to say and he scored up a straight forward +620. If that deal was wild, this next one had even more potential.

Bd: 3	♠ Q92		
Dir: South	♥ 954		
Vul: E/W	♦ 542		
	♣ 10985		
♠ J		♠ A103	
♥ K8732		♥ AQJ106	
♦ K10963		♦ ---	
♣ A4		♣ QJ732	
	♠ K87654		
	♥ ---		
	♦ AQJ87		
	♣ K6		

Garner-Weinstein achieved a top as N/S when their E/W opponents (protected by a generous shield of anonymity) settled in 5♦, which played less than optimally. In fact, it went down four. (As Ralph Katz said, "Pity you forgot to double.")

By contrast, Duboin-Ferraro were in the right place at the right time again...

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Meckstroth	Duboin	Johnson
			1♠
Pass	1NT(1)	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♠	4NT(2)	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
(1) Semi-forcing; (2) Spade control, forward going			

Johnson took a long time at his final call but eventually decided to trust Meckstroth and not his opponents—always a dangerous move! Meckstroth led a club hoping this was a Lightner sequence and now Ferraro could have made an overtrick by playing along crossruff lines. But +1660 was still worth "all the matchpoints" (so to speak).

The best E/W score was achieved by the Stansbys.

West	North	East	South
Lew	Vinciguerra	Joanna	Mari
			1♠
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♠	5NT(1)	6♦
6♥	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♥	All Pass		
(1) Pick a slam			

As usual, your grandmother's advice to lead trumps against Grand Slams would have made a difference here. On a diamond lead there were three black-suit winners and ten trump tricks. It seems that on a trump lead there is no way to establish clubs and ruff out the spades with trumps three-zero.

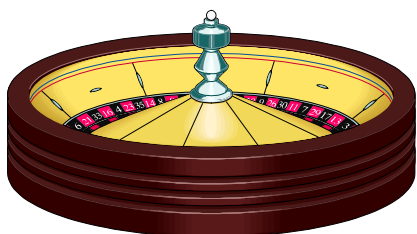


Bd: 6	♠ K10764		
Dlr: East	♥ 764		
Vul: E/W	♦ 4		
	♣ K642		
♠ AJ5		♠ 2	
♥ A109		♥ QJ32	
♦ 10953		♦ AKQ	
♣ AJ7		♣ Q10853	
	♠ Q983		
	♥ K85		
	♦ J8762		
	♣ 9		

How good is 6♣ here? Very attractive it seems, although you can't cope all that easily with four-one clubs (but if the ♥K is onside fourth, you might have twelve tricks via the diamonds). Bidding slam was the exception rather than the rule. Baze-Whitman reached it after 1♣-2NT; 3♠ (splinter)-4♣; 4♦-4♥; 5♣-6♣. It looks as if Whitman did well to go past 3NT, although there was some ambiguity about the 3♠ bid which may have contributed to that decision.

Bd: 8	♠ J		
Dlr: West	♥ 109753		
Vul: None	♦ J1063		
	♣ 1086		
♠ A1094		♠ K86532	
♥ J4		♥ A8	
♦ 842		♦ Q	
♣ A542		♣ J973	
	♠ Q7		
	♥ KQ62		
	♦ AK975		
	♣ KQ		

The E/W field bid one way or another to 4♠, often after a third-seat weak 2♠ opening by East. Stewart and Woolsey were the only pair we could find who set the game. After P-P-2♠-Dbl; 4♠-All P, Stewart, as South, had done well not to suggest great strength. The defense started with the ♦AK. Bramley ruffed, drew trumps, and played ace and another heart. Stewart won and exited with the ♣K. Bramley took it and now had to guess clubs. He knew Stewart had shown up with 17 HCP thus far, so there was a fair inference that Woolsey had the ♣Q—else why hadn't Stewart acted again? So Bramley led to his ♣J and now the ruff and discard left him with another club loser.



Bd: 15	♠ 109		
Dlr: South	♥ AK84		
Vul: N/S	♦ Q103		
	♣ K543		
♠ AKQ2		♠ J6	
♥ 93		♥ QJ10762	
♦ K8742		♦ 6	
♣ A10		♣ Q962	
	♠ 87543		
	♥ 5		
	♦ AJ95		
	♣ J87		
West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Doub	Levin	Wildavsky
1NT	Pass	4♦(♥)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		Dbl

Doub obediently led a diamond to his partner's ace, and now Wildavsky might be pardoned for not finding the club switch since it seemed more likely that declarer would pitch spades on clubs than vice versa. Weinstein took the ♠A, ruffed a diamond, and led a heart to the nine which held. He played a second heart to Doub's king as Wildavsky pitched a spade. Doub now continued the plan of cutting communications by leading a second spade. The best Weinstein could do was to win in dummy and play a third trump. Doub won and, rather than give declarer a chance to guess clubs, found the devastating play of the ♣K.. Weinstein could pitch one of dummy's clubs on the ♦K, but since Doub could ruff in on the next spade there was an inevitable club loser at the end.

Bd: 22	♠ 9		
Dlr: East	♥ J96		
Vul: E/W	♦ J10		
	♣ KQ97632		
♠ K653		♠ AQ1087	
♥ AK83		♥ 102	
♦ AKQ6		♦ 9532	
♣ A		♣ J5	
	♠ J42		
	♥ Q754		
	♦ 874		
	♣ 1084		
West	North	East	South
Wright	Miller	Cornell	Cheek
1♦	3♣	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	3♠!	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass	6♠	Pass

When Michael Cornell was faced with the issue of whether

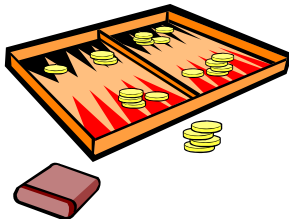
to introduce a five-card suit at the three level on a 7-count, vulnerable, he probably didn't bargain on the consequences: As the opening lead was made, Cornell said that he hoped Wright had one of his better minor-suit openings. He was pleased to discover that dummy was not a disappointment. Cornell won the club lead, drew trumps, ruffed a club, then tested diamonds. He would have been home even if the diamonds had not split on a red-suit squeeze against Cheek, but that was not necessary today.

If you think Cornell's 3♠ bid was daring, then consider the auction that confronted Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco. Geoff opened the West hand 2♣ (no doubt intending to rebid 2NT) and North, Lew Stansby, bid 4♣. Geoff was right in there with 4♠ on a wing and a prayer, but Joanna put it to the youngsters by bidding 6♣. Greco made a forcing pass and Geoff made the magic bid of 6♦! That was all Eric needed to hear—next stop, 7♠.

Bd: 25	♠ 986		
Dlr: North	♥ AK2		
Vul: E/W	♦ AKQ6		
	♣ K42		
♠ K1054		♠ J2	
♥ J108753		♥ ---	
♦ J		♦ 1092	
♣ 65		♣ AQJ109873	
	♠ AQ73		
	♥ Q964		
	♦ 87543		
	♣ ---		

Levin and Weinstein have been slow starters in this event in the past. Pratap helped to push them down the list here when he took the low road in the auction. After Levin (North) opened 1♦ Pratap cast a careful eye to the vulnerability and bid all of 3♣. Can you blame Weinstein for doubling, and Levin for passing? He too could see the vulnerability and knew that his side had at least 27 HCP. On a diamond lead and trump shift, Pratap had eight winners and the spades lay as nicely as possible. Plus 670 on a hand where 6♦ has play (especially on the ♣A lead) was a respectable result.

When Billy Pollack and Drew Casen held the N/S cards, they received more aggressive interference from East. After 1♦ (4♣), Casen (South) jumped to 5♦ and Pollack bid the sixth. East led the ♣A and suddenly the contract had play. Pollack ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, ruffed a club, and then drew the last trump. When he cashed the ♥A the mysteries of that suit were revealed. He then cashed the ♣K leaving the following ending (with West still to play):



	♠ 986		
	♥ K2		
	♦ 6		
	♣ ---		
♠ K105		♠ J2	
♥ J1087		♥ ---	
♦ ---		♦ ---	
♣ ---		♣ QJ109	
	♠ AQ7		
	♥ Q96		
	♦ ---		
	♣ ---		

If West discards a heart, North throws him in with a heart to lead into the spade tenace. If he pitches a spade to keep all his hearts, the spade suit is then known to be two-two so declarer can set up a spade in comfort.

Bd: 26	♠ Q1064		
Dlr: East	♥ K7		
Vul: Both	♦ AJ5		
	♣ KQ32		
♠ 9		♠ AJ82	
♥ J964		♥ A1082	
♦ 84		♦ K62	
♣ J109875		♣ A4	
	♠ K753		
	♥ Q53		
	♦ Q10973		
	♣ 6		

Bobby Levin found a way to recover a little on the next deal. Defending 3♣ by Pratap (East) after a transfer auction, he won his partner's diamond lead and continued the suit. Pratap played ace and another club, and Levin won to find the devastating ♥K shift. Now the defense had to score two heart tricks or a heart and a ruff for down one.

Session Two:

Ron Smith and Billy Cohen beat 4♠ here.

Bd: 3	♠ 107		
Dlr: South	♥ J742		
Vul: E/W	♦ AQ85		
	♣ A54		
♠ J8532		♠ AQ6	
♥ AK10		♥ Q	
♦ KJ4		♦ 1097	
♣ Q10		♣ KJ9762	
	♠ K94		
	♥ 98653		
	♦ 632		
	♣ 83		

After an auction where dummy had bid the black suits, Ron (North) led a heart to dummy's queen. He ducked the ♣Q, whereupon declarer cashed two hearts pitching diamonds and then took the spade finesse. At this point if South plays a diamond (as happened against the Stansbys), West ducks to North's queen and the defense is helpless.. (A trump return can be won in dummy and the ♣K passed to North's ace, but nothing helps.) Cohen played a spade back directly and now declarer had the losing option of winning in hand and leading a club up. Smith took his ace, cashed the ♠A, and played a third club to promote a trump for Cohen.

insure no worse than down one or to risk the heart finesse. If he cashed the ♥A and then finessed unsuccessfully, another diamond would prevent him from drawing the last trump—down a bundle. So perhaps rather against his better judgment he played off the ♥AK for -100 instead of +650.

Note that 4♣ can be beaten if the defense works out to play for the diamond ruff rather than trying to play for a club ruff. Brad Moss and Fred Gitelman were on the right end of that swing when their defender led two rounds of clubs, and now finding the ♦Q was easy enough.

Both pairs did well on this next hand.

Bd: 4	♠ 4	
Dlr: West	♥ AKJ864	
Vul: Both	♦ K2	
	♣ Q865	
♠ J62		♠ K985
♥ Q93		♥ 102
♦ 10754		♦ 63
♣ AJ4		♣ K9732
	♠ AQ1073	
	♥ 75	
	♦ AQJ98	
	♣ 10	

Bd: 20	♠ A983		
Dlr: West	♥ AKJ1092		
Vul: Both	♦ J8		
	♣ 9		
♠ Q102		♠ 5	
♥ 5		♥ 764	
♦ A2		♦ KQ1076543	
♣ AK76542		♣ J	
	♠ KJ764		
	♥ Q83		
	♦ 9		
	♣ Q1083		
West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Miller	Erichsen	Cheek
1♣	1♥	2♦	Dbf(1)
3♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass
(1) Limit raise with three hearts			

George Jacobs and Ralph Katz committed a minor infelicity here, but boy, were they unlucky to get punished as badly as they did. Their auction (N/S) led them to 3NT (1♥-1♠; 2♣-2♦; 2♥-3NT) and that put Guido Ferraro on lead. Would you have fished out the ♣J? We would not, but Ferraro did not come all the way to Las Vegas from Italy to find the wrong opening lead. The defense collected the first five tricks and a game swing over every other E/W pair.

Against Erichsen's 5♦ contract Cheek led a spade. Miller won and shifted to a trump, holding declarer to ten tricks. In a sense this result was the eye of the storm. With 4♥ making ten tricks but not eleven, and 5♣ going for 500 or so, +100 for N/S fell into the middle ground. Quite a few defenders did let 5♦ doubled through. After a heart lead the defense of ♠A and another spade is quite attractive. Right after that potential double game swing came another...

Bd: 11	♠ J8	
Dlr: South	♥ A1097	
Vul: None	♦ ---	
	♣ AJ97653	
♠ AK932		♠ Q765
♥ 83		♥ Q64
♦ KJ753		♦ A106
♣ Q		♣ 1084
	♠ 104	
	♥ KJ52	
	♦ Q9842	
	♣ K2	

Bd: 21	♠ A8654	
Dlr: North	♥ K3	
Vul: N/S	♦ KQJ4	
	♣ J7	
♠ ---		♠ J1073
♥ J1094		♥ A872
♦ A972		♦ 1086
♣ AQ863		♣ K10
	♠ KQ92	
	♥ Q65	
	♦ 53	
	♣ 9542	

Glenn Milgrim, North, had a decision worth 300-400 imps on this deal. While 5♣ depends simply on the heart guess, he declared 5♥ doubled after a complex auction against the defenders, Kwiczen-Pszczola. The defense cashed two top spades and West shifted to a low diamond. Glenn ruffed and cashed the ♣K, dropping the queen—presumably a singleton. Since West had shown spades and diamonds in the auction, he had to decide whether to play off the ♥AK to

At one table Cheek-Miller sold out to 4♥ on the auction:

West	North	East	South
	Miller		Cheek
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♥(1)	3♠
4♥	All Pass		
(1) Values			

Cheek found the diamond lead and Miller took the jack to play the ♥K; Erichsen won and returned the suit. Cheek played a third heart—time for some arithmetic. Espen knew that Miller started with five spades, four diamonds, and two hearts. So the only winning lie of the cards was to find Miller with a doubleton ♣J, making the play of finessing the ♠10 not only the sole theoretical chance but the winning one.

By contrast, Peter Weichsel declared what appeared to be a hopeless 4♠ doubled. On the lead of the ace and another heart declarer suddenly had some chances. He continued by leading the ♠A and a spade to the ten and queen. Next he pitched a club on the ♥Q. Since the defender with four diamonds had pitched one on the second spade, Weichsel could lead a diamond to hand, repeat the spade finesse, and play another diamond and the defense was helpless to stop him. Plus 790 and another routine game scored up.

Bd: 22	♠ ---	
Dlr: East	♥ 109	
Vul: E/W	♦ QJ10863	
	♣ AQ543	
♠ K76		♠ 9852
♥ AQ764		♥ KJ52
♦ 52		♦ AK
♣ 1072		♣ KJ8
	♠ AQJ1043	
	♥ 83	
	♦ 974	
	♣ 96	

Reaching 4♥ here from the long side after a 2♠ overcall of 1NT allows declarer to find a neat line. On a diamond lead you strip out the red suits and lead a club to the king, at this point having a very good idea that North is 0=2=6=5. When that holds you exit with a club. If North wins that he may be able to cash a second club but he will then be endplayed. If South wins the doubleton ♣Q he can get out in spades, but then you can endplay North later in clubs for the ruff and discard to arrange for a spade to go away.

It's the Year of Madness

by Sam Leckie

As I totaled up the auction prices of my Big Five I felt very content; they accounted for 15% of the gross take. That feeling only lasted until I returned to my room at Ballys where a fax awaited me from World Bridge Productions' Security Department demanding that I attend a meeting this morning to investigate the leaking of my selections before the auction: "Obviously" these had affected the bids. I was also told that under new stock exchange rules I had to confirm that I had no financial interest in any of the pairs I promoted in my picks.

I must confess that I did not sleep well last night and early this morning I headed to the pool to clear my head long before it officially opened at 9 a.m. I had been there about 30 minutes when the burly security guards appeared from nowhere and questioned me about my room number, name, duration of stay, etc., and after using their walkie-talkie

appeared satisfied that I presented no danger to the hotel [although the same can not be said of the cakes and drinks table in the playing room at the Rio—*Ed.*] and to "Have a nice day"—fine chance!

As for the WBP Security meeting, the committee accepted my explanation that it had not been my decision to publish the list on Thursday morning [true—*Ed.*] and I was dismissed without penalty.

The whole episode made me realize how things have changed from last year in Las Vegas. In Glasgow no one would bother you in similar circumstances except to question your sanity because you would probably freeze to death at that time in the morning at the pool. I suppose Joe E. Brown's "Nobody's Perfect" even applies to cities these days.

Gamblers Non-Anonymous

Those intending to gamble at the Rio during their stay are advised to register at the Total Award desk located in the casino area. It will be in your own best interest and that of the WBP for you to do so.

Norman Kay (1927-2002)



As all of you know, our good friend Norman Kay, one of the world's great bridge players and perennial member of the Cavendish Appeals Committee, passed away on January 17 at his home in Narberth, Pennsylvania. He was 74.

When we last spoke to Norman, he was looking forward to joining us again this year. When in Las Vegas, Norman would typically spend his days with wife Judi, shopping and seeing an occasional show. Then, after a day that would leave most of us frazzled and ready for bed, Norman would show up around midnight, full of energy, ready to help us sort out whatever bridge morass confronted us. Norman would always plead that his knowledge of the Laws did not measure up to that of his close friend and 40-year partner, Edgar Kaplan. But somehow, when Norman was finished speaking, the bridge issues had become clearer and the legal matters fell neatly into place. His advice was always sound and pragmatic; his judgment was definitive.

Much has been written of Norman's bridge accomplishments: named the top North American player from 1957-1977 by *The ACBL Bridge Bulletin*; inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame in 1996; ACBL Honorary Member of the Year in 2001. But the man who came to be known as the "Babe Ruth of Bridge" was above all else a gentle man and a gentleman. He never criticized his partner and rarely missed an opportunity to acknowledge an opponent's good play. And you always knew he really meant it; he seemed to take great satisfaction in his opponents' "brilliances"—to Edgar's eternal chagrin. Norman will always be remembered as one of the few truly nice guys in a game that is all too often populated by Runyonesque characters.

Norman, we love you and we will miss you.



Norman Kay: Hall of Fame portrait