



# World Bridge Productions

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# Cavendish<sup>wbp</sup>

## Invitational

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## Garner-Weinstein Retain Lead in Cavendish Pairs

Going into today's final session, Steve Garner and Howard Weinstein still have the lead in the Cavendish Pairs. Their 3721.08 cross-imps is just short of 500 ahead of Martin Fleisher and Eric Rodwell, with 3233.17. That may seem like a comfortable lead, but it's only about one game swing

(roughly 10 "regular" imps) of cushion. In third place, with 2604.39, is David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen. With twenty-seven boards left to play, the event is still within reach of about a third of the pairs in the field. The complete standings can be found on p. 3.

## Mancuso-Quinn Hold Slim Lead in WBP Pairs

The leaders are even more tightly bunched in the WBP Pairs than in the cavendish. Renee Mancuso and Shawn Quinn, with 1295.14 cross-imps, hold a slim 86+-point lead going into today's final session over second-place Larry Cohen and Jill Levin, with 1208.86. In third place are

Benito ("Who's he?") Garozzo and Richie Reisig with 1090.10. As in the Cavendish, this one is still up for grabs. Complete auction results and standings can be found on p. 4.

## A Great Tournament: Thank You WBP and Desert Inn

This year's Cavendish has been bigger and better and more enjoyable than ever before, thanks in large measure to the magnificent facilities here at the Desert Inn. The golf course was challenging (but not too challenging)—perfect for our handicap tournament. The hotel rooms are as nice as anyone could ask. And the playing conditions are ideal.

The hotel staff is efficient, polite and responsive to guests' needs. The food service is excellent (if a bit pricy). The casino and hotel atmosphere is generally quiet and dignified—a pleasant surprise in a town where the hustle and bustle of most casino hotels is dizzying. In short, this year's site is outstanding in every respect.

Congratulations to the Desert Inn management and staff, and especially to WBP for selecting this great site. Let's do it again next year!



## Conditions of Contest

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.

## WBP Pairs Conditions of Contest

WBP Pairs contestants should be aware that the Conditions of Contest in effect for the Cavendish Pairs will also apply to that event, except that any details which are dependent on the number of tables (such as the total or average number of cross-imps available on each board, or the movement) will be scaled back to take into account the smaller number of tables in the WBP event.

## Schedule

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday, May 14th	12:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Session, Pairs	Country Club, Ballrooms 3 & 4
	12:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session, WBP Pairs	Country Club, Ballrooms 1 & 2
	5:30 PM	Awards Ceremony and Closing Cocktail Party	Country Club, Fairway Rooms, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor

## Overall and Session Awards

### Cavendish Pairs

Session						Overalls	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Auction	Players
<b>Place</b>							
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$262,780	\$29,750
2 <sup>nd</sup>		\$2,500	\$5,000	\$ 7,500	\$12,000	\$168,930	\$19,124
3 <sup>rd</sup>			\$2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000	\$112,620	\$12,750
4 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 84,465	\$ 9,562
5 <sup>th</sup>					\$ 2,500	\$ 75,080	\$ 8,500
6 <sup>th</sup>						\$ 65,695	\$ 7,438
7 <sup>th</sup>						\$ 56,310	\$ 6,376
8 <sup>th</sup>						\$ 46,925	\$ 5,312
9 <sup>th</sup>						\$ 37,540	\$ 4,250
10 <sup>th</sup>						\$ 28,115	\$ 3,188

### WBP Pairs

Session				Overalls	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Auction	Players
<b>Place</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>		\$800	\$1,200	\$18,900	\$4,692
2 <sup>nd</sup>			\$ 500	\$11,970	\$2,972
3 <sup>rd</sup>				\$ 9,450	\$2,346
4 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 6,300	\$1,564
5 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 5,670	\$1,408
6 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 4,410	\$1,094
7 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 3,780	\$ 938
8 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 2,520	\$ 626

# Cavendish Invitational Pairs Standings After 4 Sessions

Current Place	Auction Rank	Pair	Score	Auction Price
1	13	Steve Garner – Howard Weinstein	3721.08	31,000
2	25/27	Marty Fleisher – Eric Rodwell	3233.17	17,000
3	4/5	David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen	2604.39	49,000
4	32/33	Michel Abecassis – Jean-Christophe Quantin	2313.92	15,000
5	8/9	Paul Chemla – Alain Levy	1841.26	40,000
6	12	Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss	1816.00	32,000
7	28/31	Drew Casen – Bill Pollack	1427.52	16,000
8	4/5	Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood	1232.96	49,000
9	10	Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller	1224.52	37,000
10	24	Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard	1098.48	20,000
11	25/27	Russ Ekeblad – John Sutherland	1057.04	17,000
12	20/22	Billy Eisenberg – Fred Hamilton	1034.82	22,000
13	3	Norberto Bocchi – Giorgio Duboin	939.52	51,000
14	1	Robert Levin – Steve Weinstein	868.61	55,000
15	28/31	Michael Cornell – Lionel Wright	813.39	16,000
16	41/50	Andrzej Knap – Gerhard Schiesser	808.61	10,000
17	41/50	Chris Convery – Craig Gower	783.22	10,000
18	41/50	Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway	773.26	10,000
19	23	Boye Brogeland – Espen Erichsen	666.74	21,000
20	11	Mike Passell – Eddie Wold	590.61	36,000
21	37/40	Kerri Sanborn – Steve Sanborn	382.61	11,000
22	28/31	Bjorn Fallenius – Mike Moss	204.87	16,000
23	19	Sam Lev – Henry Mansell	140.69	23,000
24	20/22	Billy Cohen – Ron Smith	-23.69	22,000
25	28/31	Ishmael Del'Monte – Jason Hackett	-31.61	16,000
26	35/36	Michael Courtney – Charles Wigoder	-49.00	12,000
27	34	Robert Blanchard – Jim Krekorian	-282.82	13,000
28	6	Peter Fredin – Magnus Lindkvist	-381.61	44,000
29	41/50	Mike Albert – Marc Jacobus	-492.39	10,000
30	20/22	Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	-546.61	22,000
31	14/16	Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth	-553.30	26,000
32	41/50	Dan Morse – Adam Wildavsky	-633.74	10,000
33	37/40	Sheila Ekeblad – Michael Seamon	-720.26	11,000
34	35/36	James Rosenbloom – Roy Welland	-750.61	12,000
35	7	Gabriel Chagas – Geir Helgemo	-1048.00	42,000
36	2	Piotr Gawrys – Jacek Pszczola	-1065.22	52,000
37	14/16	Roger Bates – Kyle Larsen	-1074.52	26,000
38	41/50	George Jacobs – Ralph Katz	-1119.39	10,000
39	41/50	Chip Martel – Jan Martel	-1156.52	10,000
40	25/27	Richie Schwartz – Alan Sontag	-1293.26	17,000
41	14/16	Peter Boyd – Steve Robinson	-1401.48	26,000
42	37/40	Simon DeWijs – Ricco van Prooijen	-1488.05	11,000
43	41/50	Gary Cohler – Harry Tudor	-1514.52	10,000
44	8/9	Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson	-1521.00	40,000
45	17	Dano DeFalco – Guido Ferraro	-1545.74	25,000
46	41/50	Aidan Ballantyne – Joe Jabon	-1935.26	10,000
47	37/40	Grant Baze – Mike Whitman	-2058.70	11,000
48	18	Andy Robson – Rita Shugart	-2107.17	23,500
49	41/50	Richard Finberg – Mark Lair	-2184.87	10,000
50	32/33	Gaylor Kastle – George Steiner	-2319.95	15,000

## Session Places

	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	Gitelman-Moss	Berkowitz-Cohen	Fleisher-Rodwell	
4 <sup>th</sup> Session	Casen-Pollack	Abecassis-Quantin	Fleisher-Rodwell	Cornell-Wright

## World Bridge Productions Pairs Auction Results

Rank	Pair	Auction Price	Rank	Pair	Auction Price
1	Peter Nagy – Joey Silver	4,100	22/25	Steve Beatty – Bernie Yomtov	1,300
2	Benito Garozzo – Rich Reisig	3,600	22/25	Jack Coleman – Chris Compton	1,300
3	Venkatrao Koneru – Hemant Lall	3,500	26/29	Bill Roberts – John Roberts	1,200
4	Jurek Czynowicz – Darren Wolpert	3,200	26/29	Christal Henner-Welland – Uday Ivatury	1,200
5	George Berger – Brian Glubok	2,400	26/29	Cameron Doner – Mike Lucas	1,200
6	Manuel Capucho – Maria João Lara	2,200	26/29	Petra Hamman – Nancy Passell	1,200
7	Joe Kivel – Jon Wittes	2,100	30/32	Bill Doroshow – Nate Ward	1,100
8/11	Jim M. Foster – Allen W. Hawkins Jr.	2,000	30/32	Russ Samuel – Sean Samuels	1,100
8/11	Richard Hunt – Mark Itabashi	2,000	30/32	Ralph Cohen – Marvin Shapiro	1,100
8/11	Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	2,000	33/46	John Lantgen – Reese Milner	1,000
8/11	Steve Scott – Haig Tchamitch	2,000	33/46	Louise Childs – Gene Freed	1,000
12	Larry Cohen – Jill Levin	1,900	33/46	Joe Elsbury – Esta Van Zandt	1,000
13	Leszek Rabięga – Edward Wojewoda	1,700	33/46	Michael McNamara – David Yates	1,000
14/15	Jack Blair – Daniel Rotman	1,600	33/46	Emil Dojaru – Sorin Pleacof	1,000
14/15	Rene Mancuso – Shawn Quinn	1,600	33/46	Wayne Chu – Leslie Amoils	1,000
16/19	K. Anand – Ghassan Menachi	1,500	33/46	Phillip Becker – Kumar Bhatia	1,000
16/19	Armand Barfus – Maurice Friedman	1,500	33/46	Bill Jacobson – Keith Woolf	1,000
16/19	Alan Cokin – Jill Meyers	1,500	33/46	Jonathan Greenspan – Beverly Perry	1,000
16/19	Disa Cheeks – Lynn Deas	1,500	33/46	Bob Morris – Barbara Sion	1,000
20/21	Srikanth Kodayam – Mark Ralph	1,400	33/46	Kurkowski – Roger Lord	1,000
20/21	Sid Brownstein – Bill Wickham	1,400	33/46	John Solodar – Judith Weisman	1,000
22/25	Peter Friedland – David Siebert	1,300	33/46	Jim Robison – Jerry Weinstein	1,000
22/25	Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	1,300	33/46	Michael Elinescu – Verone Lungu	1,000

Auction Total: \$72,000

## WBP Pairs Field Largest Ever: Auction Sets Record

Yesterday's WBP Pairs saw the largest field ever in the event's three-year history. With 46 pairs, the auction was run swiftly and ably (as the candid photos below attest) by auctioneers Joey Silver and Chris Compton. The auction pool reached a record \$72,000 (up from \$27,900 for the 22 pairs entered in last year's event) with top pair Peter Nagy-Joey Silver fetching a healthy \$4,100 (also a record). Close behind were Richie Reisig-Benito Garozzo (Silver: "Everyone knows Reisig, of course, but who is this guy, Garazzo?") at \$3,600 and Venkatrao Koneru-Hemant Lall at \$3,500. With so many fine players entered this year, the so-called "Little" Pairs is evolving into quite an interesting and exciting event.



"Okay, so, they're not be a good pair but,...uh, they're probably not a bad pair...are they?"

"Psst...Shut up, Joey."



"These free brunches are great, but what the heck is he babbling about up there?"

## WBP Pairs Standings After two Sessions

Current Place	Auction Rank	Pair	Score	Auction Price
1	14/15	Rene Mancuso – Shawn Quinn	1295.14	1,600
2	12	Larry Cohen – Jill Levin	1208.86	1,900
3	2	Benito Garozzo – Rich Reisig	1090.10	3,600
4	26/29	Cameron Doner – Mike Lucas	964.57	1,200
5	22/25	Peter Friedland – David Siebert	939.05	1,300
6	30/32	Russ Samuel – Sean Samuel	763.14	1,100
7	33/46	Phillip Becker – Kumar Bhatia	755.91	1,000
8	16/19	Kishore Anand – Ghassan Menachi	721.86	1,500
9	33/46	Jim Robison – Jerry Weinstein	707.42	1,000
10	20/21	Srikanth Kodayam – Mark Ralph	611.24	1,400
11	30/32	Bill Doroshow – Nate Ward	610.23	1,100
12	33/46	Wojciech Kurkowski – Roger Lord	575.72	1,000
13	3	Venkatrao Koneru – Hemant Lall	467.90	3,500
14	4	Jurek Czyzowicz – Darren Wolpert	443.57	3,200
15	8/11	Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	420.62	2,000
16	14/15	Jack Blair – Daniel Rotman	414.85	1,600
17	13	Leszek Rabięga – Edward Wojewoda	401.90	1,700
18	33/46	Michael McNamara – David Yates	352.06	1,000
19	16/19	Alan Cokin – Jill Meyers	346.90	1,500
20	33/46	Wayne Chu – Leslie Amoils	253.19	1,000
21	5	George Berger – Brian Glubok	226.52	2,400
22	30/32	Ralph Cohen – Marvin Shapiro	223.42	1,100
23	8/11	Richard Hunt – Mark Itabashi	158.29	2,000
24	8/11	Jim M. Foster – Allen W. Hawkins Jr.	117.96	2,000
25	33/46	Emil Dojaru – Sorin Pleacof	104.19	1,000
26	33/46	Jonathan Greenspan – Beverly Perry	101.34	1,000
27	33/46	Louise Childs – Gene Freed	95.66	1,000
28	22/25	Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	82.57	1,300
29	26/29	Petra Hamman – Nancy Passell	13.10	1,200
30	1	Peter Nagy – Joey Silver	-38.62	4,100
31	33/46	Bob Morris – Barbara Sion	-201.56	1,000
32	26/29	Bill Roberts – John Roberts	-297.68	1,200
33	16/19	Disa Cheeks – Lynn Deas	-308.86	1,500
34	22/25	Jack Coleman – Chris Compton	-443.05	1,300
35	7	Joe Kivel – Jon Wittes	-537.14	2,100
36	33/46	Bill Jacobson – Keith Woolf	-605.72	1,000
37	20/21	Sid Brownstein – Bill Wickham	-691.95	1,400
38	6	Manuel Capucho – Maria João Lara	-764.90	2,200
39	26/29	Christal Henner-Welland – Uday Ivatury	-897.67	1,200
40	8/11	Steve Scott – Haig Tchamitch	-1103.48	2,000
41	16/19	Armand Barfus – Maurice Friedman	-1180.34	1,500
42	33/46	Michael Elinescu – Verone Lungu	-1308.75	1,000
43	33/46	Joe Elsbury – Esta Van Zandt	-1488.09	1,000
44	33/46	John Solodar – Judith Weisman	-1531.33	1,000
45	22/25	Steve Beatty – Bernie Yomtov	-1553.34	1,300
46	33/46	John Lantgen – Reese Milner	-1664.80	1,000

### Session Places

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Session	Friedland-Siebert	Mancuso-Quinn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	Czyzowicz-Wolpert	Berger-Glubok

## The Cavendish Pairs: Day Two (and Some Leftovers)

### Session 1:

Bart Bramley felt he had set some kind of record on this deal from the first session of the Cavendish Pairs on which he defended 3NT and won the first trick—with a six!

Bd: 17	♠ J874		
Dlr: North	♥ A10932		
Vul: None	♦ Q		
	♣ J106		
♠ 6		♠ AKQ10952	
♥ J64		♥ KQ	
♦ 9854		♦ AJ10	
♣ 98743		♣ 5	
	♠ 3		
	♥ 875		
	♦ K7632		
	♣ AKQ2		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Morse	Bramley	Wildavsky	Lazard
—	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥(2 <sup>nd</sup> neg)	Pass	3♣	3NT
All Pass			

Sidney Lazard led a dangerous low club. Adam Wildavsky ducked in dummy and Bramley saw no reason to waste his ♣J or ♣10—so he inserted the six, which won. The defense cashed their four club winners and Wildavsky pitched a heart and two diamonds. Next came the ♥A and another heart and Wildavsky could have cashed the ♣9 to get out for down three. When he played spades directly he was held to the four top tricks in his hand plus the ♥J. Mind you, if Adam *had* cashed the ♣9 would Dan Morse have had reason to grumble? After all, when the 1-count takes two tricks, is it too much to expect the man with 8-1/2 playing tricks to find a way to come home in 3NT?



“In Pakistan we would gladly pay a goat for a player like this—and the goat would gladly sell him”

### Session 2 (continued):

Like Themistocles Papadopoulos, Gabriel is one of the few players in the world capable of false-carding with a singleton. But his partner Geir Helgemo showed that he could be equally deceptive. Consider Board 17 from Friday evening.

Bd: 17	♠ KQ		
Dlr: North	♥ 108654		
Vul: None	♦ 2		
	♣ AQJ72		
♠ A7642		♠ J1093	
♥ 3		♥ QJ	
♦ J109865		♦ K4	
♣ 9		♣ K10864	
	♠ 85		
	♥ AK972		
	♦ AQ73		
	♣ 53		

Chagas-Helgemo competed to 4♠ but Helgemo (West) had not shown a two-suiter in the process. Chagas led the ♠J and Geir won and smoothly put the ♣9 on the table, giving declarer a nasty problem. Did Helgemo have the ♣K9 and a void in hearts (or ♥QJx) or a singleton club and one or more trumps? Since it was going to be a far better story if Geir had found the false-card from ♣K9 declarer Jan Martel finessed—hoping for the newspaper entry. Alas for her, Geir had indeed managed to false-card with a singleton, and the defense duly took the ruff to set 5♥ one trick. Don't feel bad, Jan. The list of great players who have fallen victim to Geir's “tactics” is growing longer almost by the minute.

Kit Woolsey came up with a variation on a theme to produce the *real* 100% line on Board 18.

Bd: 18	♠ QJ4		
Dlr: East	♥ K54		
Vul: N/S	♦ AQ		
	♣ AK1032		
♠ A8		♠ K1076532	
♥ Q73		♥ A62	
♦ 109754		♦ J62	
♣ Q94		♣ ---	
	♠ 9		
	♥ J1098		
	♦ K83		
	♣ J8765		

You reach 3NT as North and are favored with a heart lead,



dummy's jack holding the trick. What now?

You do not know the location of the ♠Q, so finessing in clubs could lose to the queen and you might still have four major-suit losers. Woolsey crossed to the ♣A at trick two and led the ♥K from his hand, knowing that this would lose to the ace on his left. If the defender set up one more major-suit winner for him he would be able to overtake the ♦Q and finesse in clubs. So best defense is to lead diamonds—but Woolsey would simply win and drive out the ♥Q for his ninth trick.

Billy Pollack showed us this deal on which he managed to lose a game swing to the field.

Bd: 21	♠ 98		
Dlr: North	♥ K10		
Vul: N/S	♦ J76		
	♣ QJ9842		
♠ KQJ5		♠ 10642	
♥ J87652		♥ Q9	
♦ Q5		♦ 10943	
♣ 7		♣ K103	
	♠ A73		
	♥ A43		
	♦ AK82		
	♣ A65		

After two passes Billy (South) opened 1♦ and balanced back with 3NT after West's off-center 3♥ overcall. All would have been straightforward on a heart lead but the defense began with a top spade and continued the suit when East encouraged. Sure the spades were five-three, Billy felt his best chance had to be to develop clubs without letting East in. Instead of trusting to luck and leading the ♣A he crossed to the ♥K and ran the ♣Q. Now he cashed the ♦AK dropping the queen, went to the ♦J, and crossed back to the ♥A to triple squeeze East...he hoped. If East had the 3-1-5-4 shape he expected, in the four-card ending he would have to pitch a winning spade; now a diamond would endplay him to lead clubs at trick twelve. When East followed to the second heart Billy knew that something had gone wrong. Since East had kept a low spade, he could not be endplayed with the thirteenth diamond. The best Billy could do was to cash the ♣A, but when the king didn't fall the contract had to go down. Every other declarer in the field made game here, so this cost 300 cross-imps. But it certainly is hard to say that Billy did anything wrong—isn't it?

### Quote of the Week

Zia (to Gabriel Chagas): "Minus 300 in 3♣ doubled; should you have made nine tricks?"  
 Gabriel: "No—I should have made eleven!"

### Session 3:

Bd: 4	♠ 10642		
Dlr: West	♥ Q84		
Vul: Both	♦ AQJ98		
	♣ 5		
♠ A		♠ J7	
♥ AKJ2		♥ 953	
♦ 74		♦ K10532	
♣ J106432		♣ AKQ	
	♠ KQ9853		
	♥ 1076		
	♦ 6		
	♣ 987		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1♣	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

This is a tough hand to bid to 3NT. Hamilton was virtually endplayed into his initial pass, although many players simply jumped to 3NT, daring the opponents to cash out a major. But Freddie had no good bid at his second turn to call either, as the auction developed. He could infer that his partner had a source of tricks in clubs, but he did very well to try 3NT without a spade stop. Unfortunately, from Eisenberg's perspective the ♣AKQ in his partner's hand were not a given! He might have inferred that Hamilton had no major-suit cards since he did not bid 3NT on the first round, which suggested concern about both majors. But Hamilton could have had more in diamonds and less in clubs of course. When Eisenberg ran to 4♣ Hamilton passed (correct in the abstract since the diamond ruff beats the game) and collected +150. Although a couple of pairs went down in 6♣, making +600 was the norm here.

On the next deal Garner-Weinstein landed a second solid body blow to Eisenberg-Hamilton.

Bd: 5	♠ KQ9532		
Dlr: North	♥ Q10		
Vul: N/S	♦ 1065		
	♣ K5		
♠ 106		♠ 74	
♥ A9652		♥ 3	
♦ AQ87		♦ K9432	
♣ 63		♣ AJ742	
	♠ AJ8		
	♥ KJ874		
	♦ J		
	♣ Q1098		

After a weak 2♠ raised to 4♠, Hamilton (who had given some thought to acting in the passout seat) led a heart, and Eisenberg took the ace and returned the nine. Hamilton ruffed and could have cashed the ♣A of course. But he was worried that declarer might have a void in clubs. So he returned the ♦2, trying to impart the suggestion that a heart play was not essential. Eisenberg did not get the message and played a third heart. Garner ruffed high, drew one trump, then cashed dummy's hearts to pitch his clubs and cross-ruffed for +620.

Hamman and Zia had not started well, and it didn't get any better against Rosenbloom and Welland..

Bd: 7	♠ 853		
Dlr: South	♥ 1085		
Vul: Both	♦ 9		
	♣ K76543		
♠ K97		♠ Q	
♥ KJ432		♥ AQ	
♦ J10653		♦ AKQ4	
♣ ---		♣ AQJ1092	
	♠ AJ10642		
	♥ 976		
	♦ 872		
	♣ 8		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Zia	Welland	Hamman	Rosenbloom
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

No one knew what was going on, so it is hard to apportion blame. Welland led a spade (he was not tempted to lead a club since Rosenbloom would have been able to produce a Lightner double if that were right). Of course 6♣ goes down two on the foul split, but both red suits play for twelve tricks comfortably enough.

Bd: 8	♠ 75		
Dlr: West	♥ K53		
Vul: None	♦ AK1074		
	♣ Q65		
♠ 1083		♠ QJ92	
♥ J92		♥ 84	
♦ 83		♦ J962	
♣ 109872		♣ KJ4	
	♠ AK64		
	♥ AQ1076		
	♦ Q5		
	♣ A3		

The Grand Slam is not such a great spot here, nor is it entirely clear what cue to follow. Rosenbloom stopped in six and so did not have to worry too much. But in 7♥ Del'Monte got a trump lead and could therefore ruff a spade high in dummy and play for a squeeze in diamonds and/or spades and clubs against both opponents.

The alternative approaches are to ruff spades before drawing trumps, or to draw one/two trumps and then ruff a spade. Gitelman and Kerri Sanborn both made the Grand by squeezing East in spades and diamonds for +1510 and a bundle of imps. Since anything works, it is hard to get too excited about the choice of lines. However, against Bramley-Lazard declarer did find a losing line: Peter Boyd simply drew trumps and played for diamonds to behave. This line gains when diamonds split and spades do not. Ruffing a spade gains when spades split and diamonds do not *and* the hand with long diamonds has long spades or if the ♣Q becomes a potential menace against the hand with long diamonds. By some seat-of-the-pants calculations the second line appears about 10% better than the first (but if you disagree please send your calculations to the senior editor) And on a club lead the chances of the positional spade-diamond squeeze reduce considerably.

Marty Fleisher and Eric Rodwell are by no means a regular partnership, but in some respects their partnership mirrors the standard Meckwell partnership. They only seem to need half the deck to try for (and make) game.

Bd: 14	♠ AJ6		
Dlr: East	♥ J8642		
Vul: None	♦ K		
	♣ A1087		
♠ 9753		♠ KQ842	
♥ 109		♥ KQ7	
♦ AQJ106		♦ 873	
♣ 43		♣ Q2	
	♠ 10		
	♥ A53		
	♦ 9542		
	♣ KJ965		

Against Baze-Whitman, after 1♠-Pass-2♠-Pass; Pass Fleisher protected with a double and over the re-raise to 3♠ Rodwell simply bid 4♥. On a top spade lead Eric won the ace and ruffed a spade, then led a diamond. Baze popped the ace to play another diamond and Rodwell ruffed, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♥A, came to the ♣A and led a second heart. He had just enough trumps to be able to get on lead, then to run the clubs (when the queen showed up) for ten tricks.

Bart Bramley drew an interesting inference to bring home



this delicate 4♦ contract.

Bd: 16	♠ Q1096		
Dlr: West	♥ A954		
Vul: E/W	♦ 104		
	♣ A108		
♠ J82		♠ 3	
♥ Q63		♥ K108	
♦ KJ76		♦ AQ9853	
♣ 953		♣ KQ6	
	♠ AK754		
	♥ J72		
	♦ 2		
	♣ J742		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Lazard</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Wright</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♦	3♦	4♦	All Pass

On the ♠K lead and continuation Bramley put up the ♠J to force the queen. He ruffed, then drew two rounds of trumps and led a club to the king. Now came a third diamond to dummy and a second club. Cornell took the ace and played a third club. Bramley won and paused to count up the hand. Since North clearly had both round aces and the ♠Q he was less likely to have the ♥J—he might have opened with that, playing weak notrumps. So Bart advanced the ♥10 and whether Wright covered or not Bramley was cold.

Bd: 22	♠ K752		
Dlr: East	♥ Q109		
Vul: E/W	♦ J65		
	♣ 874		
♠ AQJ1098		♠ 3	
♥ 632		♥ K4	
♦ A		♦ KQ108432	
♣ K105		♣ AQ2	
	♠ 64		
	♥ AJ875		
	♦ 97		
	♣ J963		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Bob Hamman did very well to create a position for his side here. His 4NT gave Zia the chance to opt for diamonds,

and on a club lead Zia put in the ten. Then he cashed the ♦A, came to hand in clubs, and drew trumps. At this point in the hand he knew Geir had the ♥A and ♣J, so Chagas a favorite to hold the ♠K (and in addition if this were the case 6NT would go down). So Zia took the ruffing finesse in spades and made thirteen tricks.

George Jacobs and Ralph Katz may not be dominating the event so far, but George found a very nice play here. Norberto Bocchi (East) reached 6♦ on an unopposed sequence on VuGraph and received a club lead from Jacobs. Bocchi won this in hand and played a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed another spade with the ♦10, then cashed the ♦KQ. When he led a club to dummy intending to insert the ten to create an extra dummy entry to finish ruffing out the spades and then cash them., George crossed him up by inserting the ♣J to block the suit. Now Bocchi needed the heart finesse—and when it failed he was set one trick.

Garner-Weinstein also reached 6♦, on an unopposed sequence. Weinstein got the ♥A lead and thus did not have to guess spades.

Bd: 23	♠ 63		
Dlr: South	♥ 942		
Vul: Both	♦ K109863		
	♣ 82		
♠ KJ104		♠ AQ972	
♥ Q87		♥ A	
♦ Q2		♦ AJ7	
♣ KQJ3		♣ A965	
	♠ 85		
	♥ KJ10653		
	♦ 54		
	♣ 1074		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Garner</i>	<i>Casen</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Pollack</i>
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	3♥	Dbl	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

An excellent job in the face of competition to reach the Grand Slam. Of course 7♣ is laydown since you simply ruff two hearts in dummy, but it is far from easy to get there. Jason Hackett-Ishmael Del'Monte reached the grand on the following auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett</i>	—	<i>Del'Monte</i>	—
—	—	—	Pass
1NT(14-16)	Pass	2♥	Dbl
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT(RKC)	Pass
5♦(1)	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

#### Session 4:

Bd: 2	♠ 97		
Dlr: East	♥ A874		
Vul: N/S	♦ A95		
	♣ K1075		
♠ AJ42		♠ KQ10653	
♥ K10		♥ Q965	
♦ QJ1062		♦ ---	
♣ Q3		♣ AJ6	
	♠ 8		
	♥ J32		
	♦ K8743		
	♣ 9842		
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Casen</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Pollack</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦(void)	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

6♠ seems laydown. Not so. Pollack led a trump and Chagas won in hand to lead a heart to the king and ace. Casen played a second trump and now even with the club finesse succeeding declarer had only eleven tricks.

When Paul Chemla came out of the playing room at the end of the first round Charles Wigoder asked him how he had done. "They bid a slam against me" said Chemla. "Did they make it?" asked Wigoder. "Of course not" said Chemla. "At my table the ♣K was offside. What did you expect, you idiot?" Well, now you see why he asked, Paul.

Bd: 3	♠ A72		
Dlr: South	♥ 107542		
Vul: E/W	♦ K8		
	♣ 986		
♠ K63		♠ J1085	
♥ A9		♥ K863	
♦ A96532		♦ J74	
♣ 73		♣ K5	
	♠ Q94		
	♥ QJ		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ AQJ1042		

Brad Moss made the good decision to pass out 1NT with a five-card major. But at other tables there was far more action. Where Fleisher-Rodwell were playing Zia, Hamman transferred to 2♥. Fleisher led ace and a second diamond and Zia won the king and led a heart to the jack and ace. Fleisher played a third diamond and Zia ruffed in dummy and led a club to the king and ace and then led a second trump. Rodwell won this and could see that he might need to take two spade tricks quickly. So he shifted to the ♠10, hoping for this precise layout. Zia covered with the queen and when Fleisher played the king Zia ducked it. Back came a second spade and Zia was down whatever he did now.

Bd: 7	♠ KJ1065		
Dlr: South	♥ J2		
Vul: Both	♦ Q65		
	♣ Q63		
♠ 843		♠ A2	
♥ 10		♥ AKQ98	
♦ KJ873		♦ A94	
♣ A952		♣ 874	
	♠ Q97		
	♥ 76543		
	♦ 102		
	♣ KJ10		

At many tables E/W reached 3NT from the West seat on an unopposed sequence. When the defense led and continued spades, declarer had a real problem. Playing hearts wins if the ♥J is tripleton or the diamond finesse succeeds, while if spades are four-four you may set up an extra defensive winner if you tackle hearts too quickly. The winning solution is actually a mixture of approaches. Start by cashing the ♥AK. If the ♥J drops you are home; if not, take your best shot based on the defense's signaling. As the cards lie, two rounds of hearts produces a very satisfying result—as Fred Hamilton amongst others discovered. In fact, Hamilton won the first spade and cashed five hearts, on which the man with five spades pitched one, while the other defender pitched a diamond. So Fred crossed to the ♦K and passed the ♦J to make no fewer than twelve tricks.

Bd: 12	♠ 73		
Dlr: West	♥ Q7		
Vul: N/S	♦ AKQ97		
	♣ Q1064		
♠ AKJ6		♠ 102	
♥ KJ6		♥ A1052	
♦ 42		♦ 83	
♣ A932		♣ KJ875	
	♠ Q9854		
	♥ 9843		
	♦ J1065		
	♣ ---		

West	North	East	South
<i>Wright</i>		<i>Cornell</i>	
1♣	1♦	1♥	3♦
Dbl(1)	Pass	5♣	All Pass
(1) Extras			

While a fair portion of the field was struggling in 3NT here, Cornell-Wright had the natural sequence above (playing weak notrumps). The defense cashed the ♦AK and shifted to a spade to the queen and king. Eleven tricks look easy now if trumps behave. Wright cashed the ♣A and got the good and bad news simultaneously. When he advanced the ♣9 North covered, so he had to overtake a spade, one of his winners, to reenter his hand to repeat the club finesse. Now he cashed all the clubs, and since South had to keep his spade guard he had to reduce to two hearts, and Wright could now cash hearts from the top in the knowledge that the ♥Q would drop.

Bd: 17	♠ AQ763	
Dlr: North	♥ KJ962	
Vul: None	♦ 3	
	♣ J6	
♠ K4		♠ J9852
♥ 105		♥ AQ4
♦ AKJ762		♦ 98
♣ 982		♣ KQ5
	♠ 10	
	♥ 873	
	♦ Q1054	
	♣ A10743	

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Ekeblad</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Seamon</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♦	2♥	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Michael Seamon found an excellent line to bring home 3NT here. On an informative auction Berkowitz led the ♥8 to the ten and king. Seamon ducked, won the next heart, and advanced the ♦8. When Berkowitz ducked Seamon ran it, and later finessed again in diamonds to bring home nine tricks. Should David have worked out to block the diamond suit by covering the ♦8? If partner had the stiff nine this would not have been a success.

When Bocchi-Duboin defended 3NT Bocchi led a club. Declarer had to duck this and the defense shifted to the ♥J. Declarer covered and now dislodged the ♣A himself. Back came a second heart, then the ♦8, covered by Bocchi and now 3NT had to go down.

# Congratulations To All the Winners



## Anyone for a Bet?

By Sam Leckie, Scotland

In this hand from the first session of the Cavendish pairs Gabriel Chagas, sitting East, reprimanded himself for not making 4♠ on Board 20. But was his play really wrong?

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>		<i>Chagas</i>	
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The ♦J was led, Q, K, A. If trumps divide two-two, ten tricks are certain: declarer loses at most two clubs and one heart. So that's what Chagas played for.

On the actual lie of the cards, this line fails when South wins his ♥K and plays a third trump, preventing a heart ruff in dummy. Had South held a singleton diamond and only two trumps, the alternate line of crossing to dummy's ♠A to take the heart finesse would have resulted in down one on a diamond ruff.

In my view Gabriel's play is right, and I'm willing to bet that G.I.B. [*Goren In a Box, Matt Ginsberg's bridge playing computer program—Ed.*] thinks so, too! Any takers?

Bd: 4	♠ 2		
Dir: West	♥ 9432		
Vul: Both	♦ K865		
	♣ AKQ4		
♠ A74		♠ KQ9653	
♥ 106		♥ AQ8	
♦ Q10743		♦ A2	
♣ 863		♣ J9	
	♠ J108		
	♥ KJ75		
	♦ J9		
	♣ 10752		

The bidding was:

## We're In the Money!

By Barry Rigal

So you think you are doing well this Cavendish at the tables? Well you've got a ways to go to catch a couple of the participants in the event.

To start with, Marc Jacobus' daughter Phyllis Harris was a contestant on the TV show "Greed" on Friday night. She was part of a syndicate that walked away with \$2 million.

You think that's good? Well Lionel Wright and Michael Cornell run a horse-racing syndicate based in Hong Kong. Members of that syndicate (which costs \$12,000 a share) include the winners of the first session of the Cavendish

Pairs (Bob Hamman-Zia Mahmood) and the winners of the second session (Michael Courtney-Charles Wigoder) as well. After the second session Friday night the syndicate went to check on the progress of their bets that day (they had a lot of money on picking the first three horses past the post on three combined races). They had already been successful in the first race, and while they waited they found out that they had hit the jackpot on the second and third races too! That meant a cool \$3 million for the syndicate—apparently doubling its net worth.

"Still feel lucky, do you punk?"