

The Cavendish Invitational

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WELCOME TO THE 33RD ANNUAL CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL

World Bridge Productions welcomes you to the 2007 Cavendish Pairs, John Roberts Teams and World Bridge Production Pairs. This year, BridgeBase is once again providing live Internet VuGraph coverage of the Pairs (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 20 entries (see page 2). The three-session WBP Pairs will have a field of in excess of 30 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 2007 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

2006 John Roberts Team Winners



**Wafik Abdou
Connie Goldberg
Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Steve Landen**

2006 Awards

1st	\$50,000
2/3	\$27,250
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Best 3rd Session	\$7,500

Overall Winners

- 1 **Wafik Abdou, Connie Goldberg, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha**
- 2/3 **Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein**
- 2/3 **Seymon Deutsch, Billy Cohen, Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson, Ron Smith, Paul Soloway**

Best 3rd Session (Not in Top 3 Finishers)

Pierre Zimmermann, Fulvio Fantoni, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes, Sementa, Alfredo Versace

2007 John Roberts Teams

- 1 **O'Rourke, Lou Ann**, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Marc Jacobus, Eric Rodwell
- 2 **Feigenbaum, Albert**, Michel Abecassis, Marc Bompis, Paul Chemla, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Zaleski
- 3 **Zimmermann, Pierre**, Alain Levy, Herve Mouiel, Frank Multon
- 4 **Johnson, Perry**, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Jeff Meckstroth
- 5 **Meltzer, Rose**, Bartoz Chmurski, Piotr Gawrys, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Kyle Larsen
- 6 **Welland, Roy**, Bjorn Fallenius, Augustin Medala, Antonio Sementa
- 7 **Deutsch, Seymon**, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith, Paul Soloway
- 8 **Bakkeren, Ton**, Huub Bertens, Jeroen Bruggeman, Gert-Jan Paulesson
- 9 **Altschuler, Gilad**, David Birman, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola
- 10 **Jacobs, George**, Bob Hamman, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Zia Mahmood, Steve Weinstein
- 11 **Mahaffey, Jim**, Peter Bertheau, Mark Lair, Fredrik Nystrom, Jie Zhao, Fu Zhong
- 12 **Zeckhauser, R.**, David Berkowitz, Bill Pollack, Michael Rosenberg
- 13 **Ekeblad, Sheila**, Gary Cohler, Russ Ekeblad, Michael Seamon, Howard Weinstein
- 14 **Goldberg, Connie**, Doug Doub, Billy Eisenberg, Linda Lewis
- 15 **Rogoff, Bruce**, Fred Stewart, Louk Verhees, Kit Woolsey
- 16 **NPC - Narasimhan, Hansa**, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold
- 17 **Yeh, Chen**, Patrick Huang, Chih-Kuo Shen, Hao-Juh Shi, Juei-Yu Shih, Ze-Jun Zhuang
- 18 **Kasle, Gaylor**, Drew Casen, Neil Chambers, John Diamond, Jim Krekorian, John Schermer
- 19 **Moss, Mike**, Peter Fredin, John Kranyak, Gavin Wolpert,
- 20 **Schwartz, Richie**, Bjorn Fallenius, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyakjha

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL PAIRS AUCTION PRE-AUCTION

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

2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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

CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL PAIRS \$100,000

PICK-THE-WINNERS SWEEPSTAKES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not allowed in the hotel.

Smoking is allowed in the casino area and outside.



WRITE FOR THE BULLETIN

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

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE PLAYING AREA

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

Cavendish Invitational Pairs & WBP Pairs - Conditions of Contest, 2007

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 a 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 9, 2007

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

Thursday, May 10, 2007

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

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

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

Friday, May 11, 2007

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

Saturday, May 12, 2007

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

Sunday, May 13, 2007

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



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