

# The Cavendish Invitational

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## LEVIN-WEINSTEIN TAKE 2007 CAVENDISH PAIRS

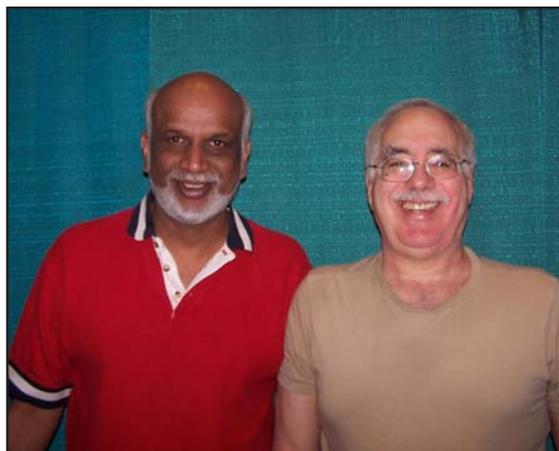


**Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein**

Levin and Weinstein have eight titles between them, all since 1993.

This is the third win as a pair

## CHORUSH-LALL TAKE WBP PAIRS



**Hemant Lall and Ira Chorush**

## 2007 Cabendish Invitational Final Standings

1	3455.65	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein
2	2987.03	Drew Casen - Mike Passell
3	2747.24	Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees
4	2664.42	Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue
5	1880.38	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness
6	1738.81	John Kranyak - Gavin Wolpert
7	1594.57	Robert Blanchard - Sam Lev
8	1525.53	Michael Elinescu - Entscho Wladow
9	1314.57	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson
10	1235.23	Peter Fredin - Michael Moss
11	1229.49	Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel
12	1048.84	Bart Bramley - Justin Lall
13	1009.19	Russ Ekeblad - Eric Rodwell
14	968.07	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky
15	963.92	Agustin Madala - Antonio Sementa
16	947.35	Tom Hanlon - Hugh McGann
17	942.34	Bob Hamman - Zia Mahmood
18	932.58	Ron Smith - Jason Feldman
19	692.39	Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom
20	621.93	Haojun Shi - Ze Jun Zhuang
21	583.74	Christal Henner-Welland - Michael Rosenberg
22	547.57	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmermann
23	538.08	Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin
24	471.15	Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens
25	470.50	Bjorn Fallenius - Richard Schwartz
26	265.81	Alain Levy - Paul Chemla
27	119.42	Patrick Huang - Bobby Wolff
28	15.24	George Jacobs - Ralph Katz
29	-160.84	Gary Cohler - Howard Weinstein
30	-240.27	Jeroen Bruggeman - Gert-Jan Paulissen
31	-328.58	Neil Chambers - John Schermer
32	-426.54	Jill Levin - Jill Meyers
33	-430.43	Stephen Landen - Pratap Rajadhyaksha
34	-647.93	Valerio Giubilo - Alfredo Versace
35	-661.34	Gilad Altschuler - David Birman
36	-701.34	Seymon Deutsch - Paul Soloway
37	-716.38	Jacek Pszczola - Vitas Vainkonis
38	-725.07	Bartosz Chmurski - Piotr Gawrys
39	-780.34	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack
40	-784.61	Michel Eidi - Fulvio Fantoni
41	-805.12	Chih-Kuo Shen - Jui-Yiu Shih
42	-877.20	Perry Johnson - Jeff Meckstroth
43	-912.00	Mathias Bruun - Stig Werdelin
44	-936.92	Ashley Bach - Mike Cornell
45	-994.61	Amos Kaminski - Shaya Levit
46	-1081.20	Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek
47	-1102.46	Jens Auken - Soren Christiansen
48	-1127.77	Roy Welland - Chris Willenken
49	-1266.12	John Diamond - Jim Krekorian
50	-1354.77	Chris Compton - Kyle Larsen
51	-1765.00	Jie Zhao - Fu Zhong
52	-2089.46	Wafik Abdou - Bill Eisenberg
53	-2291.81	Fred Stewart - Kit Woolsey
54	-2963.03	Albert Faigenbaum - Romain Zaleski
55	-3604.45	Veronel Lungu - Jurek Kozyczkowski
56	-4096.72	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss

## 2007 WBP Final Standings

1	1780.08	Ira Chorush - Hemant Lall
2	1124.00	Thomas Carmichael - Joel Wooldridge
3	904.83	Fred Hamilton - John Jeffrey
4	736.00	Jeff Fang - Erez Hendelman
5	513.00	Kathrine Bertheau - Johan Upman
6	493.25	Farid Assemi - Edward Wojewoda
7	394.00	Ann Levy - Sylvie Wellard
8	392.00	Mike Cappelletti - John Morris
9	358.00	Gail Greenberg - Jeffrey Hand
10	307.00	Mark Lair - Jim Mahaffey
11	201.08	Dan Jacob - Dick Yarrington
12	11.58	Rajeev Gupta - Joyjit Sarma
13	-15.00	Leonard Ernst - Wojciech Kurkowski
14	-66.00	Michael McNamara - Sylwia McNamara
15	-106.17	Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon
16	-129.00	Shane Blanchard - Owen Lien
17	-138.00	Leo Bell - Marshall Miles
18	-162.00	Connie Goldberg - Renee Mancuso
19	-180.00	Frank Treiber III - James Cunningham
20	-310.92	Marc Jacobus - Lou Ann O'Rourke
21	-318.00	G. Margie Gwozdzinsky - Cathy Strauch
22	-467.00	Joshua Donn - Bruce Rubin
23	-506.00	Mike Albert - Gary Zeiger
24	-690.92	Chester Johnston - Jim Murphy
25	-759.00	Brian Glubok - David Hoffner
26	-821.00	Bob Soni - Robert Todd
27	-914.92	Alexander Kolesnik - Roberto Scaramuzzi
28	-1651.92	Jim Eastham - Daniel McGuire

### Cabendish Invitational Section Winners

SESSION 1		
1st	Agustin Madala - Antonio Sementa	\$2,500
SESSION 2		
1st	Michael Elinescu - Entscho Wladow	\$4,000
2nd	John Kranyak - Gavin Wolpert	\$2,500
SESSION 3		
1st	Russ Ekeblad - Eric Rodwell	\$6,500
2nd	Tom Hanlon - Hugh McGann	\$5,000
3rd	Amos Kaminski - Shaya Levit	\$2,500
SESSION 4		
1st	Drew Casen - Mike Passell	\$12,500
2nd	Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue	\$9,500
3rd	Chih-Kuo Shen - Jui-Yiu Shih	\$5,000
4th	Roy Welland - Chris Willenken	\$2,500
SESSION 5		
1st	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmermann	\$20,000
2nd	Alain Levy - Paul Chemla	\$12,000
3rd	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	\$8,000
4th	Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom	\$5,000
5th	Mathias Bruun - Stig Werdelin	\$2,500

# Cabendish Invitational Pairs Award Chart

## Overall Awards

1 <sup>st</sup>	274,400	28,420
2 <sup>nd</sup>	176,400	18,270
3 <sup>rd</sup>	117,600	12,180
4 <sup>th</sup>	88,200	9,134
5 <sup>th</sup>	78,400	8,120
6 <sup>th</sup>	68,600	7,104
7 <sup>th</sup>	58,800	6,090
8 <sup>th</sup>	49,000	5,076
9 <sup>th</sup>	39,200	4,060
10 <sup>th</sup>	29,400	3,046

## Session Awards

### From Auction Pool to Owners

	1 <sup>st</sup> Session	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	4 <sup>th</sup> Session	5 <sup>th</sup> Session
1 <sup>st</sup>	2,500	4,000	6,500	12,500	20,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>		2,500	5,000	9,500	12,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>			2,500	5,000	8,000
4 <sup>th</sup>				2,500	5,000
5 <sup>th</sup>					2,500

### From Player's Pool to Players

1 <sup>st</sup>	5,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2,500

## 2007 WBP Pairs Overall Awards

Position	Auction Pool	Player Pool
1 <sup>st</sup>	9,850	4,850
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6,567	3,234
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4,766	2,352
4 <sup>th</sup>	3,582	1,764
5 <sup>th</sup>	2,985	1,470
6 <sup>th</sup>	2,090	1,030

## Session Awards

### Third Session

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1,000
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## 2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs - Session 4

**Bd: 5****Dlr: N Vul: N-S**

	S. J
	H. A K Q 10
	D. J 10 9 6 5 4
	C. K 10
S. K Q 8 5	S. 10 2
H. J 8 7 2	H. 9 5 4 3
D. 8 3 2	D. A Q 7
C. 4 3	C. J 7 6 5
	S. A 9 7 6 4 3
	H. 6
	D. K
	C. A Q 9 8 2

You certainly do not want to play 4S here. Admittedly, though if South opens and rebids diamonds, it will be tough to lead that suit and now declarer can make 10 tricks. Gawrys managed to find the killing lead — though on a helpful auction from Quantin-Bompis.

South	North
1D	1S
2S	3C
3NT	4C
4H	4S
All Pass	

After that start the defense simply had three trumps and their diamond trick on normal play. Versace declared 3NT when Giubilo passed at his 3<sup>rd</sup> turn after an identical start to the above auction. However, David Birman did remarkably well when he led the S10 to the SQ and Altschuler shifted to the H7 and HK — on which Birman discouraged. Now came a diamond; Birman took the DA and played a second spade, ducked by Versace (who had to guess who had the DQ) around to the S8 for the critical club shift. Birman covered Versace's C10 with the CJ and now there were no communications left between the two hands. So all Versace could do was come to the CK and try the D9. Birman took his DQ and exited with a club to dummy, and sat back for the third spade winner. Down one.

Could declarer have done better? Yes at double-dummy if he infers that the spades rate to be 4-2 with the opening leader quite likely to have the DQ (else he might have ducked the DA?) Declarer takes the second spade and

leads the C8 to the CK, overtakes the C10 with the CA, cashes the CQ and gets out with the C2 to the CJ!

The defense have been gifted a club trick but now have to return a red suit around to declarer, and end up taking two diamonds, one club and just one spade trick.

**Bd: 9****Dlr: N Vul: E-W**

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

It's sometimes hard to know what is a good result, and what is a bad one. Here for example, Rogoff-Verhees bid on to 5S over 5H, and went down 500 at unfavorable vulnerability. Is this a good or bad result? Well at many tables 5H doubled made 11 tricks.

The defense can get a diamond trick or club ruff but not both, and some pairs did worse than that: At the table of Madala-Sementa they doubled 1D, and over 3D Madala jumped to 4H. Sementa bid 5H over 5D and redoubled when it was doubled, before his partner could do so! The defenders failed to cash out correctly so that was +1200!

This beat the result achieved by Landen-Pratap. Pratap opened the 5-6 hand 1H and that got his side to 6H! On a trump lead, declarer claimed +980!

**Congrats to the winners of the  
2007 John Roberts Teams**  
John Diamond, Gaylor Kasle, Drew Casen,  
Jim Krekorian, John Schermer  
& Neil Chambers  
**2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs**  
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**2007 WPB Pairs**  
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**Bd: 12****Dlr: W Vul: N-S**

	S. K Q	
	H. A J 8 4	
	D. J 9 4 3	
	C. Q J 3	
S. 8 4 2		S. A 10 9
H. 7 5 3		H. 10 9
D. 7 5		D. A K Q 10 8 2
C. K 9 8 7 5		C. A 10
	S. J 7 6 5 3	
	H. K Q 6 2	
	D. 6	
	C. 6 4 2	

Real men like to overcall 3NT. Jill Levin as East heard 1D on her right – wouldn't you bid 3NT here? (After all who knows what the opponents can make in the majors?) As it is, you can use dummy's entry to finesse in diamonds. Nine tricks: What's the problem?

Jill was lucky in a sense that the opening was 1D, natural, and not a precision 1D, or a nebulous club, or even 1NT; then it was tough to guess diamonds. – Mind you, at several tables the strong hand passed throughout!

**Bd: 18****Dlr: E Vul: N-S**

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

These days playing the 4-4 major suit fit is so passe. H. Weinstein-Cohler bid 1NT-3D (optional Stayman) – 3NT. S. Weinstein heard his LHO open 2C (hearts and a minor) and bid 2NT raised to 3NT.

In 3NT on a low spade lead, Howard Weinstein puts in the S8 at trick one and was delighted by the result. He

took the SK with the SA and now passed the C9 at once, so that if a diamond came back he could finesse the second club into the safe hand. As it was, he had three spades, three clubs, four hearts and one diamond for +660.

Mike Passell played 4H on a low spade lead and guessed to put on the S8 as well. Now he had avoided a spade loser so when he found the 5-0 heart break all he needed was to guess the clubs and he had his contract.

By contrast, Louk Verhees led a diamond after a strong no-trump auction to 4H. Declarer played to ruff a diamond early and ended up misguessing spades – down 300!!

**Bd: 19****Dlr: S Vul: E-W**

	S. J 9 8	
	H. 9 8 6 4 2	
	D. K 4	
	C. 7 5 4	
S. K 10 5 3		S. A 7
H. J 7 5		H. A K 3
D. 5 3		D. A 9 8 2
C. Q 10 8 2		C. A J 6 3
	S. Q 6 4 2	
	H. Q 10	
	D. Q J 10 7 6	
	C. K 9	

In 3NT by East, you or I would know to lead 4<sup>th</sup> highest from our longest and strongest – wouldn't we? Verhees led the normal DQ and Rogoff guessed to overtake. When this was ducked, Rogoff returned the D4 and East put in the D9 on the second round. Verhees won and could see that he needed to shift; what was the right suit to play?

On a low spade shift (ever assuming partner is kind enough to possess the SJ and S9 so that the shift does not cost) declarer will surely win the SK and take a club finesse, so he will have little option but to drop your HQ in the ending.

Verhees instead switched at trick three to the H10! Declarer did not put up the HJ. Instead he won in hand, led a spade to the SK, and took a club finesse. Verhees won and returned a club, and declarer now went for the endplay. After the SA and two clubs he had reduced to:

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## Cabendish - Session 5

The first round contained enough excitement to wake up even the most jaded bridge player. Each of the five leading pairs had at least one disaster, and Helness-Helgemo had two.

**Bd: 1**

**Dlr: N Vul: None**

J	9 8 5 4	_____
10 5	_____	_____
J 6	K 3	_____
_____	A 8	_____
Q	6	_____
Q 6	_____	_____
Q	_____	_____
J 7	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

When he cashed the DA and crossed to dummy with a club, North pitching a low heart, then the SJ, East could legitimately hope that North had begun life with S. QJxx and H. Qxxx. If that were so, a spade play would now endplay North to lead a heart around to the HJ. Unlucky – down one.

**Bd: 26**

**Dlr: E Vul: Both**

S. A K 9 2	S. Q J 7 4
H. 5	H. A Q 7 4
D. Q 6 3	D. K 10 5
C. A J 8 7 3	C. K 4
S. 10 6	S. 8 5 3
H. K 10 8 6	H. J 9 3 2
D. A 7 4 2	D. J 9 8
C. Q 6 5	C. 10 9 2

On this deal, Alfredo Versace did very well, I thought. As North he defended 4H by Verhees, West, and led three rounds of spades, despite knowing his partner had three and declarer two. The point was that declarer could not play to ruff a club or the fourth round of spades would kill the discard, and if declarer drew trump, he would lose the club ruff.

At many tables, East declared 4H on a C10 lead. Declarer won and played the spade to the 10. Again the winning theoretical defense is to keep leading spades as found by Billy Pollack but remarkably few other declarers. This sets the hand when partner's diamonds are far weaker.

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

4SX down 500 was the norm here, and both Levin-Weinstein and Casen-Passell managed this. But Helgemo-Helness defended 4SX by leading the S9. Declarer, Eric Rodwell, won and cashed two clubs to shake a heart loser AND avoid the trump promotion, so the Norwegians managed only +100.

Grue-Cheek defended 5DX. Grue led the CAK on which Cheek pitched the H2 (reverse) hoping for the HA and a ruff. Grue expected his partner to have the HA and so he led a low H. Now the spade losers went away. -550.

**Bd: 3**

**Dlr: S Vul: E-W**

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

At most tables, N/S got to sacrifice in 5C over 4S. Rogoff-Verhees were allowed to play 4S after South had opened a systemically light 1H then rebid diamonds to show a sub-minimum canapé. On a top club lead, Verhees

guessed trumps and had 10 tricks. Casen-Passell escaped for -300 when on a non-trump lead declarer managed to take two ruffs. Eckblad led the CA, C10 and collected +800 against Helness-Helgemo.

**Bd: 4**

**Dlr: W Vul: Both**

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

Reaching 7C is not enough – you need to be lucky enough to find the HK outside, and lucky enough to be able to persuade your opponents not to save. Eidi-Fantoni saved against Levin's 6C and conceded 800. Helness-Helgemo saved against 7C and conceded 1100. Soloway-Deutch showed how to reach the grand slam: 3NT (P) 6NT (X) 7C. 3NT denied guards and Soloway elected to run from 6NTX – quite a good idea on this hand!

The second round contained three potential grand slams (one going down on a 3-0 trump break). Rogoff-Verhees righted the ship (bidding the small slam on the hand where this was the limit, and having their opponents miss their slams) while Casen-Passell also had their opponents miss two slams but missed their own as well.

After six wild deals, no one could have been that happy with their results but by my calculations Rogoff-Verhees had taken the lead.

**Bd: 14**

**Dlr: E Vul: None**

	S. 7 3 2	
	H. K Q 9	
	D. 10 9 7	
	C. 8 5 3 2	
S. J 5		S. K 6 4
H. 6 2		H. A J 10 7 5
D. Q J 2		D. K 8 5
C. A Q J 9 7 6		C. K 10
	S. A Q 10 9 8	
	H. 8 4 3	
	D. A 6 4 3	
	C. 4	

Cheek-Grue were having a set where nothing seemed to be going right for them. But at least on this deal Curtis guessed what to do. After his RHO opened 1NT he overcalled 2D (diamonds & a major), raised to 3NT. He led the SA, hoping to be able to work out who had a doubleton spade honor, and the sight of dummy needs the continuation of the SQ obvious. 3NT was now down one for a big pick-up.

**Bd: 17**

**Dlr: N Vul: None**

	S. 6 5 2	
	H. Q J 8 4	
	D. K	
	C. A J 10 7 3	
S. Q J 9		S. A K 3
H. K 3 2		H. A 10 9 7 5
D. J 10 8 2		D. A 9 6
C. 9 6 2		C. K 4
	S. 10 8 7 4	
	H. 6	
	D. Q 7 5 4 3	
	C. Q 8 5	

East	South	West	North
1H	P	2H	P
2N	P	3H	P
4H	All Pass		

Pratap-Laden bid to 4H here on a 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> diamond lead Pratap put up dummy's DJ, forcing the DK, and he won the DA. Now he led a heart to the HK, a heart towards his hand, and Casen ducked smoothly. Of course, Casen could tell from the auction that his partner was relatively unlikely to have an entry. Pratap now had to decide what to play for: hearts 4-1 with the CA right, or hearts 3-2. Not surprisingly he went up with the HK, and down went the contract.

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