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Left to right: Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby

Weinstein Team Wins 1999 MSN Cavendish Teams

The team captained by Steve WEINSTEIN (Robert Levin, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby) emerged as come-from-behind victors in the 1999 MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Teams. Weinstein won their final match by 10imps – the exact amount needed – to edge out the runner-up team

captained by Peter BOYD (Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart) by a single Victory Point, 188-187. Lou Ann O'ROURKE's team (Billy Miller, Curtis Cheek, Kyle Larson, Roger Bates) entered the final match leading the event but fell to third place after a disappointing loss to BOYD, 26-4 (in VPs). Also finishing in the money in fifth place was the Italian team (the pre-event favorites, as determined by the auction) captained by Lorenzo LAURIA (Alfredo Versace, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti, Antonio Sementa) and in sixth place the Malcolm BRACHMAN team (Paul Soloway, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Bobby Goldman). The complete final standings are on page 3. In case you're wondering how much the top teams won for their efforts, the table at the right reproduces the prize scale from yesterday's Bulletin.

| Place | Auction | Players' |
|-------|----------|----------|
| 1st | \$73,508 | \$15,708 |
| 2nd | 49,005 | 10,472 |
| 3rd | 35,460 | 7,616 |
| 4th | 26,730 | 5,712 |
| 5th | 22,275 | 4,760 |
| 6th | 15,592 | 3,332 |

1999 MSN Cavendish Pairs Auction Huge: Up \$115,000 From Last Year

Last night's auction for the 1999 MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Invitational Pairs was a monumental success. Auction proceeds totaled \$1,227,000, up by \$115,000 over last year's total. The top two pairs, reigning World Champions Lorenzo Lauria – Alberto Versace and teammates Andrea Burrati – Massimo Lanzarotti, sold for \$56,00 and \$54,000, respectively. The complete auction results are on page 4.

Some Expansions and Clarifications of Conditions of Contest

Systems – General:

- It is our intent to allow methods with which contestants are (or we deem them to be) familiar.
- It is also our intent to allow a reasonable degree of artificiality in auctions where the opening bid has guaranteed considerable extras over opening bid value or where the response guarantees game invitational values or better (23 HCP).

Systems – Some clarifying points in Condition 11:

- 11-a) Swedish and Polish Club systems are permitted.
- 11-d) A gambling 3NT is permitted; 3NT as a preempt in a minor is not permitted.
- 11-l) Transfer opening bids and transfer responses other than to an opening bid of 1NT and 2NT are not permitted. But:
Rubensohl is permitted and transfer responses to an overcall are permitted so long as the transfer guarantees length in the implied suit.
Transfer responses to an opponent's T/O double are permitted if the bid guarantees length in the implied suit.
Transfer responses to an opening 1♣ bid are allowed so long as the partnership has guaranteed game invitational values in HCP.

Cavendish Pairs:

- Carryover from Qualifying to Final:
There will be a 33% carryover from each pair's qualifying score into the final two sessions. To adjust the score to fit a field of 20 qualifying pairs, the raw score resulting from 31 comparisons will be divided by that number of comparisons and then multiplied by 9, the number of comparisons in the finals and this result will then be divided by 3. In no case shall the spread between the highest and lowest qualifying scores be greater than 40 realimps (realimps are the totalimps divided by the number of comparisons) or a total of $40 \times 9 = 360$ adjustedimps. If the leading qualifier has a qualifying score greater than 40 realimps or 360 adjustedimps the lead score will be reduced to the maximum carryover of 40 realimps, with the other qualifying scores being prorated.
- Carryover from the Qualifying into the Secondary Final:
There will be a 20% carryover of each pair's final non-qualifying score. To adjust the score to fit a field of 44 non-qualifying pairs, the raw score resulting from 31 comparisons will be divided by that number of comparisons and then multiplied by 21, the number of comparisons in the secondary final. This product will be divided by 5. It is expected that there will be minus scores carried over. In no event will the lowest score be minus more than 10 realimps or 210 totalimps.
- Format for the Qualifying Rounds:
The field will be seeded solely by auction prices. The field will be arrayed and divided into 8 brackets (ties if any for the bottom of any bracket and the top of the next lower bracket will be broken by chance). All pairs will play four of the seven other pairs in its bracket and five of the eight pairs in each of the other brackets. All pair numbers will be assigned randomly.
- In the Event of a Tie for the Last Qualifying Position:
A tie shall be any group of pairs who have the exact same qualifying score. If tied pairs have played each other, the head-to-head winner of that round(s) of tied pairs will be declared the first tie-breaking winner. If there is no head-to-head winner, the second tie-breaker will be the pair which has won the most rounds. (A winning round is net plusimps on the two boards played.) The third tie-breaker shall be the pair who was plus netimps on the most number of boards.

Final Standings: MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Teams

| Rank | Score | Team # | | Auction Price |
|-------|-------|--------|--|---------------|
| 1 | 188 | 13 | Steve WEINSTEIN, Robert Levin, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby | 21,000 |
| 2 | 187 | 10 | Peter BOYD, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart | 14,000 |
| 3 | 171 | 18 | Lou Ann O`ROURKE, Billy Miller, Curtis Cheek, Kyle Larsen, Roger Bates | 4,000 |
| 4 | 170 | 15 | Robert BLANCHARD, Piotr Gawrys, Gaylor Kasle, George Steiner | 8,000 |
| 5 | 164 | 5 | Lorenzo LAURIA, Alfredo Versace, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti, Antonio Sementa | 32,500 |
| 6 | 163 | 4 | Malcolm BRACHMAN, Paul Soloway, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Bobby Goldman | 14,000 |
| 7 | 156 | 23 | Gabriel CHAGAS, Zia Mahmood, Michel Abecassis, Boye Brogeland, Espen Erichsen | 11,000 |
| 8 | 152 | 16 | Reese MILNER, Marc Jacobus, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Ron Smith | 7,500 |
| 9 | 151 | 8 | Perry JOHNSON, Jeff Meckstroth, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco | 15,000 |
| 10/11 | 149 | 1 | George JACOBS, Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein, Steve Garner, Bob Hamman, Nick Nickell | 13,000 |
| 10/11 | 149 | 7 | Gerald SOSLER, Kay Schulle, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen | 5,000 |
| 12 | 142 | 19 | Wayne CHU, Tim Cope, Craig Gower, Chris Convery | 5,000 |
| 13 | 139 | 21 | L. PEINETTI (npc), Enza Rossano, Antonio Vivaldi, Amedeo Comello, Fabio Rosati | 6,000 |
| 14 | 135 | 26 | Adam WILDAVSKY, Steve Beatty, Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard | 9,500 |
| 15 | 134 | 24 | Sam LEV, Barnet Shenkin, John Mohan, Brian Glubok, John Roberts | 11,500 |
| 16 | 128 | 6 | Seymon DEUTSCH, Bobby Wolff, James Rosenbloom, Billy Cohen | 4,000 |
| 17 | 126 | 28 | CAVENDISH TEAM – Roberta & Mark Epstein, Brenda Jacobus, Carol Pincus, Willy Whitaker, Gunner Halberg | |
| 18 | 121 | 25 | Charleton BUCKLEY, Hugh Ross, Bruce Ferguson, Brenda Keller, Peter Nagy | 4,000 |
| 19 | 116 | 3 | John ONSTOTT, Mark Lair, Garey Hayden, Jim Robison | 7,000 |
| 20 | 115 | 22 | Gerhard SCHIESSER, Roland Rohofsky, Paul Chemla, Christian Mari | 6,000 |
| 21 | 113 | 20 | Sorin PLEACOFF, Michael Elianescu, Verone Lungu, Florin Rometti, Daniel Sawin | 4,000 |
| 22 | 107 | 11 | Russ EKEBLAD, Sheila Ekeblad, John Sutherlin, Michael Seamon, Richie Schwartz, Drew Casen | 6,000 |
| 23 | 106 | 17 | Hector CAMBEROS, Pablo Lombardi, Mike Moss, Bjorn Fallenius | 7,000 |
| 24 | 99 | 14 | Manuel CAPUCHO, Maria Joao Lara, Franco Pietri, Mario Di Maio | 5,000 |
| 25 | 97 | 12 | Rose Johnson MELTZER, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Mark Molson, Boris Baran | 6,500 |
| 26 | 94 | 9 | Rita SHUGART, Andy Robson, Marek Szymanowski, Krzysztof Martens | 11,500 |
| 27 | 89 | 2 | Mike WHITMAN, Grant Baze, George Mittelman, Henry Mansell | 5,000 |
| 28 | 58 | 27 | Billy EISENBERG, Fred Hamilton, Larry Cohen, Mickey Friedman | 4,500 |

Auction Results of the 1999 MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Pairs

| Rank | | Selling Price | Rank | | Selling Price |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Lorenzo Lauria – Alfredo Versace | \$56,000 | 34 | Ishmael Delmonte – Lionel Wright | \$13,000 |
| 2 | Andrea Buratti – Massimo Lanzarotti | \$54,000 | 35 | Drew Casen – Lee Rautenberg | \$12,500 |
| 3 | Paul Chemla – Christian Mari | \$50,000 | 36/37 | Adam Wildavsky – Dan Morse | \$12,000 |
| 4 | Chip Martel – Lew Stansby | \$48,000 | 36/37 | Grant Baze – Mike Whitman | |
| 5/6 | Larry Cohen – David Berkowitz | \$41,000 | 38 | John Mohan – Kay Schulle | \$11,000 |
| 5/6 | Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein | | 39/64 | George Mittelman – Henry Mansell | \$10,000 |
| 7 | Mike Passell – Eddie Wold | \$36,500 | 39/64 | Harry Tudor – Gary Cohler | |
| 8 | Alan Sontag – Peter Weichsel | \$34,000 | 39/64 | Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis | |
| 9/10 | Bob Hamman – Nick Nickell | \$33,000 | 39/64 | Chris Convery – Craig Gower | |
| 9/10 | Krysztof Martens – Marek Szymanowski | | 39/64 | Maria Joao Lara – Manuel Capucho | |
| 11/12 | Zia Mahmood – Gabriel Chagas | \$31,000 | 39/64 | Wayne Chu – Tim Cope | |
| 11/12 | Sam Lev – Barnet Shenkin | | 39/64 | Gunnar Hallberg – Willie Whittaker | |
| 13 | Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson | \$30,000 | 39/64 | Mark Molson – Michel Abecassis | |
| 14 | Peter Boyd – Steve Robinson | \$28,500 | 39/64 | Shawn Quinn – Mildred Breed | |
| 15/16 | Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth | \$28,000 | 39/64 | Veronel Lungu – Florin Rometti | |
| 15/16 | Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey | | 39/64 | Billy Eisenberg – Fred Hamilton | |
| 17/18 | Steve Garner – Howard Weinstein | \$25,000 | 39/64 | Enza Rossano – Antonio Vivaldi | |
| 17/18 | Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard | | 39/64 | Bobby Wolff – Seymon Deutsch | |
| 19 | Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss | \$22,000 | 39/64 | Chris Compton – Andrej Zakrezewski | |
| 20/22 | John Schermer – Neil Chambers | \$20,000 | 39/64 | Sheila Ekeblad – Michael Seamon | |
| 20/22 | Bob Blanchard – Piotr Gawrys | | 39/64 | Ralph Katz – George Jacobs | |
| 20/22 | Espen Erichsen – Boye Brogeland | | 39/64 | Eric Rodwell – Robin Klar | |
| 23 | Russell Ekeblad – John Sutherland | \$19,000 | 39/64 | Amos Kaminski – James Rosenbloom | |
| 24 | Billy Cohen – Ron Smith | \$18,000 | 39/64 | Gerhard Schiesser – Roland Rohowsky | |
| 25 | Franco Pietri – Mario di Maio | \$17,000 | 39/64 | Paul Soloway – Malcolm Brachman | |
| 26 | Gaylor Kastle – George Steiner | \$16,000 | 39/64 | Wojciek Kurkowski – Roger Lord | |
| 27/28 | Brian Glubok – John Roberts | \$15,500 | 39/64 | Fabio Rosati – Amedeo Comello | |
| 27/28 | Billy Miller – Curtis Cheek | | 39/64 | Michael Cornell – Ashley Bach | |
| 29 | Bjorn Fallenius – Mike Moss | \$15,000 | 39/64 | Joe Jabon – Aiden Ballentyne | |
| 30 | Roger Bates – Dan Mordecai | \$14,500 | 39/64 | Andrew Robson – Rita Shugart | |
| 31 | Hector Camberos – Pablo Lambardi | \$14,000 | 39/64 | Kerri Sanborn – Steve Sanborn | |
| 32/33 | Mark Lair – John Onstott | \$13,500 | | | |
| 32/33 | Richie Schwartz – Marc Jacobus | | | | |
| | | | | Total Auction Pool: | \$1,227,000 |

WBP Pairs Begins Saturday

World Bridge Productions invites you to join us for the WBP Pairs, a special three-session event beginning tomorrow at 11:00 AM with a brunch (all are invited) on the 3rd floor of the Convention Center, Room 315. Following the eagerly anticipated repast the WBP Pairs auction will be held in Rooms 318-319, beginning at 12:00 noon. Come and bid for your favorite pairs. The field (see below) is studded with outstanding players, so join us on Saturday and help to make this a truly memorable event.

The Field for the 1999 WBP Pairs

| Pair # | | Pair # | |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Nell Cahn – Petra Hamman | 13 | Rose Johnson – Jo Morse |
| 2 | Dan Jacobs – Rob Crawford | 14 | John Gowdy – Bill Curtis |
| 3 | Colby Vernay – Barry Schaefer | 15 | Leonard Ernst – Richard Halperin |
| 4 | Jan Martel – Joanna Stansby | 16 | Charlton Buckley – Bruce Ferguson |
| 5 | Reese Milner – Disa Cheeks | 17 | Joe Ellsbury – Peggy Sutherlin |
| 6 | Michael Elienescu – Sorin Pleacoff | 18 | John Jeffrey – Jeff Gargrave |
| 7 | Lorne Russell – Sy Dombu | 19 | Joel Woolridge – Darren Wolpert |
| 8 | Roberta Epstein – Mark Epstein | 20 | Allen Hawkins – Jim Foster |
| 9 | Michael Friedman – Larry Cohen | 21 | John Solodar – Judith Weisman |
| 10 | Kishore Anand – Ghassan Menachi | 22 | John Lowenthal – Gail Stanhope |
| 11 | David Yates – Michael McNamara | 23 | Tom Smith – John Roberts |
| 12 | Doug Doub – Martin Fleischer | | |

In the Zone



Are you in the “Zone”? Not just any zone, the MSN Gaming Zone. Join MSN’s Lorne Russell at his table outside the playing area (3rd floor Convention Center) where he’ll be happy to demonstrate “Bridge on the Zone” and to answer your questions about MSN (but not about how you should have bid or played that hand that cost you 13 imps). He plans to set up shop about an hour before each session and again at session’s end. We’re delighted to have him here. Your assignment, kids, is to keep him busy. Ask him some questions (he’s such a nice, lonely man), tell him some jokes, make him (and MSN) feel needed.

Words for Options Traders to Live By:
Buy low – Sell high – Don’t Trump
Your Partner’s Ace

The Pakistan-Brazil Connection

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

Put two world-class players together on defense in a new partnership and what have you got? – Absolute chaos! Take this hand from Wednesday's Match 2 of the Cavendish Teams.

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Bd: 12 | ♠ AJ72 | | |
| Vul: N/S | ♥ — | | |
| Dir: West | ♦ KQJ75 | | |
| | ♣ 9642 | | |
| Zia | | Chagas | |
| ♠ K10543 | | ♠ 9 | |
| ♥ Q6 | | ♥ A98754 | |
| ♦ 1096 | | ♦ 84 | |
| ♣ J105 | | ♣ AKQ8 | |
| | ♠ Q86 | | |
| | ♥ KJ1032 | | |
| | ♦ A32 | | |
| | ♣ 73 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ | 3♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

Against N/S's 3♦ contract Chagas led the ♣Q. Zia played the jack and Chagas switched to the ♥A. Result – ten tricks, minus 620.

At the end of the session the conversation went like this:

“Why did you switch to the ♥A?”

“Because your ♣J asked me to.”

“How do you make that out?”

“You told me that a ‘special’ card at trick one demands a switch.”

“My ♣J showed you the ten. How esle could I show you jack-ten?”

The ten would have done this.”

“Nobody in the world plays the tens shows the jack.”

“I do.”

“Where could your heart trick go?”

“What kind of a question is that?”

I left them still debating the issue with their arms working as hard as their tongues. Maybe it's not so surprising. After all, do you know how far Pakistan is from Brazil?

Brian Moran (1938-1999)

Brian Moran, who was involved in directing the Cavendish Invitational Pairs since its inception in 1975, passed away from cancer at his home in Ellicott City, MD last month. One of the ACBL's top Tournament Directors and Chief Appeals Screening Director at NABCs, Brian became a mainstay at the Cavendish. The pair event's cross-imp form of scoring, which was originally done by hand, required a laborious and time-consuming process. In the mid 80's, when entries in the event threatened to grow to a point which would make hand scoring all but impossible, Brian wrote his own computer program to do the scoring. Brian's program continued to be used until the current ACBL Score program became available several years ago. A long-time columnist for the ACBL Bulletin, Brian's *Ruling the Game* column was a source of enlightenment and enjoyment for thousands of Bulletin readers. He will be greatly missed.

The MSN Cavendish Teams: Day One (Cont.) and Day Two

Match 5:

| | | |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Bd: 12 | ♠ KJ6 | |
| Vul: N/S | ♥ J854 | |
| Dlr: West | ♦ 75 | |
| | ♣ K1052 | |
| ♠ AQ952 | | ♠ 874 |
| ♥ 6 | | ♥ KQ1097 |
| ♦ AKQJ | | ♦ 1098 |
| ♣ AJ8 | | ♣ Q3 |
| | ♠ 103 | |
| | ♥ A32 | |
| | ♦ 6432 | |
| | ♣ 9764 | |

Board 12 revisited. Yes, we know we covered this match in yesterday's bulletin but there's never closure as long as a reader still exists. We saw then that 4♠ could come surprisingly close to making after a heart lead to the ace and a diamond shift. Barnet Shenkin demonstrated that it was still possible to get the defense right. Declarer, Bobby Levin, won the ♦K as Lev played a right-side-up seven, intending it as count but not helping Shenkin at all as the cards lay. Now Levin led a low spade from hand to Shenkin's ten. At this point Barnet knew that declarer could have tried to establish clubs to dispose of a slow diamond loser if he had one. Thus the odds favored a club switch and Barnet duly made the killing play.

Match 6:

Board 19. This deal produced so many possibilities that it would be hard to summarize them in one article. 4♠ is cold double-dummy of course. 3NT depends on whether E/W bid or get in a lead directing double. Things could be easy or tough for South. Boye Brogeland essentially received the toughest defense on an unfortunate auction (E/W being silent) and made his game. He got a top heart lead from Boby Goldman and the ♣Q shift. He won, took the diamond finesse to the queen and king and won the club return. Then he cashed the ♦A, drew a trump, and led a third club to pitch dummy's losing diamond. Now he could ruff a diamond low in dummy and a club high for ten tricks. Nicely done.

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|------------|---------|---------|
| Bd: 19 | ♠ Q987 | |
| Vul: E/W | ♥ 10752 | |
| Dlr: South | ♦ AQ7 | |
| | ♣ 85 | |
| ♠ 5 | | ♠ 1063 |
| ♥ KQJ64 | | ♥ A83 |
| ♦ 32 | | ♦ KJ654 |
| ♣ QJ732 | | ♣ 109 |
| | ♠ AKJ42 | |
| | ♥ 9 | |
| | ♦ 1098 | |
| | ♣ AK64 | |

In the match between Blanchard and Wildavsky both tables made 4♠ – but it was not without interest in either room. When Kastle was declarer against Bramley-Lazard the auction was 1♠-2♠-3♦-4♦-4♠. On a top heart lead and a shift to the ♣Q Kastle cashed two top spades and the top club, then ruffed a club and got overruffed by Bramley. He exited with the ♥A and Kastle ruffed, then passed the ♦10 to endplay Bramley for plus 420.

Steve Beatty declared 4♠ and the defense began with two rounds of hearts. He ruffed and played the ♦A to the queen and king. Back came the ♥A so he ruffed, took one top spade, then repeated the diamond finesse. When a third diamond came back and West could not ruff, he ran the trumps to squeeze West in hearts and clubs for his contract.

Match 8:

Board 13 (see next page). There was carnage all around on this deal – in both directions. At most tables North opened 3♠ but where I was kibbitzing, Erichsen opened 4♠ (his partnership philosophy with preempts is to think of a number and add at least one). Woolsey reopened with 5♦ and Brogeland

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|------------|------------|
| Bd: 13 | ♠ KQJ10985 |
| Vul: Both | ♥ Q107 |
| Dlr: North | ♦ 103 |
| | ♣ 5 |
| ♠ 4 | ♠ A62 |
| ♥ K52 | ♥ 964 |
| ♦ AQJ8642 | ♥ 9 |
| ♣ Q6 | ♣ A109842 |
| | ♠ 73 |
| | ♥ AJ83 |
| | ♦ K75 |
| | ♣ KJ73 |

doubled on the way out, collecting 500 on the singleton club lead. Not enough!! Zia and Chagas went for 800 in 6♣ doubled after only having to deal with a 3♠ preempt. The auction has been censored after payment of a hefty bribe to the editors. Meanwhile, Lombardi in the West seat reopened over Molson's 3♠ with 3NT! When it got doubled by Sontag a lesser man would have run to 4♦ but real men redouble for doubt. Camberos sat it out and Molson led a top spade, ducked all around. Now if Molson shifts to the ♥A he collects at least 400 (the defense can arrange 1000, I think). On a spade continuation Lombardi guarded the diamond and collected 1000 himself! That was not an end to the big numbers. Robson opened 3♠ and his to-be-nameless opponents reopened with a double. 5♣ was doubled and converted to 5♦, followed as the

night the day by a run-out by East to 5♥ (the height of masochism: if there's a three-three fit around why not let partner play it?) Anyway, Shugart led a spade against this insalubrious contract and declarer won the ace, finessed in diamonds, and eventually escaped for "only" 1700.

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|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Bd: 16 | ♠ 62 | | |
| Vul: E/W | ♥ K543 | | |
| Dlr: West | ♦ K53 | | |
| | ♣ KQ96 | | |
| ♠ 73 | ♠ A1098 | | |
| ♥ AJ72 | ♥ 108 | | |
| ♦ QJ1072 | ♦ A4 | | |
| ♣ A8 | ♣ J7432 | | |
| | ♠ KQJ54 | | |
| | ♥ Q96 | | |
| | ♦ 986 | | |
| | ♣ 105 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Woolsey | Erichsen | Stewart | Brolegard |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

Board 16. You can't keep Boye Brogeland out of any auction. On this deal it was only a question of what he would balance with rather than whether he would bid.

Stewart's double put him in position for an excellent result when Woolsey led the ♦Q, ducked all around, followed by the suit-preference ♦10. Stewart took his ace and shifted to the ♥10. When Brogeland ducked, Woolsey could have ensured 300 (as the cards lay) by ducking. However, he won the ace to lead a low club. Brogeland won dummy's king, led the ♠A to his king, and maybe should now exit with a top spade from hand to ensure one down. But he crossed to the ♥K and led another spade up. Stewart ducked again and duly collected 100 in the fullness of time.

Match 9:

Three teams were fighting it out for the win, with Boyd trailing Weinstein and O'Rourke by only a few VPs. The last nine deals were spectacular, with a series of game and slam swings generating huge turnovers.

Board 19. Most Souths opened 3♣ and at one table, when West passed, Larsen responded 3♦ and Stewart jumped to 4♥. Woolsey passed. An ignominious 710 lost only 13 imps when Miller-Cheek stopped in the small slam. The board was pushed at 2210 in the Chagas-Weinstein match. (Berkowitz as East jumped to 5♠ over

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Bd: 19 | ♠ 42 |
| Vul: E/W | ♥ J96 |
| Dlr: South | ♦ KJ97632 |
| | ♣ 2 |
| ♠ KQJ53 | ♠ A986 |
| ♥ 8 | ♥ AKQ1075 |
| ♦ Q108 | ♦ A |
| ♣ A1064 | ♣ J5 |
| | ♠ 107 |
| | ♥ 432 |
| | ♦ 54 |
| | ♣ KQ9873 |

Cohen's 3♠ overcall, asking partner to answer key-cards if he had a first-round club control. Neat eh? Over the 6♦ response he jumped confidently to 7♠.)

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|------------|----------|
| Bd: 21 | ♠ AQ7532 |
| Vul: N/S | ♥ Q73 |
| Dir: North | ♦ — |
| | ♣ KQJ4 |
| ♠ 6 | ♠ J8 |
| ♥ A984 | ♥ KJ2 |
| ♦ KJ54 | ♦ Q98632 |
| ♣ A1073 | ♣ 96 |
| | ♠ K1094 |
| | ♥ 1065 |
| | ♦ A107 |
| | ♣ 852 |

Board 21. Chagas had the worst of it against Weinstein-Levin but this was his triumph. When Zia responded 3♠ to show a weak raise Levin passed. Chagas bid 3NT (a singleton ask) and Zia bid 4♠. The ♣9 lead to the ace meant Levin had to decide what to do next. He played a second club, reasonably, for minus 620. Martel-Stansby beat 5♦ doubled a trick on the ♠K lead. At least one table led a trump from the South hand and embarrassingly conceded minus 550.

Board 23. This one led to huge swings: 6♠ goes down when diamonds refuse to behave. At most tables the auction began:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | 1♦ |
| Pass | 1♠ | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| 5♣ | 5♥ | ... | |

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|------------|------------|
| Bd: 23 | ♠ AJ10763 |
| Vul: Both | ♥ J |
| Dir: South | ♦ 8 |
| | ♣ A8742 |
| ♠ 842 | ♠ — |
| ♥ 1095 | ♥ AKQ87432 |
| ♦ J6 | ♦ Q543 |
| ♣ KQJ63 | ♣ 5 |
| | ♠ KQ95 |
| | ♥ 6 |
| | ♦ AK10972 |
| | ♣ 109 |

Chagas passed Zia's 5♠ bid and Weinstein (East) bid 6♥, doubled by Zia. Now on the top diamond lead Zia erred by playing the ♠K and only got 500. When Erichsen-Brogeland bid on to 6♥ Martel (North) bid 6♠ and West sacrificed in 7♥. On the two top diamonds and a discouragement in spades, a third diamond meant 1100 and 12 imps for Weinstein. At another table Gitelman threw the ♠A away – nice protection for partner! In O'Rourke-Boyd, Boyd-Robinson took their plus 800. When Bates-Larsen were allowed to play 6♠ for O'Rourke that was 14 imps for Boyd.

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|-----------|---------|
| Bd: 26 | ♠ Q |
| Vul: Both | ♥ 986 |
| Dir: East | ♦ AQ97 |
| | ♣ AQJ85 |
| ♠ A102 | ♠ J653 |
| ♥ 107543 | ♥ AK |
| ♦ 3 | ♦ KJ84 |
| ♣ K742 | ♣ 963 |
| | ♠ K9874 |
| | ♥ QJ2 |
| | ♦ 10652 |
| | ♣ 10 |

Board 26. Both Martel and Chagas played 2♣ here:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|----------|-------|------|
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| 2♣ | All Pass | | |

The defense cashed the ♥AK to show a doubleton, then led a spade to the ace and a diamond came through. Declarer hopped up with ace and played a low club. West won the king, gave East a ruff and collected 200. Both Easts missed the point. The early play marked North with four diamonds. Why not give West a ruff without cashing the ♦K, then lock North in his hand to lead away from the ♦Q9 for plus 300?

Schedule

| Day | Time | Activity | Location |
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| Friday, May 7th | 12:00 PM | 1st Qual. Session, Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 7:30 PM | 2nd Qual. Session, Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| Saturday, May 8th | 11:00 AM | WBP Brunch (all invited) | 3rd floor Convention Center, 315 |
| | 11:30 AM | WBP Auction | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 12:30 PM | 3rd Qual. Session, Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 12:30 PM | 1st Session, WBP Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 7:30 PM | 1st Final Session, Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 7:30 PM | Non-Qual. 1st Session | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 7:30 PM | 2nd Session, WBP Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | TBA | Vu-Graph | 3rd floor Convention Center, 302 |
| Sunday, May 9th | 12:00 PM | 2nd Final Session, Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 12:00 PM | Non- Qual. Final Session | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | 12:00 PM | Final Session, WBP Pairs | 3rd floor Convention Center, 318-319 |
| | TBA | Vu-Graph | 3rd floor Convention Center, 302 |
| | 6:00 PM | Awards Ceremony and Closing Cocktail Party | 2nd floor Convention Center Vista Ballroom 206-10 |