



## **Invitational**



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# Van Cleeff Powers to Victory in the Cavendish Teams

The Jan Van Cleeff team (Jan Jansma, Bauke Muller, Wubbo De Boer), seen below smiling politely for the "official" Cavendish photographer, won the 1998 Dreyfus Cup, symbolic of victory in the Cavendish Teams. The Van Cleeff team began yesterday's final session with an 8 VP lead and never looked back. Going into the final match Van Cleeff led Jim Mahaffey's team (Paul Soloway, Gene Freed, Mike Passell, Harry Tudor, Michael Seamon) by 22 VPs. Van Cleeff's 18-12 VP win clinched the event, while Mahaffey finished second. Our congratulations to all of the teams for a hard fought contest. The final rankings of the twenty-six teams entered in the event are on page two.



The winners. Left to right: Jan Van Cleeff, Wubbo De Boer, Bauke Muller, and Jan Jansma.

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## **Cavendish Teams: Final Rankings**

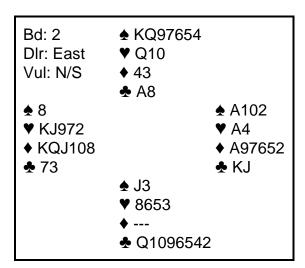
Rank	Team (Auction #)	VP
1	Van Cleeff, Jansma, Muller, De Boer (7)	203
2	Mahaffey, Soloway, Freed, Passell, Tudor, Seamon (15)	175
3	Chemla, Mari, Abecassis, Quantin (1)	166
4	M. Moss, Fallenius, Camberos, Lambardi (14)	164
5	Onstott, Compton, Hayden, Erickson (20)	161
6	Jacobs, Katz, Sontag, Weichsel, Lazard, Bramley (4)	156
7	Milner, B. Levin, B. Moss, Gitelman, Weinstein (17)	150
8	Ozdil, Zaremba, Marston, Richman (8)	148
9/10	De Falco, Burgay, Pietri, Dimaio (9)	142
9/10	Ekeblad, Sutherlin, Hampson, Greco (13)	142
11	Albert, Jacobus, Letizia, Stewart (22)	139
12	Johnson, Meckstroth, Rodwell, Martel (3)	138
13	Reisig, Shenkin, Courtney, Gill, Woolsey, Boyd (5)	137
14	Whitman, Mittelman, Graves, Baze, Wold (10)	136
15	Mahmood, Gawrys, Lev, Rosenbloom, Polowan (2)	131
16/17/18	Glubok, Hallberg, Larsen, Erichsen (18)	123
16/17/18	Elinescu, Lungu, Sawin, Pleakoff (19)	123
16/17/18	Eisenberg, Friedman, L. Cohen, Melton (23)	123
19	Wei-Sender, Chambers, J. Levin, Levitina (24)	122
20	Kasle, Steiner, Blanchard, Krekorian (12)	115
21	Shugart, Robson, Smith, Cohen (16)	114
22	House (26)	109
23	Wildavsky, Beatty, Doub, Fleisher (25)	107
24	Schwartz, Lair, Pollack, Casen (6)	103
25	Deutsch, Wolff, Schapiro, Gordon (21)	92
26	Sosler, Schulle, Mohan, Bates, Berkowitz, B. Cohen (11)	91

## **Number Two Has To Try Harder**

As I stumbled into the playing area I must have resembled a white laboratory rat, with my beady red eyes peering out from behind my thick glasses. Six am is no time to get to bed when you have to be up at the crack of dawn (12:30 pm starting time!) to cover the final session of the Cavendish teams. Barry was already watching the contest between the first- and second-place teams, so I headed for a cubicle where the bout between third- and fourth-place had already gotten under way.

From the look on the Director's face I must have required more than the usual amount of help to locate the match. The task of finding where the dozens of spare chairs had been hidden was almost enough to drive me back to the warmth of my bed. Still, with the patience of Job, the will to succeed of Michael Jordan, and the keen sense of direction of Mr. Magoo I headed for the ill-fated green-draped arena.

I dragged my chair through the curtains and sat down next to Bjorn Fallenius, who was seated South. Board 2 was on the tray and I saw the following auction developing:



West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Moss	Albert	Fallenius
		1♣(1)	Pass
1♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♦(2)	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(1) Could be short; (2) Checkback

I must admit that even in my then-current state, this auction seemed somewhat transcendental. A bit of careful detective work later disclosed what was really going on here. Albert-Jacobus play weak notrumps nonvulnerable (as here), so when they hold a strong notrump-range hand (15-17) as Mike Albert did here, they open with a "short club"; otherwise, they open their better minor. Hence, Mike's strange-looking 1♣ bid.

When North bid 2♠ Albert decided he was good enough to make his natural notrump rebid at the two-level. Jacobus, unfortunately, didn't register North's 2♠ bid. He didn't think Moss had bid only 1♠ — he didn't see the spade bid at all! Thus, he conducted the remainder of the auction believing that Albert had jump-rebid 2NT in an uncontested auction, and "knew" that Albert's clubs were his better minor and not a short suit.

Jacobus then checked back for three-card heart support and was only mildly surprised when Albert showed four spades. Well, maybe he had such a notrump-oriented hand that he bypassed his spades to rebid in notrump.

Then Marc made a self-admitted poor bid — 3NT. Clearly he should have rebid his excellent diamond suit, looking for bigger and better things opposite Albert's (presumed) 18-19 count. Instead he bid "ends-all-auctions" — but the auction strangely didn't end! What, Marc thought, could 4♦ mean? Could it be a diamond cue-bid in support of hearts, with say a 4-3-3-3 control-rich hand? If so, Marc should certainly show his diamonds now. Or maybe, somehow, Albert had divined that Marc's 3♦ bid had been natural. Now that would really be transcendental. Or maybe, with weak clubs and diamond values, he preferred to play game in diamonds. Well, 5♦ caters to both of these possibilities.

Imagine Marc's and my surprise when Albert bid the sixth and final diamond. I was about twothirds convinced at this point that this was all a bizarre dream, and that 6 am really was far too late to be getting to bed. Marc shrugged his shoulders, passed, and Mike Moss thumbed the ♠K on the table — better to set up a second spade trick while he still held the ♣A. (What a wonderful lead a low club would have been. Would Marc have been up to playing the king, as Jill Levin had done when that lead was made against her 6♦ slam as described on page 8?) Marc won the ♠A, cashed the ♥A (noting the fall of the ♥10), and played a heart to his . . . king! All thirteen tricks, plus 940, was worth 10 IMPs. Hmmm. Maybe there is something to be said for sleep deprivation after all.

A while later Board 5 was placed on the tray.

Bd: 5 Dlr: North Vul: N/S	<b>★</b> 8532 <b>♥</b> A3 <b>♦</b> Q8 <b>♣</b> K9842	
<b>♠</b> A9 <b>♥</b> J92		<b>≜</b> KQJ4 <b>♥</b> K8654
♦ KJ9653		♦ A4
<b>♣</b> J6		<b>♣</b> 75
	<b>★</b> 1076	
	<b>♥</b> Q107	
	<b>♦</b> 1072	
	♣ AQ103	

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Moss	Albert	Fallenius
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT(1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
(1) Forcing			

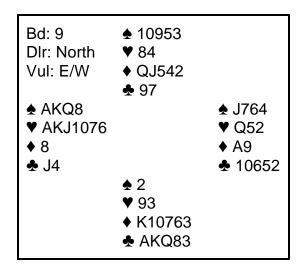
Bjorn chose to lead the ♠10 against 4♥. Albert won the ace in dummy, played a spade to his king, and then cashed the ♠Q pitching one of dummy's clubs, as everyone followed. He then played the ♠J as Bjorn ruffed with the ♥10, and after some thought Albert pitched dummy's remaining club. Left on lead Bjorn quickly moved his ♥7 to the launch deck (the leftmost card position), gave the play a few more moments' consideration, and then tabled the ♥7. North won his ♥A and quickly returned the three.

Now it was Albert's turn. He struck what appeared to me to be the approximate pose of Rodin's "The Thinker," sat motionless for quite some time, and then played the . . . ♥K! Down

came Bjorn's queen.

This was great stuff. It reminded me of the old "Spy Versus Spy" comic strip in Mad Magazine. Take that! No, you take that! Pow!

Not to be outdone, the final board of the set gave Bjorn his chance for retribution.



West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Moss	Albert	Fallenius
	Pass	Pass	1♦
4♥	5♦	5♥	6♣(!)
Dbl	6♦	Dbl	All Pass

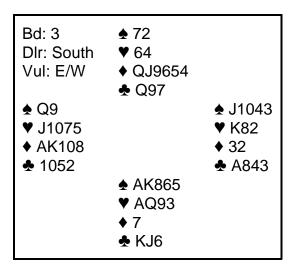
Bjorn's 6♣ bid is the sort of action I love. It has three ways to win: (1) It might get partner off to the right lead if the opponents push on to the six-level; (2) It could land you in a great save; or (3) It could actually be your hand (give North something like: ♠xxxx ♥Ax ♠Axxxx ♣xx). And while the bid certainly could lose (for example, if the save is a phantom), I really can't remember the last time this happened to me.

Anyway, Bjorn had his restful green-colored (I really was sleepy) pass card half way out of the bid box when he suddenly stopped, reconsidered his action at some length, and then triumphantly out came his 6♣ card. (Lucky for him a 4NT bid wasn't required — there was none in his bid box!)

Take that! Pow! Biff! Blooey! Bam! Zonk! Spy Versus Spy. Now that's a move even Alfred E. Newman could appreciate.

### The Cavendish Teams: Sessions Two and Three

#### Round 4:

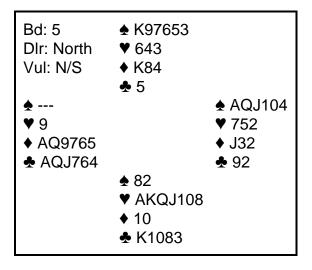


One of the areas in which strong clubs gain most frequently over natural systems is when a strong hand is facing a hand in the 4-7 HCP range. In standard methods the weak hand responds to an opening bid and gets too high, while the strong club pairs stay discreetly low. I thought **Weinstein** and **Levin** handled this deal very well to avoid the trap.

West	North	East	South
Di Dimaio	Weinstein	Pietri	Levin
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Levin's decision to rebid 2NT (slightly off-center, but the set had not been going well!) made it easy for Weinstein to select the final contract, and Levin passed, albeit with misgivings.

Pietri led a helpful trump and Dimaio took the ◆A and played a club to the ace. Weinstein unblocked the ♣J and won the club return in hand to drive out the ◆K. Now came the ♠Q. He took the ♠AK and ruffed a spade to hand, then played his top trump. A club to the table and another spade ruff let him endplay Dimaio with the last trump to lead hearts into the ace-queen for the contract.



Piotr Gawrys and Zia Mahmood really set up their opponents for the kill on Board 5. The normal result was for West to show the minors and drive to 5♦. This was frequently doubled and the defense took a heart, a diamond, and two clubs. Things worked out differently — here Zia sat East. To start with, he opened 2♠ with the East cards. (After all, if North would not do his duty someone had to open 2♠!) South overcalled 3♥, Gawrys bid 4♠, North bid 4♥, and Zia corrected to 5♠. North decided to double and led a heart.

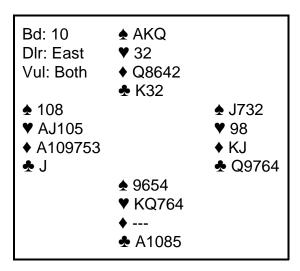
Can you blame South, looking at dummy's potential source of tricks, for shifting to a club? Gawrys put in the queen successfully and advanced a thoughtful low diamond from hand. North ducked, and Gawrys played dummy's jack. When this held, he repeated the club finesse and just gave up one trump trick, since he could now ruff a club in dummy after drawing trumps; plus 550!

#### Round 5:

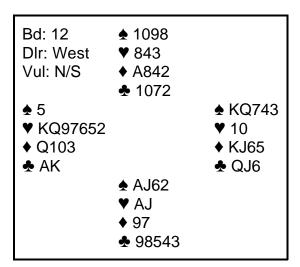
Entered in the book of "might-have-beens" is Board 10 (see diagram next page), where at least two declarers reached 4♠ from the North seat after preempting in diamonds had driven N/S too high.

"Too high" did I say. **Irving Gordon** declared 4♠ doubled on the lead of the ♠K. He ruffed, drew one round of trumps, and played a heart to

the king and ace. Gawrys switched to the \$\, J\$, and now there is a straightforward way home. Win the KC, ruff a second diamond, draw a second trump, finesse the 8C and ruff a heart back to hand to repeat the club finesse. That adds up to 4 club tricks, three spades in hand, one heart, and two diamond ruffs. What could be easier?



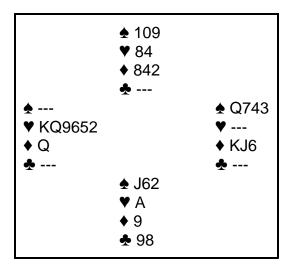
Alas, Irving decided that the ♣J was Gawrys playing mind games from the queen-jack and misguessed the suit to go down 500!



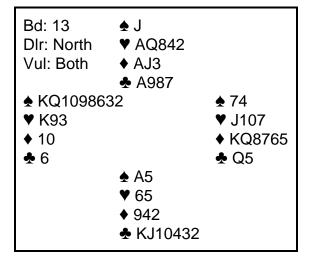
The contract of 4♥, reached universally, is not a thing of beauty. Off three aces with a delicate trump holding, it seems as if the cards lie so well that only an initial diamond lead beats the hand by getting a ruff for South.

That is not quite so; consider the effect of a club lead, found by **Gunner Hallberg**. Declarer won to drive out the A. South, **Brian Glubock**,

took the ♠A and played a second club. Declarer won and played a diamond and North hopped up with the ace and played a third club. Declarer won in dummy and ran the ♥10, covered by the jack and gueen. This was the ending:



At this point West, **Billy Cohen**, had to read the precise heart position and exit with a low heart to make his contract. When he played the ♥Q South won and led a fourth club, promoting the ♥8 to the setting trick!



Almost every table where N/S were playing natural methods were confronted with the auction:

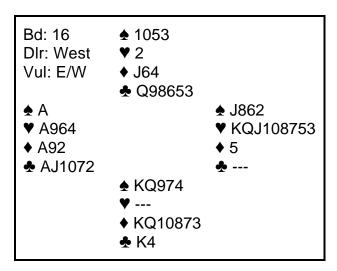
West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1NT
3♠	?		

If you play that double simply shows extras and

a balanced(ish) hand type you have to decide whether to risk it with the North cards. If you did, it got you safely to 3NT or 5♣.

However, **Jan Van Cleef**, for the Dutch team that was leading after six matches, tried 4♣. He assumed that his side was a heavy favorite to make game somewhere and he hoped still to be able to reach diamonds if that was the best spot.

Jan Jansma (with more than the average trump support) elected for a spot of delicate modern science, and leaped directly to 6♣. On a spade lead Van Cleef won the ace, drew trumps, then needed either the heart finesse or three-three hearts to bring home his contract. When both naturalized he had enough homes for his diamond losers to make plus 1390 for a 13 IMP pick-up.



How often have you drawn the first round of trumps in a grand slam by leading the ♥3 to the ♥4? Not many pairs took the chance here. N/S had a paying save of sorts in 7♠, so more often E/W had to collect a penalty instead. Rodwell and Martel managed to get plus 2210 against Friedman-Eisenberg.

West	North	East	South
Martel	Friedman	Rodwell	Eisenberg
1♣	Pass	4♥	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Thirteen tricks were easy of course. However, at other tables things were more complicated — at

least partly because E/W seemed to have problems remembering their system. After all, why have an Appeals Committee if you can't keep them gainfully employed?

In one match both E/W pairs started 1♣-Pass-4♥. In one case, West alerted it to South as showing spades! In the other case West alerted it to South as showing a splinter raise of clubs! I draw a veil over the continuation . . . but whoever said Bridge was supposed to be a simple game?

#### Round 6:

Bd: 21 Dlr: North Vul: N/S		
<ul><li>♠ AK107</li><li>♥ Q109</li><li>♦ 54</li><li>♠ A743</li></ul>	<b>♠</b> 852 ♥ 84 ♦ AKQJ102 <b>♣</b> K8	<ul><li>♣ J3</li><li>♥ J7653</li><li>♦ 6</li><li>♣ QJ952</li></ul>

In the final match of the day N/S had an awkward bidding problem. Both tables in the match between **Milner** and **Whitman** went a long way to solving this problem . . .

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	1♠	2♥	Dbl(1)
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

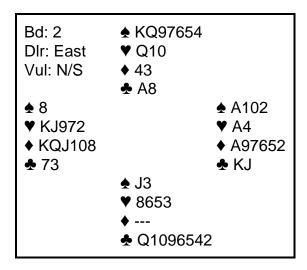
(1) Three-card spade support

N/S at both tables managed to reach a very playable contract. However at this **Graves** for the Whitman team scored a goal by doubling 3NT. When **Steve Weinstein** retreated to 4♦ that was doubled and set 500. At the other table 3NT was passed out, and **Gitelman** led the ♣A, letting through the ninth trick. However, as the cards lie there is no defense to 3NT: if West

leads the ♥Q South can duck it; if he leads a low heart declarer can block the suit by taking the ace and king as necessary and building a ninth trick in spades. Jan Jansma opened the South hand a 15-17 notrump in the top table match — not quite according to the text books. Things looked up when East doubled a stayman 2♣ inquiry. Now N/S had a straightforward route to 3NT and on a club lead Jansma had nine tricks and 13 IMPs.

#### Round 7:

The seventh round was ideal for the reporters — there were more than enough potential opportunities for brilliancy to keep us happy.

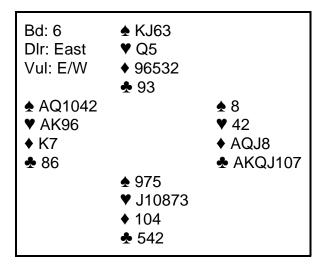


Board 2 for instance gave **Jill Levin** the chance to shine:

West	North	East	South
Levin	Mohan	Levitina	Bates
		1NT	Pass
<b>2</b> ♦(1)	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦(2)	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	<b>All Pass</b>
(1) Transfer; (2) Retransfer			

Mohan led the ♣8! and Jill put up the king!! We have seen elsewhere the duel on Board 5 between Albert and Fallenius. 4♥ was a popular contract and on the spade lead declarer ran four rounds of spades. Both Abecassis and Courtney ruffed in with the ♥10, and both

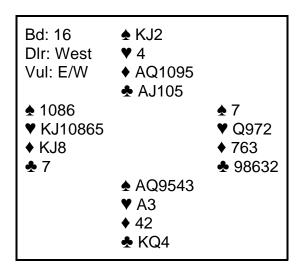
declarers overruffed with the ♥J. Now a club from dummy was won by the king and the defenders played ace and another heart. When the declarers misguessed by running this, the defense had the ♥Q and a club to cash for down one.



Board 6 was another opportunity to shine, this time in the auction. **Reisig** and **Shenkin** had an accident playing 4NT and the Dutch made them pay. **Muller** and **De Boer** bid: 1♣-1♠; 2♦-2♥; 3♣-4♠; 4♦-4NT (RKCB); 5♠-5NT; 6♦-7♣. De Boer could count a thirteenth trick from a diamond ruff in dummy if necessary when he bid the grand slam.

Board 8 turned out to be a huge swing in the match between **Schwartz** and **Wildavsky**. The room played game, making eleven tricks in comfort. But Lev-Schwartz drove to 6♥. On the lead of the ♦K **Doug Doub** shifted to a spade — the only defense to mess up the communications for the dummy reversal to make the slam.

#### Round 8:



The match between the two top teams in the event featured two significant swings in favor of the Van Cleeff team, both of which involved how high to preempt once a fit was found. The first of them involved Muller and De Boer:

West	North	East	South
De Boer	Lambardi	Muller	Camberos
2♥	Dbl	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

**Camberos**' sequence sounded like a clear grand slam try, and **Lambardi** had great controls but only three spades. Was that enough? Lambardi decided no. By contrast the auction from the other table saw the North hand take a considerably more aggressive posture:

West	North	East	South
Moss	Van Cleeff	Fallenius	Jansma
2♥	Dbl	3♥	4♥
Pass	5♥ (!)	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

When Van Cleeff showed extras, Jansma bravely bid the grand slam, and picked up 11 IMPs for his pains. Then it was Jansma-Van Cleeff's turn to steal the pot:

Bd: 17 Dlr: North Vul: None	<ul><li>10642</li><li>↓ J103</li><li>↓ 94</li><li>♣ K643</li></ul>	
<ul><li>♠ A85</li><li>♥ Q4</li><li>♦ Q852</li><li>♠ 10852</li></ul>		<b>♣</b> 7 ♥ AK9852 ♦ J3 <b>♣</b> AQJ7
	<ul><li>★ KQJ93</li><li>▼ 76</li><li>◆ AK1076</li><li>◆ 9</li></ul>	

West	North	East	South
Moss	Van Cleeff	Fallenius	Jansma
	Pass	1♥	3♣(1)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
(1) Spade	es and diamor	nds	

4♠ went quietly down two for 100 to Moss. But at the other table a Michaels 2♥ bid was raised only to 3♠ by Lambardi. Muller rebid 4♥, and over 4♠ De Boer bid 5♥. Camberos doubled and led the ♦K, then shifted to the ♠K.

The play has the potential for complexity (which four-one splits are you going to try to handle?) and maybe the right play is the ♣10 from dummy at once. Muller played a low club to the jack and when the nine fell, he drew two trumps ending in dummy and repeated the club finesse for plus 650, and an overall win, 27-3.

With one match to go they needed 5 VPS to assure the win, and if you've read this far you know how that turned out.

## **Cavendish Pairs: Auction Results**

Rank	Pair	Price	Rank	Pair	Price
1	Chemla-Mari	\$55,00 0	29/30	Lungu-Sawin	\$16,000
2	Berkowitz-L. Cohen	\$50,00 0	29/30	Elinescu-Lev	\$16,000
3	Mahmood-S. Weinstein	\$47,00 0	31/32/3 3	Reisig-Schenkin	\$15,000
4	Martel-Rodwell	\$45,00 0	31/32/3 3	De Falco-Burgay	\$15,000
5	Baze-Wold	\$40,00 0	31/32/3 3	Graves-Mittelman	\$15,000
6	Sontag-Weichsel	\$36,00 0	34/35/3 6	Courtney-Gill	\$14,000
7/8	Hamman-Nickell	\$33,00 0	34/35/3 6	Ekeblad-Sutherlin	\$14,000
7/8	Silverman-Woolsey	\$33,00 0	34/35/3 6	Marston-Richman	\$14,000
9	Boyd-Robinson	\$31,00 0	37//40	Freed-Passell	\$13,000
10	Greco-Hampson	\$28,00 0	37//40	Compton-Onstott	\$13,000
11	Bramley-Lazard	\$27,00 0	37//40	Beatty-Wildavsky	\$13,000
12	De Boer-Muller	\$26,00 0	37//40	Feldman-Polowan	\$13,000
13/14/15	Garner-H. Weinstein	\$25,00 0	41//44	Deutsch-Wolff	\$11,000
13/14/15	Abecassis-Quantin	\$25,00 0	41//44	Albert-Jacobus	\$11,000
13/14/15	Johnson-Meckstroth	\$25,00 0	41//44	Robson-Shugart	\$11,000
16/17	Goren-Helgemo	\$24,00 0	41//44	Kaminski-Rosenbloom	\$11,000
16/17	B. Cohen-Smith	\$24,00 0	45	Wiguder-Wright	\$10,000
18	Fallenius-M. Moss	\$23,00 0	46//49	Jacobs-Katz	\$9,000

19/20	Camberos-Lambardi	\$22,00 0	46//49	Mahaffey-Soloway	\$9,000
19/20	Blanchard-Krekorian	\$22,00 0	46//49	Levin-Levitina	\$9,000
21//25	Seamon-Tudor	\$20,00 0	46//49	Chu-Gawrys	\$9,000
21//25	Van Cleeff-Jansma	\$20,00 0	50	Silverstone-Waterlow	\$8,000
21//25	Glubok-Halberg	\$20,00 0	51	Lilie-Zolotow	\$8,000
21//25	Gitelman-B. Moss	\$20,00 0	52	Binsky-Clerkin	\$8,000
21//25	Lair-Schwartz	\$20,00 0	53	Chambers-WeiSender	\$8,000
26/27	Kasle-Steiner	\$19,00 0	54	Pietri-DiMaio	\$8,000
26/27	Bates-Robison	\$19,00 0	55	Letezia-Stewart	\$8,000
28	Casen-Pollack	\$17,00 0	56	Schulle-Sosler	\$8,000
				Auction Total	\$1,112,00

**Cavendish Schedule/Times** 

Time	Event
12:30	First Session: Cavendish Pairs
3:00	Auction: WBP Pairs
7:30	Second Session: Cavendish Pairs
	First Session: WBP Pairs*
	(*Caesar II, Old Convention Center)
12:30	Third Session: Cavendish Pairs
	Second Session: WBP Pairs
7:30	Fourth Session: Cavendish Pairs
	Third (final) Session: WBP Pairs
12:30	Fifth (final) Session: Cavendish Pairs**
	(**Cocktail party and awards presentation
	will immediately follow the final session)
	3:00 7:30 12:30 7:30