

The Cavendish Invitational

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Jim Mahaffey Team Wins John Roberts Teams

The team of Lou Ann O'Rourke (non-playing captain), Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein seemed to have the John Roberts Teams firmly in their grasp with one round to be played. Even if the only team capable of catching them, Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao, won a blitz, O'Rourke's team could afford to lose by 13 international match points and still claim the title. And a loss by 14 or 15 imps would result in a 6-board playoff. But the "unbelievable" happened. Mahaffey did blitz, and O'Rourke lost by 17 imps.

Third was the team that beat O'Rourke, Seymon Deutsch, John Kranyak, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith, Curtis Cheek and Joe Grue. The final payoff spot was taken by the team of Romain Zaleski, Paul Chemla, Chris Compton and Brian Glubok. The full story is in this bulletin.

CIP Auction Pool Hits \$958,500

At the cocktail party last night, a fun time was had by everyone. The food was excellent, the wine ran freely, and George Jacobs did his usual tip-top job in running the auction for the Cavendish Invitational Pairs. The total money raised was \$958,500. We did not break the million-dollar barrier, but the prize money for the top ten finishers will still be great.

Based on the auction, the favorites are Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, who went for \$61,000. They were just ahead of defending champions Geoff Hampson and Eric Rodwell, who were bought for \$55,000. The third-highest price of \$50,000 went for Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness. Interestingly, they were all bought by Jim Mahaffey, fresh from his success in the John Roberts Teams.



2008 CIP Champs
Eric Rodwell & Geoff Hampson

2008 Cavendish Overall Winners

1. Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell
2. Gary Cohler - Sam Lev
3. Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein
4. Neil Chambers - John Schermer
5. Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver
6. David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack
7. Jacek Pszczola - Jerzy Zaremba
8. Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss
9. Per Erik Austberg - Jon-Egil Furunes
10. Chris Compton - Bob Hamman

Auction Pool Player Pool

\$275,240	\$28,812
\$176,940	\$18,522
\$117,960	\$12,348
\$88,470	\$9,260
\$78,640	\$8,232
\$68,810	\$7,204
\$58,980	\$6,174
\$49,150	\$5,144
\$39,320	\$4,116
\$29,490	\$3,088

Previous Cavendish Invitational Pairs Winners

2008	Eric Rodwell - Geoff Hampson
2007	Steve Weinstein - Bobby Levin
2006	Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens
2005	Andrea Buratti - Massimo Lanzarotti
2004	Sam Lev - Jacek Pszczola
2003	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss
2002	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein
2001	Michal Kwiecien - Jacek Pszczola
2000	Marty Fleisher - Eric Rodwell
1999	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein
1998	Bob Hamman - Nick Nickell
1997	Michael Seamon - Harry Tudor
1996	Fred Stewart - Steve Weinstein
1995	Paul Soloway - Harry Tudor
1994	Neil Silverman - Kit Woolsey
1993	Fred Stewart - Steve Weinstein
1992	Amos Kaminski - Sam Lev
1991	Johan Bennet - Anders Wirgren
1990	Piotr Gawrys - Elyakim Shoufel
1989	Marty Bergen - Larry Cohen
1988	Bjorn Fallenius - Magnus Lindkvist
1987	Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian
1986	Matt Granovetter - Michael Rosenberg
1985	Irving Litvack - Joseph Silver
1984	Marty Bergen - Larry Cohen
1983	Robert Lipsitz - Neil Silverman
1982	Ed Manfield - Kit Woolsey
1981	James Cayne - Fred Hamilton
1980	Lou Bluhm - Thomas Sanders
1979	Roger Bates - Daniel Mordecai
1978	Roy Fox - Paul Swanson
1977	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel
1976	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel
1975	James Jacoby - Gerald Westheimer

2009 World Bridge Production Pairs

1. Barry Schaffer - Colby Vernay
2. Mike Cappelletti - John Morris
3. Jim Mahaffey - Gavin Wolpert
4. Lou Ann O'Rourke - Marc Jacobus
5. Mark Gordon - Pratap Rajadhyaska
6. Left Blank
7. Fred Hamilton - Leonard Ernst
8. Tom Carmichael - Joel Wooldridge
9. Left Blank
10. Leo Bell - John Jones
11. Bob Soni - Robert Todd
12. Cunningham - Treiber
13. Ken Badertscher - Leon Lowe
14. Kerry Sanborn - Steve Sanborn
15. Wafik Abdou - Gaylor Kasle
16. Left Blank
17. Jeff Smith - Ross Taylor
18. Marinesa Letizia - Linda Lewis
19. John Hurd - Partner
20. Josh Donn - Marshall Miles

**Entries subject to change. New entries
accepted until 8pm Friday Evening.**

John Roberts Teams Final Standings and Awards

	Rank	Prizes	Total
Jim Mahaffey - Mike Passell - Sam Lev - Jacek Pszczola - Jie Zhao - Zhong Fu	1	\$43,450	181
Lou Ann O'Rourke - Marc Jacobus - Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell - Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	2	\$31,350	180
Seymour Deutsch - John Kranyak - Billy Cohen - Ron Smith - Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue	3	\$21,450	166
Romain Zaleski - Paul Chemla - Chris Compton - Brian Glubok	4	\$13,750	163
Gaylor Kasle - Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian - Neil Chambers - John Schermer			153
Martin De Knijff - Frederic Wrang - Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin - Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom			143
Roy Welland - Michael Rosenberg - Georgio Duboin - Guido Ferraro			139
Barry Goren - John Hurd - Jeff Meckstroth - Joel Wooldridge			139
Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon - Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin			137
Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall - Gary Cohler - Michael Seamon	Best 3rd	\$10,000	129
Kevin Bathurst - Justin Lall - Jason Feldman - Dan Zagorin	session score		126
Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees - Josef Piekarek - Alex Smirnov	not in overalls		113
Connie Goldberg - Billy Eisenberg - Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens			110
Pierre Zimmermann - Frank Multon - Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis - Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness			103
Mike Moss - Gunnar Hallberg - David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack			99
Charles Wigoder - Zia Mahmood - Bob Blanchard - Shane Blanchard			79

2009 Cavendish Invitational Auction

#	Pair		Bid	Purchased By
1	Sam Lev	Jacek Pszczola	39,000	Wigoder
2	Ton Bakkeren	Huub Bertens	26,000	Zaleski
3	Curtis Cheek	Joe Grue	29,000	Compton
4	Bjorn Fallenius	Peter Fredin	32,000	DeKnijff
5	Bart Bramley	Mike Passell	23,000	Hussein
6	Brian Glubok	Harry Tudor	12,500	Themselves
7	Michael Elinescu	Entscho Wladlow	17,000	Zimmerman
8	Bruce Rogoff	Louk Verhees	14,500	Zimmerman
9	Darren Wolpert	Dan Korbel	12,500	Themselves
10	Marc Bompis	Jean-Christophe Quantin	16,000	Zaleski
11	Christal Henner-Welland	Michael Rosenberg	12,500	Themselves
12	Josef Piekarek	Alexander Smirnov	22,000	Zimmerman
13	Drew Casen	Jim Krekorian	18,000	Weinstein
14				
15	Fred Stewart	Kit Woolsey	14,500	Zimmerman
16	Roy Welland	Chris Willenken	19,000	Rogoff
17	Martin DeKnijff	Frederic Wrang	13,000	Rogoff
18	David Berkowitz	Bill Pollack	15,000	Rogoff
19	Paul Chemla	Romain Zaleski	12,500	Themselves
20	Marty Fleisher	Chip Martel	17,000	Zimmerman
21	Neil Chambers	John Schermer	16,000	Welland
22	Geir Helgemo	Tor Helness	50,000	Mahaffey
23	Bob Blanchard	Shane Blanchard	12,500	Themselves
24	Gary Cohler	Michael Seamon	27,000	Zaleski
25	Bob Hamman	Hemant Lall	15,000	Rogoff
26	Connie Goldberg	Billy Eisenberg		
27	John Diamond	Eric Greco	15,000	Rogoff
28	Fred Gitelman	Brad Moss	26,000	Welland
29	Roger Bates	Chris Compton	14,500	Zaleski
30	Nikolay Demirev	Nicolas L'Ecuyer	15,000	Welland
31	Jason Feldman	Dan Zagorin	12,500	Themselves
32	Geoff Hampson	Eric Rodwell	55,000	Mahaffey
33	Jill Levin	Jill Meyers	13,000	Zimmerman
34	Michel Bessis	Thomas Bessis	15,000	Welland
35	Zia Mahmood	Charles Wigoder	12,500	Themselves
36	George Jacobs	Ralph Katz	12,500	Themselves
37	Peter Bertheau	Fredrik Nystrom	22,000	Zaleski
38	Seymon Deutsch	John Kranyak	12,500	Themselves
39	Georgio DuBoin	Guido Ferraro	35,000	Mahaffey
40	Kevin Bathurst	Justin Lall	13,000	Rogoff
41	Albert Faigenbaum	Dominique Pilon	13,000	Zaleski
42	Perry Johnson	Jeff Meckstroth	14,500	Zimmerman
43	Boye Brogeland	Odin Svendsen	24,000	Mahaffey
44	Wojciech Kurkowski	Roger Lord	12,500	Themselves
45	Frank Multon	Pierre Zimmermann	12,500	Themselves
46	Gunnar Hallberg	Mike Moss	12,500	Themselves
47	Bobby Levin	Steve Weinstein	61,000	Mahaffey
48	Ahmed Hussein	Tarek Sadek	14,500	Mahaffey
49				
50	Fu Zhong	Zhao Jie	35,000	Hussein

John Roberts Teams - Second Session

by Phillip Alder

The final session of the first day contained quiet deals. What would you do with this hand? With only your side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ K Q 8 7 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A 10 ♣ A 10 8 4

The bidding begins like this:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	??

What would you do, if anything?

After this deal, John Hurd apologized to his partner for going down, but he was given no chance by excellent Chinese defense.

Board 22
Dlr: East
Vul: E-W

	North		East
	♠ 9 3		♠ 8 5 4
	♥ A 8 6 5		♥ 9 7 4 2
	♦ Q 9 5		♦ K 6
	♣ Q 7 4 3		♣ K J 10 5
West		South	
♠ K Q J 10		♠ A 7 6 2	
♥ Q 10		♥ K J 3	
♦ J 8 2		♦ A 10 7 4 3	
♣ A 8 6 2		♣ 9	

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Fu	Wooldridge	Zhao
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	INT (a)	Dble(b)
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

- (a) Either long clubs or a spade raise and a desire for a club lead
- (b) Three hearts

Zhong Fu led the diamond five, declarer ducking in the dummy and taking South's ten with his jack. West returned a diamond to the queen, king and ace. Jie Zhao shifted to his singleton club, which ran to dummy's ten. West called for a trump, South accurately ducking this trick, winning the next spade, and leading a heart to the queen and ace. After North gave his partner a club ruff, South cashed the

heart king, then correctly led his last trump to stop declarer from ruffing his diamond loser with dummy's spade eight. The defense took one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and one club ruff.

This deal also caught my eye:

Board 24
Dlr: West
Vul: None

West
♠ 9 4
♥ 8 2
♦ J 9 7 5 4
♣ A J 7 5

North
♠ K 6 5 3 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ 6

East
♠ A Q 8
♥ Q J
♦ A K
♣ K Q 10 8 4 2

South
♠ J 10 7
♥ K 10 9 7 5 4
♦ 10 2
♣ 9 3

It is said that bridge is a bidder's game, but if North and South leave all the bidding to East and West, they will do well. It is quite possible that East will end in three notrump. Then a heart lead nabs the first six tricks for the defense.

At several tables, though, North-South could not resist entering the auction. This was the sequence that I saw:

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Fu	Wooldridge	Zhao
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

John Hurd thought a long time when three hearts came back to him, and even longer over five clubs. But eventually he presumably decided that if his partner had a singleton heart, he would have either bid or made a takeout double over three hearts.

At another table, East opened two notrump. West responded three spades, a transfer to three notrump. (A response of three notrump would have been forcing. This is a sensible system, but few pairs are willing to take the risk. It is too easy to think that three notrump is to play.) Now North fell from grace, doubling three spades. So, when East corrected to three notrump, South led the spade jack, giving declarer ten top tricks.

Let's go back to the bidding problem at the beginning. Did you pass or make a game-try? The Losing Trick Count suggests trying, but partner's being a passed hand, the doubleton heart queen, and the relatively weak trumps all suggest caution.

This was the full deal:

Board 21	North		East
Dlr: North	♠ 9 4 3		♠ J 6 5
Vul: N-S	♥ A 10 9 7		♥ J 5 3 2
	♦ 9 8 6		♦ Q J 7 3
	♣ K J 3		♣ Q 5
	West		South
	♠ A 10		♠ K Q 8 7 2
	♥ K 8 6		♥ Q 4
	♦ K 5 4 2		♦ A 10
	♣ 9 7 6 2		♣ A 10 8 4

Where South rebid three clubs, a help-suit game-try, North, liking his clubs and an ace, jumped to four spades, despite having ten losers.

As you can see, it would have taken poor defense to let four spades make.

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Thank you Fred!

The Last Day of the John Roberts Teams

by Phillip Alder

Before we move to the last day, here are two bidding decisions. Decide what you would have done.

1. Only your side is vulnerable. You, East, hold:

♠ Q 10 6 5 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A K 7 5 2 ♣ K J

The bidding starts like this:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	??	

What would you do now?

2. As dealer with only your side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ Q 8 4 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ 9 ♣ A 10 6 4 2

The auction begins:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	2♣
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
??			

What now?

The final day of the John Roberts Teams started full of hope and expectation. But for two rounds it whimpered along the deals being dull and partscores abounding. However, the last round changed all that.

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

-Frank Stewart

In Round 7, the first of the day, Lou Ann O'Rourke's team strengthened its lead by beating Jim Mahaffey's team by 9 international match points to 3, or 20-10 in victory points, now ahead by 24 vps.

I was surprised by the decision of Jacek Pszczola (Pepsi) on this deal:

Board 9	North	♠ K J 9 8 4
Dlr: West	♥ 5 3	
Vul: Both	♦ J 8 6 4	
	♣ 7 3	
West	East	
♠ —	♠ Q 10 6 5	
♥ A Q 8 7 6	♥ 10 4	
♦ Q 3	♦ A K 7 5 2	
♣ A Q 10 8 6 2	♣ K J	
	South	
	♠ A 7 3 2	
	♥ K J 9 2	
	♦ 10 9	
	♣ 9 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Lev	Rodwell	Pepsi	Hampson
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Sitting behind Pepsi, I thought he was trying to decide between five clubs and six clubs, wishing he could bid five-and-a-half clubs, or that he had bid four clubs instead of three notrump. Then, suddenly, he passed.

True, Sam Lev made five, losing only two trump tricks, but six clubs was a decent slam.

At the other table, Bobby Levin and Stevie Weinstein had a bidding disagreement. This was their sequence:

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fu	Levin	Zhao
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Levin thought four notrump was a general slam-try; Weinstein believed that it showed controls in all of the side suits and that with a diamond void and two spade losers, he would have bid four hearts.

In Round 8, O'Rourke played on BBO against Romain Zaleski, Paul Chemla, Chris Compton and Brian Glubok. There were only two sizable swings. First:

Board 12	North	♠ 10 5 4 2
Dlr: West	♥ J 10 8 7 4 3	
Vul: N-S	♦ K 9 2	
	♣ —	
West	East	
♠ 8 7 3	♠ K Q 9	
♥ A Q	♥ K 9 5 2	
♦ 7 3	♦ 10 8 5	
♣ A J 10 7 5 3	♣ Q 8 4	
	South	
	♠ A J 6	
	♥ 6	
	♦ A Q J 6 4	
	♣ K 9 6 2	

West	North	East	South
Compton	Levin	Glubok	Weinstein
1♣	Pass	1NT	2♦
3♣	3♥	5♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zaleski	Hampson	Chemla
2♣ (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass
3♣ (c)	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) 11-15 points, six-plus clubs
- (b) Inquiry
- (c) Minimum

Compton and Glubok were caught speeding. And the defense was accurate. Levin led a diamond, Weinstein winning with his jack and shifting to a heart. Declarer won with his ace, played a spade to the king, which held, ran the club queen, led a club to his ten, then tried a spade to dummy's queen. South won with his ace, cashed the spade jack and diamond ace, and still had a trump trick to come for down three, plus 500.



Jeff Meckstroth & Lou Ann O'Rourke

In the other room, North led the heart jack. Eric Rodwell won with his ace and cashed the club ace, getting the bad news. He continued with a club to the queen and king. South shifted to a low diamond to North's king. A heart return would have produced down two, but North led back a diamond to South's ace, to give this position:

	North		
	♠ 10 5 4 2		
	♥ 10 8 7		
	♦ 2		
	♣ —		
West		East	
♠ 8 7 3		♠ K Q 9	
♥ Q		♥ K 9 5	
♦ —		♦ 8	
♣ J 10 7 3		♣ 8	
	South		
	♠ A J 6		
	♥ —		
	♦ Q J 6		
	♣ 9 6		

Now there was only one lead to defeat the contract: the spade six. But South led the diamond queen. Rodwell ruffed, drew trumps, cashed the heart queen, and played a spade to dummy's queen. His second spade loser disappeared on the heart king.

Plus 500 and plus 110 gave O'Rourke 12 imps.

The second swing occurred on another five-club misadventure.

	North		
	♠ 7 3		
	♥ Q J 8 7 4		
	♦ Q 7 6		
	♣ J 9 8		
Board 16		East	
Dir: West		♠ 5 2	
Vul: E-W		♥ 6	
		♦ A K J 10 5 4	
West		♣ K Q 7 5	
♠ Q 8 4			
♥ K 10 5 2			
♦ 9			
♣ A 10 6 4 2			
	South		
	♠ A K J 10 9 6		
	♥ A 9 3		
	♦ 8 3 2		
	♣ 3		

	North		
West	Levin	East	South
Compton	Pass	Glubok	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

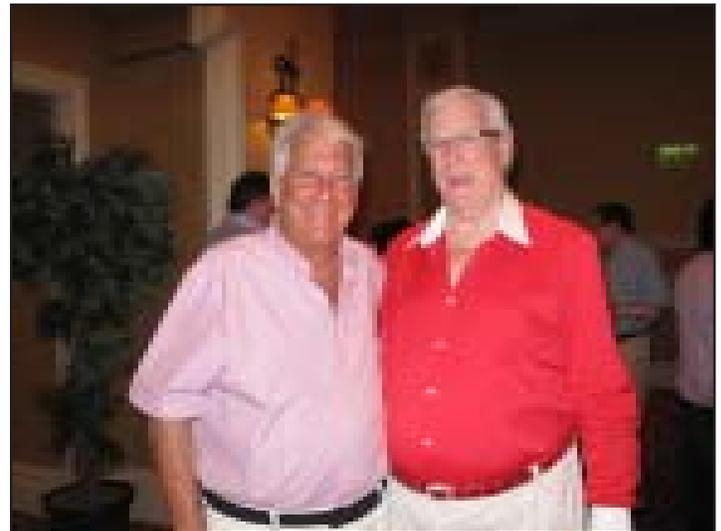
	North		
West	Zaleski	East	South
Rodwell	Pass	Hampson	Chemla
Pass	Pass	1♦ (a)	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

Given that one player cue-bid and the other passed, maybe the best choice is four clubs, which was chosen by Sam Lev in the match between Mahaffey and Kasle. (Over that, Pepsi surprisingly bid five clubs and lost the first three tricks.)

Plus 100 and plus 130 gave O'Rourke 6 imps. That team won the match by 20 imps to 6, or 24-6 in victory points.

Three notrump anyone?



Gaylor Kasle & Jim Mahaffey

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**What famous bridge player said,
“a long auction to game
is a bad auction?”**

(See Saturday's Bulletin for answer.)

As the final round started, only two teams could win, O'Rourke, with 175 vps, and Mahaffey, with 151. O'Rourke was playing against Deutsch (who were third with 141 vps), and Mahaffey was on BBO against Goren (fourth with 139). And even if Mahaffey won a 30-0 blitz (32 imps or more), O'Rourke would be safe with a loss by at most 13 imps. (If they lost by 14 or 15 imps, there would be a six-board playoff.)

Finally the deals livened up. This was the second:

	North		
Board 20	♠ A K Q 7 3		
Dlr: West	♥ 7 4 2		
Vul: N-S	♦ A 10 2		
	♣ K 8		
	West	East	
	♠ J 10 5 2	♠ 8 6	
	♥ 9 8 5 3	♥ J 10 6	
	♦ K 9	♦ Q J 8 6 5 3	
	♣ 10 6 4	♣ 3 2	

	South
	♠ 9 4
	♥ A K Q
	♦ 7 4
	♣ A Q J 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
Pass	INT (a)	Pass	2♣ (b)
Pass	3♣ (c)	Pass	4♦ (d)
Pass	4♠ (e)	Pass	5♦ (f)
Pass	7♣ (g)	All Pass	

- (a) 15-17 points
- (b) Transfer to clubs
- (c) Positive
- (d) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (e) Three key cards
- (f) Showing all five key cards, looking for seven, and asking for side-suit kings
- (g) "I've got what you need, partner."

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
	1♣ (a)	Pass	2♣ (b)
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦ (c)
Dble	4♥ (d)	Pass	5♦ (e)
Pass	7♣	Pass	7NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) 16-plus points
- (b) 5-plus clubs, 12-plus points
- (c) Roman Key Card Blackwood in clubs
- (d) A diamond control and 3 key cards
- (e) Interest in a grand slam, asking for side-suit kings

After Rodwell doubled four hearts and the tray went under the screen, there was quite a pause. Knowing that Joe Grue knew his RKCB reply, this told Curtis Cheek that Geoff Hampson was thinking of bidding five diamonds. And if North had no secondary honors in diamonds, he had to have the spade queen for his one-club opening. Hence Cheek's conversion to seven notrump.

As you have noticed, there were 13 top tricks, so Deutsch gained 2 imps.

In the other match:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
	INT (a)	Pass	4♣ (b)
Pass	4♠ (c)	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) 14-16 points
 (b) Gerber
 (c) Two aces

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
	1♠	Pass	2♣ (a)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT (b)	Pass	5♠ (c)
Pass	5NT (d)	Pass	7♣ (e)
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

- (a) Two-over-one game-force
- (b) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (c) Two key cards and the club queen
- (d) Asking for side-suit kings
- (e) "I've got what you need, parter."

Surely John Hurd should have opened one spade. With 16 prime points and an excellent five-card suit, his hand is worth more than 16 points.

The Chinese had a good auction to seven notrump to gain 13 imps.



Pepsi and Sam Lev

The next deal had its funny side in the O'Rourke-Deutsch match.

Board 21	North	♠ 5 3 2
Dlr: North	♥ 10 9 6 3	
Vul: N-S	♦ Q J 7 3	
	♣ 5 3	
West	East	
♠ Q 10 9	♠ A 8 7 6 4	
♥ A Q 5	♥ J 2	
♦ 2	♦ 10 9 8 6 5	
♣ K Q 10 9 7 6	♣ 4	
	South	
	♠ K J	
	♥ K 8 7 4	
	♦ A K 4	
	♣ A J 8 2	

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♣

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	1 ♣ (a)

(a) Precision: 16-plus points

O'Rourke played in clubs at both tables!

Against Weinstein, Billy Cohen led the club king. When declarer ducked, Cohen continued with the club nine. South won with his jack, played a diamond to dummy's queen, and returned a heart to his king and West's ace. Another trump went to South's ace. Declarer tried to cash the diamond ace, but West ruffed, drew South's last trump, and shifted to the spade ten. Ron Smith won with his ace and cashed the heart jack, at which point declarer conceded down three. He had taken only one spade, one diamond and two clubs.

Rodwell had no trouble in two clubs from his side, but Deutsch gained 5 imps.

In the other match, these were the auctions:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
2 ♣ (b)	Pass	Pass	1 ♣ (a)
(a) Natural	Pass	Pass	Pass

(b) Also natural; two diamonds would have shown at least 5-5 in the majors

Four hearts was no fun. West led the club king, which Joel Wooldridge ducked. A spade shift went to East's ace and a second spade was won by South. A diamond to the queen was followed by a heart to the king and ace. A low club was ruffed with the heart jack, a diamond was ruffed with the heart five, and the heart queen was cashed for down three.

The Chinese lost their way against Jeff Meckstroth's two-club contract. North led the diamond queen. South overtook with his king and shifted to a low trump, declarer winning with his king. West led his club queen to South's ace, ruffed South's diamond-ace continuation, and drove out the club jack. Now South led the spade king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the heart jack, which South failed to cover. This allowed Meckstroth to take the rest, repeating the heart finesse, drawing trumps, and cashing two spades with the aid of the fall of the jack.

Plus 300 and minus 130 gave Mahaffey 5 imps and the lead by 23-0.

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Casino area and outside.

Appeals Announcement

Appeals of tournament directors' rulings (in all events) will be handled in the following manner. Any director's ruling will be reconsidered (at the request of either side) by filing a timely request for reconsideration with the Director in Charge. Said request for reconsideration shall be in writing and must set forth in sufficient detail the reason(s) why the filing party believes that the ruling was incorrect.

Upon receipt of a request for reconsideration the tournament directing staff, along with whomever else the staff wishes to consult, will reconsider the ruling and render a decision. The directors may request a hearing when there are facts in dispute, but are not required to do so.

Goren got on the scoreboard here:

Everyone took eight tricks in spades, so Goren gained 6 imps for minus 50 and plus 300. And O'Rourke won 3 imps for two fewer undertricks.

Next:

Board 22
Dlr: East
Vul: E-W

North
♠ A 8 7 3
♥ J 10 2
♦ Q
♣ Q 8 6 4 2

West
♠ Q 6 5
♥ A Q 9 6
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ 10 9

East
♠ 10
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 9 8 7 3
♣ A K J

South
♠ K J 9 4 2
♥ K 8
♦ A 4 2
♣ 7 5 3

West Cohen	North Levin	East Smith	South Weinstein
Pass	3♦ (a)	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♠

(a) Limit raise with four or five trumps

West Rodwell	North Grue	East Hampson	South Cheek
Dble	4♠	1♦ (a)	1♠
(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points		All Pass	

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

West Lev	North Hurd	East Pszczola	South Wooldridge
Pass	2NT (a)	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♠

(a) Four-plus spades, game-invitational strength or more

West Meckstroth	North Fu	East Goren	South Zhao
Dble	3♦ (b)	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

(b) A mixed raise: typically, nine losers (7-9 points) with four trumps

Perhaps Zhao was double-crossed, bidding three spades to push his opponents into four hearts. However, four hearts would probably have made. The only way to beat it is diamond ace, diamond ruff, spade to the king, diamond ruff — hardly likely. (Note that four hearts by West is much easier to defeat.)

Board 23
Dlr: South
Vul: Both

North
♠ K Q 6 3
♥ K 6
♦ 9 2
♣ A 10 7 5 4

West
♠ 9 2
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ K 10 8 7 4
♣ 9 2

East
♠ A J 10 7 5 4
♥ 10
♦ A Q J 3
♣ K J

South
♠ 8
♥ A 9 8 5 3 2
♦ 6 5
♣ Q 8 6 3

West Cohen	North Levin	East Smith	South Weinstein
Pass	3♥	Dble	2♥
3♦ (a)	3♥	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) They do not use Lebensohl

West Rodwell	North Grue	East Hampson	South Cheek
Pass	1♦ (b)	1♠	Pass (a)
Pass	INT (d)	2♠	Dble (c)
			All Pass

(a) Cheek had a heart in his diamonds

(b) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

(c) The heart is still in his diamonds

(d) 11-13 points

In three notrump, Cohen took one spade, five diamonds and one club for down three. (North led his heart king and shifted to a low club.)

Against two spades, South led the diamond six. Declarer won in the dummy, ran the spade nine (pinning South's singleton eight), then played another spade. Hampson now lost only one spade, one heart and one club.

Plus 300 and plus 170 gave O'Rourke 9 imps and the lead by 5.

**Which famous player once said,
"When I die, everyone else will move
up one rung on the ranking ladder?"**

Answer: Bob Hamman

On BBO:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
Pass	3♥	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
Pass	Pass	3♠	2♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against three spades, Wooldridge led the heart ace and shifted to his spade eight. But later Pepsi misguessed clubs, so lost one spade, one heart and two clubs.

There was more at stake in the other room, where Barry Goren was in four spades. Declarer, after winning the first trick with dummy's diamond king and unblocking his jack, played a spade to his jack and cashed the spade ace. Now he had to lose four tricks: two spades, one heart and one club.

Plus 140 and plus 100 gave Mahaffey 6 imps.
The next deal added to Mahaffey's lead.

Board 24	North
Dir: West	♠ 8 7 6 3
Vul: None	♥ Q 10 5 2
	♦ 8 5
	♣ 4 3 2
West	East
♠ 9 2	♠ J 10
♥ J 8 7 6	♥ A 9
♦ A 9 7	♦ Q 10 2
♣ K Q 10 9	♣ A J 8 7 6 5
	South
	♠ A K Q 5 4
	♥ K 4 3
	♦ K J 6 4 3
	♣ —

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
Pass	Pass	1♦ (a)	1♠
Dble	2♥ (b)	Pass	3♦ (c)
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

- (a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points
- (b) Weak spade raise, typically 5-7 points with three spades
- (c) Game-try

Cheek promised a really good hand to try for game opposite the weak raise, but Grue wasn't bidding four on his hand, despite the fourth trump.

The board was flat at plus 170 in each room.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
Pass	Pass	2♣ (a)	Dble
2♦ (b)	Pass	3♣ (c)	3♠
4♣	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(a) Six-plus clubs, 11-15 points

(b) Inquiry

(c) Minimum

Lev led his club king. Declarer ruffed, played his heart king, which East ducked, drew two rounds of trumps, and led a heart to the ten and ace. Pepsi returned a club. South ruffed and played a heart to dummy's queen. Now declarer led a diamond, but he misguessed, putting up his king. West won with the ace and played the heart jack. Declarer ruffed, but had to lose a diamond and a club to go down one.

At the other table, Meckstroth also led the club king. Jie Zhao ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, and led the heart king. East won with his ace and erred by shifting to the diamond two. (Another club stops the overtrick.) Declarer guessed correctly by playing his jack. Now South took seven spades, one heart and three diamonds.

Plus 50 and plus 450 gave Mahaffey 11 imps and the lead by 34, sufficient for a blitz.



Tor Helness & Geir Helgemo

The action continued:

Then came the final deal:

Board 25
 Dlr: North
 Vul: E-W

West	North	East	South
♠ Q J 8 7 6	♠ A 10 5 4 2	♠ K 3	♠ 9
♥ —	♥ K 8 5	♥ A 10 9 6 4	♥ Q J 7 3 2
♦ A K J 5	♦ 7 6	♦ 10 9 8 3	♦ Q 4 2
♣ K 9 8 4	♣ 10 6 5	♣ Q 2	♣ A J 7 3

Board 27
 Dlr: South
 Vul: None

West	North	East	South
♠ 5 4 2	♠ A Q 8	♠ K J 9 7 6 3	♠ 10
♥ 9 7 5	♥ 8 6 4 2	♥ Q J	♥ A K 10 3
♦ 10 6 4 2	♦ A K	♦ 9 8 3	♦ Q J 7 5
♣ 9 5 4	♣ K Q 10 6	♣ A 3	♣ J 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levin	Smith	Weinstein
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♠

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Grue	Hampson	Cheek
Pass	2♣	2♠	1♦ (a)
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4♠

Smith did not like passing over his partner's takeout double of two hearts, but the contract had to go down one.

Hampson's imaginative raise to two spades worked out badly when North could double four spades. West could have escaped for down one, but he did not take the diamond finesse and went down two.

Plus 100 and plus 500 gave Deutsch 12 imps and the lead by 7.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
Dble	3♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both declarers took seven tricks, giving Mahaffey 5 imps.

Board 26 gained Mahaffey 2 imps, but it was flat in the other match.

(a) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

Grue chose a great moment to respond two clubs, not one heart.

Against six clubs, East led the heart jack, Rusinow. Declarer won with dummy's king, played a club to the king and ace, won the trump return with his ten, cashed the spade ace, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to his ace, ruffed a spade, led a diamond to his king, drew the last trump, and claimed. He took one spade, two hearts, four diamonds, three clubs and two spade ruffs.

Minus 480 and plus 920 gave Deutsch 10 imps and a win by 29 imps to 12, or 25-5 in victory points. O'Rourke had finished with 180 victory points. If Mahaffey won a blitz, his team would win by 1 vp.

**I think we're all a little masochistic.
 Otherwise, why would we continue
 to play bridge?**

~ Editor

This was the auction in one room:

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fu	Goren	Zhao
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer took 12 tricks. Now there was a long delay. Mahaffey was ahead by 41 imps. But if Hurd and Wooldridge got to a small slam, Mahaffey would win by only 29-1 and would also have 180 vps. There would be a playoff.

This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hurd	Pszczola	Wooldridge
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The board was flat and Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao had won by 1 vp.



Georgio Duboin & Guido Ferraro

Bridge Psychology

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

About 14 years ago a new phenomenon appeared in international bridge – the bridge psychologist. Such a person was included in the party that made up many a country’s team. The main objective was to concentrate on man and woman management to help improve performance. Whether or not they still exist today I do not know, because I am not in tune with bridge at that level these days. In 1996, however, at the European Championships in Portugal, Great Britain certainly had one and I remember interviewing a young, attractive Jane Townsend for the Daily Bulletin. My first surprise was to discover she did not play bridge. She considered that an advantage because she could not become involved in the technical aspects of the game. She then continued, “How to handle anger, joy or whatever emotion is never considered, yet these emotions must affect the ability to perform. The mind can only concentrate fully for 40 minutes, and it is my job to help each person to refocus as quickly as possible.”

“How could you help me to improve my game when I played at this level?” I asked her.

“To answer that I need to know how you reacted in a specific situation. Tell me,” she continued, “how were you after a

dreadful set of boards?”

“I became angry, depressed and verbally abusive to my partner,” I replied ashamedly.

“Where did you feel anger?” she asked.

I told her I did not understand the question.

“Was it in your mind or was it physical?” she explained.

Slowly, very slowly I was appreciating what she was about. Her solution to my problem depended on my type of anger. By concentrating on each member of the team individually, she could tell by looking at a range of things, including skin-tone and breathing. How they were feeling emotionally and did not even require to talk to them. Quite fascinating.

I must say I went into the interview feeling quite skeptical, but when I left I realized she knew her job, although I was still not sure I did.

This was all a long time ago and in the past few years I have moved from tournament bridge to tournament poker. I sometimes wonder what Jane is doing these days? “I am sure whatever move she’s made has been a great deal more profitable than mine!”

Cavendish Invitational Pairs & WBP Pairs - Conditions of Contest, 2009

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 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.

Cavendish Invitational Cocktail Party & Auction



Schedule of Events

Friday, May 8, 2009

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

Saturday, May 9, 2009

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

Sunday, May 10, 2009

TBD	Final Session CIP	Estancia Ballroom	
	Final Session WBP Pairs	Grand Ballroom 3-4	
3:00pm	Closing Party	Lobby Bar Terraces	



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