

The Cavendish Invitational

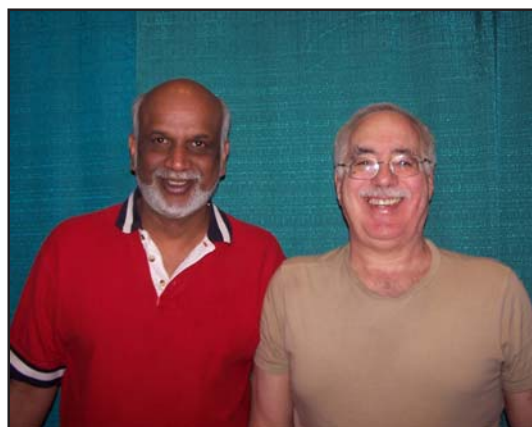
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It's Moving Day in the Cavendish Invitational Pairs

1	2220.00	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver	19	373.00	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness
2	1852.00	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	20	339.00	Marc Bompis - Jean Quantin
3	1703.00	Ionut Coldea - Cornell Teodorescu	21	332.00	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack
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18	391.00	John Diamond - Jim Krekorian	36	-351.00	Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom

2007 WBP Pairs Winners



Hemant Lall & Ira Chorush

2007 WBP Pairs Awards

	Auction Pool	Players Pool
1 st	\$9,850	\$4,850
2 nd	6,567	3,234
3 rd	4,766	2,352
4 th	3,582	1,764
5 th	2,985	1,470
6 th	2,090	1,030

Cavendish Invitational Auction Pool Hits \$1,200,000!



Bob Blanchard



George Jacobs

The 2008 Cavendish Invitational Auction was a huge success hitting \$1,200,000. For the second year, the Cavendish Invitational Auction began with a pre-auction resulting in a higher starting price for the auctioned pairs.

The pre-action, combined with many new faces in the bidder's gallery, resulted in reaching 1.2 million dollars.

The delicious food and open bar set the stage for a lively evening. Bob Blanchard, WBP Principal, kicked the auction off with a short history of the Cavendish.

George Jacobs once again served as the auctioneer and with his enthusiasm, you could feel the excitement in the air. Last year's winners, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, went for an all-time Cavendish record of \$65,000 purchased by Romain Zaleski. Not to be out done, Geir Helegmo and Tor Helness went off for \$74,000 bought by Ruun Hauge.

The WBP would like to extend a special thanks to Jim Mahaffey, Pierre Zimmerman, Romain Zaleski, Ruun Hauge, Bruce Rogoff, Adam Wildavsky, Connie Goldberg, Linda Lewis, Barry Goren, Charles Wigoder, Frank Multon, Stig Farholt and Roy Welland. Thanks also to all of the unnamed bidders who participated in the auction and contributed to its great success.

Appeals Announcement

Appeals of tournament directors' rulings (in all events) will not be handled in the same fashion as in previous years. 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.

Cavendish Invitational Pairs Overall Awards

Position	Auction Pool	Player Pool
1 st	\$275,240	\$28,812
2 nd	176,940	18,522
3 rd	117,960	12,348
4 th	88,470	9,260
5 th	78,640	8,232
6 th	68,810	7,204
7 th	58,980	6,174
8 th	49,150	5,144
9 th	39,320	4,116
10 th	29,490	3,088

Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session Awards

From Auction Pool to Owners

	Sessions				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1 st	2,500	4,000	6,500	12,500	20,000
2 nd		2,500	5,000	9,500	12,000
3 rd			2,500	5,000	8,000
4 th				2,500	5,000
5 th					2,500

From Player's Pool to Players

1 st	5,000
2 nd	3,000
3 rd	2,500

2008 Cavendish Invitational Auction

1	Casen - Passell	\$25,000	Lewis
2	Bertheau - Nystrom	\$30,000	Zimmerman
3	Cohen - Smith	\$20,000	Welland
4	Zhong - Zhao	\$36,000	Lewis
5	Hampson - Rodwell	\$50,000	Mahaffey
6	Cohler - Lev	\$29,000	Wigoder
7	Fleisher - Martel	\$24,000	Zimmerman
8	Bessis - Bessis	\$23,000	Multon
9	Bramley - Kranyak	\$16,000	Welland
10	Fallenius - Fredin	\$42,000	Farholt
11	Bathurst - Lall	\$18,000	Welland
12	Multon - Zimmermann	\$12,500	Pair
13	Henner-Welland - Rosenberg	\$13,000	Wildavsky
14	Austberg - Furunes	\$13,000	Hauge
15	Meckstroth - Welland	\$35,000	Zaleski
16	Stewart - Woolsey	\$12,500	Pair
17	Mahmood - Wigoder	\$12,500	Pair
18	Lewis - Lewis	\$12,500	Pair
19	Coldea - Teodorescu	\$12,500	Pair
20	Chemla - Lebel	\$32,000	Zaleski
21	Berkowitz - Pollack	\$16,000	Rogoff
22	Rogoff - Verhees	\$18,000	Wigoder
23	Jacobs - Katz	\$12,500	Pair
24	Blakset - Bruun	\$17,000	Farholt
25	Levin - Weinstein	\$65,000	Zaleski
26	Doub - Wildavsky	\$13,000	Zaleski
27	Saelensminde - Svendsen	\$27,000	Hauge
28	Elinescu - Wladlow	\$14,000	Wigoder
29	Morgan - Polowan	\$13,000	Wildavsky
30	Compton - Hamman	\$27,000	Diamond
31	Cayne - Versace	\$20,000	Mahmood
32	Blanchard - Blanchard	\$12,500	Pair
33	Lambardi - Ventin	\$12,500	Pair
34	Kowalski - Vainikonis	\$12,500	Pair
35	Gitelman - Moss	\$40,000	Zimmerman
36	Levy - Mouiel	\$20,000	Farholt
37	Brogeland - Shugart	\$12,500	Pair
38	Buchalter - Zur Campanille	\$12,500	Pair
39	Faigenbaum - Zaleski	\$12,500	Pair
40	Brink - Drijver	\$35,000	Zaleski
41	Mittelman - Ozdil	\$16,000	Goren
42	Deutsch - Shivdasani	\$12,500	Pair
43	Pszczola - Zaremba	\$26,000	Zimmerman
44	Ekeblad - Jansma	\$19,000	Goldberg
45	Bompis - Quantin	\$27,000	Zaleski
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47	Kaminski - Levit	\$12,500	Pair
48	Jedrychowski - Olanski	\$12,500	Pair
49	Diamond - Krekorian	\$12,500	Pair
50	Helgemo - Helness	\$74,000	Hauge
51	Lungu - Savin	\$12,500	Pair
52			
53	Altschuler-Birman	\$12,500	Pair
54	Chambers - Schermer	\$17,000	Welland
55	Grue - Wolpert	\$28,000	Zimmerman
56	EIAhmady - Sadek	\$37,000	Wigoder

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session I

Bd: 5 Dlr: N Vul: N-S

The early rounds of Session One are a good time to test the water and see if your luck is in. Bramley/Kranyak duly bid a marginal slam, and dared their opponents to beat them.

Bd: 3 Dlr: S Vul: E-W

North

S. A 3
H. A Q 10 4 3
D. A J 9 2
C. J 10

West

S. K Q 10 9
H. K J 9 5
D. Q 6 5
C. 4 3

East

S. 6 5
H. 8
D. 10 8 7 4 3
C. 8 7 6 5 2

South

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

Bramley

2H
4D*
5S

Kranyak

1S
3H
5C
6H

* Serious slam-try

The slam looks virtually impossible to make on a spade lead, and indeed, Coldea and Fu were both doubled in 6H here for the spade lead. Fu received a diamond lead. Coldea a spade lead. Coldea won and played three rounds of clubs, ruffed and overruffed, then a diamond to the DK, a heart to the HQ, HA and now needed to ruff out the DQ in three rounds to make. His luck was in. But a better approach is to unblock the DK at trick two, then lead winning clubs, overruff the third club and ruff a diamond. Now you lead the fourth club. When West ruffs in, you pitch the spade, and can later ruff a diamond to dummy to take the heart finesse. On the diamond lead, Fu and Bramley won in dummy, led a heart to the 10, ruffed a diamond and led a heart to the HQ. Now they could give up a trump and claim 12 tricks.

North

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

West

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

East

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

South

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

Helgemo

Pass
Pass
All Pass

Martel

1D
3C
4C

Helness

2C
Pass
Pass

Fleisher

X
3NT
4H

Hands up everyone who trusts their partner – I mean REALLY trusts them! At the table I was watching Helgemo hit on the S3 lead knowing the opponents had a 4-4 fit in both majors. Fleisher put in the SJ and followed with the S2 as Helness ruffed. Now should Tor underlead in clubs? I think so: Helgemo would not lead the S3 for suit preference with only CQ. (He knows that it is not an entry since declarer has promised a top club.)

Helness did not see it that way. He cashed the CA and played another club and only collected +50 (and even that needed his partner to produce very good diamonds). Anyone who could bid the N/S cards to 3NT will be leading the field in 130 boards time!



Geir Helgemo

Bd: 7 Dlr: S Vul: Both

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

Bd: 13 Dlr: N Vul: Both

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

The wildness continued.

Woolsey	Pszczola	Stewart	Zaremba
Pass	1S	3D	1C
5D	Pass	Pass	4D
			6S

Over Pszczola's forcing pass to 5D, Zaremba had enough extras to drive to slam. Stewart led the D2, suggesting the club void. Pepsi won and now knew he needed Stewart to have bare SJ or S10 or else there would be a club ruff. He advanced the SQ from dummy and now could not get trumps wrong with no club ruff coming.

The inference might seem clear but it was one that was drawn by remarkably few declarers. In fact, Pepsi was the only declarer to make slam. At least one played 6Sxx, down one, turning over +600 imps in the process.



Tor Helness

A number of declarers demonstrated that they did not know the difference between the improbable and the impossible. They played 4H as South after a 1S overcall on their right, and correctly took the SA at trick one. Now what? If trumps are not 4-0, you can draw trumps ending in dummy and play a spade to the SQ.

But a better approach I believe is to take the DAK (pitching a spade) and play a club from dummy. Even if the defenders get a trump promotion in spades, you can surely arrange to ruff back to hand in diamonds and use the HQ to make a second club play from dummy, and eventually trump a club in dummy. If you play a heart at trick two you are doomed, as the cards lie.

Bridgmate.us

Joe Steele

For the first time in Cavendish History, Bridgmate Pro is used to score the game. There are no pick-up slips for caddies to deliver to the directors and no scores for the directors to enter into the computer. All of the scoring is done by the players at the table!

Bd: 18 Dlr: E Vul: N-S

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

Brad Moss played 6C here (4S-5C-Pass-6C). On the DK lead, Moss won and ruffed a spade, drew the trump with the CK and led a club to the dummy, cashed the spade winners and ruffed a diamond. Since his RHO had pitched the HJ, he could exit from hand with a low heart now and claim the contract.

Should East have pitched the HJ? Declarer's decision to play two rounds of trumps and allow him to discard perhaps argues against it (if declarer had HA87xx he would surely not have given you the chance to unblock a stiff heart honor). Had East not pitched his HJ, declarer would have had to guess if East had a singleton heart honor or doubleton double honor in hearts.

Brink and Drijver were having a huge set – this board turned over a massive swing in their favor. After a 4S opening by Drijver, the opponents bid to 6C. Brink saved in 6S – and the opponents bid on to 7C, doubled and down 200, instead of collecting 1100.



2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session II

Bd: 3 Dlr: S Vul: E-W

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

The job of a Bulletin Editor is, alas, criminally underpaid. The only way one can scrape a marginally less than honest crust is by blackmailing the players – and of course when we get to see or hear all the results, nothing can be swept under the carpet. So today's problem is to guess which declarer climbed to the Goldilocks level of 4NT (not too low – not too high) on a diamond lead, and missed the 100% safety play.

You simply cash the HA and lead to the H10, ensuring 10 winners. Even after the misguess, declarer could have recovered (cross to a top diamond to lead a spade to the jack and get a spade-heart endplay at the end). But not surprisingly declarer was unable to recover from his earlier misplay and emerged with only 9 tricks.

At another table, Vainikonis opened 1NT and heard his partner bid 2D, transfer to hearts. When this got doubled, he redoubled, and his partner wrapped up 9 tricks for the unusual non-vulnerable score of +760.

Leaders of the Pack!

Sjoert Brink and Bas Drijver

are leading the field

after two sessions of the

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

Bd: 8 Dlr: W Vul: None**North**

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

West

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

East

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

South

S. A 4 3
 H. 10
 D. Q 8 5 3
 C. A Q 9 7 3

Both Bramley and Kranyak found themselves with tough decisions here after 1H P 4H. Kranyak as South bravely doubled (we'd call it foolhardily if partner had a flat Yarbrough). Bramley bid 5D and was doubled there. On a trump lead, he won in hand and advanced the CJ, correctly covered and Bramley drew a second trump. Now his RHO was surely 4-4-1-4 so he made the percentage but unsuccessful play of a club to the C9. Down one. Since many tables played 4H down -50 this was only a loss to par – but still painful!

Bd: 11 Dlr: S Vul: None**North**

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

West

S. A Q 8 5
 H. 10 4
 D. A K Q 8
 C. A 9 5

East

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

South

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

Sometimes text book hands are interesting – if only because it appears different people are reading different

textbooks!

Kevin Bathurst played 3NT from the West seat after a 19-21 2NT opening. North found the H5 lead to the queen and back came the S2 for the king. North now appears to have a textbook shift to the HJ pinning the H10, to live happily ever after...

No: In North's textbook the shift to the S2 had attitude connotations. A second spade meant declarer had 11 tricks instead of eight. (For this defense to be right declarer had to have erred by ducking trick one so perhaps continuing spades is unlikely ever to be right.)

Billy Cohen and Steve Weinstein declared 3NT from the other side (1D-1NT-3NT) on a low spade lead. They flew with the ace, cashed four diamonds, led the C9 to the CQ, a club to the ace and took the restricted choice position in clubs by finessing the C8 for 9 tricks.

Jean Christophe Quantin was on lead to 3NT on the same auction with S109xx and HAQxx. He found an anti-systemic S9 lead (just trying to show a bad suit). Declarer also rose with the ace, cashed the diamonds, and found the opening leader to have three diamonds and surely no more than four hearts. So he misguessed clubs and now had only 8 tricks.

Perhaps a better approach after winning the SA is to play on clubs via the finesse, before playing diamonds. If you misguess, you can still recover if either the SK or the HA is onside for you because you have retained your diamond entry to hand.

Bd: 12 Dlr: W Vul: N-S**North**

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

West

S. J 9 3
 H. K 10 8 3
 D. 10 3
 C. K Q 10 6

East

S. A 10 7
 H. J 7 5 4
 D. 9 8 4 2
 C. 9 2

South

S. K Q 6 5 4 2
 H. Q 6
 D. Q J
 C. A 8 5

This is another hand where the objective is to reach the right game, the right way up. Lambardi-Ventin managed it on the auction 1D-1S-2C-2H-3H-3NT. The 3H call showed

three or four cards with a positional stopper. On the H3 lead around to the HQ, declarer unblocked the DQJ and led the SQ to ensure his nine tricks.

Since the field played 4S down or 3NT from the wrong side on a heart lead, this was worth a bundle of imps.

Bd: 18 Dlr: E Vul: N-S

North

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

West

S. Q J 7
H. 7 6 5 2
D. Q J 8 3
C. A 5

East

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

South

S. 10 5 3
H. 8
D. 10 4
C. K Q 10 9 7 4 3

There is always a Bulletin prize for the pair reaching the worst contract of the event that cannot be defeated. Look at 4H here on the lead of the CK. (Yes, a diamond lead sets the game so long as the defenders continue the suit – they did not against Coldea so this hand does not quite qualify for the award.) Declarer wins, draws three rounds of trump, knocks out the Spade ace. He wins the spade return, eliminates spades ending in hand, and leads a diamond to the DJ and DK. The defense can cash two diamonds and give declarer two discards for his clubs, or return a low diamond and give up on their diamond trick instead. All the game needs is 7-1 clubs and the three key cards with the singleton club. Herve Mouiel duly followed this line to bring home the game.



Bd: 21 Dlr: N Vul: N-S

North

S. A 8 3
H. J 9 8
D. Q 7 6 5
C. J 6 3

West

S. Q J 7 5 4 2
H. A 10 4
D. ———
C. 10 8 5 4

East

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

South

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

Normally you need at least half the deck to invite game with a limit bid and make a forcing response. But distribution is a good compensation. Drijver-Brink are doing their best to take on the mantle of Meckwell.

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1C	1D
2C(1)	3D	3S(2)	Pass
4S	All Pass		

- (1) Spades, limit+
- (2) Forcing

So there they were in 4S with the DA lead. Drijver found a good deceptive line; he ruffed the DJ, ran the SQ (just in case someone wanted to cover) and ruffed the diamond return to knock out the missing spade honor. He could then duck a club and play for a Club/Heart squeeze if the hearts were 4-2.

Levin-Weinstein defended 4S by West on a diamond lead. Under the ace, Levin dropped the D4, suit preference. Weinstein's S3 was also suit preference for clubs so Levin shifted to the CK at trick three. Down one.

Second in Line

for the top prize
after two sessions
(And last year's winners)

Steve Weinstein and Bobby Levin

Cavendish Invitational Pairs &WBP Pairs - Conditions of Contest, 2008

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 — WPB Pairs

Format will be based upon the number of entries. Play will be conducted over three sessions.

For both events, the boards will be played simultaneously, barometer style, but scores will not be posted until the end of each session. Screens will be used in the Cavendish but not in the WBP.

2. The events will be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (The Laws). Whenever the use of screens precludes unauthorized information the Tournament Director may waive certain provisions of The Laws.
3. Absolutely no electronic devices capable of sending or receiving signals (other than hearing aids) may be brought into the playing rooms under any circumstances. This applies to kibitzers as well as players.
4. Players are required to be in their places at the announced starting times. A penalty of 50 IMPs will be assessed for each five-minute lateness segment, beginning 10 minutes after the starting time for first offenders, and for each five minutes of tardiness after the announced starting time for repeat offenders.
5. Discussion of boards during a round is prohibited. In each session a player making any remark that, in the judgment of a director might be overheard at another table, will be penalized 50 IMPs for the first offense, 100 IMPs for the second infraction, and 150 IMPs for each offense thereafter. These are automatic and not appealable.
6. Players are free to leave the playing area when they conclude each round, but are prohibited from comparing results in the playing area. Any pair detected doing so will be assessed automatic, non-appealable penalties as in 5 above.
7. For each three-board round, 25 minutes (17 minutes for two-board rounds) are allotted, plus a two-minute grace period. A new round may not be started until the previous round's play has been completed at all tables. Pairs failing to complete play within the allocated time will be given a written warning for a first offense. A second infraction will result in a 50 IMP penalty; subsequent offenses, up to 200 IMPs. The cumulative penalties for slow play will not exceed 300 IMPs in any single session. Penalties for slow play do not carry over to another session and are administered by the Chief Director, in consultation with the Tournament Committee. In the absence of a player's report to a Director regarding an opponent's slow play or the player himself, it shall be deemed that both pairs are equally at fault. Slow play penalties are not appealable.
8. It is strongly recommended that at trick one declarer take about 15 seconds before playing to the opening lead and that the player in third seat take about 10 seconds before playing. Thereafter, significant breaks in tempo before selecting small cards will be strongly discouraged.
9. The Alert Procedure is mandatory. Players shall alert their calls as they are made, and their partner's calls when the bidding tray is moved to their side of the table. It is the Alerter's responsibility to ensure that his screenmate realizes that an alert has been made. A player may ask for an explanation of a bid, **IN WRITING** at the appropriate turn to bid and play, and the answer must also be given **IN WRITING**. All bids or calls which have a conventional meaning (other than Stayman, Blackwood, strong and artificial 2-club openings) are subject to an alert. Each player shall have a convention card completely filled out and, if possible, a hard copy of all system notes available for inspection.
10. No pre-alerts are required for carding agreements, except that leading low from a doubleton must be pre-alerted. Any method of leads against suit or notrump contracts is permitted, but the partnership may play only one structure of honor and low card leads against suit contracts. A different structure of leads may be played in defense of a notrump contract, but only one method is allowed. Normal or upside-down signals and discards for attitude, count or suit preference are permitted, but variable, or encrypted, signals are not.
11. Any irregularity in the Alert procedure may result in score adjustments for Misinformation or Unauthorized Information. Both players are required to know their bidding agreements and to alert and explain their agreements properly and identically. The appropriate laws will be applied if damage to the opponents result therefrom, and even if no damage ensues from an alert infraction, a procedural penalty may be assigned. In general, players should assume that if no alert is made, no alertable call has been made. Therefore, if there is any doubt in a player's mind as to whether or not a call is alertable, the player should alert.
12. The North and South players control the bidding tray. The screenmate is permitted to make a screen huddle to normalize the tempo by removing the bid card from the bidding box, showing it to North or South, but withholding it from being placed in the tray.
13. Players (behind screens) should endeavor to place their bidding cards in the tray without creating sounds which would be heard on the opposite side of the screen.
14. In general, any convention or treatment that is familiar to the average tournament player, or can be explained to the average player within 10 seconds, is allowed. Methods of a destructive nature are not authorized, nor are the following:
 - a. Forcing or strong pass systems;
 - b. Multi 2♦ and similar conventional opening bids;
 - c. Two-suited weak two/three-bid openings which specify only one (or neither) of the suits held; anchor suit must contain at least five cards, except that two of a major showing that suit and a minor is permitted – even if the major is only a four card suit.
 - d. Preemptive bids that do not specify which suit is held;
 - e. Artificial bids or sequences that require a lengthy explanations;
 - f. Canapé style overcalls or opening bids if the first-bid suit may be shorter than four cards;
 - g. Any system, convention or treatment that would require a pre-alert (in ACBL parlance) and written suggested defenses.
 - h. Transfer openings and transfer responses, subject to the following exceptions:
 1. Any transfer response structure to a notrump opening, overcall or rebid is permitted, as are transfer responses showing at least high-card game invitational values.
 2. Transfer responses over a 1♣ opening bid, as long as a 1♠ response promises at least invitational values.
15. Each board will be scored by International Match Points as follows: each pair's score will be compared with every other score achieved by pairs in the same direction. The maximum swing on any single comparison will be 17 IMPs times the number of comparisons. Average-plus and average-minus scores will be calculated according to a pre-determined formula, as will the adjustment for a fouled board.
16. Any Director's ruling (other than penalties under sections 4, 5, 6 and 7) may be appealed to the Appeals Committee designated by the Tournament Committee. If a pair or team wishes to lodge an appeal, it must post US \$50 which will be forfeited if the Appeals Committee deems the appeal to be substantially without merit. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are not subject to further appeal; however see 20 below.
17. The Tournament Committee will decide on the acceptability of substitutes should the need arise.
18. Disciplinary penalties may be imposed by the Tournament Committee for violations of conduct by players or their guests.
19. Kibitzers will be permitted to enter the room only at the beginning of a round or match.
20. Any of the above notwithstanding, the Tournament Committee may take any action it deems necessary in the best interests of the event and its participants.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 10, 2008

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

Sunday, May 11, 2008

10:30am	Final Session CIP	Estancia Ballroom
	Final Session WBP Pairs	Grand Ballroom 3-4
3:00pm	Closing Party	Lobby Bar Terraces

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session II

Bd: 23 Dlr: S Vul: Both

North

S. Q J 10 8 4
H. J
D. Q 7 3
C. 10 9 8 3

West

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

East

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

South

S. A 9 7 6
H. K 9 6 5
D. K 2
C. A Q 2

**From the department of
“If You Bid’em Up, Play’em Up!”**

Roy Welland as South opened a 14-16 notrump, broke the transfer to spades by jumping to 3S and was treated to the lead of the CK – necessary (but not sufficient) to give him a chance.

He won the CA and played the SA and another spade. West won the SK and shifted to the D9, round to declarer’s K. A spade to dummy saw Welland take the chance to finesse in hearts (nothing personal, Jack and Fu). When the defender failed to cover the HJ with the HQ, declarer could take the club finesse and wrap up 10 tricks.

Now consider 4S on a low diamond lead round to south. Declarer leads a low heart from hand at once. What would

you play as west? If you duck you deserve to find declarer with HKQ – don’t you? So you win HA; what next? Does partner have DA or CA. Brad Moss was left in no doubt when Fred Gitelman dropped the HQ under the ace – suit preference for the higher suit, diamonds. Well done!

Bd: 26 Dlr: E Vul: Both

North

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

West

S. A 7 4
H. 8 6
D. J 10 8 6
C. A K Q J

East

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

South

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

3NT by East on a heart lead is only about overtricks. It’s more fun on the challenging spade lead. Declarer ducks to North’s SQ for the heart shift. It looks natural to finesse but if you do, you probably go down. The finesse loses, another spade comes back, and now unless you guess diamonds you are sunk.

But you can ensure the contract at trick two: Rise with the HA, cross to a club, and you can finesse diamonds into the safe hand. You get seven minor tricks and two aces, at the minimum.

No Electronic Devices in the Playing Area.