

The Cavendish Invitational

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Hampson-Rodwell Lead Cavendish Invitational Pairs With One To Go

1	2660.76	Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell	19	747.00	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith
2	2397.24	Gary Cohler - Sam Lev	20	677.24	Jacob Morgan - Michael Polowan
3	1852.20	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver	21	651.24	Michael Rosenberg - Christal Henner
4	1834.76	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss	22	646.24	Chris Compton - Bob Hamman
5	1812.04	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	23	436.80	John Diamond - Jim Krekorian
6	1444.24	Neil Chambers - John Schermer	24	375.76	Jacek Pszczola - Jerzy Zaremba
7	1335.76	Russell Ekeblad - Jan Jansma	25	324.24	Richard Jedrychowski - Wojtek Olanski
8	1241.24	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	26	231.76	Gilad Altshuler - David Birman
9	1179.74	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack	27	202.24	Knut Blakset - Mathias Bruun
10	1178.76	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmerman	28	174.24	Seymon Deutsch - Jaggy Shivdasani
11	1163.76	James Cayne - Alfredo Versace	29	147.76	Joe Grue - Gavin Wolpert
12	1048.76	Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel	30	64.76	Marc Bompis - Jean Quantin
13	979.76	Jeff Meckstroth - Roy Welland	31	60.24	Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom
14	860.20	Bart Bramley - John Kranyak	32	-130.24	Michael Elinescu - Entscho Wladow
15	851.28	Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard	33	-155.76	Drew Casen - Mike Passell
16	827.24	Per Erik Austberg - Jon-Egil Furunes	34	-165.28	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky
17	822.24	Pablo Lombardi - Juan Carlos Ventin	35	-369.24	Erik Saelensminde - Jan-Peter Svendsen
18	775.76	Ionut Coldea - Cornell Teodorescu	36	-442.04	Boye Brogeland - Rita Shugart

Wooldridge-Carmichael Lead 11th Annual WBP Pairs With One to Play

1	557.00	Joel Wooldridge - Thomas Carmichael	12	38.00	Lisa Berkowitz - Marvin Deneroff
2	467.00	Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord	13	34.00	Leo Bell - John Jones
3	388.00	Robert Hollman - Bruce Ferguson	14	-59.00	Philip Gordon - Jason Feldman
4	331.00	Connie Goldberg - Bill Eisenberg	15	-92.00	Jim Mahaffey - Peter Weichsel
5	301.00	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg	16	-120.00	Lynn Baker - Karen McCallum
6	196.00	Fred Hamilton - Wafik Abdou	17	-191.00	Michael McNamara - Sylwia McNamara
7	159.00	Mark Epstein - Roberta Epstein	18	-241.00	Mike Cappelletti - John Morris
8	116.00	Marshall Miles - Stephen Goldstein	19	-262.00	Gene Freed - William Wickham
9	111.00	Stig Farholt - Jacob Ron	20	-418.00	Patty Cayne - Charles Weed
10	110.00	Kerri Sanborn - Stephen Sanborn	21	-563.00	Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon
11	92.00	Jeff Fang - David Yang	22	-1004.00	Marc Jacobus - Lou Ann O'Rourke

2008 WBP Pairs Auction

Pair	Full Pair Name	Auction Price	Original Owner
1	Baker-McCallum	\$1,600.00	Mahaffey, Jim
2	Mahaffey-Weichsel	\$2,000.00	Hollman, Bob
3	Abdou-Hamilton	\$2,200.00	Farholt, Stig
4	Freed-Wickham	\$1,400.00	Freed, Gene
5	Jacobus-O'Rourke	\$1,300.00	Hollman, Bob
6	Farholt-Ron	\$1,700.00	Farholt, Stig
7	Sanborn-Sanborn	\$2,300.00	Baker, Lynn
8	Ferguson-Hollman	\$1,300.00	Hand, Jeff
9	Phantom 5-Phantom 6	\$0.00	WBP,
10	Kurkowski-Lord	\$1,000.00	Lord, Roger
11	McNamara-McNamara	\$1,500.00	Blanchard, Bob
12	Cappelletti, Jr.-Morris	\$1,200.00	Gordon, Phil
13	Phantom 7-Phantom 8	\$0.00	WBP,
14	Fang-Yang	\$1,600.00	Abdou, Wafik
15	Bell-Jones	\$1,600.00	Abdou, Wafik
16	Ekeblad-Seamon	\$1,200.00	Mahaffey, Jim
17	Eisenberg-Goldberg	\$2,300.00	Baker, Lynn
18	Cayne-Weed	\$1,200.00	Cayne, Patricia
19	Berkowitz-Deneroff	\$1,100.00	Cappelletti, Jr., Michael
20	Arf-Selcuk	\$0.00	WBP,
21	Carmichael-Woolridge	\$3,400.00	Farholt, Stig
22	Goldstein-Miles	\$1,200.00	Gordon, Phil
23	Greenberg-Hand	\$2,600.00	Mahaffey, Jim
24	Feldman-Gordon	\$2,500.00	Gordon, Phil

2008 WBP Pairs Overall Awards

	<u>AUCTION</u>	<u>PLAYERS</u>
1 ST	11,084	4,040
2 ND	7,917	2,888
3 RD	5,702	2,080
4 TH	4,117	1,502
5 TH	2,850	1,040

Session Awards

3rd Session

1st Place

1,000

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
46			
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 - Revisited

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

As soon as the bulletin comes out, the players start trying to top the performances in print. Billy Pollack told me what happened to him here. He played 6H on SA lead. He cashed three rounds of clubs, and Bob Hamman ruffed in. Had he ruffed low Pollack planned to overruff and cross to the DK to play a fourth spade and discard on this trick. Then he would have taken the trump finesse for his slam. But Hamman ruffed the first club with the HK!! Can you blame Pollack for discarding now, and playing to drop the HJ? I can't!

Bd: 13 Dlr: N Vul: Both

North

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

West

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

East

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

South

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

Let's revisit 4H here after a spade lead to the SA. Michael Polowan led a trump to the HA at trick two, and found the bad news. A trump went to the H9 and HQ, and he pitched his spades on the DAK then led a club. Imagine East wins the CK, (at the table, he ducked and Polowan put up the CQ to make in comfort), leads a spade, ruffed by the H8, and it holds, (If West overruffs the H7 would be an entry to dummy for a club play but Declarer still has three club losers). This is the position:

North

7
7
10 9 8
5

West

—
10 5
7
J 7 6

East

J 6
—
Q J
A 9

South

—
K J 3
—
Q 10 8

South leads a club from hand, (let's say the 8 though the 10 is basically equivalent), which puts the defense in a bind. If West wins he must play a trump. Declarer overtakes to draw trumps and gives up a club. If East wins the C9 and plays a spade, declarer ruffs high, ruffs a club establishing the CQ and will either be able to ruff a diamond low or score his CQ at trick 13.

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 Pairs
Session II – Revisited**

Bd: 11 Dlr: S Vul: Neither

Bd: 7 Dlr: S Vul: Both

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

The field generally reached 3NT here and was split between those making and those going down. Say you play 3NT as East after South has overcalled in clubs as a passed hand. You win the club lead and knock out the DA, win the club return and run the diamonds. South pitches one spade, two hearts and a club

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

Does South have the SQ or not? Polowan as declarer here elected to play to drop the SQ – he reckoned South would not have overcalled vulnerable without it. Right he was! Making game was worth 239 cross-imps, going down 200 would have lost 125 cross-imps.

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

Two more stories from this deal:

Michael Rosenberg points out that if you play 3NT as East on a spade lead, you should win the SA, cash the CA (in case they are 6-0), then play the C9 to the CQ, run the diamonds and take the restricted choice finesse in clubs. The point is that if South wins the third club he will have to lead a major, and now if either major-suit honor is right for you, you will make your game.

Ralph Katz demonstrated the “right” way to defend the hand. As North, he led a deceptive H8 (4th highest) ducked round to the 10! Declarer cashed the DAK, Katz echoing to say he liked hearts. Now declarer cashed all the minor suit winners to reach this ending.

North		West		East	
K 4		A Q 8 5		J 6	
J 9		4		K 7	
—		—		—	
10		—		8	
South		West		East	
10 9		A Q 8 5		J 6	
A Q 6		4		K 7	
—		—		—	
—		—		8	

“Knowing” the heart finesse was right, declarer took the spade finesse rather than cash out nine tricks. Katz won the SK, cashed the C10 to let Jacobs pitch his spade, and a heart through the king produced one down!

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session III

Bd: 1 Dlr: N Vul: Neither

North

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

West

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

East

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

South

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

The advantage of duplicated boards is that from time to time you get to measure the performance of the field in the same contract, as here.

At every table the defenders to 4S led a top club (Anyone who doesn't lead the K from AK against a preempt needs to revisit their methods) and shifted to the H10, covered by the HJ and HQ. What now?

The diamond shift is necessary – so how many players found it? Making game was worth 115 cross-imps, setting it was worth 160 cross-imps. In other words, more than half the field was allowed to make the game.

As a subsidiary question: Might the defender on lead to trick two have shifted to a low heart – and would that have made the defense's task easier?

Buffett Cup Challenge Match

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Louisville, Kentucky
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Bd: 10 Dlr: E Vul: Both

North

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

West

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

East

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

South

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

You often find a pair using sophisticated methods to reach a slam while the rest of the room languishes in game. On this deal, I witnessed West, Bas Drijver, open 3C third seat and now Martel really had no choice I thought but to bid 4H for the mundane +650. That was pretty much the result all round the room except where Zia-Wigoder were N/S. Zia opened 2D, weak, Wigoder explored delicately with 6D and that was a painless +1370.

But it was possible to reach slam even after passing the South cards. Shane Blanchard as North bid 3H over 3C and, when Bob Blanchard bid 4D, he drove him to 6D; well judged. Bob got the SQ lead and won in hand, unblocked the HK and advanced the DQ. Helness took the DA and returned a low heart! Very nicely done to give declarer a losing option. Blanchard tanked for a few minutes but eventually ruffed with an intermediate trump: Contract made.

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

Bd: 14	Dlr: E	Vul: Neither		North
	North			9 8 x
	S. 7 3 2			A
	H. Q 8 6 4			—
	D. J 8 5 4			Q J x
	C. 9 7		West	East
West		East	—	J
S. Q J 10		S. 6	x x x	K x
H. K 2		H. 10 9 7 3	—	x
D. K Q 6 3 2		D. A 10 9	A K 9 x	10 x x
C. 10 8 2		C. A K 6 5 4	South	
South			x	
S. A K 9 8 5 4			Q x x x	
H. A J 5			—	
D. 7			x x	
C. Q J 3				

How many pairs would you expect to find the legitimate route to bring home 3NT? Many tried, and on the SA lead failed. Drijver, who had the information that his RHO had extras in shape or HCP played the diamonds from the top. Welland, who did not have that information on the auction (1C-1S-2D-3D-3NT-All Pass) guessed diamonds after his LHO had led the S3 and followed with the S2 as Welland won the SQ at trick two.

Welland knew his RHO had contemplated acting over 3NT. He took an immediate diamond finesse and ran the suit to reach this ending:

On the last diamond, South and West pitched a heart while North threw a spade. If Welland had known his opponents led middle from three he could have played a heart in complete safety. But he did not, and when he cashed the CA, North thoughtfully dropped the CJ. So Welland thought his only shot was to find a doubleton CQJ, and therefore he went down one.

John Kranyak played 3NT (also on an auction where his RHO's tempo had suggested extras). He won the third spade, and realized that he needed clubs guarded on his right – so diamond shortage was very likely to accompany that. He too finessed in diamonds, and now there was no ambiguity about the count of the hand. When his RHO pitched a club he ended up with an overtrick!

Still Time to Come Good

By Sam Leckie, Scotland

This years Cavendish has been quite different for me from all others in the past. Since I stopped playing tournament bridge a few years ago poker has become my new love. And for the past three weeks I have been trying to qualify for two big money tournaments at Bellagio and Caesar Palace. On Monday, I will be returning to Glasgow and have to explain how unlucky I was not to qualify. The reason I mention this is that you can imagine my surprise when I discovered at the WBP brunch, one of the world's leading poker players was playing in the event – Phil Gordon. I suppose he will be equally surprised to find me here (that was a joke folks).

Also playing in the WBP Pairs is the legendary Billy Eisenberg (5 Bermuda Bowls). I've known Billy for over thirty years and first met him when he was coaching a junior

team for a world event and on his way stopped in Glasgow and visited our bridge club. He played in the tournament and he stayed on to give a seminar, much appreciated by all our members. A true ambassador of bridge.

His presence in the event has made me break my Golden Rule of not taking a bit of the action and I have a small part of him and his attractive lady playing partner Connie Goldberg, a double winner of the WBP Pairs and John Roberts Teams in 2006.

I am sorry to tell you that as I write this that neither of my pairs selections are doing well. I am reminded of the headlines in last years Bulletin. "Helgemo-Helness Lead Cavendish With One Session To Go"

Unfortunately they didn't manage to hold on, so here's hoping both my pairs are strong finishers because not only is my reputation at stake, but more importantly my money. After four weeks in Vegas, you can imagine how much I need that!

Bd: 15 Dlr: S Vul: N-S**North**

S. 10 2

H. 7 4 2

D. A J

C. K Q J 5 3 2

West

S. K 8 5 3

H. K J 10 5

D. 5 2

C. A 9 6

East

S. A Q 4

H. A 9 8

D. Q 10 7 6 3

C. 8 7

South

S. J 9 7 6

H. Q 6 3

D. K 9 8 4

C. 10 4

Jack Zhao climbed to the giddy heights of 4H here – and would rather that the auction did not appear in print. He declared 4H as North on the S10 lead, and won in hand to lead a diamond up. The ace won and a spade came back. He took in dummy and led a heart to his HJ and a diamond up again. This is the position:

North

—

7 4

J

K Q J 5 3 2

West

8 5

K 10 5

5

A 9 6

East

Q

A 9

Q 10 7 6

8 7

South

J 9

Q 6

K 9 8

10 4

When North played the DJ, declarer must duck – and what can the defenders do? If they overtake to give a spade ruff, dummy provides three discards for declarer's black-suit losers. If South ducks, declarer wins the club return and draws trump ending in dummy to take a ruffing finesse in diamonds, with the SQ being the entry to cash out the suit.

Gilad Altschuler brought home the game in a completely different way. The CK lead was ducked and the defense

found the S10 shift. He won the SQ, then ran the H8, led a club to the ace and ruffed a club with the HA, finessed in hearts again, drew the last trump and led a diamond up. Whichever defender won, they could not prevent him establishing a diamond for his tenth trick.

A Spade, A Spade, My Kingdom For A Spade!**Bd: 22 Dlr: E Vul: E-W****North**

S. J 9 5 3 2

H. A Q 3

D. K 5 4 2

C. 2

West

S. Q 10 7

H. 8 7 4 2

D. 3

C. K J 6 4 3

East

S. A 8 6

H. K 10 9 6

D. J 7 6

C. Q 10 7

South

S. K 4

H. J 5

D. A Q 10 9 8

C. A 9 8 5

One of the hardest problems on defense is to lead one suit and shift to another when the primary indications are that your lead has struck gold. Although 5D is surely the best game here, it is very tempting to get to 3NT by a sequence such as 1NT-2H-2S-3N-All Pass. This was what happened when Louk Verhees was declarer. A fourth highest club went to the CQ: Verhees ducked the club 10, won his ace on the third round, tested diamonds, then finessed in hearts. Ekeblad won his HK and underled in spades but Verhees put up the SK of course and claimed 9 tricks when it held.

To set the hand, Ekeblad has to shift to a spade at trick three (Jansma cannot realistically overtake the club since if partner has SK X X he needs the spade shift from the other side). But a well-established partnership might play that if West conceals the C3 at trick two, his partner should shift?

Christal Henner-Welland declared 6D from North after an auction starting 1N-2H-2S-3D-4D when she rather ebulliently cuebid 4H. East led the C10 (well done!) and Christal won and ruffed a club, led a spade to the SK, a spade to the SJ and SA, ruffed the spade continuation, ruffed a club, drew trumps and claimed. Our anonymous West (who was kind enough to show me the deal) issued a gallic "mea culpa" for failing to rise with the SQ on the second spade for the fatal heart shift!

Bd: 24 Dlr: W Vul: N-S

2008 John Roberts Teams Session III - Revisited

North

S. J 6 3 2

H. 4

D. Q 10 9 8 3

C. Q J 9

West

S. 9 5 4

H. A K 10 3

D. A K 6 5 4

C. 2

East

S. A K 8

H. 9 6 5 2

D. ———

C. K 8 6 5 4 3

South

S. Q 10 7

H. Q J 8 7

D. J 7 2

C. A 10 7

4H here was bid around the room – and the 4-1 trump break and CA offside make life tough. Let's say you declare that contract as East on a spade lead. You win the SA, cross to the HA to lead a club to the king and ace, and get a trump back. You take the HK to find the bad news, then need the hand with four hearts to hold three clubs, three diamonds and therefore three spades. So DA, DK (pitching a spade and a club), diamond ruff, SK, club ruff, spade ruff, club ruff, and that is 10 tricks.

What can go wrong? Well, imagine declarer's problems when the devious Billy Cohen on lead, advanced the S10! In mid-hand, Berkowitz found the 4-1 trump break and now thought Cohen had a 2-4-4-3 pattern. So he tried to ruff two diamonds to hand, and got overruffed on the second attempt.

No Electronic Devices in the Playing Area

Absolutely no electronic devices capable of sending or receiving signals (other than hearing aids) may be brought into the playing rooms under any circumstances.

Friday's bulletin ran the wrong deal with this article. I'm sure neither Sjoert nor Bas would like to see this deal again but in the interests of full reporting....

Bd: 8

Dlr: W

Vul: Neither

North

S. 3 2

H. 10 8 2

D. Q J 10 6 5 2

C. J 10

West

S. Q J 8 7 5

H. A 6 4

D. K 9 8

C. Q 8

East

S. A K 6 4

H. 9 7

D. A 4 3

C. A K 9 7

South

S. 10 9

H. K Q J 5 3

D. 7

C. 6 5 4 3 2

Lev-Pepsi missed slam – 1S-2N-4S-All Pass – with Pepsi's final pass seeming to be amazingly pessimistic. Not to worry, Drijver-Brink had a Blackwood auction where responder asked for the trump Q, and got a 6D response showing the SQ and the DK. Now does 6H ask for the HK or CA? One member of the partnership meant it as a heart-ask.

The other interpreted it as a club ask. 7S down one – and 11 imps away instead of 11 in. (The technical solution when asked for the SQ is to cuebid your king if you have one, or the one you don't have with two.) The partnership was playing this way which makes the 6H ask aggressive). Altschuler won by 14 imps to regain the lead and drop Welland to 2nd place, with two matches to go.

A BIG thank you to all of the players, directors and staff that made the 2008 Cavendish Invitational a HUGE success!

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 11, 2008

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

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session IV

Bd: 15

Dlr: S

Vul: N-S

Bd: 9

Dlr: N

Vul: E-W

North

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

West

S. J 10 8 5
H. A J 10 8 5
D. A K 10
C. A

East

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

South

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

North

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

West

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

East

S. 10
H. A 9 5 3
D. A Q 9 2
C. A Q 4 2

South

S. K Q J 8
H. K Q J 8 7 6
D. 6
C. 8 7

At the top level of the game it is always hard when on defense to lead the same suit that declarer is playing on – it is almost as if by doing that you are implying declarer made a mistake.

Here Weinstein/Levin bid to a thin game after 1H-1N-2S-3S-4S. Helness led the D8 to declarer's king and a heart to dummy saw a spade to the 10 and Q. What now? Since Helgemo had contributed an encouraging diamond to trick one, Helness played him to have ducked the DA, and led another diamond. Now declarer had the entries to ruff two hearts in dummy and play a second trump, claiming 10 tricks when they split. A trump continuation at trick three would obviously have left declarer in far worse shape. It's hard to see that declarer had any better line available.

On the convention card for Ventin/Lambardi if it does not say "TTASL" — but it should. This stands for "Teach Them A Sharp Lesson." If they reopen from partscore bid game (or should it be slam?). Ventin balanced over 1H with a double intending to convert spades to no-trump. Partner bid 1S, RHO competed to 2H, partner balanced with 3D! Suddenly a moderate hand became a spectacularly good. Ventin settled for game but of course 6D (or even 7D?) can be made today. Even making game was good though, with the field failing to reach game – or selling out to hearts.

Of course there are more ways to kill a cat than by choking it with cream. J.C. Quantin as West passed the 1H opening and the auction proceeded:

South	West	North	East
1H	Pass	1N	Pass
2H	Pass	Pass	2N
Pass ?			

Looking at the major suit mesh he jumped to 5D! When that was doubled by responder you can hardly blame Bompis for redoubling, can you? On a heart lead, Quantin ruffed, led a diamond to the D9, ruffed a heart, led a diamond to the DQ, ruffed a heart and claimed 7...for the unusual (in this context) score of +1200.

Awards Ceremony

Please join the winners in the LaCascada room at 3:00pm for the closing party.