# $\mathfrak{T h e} \mathfrak{C a w e n d i s h}$ Innutational 

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## Helgemo-Helness Strong in Day 2 Levin-Weinstein Close Behind...

When the auction was held prior to this pair event, Levin and Weinstein went for the most money, followed by Helgemo and Helness. And with one session to go, those two pairs are at the top of the table - although in reverse order. The Norwegians lead the Americans by 335 imps. Third are the Swedes who were leading for the first three sessions, De Knijff and Wrang, 164 imps behind Levin and Weinstein.

It is likely that the winners will be one of these three pairs, but not certain. If you bid and make a vulnerable small slam that everyone else misses, you gain 286 imps . It is possible to make up — and lose —a lot of ground very quickly.

It will surely be an interesting final 26 deals today.
In the WBP Pairs, after two sessions Fred Hamilton and John Jeffrey enjoy a 90-imp lead over Howard Parker and David Siebert. Third are Sheri Winestock and Fred Gitelman another 119 imps behind.

Strangely, only five of the fourteen pairs have plus imp totals.

## Leaders of the $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ Cavendish Invitational Pairs After 4

1. 2558.00
2. 2223.00
3. 2059.00
4. 1366.00
5. 1347.00
6. 1084.00
7. 1066.00
8. 1034.00
9. 1001.00
10. 990.00
11. 965.00
12. 846.00
13. 601.00

1 Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein
7 Martin De Knijff - Frederic Wrang
11 Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin
8 Josef Piekarek - Alex Smirnov
18 Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis
20 Drew Casen - Mike Passell
10 Jie Zhao - Fu Zhong
45 Chip Martel - Kit Woolsey
31 Nicolas L'Ecuyer - Jim Krekorian
32 Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver
44 Bart Bramley - NikolayDemirev
26 Michael Elinescu - E. Wladow
14. 581.00
15. 560.00
16. 314.00
17. 301.00
18. 269.00
19. $74.00 \quad 22$ Marc Bompis - Jean-Chris Quantin
20. $41.00 \quad 37 \quad$ Billy Cohen - Ron Smith
21. $\quad 13.00 \quad 30$ Russ Ekeblad - Jan Jansma
22. $-13.00 \quad 27$ Ashley Bach - Michael Cornell
23. $-69.00 \quad 43$ Roy Welland - Chris Willenken
24. -127.00 35 Ahmed Hussein - Eric Rodwell
25. -185.00 42 Christal HWelland - M. Rosenberg
26. -221.00 41 Hamish Bennett - Billy Miller

## Hamilton-Jeffrey On Top In WBP Pairs

| 1. | 468 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | 378 | 12 |
| 3. | 159 | 11 |
| 4. | 130 | 8 |
| 5. | 13 | 10 |
| 6. | -44 | 7 |
| 7. | -55 | 13 |

2. 37812
3. 1308
4. 1310
5. -55 13
6. 15911 Fred Gitelman - Sheri Winestock

Fred Hamilton - John Jeffrey
Howard Parker - David Siebert
Ross Taylor - David Colbert Marshall Miles - William Wickham Marc Jacobus - Lou Ann O'Rourke Andrew Rosenthal - A. Silverstein
8. -722

9/10.-84 3
9/10.-84 14
11.-112 6
12. -128 5
13. -202 4
14. -367 1

Magy Mohan - Miriam Rosenberg Leo Bell - John Jones Barry Schaffer - Colby Vernay Joshua Donn - Jason Feldman Kevin Bathurst - Justin Blanchard Bob Soni - Robert Todd Mike Cappelletti Jr - Jim Mahaffey

## 2010 Cavendish Invitational Auction

| \# | Pair |  | Bid | Purchased By |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Curtis Cheek | Joe Grue | 29,000 | Compton |
| 2 | Sjoert Brink | Bas Drijver | 32,000 | Melchers |
| 3 | Steve Sanborn | Kerrie Sanborn | House | Not for Auction |
| 4 | Jack Zhao | Fu Zhong | 23,000 | Diamond |
| 5 | Eric Greco | Geoff Hampson | 42,000 | Zimmermann |
| 6 | Mark Lair | Roger Lord | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 7 | Seymon Deutsch | John Kranyak | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 8 | Franck Multon | Pierre Zimmermann | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 9 | Hamish Bennett | Billy Miller | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 10 | Ashley Bach | Michael Cornell | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 11 | Bart Bramley | Nikolay Demirev | 13,000 | Rogoff |
| 12 | Paul Chemla | Romain Zaleski | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 13 | Robert Blanchard | Shane Blanchard | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 14 | Martin DeKnijff | Frederic Wrang | 14,500 | Zimmermann |
| 15 | Billy Cohen | Ron Smith | 18,000 | Diamond |
| 16 | Josef Piekarek | Alex Smirnov | 23,000 | Zimmermann |
| 17 | Hemant Lall | Justin Lall | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 18 | Steve Beatty | George Jacobs | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 19 | Manuel Capucho | Maria Capucho | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 20 | Chris Compton | Bob Hamman | 14,000 | Mahaffey |
| 21 | Chip Martel | Kit Woolsey | 13,000 | Diamond |
| 22 | Gunnar Andersson | Marten Gustavsson | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 23 | Bruce Rogoff | Louk Verhees | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 24 | Russ Ekeblad | Jan Jansma | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 25 | Bjorn Fallenius | Peter Fredin | 28,000 | Welland |
| 26 | Michael Elinescu | Entscho Wladow | 13,000 | Zimmermann |
| 27 | Christal Henner-Welland | Michael Rosenberg | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 28 | Gary Cohler | Eric Robinson | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 29 | Boye Brogeland | Artur Malinowski | 25,000 | Zimmermann |
| 30 | Sam Lev | Jacek Pszczola | 35,000 | Zimmermann |
| 31 | Nicolas L'Ecuyer | Jim Krekorian | 13,000 | Rosenthal |
| 32 | Steve Garner | Zia Mahmood | 24,000 | Zimmermann |
| 33 | Albert Faigenbaum | Dominique Pilon | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 34 | Glenn Grotheim | UlfTundal | 24,000 | Elinescu |
| 35 | Robert Levin | Steve Weinstein | 62,000 | Diamond |
| 36 | Michel Bessis | Thomas Bessis | 23,000 | Platnick |
| 37 | Huub Bertens | John Mohan | 14,500 | Zimmermann |
| 38 | John Diamond | Brian Platnick | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 42 | Perry Johnson | Jeff Meckstroth | 13,000 | Zimmermann |
| 43 | Ahmed Hussein | Eric Rodwell | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 44 | Michael Kamil | Michael Moss | 13,000 | Zimmermann |
| 45 | Simon DeWijs | Bauke Muller | 25,000 | Diamond |
| 46 | Geir Helgemo | Tor Helness | 49,000 | Mahaffey |
| 48 | Roy Welland | Chris Willenken | 17,000 | Rogoff |
| 49 | Marc Bompis | Jean-Christophe Quantin | 12,500 | Themselves |
| 50 | Drew Casen | Mike Passell | 16,000 | Goren |

## The Third Session of the Pairs

## by Phillip Alder

For a change of pace, I decided to follow the leaders, Martin De Knijff and FredericWrang.They play for Sweden, although De Knijff has lived in Las Vegas for some years. He used to play bridge, but "retired" in his early twenties, preferring to compete in poker tournaments. Now, though, he says he is enjoying both games.

For the first round, they were on Vu-Graph against Nick L'Ecuyer and Jim Krekorian. The CanadianAmerican pairing came out with guns ablazing!

Board I
DIr:North
Vul: None

West

- K Q 82

『 32
$\diamond$ KJ 96
\& A K 8
North
4653
PA96
$\diamond A$ Q 1043

- J 7


## East

- 197

๑KQJIO 74
$\diamond 8$
\& 654

## South

- A 104
$\bigcirc 85$
$\diamond 752$
\& Q 10932

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wrang | L'Ecuyer | De Knijff | Krekorian |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | $3 \searrow$ | Pass |
| $4 \triangleright$ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Three hearts was probably not the universal choice.
Krekorian led the diamond two. L'Ecuyer took dummy's queen with his ace and made the expert shift to the club seven.

Declarer won in the dummy and called for the diamond king: ace, ruff.The spade nine went to dummy's king and the diamond six was ruffed, but the ten did not drop. Now East led his heart king, North taking his ace and returning the club jack. Declarer won in the dummy, drew trumps and led his spade jack, but South won and cashed his high club for down one.

That gave North-South 73 international match points. (That is equivalent to 3.5 normal imps because each result is scored 22 times.)

North-South continued to apply the pressure:

Board 2
Dlr: East
Vul: N-S

West

- K 7
$\bigcirc 84$
$\diamond$ AK 862
28632

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North
- Q 1032
- KQ 7
\(\diamond\) Q 943
\(\%\) A 10
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East
©AJ3 2
$\diamond$ J 7
\&K9754
South

- A 8654
$\bigcirc 10965$
$\diamond 105$
Q

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wrang | L'Ecuyer | De Knijf | Krekorian |
|  |  | Pass | Pass |
| $1 \diamond$ | Pass | 18 | Pass |
| INT (a) | Pass | 3\% (b) | All Pass |

(a) Four-plus clubs
(b) Game-invitational

Krekorian led the spade four! Naturally declarer played low from the dummy. L'Ecuyer took the trick with his queen and shifted to the club ten!

It is easy for us to say, seeing all 52 cards, but surely declarer should have covered with his king, willing to pay off if North started with the queen-jack-ten of clubs. When East did not cover the club ten, he suddenly had five losers: two spades, one heart and two clubs.

Plus 50 was worth 98 imps to North-South. Plus IIO East-West would have been plus II to North-South.

> To all the mothers in the bridge world... Happy
> Mother's Day!

Board 3 was less interesting, the Swedes, with a combined 25 high-card points, bidding a four-heart contract that could not be beaten, but they gained a surprisingly pleasant 74 imps.

With both sides vulnerable and in fourth position, you pick up:

Ⓚ 954

- 107
$\diamond$ AK 105
- KJ 4

The auctions starts:

| West | North | East | South <br> You |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 (a) | I $\diamond$ | Dble (b) | Redble |
| $2 \vee$ (c) | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{2 s}$ | Pass | ?? |

(a) Clubs or any balanced hand outside the 14-16 range
(b) Hearts
(c) Four hearts but a minimum opening bid

What would you do now?

Third in hand with only your side vulnerable, you hold:

(a) Natural but limited to 14 points (or a bad I5)

What would you bid?

## Bridgemate Scoring

We are still having a lot of score corrections after the sessions. To date, all of the corrections should have been recognized at the table and fixed before sending the scores to the main computer. E-W, please take time to check the scores before you hit "OK".

Now back to the first of those problems. This was the full deal:

|  | North |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board 4 | ¢ A 863 |  |
| Dlr:West | PJ6 |  |
| Vul: Both | $\diamond$ Q J 962 |  |
|  | ¢98 |  |
| West |  | East |
| Q J 102 |  | ¢ Q 7 |
| $\checkmark$ A Q 43 |  | ¢K9852 |
| $\checkmark 43$ |  | $\checkmark 87$ |
| \& A Q 75 |  | \% 10632 |

South
\&K 954
ค 107
$\diamond$ AK 105
-KJ4
Robinson raised to three spades, which was one too high.

Cohler reasonably argued that if he had a hand strong enough to make game, he would not have passed over two hearts or bid only two spades. But I still wonder if very light overcalls that take up no bidding space cost more than they gain.

Plus 100 gave the Swedes 52 imps .
Board 5 was a dull three notrump for North-South, Gary Cohler and Eric Robinson. Only 2 imps changed hands.

## The Perfect Ending <br> by Sam Leckie, Scotland

When I looked at the scoreboard with only the final session to be played, I had the same feeling I had a week ago when I watched "Super Saver" enter the final straight in the Kentucky Derby.
With Helgemo-Helness in first position, and SmithCohen still in touch, they are both perfectly placed to come up the rails and win convincingly.
This is of course my last effort this year, but I have great news for you all. In the event of the "right result," World Bridge Productions has arranged for me to have a podium at the closing party to sign autographs. Needless to say, there will be a small charge (no checks, please).

This was the sixth deal:

|  | North |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board 6 | - A 52 |  |
| Dlr: East | ¢K985 |  |
| Vul: E-W | $$ |  |
| West |  | East |
| - K 6 |  | Q Q 974 |
| $\bigcirc$ - |  | $\bigcirc$ - 1074 |
| $\diamond$ K 108732 |  | $\checkmark 9$ |
| ¢KJ642 |  | - A Q 8 |
|  | South |  |
|  | -1083 |  |
|  | ¢QJ 632 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 654 |  |
|  | -3 |  |

Over two hearts,Wrang settled for two spades, which made with two overtricks. (South led his singleton, the defense taking one spade, one diamond and one club ruff.) Five clubs would also have made. And six pairs did bid and make game, three making five clubs and three getting three notrump through! However, plus 170 gained De Knijff and Wrang I imp because there were six North-South plus scores from undertricks.


This was the next deal:

|  | North © AJ 95 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board 7 |  |  |  |
| DIr: South | 『J5 |  |  |
| Vul: Both | $\checkmark$ K 7 |  |  |
| \& AKIO53 |  |  |  |
| West |  |  | East |
| ¢ 8743 |  |  | ¢ K 106 |
| $\bigcirc 642$ |  |  | $\bigcirc$ K 109 |
| $\diamond$ Q 2 |  |  | $\diamond 1098643$ |
| \& Q 642 |  |  | * 7 |
| South |  |  |  |
| - Q 2 |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc$ A Q 873 |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ AJ 5 |  |  |  |
| \% 98 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Wrang | Rodwell | De Knijff | Hussein |
|  |  |  | 18 |
| Pass | 20 | Pass | 2 |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

Six clubs needs approximately two finesses out of three, which is 50 percent in itself. So this is slightly against the odds. But, as you can see, everything makes - even seven clubs!

Only three pairs got to a slam, so De KnijffWrang gained just 36 imps.

Board 8 was a dull partscore, Ahmed Hussein from Egypt making one notrump with an overtrick to win 18 imps.

And Board 9 was a boring two hearts down one by Rodwell, which gained the Swedes 23 imps .

On Board IO, Ron Smith misguessed the play in one notrump to go down and lose 4 l imps.

On the next deal, Wrang made three notrump with an overtrick to collect 3 imps .

Fallenius-Fredin and Muller-De Wijs made six diamonds, guessing how to play J-10-6-3-2 opposite A-K-8-5 for no loser (or maybe getting a heart lead away from the king). In diamonds, you had to finesse.

MEACULPA
On page 7 of yesterday's bulletin, the names of Josef Piekarek and Alex Smirnov are transposed. Piekarek was North and Smirnov was South. We regret the error.

Next came:

North
Board 12
Dlr:West
Vul: N-S
4984
๑8762
$\diamond$ K 832
\& 52
West
$\$ K Q 102$
$\vee K 94$
$\diamond 96$
$\& K Q J 7$

South

- AJ 5
- 105
$\diamond$ A Q J 10754
c 9

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cohen | De Knijff | Smith | Wrang |
| 1\% | Pass | 18 | $2 \diamond$ |
| 2 | Pass | 2. (a) | Pass |
| 30 (b) | 3 - | $4 \diamond$ | Pass |
| 49 | Pass | 6\% | All Pas |

(a) Inquiry
(b) Maximum but only three hearts
(c) Too little, too late

Would you have bid three diamonds immediately with that North hand? Damn the vulnerability, feel the fit!

It would have stopped East's inquiry. But, of course, probably South would have jumped to five diamonds, which would either cost 800 or push East into bidding six clubs.

It turned out that 19 of the 23 pairs got to six clubs, so Billy Cohen and Smith gained only 44 imps.

On Board 13, North-South had a balanced 14 opposite a balanced II. Many got to three notrump. Just looking at the North-South hands, it seems easy-peasy, but the distribution was foul and taking eight tricks required some good guesswork. Steve Beatty misguessed and went down three, giving De Knijff and Wrang I37 imps.

Board 14 was a simple small slam bid by the room.

Thanks to Phillip Alder for his endless hours of detective work and brilliant hand analysis.
~ Bulletin Editor

On the next deal, dealer with only your side vulnerable, you pick up:

> \& K J 86
> 『K 102
> $\diamond$ Q 942
> \& A 5

You open one diamond, and partner responds three clubs, six or seven clubs with game-invitational values. What would you do, if anything?

And here's another problem. Fourth in hand with neither side vulnerable, you are dealt:

4 8765
©A976
$\diamond A K$
\% 107
West North East

18 ls
28
South
?!

What would you bid? Back to those in a moment.

> Second After
> Four Sessions with 2223 Imps


Steve Weinstein
Bobby Levin

This was the first deal of the next round:

| Board 16 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { North } \\ & \text { Q } 9852 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr:West | ¢K92 |  |  |
| Vul: E-W |  |  |  |
|  | $\text { \& K K } 10654$ |  |  |
| West |  |  | East |
| ¢ KJ |  |  | 4 A Q 6 |
| QJ876 |  |  | $\bigcirc 104$ |
| $\diamond$ J 1087 |  |  | $\diamond$ KQ 942 |
| ¢J83 |  |  | \& Q 92 |
| South S. 10743 | South |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ A Q 53 |  |  |  |
| $\diamond$ A 653 |  |  |  |
| - 7 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| De Knijff | Miller | Wrang | Bennett |
| Pass | 1\% | $1 \diamond$ | Dble |
| 3 - | 39 | Pass | 49 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

Billy Miller handled the play nicely. He ruffed the dia-mond-king lead in his hand and played a trump, which ran toWest's jack. Back came a diamond. North trumped and led another spade. East produced a crocodile coup, winning with his spade ace to swallow his partner's king. He then cashed the spade queen before leading a diamond. But it was to no avail. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played off his two top clubs, and ruffed a club in the dummy. When they broke 3-3, it was all over.

Plus 420 gave North-South 54 imps.
Now back to George Jacobs' rebid after $1 \diamond-3 \%$. I was surprised when he passed. True, he has only one ace and two clubs, but vulnerable at imps it pays to be aggressive.

These were the partnership hands:

| ¢KJ86 | - 7 |
| :---: | :---: |
| ¢K102 | $\bigcirc$ A 95 |
| $\diamond$ Q 942 | $\diamond$ K 53 |
| \& 5 | 2KJ8642 |

We would want to be in three notrump, and with queenthird of clubs onside, there was an overtrick available.

Being only minus 150 gave De Knijff and Wrang a whopping 204 imps when only three pairs were out of game.

The other bidding query comes from this deal:

|  | North |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board 17 | ¢ AK 4 |  |  |
| Dlr:North | ¢KJ832 |  |  |
| Vul: None | $\checkmark 62$ |  |  |
|  | 2943 |  |  |
| West |  |  | East |
| ¢ 8765 |  |  | ¢ QJ 1093 |
| PA976 |  |  | $\bigcirc$ Q 10 |
| $\checkmark$ AK |  |  | $\diamond$ Q 9873 |
| \% 107 |  |  | \% 8 |
|  | South |  |  |
|  | ¢ 2 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 54$ |  |  |
|  | $\diamond$ J 1054 |  |  |
|  | \& AKQ652 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| De Knijff | Miller | Wrang | Bennett |
|  | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 49 | Dble | All Pass |  |

At the time, I thought four spades was an overbid. If South has enough for a two-level response, East must have made a light overcall. And I was not surprised when four spades had no chance, going one down. But if he had invited game, which East would have declined, of course, maybe North-South would have found their way into three notrump (which requires only a good heart guess, but was made by only Boye Brogeland and Artur Malinowski). Minus 100 proved to cost the Swedes 76 imps.

The last board of the sixth round was a dull three notrump for the Swedes. They gained an overtrick worth 41 imps . (Five pairs missed game.)

## Closing Party



## Lobby Bar \& Terrace 3:00pm

Life got much more exciting when De Knijff and Wrang went onto Vu-Graph against Roy Welland and Chris Willenken.

|  | North$\text { © A } 8743$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board 19 |  |  |  |
| DIr:South | $\bigcirc 874$ |  |  |
| Vul: E-W | $\diamond$ J 5 |  |  |
| 2965 |  |  |  |
| West |  |  | East |
| ¢ 6 |  |  | ¢KJ 92 |
| ¢KJ3 |  |  | $\bigcirc 102$ |
| $\checkmark$ K Q 10 |  |  | $\checkmark$ A 42 |
| ¢K732 |  |  | - A Q 108 |
| South |  |  |  |
| Q ${ }^{1} 105$ |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc$ AQ965 |  |  |  |
| $\diamond 963$ |  |  |  |
| 2 J 4 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Wrang | Welland | De Knijff | Willenken |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| $1 \diamond$ | 14 | Dble (a) | $2 \checkmark$ (b) |
| 2NT (c) | Pass | 3NT | Dble |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

(a) Read the text
(b) A good three-card single spade raise
(c) Competitive at the three-level; three clubs would have shown a strong hand

## Final Bulletin and Results

Cavendish Invitational Pairs and the
World Bridge Production Pairs results may be found on the
Cavendish Invitational Website at www.cavendishinvitational.com

Neither East nor West alerted East's negative double. South assumed it showed four hearts, so doubled three no-trump to ask for a heart lead, which he did not get, North leading a spade.

When the dummy was tabled, South was unhappy. And after west had won an overtrick, South called for the tournament director.

It transpired that East could not respond two clubs because that would have shown a limited hand with diamond support. With a big balanced hand, he had to start with a double.

Eventually the tournament directors ruled that the contract be scored as three notrump undoubled plus one. This gave Welland-Willenken 16 imps .

On Board 20 the Swedes got to an uncomfortable two hearts, which Wrang misguessed to go down two instead of one. That gave the Americans 93 imps . (Minus 100 would have cost only 26 imps .)

On the next deal,Wrang held:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \qquad A K Q \\
& \diamond Q J 103 \\
& \diamond Q 9862 \\
& \& 2
\end{aligned}
$$

Lefty opened one notrump, 14-16, righty used Stayman, then raised a two-heart rebid to four hearts.

Would you pass or double?
The risk in doubling is that the opponents run to a making four notrump. But how likely is that making, looking at your hand?

A rubber-bridge player would always double, but Wrang did not.And when De Knijff did not find a spade lead from ten-nine-fourth, preferring a diamond from ten-third, Welland got out for down one. This cost the Swedes III imps because the scoresheet was littered with 200s and 500s.

## 2010 WBP Pairs Overall Awards

|  | Auction | Players |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1st | $\$ 5,580$ | $\$ 2,900$ |
| 2nd | $\$ 4,100$ | $\$ 2,132$ |
| 3rd | $\$ 2,900$ | $\$ 1,508$ |
| 4th | $\$ 1,550$ | $\$ 810$ |

3rd Session Winners - \$1000

The Swedes stayed on Vu-Graph.

| North |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Board 22 |  | - K 842 |  |
| Dlr: East |  | ¢K865 |  |
| Vul: E-W |  | $\checkmark$ K 97 |  |
|  |  | \& Q 5 |  |
| West |  |  | East |
| Q Q 95 |  |  | ¢ 46 |
| $\bigcirc$ A 4 |  |  | $\bigcirc{ }^{\text {J }} 7$ |
| $\checkmark 43$ |  |  | $\diamond$ AQ 10852 |
| 2 109742 |  |  | ¢ AK |
| South |  |  |  |
| -1073 |  |  |  |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 10932 |  |  |  |
| $\stackrel{J}{ } 6$ |  |  |  |
| ¢ 186 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Wrang | Martel | De Knijff | Woolsey |
|  |  | $1 \diamond$ | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 29 (a) | Pass |
| $2 \checkmark$ | Pass | 30 (b) | Pass |
| 4\% | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| (a) Six-plus diamonds |  |  |  |
| (b) A game-try with almost certainly $2=2=6=3$ distribu- |  |  |  |

If you get to five clubs, you would make it, winning the heart lead with dummy's ace and immediately playing a diamond to the queen. But in four clubs, De Knijff took the spade finesse at trick two. When it held, he played a spade to his ace and gave up a heart. Chip Martel (North) won and shifted to a trump. East took that, cashed the diamond ace and continued with a low diamond. East won the trump return, ruffed a diamond in the dummy, trumped a spade in his hand, and led a winning diamond, discarding dummy's remaining spade.East lost one heart, one diamond and one club.

Plus 130 proved to be worth 83 imps because 17 East-West pairs went minus.

On Board 23 De Knijff misdefended to let Martel win a couple of overtricks in one notrump, costing 25 imps (minus 81 instead of minus 56).

Then Martel could have made three diamonds but misguessed the end-position to go down one. Even so, minus 50 gave Martel and Kit Woolsey 7 imps . Plus 110 would have gained the Americans 80 imps .

In the last round the Swedes played against Kerri and Steve Sanborn. On the first deal, the Americans bid to a normal four spades that went down because trumps broke 4-I. Surprisingly, five pairs made four spades to gain 210 imps . So plus 100 gained 75 imps for the Swedes.

Then the Swedes got to a normal four hearts, losing 15 imps when De Knijff did not gain an available overtrick.

This was the last deal:

| Board 27 | North $\text { Q } 104$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| DIr:South | $\bigcirc$ - |
| Vul: None | $$ |
| West | East |
| 498532 | A A 6 |
| $\bigcirc$ - | ¢KQ 1032 |
| $\diamond$ A 97652 | $\diamond$ J |
| - J 2 | \& A 964 |
|  | South |
|  | ¢ K 7 |
|  | ¢AJ987654 |
|  | $\diamond 103$ |
|  | $\%$ Q |

Analyze the deal with South or East in a heart contract.
At our table,Wrang opened and closed the auction with four hearts.

Kerri Sanborn led the diamond ace, but it was a bad deal for normal signals. Not knowing who had the missing diamond, she shifted to the spade nine. That killed the diamond ruff and let declarer get out for down three. He lost one spade, three hearts, one diamond and one club to gain 42 imps .

At the end of the third session, De Knijff and Wrang were still in first place, 34 imps ahead of Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness. The defending champions, Bobby Levin and SteveWeinstein were another 378 imps back in third.

To end, let's go back to that last deal. Strangely, East can make one heart! He takes one spade, four hearts, one diamond and one club. South is endplayed to give East all of those trump tricks.

When did you last see a 5-0 fit play better than an 8-0 fit? If you have, were the missing trumps splitting $8-0$ ?

## Schedule of Bvents

Sunday, May 9, 2010

| 10:30am | Final Session CIP | Estancia Ballroom |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TBA | Final Session WBP Pairs | La Cascada |
| 3:00pm | Closing Party | Lobby Bar \& Terrace |

## Cavendish Invitational Pairs Overall Awards

| Position | Auction Pool | Player Pool |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ | $\$ 201,200$ | $\$ 25,508$ |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | $\$ 129,340$ | $\$ 16,398$ |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | $\$ 86,230$ | $\$ 10,932$ |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 64,670$ | $\$ 8,200$ |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 57,485$ | $\$ 7,288$ |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 50,300$ | $\$ 6,376$ |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 43,115$ | $\$ 5,466$ |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 35,930$ | $\$ 4,556$ |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 28,740$ | $\$ 3,644$ |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 21,560$ | $\$ 2,732$ |

## Cavendish Invitational Pairs Session Awards

From Auction Pool to Owners

|  |  |  | Sessi |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ | $5^{\text {th }}$ |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ | 2,500 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 12,000 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ |  |  | 2,500 | 2,500 | 8,000 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  |  | 1,000 | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ |  |  |  |  | 3,000 |
| From Player's Pool to Players |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ |  |  |  |  | 3,000 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ |  |  |  |  | 2,000 |

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