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Ventin Leads John Roberts Teams

At the end of Day One, the team captained by Juan Ventin (Andrea Buratti, Chris Compton, Gaylor Kasle, Pablo Lambardi, Massimo Lanzarotti) had 129 VPs, 16 VPs ahead of the second-place Seymon Deutsch squad (Billy Cohen, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek, Ron Smith, Paul Soloway), who with Balicki-Zmudzinski in place of Elahmady-Sadek led the event last year at the end of Day One (and eventually finished second to the Wigoder team—a new version of which is currently in seventh place). Tied for third place, just 1 VP back, are the Jim Mahaffey (Gary Cohler, Garey Hayden, Mark Lair, Barnet Shenkin, Chris Willenken) and Roy Welland (Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein) teams. The complete standings and match-by-match results are on p 3. The final three matches will be played today beginning at noon in Pavilions 1 & 5.

Opening Brunch Buffet Terrific—As Usual

This year's opening brunch buffet was once again simply wonderful. While everyone enjoyed the bountiful repast, our resident bean counters Bob Blanchard, Donna Compton and Billy Rosenbaum drew the pairings for Match One of the John Roberts Teams.



Despite the dim lighting, we caught this dynamic trio doing their thing.

Don't forget to dress up and show up tonight for the lavish and exquisite Cavendish Pairs cocktail party and auction, beginning at 6:15 in Pavilions 2 & 4.

Conditions of Contest: Expansions and Clarifications

In general, it is our intent to allow methods with which other contestants are expected to be familiar. It is also our intent to allow reasonable artificiality in auctions where the bidding side has guaranteed sufficient (high-card) values to invite game. Along with the current "prize-pool only" team format there will be no minimum play requirement for individuals; however, teams should make certain that all team members are listed on the entry before play commences. If you have any questions about your own or your opponents' methods, the person to see is Barry Rigal.

Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday, May 5	12:00 PM	3 rd (final) Session, Teams	Pavilion 1 & 5
	6:15 PM	Cocktail Party	Pavilion 2
	7:00 PM	Pairs Auction	Pavilion 2 & 4
Friday, May 6	12:30 PM	1 st Session, Pairs	Pavilion 1 & 5
	7:30 PM	2 nd Session, Pairs	Pavilion 1 & 5
Saturday, May 7	10:30 AM	WBP Brunch	Pavilion 10 & 11
	11:00 AM	WBP Auction	Pavilion 10 & 11
	12:30 PM	3 rd Session, Pairs	Pavilion 1 & 5
	12:30 PM	1 st Session, WBP Pairs	Pavilion 8
	7:30 PM	4 th Session, Pairs	Pavilion 1 & 5
	7:30 PM	2 nd Session, WBP Pairs	Pavilion 8
Sunday, May 8	10:30 AM	5 th Session, Pairs	Pavilion 1 & 5
	10:30* AM	3 rd Session, WBP Pairs	Pavilion 8
	2:30 PM	Closing Party	Pavilion 3 & 4 (or outside)

* provisionally

Entrants for the John Roberts Teams 2005

(Unofficial, based on information available at press time. Updates will be published as they become available.)

- 1 **Perry Johnson**, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 2 **LouAnn O'Rourke**, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Peter Fredin, Marc Jacobus, Magnus Lindkvist
- 3 **Jim Mahaffey**, Gary Cohler, Garey Hayden, Mark Lair, Barnet Shenkin, Chris Willenken
- 4 **Gene Freed**, Ross Grabel, Chris Larsen, Jon Wittes
- 5 **Pierre Zimmermann**, Fulvio Fantoni, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Pierre Saporta
- 6 **George Jacobs**, Steve Garner, Ralph Katz, Mike Passell, Howard Weinstein, Eddie Wold
- 7 **Juan Ventin**, Andrea Buratti, Chris Compton, Gaylor Kasle, Pablo Lambardi, Massimo Lanzarotti
- 8 **Charles Wigoder**, Michael Cornell, Gunnar Hallberg, Michael Rosenberg
- 9 **Andrei Gromov**, Alex Dubinin, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
- 10 **Roy Welland**, Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
- 11 **Seymour Deutsch**, Billy Cohen, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek, Ron Smith, Paul Soloway
- 12 **Russ Ekeblad**, Sheila Ekeblad, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Ron Rubin, Michael Seamon
- 13 **Billy Pollack**, David Berkowitz, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola
- 14 **Gilad Altschuler**, David Birman, Piotr Bizon, Michal Kwiecien
- 15 **Paul Lewis**, Roger Bates, Linda Lewis, Jim Robison
- 16 **Rose Meltzer**, Bob Hamman, Kyle Larsen, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
- 17 **Mike Moss**, Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian, Antonio Sementa
- 18 **Hansa Narasimhan**, Curtis Cheek, Vincent Demuy, Joe Grue, Joanna Stansby, Gavin Wolpert

Gamblers Non-Anonymous

Those players intending to gamble at the Rio during their stay are implored to register at the Total Awards desk, located in the casino area. It will be in your own best interest and that of the WBP if you do so.

John Roberts Teams: VP Standings After Day 1 (6 Matches)

(Team Rosters on p. 2)

Team #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total	Rank
1								9		9		11	3			4	15		51	18
2					26	8		11		8				20	22				95	10
3							20		20		9			29	9			25	112	3/4
4					9				4			26		12			21	14	86	12
5		4		21		4	11				1					26			66	15
6		22			26						21	8		5				7	89	11
7			10		19			29	26	20					25				129	1
8	21	19					1								0	27	29		97	7
9			10	26			4			9		28	19						96	8/9
10	21	22					10		21		22				16				112	3/4
11			21		29	9				8		25						21	113	2
12	19			4		22			2		5						3		55	17
13	27								11					0	0		24	17	79	13
14		10	1	18		25							30			22			106	6
15		8	21				5	30		14			30						108	5
16	26				5			3						8			30	0	72	14
17	15			9				1					27	6		0			58	16
18			5	16		23					9		13			30			96	8/9

John Roberts Teams Prize Awards



Place	Players
1 st	\$56,000
2 nd	\$39,500
3 rd	\$27,500
4 th	\$20,000
Best 3rd Session (not in top 4)	\$10,000



Special Notice: World Bridge Productions Pairs Pre-Auction

In order to generate interest and facilitate the live WBP Pairs auction, to be held on Saturday morning, May 8, provisions have been made to accept bids prior to the start of the live auction. Here's how it will work:

Arrayed around the Registration Desk will be preliminary owners' cards for all expected participants. (Not all of these pairs may attend, but the vast majority are expected.) If you wish to bid on a pair you may do so by entering the amount of your bid on the pair's card and signing your name opposite the bid amount (minimum bid

= \$1000). These bids will be considered binding, just as if they were made in the live auction. If your bid is not topped in either the pre- or live auctions you will become the owner of the pair and have all of the attendant rights and responsibilities. Remember, each pair must buy back 10% of their purchase price and may buy back up to 40% of themselves if they are so inclined.

Please confirm your bids with the appropriate parties at the Registration Desk.

Entrants for the WBP Pairs 2005

(Unofficial, based on information available at press time. Updates will be published as they become available.)

Pair #	Pair #
1 Jerry Weinstein – Sue Weinstein	16 Mike Cappelletti, Jr. – Doug Levene
2 Kerry Sanborn – Steve Sanborn	17 Jim Murphy –
3 Marc Jacobus – Lou Ann O'Rourke	20 Wafik Abdou – Connie Goldberg
4 Lynn Baker – Kay Schulle	21 Fared Assemi – Ed Wojewoda
5 Allan Falk – Peter Friedland	22 Terri Casen – Larry Cohen
6 Jim Mahafey – Barnett Shenkin	23 Mark Bartusek – Marshall Miles
7 Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	24 Roger Lord – Jacqueline Sincoff
8 Dan Jacob – Bryan Maksymetz	25 Simon Kantor – Murry Melton
9 Chris Compton – Gaylor Kasle	26 Bill Doroshow – Nate Ward
10 Sheila Ekeblad – Michael Seamon	27 Hemant Lall – Justin Lall
11 Kent Mignocchi – Beverly Perry	28 Leo Bell – John Jones
12 Espen Erichsen – David Stern	29 Rob Crawford – Joe Kivel
13 Bob Morris – Eddie Wold	30 Marinesa Letizia – Carlyn Steiner
14 Leanord Ernst – Mike Shuman	31 Fred Hamilton – John Jeffrey
15 Danielle Birman –	

Entrants for the Cavendish Pairs 2005

(Unofficial, based on information available at press time. Updates will be published as they become available.)

Pair #	Pair #
1 Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson	25 Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
2 Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes	26 Andrea Buratti – Massimo Lanzarotti
3 Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard	27 Gary Cohler – Chris Willenken
4 Walid Elahmady – Tarek Sadek	28 Michael Cornell – Michael Rosenberg
5 Fred Gittleman – Brad Moss	29 Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth
6 Norberto Bocchi – Giorgio Duboin	30 Franck Multon – J C Quantin
7 Bjorn Fallenius – Roy Welland	31 Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue
8 *	32 Gunnar Hallberg – Charles Wigoder
9 Gene Freed – Chris Larsen	33 Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey
10 Ross Grabel – Jon Wittes	34 Billy Cohen – Ron Smith
11 *	35 Russ Ekeblad – Ron Rubin
12 Drew Casen – Jim Krekorian	36 Pablo Lambardi – Juan Ventin
13 Piotr Bizon – Michael Kwiecien	37 Barry Goren – Gavin Wolpert
14 Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis	38 Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway
15 Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood	39 Christal Henner-Welland – Mike Kamil
16 Cezary Balicki – Adam Zmudzinski	40 Pierre Saporta – Pierre Zimmermann
17 David Berkowitz – Billy Pollack	41 *
18 Krystoff Lasocki – Eric Wieleman	42 Dennis Dawson – Eric Rodwell
19 Steve Garner – Howard Weinstein	43 Gilad Altschuler – David Birman
20 Alex Dubinin – Andrei Gromov	44 Amos Kaminski – Shaya Levit
21 Neil Chambers – John Schermer	45 Michael Moss – Antonio Sementa
22 Alejandro Bianchedi – Hector Camberos	46 Garey Hayden – Mark Lair
23 George Jacobs – Ralph Katz	47 Peter Fredin – Magnus Lindkvist
24 *	48 Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola

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The John Roberts Teams: Day One

Match One:

Bd: 3 ♠ Q985
 Dir: South ♥ A73
 Vul: E/W ♦ J3
 ♣ AK63

♠ 10	♠ KJ2
♥ K1098652	♥ J4
♦ A85	♦ K1097
♣ Q10	♣ 9872
♠ A7643	
♥ Q	
♦ Q642	
♣ J54	

Not everybody managed to reach 4♠ here, and of those who did, not everybody made it.

Two of the successful declarers were Vince Demuy and Bobby Levin. Demuy played 4♠ as South on the auction:

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

He ran the heart lead to his queen, then led a diamond to the jack and king. Back came a club so he put up the jack, covered by the queen and king. Now he played a second diamond and West took his ace to try and give his partner a heart ruff. Demuy took the ♥A pitching a club, and knew enough of West's high cards to lead the ♠Q to hold his spade losers to one.

Bobby Levin had an even harder task. He played 4♠ as North on the auction:

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			4♠

He received the ♥J lead to the queen, king and ace. He ruffed a heart, then led a diamond to the jack and king. Now he ducked the ♦10, and when a club came back he played low from dummy and won his king. He needed West to be 1=7=3=2 now, assuming that the ♦A was on his right, hence he too knew that the odds favored a singleton ♠J or ♠10 over the king, and thus he also guessed to lead the ♠Q and pin the ten.

Bd: 6	♠ A85
Dir: East	♥ K106
Vul: E/W	♦ AQJ9
	♣ 863
♠ 107	♠ K943
♥ Q2	♥ A5
♦ K653	♦ 1074
♣ K7542	♣ AQ109
	♠ QJ62
	♥ J98743
	♦ 82
	♣ J

When Paul Lewis declared 4♥ here as South after an artificial auction in which West had shown both minors and a weakish hand, Fallenius led a low club. (The ♣K would have worked, or a spade of course.) Welland won and found a spade shift—his best chance to set the hand if partner had ♠Jx or ♠Qx. Lewis won his ♠Q and ran the ♥7, ruffed the club return, drew trumps and ruffed another club. At this point (see the diagram below) he had a lock for the contract, assuming East had the ♠K:

	♠ A8
	♥ 10
	♦ AQJ9
	♣ ---
	♠ Q62
	♥ J9
	♦ 82
	♣ ---

He could lead a diamond to the jack, and even if the finesse lost, whatever East returned would concede his tenth trick.

Match Two:

Bd: 10	♠ 5
Dir: East	♥ A6
Vul: Both	♦ J10842
	♣ AK872
♠ 9762	♠ KJ8
♥ 10952	♥ KQJ73
♦ 9	♦ K753
♣ 6543	♣ J
	♠ AQ1043
	♥ 84
	♦ AQ6
	♣ Q109

After the opponents open the bidding it is always tough to reach a slam, and if both opponents bid it is even tougher. Chris Willenken and Gary Cohler managed it with no problem though:

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
3♥	Dbl(1)	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
(1) Minors			

On a heart lead Cohler won and took an immediate spade finesse to pitch his second heart, then simply drew trump and gave up a club.

Bd: 17	♠ QJ105		
Dir: North	♥ 2		
Vul: None	♦ J964		
	♣ AJ83		
♠ K9		♠ A832	
♥ AKJ865		♥ 1074	
♦ A10732		♦ KQ	
♣ ---		♣ 10965	
	♠ 764		
	♥ Q93		
	♦ 85		
	♣ KQ742		

Another tough slam. Passell-Wold coped with the deal beautifully:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dbl	2♦(1)	3♣
4♣	Pass	4♦(2)	Pass
4NT(3)	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
(1) Heart raise, 7-10			
(2) Last Train			
(3) Spade cue-bid			

For Hallberg-Wigoder the problem was not how to reach slam...it was how to stop!

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣(1)	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		
(1) Shortness			

Down one. We suppose you could say it was a little unlucky...but not *that* unlucky.

Match Three:

Bd: 19	♠ KQ1092		
Dir: South	♥ J982		
Vul: E/W	♦ 987		
	♣ 9		
♠ 543		♠ 7	
♥ 1075		♥ AK64	
♦ Q64		♦ A532	
♣ AJ54		♣ KQ103	
	♠ AJ86		
	♥ Q3		
	♦ KJ10		
	♣ 8762		
West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Dbl	2NT
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Dbl
All Pass			

Greed is a terrible thing: Part I. Steve Weinstein had a very tough call as West here. Passing 3♠ doubled nets his side +100 but he went for the jackpot with 4NT for the minors. South doubled 5♣ with visions of big numbers floating in his head. South began with ace and a second spade. Levin ruffed and tried a diamond. South won to play a third spade, which allowed Levin to ruff and draw trumps using the ♦Q as his late dummy entry. While it may seem that 200 or even 500 is possible on a trump lead, Deep Finesse says declarer can always hold it to down one. (We hate to be shown up by a computer program.)

Bd: 20	♠ K3		
Dir: West	♥ KQ753		
Vul: Both	♦ KJ		
	♣ A1096		
♠ 962		♠ 10874	
♥ AJ1062		♥ 984	
♦ Q42		♦ 985	
♣ J3		♣ 852	
	♠ AQJ5		
	♥ ---		
	♦ A10763		
	♣ KQ74		

On Board 20 Cheek-Grue had the following perfect auction to reach 7♣:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦(1)
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♣
All Pass			
(1) Key Card Blackwood			

Cheek's 2♦ response showed 12+ HCP, and his subsequent 3♣ 4=0=5=4 distribution. So the Blackwood responses showed the missing key cards since the ♥A would be ignored. Easy!

Bd: 21	♠ 1097		
Dlr: North	♥ 1093		
Vul: N/S	♦ A10973		
	♣ J10		
♠ AKJ86		♠ Q54	
♥ K54		♥ 8	
♦ Q62		♦ J84	
♣ A8		♣ KQ9643	
	♠ 32		
	♥ AQJ762		
	♦ K5		
	♣ 752		

Greed is a terrible thing: Part II. Gary Cohler declared 3♥ doubled on the auction:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	2♥(1)	3♣	3♥
Dbl(2)	All Pass		
(1) Weak			
(2) Strong, balanced			

South started with three rounds of spades, Cohler ruffing to play a club to the jack and queen. East returned a trump and when Cohler ducked West won the king and placed his partner with a 3=1=4=5 shape for his pass of 3♥ doubled. He returned a second trump keep declarer from ruffing his club losers in dummy...and the rest is history!



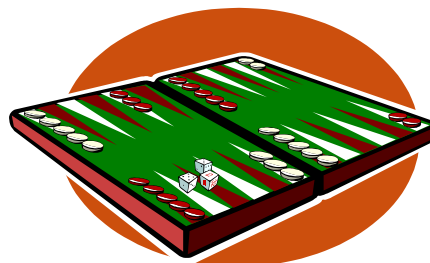
Match Four:

Bd: 4	♠ K5		
Dlr: West	♥ J		
Vul: Both	♦ 6532		
	♣ KQJ642		
♠ Q10962		♠ 843	
♥ 10432		♥ AK985	
♦ AQ4		♦ KJ98	
♣ 7		♣ 10	
	♠ AJ7		
	♥ Q76		
	♦ 107		
	♣ A9853		

You can always rely on Charles Wigoder to find a call unused by the rest of the field. Here, after his partner opened 3♣ in second chair, he had the problem of how to keep the opponents out of the bidding without jeopardizing his plus score. He found the obvious answer—a preemptive 3NT! West led from his spade sequence and Wigoder claimed nine tricks. Alas for him, he was *not* the only player to find the bid: Vince Demuy achieved the same +600 by an identical auction.

Bd: 7	♠ J96		
Dlr: South	♥ AQ106		
Vul: Both	♦ 32		
	♣ A974		
♠ K10543		♠ Q	
♥ K		♥ J87543	
♦ AK1085		♦ 76	
♣ 105		♣ K632	
	♠ A872		
	♥ 92		
	♦ QJ94		
	♣ QJ8		

It may only have been for an undertrick but we liked Demuy's defense as South here. On the opponents' auction 1♠-1NT; 2♦-2♥ he led the ♣Q and Gavin Wolpert overtook to cash the ♥A and return the ♣4. When declarer hopped up with the ♣K Demuy unblocked the ♣J. His logic was that when his partner overtook at trick one it guaranteed that he had decent club spots. Otherwise he would have ducked the club to ensure proper defensive communication.



Bd: 9	♠ AJ1085		
Dlr: North	♥ 1052		
Vul: E/W	♦ 82		
	♣ 1084		
♠ K62		♠ 7	
♥ A63		♥ QJ9	
♦ 10764		♦ AKQ5	
♣ QJ9		♣ K7652	
	♠ Q943		
	♥ K874		
	♦ J93		
	♣ A3		

Two stories here: Hamman-Zia bid to 5♦ on the unopposed sequence: 1♦-1NT; 2♣-2♥; 3♥-4♦; 5♦. Against this sequence Sementa found a great lead, the ♠Q! The defense continued the attack on spades, promoting the ♦J for their third trick. (This story is slightly spoiled by the fact that at the other table Martel-Stansby beat 4♦ on the same lead!)

Hansa Narasimhan and JoAnna Stansby were holding the same cards and showed how to do it.

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Dbl	3♥(1)
Dbl	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
(1) Good raise			

Try to beat 5♦ played by the weak hand (but don't try too hard...you can't).

Match Five:

Bd: 10	♠ J872		
Dlr: East	♥ J108		
Vul: Both	♦ K105		
	♣ 972		
♠ 10		♠ AK543	
♥ Q43		♥ AK752	
♦ 9763		♦ Q	
♣ AK1084		♣ Q3	
	♠ Q96		
	♥ 96		
	♦ AJ842		
	♣ J65		

Maybe there is something about this hand that is suitable for the Polish version of standard bidding. Lev-Pszczola bid unopposed: 1♠-1NT; 3♥-4♣; 4♦-4♥; 6♥. Balicki-Zmudinski had the same auction except that Balicki used keycard over his partner's 4♥ bid. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But these pairs were the exception rather than the rule; most played 4♥

here, the key to getting to slam being the 4♣ cue-bid.

Bd: 12	♠ Q108		
Dlr: West	♥ A107654		
Vul: N/S	♦ A106		
	♣ 2		
♠ A65		♠ KJ93	
♥ J3		♥ Q982	
♦ 9852		♦ Q73	
♣ K1095		♣ J8	
	♠ 742		
	♥ K		
	♦ KJ4		
	♣ AQ7643		

In the match between the two leading teams, both Norths ended up in a heart contract. Both Easts made no mistake, leading a spade to the ace, cashing their spade winners, and leading a fourth spade as West ruffed with the ♥J producing an extra trump winner by force to hold declarer to seven tricks. The difference was that Chris Willenken opened the North hand with 1♥ and was declaring 4♥ while Linda Lewis opened 2♥ and played there; 5 imps to the Lewis team.

Bd: 14	♠ Q4		
Dlr: East	♥ KQ65		
Vul: None	♦ AK63		
	♣ Q42		
♠ 7632		♠ A10	
♥ 1092		♥ AJ873	
♦ 98		♦ Q10742	
♣ AK85		♣ J	
	♠ KJ985		
	♥ 4		
	♦ J5		
	♣ 109763		

Eddie Wold got to play 4♥ doubled here on the auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
2♥	Dbl	3♦	Pass
4♥	Dbl	All Pass	

(On the same auction Gary Cohler as South pulled to 5♣ down 500.) Wold got a club lead. He cashed the two top clubs to pitch a spade, then led a diamond. North took the ♦K and led a spade so Wold won the ace and advanced the ♦Q, pinning the jack. Now he could arrange to overruff the next diamond in dummy and hold his trump losers to one, for +590. (By the way, just in case you don't know the name for a sacrifice that costs more than the value of a game but less than the doubled game, it's called a *Granville* sacrifice.)