

The Cavendish Invitational

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It's Moving Day in the Cavendish Pairs

After two of the five sessions of the Cavendish Invitational Pairs, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein have opened up nearly a 1,000-imp lead. This sounds a lot, but if you divide by 23, the number of comparisons, you get approximately 44imps — a nice advantage, but not insurmountable, given that there are still 84 boards to be played.

1 2976.36	1 Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	25 -0.36	47 Michael Elinescu - Entoscho Wladlow
2 2009.23	6 Connie Goldberg - Bill Eisenberg	26 -24.27	15 Paul Chemla - Romain Zaleski
3 1666.77	45 Geoff Hampson - Eric Rodwell	27 -118.64	38 Peter Bertheau - Fredrik Nystrom
4 1403.41	2 Roy Welland - Chris Willenken	28 -190.64	20 Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue
5 1289.73	43 Bart Bramley - Mike Passell	29 -204.00	36 George Jacobs - Ralph Katz
6 1220.36	8 Josef Piekarek - Alex Smirnov	30 -231.64	37 Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin
7 1100.77	46 Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	31 -385.36	3 Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian
8 1034.23	13 Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis	32 -386.36	5 Jill Levin - Jill Meyers
9 971.27	44 Gary Cohler - Michael Seamon	33 -393.32	26 Seymon Deutsch - John Kranyak
10 951.64	19 Sam Lev - Jacek Pszczola	34 -525.64	9 Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon
11 829.23	14 Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss	35 -634.36	41 Darren Wolpert - Daniel Korbel
12 826.64	22 Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard	36 -653.36	4 Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel
13 597.64	11 Gunnar Hallberg - Michael Moss	37 -779.64	12 Zia Mahmood - Charles Wigoder
14 544.73	24 Kevin Bathurst - Justin Lall	38 -841.73	35 Brian Glubok - Harry Tudor
15 516.59	25 Zhong Fu - Jie Zhao	39 -862.36	21 Neil Chambers - John Schermer
16 388.77	17 Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmermann	40 -989.64	18 Martin De Knijff - Frederic Wrang
17 342.32	33 Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall	41 -996.64	40 Nikolay Demirev - Nicolas L'Ecuyer
18 306.23	31 Giorgio Duboin - Guido Ferraro	42 -1014.23	48 Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord
19 282.41	34 Perry Johnson - Jeff Meckstroth	43 -1324.41	10 Roger Bates - Chris Compton
20 227.23	30 Christal Henner-Welland - Michael Rosenberg	44 -1607.00	23 Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees
21 213.36	7 Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin	45 -1692.23	28 Jason Feldman - Daniel Zagorin
22/23 148.23	27 David Berkowitz - William Pollack	46 -1989.73	16 Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek
22/23 148.23	42 Fred Stewart - Kit Woolsey	47 -2104.36	39 John Diamond - Eric Greco
24 87.77	32 Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens	48 -2279.23	29 Boye Brogeland - Odin Svendsen

2008 WBP Pairs Winners



Joel Wooldridge & Tom Carmichael

2008 WBP Pairs Awards

	Auction Pool	Players Pool
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
3rd Session Award		\$1,000

Cavendish Invitational Pairs Overall Awards

Position	Auction Pool	Player Pool
1 st	\$214,228	\$26,460
2 nd	\$137,718	\$17,010
3 rd	\$91,812	\$11,340
4 th	\$68,859	\$8,505
5 th	\$61,208	\$7,560
6 th	\$53,557	\$6,615
7 th	\$45,906	\$5,670
8 th	\$38,255	\$4,724
9 th	\$30,604	\$3,780
10 th	\$22,953	\$2,835

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

Now It Can Be Told

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

All regular attendees of the Cavendish will notice a change in my prediction this year. My selections usually appear in the Friday Bulletin right after the auction, but because of its special significance, this year I delayed it, and submitted it just before play began. Why is it different this year?

It all started in 1999 when I came to the Cavendish for the first time. Those first three years, I was successful in naming the winners (Levin-Weinstein, Kwiecien-Pszczola, and Gitelman-Moss). Then I was approached by "Bob of Dallas," who made a proposal I could not resist. The WBP would pay for all my expenses in the future if I would give him my selection before the auction and as an added incentive he would arrange for me to write in the Bulletin where, as he put it, "You could write about yourself, Scotland, blow your own trumpet or bagpipes or whatever."

Although I knew he was the #1 player in the world, the word entrepreneur had always been associated with him. I wasn't quite sure what such people did for a living, but maybe this was part of it. This arrangement has continued all these years.

In the past couple of years, my selections have not done well. It came as no surprise to be called to his room and be told my prognostications would cease this year unless I could get back to my winning ways. It was only then that I realized an entrepreneur had to be ruthless and have no feelings.

After hearing his ultimatum, I have not been able to eat or sleep (my visits to the free buffet are much less frequent than usual). And with the worry I have lost weight, according to my room scales. I've now narrowed my selection down to two pairs, and you will not be surprised to hear that they are Levin-Weinstein and Helgemo-Helness. By choosing the latter, I have allowed my heart to rule my head because of my connection with Norway and, in particular, Geir Helgemo. My greatest achievement in bridge was to be selected to play for Great Britain in 1969, the European Championships taking place in Oslo. Even Geir himself won't be able to tell you of our connection. But the fact is that he was conceived in 1969. How about that!

"Vi er Folket"

2009 World Bridge Production Pairs

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

2009 Cavendish Invitational Auction

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

The First Session of the Pairs

by Phillip Alder

The Cavendish Invitational Pairs got underway at 10:30 on Friday morning with an entry of 48. Connie Goldberg and Billy Eisenberg agreed to move from the WBP Pairs to make an even number.

I decided to watch Geoff Hampson and Eric Rodwell start the defense of their title. And the first round was positive.

Board 1
Dlr: North
Vul: None

North
♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ 3
♣ J 6 5

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

South
♠ J
♥ A 10 8 6
♦ A K Q 10 7 2
♣ K 2

West	North	East	South
Martel	Rodwell	Fleisher	Hampson
	Pass	Pass	1♣ (a)
2♣	Dbl.(b)	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

(a) Precision: 16-plus points

(b) 6-7 points

West led the spade ace and continued with a second spade, declarer discarding his two clubs on the spade queen and king. A low heart went to the eight and queen. West exited with the club ace. South ruffed, cashed the diamond ace, and continued with the diamond king, ruffed and overruffed. Declarer trumped a spade, cashed his heart ace, and claimed his contract, dummy's spade nine being high. Hampson lost one spade, one heart and one club.

Notice that four hearts by North is defeated by a club lead.

Plus 420 was worth 144 imps to North-South (or just over 6 imps when we divide by 23, the number of comparisons).

Zia made an imaginative start to the event on this board, playing against Bjorn Fallenius and Peter Fredin. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Wigoder		Zia	
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♣
Dbl.	Pass	3NT!	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led a low club, dummy taking the trick with the jack. Zia played a diamond to his ten, then led the spade jack, which held. Now he only needed diamonds 4-2, but no such luck. Down two cost 118 imps.

Board 2 was even better for Hampson and Rodwell.

Board 2
Dlr: East
Vul: N-S

North
♠ K 7 6
♥ A K J 6
♦ Q 10 7
♣ J 9 8

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

South
♠ Q J 9 4 3 2
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 5
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
Martel	Rodwell	Fleisher	Hampson
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dbl.	2♦ (a)	2♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Fit-showing jump

Rodwell's takeout double with 4-3-3-3 distribution would not please the purists or the old timers, but it is *l'appel de choix* among experts these days.

Marty Fleisher made an unusual fit-showing jump, for which most pairs would require at least four-card club support. Perhaps he was also hoping to keep Hampson quiet. However, since Hampson had six spades, he wasn't going to keep mum.

The defenders have five top tricks: one spade, two diamonds and two clubs. But they had an accident. West cashed his top clubs, then shifted to the third-highest diamond two. East, thinking this guaranteed an honor in the suit, put in his ten. (West thought count was more important than attitude.)

South won with his jack and played a trump, West winning and going back to clubs. So now declarer collected an overtrick, his second diamond disappearing on dummy's fourth heart.

Plus 170 was worth 159 imps. (Plus 140 would have been scored 140 imps and minus 100 plus 9 imps.)

This was the last board of the round:

Board 3 Dir: South Vul: E-W	North ♠ 10 9 ♥ Q 8 5 3 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K 7 5 4	East ♠ A Q 5 4 ♥ 9 4 ♦ 4 2 ♣ J 9 8 6 2	South ♠ 8 3 2 ♥ A K 10 2 ♦ K Q 8 5 3 ♣ 3
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West Martel	North Rodwell	East Fleisher	South Hampson
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦ (a)
Pass	4♥	All pass	3♥

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

Only eight pairs got to this game. Many Souths raised only to two hearts. Hampson was slightly safer in jumping to three hearts because he was known to be making a distributional raise. (Note that his hand has six losers, three spades, one heart, one diamond and one club, which is the number for this jump raise.)

Plus 420 gave North-South 89 imps and a round total of 392.

The second round was not so good, though.

Board 4 Dir: West Vul: Both	North ♠ A 9 6 5 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A 6 5 2	East ♠ 10 8 7 2 ♥ A 7 6 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ Q
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West ♠ Q J ♥ J 10 8 ♦ K 2 ♣ K J 10 8 4 3	South ♠ K 4 3 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ J 7 6 5 4 ♣ 9 7
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West Eisenberg	North Rodwell	East Goldberg	South Hampson
Pass	1♦ (a)	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

Eisenberg made a good raise to three notrump, knowing that with a long suit and partner expected to have some fit (she was trying for game opposite a passed partner who had balanced), either bid three notrump or play in the long suit.

South led the diamond five. Goldberg won with her ten, overtook the club queen with dummy's king, and continued the suit from the top to drive out the ace, being happy to see the nine drop from South.

North shifted to the heart king. Declarer won with her ace and returned a heart to the ten and queen. North cashed the spade ace and played a spade to his partner's king, but East had the rest.

Plus 750 received 134 imps. Interestingly, plus 600 would have been worth only 60 imps for East-West.

Leaders After Two Sessions of the Cavendish Pairs



Bobby Levin

Steve Weinstein

Smoking Policy

There is no smoking in the hotel. Smoking is allowed in the Casino area and outside.

East-West judged the next deal well too.

Board 7 was a bidding test that was near-impossible for North-South.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Eisenberg	Rodwell	Goldberg	Hampson
	1♥	2♦	2♠ (a)
4♦	4♠	5♦	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	
(a) Nonforcing			

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek
	1♥ (b)	Pass	1♦ (a)
Pass	2♦ (c)	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT (d)	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

Goldberg knew her partner was short in spades, and the vulnerability was in her favor.

Minus 100 gained 192 imps.

Board 6 was boring, Hampson making three notrump for a loss of 18 imps. Hampson and Rodwell were back to plus 48 imps.

- (a) Four-plus diamonds, and five-plus more often than not
- (b) Three-plus hearts
- (c) Transfer
- (d) Offering a choice of games

Rodwell led the club ace, West encouraging. East cashed his spade ace, then played his second club, and got his club ruff for down one and a gain of 22 imps.

Only two pairs were plus 600: Roy Welland-Chris Willenken, and Bob and Shane Blanchard.

Second After Two Sessions of the Cavendish Pairs



Connie Goldberg



Billy Eisenberg

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. This applies to kibitzers as well as players. You may leave your electronic devices at the check-in table; however, WBP will not be held responsible for lost items.

**CELL PHONES MAY ONLY
BE PICKED UP
AT THE END OF THE SESSION.**

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

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek
1♥	Pass	INT (a)	2♦
Dbl. (b)	3♦	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♦	All pass	
(a) Semiforcing			
(b) Takeout			

Although three hearts can be beaten with double-dummy defense (one spade, one diamond — North's jack as an entry! — one club and two club ruffs), it surely would not have been. So four diamonds was a good save.

West led the heart queen, Rusinow, then shifted to a trump. South won in his hand and led the club ten, covered by the queen and ace. On the club nine, East played low, declarer discarded the heart jack, and West won with his king. South ruffed the heart switch and would have done best to play on spades. If East returned a trump, declarer would establish two club tricks in the dummy. And if East did not play a trump, South would get two spade ruffs. In each case, the contract goes down one.

However, hoping for diamonds now to be 1-1 (surely optimistic, given West's takeout double), declarer played a trump to dummy's jack. East covered the club eight with his jack. Declarer ruffed and played a low spade to dummy's jack. East won with his queen and led the diamond ten, keeping declarer out of the dummy and stopping a spade ruff.

Plus 100 for down two gave East-West 95 imps, 37 more than plus 50 would have been.

What famous bridge player said,
“A long auction to game
is a bad auction?”
 Answer: Eric Rodwell

The next deal was another in which Deep Finesse had a much easier time than a human.

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

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek
2♠ (b)	Pass	1♣ (a)	2♦
4♥	3♦	3♥	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) Precision: 16-plus points
- (b) Five-plus spades, eight-plus points, game-forcing

Rodwell thought about moving over four hearts, but knew that his partner had not bid four diamonds.

After a diamond to North's ten, declarer ruffed the diamond ace.

We can all see that cashing the heart ace works well. But not blessed with X-ray vision, declarer cashed his club ace, ruffed a club in the dummy, and ran the heart ten to South's king. South led the diamond king, declarer ruffing and cashing the heart ace to get the bad news. East took his club queen and continued with the club king, but North ruffed and cashed the spade ace.

Down one gave North-South 88 imps.

Three East-West pairs were plus 620: Charles Wigoder-Zia, Franck Multon-Pierre Zimmerman, and Kevin Bathurst-Justin Lall. Topping that, Brian Glubok and Harry Tudor were plus 650.

What famous bridge player said,
“In an imp match, I like to keep
the pedal to the metal
because I never know what is
going on at the other table.”
 (See Sunday Bulletin for Answer)

Board 10 was a dull three notrump. The next deal was more interesting.

The last deal of this round was an interesting bidding and declarer-play problem for East-West.

Board 11		North	East	
Dir: South		♠ A K J 5 4 2	♠ Q 7 6	
Vul: None		♥ 9 8	♥ Q 5 4 2	
West		♦ Q 10 8 2	♦ K 5 4	
♠ 10 9 8 3		♣ 5	♣ 8 6 3	
♥ A K 7 6				
♦ J		South		
♣ A Q 9 4		♠ —		
		♥ J 10 3		
		♦ A 9 7 6 3		
		♣ K J 10 7 2		

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

West	North	East	South
Compton	Hampson	Bates	Rodwell
1♣	1♠	Dbl.	2♣ (a)
3♥	Dbl. (b)	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Compton	Hampson	Bates	Rodwell
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) Diamonds, but perhaps a spade raise in a hand wanting a diamond lead
- (b) Takeout

West	North	East	South
Feldman		Zagorin	
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All pass

Three hearts would probably have failed (three rounds of spades and a heart or club shift). Four diamonds went down one when declarer again did not look around corners. But minus 18imps was 56 better than they would have lost for minus 140.

Compton, under no pressure, took 11 tricks and lost 87 imps.

Jason Feldman, playing against David Berkowitz and Bill Pollack, had much more at stake.

He won the spade lead in his hand and played a trump to dummy's king. Now he came up with a line that would work without needing the heart finesse. He cashed dummy's club ace, ruffed a club in his hand, played a spade to the king, ruffed another club, and led a trump, hoping North had started with ace-jack-ten. If North had, the slam would have made now. But with this layout, North took his diamond ace and led a club, which South ruffed with the diamond jack for down one — unlucky.

This swung an enormous 378 imps — minus 252 instead of plus 126.

At the end of the first session, Hampson and Rodwell were in first place, ahead of Goldberg-Eisenberg and Perry Johnson-Jeff Meckstroth.

Third After Two Sessions



Eric Rodwell



Geoff Hampson

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

1A — Cavendish Pairs

There will be no more than 60 pairs entered. Play will consist of three-board rounds and there will be no more than 45 rounds.

1B — WBP Pairs

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

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

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

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 9, 2009

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

Sunday, May 10, 2009

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

Appeals Announcement

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

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

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