

The Cavendish Invitational

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IT'S MOVING DAY IN THE CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL PAIRS

1	1561.00	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	19	423.38	Martin Fleisher - Chip Martel
2	1549.77	Agustin Madala - Antonio Sementa	20	350.42	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky
3	1506.62	Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees	21	339.42	Jens Auken - Soren Christiansen
4	1453.38	Michael Elinescu - Entschow Wladow	22	334.38	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmermann
5	1427.81	John Kranyak - Gavin Wolpert	23	319.42	Bob Hamman - Zia Mahmood
6	1426.42	Valerio Giubilo - Alfredo Versace	24	250.23	Chris Compton - Kyle Larsen
7	1338.62	Bjorn Fallenius - Richard Schwartz	25	151.38	Russ Ekeblad - Eric Rodwell
8	1214.19	Robert Blanchard - Sam Lev	26	141.81	Jacek Pszczola - Vitas Vainkonis
9	1105.19	Drew Casen - Mike Passell	27	130.62	Gary Cohler - Howard Weinstein
10	1010.58	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	28	68.08	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss
11	971.77	Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue	29	44.38	Stephen Landen - Pratap Rajadhyaksha
12	949.62	Haojun Shi - Ze Jun Zhuang	30	-12.23	Bartosz Chmurski - Piotr Gawrys
13	818.42	Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek	31	-13.58	John Diamond - Jim Krekorian
14	658.23	Ron Smith - Jason Feldman	32	-144.00	David Berkowitz - Bill Pollack
15	642.62	Jie Zhao - Fu Zhong	33	-185.23	Tom Hanlon - Hugh McGann
16	567.58	Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin	34	-202.38	George Jacobs - Ralph Katz
17	551.62	Christal Henner-Welland - Michael Rosenberg	35	-388.62	Ton Bakkeren - Huub Bertens
18	439.58	Peter Fredin - Michael Moss	36	-399.77	Jill Levin - Jill Meyers

2006 World Bridge Production Pairs Double Winners!



Wafik Abdou & Connie Goldberg
won both
the 2006 John Roberts Teams
and the 2006 WBP Pairs.

2006 WBP Pairs Awards

	Auction	Player
1st	\$7,444	\$3,360
2nd	5,583	2,500
3rd	3,722	1,680
4th	1,861	840

Cavendish Invitational Auction Pool Hits \$1,180,000



Bob Hamman and George Jacobs compete for best auctioneer ... They did a great job!

new faces in the bidder's gallery, led to the return of the million dollar pool!

The usual suspects were in the top five pairs: Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein purchase by Chris Compton; Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness bought by Jim Mahaffey; Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco owned by Bob Hamman; Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood purchased by Jim Mahaffey; and Jie Zhao and Fu Zhong owned by Pierre Zimmerman. You can find a complete listing of all of the pairs, their purchase price and the owners on page 3.

The WBP would like to extend a special thanks to Jim Mahaffey, Pierre Zimmerman, Romain Zeleski, Nick Nickell, Russ Ekeblad, Drew Casen, Bruce Rogoff, Michael Elinescu, Seymon Deutsch, Barry Goren, Ahmed Hussein, Adam Wildavsky, Chris Compton, Zia Mahmood, Michel Eide, Tarek Sadek, Mike Moss, Gilad Altschuler, Rose Meltzer and Lou Ann O'Rourke.

Thanks also to all of the unnamed bidders who participated in the auction and contributed to its great success.

The 2007 Cavendish Invitational Auction was a huge success hitting \$1,180,000. This year's auction began with a pre-auction resulting in a higher starting price for the auctioned pairs. The pre-action, combined with many

Cavendish Invitational Pairs Award Chart

Overall Awards

1 st	274,400	28,420
2 nd	176,400	18,270
3 rd	117,600	12,180
4 th	88,200	9,134
5 th	78,400	8,120
6 th	68,600	7,104
7 th	58,800	6,090
8 th	49,000	5,076
9 th	39,200	4,060
10 th	29,400	3,046

Session Awards

From Auction Pool to Owners

	1 st Session	2 nd Session	3 rd Session	4 th Session	5 th Session
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

Cabendish Invitational Auction

PAIR	AMT	OWNER	PAIR	AMT	OWNER
5. Levin -- S. Weinstein	\$47,000	Compton	31. Kranyak -- Wolpert	\$13,500	Rogoff
2. Helgemo -- Helness	\$46,000	Mahafey	41. Doub -- Wildavsky	\$13,500	Rogoff
1. Hampson -- Greco	\$41,000	Hamman	45. Auken -- Christiansen	\$13,500	Goren
26. Hamman -- Mahmood	\$41,000	Mahafey	8. Bruggeman -- Paulsson	\$13,000	Rogoff
56. Zhao -- Zhong	\$41,000	Zimmerman	13. Feldman -- Smith	\$13,000	Sadek
25. Madala -- Sementa	\$39,000	Zaleski	27. Kozyczkowski -- Lungu	\$13,000	Hussein
3. Gitelman -- Moss	\$36,000	Ekeblad	53. Compton -- Larsen	\$13,000	Wildavsky
55. Chmurski -- Gawrys	\$36,000	Zimmerman	9. Fredin -- Moss	\$12,500	Self
7. Cheek -- Grue	\$35,000	Casen	10. Multon -- Zimmermann	\$12,500	Self
20. P. Bertheau -- Nystrom	\$31,000	Zaleski	11. Fallenius -- Schwartz	\$12,500	Self
24. Cohler -- H. Weinstein	\$30,000	Rogoff	12. Bramley -- J. Lall	\$12,500	Self
15. Bakkeren -- Bertens	\$29,000	Elinescu	14. Hussein -- Sadek	\$12,500	Self
4. Hanlon -- McGann	\$28,000	Zaleski	17. Feigenbaum -- Zaleski	\$12,500	Self
32. R Ekeblad -- Rodwell	\$28,000	Compton	18. Rogoff -- Verhees	\$12,500	Self
46. Eidi -- Fantoni	\$27,000	Mahmood	19. Blanchard -- Lev	\$12,500	Self
52. Giubilo -- Versace	\$27,000	Eide	23. J. Levin -- J. Meyers	\$12,500	Self
21. Shi -- Zhuang	\$26,000	Mike Moss	29. Diamond -- Krekorian	\$12,500	Self
38. Fleisher -- Martel	\$26,000	Zimmerman	30. Pszczola -- Vainconis	\$12,500	Self
16. Welland -- Willenken	\$25,000	Altschuler	33. Bruun -- Werdelin	\$12,500	Self
36. Chambers -- Schermer	\$25,000	Mahafey	34. Kaminski -- Levit	\$12,500	Self
48. Johnson -- Meckstroth	\$24,000	Rogoff	39. Elinescu -- Wladlow	\$12,500	Self
22. Landen -- Rajadhyaksha	\$22,000	Sadek	40. H-Welland -- Rosenberg	\$12,500	Self
6. Chemla -- Levy	\$21,000	Zaleski	43. Stewart -- Woolsey	\$12,500	Goren
28. Berkowitz -- Pollack	\$21,000	Rogoff	44. Jacobs -- Katz	\$12,500	Self
35. Casen -- Passell	\$20,000	Zimmerman	47. Altschuler -- Birman	\$12,500	Self
51. Bompis -- Quantin	\$20,000	Zaleski	49. Deutsch -- Soloway	\$12,500	Self

2007 Cabendish Invitational Pairs Session 1

Bd: 2**Dlr: E Vul: NS**

S. 8 3 2
H. Q 6 4
D. 9 4 2
C. Q 8 5 2

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

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

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

North	East	South	West
2C	P	2D	P
2N	P	3H	P
3S	P	4D	P
7D!			

4D showed 5-5, as Moss would have relayed over the 3D response with a 5-4 pattern. Gitelman took a small gamble that he would buy the right doubleton in his partner's hand or enough fillers in spades and hearts. But his action was clearly with the odds.

Bertheau/Nystrom also reached 7D after relaying over a strong club. Nystrom got to show 5-5 with the King of diamonds and a major suit Queen plus a singleton heart, and Bertheau knew enough to take a shot at the grand slam.

Helness/Helgemo reached the grand slam after a 2S response to 2C, and Schermer-Chambers bid to 7D after a very similar auction to Moss-Gitelman's (but with keycard over 4D).

The field opened a strong notrump and played there, down 100 or 200. But Bart Bramley introduced a variation; playing with Justin Lall he elected as East to open "a Sydney special" – though I am not sure Sydney Lazard may not be rushing to his telephone to sue if he gets to read this – bidding 1S with that hand of power and quality. South overcalled 1N, Justin expressed an opinion with a red card, and led the Jack of spades. Declarer could duck, but the defenders were able to get four spades, two hearts, and two minor-suit tricks for 500.

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

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

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

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

Bd: 4**Dlr: W Vul: Both**

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

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

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

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

S. Q 8 4
H. 9 4 2
D. Q 5 4
C. 10 8 6 5

After a strong notrump from West and a preemptive 3H from North, what should East bid? Michael Cornell bid 3N, hoping his Queen of hearts would help create a stop, and worried that a double might get his side to spades. That led to a quick -150.

Fred Gitelman-Brad Moss put in an early bid for the "Best bid hand of the year" here. Even reaching 6D here looks challenging if North treats his hand as balanced. They bid:

If you think that's bad, look how Larry Cohen manages to lose IMPs even when he is not playing! David Berkowitz (and Curtis Cheek) opened a strong club, the next hand overcalled 3H, and when Billy Pollack and

Joe Grue doubled for takeout at their respective tables, they passed, as Larry has taught them to do. As Pollack said, "Since David Berkowitz **wasn't** taking the blame, and this time he **can't** blame me, Larry has to be responsible for the-530. Over a strong notrump – 3H – Dbl. quite a few Wests also passed (with less justification?) for the same -530.

Note that 5D – by West of course is the ideal spot. But just how could you manage that? Quite a few pairs got to clubs, but you need the discard from the 4-4 fit.

Bd: 12

Dlr: W Vul: NS

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

Both the unlucky pairs mentioned in board 11 got something back on the next deal (when their opponents respectively missed slam, then went down in 6C by crossing to the Ace of spades to take a trump finesse!). Gavin Wolpert and John Kranyak – who were lucky enough to have an uncontested auction – bid as follows:

North	East	South	West
1C	P	1D	P
1S	P	2H	P
3C	P	3S	P
3N*	P	4H	P
4N	P	5S	P
7S	P	P	Dbl
All Pass			

Kranyak was kicking himself for failing to redouble, but it hardly cost any cross-IMPs since surprisingly few pairs reached the grand slam. From Wolpert's perspective the asence of a diamond cue-bid from his partner made his hand much better, and facilitated the auction.

*Serious Slam Try

Bd: 13

Dlr: N Vul: B

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

I was sitting watching Jill Meyers and could see the problem she was facing here. Sitting West, she heard the auction proceed:

West	North	East	South
P	1H	2D	P
3D	3H	3S	P
?			

It looks natural to raise to 4S – and for sure that is right if partner has spades – but of course 3S might be a last train for 3N. As the cards lie, 3N is easy, and 5D on a spade lead looks impossible. Jill Levin actually won cheaply in hand and cashed just one trump before unblocking spades, but all lines seem to lead to down 200 after that start.

It worked out far more easily when East doubled 1H. Now when East bid diamonds later on, West could bid 3NT without any pain.

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We're looking for outstanding bridge hands on bidding and play. Please include player names, event name and session, hand record and details of the auction and play. You may submit the hands to Barry Rival in person or email to barryrival@mindspring.com. We also ask that any articles in foreign languages written after the event be copied to us.

Bd: 14
Dlr: E Vul: None

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

Bd: 19
Dlr: S Vul: E-W

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

Jill Meyers was back in the hot seat again here. After...

East	South	West	North
P	1C	P	1H
P	1N	P	6N
All Pass			

...as West she had to find a lead. The auction perhaps suggests a balanced hand coming down in dummy, which might encourage a passive lead. Be that as it may, her choice of a spade allowed declarer to wrap up 12 tricks. But this was duplicated at a far larger number of tables than you might have expected. There was more excuse for Helgemo to duplicate the unsuccessful action against 6C since he was expecting his dummy to have five hearts (and ducking the King of hearts would have been far harder here).

As far as I know, Tarek Sadek and Ahmed Hussein were the only pair to defeat 6N 'legitimately'. Sadek led a diamond against the same auction as shown above. Hussein ducked the first heart, and now declarer correctly led a spade towards his Queen to combine his chances. No luck! Down one was a huge result for the Egyptians. A small bribe will reveal the name of the World Champion whose partner led a diamond, but who took the first heart in 6N, to allow the squeeze to operate in 6N.

Pszczola declared 4H here on the lead of the Queen of clubs. He carefully won in hand to advance the 10 of spades, losing to the Ace. He took the diamond return, crossed to the Ace of clubs to pitch the diamond loser on the King of spades, and noted his LHO's signal in spades suggesting an even number. So he ruffed a diamond to hand, ruffed a club with the nine of hearts, then elected to ruff a diamond with the six of hearts, to be safe against a possible 4-1 heart split. At least one declarer (again, a suitable bribe will allow me to release details) tried to cash a third spade to pitch his club 'loser.' The defense ruffed in and now declarer had no entry left to dummy for the heart finesse – down one!

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 BEFORE PLACING IN BOX.**

**SMOKING
 POLICY**

Smoking is not allowed in the hotel.
 Smoking is allowed in the casino area and outside.

DIGGING FOR GOLD - Cavendish Pairs Session I

Bd: 8
Dlr: W Vul: None

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

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

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

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

Bd: 24
Dlr: W Vul: None

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

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

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

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

You can always rely on Zia for a story or two. Even when things are going badly, there will always be the odd goal amongst the own-goals... Here Zia overcalled 2D over a strong notrump (showing Diamonds & a Major). It went double (takeout) – 4D, passed back to West who doubled again. When Zia heard 5C on his right he doubled and led HA and another heart; down 800. His logic was that Hamman’s raise was clearly not based on HCP; he needed shortage somewhere, and hearts was the obvious place.

Zia opened 4S here and everyone passed. The defenders led two rounds of clubs; Zia ruffed and advanced a low diamond. Put yourself in North’s shoes: if Zia had a 7-3-2-1 or 8-2-2-1 shape, with or without the DQ, he needs to fly with the DA and shift to a heart – which he duly did. But Zia worked out why he had played that way. He knew the heart finesse had to be wrong, (particularly since North had not doubled 4S) so he went up with the HA; BINGO! +420 to the good guys.

A Pretty Shrewd Lady

By Sam Leckie

Most of you will not be aware that the WBP has made a fine charitable gesture this year. It all came about when they heard that four bums played a bridge fame in the New York streets after they had finished their begging for the day. Ingrid Ricks, who is helping the WBP to revitalize this tournament through the website, leaflets and personal phone calls, came up with the idea of inviting one of the beggars to the Cavendish all expenses paid as a publicity stunt. By the way, if you look at this year’s numbers and best ever auction total she seems to be making a HUGE success of it.

Strangely enough and, purely by chance, I found myself seated next to him at the dinner with Ingrid on his other side.

When the auction ended and the names Mahaffey and Zimmerman repeatedly came up as Big Buyers, the homeless one turned to me and said, “If I had either of those guys money, I would be richer than them.” I found that statement a little puzzling and could not resist the obvious question. “How can you say that?” I said. He replied, “Easy, I’d take a window cleaning job on the side.” Dah-Dah.

At the last minute, I entered the FREE (how I love that word) competition to name the first five pairs. Just for the record I chose 1) Helgemo-Helness, 2) Levin-Weinstein, 3) Zia-Hamman, 4) Gitelman-Moss, and 5) Doub-Wildavsky.

After eight rounds they were placed 25-2-46-27-21. Don’t laugh yet, it’s still early days. Believe me!

2007 Cavendish Invitational Pairs - Session 2

Bd: 3**Dlr: S Vul: E-W**

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

Never confuse the impossible with the unlikely. John Diamond opened 1H as South, using some feeble excuse about the vulnerability. After his opponent introduced an intermediate overcall of 2S Jim Krekorian drove the hand to 4H. After two top spades, West shifted to the DA. East now played a third spade back – to protect his trump trick...

Not so fast! Diamond discarded his eponymous diamond loser and ruffed in dummy. He led the HJ and a heart to the 10, finding the bad break, then led a diamond to dummy and ruffed a diamond. Now three rounds of clubs ending in dummy left the lead where it needed to be for the trump coup.

Bd: 5**Dlr: N Vul: N-S**

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

Antonio Sementa showed why he and Agustin Madala were leading the event after one session: He heard his

partner open 2H, and his RHO overcall 2S. He jumped to 4H and when his LHO bid 4S he led HA, and when his partner followed with the two, he found the critical switch to CA and another club. This set up the second club winner before Declarer could discard it on the diamonds (Mike Passell amongst others did the same – he had doubled 4S).

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

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

Gary Cohler played 3NT here, after a weak jump shift on his left, on a spade lead. He won in dummy and took four rounds of diamonds on which the suit-preference element in his LHO's discards suggested he had the HA; accordingly he advanced the CQ from dummy! Now he had his ninth trick without letting his RHO on lead (which would have been critical had hearts been 4-3).

When Welland-Willenken were defending, Welland had opened 2H, but Willenken led a spade anyway. Declarer tried a heart to the king for his ninth trick...unlucky! Willenken returned an unimaginative heart – down one. Note that on a diamond return declarer would have led a club to the queen for an even larger penalty.

Closing Ceremony

Please join us in the LaCascada room for drinks and snacks immediately following the Sunday Session. Awards and Checks for the winners will be presented during the closing ceremony.

2007 Cabendish Invitational Pairs

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| 4 Tom Hanlon – Hugh McGann | 32 Russ Ekeblad – Eric Rodwell |
| 5 Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein | 33 Mathias Bruun – Stig Werdelin |
| 6 Alain Levy – Paul Chemla | 34 Amos Kaminski – Shaya Levit |
| 7 Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue | 35 Drew Casen – Mike Passell |
| 8 Jeroen Bruggeman – Gert-Jan Paulissen | 36 Neil Chambers – John Schermer |
| 9 Peter Fredin – Mike Moss | 37 Chih-Kuo Shen – Juei-Yu Shih |
| 10 Frank Multon – Pierre Zimmermann | 38 Marty Fleisher – Chip Martel |
| 11 Bjorn Fallenius – Richie Schwartz | 39 Michael Elinescu – Entschö Wladow |
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| 14 Ahmed Hussein – Tarek Sadek | 42 Patrick Huang - Bobby Wolff |
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| 16 Roy Welland – Chris Willenken | 44 George Jacobs – Ralph Katz |
| 17 Albert Faigenbaum – Romain Zaleski | 45 Jens Auken – Soren Christiansen |
| 18 Bruce Rogoff – Louk Verhees | 46 Michel Eidi – Fulvio Fantoni |
| 19 Bob Blanchard – Sam Lev | 47 Gilad Altshuler – David Birman |
| 20 Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom | 48 Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth |
| 21 Hao-Juh Shi – Ze-Jun Zhuang | 49 Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway |
| 22 Steve Landen – Pratap Rajadhyaksha | 50 Wafik Abdou – Billy Eisenberg |
| 23 Jill Levin – Jill Meyers | 51 Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin |
| 24 Gary Cohler – Howard Weinstein | 52 Valerio Gubilo – Alfredo Versace |
| 25 Agustin Madala – Antonio Sementa | 53 Chris Compton – Kyle Larsen |
| 26 Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood | 54 Ashley Bach – Mike Cornell |
| 27 Jurek Kozczkowski - Veronel Lungo | 55 Bartos Chmurski – Piotr Gawrys |
| 28 David Berkowitz – Bill Pollack | 56 Jie Zhao – Fu Zhong |

2007 World Bridge Production Pairs

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| 1. Gail Greenberg, Jeff Hand | 17. Alex Kolesnik, Roberto Scaramuzzi |
| 2. Fared Assemi, Edward Wojewoda | 18. Brian Glubok, David Hoffner |
| 3. Leo Bell, Marshall Miles | 19. Shane Blanchard, Owen Lien |
| 4. Fred Hamilton, Barbara Hamman | 20. Randy Pettit, Jon Slaney |
| 5. Mike Cappelletti, John Morris | 21. Jim Eastham, Dan McGuire |
| 6. Lenny Ernst, Wojcieh Kurkowski | 22. Chester Johnston, Jim Murphy |
| 7. Mark Lair, Jim Mahaffey | 23. Margie Gwozdzisky, Cathy Strauch |
| 8. Colby Vernay and partner | 24. Ann Levy, Sylvie Wellard |
| 9. Sheila Ekeblad, Michael Seamon | 25. Katherine Bertheau, Johan Upman |
| 10. Connie Goldberg, Renee Mancuso | 26. Jeff Fang, Erez Hendelman |
| 11. Ira Chorush, Hemant Lall | 27. Michael McNamara, Silwia McNamara |
| 12. Rajib Gupta, Joyjit Sen Sarma | 28. Dan Jacob, Dick Yarrington |
| 13. Josh Donn, Bruce Rubin | 29. James Cunningham, Frank Trieber III |
| 14. Joe Kivel and partner | 30. TBA |
| 15. Marc Jacobus, LouAnn O'Rourke | 31. Todd, Soni |
| 16. Mike Albert, Gary Zeiger | 32. Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge |

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 12, 2007

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

Sunday, May 13, 2007

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

A Crushing Round

Bd: 15
Dlr: S Vul: N-S

Bd: 13
Dlr: N Vul: Both

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

Sometimes the most innocent of leads turn hundreds and hundreds of IMPs. Here Christiansen/Auken had a bidding accident. Christiansen misresponded to KCB then raised himself to 7S when Auken signed off at 6S. South had an impossible lead problem. A case could be made for all four suits and a trump lead was surely safe since West had driven to slam expecting to be off an ace, but he eventually selected a low club...and Christiansen really had no choice but to run this to his hand. Contract made! This happened to at least a handful of hapless Souths.

Not content with wrapping 7S around the necks of their opponents, Christiansen/Auken stopped in 6D here. On a trump lead, Christiansen discovered he had not underbid the hand. He cashed the HAK, then tried the CA and life would have been relatively easy had that lived. But South ruffed to play a second trump. Christiansen won in hand, ruffed a heart, took the finesse in spades and ruffed a heart, came to the SA, drew trumps and claimed +920.

That was tough – but not as tough on their opponents as Cohler/Weinstein. They settled in 6NT and when clubs were 5-0 they needed the spade finesse; + 990 – What's the problem?