

The Cavendish Invitational

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It's Moving Day in the Cavendish Pairs

Fifty-four boards down and 81 to go. So, with the huge swings that can be generated in these deals, there is time for pairs to make large leaps up the standings. However, the same pair has been in the lead after each of the first two sessions: Martin De Knijff and Frederic Wrang.

To highlight the big gains, though, last year's winners, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, were 17th after the first session and second overnight. But they are 653 imps behind the leaders (although that is really only about 30 "normal" imps because every result is impeded 22 times).

Michael Elinescu and Entschow Wladow were even better *ascenseurs*, moving up from 21st to 5th.

The three-session World Bridge Production Pairs begins this morning. The auction for the pairs will take place during the breakfast in the La Sirena room.

Cavendish Invitational Leaders After 2

1.	2061	Martin De Knijff - Frederic Wrang	24.	-116	Ashley Bach - Michael Cornell
2.	1408	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein	25.	-198	Steve Beatty - George Jacobs
3.	1272	Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	26.	-205	Bjorn Fallenius - Peter Fredin
4.	1153	Drew Casen - Mike Passell	27.	-232	Boye Brogeland - Artur Malinowski
5.	984	Michael Elinescu - Entschow Wladow	28.	-249	Sam Lev - Jacek Pszczola
6.	946	Nicolas L'Ecuyer - Jim Kjekorian	29.	-383	Hemant Lall - Justin Lall
7.	623	Josef Piekarek - Alexander Smirnov	30.	-444	Gary Cohler - Eric Robinson
8.	608	Marc Bompis - Jean-Christophe Quantin	31.	-540	Russ Ekeblad - Jan Jansma
9.	569	Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis	32.	-553	Gunnar Andersson - Marten Gustavsson
10.	507	Sjoert Brink - Bas Drijver	33.	-565	Ahmed Hussein - Eric Rodwell
11.	472	Chris Compton - Bob Hamman	34.	-583	Steve Garner - Zia Mahmood
12.	471	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith	35.	-591	Michael Kamil - Michael Moss
13.	427	Bob Blanchard - Shane Blanchard	36.	-614	Kerri Sanborn - Stephen Sanborn
14.	401	Bart Bramley - Nikolay Demirev	37.	-617	Mark Lair - Roger Lord
15.	354	Seymon Deutsch - John Kranyak	38.	-636	Hamish Bennett - Billy Miller
16.	338	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	39.	-682	Christal Welland - Michael Rosenberg
17.	252	Franck Multon - Pierre Zimmermann	40.	-721	Perry Johnson - Jeff Meckstroth
18.	237	Jie Zhao - Fu Zhong	41.	-797	Curtis Cheek - Joe Grue
19.	234	Chip Martel - Kit Woolsey	42.	-858	Manuel Capucho - Maria Capucho
20.	163	Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees	43.	-896	John Diamond - Brian Platnick
21.	143	Roy Welland - Chris Willenken	44/45.	-1013	Huib Bertens - John Mohan
22.	-2	Glenn Grotheim - Ulf Tundal	44/45.	-1013	Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon
23.	-89	Simon De Wijs - Bauke Muller	46.	-1026	Paul Chemla - Romain Zaleski

Cavendish Invitational Pairs Overall Awards

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

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	2,500	5,000	5,000	12,000
2 nd			2,500	2,500	8,000
3 rd			1,000	1,000	5,000
4 th					3,000

From Player's Pool to Players

1 st	3,000
2 nd	3,000

Things Ain't What They Used To Be

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

As promised yesterday, I now give you my two selections as the likely winners of this year's event: Helgemo and Helness. Last year they faltered slightly on the run-in and finished eighth. My other pair will surprise you, but before naming them, do you recognize them from this description?

The first guy inherited the genes of a bridge player as his father was a W.B.F master and his natural flair for the game has earned him many titles. His partner is a gifted pianist and has an even more impressive record, to prove his talent is not limited to music. This pair has the credentials to take it all.

If you were here in 1999, you would have read that description of this pair in the brochure. Eleven years on, can you imagine how good they have become? Of course, I am talking about Billy Cohen and Ron Smith.

As I sat down to enjoy the fabulous meal and entertainment on Thursday evening, I had only three things on my mind: Not to eat or drink too much (for obvious reasons) and to try to forget the past three weeks playing that other game. After claiming a seat, a chap with an Antipodean accent accompanied by his lovely wife asked if he could join me. He seemed to know me because before I had a chance to ask his name, he said to me, "How's the poker going?"

Just the words I wanted to hear! He was Michael Cornell, and I should have known him.

Then a few minutes later an American voice asked if the seat on my other side was free. I turned to see the most immaculately dressed man ever at the Cavendish. His dinner suit, striped bow tie and cufflinks made me think he had just stepped out of a shop window. He also held a plate of food piled so high it reminded me of pictures of the volcanic explosion in Iceland. He placed that onto the table.

At this point, I must digress and make a confession. I've learned that it is important first to go to the bar and order three glasses of white wine. This makes it unnecessary to go back for more later, and as the barman thinks you are ordering for two others, there's no problem. I don't know if it was the drinks or my dress – blazer and casual trousers - that gave the American a clue.

"I think I've come to the wrong affair," he said to me.

"This is the Cavendish," I told him. "But even if you have, you can eat your food and nobody will notice," I continued jocularly.

"I'm looking for the Toolmaster's Convention," he replied, "and I can't wait as I'm the first speaker of the evening."

Those were his final words before leaving the heaped plate of food in front of me. I immediately called a waitress and asked her to remove it. My, my, how times have changed!

2010 World Bridge Production Pairs

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Mike Cappelletti - Jim Mahaffey | 9. Leo Bell - John Jones |
| 2. Marc Jacobus - LouAnn O'Rourke | 10. Josh Donn - Jason Feldman |
| 3. Fred Gitelman & Sheri Weinstock | 11. Howard Parker - David Siebert |
| 4. Barry Schaffer - Colby Vernay | 12. Left Blank |
| 5. Maggie Mohan - Miriam Rosenberg | 13. Bob Soni - Robert Todd |
| 6. Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein | 14. Left Blank |
| 7. Ross Taylor - David Colbert | 15. Marshall Miles - William Wickham |
| 8. Left Blank | 16. Left Blank |

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	Ulf Tundal	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 Pairs — Session 1

by Phillip Alder

The Invitational Pairs had an interesting start, with tough deals.

The first two were quasi-slams for North-South. On Board 1, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness bid and made six clubs when the defenders did not cash their two top heart tricks. But ten pairs went down in the slam.

And on Board 2, Sam Lev and Jacek Pszczola made six hearts when the lead wasn't a diamond.

Then came ...

Board 3	North			
Dlr: South	♠ K 8 7 4 3 2			
Vul: E-W	♥ A 4			
	♦ —			
	♣ A Q 9 6 2			
	West	East		
	♠ A Q 10 6	♠ J 9 5		
	♥ 10 8 3	♥ K 9 6 5		
	♦ A K 7 6	♦ Q 10 9 5		
	♣ 10 7	♣ J 8		
	South			
	♠ —			
	♥ Q J 7 2			
	♦ J 8 4 3 2			
	♣ K 5 4 3			
	West	North	East	South
	Cheek	Fredin	Grue	Fallenius
	1♦(a)	1♠	Dble	Pass
	INT	3♣	Pass	4♣
	Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

The auction seemed to call for a trump lead, but Joe Grue selected the diamond ten. (Not that a trump lead defeats the contract by force.) Curtis Cheek falsecarded by playing his ace, and Peter Fredin ruffed.

Declarer trumped a spade in the dummy, then thought for a long time. Finally, he ruffed a diamond in his hand, trumped a spade in the dummy, and ran the heart queen to East's king.

Again, I expected Grue to lead a trump (not that it works even now), but he returned a diamond.

North ruffed, cashed his heart ace, trumped a spade, threw a spade on the heart jack, and crossruffed three more tricks for his contract.

Plus 400 was worth 96 imps to the Swedes.

Board 4	North			
Dlr: West	♠ K 10 9 6 4 2			
Vul: Both	♥ 9 6 3			
	♦ J 5			
	♣ 5 3			
	West	East		
	♠ A Q 5	♠ J 8 7		
	♥ Q J 7 5	♥ 8 2		
	♦ A K Q 8	♦ 9 6 4 2		
	♣ 9 8	♣ A J 7 4		
	South			
	♠ 3			
	♥ A K 10 4			
	♦ 10 7 3			
	♣ K Q 10 6 2			
	West	North	East	South
	Zia	Levin	Garner	Weinstein
	1♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
	3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

East could not bid two diamonds, which would have shown at least game-invitational values; and not wanting to respond one notrump, he settled for a pre-emptive three diamonds. (Helness so disliked those options that he passed! Bauke Muller, South, balanced with two clubs, Helgemo doubled, and Helness jumped to three diamonds, which was passed out. Simon De Wijs, North, led a club, South winning and shifting to his singleton spade. If declarer had won with his ace and drawn trumps, he would have made his contract. But he finessed. Then it went spade king, spade ruff, heart ace-king for down one, which gave North-South 125 imps.)

Back at Zia's ranch, against three notrump, Bobby Levin (North) led a low spade. Declarer won with dummy's jack, played a heart to his queen, then ran the club eight, Steve Weinstein (South) winning deceptively with his queen. South shifted to a low diamond, West winning with his king and cashing the ace before running the club nine. South produced the ten, which gave this end-position:

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

The defense has taken two tricks. Looking at all four hands, how can South defeat the contract? And if South leads his last diamond, what can happen?

I'll leave you to mull that over for a moment.

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

What a trap deal! Six clubs by East looks great, but South leads his singleton spade, then gets a spade ruff at trick three.

I heard of two pairs who were warned when South made a lead-directing double of a four-diamond bid. Since at both of those tables West was going to be the declarer in clubs, one would have thought that the Easts would have been cautious. But no — they blasted into slam and went down.

Now back to the problem set a moment ago. Weinstein could have defeated three notrump for sure by cashing a high heart to void dummy of the suit, then leading his

last diamond. But when he led his diamond immediately, Zia could have cashed the spade ace, squeezing South into submission.

However, Zia led a low heart from his hand. South took his three tricks in the suit for down one.

Plus 100 gave North-South 129 imps. Plus 600 would have given East-West 167 imps. These swings are huge.

On Board 9 three pairs (Ashley Bach-Michael Cornell, Boye Brogeland-Artur Malinowski, and Billy Cohen-Ron Smith) snuck through six spades. Maria and Manuel Capucho faced accurate defense from Sjoert Brink and Bas Drijver to go down one.

A Declarer-Play Problem

by Phillip Alder

Let us momentarily return to the second session of the John Roberts Teams. These are your hands, rotated to make South the declarer:

	North	
Board 17	♠ 9 5 3	
Dlr: South	♥ K J 5 3	
Vul: None	♦ Q J 8	
	♣ Q 4 2	
	South	
	♠ A K Q 4	
	♥ Q 9 6 2	
	♦ 3 2	
	♣ A J 7	

	West	North	East	South
				INT (a)
	Pass	2♠ (b)	Pass	3♣ (c)
	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- (a) 15-17 points
- (b) Usually a quantitative raise to two notrump (or perhaps long clubs, weak or strong)
- (c) Maximum

West leads the diamond ace and continues with a low diamond to dummy's jack. When you call for the heart jack, East wins with his ace and shifts to the club ten. How would you continue?

The answer is on page 10.

Sitting East, you deal with neither side vulnerable and pick up:

		♠ A J 2		
		♥ 9 7 6 3		
		♦ 3		
		♣ A 8 7 6 2		
West	North	East	South	
		Pass	Pass	
1♥	Dble	??		

What would you do?

We will return to that in a moment.

Can a bidding box offer a hint to a player? If you cannot imagine such a thing, Pepsi might disagree with you. Sitting East with only his side vulnerable, he picked up:

♠ Q J 9
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A K 7
♣ A 10 7 2

After two passes, he opened one club. Lefty made a take-out double, partner raised to two clubs, and righty made a responsive double. What would you have done?

Now back to the previous question, with the 3=4=1=5 nine-count. Since partner is Ferdinand (third in hand), giving him some leeway might not be a bad plan. You could respond two notrump, Truscott, showing four-plus hearts and a maximum pass. If partner makes any sort of game-try, you will accept with alacrity.

I heard of some players who insisted on game, a couple via a four-club fit-showing jump, which surely ought to promise better clubs.

This was the full deal:

	North	
Board 14	♠ Q 6 4 3	
Dir: East	♥ A K	
Vul: None	♦ A 10 9 8 6	
	♣ 4 3	
West		East
♠ 8 7		♠ A J 2
♥ Q J 10 8 2		♥ 9 7 6 3
♦ K 5 4		♦ 3
♣ K 10 5		♣ A 8 7 6 2
	South	
	♠ K 10 9 5	
	♥ 5 4	
	♦ Q J 7 2	
	♣ Q J 9	

Leaders After Two Sessions of the Cavendish Pairs



Martin DeKnijff



Frederic Wrang

Of course, West did not have to open with his hand, but probably more than half the field did.

Four hearts is going down two and the opponents cannot make game on double-dummy defense.

At one table where East jumped to four clubs, South bid four spades, and after two passes, East doubled. West, not expecting this to be a pure penalty double and thinking they had a double fit, retreated to five hearts. This was doubled and down 500.

Four spades would probably have failed. West would lead a low club, and East would win and shift to his diamond. Then as long as East ducks one round of spades to see his partner play seven-eight as suit-preference for clubs, they would triumph. (If West had the heart ace and no club king, he would play his spades eight-seven.)

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Now back to Pepsi's predicament. Perhaps you would expect him to pass, having such a flat hand. But he liked his fourth club and hoped to push the opponents too high. He decided to rebid three clubs. However, there was no three-club card in his bidding box! The box was trying to tell him something. He would not listen, though, and borrowed the three-club card from his screen mate, Alex Smirnov.

This was the full deal:

Board 16	North			
Dlr: West	♠ K 5 4 3 2			
Vul: E-W	♥ Q 7 5 2			
	♦ J 10 6			
	♣ Q			
	West		East	
	♠ 7		♠ Q J 9	
	♥ A 9 4		♥ 8 6 3	
	♦ Q 9 8 5 2		♦ A K 7	
	♣ 9 8 6 3		♣ A 10 7 2	
		South		
		♠ A 10 8 6		
		♥ K J 10		
		♦ 4 3		
		♣ K J 5 4		
West	North	East	South	
Lev	Piekarek	Pepsi	Smirnov	
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble	
2♣	Dble	3♣	All Pass	

Alex Smirnov's double would not appeal to everyone, and Smirnov did very well not to compete at the three-level.

Three clubs went down two, giving North-South 102 imps. True, if Pepsi had passed, maybe his opponents would have stopped in two spades and still gained 46 imps, but perhaps after South rebid two spades, North would have raised. Three spades down one would have been plus 39 imps for East-West.

Board 18 was a slam deal that almost the whole field bid. Not so the very next deal:

Board 19	North	
Dlr: South	♠ Q J 6 5 3	
Vul: E-W	♥ A Q 3	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ A 10 4	
	West	East
	♠ 9 7 2	♠ A 10 8
	♥ J 9	♥ 8 2
	♦ J 10 8 3	♦ Q 7 6 4 2
	♣ J 9 7 2	♣ Q 8 3
		South
		♠ K 4
		♥ K 10 7 6 5 4
		♦ K 9
		♣ K 6 5

Only nine out of 23 pairs got to six hearts. This was one successful sequence:

North	South
Bertens	Mohan
1♠	1♥
3♣	2♥
5♥	3NT
Pass	6♥

That was worth 153 imps.

Write for the Bulletin

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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.

Chris Willenken and Roy Welland got six hearts through on Board 21 to gain 291 imps. And the first deal of the next round was dynamite.

Board 22	North		
Dlr: East	♠ A K 10 9 6 4		
Vul: E-W	♥ 10 6		
	♦ —		
	♣ K J 10 6 3		
	West	East	
	♠ 5 3	♠ Q	
	♥ K 3	♥ A J 9 7 5 2	
	♦ K J 7 5 4	♦ A Q 8 6 3	
	♣ Q 8 7 4	♣ 2	
		South	
		♠ J 8 7 2	
		♥ Q 8 4	
		♦ 10 9 2	
		♣ A 9 5	
	West	North	East
	Greco	Fredin	Hampson
			1♥
	INT	4♠	5♦
	6♦	6♠	Dble
			South
			Fallenius
			Pass
			5♠
			All Pass

Fredin took out insurance when he bid six spades. He knew six diamonds could well be failing, but maybe it was laydown, and six spades would either be cheap or make.

The defenders took the first two tricks in hearts, then West shifted to a diamond.

Declarer ruffed, cashed his spade ace, played a spade to dummy's eight, cashed the club ace, and immediately led a club to his jack. He was confident that East was at least 6-5 in the red suits to bid five diamonds.

Thus six spades doubled went down only one, but it still gave East-West 167 imps. One North-South pair made six spades doubled to gain 298 imps. There was also seven plus 650s. The best East-West result was five diamonds doubled and made by Glenn Grotheim and Ulf Tundal for 335 imps.

Bridgemate Scoring

We have had 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".



Then next board was a dull game, but then came an interesting defensive problem (rotated to make South the declarer):

Board 24	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q 10 7 6 2		
Vul: None	♥ Q J 9 7 6		
	♦ 10 8		
	♣ 7		
		East	
		♠ A 9 8	
		♥ A 10 5 4	
		♦ 2	
		♣ A K 10 9 2	
	West	North	East
	Fallenius	Greco	Fredin
		Pass	1♣ (a)
	INT	Dble (b)	Redble
	Dble	Pass	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Dble
			South
			Hampson
			1♦
			2♦
			2♠
			All Pass

- (a) Could be only a doubleton
- (b) Takeout

West leads the spade jack and dummy plays low. Plan the defense.

**Second After
Two Sessions of the
Cavendish Pairs**

Bobby Levin Steve Weinstein

This was the next deal:

Board 25
Dir: North
Vul: E-W

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

West	North	East	South
Passell	Willenken	Casen	Welland
2♥ (c)	1♣ (a)	1♠	Dble (b)
3♦	Dble	2♠	3♣
4♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
Dble	5♣	Pass	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) Could be only two cards
- (b) Negative, but not guaranteeing four hearts
- (c) A good three-card raise to two spades

Once Drew Casen had limited his hand with two spades and Mike Passell had shown a diamond suit, Casen made an excellent three-heart cue-bid to announce his maximum. Then Passell had no hesitation in bidding four spades.

Willenken, anticipating a double fit, sacrificed in five clubs. Although this proved expensive, going down four for minus 800, it turned out that plus 650 (or 680) was already big for East-West.

Plus 800 was worth 193 imps, but plus 650 would have been plus 137 imps, and 680 would have gained 150 imps.

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Now back to the defensive problem against two spades doubled:

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

Suppose you win with your spade ace and return a spade. Declarer wins with his king, partner following with the three. Then South runs the heart eight, partner signaling with the three (upside-down count). After winning with your ten, what would you do?

If you prefer to duck the first trick, declarer wins with his king and runs the heart eight to your ten. You are back on lead.

With both sides vulnerable, you deal and pick up:

♠ K 6
♥ K 5 4
♦ 5 4
♣ A 9 8 5 4 2

Would you open one club or pass?

Third After Two Sessions



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Here is the full deal on the defensive problem:

Board 24	North	
Dlr: North	♠ Q 10 7 6 2	
Vul: None	♥ Q J 9 7 6	
	♦ 10 8	
	♣ 7	
	West	East
	♠ J 3	♠ A 9 8
	♥ K 3 2	♥ A 10 5 4
	♦ Q J 6 5	♦ 2
	♣ Q J 5 4	♣ A K 10 9 2
	South	
	♠ K 5 4	
	♥ 8	
	♦ A K 9 7 5 3	
	♣ 8 6 3	

To beat two spades doubled, you must tap the dummy by playing two rounds of clubs. You can win the first trick and return a trump; or duck the first trick, take the second with the heart ten and (optional) cash the spade ace, but you must now play two rounds of clubs, leaving declarer with insufficient trumps to establish and cash the hearts.

Also, suppose the play goes spade to the ace, spade, heart to the ten, club, club ruffed, heart queen run to West's king, club ruffed, and the heart jack. You must cover. Then, when declarer ruffs and plays off his top diamonds, you must discard on the second, not ruff.

What did Fredin do?

He ducked the first spade, won with his heart ten and cashed the club king, but then shifted to his singleton diamond.

Now if Hampson had won with his ace and continued with the diamond king, he would have been in control (but that was hard to realize). Instead, declarer immediately played another spade. This gave Fredin a second chance to force the dummy with a club, but he returned his last spade. Now Hampson could just concede two heart tricks.

Plus 470 was worth 272 imps for Hampson-Greco. However, minus 100 would still have given 99 imps to the Americans. You might have noticed that the Swedes are laydown for three notrump, which was reached by 13 pairs.

If the last four sessions are as exciting, everyone will be exhausted come Sunday afternoon.

A Declarer-Play Problem Answer

This was the full deal:

Board 17	North			
Dlr: South	♠ 9 5 3			
Vul: None	♥ K J 5 3			
	♦ Q J 8			
	♣ Q 4 2			
	West	East		
	♠ 6 2	♠ J 10 8 7		
	♥ 8 7 4	♥ A 10		
	♦ A K 10 6	♦ 9 7 5 4		
	♣ 8 6 5 3	♣ K 10 9		
		South		
		♠ A K Q 4		
		♥ Q 9 6 2		
		♦ 3 2		
		♣ A J 7		
	West	North	East	South
	Pass	2♠ (b)	Pass	1NT (a)
	Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣ (c)

(a) 15-17 points

(b) Usually a quantitative raise to two notrump (or perhaps long clubs, weak or strong)

(c) Maximum

After the diamond ace, a diamond to dummy's jack, the heart jack to East's ace, and the club-ten shift, it looks too dangerous to take the club finesse. If it loses, you will concede (at least) one spade, one club and three diamonds. And you could well have nine top tricks via four spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club.

At least, that is what declarer thought. He won with his club ace and could no longer make the contract.

Who found that great club shift? Geoff Hampson. He knew declarer had the ace-jack of clubs for his three-club rebid, so things were desperate.

At the other table, East returned a diamond. But after West took his two tricks, declarer was able to try the spades and, when they did not break 3-3, fall back on the club finesse. (No doubt West wished he had led the diamond ten at trick two. Then East could have won the fourth round of diamonds and led a club. But that play could have been very silly.)

This must be a candidate for the Defense of the Year award from the International Bridge Press Association.

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 8, 2010

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

Sunday, May 9, 2010

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

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