

# The Cabendish Invitational

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## O'Rourke Team Leads 2009 John Roberts Teams

The team of Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Geoff Hampson, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein moved into the lead after the third round. Momentarily they were passed when they were beaten in Round 4 by 26 victory points to 4 by Bruce Rogoff, Louk Verhees, Josef Piekarek and Alex Smirnov. But they won their last two matches by 21-9 and 26-4 to enjoy a 10-point lead going into the last three rounds on Thursday. Second are Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola, Jie Zhao and Zhong Fu, one victory point ahead of Gaylor Kasle, Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian, Neil Chambers and John Schermer.

Gamblers in the United States often like to bet on over-under scores in sports matches. What do you think the over-under line should be for 30-0 blitzes in this tournament?

Once you have decided, would you change your number if you knew that after two-thirds of the event, there have been six?

<b>O'Rourke</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Mahaffey</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Kasle</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Zaleski</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Goren</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Rogoff</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Faigenbaum</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Knijff</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Welland</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Zimmerman</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Bathurst</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Hamman</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Deutsch</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Goldberg</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Moss</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Wigoder</b>	<b>37</b>

## 2009 John Roberts Teams

1. Jim Mahaffey – Mike Passell – Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola – Jie Zhao – Zhong Fu
2. Martin De Knijff – Frederic Wrang – Bjorn Fallenius – Peter Fredin – Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom
3. Lou Ann O'Rourke – Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson – Eric Rodwell – Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
4. Pierre Zimmermann – Frank Multon – Michel Bessis – Thomas Bessis – Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness
5. Connie Goldberg – Billy Eisenberg – Ton Bakkeren – Huub Bertens
6. Romain Zaleski – Paul Chemla – Chris Compton – Brian Glubok
7. Albert Faigenbaum – Dominique Pilon – Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin
8. Seymon Deutsch – John Kranyak – Billy Cohen – Ron Smith – Curtis Cheek – Joe Grue
9. Roy Welland – Michael Rosenberg – Georgio Duboin – Guido Ferraro
10. Charles Wigoder – Zia Mahmood – Bob Blanchard – Shane Blanchard
11. Bruce Rogoff – Louk Verhees – Josef Piekarek – Alex Smirnov
12. Gaylor Kasle – Drew Casen – Jim Krekorian – Neil Chambers – John Schermer
13. Mike Moss – Gunnar Hallberg – David Berkowitz – Bill Pollack
14. Kevin Bathurst – Justin Lall – Jason Feldman – Dan Zagorin
15. Barry Goren – John Hurd – Jeff Meckstroth – Joel Wooldridge
16. Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall - Gary Cohler - Michael Seamon

## Testing Times

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

There is no doubt that these are difficult times for all bridge clubs. With the increasing popularity of the Internet, fewer and fewer young people are coming into the game. This and the economic recession are the two main causes of falling membership. To balance the books most clubs have had to increase tournament and annual fees (where applicable), and this in turn causes many older players to review the number of tournaments they can afford to play each week.

All this leads me to a topic that I have always felt very strongly about: the general direction the game has gone in the last 30 years. It all started in the late sixties with the invention of the Multi two-diamond opening. This was invented not to help the partnership reach its best contract but to stop the opponents reaching theirs. Let me say immediately that the Cavendish is not affected because sanity prevails, this bid and its cousins not being allowed. It is also true that the World Bridge Federation allows HUMs (highly unusual methods) only in long matches like the Bermuda

Bowl and the later stages of the Rosenblum Cup. In my view destructive bids should be outlawed in all clubs and even in world events.

I know the argument that if you don't allow them, would you have real world champions? Let me put it another way: How many potential world champions are refusing to compete at this level because they are not prepared to spend the hours necessary not only to combat these systems, but also to modify their own, which they have developed over many years?

Consider a parallel in today's world: Bank regulators did not act in the good times, only after the economic collapse had taken place.

Besides potential world bridge champions, many social players have a fear of these bids and are put off from playing tournament bridge. Let's hope that the WBF and club owners take action before it is too late and our wonderful game glides into oblivion.

## 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.

## 2009 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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

## 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. Silwia McNamara - Michael McNamara | 16. Connie Goldberg - Billy Eisenberg |
| 7. Fred Hamilton - Leonard Ernst      | 17. Jeff Smith - Ross Taylor          |
| 8. Tom Carmichael - Joel Wooldridge   | 18. Marinesa Letizia - Linda Lewis    |
| 9. Dan Korbel - Darren Wolpert        | 19. John Hurd - Partner               |
| 10. Leo Bell - John Jones             | 20. Josh Donn - Marshall Miles        |

**Entries subject to change. New entries accepted until 8pm Friday Evening.**

# John Roberts Teams - Session 1

by Phillip Alder

The first session of the teams featured several interesting decisions. If you would like to see if you should have been here playing, try these problems before reading the article. (Some deals have been rotated to make South the declarer.)

1. With both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♥ - ♦ 2 ♣ A J 9 6 4 3 2

The dealer on your right opens one heart. What would you do?

2  
Dlr: East  
Vul: E-W

North  
♠ A 10 7 5  
♥ A J 2  
♦ J 8 3  
♣ 4 3 2

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

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♠
Dble	2♥(a)	2NT(b)	Pass
3♦	3♣	All Pass	

(a) A good spade raise  
(b) Weaker than three clubs

Partner leads a third-highest diamond five: three, ten, two. How would you plan the defense?

3. With both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 7 2 ♥ J 8 5 4 ♦ A ♣ K Q 8 4 3

The dealer on your right opens a weak two spades, you pass, lefty raises defensively to three spades, partner overcalls four hearts, and the opener passes. What would you do?

4.  
Dlr: South  
Vul: E-W

North  
♠ A Q 10  
♥ A J 7  
♦ Q 10 5  
♣ 9 8 7 4

South  
♠ K J 9 6 2  
♥ Q 5  
♦ A  
♣ Q J 10 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Dble	Redble	2♦	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West leads the diamond four (third-highest): ten, jack, ace. How would you continue?

5.  
Dlr: South  
Vul: N-S

North  
♠ J 7 6 5  
♥ K  
♦ K J 5  
♣ A J 10 8 5

South  
♠ K Q 8 4 3 2  
♥ J 9 7 6  
♦ 10 6  
♣ 4

West	North	East	South
			2♠
3♥	4♠	Dble(a)	All Pass

(a) Card-showing

West leads the diamond ace, cashes the heart ace, and continues with another diamond. You win with dummy's king and call for a trump, East taking the ace and leading the diamond queen. After you ruff high, West discards a heart. How would you proceed from there?

In the first round, I watched the match between the Lou Ann O'Rourke and Roy Welland teams.

**Cavendish Invitational Pairs Dinner & Auction Tonight - Grand Ballroom 1-2**

Open Bar & Dinner at 6pm

Auction begins at 7pm

Formal Attire Requested

Rodwell had fun on the first deal:

Board 1	North	♠ J 10 7 6 4 3
Dlr: North	♥ A 9 8 2	
Vul: None	♦ 10 4	
	♣ A	
West	East	
♠ K Q	♠ 5 2	
♥ K Q	♥ J 10 7 6 4	
♦ A K 6 5 2	♦ 9 8 7 3	
♣ K 10 6 2	♣ 8 3	
	South	
	♠ A 9 8	
	♥ 5 3	
	♦ Q J	
	♣ Q J 9 7 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Ferraro	Rodwell	Duboin
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	Redble	1♥	2♣
2♦	2♠	3♦	All Pass

Isn't it great twice to bid freely with a one-count? And three diamonds was unbeatable, Marc Jacobus losing one spade, one heart, one club and one club ruff.

At the other table, Bobby Levin (North) bid one spade and bought it in two spades, which made four with some help from the defense.

Plus 110 and plus 170 gave Lou Ann O'Rourke's team 7 international match points.

Neither North-South pair found the top spot on this deal:

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

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Ferraro	Rodwell	Duboin
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	4NT (a)	Pass	5♠ (b)
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- (a) Roman Key Card Blackwood in diamonds
- (b) Two key cards and the diamond queen

West	North	East	South
Welland	Levin	Rosenberg	Weinstein
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♣ (a)	Pass	4NT (b)
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- (a) Roman Key Card Blackwood in hearts
- (b) Two key cards and the heart queen

Guido Ferraro was unhappy. He said afterward that he and Giorgio Duboin can use Roman Key Card Blackwood in a minor only by jumping to four notrump. But he realized that if he had continued with two notrump over two spades, he would have heard three hearts and known to bid seven.

The Welland team gained 13 imps on Board 6 when Jacobus-Rodwell were in a hopeless three notrump, and Welland-Michael Rosenberg were making an overtrick in four hearts.

Those imps went back immediately.

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

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Ferraro	Rodwell	Duboin
			1♥
2♥ (a)	3♥	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- (a) Michaels Cue-Bid, at least 5-5 in spades and either minor

West Welland	North Levin	East Rosenberg	South Weinstein
2♣	2♥	2NT	3♦
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

Jacobus' decision to use Michaels, despite two-card disparity between his suits, worked better than Welland's two-club overcall. Duboin led the heart ace, so Rodwell won all of the tricks and a gain of 13 imps for O'Rourke.

The match ended in a 31-13 imp win for O'Rourke, or 25-5 in victory points.

In the second round, I watch the quartets captained by Connie Goldman and Barry Goren.

The first two boards were flat. This was the third:

Board 12	North
Dlr: West	♠ 9 4 3
Vul: N-S	♥ J 9 5 2
	♦ K J 6 3
	♣ A 4

West  
♠ A K 5 2  
♥ A 3  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ Q 10 9 8

East  
♠ Q J 10 7  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 9 8 4  
♣ K 7 3 2

South  
♠ 8 6  
♥ K 10 8 7 6  
♦ Q 10 7  
♣ J 6 5

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Meckstroth	Bertens	Goren
1NT (a)	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) 15-17 points

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Goldberg	Wooldridge	Eisenberg
1♣ (a)	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(a) One notrump would have shown 14-16 points

After a heart lead to the queen, king and ace, Ton Bakkeren took four spades, one heart, one diamond and one club for plus 90.

John Hurd and Joel Wooldridge played in four spades from the better side. Anything but a heart lead beats the contract, but Billy Eisenberg understandably chose a heart, which ran to declarer's queen. Later, Wooldridge guessed clubs correctly to make, plus 420 being worth 8 imps.

The next decent-swing board was this one:

Board 16	North	East
Dlr: West	♠ K J 6 4 2	♠ Q 9 3
Vul: E-W	♥ Q 9 3	♥ K 8 6 5 4
	♦ 9 2	♦ 7 6 5
	♣ K 10 7	♣ A 5
	West	South
	♠ 8	♠ A 10 7 5
	♥ 10 7	♥ A J 2
	♦ A K Q 10 4	♦ J 8 3
	♣ Q J 9 8 6	♣ 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Meckstroth	Bertens	Goren
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♥ (a)
2NT (b)	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) A good spade raise  
(b) Weaker than three clubs

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Goldberg	Wooldridge	Eisenberg
1♦	1♠	Dble	3♦ (a)
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	All Pass

- (a) A bad limit raise in spades with three-plus trumps

Bakkeren won the first trick with his diamond ten, then made the fatal error of cashing his second diamond trick. He shifted to the club jack, but Jeff Meckstroth worked out what to do, ducking this trick and playing his ten on West's low-club continuation. North ruffed the diamond return, drew trumps, played a club to his king, and led the heart queen, covered by the king and ace. Then the heart jack dropped West's ten, establishing declarer's nine for his contract.

If Bakkeren had switched to a high club at trick two, he would have had an entry to give East a club ruff.

Hurd judged well to balance with four clubs, reaching the unbeatable four diamonds.

Plus 140 and plus 130 gave the Goren team 7 imps.

**Which famous player once said,  
"When I die, everyone else will move  
up one rung on the ranking ladder."**

(See Friday's Bulletin for the answer.)

Then came:

Board 17  
Dlr: West  
Vul: Both

North  
♠ K Q J 9 8 4  
♥ 2  
♦ J 4 3 2  
♣ 10 6

South  
♠ A 6 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ Q 10 9 6  
♣ A J 9 7

West  
♠ 5  
♥ A K Q 9 7 6  
♦ K 8 7 5  
♣ 5 2

East  
♠ 10 7 2  
♥ J 8 5 4  
♦ A  
♣ K Q 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Meckstroth	Bertens	Goren
	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♥	Pass	4NT(a)	Pass
5♠ (b)	Pass	6♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) Roman Key Card Blackwood in hearts
- (b) Two key cards and the heart queen

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Goldberg	Wooldridge	Eisenberg
	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Dble
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

If you ever need an advertisement when trying to persuade your partner to take up Kickback, use this deal. If only Huub Bertens could have bid four spades as RKCB, they would have stopped safely in five spades. (Kickback, asking for key cards by bidding four of the strain directly above your agreed trump suit, is particularly useful when you are planning to play in a minor.)

Meckstroth led the club ten, Goren winning with his ace and cashing the spade ace for down one.

Eisenberg's decision to pass over two spades allowed East a chance to make a slam-try below game and accept his partner's sign off.

On the final board, Bertens had a chance for a big gain:

Board 18  
Dlr: East  
Vul: N-S

North  
♠ 8 5 4 3  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ J 9 8 7 2  
♣ 5

South  
♠ 7  
♥ 10 9 8 3 2  
♦ K 6 4 3  
♣ A K 2

West  
♠ A Q 10  
♥ A J 7  
♦ Q 10 5  
♣ 9 8 7 4

East  
♠ K J 9 6 2  
♥ Q 5  
♦ A  
♣ Q J 10 6 3

Bertens and Wooldridge were in four spades.

Against Wooldridge, Eisenberg started with three rounds of clubs, North ruffing. Later, Goldberg took the heart king for down one.

This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Meckstroth	Bertens	Goren
		1♠	Dble
Redble	2♦	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

This persuaded Goren to lead the diamond four. Now declarer could have won with his ace, drawn trumps, and established clubs to take five spades, one heart, one diamond and three clubs. Because South had the diamond king and both club honors, the defense could not have tapped out declarer. But because of the opening lead, East placed North with one of the club honors and, therefore, South with the heart king. Also, since South had a relatively weak hand, East thought trumps could well be 4-1. Declarer feared that if he drew four rounds of trumps and played a club, North would win and return a diamond. So East ran the heart queen at trick two. North won with the king, shifted to his club, and got his ruff for down one and a flat board.

## Because I Thought You Had It!

Alvin Roth a very ethical player is defending 7NT in a money rubber bridge game the declarer reduces to a three card ending. Dummy has the Axx of spades and declarer the KJ10. The lead is in declarer's hand and he leads the SJ. Second hand has xxx and Roth Qxx. Second hand goes into an act trying to make declarer think he has the queen and finally plays low. Declarer, taken in by the hesitation, also plays low. Roth, holding the queen, also plays low allowing the jack to take the trick and the declarer to make 7NT. When Roth's partner asks him why he didn't take the SQ, Roth says: "Because I thought you had it!"

Goren won the match by 27 imps to 4, or 27-3 in victory points. I would like to end my comments on this match by complimenting Goren and Meckstroth on their care in not making the defenses easy for partner with carefully chosen tempo. On that last deal, Meckstroth took a fair time to shift to his singleton. And on Board 11, Meckstroth led the heart ace (from ace-king) against four spades. Goren had a low doubleton heart, but paused noticeably before playing his lower card (using upside-down signals). Meckstroth thought for some time, but finally got it right, cashing the heart king (dummy had queen-third) and giving his partner a ruff.

For the third round, I watched Lou Ann O'Rourke's team take on Seymon Deutsch's.

The first big swing came here:

Board 21	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K Q 8 4 3 2		
Vul: N-S	♥ J 9 7 6		
	♦ 10 6		
	♣ 4		
	West	East	
	♠ A	♠ 10 9	
	♥ 5 2	♥ A Q 10 8 4 3	
	♦ Q 9 8 7 4 3	♦ A 2	
	♣ K 9 3 2	♣ Q 7 6	
	South		
	♠ J 7 6 5		
	♥ K		
	♦ K J 5		
	♣ A J 10 8 5		

West	North	East	South
Cheek	Weinstein	Grue	Levin
	2♠	3♥	4♠
Dble (a)	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Card-showing

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Deutsch	Hampson	Kranyak
	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♣ (a)	4♠	All Pass	

(a) Diamonds

Weinstein was happy to open two spades despite his four hearts, Deutsch was not. Cheek felt he had to do something over four spades, and there was nothing other than double. Grue, with a quasi-balanced hand, saw no reason to remove.

The defense started the same way at both tables. East led the diamond ace and cashed his heart ace before playing his second diamond. North won with dummy's king and called for a trump, West winning with his ace and leading the diamond queen, ruffed high by North.

Now Weinstein demonstrated the correct line of play, establishing a long club in the dummy. He had to ruff three clubs in his hand, so needed four dummy entries, which had to be the club ace and three spades. Realizing he could not afford to draw the missing trump yet, Weinstein played a club to the ace, ruffed a club in his hand, led a spade to the jack, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, and cashed the club jack for a heart discard. He took five spades, one diamond, two clubs and two heart ruffs.

In the other room, Deutsch decided to crossruff home. This would have worked if he had started with a club to the ace and a club ruff, but he began with a heart ruff. Then, after club ace, club ruff, heart ruff, club ruff and heart ruff, this was the position, with the lead in the South hand:

Board 21	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K 8		
Vul: N-S	♥ -		
	♦ -		
	♣ -		
	West	East	
	♠ -	♠ 9	
	♥ -	♥ 4	
	♦ 9	♦ -	
	♣ K	♣ -	
	South		
	♠ -		
	♥ -		
	♦ -		
	♣ J 10		

Declarer could not stop East's spade nine scoring the setting trick.

Plus 620 and plus 100 gave O'Rourke 13 imps. The other big swing came on this deal:

Board 26	North		
Dlr: East	♠ Q J 4		
Vul: Both	♥ 7 6 3		
	♦ J 10 5		
	♣ Q 7 5 2		
	West	East	
	♠ A 10 7 5 3	♠ K 6 2	
	♥ A J 8	♥ Q 9 5 4	
	♦ Q 7	♦ K 8	
	♣ A J 9	♣ K 8 6 4	
	South		
	♠ 9 8		
	♥ K 10 2		
	♦ A 9 6 4 3 2		
	♣ 10 3		



West	North	East	South
Cheek	Weinstein	Grue	Levin
		1♦ (a)	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT (b)	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) Two or more diamonds  
(b) 11-13 points

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Deutsch	Hampson	Kranyak
		Pass	Pass
INT (a)	Pass	3♣ (b)	Pass
3♠ (c)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- (a) 15-17 points  
(b) Puppet Stayman  
(c) Five spades

Cheek decided not to look for a 5-3 spade fit.

Against three notrump, Levin led a low diamond, Weinstein carefully dropping the jack under dummy's

queen. Declarer played a spade to the queen and king, returned a spade to dummy's ace, led a club to his king, played a heart to dummy's jack, cashed the heart ace, and threw in South with a heart.

After some thought, Levin led the diamond ace and Weinstein unblocked his ten: down two.

Grue could have made his contract, but it would have required double-dummy play, pinning South's ten-doubleton of clubs to take four clubs, one diamond, two hearts and two spades.

In the other room, Hampson did not open the 11-count. Then he used Puppet Stayman to uncover the 5-3 spade fit.

Declarer had no trouble taking four spades, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

Plus 200 and plus 620 gave O'Rourke another 13 imps.

O'Rourke won by 43 imps to 0, which was a 30-0 blitz. Her team was in the lead with 80 vps, 15 ahead of Bruce Rogoff, Louk Verhees, Josef Piekarek and Alex Smirnov.

Which famous player once said, "Three against one is fine...but seven against one is just too much."

Answer: Paul Chemla

## Write for the Bulletin

We're looking for outstanding bridge deals 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 deals to Phillip Alder in person or email to [phillipalder@prodigy.net](mailto:phillipalder@prodigy.net).

## Invitational Pairs Auction

On Thursday evening, May 7, you and your guest are cordially invited to our cocktail party at 6:15 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. The auction of the Pairs starts at 7:00 p.m. Each pair must make an initial bid of \$12,500 for the partnership and must own a minimum of 10% of itself. A pair has the right to purchase 40% of itself, or more, if the owner consents. Proper attire is required at all times, with jackets and ties requested for this auction.

### Special Note

The change in the auction process instituted last year seems to have been a success and will be continued this year. All pairs will be pre-auctioned by silent bid from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday May 6th through 4:00 p.m. Thursday May 7th. An auction desk will be established near the playing area. All bids will be posted in some fashion, along with the identity of each bidder. Since the minimum bid on each pair is deemed to be made by the pair itself, the opening bid by anyone else during this process must be at least \$13,000.

Once the bid price on any pair reaches \$15,000, this pair will then be further auctioned live on Thursday evening, though silent bids will continue to be accepted until the 4:00 p.m. deadline. Minimum raise of any bid is \$500.

Any pair whose bid price by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday is less than \$15,000 will be deemed sold to the highest bidder at this time and will not be auctioned live on Thursday evening. Accordingly, any player or other potential bidder not on site before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday must be sure to communicate with us if wishing to bid on himself or herself or any other pair. We will attempt to contact any CIP participants not in attendance by Thursday morning to determine their wishes with regard to their, or any other pair's auction price. If you are not going to be onsite prior to the auction, you may contact us on Wednesday at 917.282.7451 to place a bid on yourself or any other pair.

## John Roberts Teams & WBP Teams - Conditions of Contest, 2009

1. **Schedule:** The John Roberts Teams will be played in three sessions, starting at 10:30am Wednesday morning and continuing Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Starting times for the second and third sessions will be announced from the floor.
2. **Scoring:** Each session will consist of three nine-board matches, scored at IMPs and converted to Victory Points according to the following scale.
 

<u>IMPs</u>	<u>VPs</u>	<u>IMPs</u>	<u>VPs</u>
0	15-15	12-13	23-7
1	16-14	14-15	24-6
2	17-13	16-18	25-5
3	18-12	19-21	26-4
4-5	19-11	22-24	27-3
6-7	20-10	25-27	28-2
8-9	21-9	28-31	29-1
10-11	22-8	32 up	30-0
3. **Entries:** Each team may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, all of whom must be listed on the official entry form. There is no minimum play requirement.
4. **Format:** Screens and bidding boxes will be used. For each match, duplicated boards will be played across the field to equalize the swings that might be available otherwise.
5. **Penalties:** Pairs are not allowed to discuss a hand during the course of a match, or compare results with their teammates in the playing area. Failure to observe these conditions will result in an automatic, non-appealable penalty of three Victory Points for each violation.
6. **Tardiness:** A team is required to seat a complete foursome within 10 minutes of the announced starting time. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of three IMPs being given to the non-offending team for each five-minute segment of lateness. The Tournament Committee may appoint a substitute, or substitutes, until the tardy member(s) arrives, and the match may be curtailed by one or more boards unless the Chief Director determines that there is sufficient time to complete the full match. These penalties may be increased for repeated offenses.
7. **Slow Play:** For each nine-board match, 75 minutes are allotted, plus a 10-minute grace period. Failure to complete a match within that limit shall subject both teams to a penalty of three Victory Points, unless a pair has notified a Director of slow play by their opponents. If a match is not completed within five minutes after the expiration of the grace period, unplayed boards will be curtailed. The second and third matches for each session may not begin until play for the previous match has been completed at all tables.
8. **Pairings:** For the first match, pairings will be made at random. In subsequent matches, pairings will be based on Victory Point totals, with the proviso that teams may not play against each other more than once in any given session.
9. **Systems and Conventions:** All methods approved for the Cavendish Invitational Pairs are allowed, but no others. In general, any convention that would require a pre-alert and suggested written defenses, including Multi, preemptive opening bids that do not specify the suit or suits held, and other artificial bids that cannot be explained to an average player within 10 seconds, are barred. If there is any question about the acceptability of your system, it must be approved by a member of the Tournament Committee prior to the start of play.
10. **Appeals:** Other than penalties specified in 5,6 and 7 above, a Director's ruling may be appealed to an Appeals Committee designated by the Tournament Committee upon posting a bond of \$50. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final except as in 13 below and the bond will be forfeited if the appeal is deemed to be substantially without merit.
11. **Standings:** The final standings shall be determined by the total Victory Points won by the teams entered. In the event of a tie for first place, a six-board playoff will be held to determine the winner of the John Roberts Teams for the Jack Dreyfus Cup. Ties for other overall placings will share the available prize money.
12. **Smoking and Dress Code:** Players and kibitzers may not smoke in the playing area and are expected to dress properly. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to redress an infraction of these provisions in any manner it deems appropriate, and to rule on any other matter not specified in these Conditions.
13. Any of the above notwithstanding, the Tournament Committee may take any action it deems necessary for the health and well-being of this event and its participants.

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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.

## 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

## Thursday, May 7, 2009

10:30am	JR Teams 3 <sup>rd</sup> session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)
4:00pm	End of pre-bid period for CIP Auction		
6:00pm	Open Bar	Grand Ballroom 1-2	
6:15pm	Dinner		
7:00pm	Auction		

## Friday, May 8, 2009

TBD	CIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Session	Estancia Ballroom	(27 boards)
4:00pm	CIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	Estancia Ballroom	(27 boards)

## Saturday, May 9, 2009

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

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