

The Cavendish Invitational

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Welcome to the 34th Annual Cavendish Invitational

World Bridge Productions welcomes you to the 2008 Cavendish Pairs, John Roberts Teams and World Bridge Production Pairs. This year, BridgeBase is once again providing live Internet VuGraph coverage of the Pairs (surf to bridgebase.com). The onsite auction will, as usual, feature George Jacobs, Chris Compton and whomever else we can coerce into making a fool of himself. The five-session Cavendish Invitational Pairs features a star-studded field (see page 3), while the three-session John Roberts Teams, in its prize-only format, anticipates at least 18 entries (see page 2). The three-session WBP Pairs will have a field of in excess of 20 pairs. The complete schedule for this year's tournament is on the back page of this Bulletin.

In the spirit of friendship and good bridge, we welcome you to the 2008 Cavendish Invitational. We hope you have fun and wish everyone a successful experience. Have a pleasant stay in Las Vegas, and good luck to all.

Bob Blanchard, Bob Hamman, Billy Rosenbaum, Roy Welland

2007 John Roberts Teams Winners



**John Diamond, Gaylor Kasle,
Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian,
John Schermer & Neil Chambers**

2007 Teams Awards

1 st	\$59,100
2 ND	\$47,280
3 RD	\$30,395
4 Th	\$18,575
5 Th	\$13,510

2007 Winner's Circle

1. Gaylor Kasle, Drew Casen, Neil Chambers, John Diamond, Jim Krekorian, John Schermer
2. Seymon Deutsch, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith, Paul, Alfred Versace, Valerio Gubilo
3. Roy Welland, Agustin Medala, Antonio Sementa, Chris Willenken
4. Chen Yeh, Patrick Huang, Chi-Kuo Shen, Hoajun Shi, Jui-Yiu Shih, Ze Jun Zhuang
5. Gilad Altschuler, David Birman, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola

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2008 John Roberts Teams

1. Roy Welland – Jeff Meckstroth – Sjoert Brink- Bas Drijver
2. Drew Casen – Jim Krekorian – Gaylor Kasle – John Diamond – Neil Chambers - John Schermer
3. Juan Carlos Ventin – Pablo Lambardi – Chris Compton – Bob Hamman
4. Jim Mahaffey – Peter Weichsel – Fredrik Nystrom – Peter Bertheau – Zhong Fu – Jie Zhao
5. Rune Hauge – Jan-Peter Svendsen – Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness – Erik Austberg – Erik Saelensminde
6. Romain Zaleski – Albert Faigenbaum – Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin
7. Bruce Rogoff – Louke Verhees – Zia Mahmood – Charles Wigoder
8. Gilad Altshuler – David Birman – Sam Lev – Jacek Pszczola
9. Lou Ann O'Rourke – Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson – Eric Rodwell – Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein
10. Bjorn Fallenius – Peter Fredin – Stig Farholt – Jacob Ron – Knut Blakset – Mathias Bruun
11. James Cayne - Alfredo Versace - George Mittelman - Melih Ozdil
12. Seymon Deutsch – Jaggy Shivdasani – Billy Cohen – Ron Smith – Gary Cohler – Grant Baze
13. Eddie Wold – Mike Passell – Bart Bramley - Kevin Bathurst
14. Connie Goldberg – Wafik Abdou – Billy Eisenberg – Chris Larson
15. Pierre Zimmermann – Frank Multon – Alain Levy – Herve Mouiel - Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis
16. Cristal Henner-Welland – Michael Rosenberg - Galvin Wolpert - Joe Grue - Steve Garner
17. Vitas Vainconis – Richard Jedrychowski – Wojtek Olanski – Apolinary Kowalski
18. Berkowitz-Pollack – Jan Jansma – Russ Ekeblad - Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon

Appeals Announcement

Appeals of tournament directors' rulings (in all events) will not be handled in the same fashion as in previous years. 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.

Invitational Pairs Auction Pre-Auction

This year, we will again be experimenting with an important modification to the Cavendish Invitational auction process. All pairs will be pre-auctioned by silent bid from 10:30 am on Wednesday, May 7th through 4:00 pm Thursday May 8th. An auction desk will be located near the playing area. All bids will be posted, along with the identity of each bidder. Bidders will be supplied with a bidding slip. Fill out a slip for each bid on each pair and submit slips to the bidding desk. We will record a time for each slip and post bids on appropriately displayed cards, one for each pair. Do not enter your bids directly on the display cards, we will do this. 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 pm Thursday deadline. The minimum raise to any bid is \$500. Any pair whose pre-bid price by the deadline is less than \$15,000 will be deemed sold to the highest bidder at that time and will not be auctioned live on Thursday evening.

2008 Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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| 1. Drew Casen – Mike Passell | 29. Jacob Morgan – Michael Polowan |
| 2. Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom | 30. Chris Compton – Bob Hamman |
| 3. Billy Cohen – Ron Smith | 31. Alfredo Versace – James Cayne |
| 4. Zhong Fu – Jie Zhao | 32. Bob Blanchard – Shane Blanchard |
| 5. Eric Rodwell – Geoff Hampson | 33. Juan Carlos Ventin – Pablo Lombardi |
| 6. Gary Cohler – Sam Lev | 34. Apolinary Kowalski – Vitas Vainconis |
| 7. Marty Fleisher – Chip Martel | 35. Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss |
| 8. Michel Bessis - Thomas Bessis | 36. Alain Levy – Herve Mouiel |
| 9. John Kranyak – Bart Bramley | 37. Rita Shugart – Boye Brogeland |
| 10. Bjorn Fallenius – Peter Fredin | 38. Ralph Buchalter – Migry Zur Campanile |
| 11. Kevin Bathurst - Justin Lall | 39. Albert Faigenbaum – Romain Zaleski |
| 12. Pierre Zimmermann – Frank Multon | 40. Sjoert Brink- Bas Drijver |
| 13. Christal Welland-Henner - Michael Rosenberg | 41. George Mittelman – Melih Ozdil |
| 14. Erik Saelensminde – Erik Austberg | 42. Seymon Deutsch – Jaggy Shivdasani |
| 15. Roy Welland – Jeff Meckstroth | 43. Jacek Pszczola – Jerzy Zaremba |
| 16. Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey | 44. Russ Ekeblad – Jan Jansma |
| 17. Zia Mahmood – Charles Wigoder | 45. Marc Bompis – Jean-Christophe Quantin |
| 18. Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis | 46. Left Blank |
| 19. Ionut Coldea - Cornell Teodorescu | 47. Amos Kaminski – Shaya Levit |
| 20. Paul Chemla – Michel Lebel | 48. Richard Jedrychowski – Wojtek Olanski |
| 21. Bill Pollack - David Berkowitz | 49. John Diamond – Jim Krekorian |
| 22. Bruce Rogoff - Louk Verhees | 50. Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness |
| 23. Ralph Katz – George Jacobs | 51. Veronel Lungu – Daniel Sawin |
| 24. Mathias Bruun – Knut Blakset | 52. Left Blank |
| 25. Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein | 53. Gilad Altshuler – David Birman |
| 26. Doug Doub – Adam Wildavsky | 54. Neil Chambers – John Schermer |
| 27. Rune Hauge – Jan-Peter Svendsen | 55. Joe Grue – Gavin Wolpert |
| 28. Michael Elinescu – Entschow Wladow | 56. Waleed ElAhmady – Tarek Sadek |



John Roberts Teams Past Winners



- 2006** Wafik Abdou, Connie Goldberg, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha
2005 Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
2004 Charles Wigoder, Gunner Halberg, Richard Jedrychowski, Michael Cornell,
2003 Perry Johnson, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2002 Bob Blanchard, Piotr Gawrys, Sam Lev, Krzysztof Jassem
2001 Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Fred Gittelman, Steve Garner, Brad Moss, Howard Weinstein
2000 Perry Johnson, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
1999 Bobby Levin, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Steve Weinstein
1998 Wubbo De Boer, Jan Jansma, Bauke Muller, Jan Van Cleeff
1997 Andrea Buratti, Massimo Lanzarotti, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace
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John Roberts Teams & WBP Teams - Conditions of Contest, 2008

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.



SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not allowed in the hotel.

Smoking is allowed in the casino area and outside.



WRITE FOR THE BULLETIN

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 Rigal in person or email to barryrigal@mindspring.com. We also ask that any articles in foreign languages written after the event be copied to us.

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.

Cavendish Invitational Pairs & WBP Pairs - Conditions of Contest, 2008

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 a 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

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

9:00am	Breakfast	Opium Terrace (Poolside)	
10:30am	JR Teams 1 st session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)
4:00pm	JR Teams 2 nd session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)

Thursday, May 8, 2008

10:30am	JR Teams 3 rd session	Estancia Ballroom	(3 9-board matches)
4:00pm	End of pre-bid period for CIP Auction		

6:00pm	Open Bar	Grand Ballroom 2-3 & 4	
6:15pm	Dinner		
7:00pm	Auction		

Friday, May 9, 2008

10:30am	CIP 1 st Session	Estancia Ballroom	(27 boards)
4:00pm	CIP 2 nd Session	Estancia Ballroom	(27 boards)

Saturday, May 10, 2008

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

Sunday, May 11, 2008

10:30am	Final Session CIP	Estancia Ballroom	
	Final Session WBP Pairs	Grand Ballroom 3-4	
3:00pm	Closing Party	Lobby Bar Terraces	

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