

MPLS Grand Slam Club

September 23, 2011

Club Night #1, Web Movement #1

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Club Night # 1 Friday Eve Session September 23, 2011

Scores after 13 rounds **Average: 208.0** Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
9	61.22	254.66	1	1.50	Kerry Holloway - Kurt Schaeffer
10	59.83	248.88	2	1.13	Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson
11	58.03	241.41	3	0.84	Michael Flader - Jill Flader
1	54.14	225.22	4	0.60	Brian Crossley - Jonathan Cohen
15	51.46	214.06	5	0.34	Peggy Kaplan - Matthew Bribitzer-Stull
12	51.38	213.72	6	0.28	Susan Jackson - Cecil Frank
16	50.65	210.72	7	0.24	Peg Mitchell - Cynthia Balderson
8	50.11	208.47			Joseph Barrett - Tim Barrett
3	49.77	207.06			Diane Henson - Larry Henson
13	49.23	204.78			Harold Dodson - Diane Warner
2	47.53	197.72			Richard Lawson - Andrew Caranicas
6	47.11	195.97			Linda Brammer - Timothy Adamson
7	46.84	194.84			Michael Cassel II - Barry Purrington
5	46.77	194.56			Steven Gaynor - Jean Boettcher
14	46.13	191.88			Colin Kehe - Theresa Kehe
17	44.92	186.88			Jay Olson - Carol Rynders
4	34.75	144.56			Gary Smith - Eunice Smith

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Scores after 13 rounds Average: 208.0 Section A East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
14	63.42	263.84	1	1.50	Thomas Utter - Donald Priewert
12	57.00	237.13	2	1.13	Bruce Boje - John Stansbury
16	55.44	230.63	3	0.84	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz
2	53.23	221.44	4	0.60	Dan Knier - Julie Tigges
17	52.27	217.44	5	0.34	Mark Krusemeyer - Randy Okubo
3	51.75	215.28	6	0.28	Cezanne Martin - Anne Schaeffer
15	51.67	214.94	7	0.24	Marsha Devine - Marian Plummer
9	50.83	211.44			Art Ardy Bakshian - John Minton
13	49.95	207.78			Peg Waller - Ronald DeHarpporte
8	49.05	204.03			Barbara Eichten - Dorothy Hardon
5	48.37	201.22			Nancy Glenn - David Glenn
4	48.08	200.03			David Neiman - John Stern
10	48.02	199.78			Keith Connolly - Rebecca Anspach
11	45.74	190.28			Bob Balderson Jr - Paul Meerschaert
7	44.88	186.68			Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden
6	40.42	168.16			Michael Saeger - Kimberly Hayward
1	39.69	165.09			Marv Riedesel - Mary Johnson

A large measure of thanks are due Tony Ames, who spent time on Friday afternoon to make up a second set of boards so that we could run **our first web movement** where everyone plays every board (26) for a 16 top. The MGSC has committed to movements where players play 100% of the boards in play.

Get the MGSC game results online at Acbl.org : Club Results : Minnesota : Minneapolis :

This week's results: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/09/110923E.HTM>

MGSC KOs: Registration Deadline is gametime this Friday, September 30

Register directly on our website: Teams can register quite easily via drop down menus and a few clicks at <http://grandslammn.org/specialEvents/KOTeams.php>, or contact KO coordinator, Julie Tigges, at jj2@pro-ns.net or 612 201 4473. Initial matchups will be drawn next week: September 30th.

Harry Sapienza is looking to play on a team: 612-387-7434 sapienza@umn.edu

Treats: Only you can prevent hunger pangs

Sign up on the treat schedule at <http://grandslammn.org/calendar.php>. Many open dates remain and it is very easy to plug your name in on the calendar. Control-click the link or paste it into the browser and pick a date. The treat schedule will be available on game nights also, for you to step up to fill a spot.

In her unassuming way Julie sent me her recipe for guacamole last weekend while I was battling at Big Bear Casino. Little did I realize there was a groundswell of interest in her recipe, not just a filler for the newsletter:

Hi Mike - here's some filler for the newsletter. Sorry - I don't feel inspired to write about any hands.

Julie's Fabulous Guacamole:

5-6 avocados
1 small white onion
about 3 cloves garlic
1/2 jalapeno (or more to taste)
chopped fresh cilantro to taste
1 lime
kosher or sea salt to taste

Zest the lime peel in your mixing bowl. Chop the avocados. I don't like guacamole the consistency of baby food, so I do not mash them. If they are nicely ripe, they will break down enough as you stir everything together. As you chop the avocados, squeeze a bit of lime juice on them - keeps them from turning black. Chop the onion finely. Don't use sweet yellow onions. Smash or mince the garlic. The amount is really to taste - I like 3 fairly large cloves for this amount of avocado. Mince the jalapeno. Add more if you like more spice. Be careful - cut and clean out the seeds under running water and don't rub your eyes with your fingers for a while. Chop a handful of cilantro. Mix it all up with salt. I honestly don't know how much - I never measure it. Probably at least a half teaspoon. Squeeze any remaining lime juice on top. Enjoy!

Memberships: Last Call

Everyone on our expanded membership is receiving the newsletter this week, but it is the last newsletter you will receive unless you are a 2011-2012 MGSC Member. You can mail your \$20 membership check to Ron DeHarporre, 7021 Weston Circle, Edina MN 55439-1954 if you can't make it to the 9/30 game.

Alumni Memberships: First Call

The MGSC Board has established a new membership category. Anyone who knows a former member now living out of state who might be interested in receiving the weekly bulletin should forward that person's email address to Peg Mitchell. For \$5 Alumni members will be entitled to receive the weekly newsletter via email, and to attend 1 of our free club nights.

Club Night #1 Game Highlights: 3 Slam Decisions

The largest game in two years, a 17-table field, competed Friday night. As noted above, our director, Tony Ames, duplicated a second set of boards so that we could run a web movement, named for the former ACBL National Tournament Director, John "Spider" Harris. In a web movement (14 or more tables) there are only 26 boards in play and everyone plays every board. Top is T-1 where T= the number of tables in play.

Tom Utter and Don Prievert had over 63% sitting EW more than 1.5 boards ahead of Bruce Boje and John Stansbury. Kerry Holloway and Kurt Schaeffer were the only NS to top 60% finishing about one board ahead of Sharon and Roger Anderson.

Board 13 ♠ A Q 8 4
 North Deals ♥ 10 4 3
 Both Vul ♦ K 8
 ♣ A J 10 9

♠ K 6 3	N	♠ J 10 9 5 2
♥ —	W	♥ 9 6
♦ J 9 7 6 5	E	♦ Q 10 2
♣ K Q 7 5 2	S	♣ 6 4 3

♠ 7
 ♥ A K Q J 8 7 5 2
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ 8

Board 13 was the first board and the high point of our night: Barry & I employed a toy from D.C. Experts Peter Boyd & Steve Robinson.

1C 2H# #StrongJumpShift in hearts or balanced opener with 13-14 hcp
 2S 3D 2S was a relay response to allow the 2H bidder to describe their values, and 3D promised a SJS in hearts with a diamond control. Opener, with tenace values can bid 2N instead of 2 spades to get the opening lead coming to his hand opposite a balanced opener.
 3S 4N cuebid by North and RKC by South
 5H 5N 2 without HQ and King Ask
 6D 6N DK and signoff with inability to move further
 7H 7N I bid 7H with 3rd round diamond control, and Barry thought I might have a little extra to bid the grand as I had only shown 2 aces and the DK at that point.

Not even a sneaky spade lead (suggested at the bar by Ron deH.) scuttles 7N as the West hand is destroyed after 2D and 8 hearts are cashed. At our table the normal CK lead eventually mutated the ending into a double squeeze with RHO having to hold the master diamond and LHO the CQ. Noone could keep 2S. 2220 was worth 14.5, 2210 was a 9 on 16 top.

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Kerry Holloway and Kurt Schaeffer, and the Hensons were the only two pairs to find the top spot, 6N, on this collection from board 24:

Board 24 ♠ A Q J 8
 West Deals ♥ Q 6 5
 None Vul ♦ K Q
 ♣ A Q 8 3

♠ 2	N	♠ 7 5 4
♥ 9 4 3	W	♥ 8 2
♦ A J 8 2	E	♦ 10 7 6 5 4
♣ 10 7 5 4 2	S	♣ K J 9

♠ K 10 9 6 3
 ♥ A K J 10 7
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ 6

In 6S without a diamond lead you can pitch the DKQ on the long hearts. Steve Gaynor and Jean Boettcher were +1010. Pairs who bid to the pedestrian 6S scored below average (by a smidgeon). Without knowing about the HQ, 6N seems a bit pushy? But all was well. Is there any intelligent way of learning about both major suit queens after the 2N opening?

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East-West had a slam decision on Board 3:

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

<p>♠ K 10 8 6 5 2 ♥ — ♦ K Q 10 8 7 5 ♣ 10</p>		<p>♠ Q 7 4 ♥ 10 9 7 5 2 ♦ 9 ♣ 9 8 7 3</p> <p>♠ A 9 3 ♥ A K 4 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ A K Q 5</p>
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♠ J
 ♥ Q J 8 6 3
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ J 6 4 2


5 Pairs played in 6S by West, following the Rule of 20: 12 cards in the 2 longest suits and 8 hcp. 4 of the 5 paid a price, suffering a diamond ruff. Four pairs played in the par contract of 6N. We played 6S by East when Phil Schwartz Passed the West hand and drove to slam opposite Judy's 2N opener. I thought of doubling 6S and hoping for a diamond lead, but it seemed like an IMP bid, and I was worried partner might have long hearts and think I wanted a ruff in the transfer suit. The double works whenever partner finds a diamond lead while holding one of the pointed Aces.

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Defensive Coup Extraordinaire?!

Four pairs reached 4H on board 25; there were nine different contracts at the 17 tables!:

Board 25
 North Deals
 E-W Vul

<p>♠ K Q 7 6 3 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ K 9</p>		<p>♠ 10 5 4 ♥ K 8 7 2 ♦ J 7 6 5 ♣ Q 6</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ J ♦ A Q 9 8 4 3 ♣ A 10 8 7 3</p>
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♠ A J 8
 ♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
 ♦ —
 ♣ J 5 4 2

Noone found the killing lead.... Can you? Answer at the end of the newsletter.

Our opponents played in the 3S. I made a potentially killing lead of the HK. If my partner makes the alarm clock play of the HQ under the K, we can beat the hand when I give him a diamond ruff, he cashes the SA and underleads his hearts to my hoped for 8 for another diamond ruff. Another nice defense... at imps?!

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Peg Waller has scanned 1.5 hours of interviews that Jim Hall did with Grant Baze and Rhoda Walsh in October of 1984 when Grant was in the hunt to win the award for most masterpoints earned for the year. The second third of the interview will accompany next week's newsletter. If you are not a member of the MGSC and don't get on board by month's end you will not get to read about the hunt for the McKenney award for most masterpoints won in a year, or hear how Barry Crane orchestrated the competitiveness of the annual race. Barry Crane was murdered in July of 1985 and the competition is now known as the Barry Crane Top 500,

Convention Corner: Opponent Doubles your Jacoby Transfer

Kerry Holloway sent this reply to a question re. bidding continuations after an **opponent doubles a Jacoby transfer** citing the following treatment as one among many possible. How do you cope when opener has a minimum with 2 spades and no heart stopper and responder has an invite to 3N also with no heart stopper? Board 8 generated the question:

Board 8 ♠ 10 4 3
West Deals ♥ 10 7
None Vul ♦ 7 6 5 3 2
♣ J 10 7

♠ J 5	N W E S	♠ K Q 8 7 6
♥ J 8 4		♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q J 8		♦ K 9 4
♣ A Q 6 5		♣ 9 3

♠ A 9 2
♥ A K Q 9 3
♦ 10
♣ K 8 4 2

1N - P - 2H - X: then

P	= exactly 2 card support
2S	= 3 or 4, implies minimum
XX	= 3 and max, or 4 and non-min
3S	= 4 and shapely max
P	P = desire to play 2H (rare)
	2S = weak, should play better from responder's side
	XX = wants pard to bid 2S, subsequent bids have normal meanings
except	
2S	2N = invitational with heart stop
	3minor = forcing
	2N = invitational raise, no Heart stop
	3C/D = non forcing
	3N = choice of games, no Heart stop

Only 5 EW pairs played in 2S. At my table W did not start with 1N, an evaluation supported by the excellent hand evaluator tool, the K&R Hand Evaluator which evaluates the W hand as 14.2 hcp. <http://www.jeff-goldsmith.org/cgi-bin/knr.cgi> which made it easier to stop at 2S. The East hand shrinks in value opposite a doubleton spade and considering it as invitational might be a bit stretchy. But you certainly might consider playing in 2N which happens to be unsuccessful on this layout.

Kerry also suggested a three step reply when an opponent **doubles a Texas transfer** P= no A or K, accepting the transfer promises the K, and a XX promises the Ace.

Do you have a method to deal with the **opponent's double of Stayman**? Billy Miller's article in the April 2010 Bulletin discusses how to turn that double against your opponents. Monthly ACBL Bulletins are archived at ACBL.org under the My ACBL tab.

On Deck

9/30 Regular Game: If you haven't joined the MGSC you won't get the 2011-2012 membership list or the newsletter from this game: recipes like Julie's guac, or tidbits on bidding, defense, & declarer play from the the games. Register for the MGSC KOs before gametime or you'll miss that boat too.

10/7 Club Appreciation Team Game: Full Sectional Rating at no additional entry fee

Play with your MGSC KO teammates or another pair in our first Imp Team Game. Both pairs play an Imp Pairs game against their opponents. At the end of the night both pairs total their plus imps and subtract their minus imps. The team with the highest + score wins the team game.

Come as a pair if you don't have teammates and we will find you suitable teammates.

10/14 No Game (Autumn Harvest Sectional)

10/21 Imp Pairs #1. NOTE VENUE CHANGE TO THE TCBC. Full Sectional rating with no additional entry fees. Must pay for both sessions to be eligible for the two-session Overall Awards. This is a two session championship, but you can choose to play only one session for section awards.

10/28 Imp Pairs #2.

Beat 4H on Board 25 by leading the C9 from K9, so that partner can lead a spade for you.

Yeah.... right!