

MPLS Grand Slam Club

October 21, 2011

Imp Pairs #1 - Club Appreciation Pairs



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♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ MGSC KOs: Round 3 Match-ups

Round 3 Matchups to be completed by October 28

Balderson(2-0) vs. Hendrickson (1-1)

Holloway(2-0) vs. Schwartz (1-1)

Henson (2-0) vs. Jackson (1-1)

Stuhlman (1-1) vs. Dodson (1-1)

Gaynor (1-1) vs. Bye [byes count as wins but no masterpoints of course]

Tigges and Weiman (0-2)

<http://www.grandslammn.org/Results/show.php>

IMP Teams Masterpoints Oct. 7

MP award total	Cross-imps
3.33	Dodson, Warner, Rynders, Gould 398
2.50	Schwarz, Schwarz, Purrington, Cassel 372
1.87	Holloway, Kaplan, Rice, Wernz 352
1.40	Glenn, Glenn, Utter, Kielty 195

For the purposes of awarding sectional-rated overalls Tony created a second game file for the ACBL website using 'wins'. Cross-imp totals from last week's MGSC bulletin are correct.

The ACBL website is down over the weekend. Get the MGSC game results online at Acbl.org : Club Results : Minnesota: Minneapolis : This week's results: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/10/111021E.HTM>

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Full Recaps posted on last 2 pages in lieu of ACBL website offline this weekend

Congratulations to **Sheila Kim** and **Judy Hansen**. Their +473 was impressive. The secret ofimps is to be on the right side of the big swing hands. There were 6 slam decisions and this pair was right on all of 3 of their own (+218net imps) their opponents only bid 1 of their 3 and went down in the one they bid (+120 net imps). In cross-imps scoring, you win or lose imps as your score is compared to each of the other 8 raw scores. To get a feel for what your score would have been in a team game you need to divide by the 8 comparisons. Mike & Barry lead the 2-session entrants. Their +345 is equivalent to being + ~43imps for the set . If sufficient tables show up for next week's game (hopefully 10 full) the 2-session players will compete in 5 table Howells so that all 2 session players compete against each other once during the event.

Treats: Contribute

Sign up on the treat schedule at <http://grandslammn.org/calendar.php>. 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.

Alumni Memberships

The MGSC Board has 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.

A Suit Combination from the Autumn Harvest Swiss

The winners of last Sunday's Swiss in North St. Paul, John Koch, Paolo Ranaldi, Terry Lijewski, and Bruce Boje racked up a most impressive 170 of 180 possible VPs. Bruce gave me a nice suit combination from one of the matches. Your LHO opens 2H (8-13hcp) and you end up in 4♠. You are off 2 aces in side suits and have to negotiate the following Moysian spade fit for one loser: N

W	E
♠ AK8x	♠ Jxx
♥ x	♥ Kx
♦ Kxxxx	♦ AQx
♣ KJT	♣ Q98xx (answer at end of newsletter)

Hi#1 Highlight from the IMP Pairs #1:

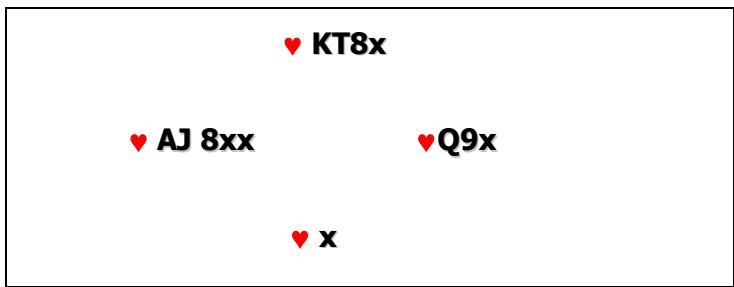
Matches are won on the swing hands. This was one of the biggest and generated the most discussion:

Make Your Slams

Slams were bid at every table, but only 3, including Sheila and Judy pairs scored up 1440 to win 102imps.

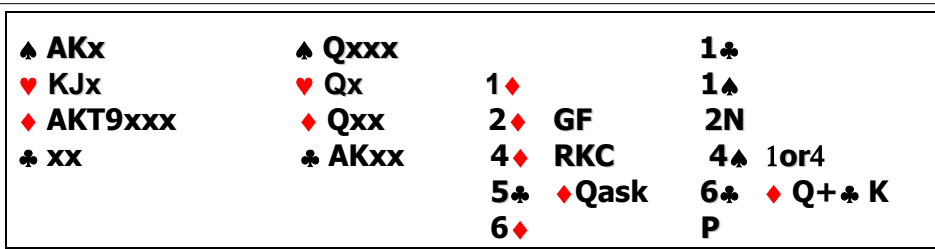
John Minton commented: "I was East in 6NT and , like a few others, got the timing wrong. I won the club lead with the jack, led a heart to the king, played all the clubs, and then made the mistake of playing the spades before the diamonds. If I played the top diamonds first followed by 3 rounds of spades, North would be forced to release a heart, setting up the end play in hearts". [Ed. If South bares his HA, an East declarer will have to guess the position. Will this be clear?

Joe Rice received an informative high diamond lead, cueing him that the suit was not going to be breaking. Joe decided to play North for the ♥A and a strip squeeze endplay at trick 11 into N's hoped for now blank ♥A. He made the thoughtful, but potentially losing play of a heart to the ♥Q at trick 2. South did not put Joe's contract into the ground by continuing diamonds to break up the looming squeeze. On the subsequent run of the black suit winners North was unable to keep the master heart and the ♦J protected behind dummy's diamonds and Joe's ♥8 grew up. WHEW!
 Deep Finesse spots the Vienna Coup available after winning trick one in hand and leading a heart to the K. Blanking the ♥A would sorely test declarer though.



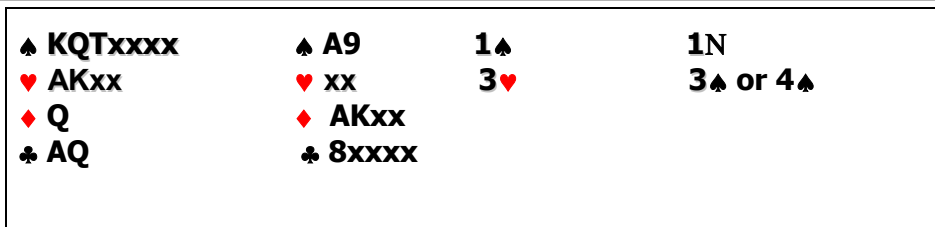
Another Suit Combination from Friday's Imp Pairs

The Encyclopedia of Bridge suggests that the best play for 4 tricks is to cash the A and lead toward the Q. The only way to not lose 2 hearts on this layout is to lead to the 9. Not surprisingly, noone found this play from board 16.



A nice sequence to 6♦

Barry & I have enthusiastically adopted the XYZ convention. It clarifies the invitational vs forcing hands at the level of 2 minor, and solves problems of 3 card raises vs. 1N rebids. Finding 6♦ on board 13 was worth 73 cross-imps.



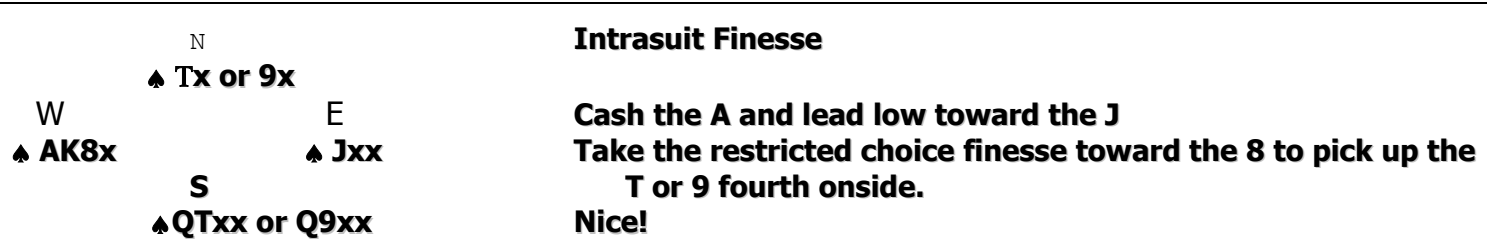
What does 4♠ mean?

Board 8 generated some discussion at the bar. After a forcing NT followed by a jump shift does a 4♠ call show a 3 card limit raise? And 3♠ show a weak preference? Or is the game raise a fast arrival kind of bid?

If a 2/1 bid is made, what is the best rebid by the 1♠ opener? Have you discussed with your partners whether a rebid of your suit promises 6 and whether a 2N rebid can be a minimum?

On Deck

- 10/28 Imp Pairs #2.
- 11/4 No Game (Mn. State Sectional, Canterbury Inn, 3mi North of Mystic Lake Casino
- 11/11 Charity Game #1 entry fee \$6 instead of \$5
- 11/18 New Partner Night #1



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1>	-18	29	29	29	-18	-25	-4	-4	-18
	-100	110	110	110	-100	-120	-50	-50	-100
2>	-52	-19	70	-19	-10	32	41	-33	-10
	-300	-140	300	-140	-100	100	140	-200	-100
3>	-1	35	-1	-1	13	-16	13	-17	-25
	-50	100	-50	-50	PASS	-110	PASS	-120	-140
4>	-11	32	13	-50	-11	-11	69	-11	-11
	100	300	200	-120	100	100	500	100	110
5>	21	13	-42	13	13	13	13	-42	-2
	-120	-150	-400	-150	-150	-150	-140	-400	-200
6>	30	18	-84	112	18	-75	-84	35	30
	-1390	-1470	-2220	-720	-1470	-2140	-2220	-1370	-1390
7>	-26	26	65	46	-34	-17	-17	-17	-26
	-130	100	300	200	-170	-110	-110	-110	-130
8>	-35	52	52	52	-35	-55	-48	52	-35
	-50	420	420	430	-50	-150	-100	420	-50
9>	36	-48	90	-48	94	-60	32	-48	-48
	510	-50	980	-50	1020	-100	480	-50	-50
10>	-102	63	45	-102	45	-102	45	45	63
	-1440	200	100	-1440	100	-1440	100	100	200
11>	15	6	-12	-3	6	-12	-12	-3	15
	-420	-460	-520	-490	-460	-520	-520	-490	-430
12>	25	-31	-40	1	-31	25	1	25	25
	140	-110	-130	50	-100	140	50	140	140
13>	-28	-28	-41	-49	-49	73	73	77	-28
	720	720	640	620	620	1370	1370	1390	720
14>	-5	-5	-46	-5	3	-5	11	57	-5
	120	120	-50	120	150	120	180	400	120
15>	43	-5	43	43	-101	-56	-5	-5	43
	110	-120	110	100	-800	-400	-120	-120	100
16>	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	89	-8	-33
	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	450	-50	-150
17>	7	0	7	7	-54	38	0	-5	0
	-130	-150	-130	-130	-400	PASS	-150	-170	-150
18>	44	37	-17	-25	-17	-25	37	-17	-17
	170	140	-110	-140	-110	-130	140	-110	-100
19>	-24	-31	-24	-31	91	-24	-24	-24	91
	-650	-680	-650	-690	100	-650	-650	-650	100
20>	-93	35	-25	-32	15	-26	22	22	82
	-580	200	-100	-130	110	-110	140	140	500
21>	-27	-27	-70	30	-27	18	30	-27	109
	-200	-200	-500	100	-200	50	100	-200	800
22>	-65	-61	39	39	58	58	58	-65	-61
	-620	-600	100	100	200	200	200	-620	-600
23>	0	7	0	0	15	-97	23	-9	61
	-200	-170	-200	-200	-140	-800	-100	-230	110
24>	-39	-50	78	-50	66	26	-20	-20	9
	-150	-200	510	-200	420	170	-50	-50	100
25>	-44	-44	-44	55	-44	55	55	55	-44
	480	480	480	980	480	980	980	980	480
26>	65	9	-15	-15	9	-69	-15	46	-15
	200	-90	-200	-200	-90	-500	-200	90	-200
27>	69	-32	-32	-32	-32	63	-38	66	-32
	-430	-980	-990	-980	-980	-480	-1020	-450	-980

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3>	1 50	16 110	-35 -100	-13 PASS	1 50	17 120	1 50	25 140	-13 PASS
4>	11 -100	-32 -300	-69 -500	-13 -200	11 -100	59 120	11 -110	11 -100	11 -100
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16>	8 50	8 50	33 150	8 50	8 50	8 50	8 50	-89 -450	8 50
17>	5 170	-7 130	0 150	54 400	-7 130	-38 PASS	0 150	0 150	-7 130
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22>	61 600	-58 -200	65 620	-58 -200	61 600	-58 -200	-39 -100	65 620	-39 -100
23>	-61 -110	-15 140	0 200	97 800	-7 170	-23 100	0 200	9 230	0 200
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