

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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Black Friday Add-on Pairs



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Scores after 9 rounds Average: 108.0 Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
6	59.49	128.50	1	0.90	Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz
7	57.87	125.00	2	0.63	Peg Mitchell - Liz Hughes
3	57.18	123.50	3	0.45	Barry Purrington - Judy Nassar
9	54.17	117.00	4	0.32	Nancy Glenn - David Glenn
4	47.92	103.50			Cezanne Martin - Donald Priewert
5	45.60	98.50			Verda Gould - Mary Wescott
8	45.37	98.00			Marsha Devine - Vernon Devine
2	42.36	91.50			Eunice Smith - Gary Smith
1	40.05	86.50			Linda Brammer - Garry Hoden

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Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
3	57.41	124.00	1	0.90	Cecil Frank - Susan Jackson
6	56.94	123.00	2	0.63	John Minton - Gregg Van Dyke
5	51.39	111.00	3	0.45	Alan Rauch - Janice Hartness
4	50.93	110.00	4/5	0.25	Jay Olson - John Stern
7	50.93	110.00	4/5	0.25	Tom Juntunen - James Essex
9	48.61	105.00			Jean Boettcher - Steven Gaynor
1	47.92	103.50			Robert Echols - Carl Hartness
8	46.99	101.50			Magnus Weiman - Maureen Weiman
2	38.89	84.00			Marylyn Howe - Kent Howe

Get the MGSC game results online at Acbl.org : Club Results : Minnesota: Minneapolis : This week's results: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/11/111125E.HTM>

Nine tables at the TCBC for this add-on game. Credit to Peg Mitchell for soliciting the interest to hold the event.

Hand of the Night?

Board 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q J 10
♥ J 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 7 6 5 4

♠ 6
♥ A Q 10 9 8
♦ A K Q 10 4
♣ A 9

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♠ A K 7
♥ K 7 3
♦ 7
♣ K Q 10 8 3 2

♠ 9 8 5 4 3 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ —

Contract Scores Matchpoints

	N-S-E-W	N-S	E-W
7♥xx W	400	8.00	0.00
6♥ W	1460	5.00	3.00
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7♥ W	2210	2.00	6.00
7NT W	2220	0.50	7.50
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Grand Slam Considerations

Everyone went slamming on this EW collection. The interesting contracts were the grand slams.

Bob Echols and Carl Hartness found their 14 trick 7NT completely on their own power: 1♥ 2♣, 3♦ 3♠, 4N 5♦, 5N 6♥(2K), 6N 7N.

Tom Juntunen, playing with Jim Essex were less fortunate: 1♥ 2♣, 2♦ 2♥, 4N 5♥, 7♥ P, then doubled by Verda and redoubled.

by Tom. Jim didn't pull the XX. Does everyone agree that it is East's responsibility to pull this double to 7N?

John and Gregg had the same auction and also received the Lightner Double of 7H. John corrected to 7N stating that it was automatic due to the impending club ruff. He opined that he probably should have bid 7N over 5N based on the knowledge of partner's ♣A and the strength of his club suit which included the T aware of the impending club ruff after the double. John was not enamored of their auction, where Gregg had not shown his 5-5 shape, but John knew a ruff was coming, so, if it was out of the frying pan and into the fire so be it.

Five of the nine pairs did not discover they likely had 13, in this case, 14 tricks (and I did not contact any of the 5 to hear their auctions). Pairs playing 2/1 do not need to jump to 3♦ after the 2♣ call. The heart fit can be established at the two level. West's third call may be the key call of the auction. In two of the three auctions the opener just blasted to 4N over the 2♥ raise. I believe this call lacks the patience required to determine the optimal spot. This hand is a good one for discussion with your partners, particularly how captancy is taken, ceded, or otherwise determined.

If you decide not to blast do you disclose your shape (3♦), your cheapest control (2♠), or your top honor in partner's 2/1 suit (3♣)? I think the 3♦ call would earn top marks in my 'master solver's club' for this reason: you are showing extras, disclosing your shape, and giving your partner the space to either cuebid the SA, bid 3N with slower spade strength, or make any other descriptive call absent those two bids. If partner does bid either 3S or 3N you can then follow with a 4♣ cuebid and now responder has a very clear picture of your hand and the ability to take control with 4N, or cuebid the ♠K).

When opponents reach a grand slam you are usually booked for a below average result. The hand offers some interesting risk-reward mental calculations based on your estimate of how strong the field is and how many pairs will reach the grand slam. John Minton discussed this dilemma:

you hold 985432, 652, J8552, ---- and your LHO bids 7H after your RHO shows the CK over 5N.

Do you pass and hope that partner makes the killing club lead? Or do you double to direct a club lead? Neither action is without risk. If you pass, partner might lead a spade from QJT, and declarer easily rolls up 13 tricks. A double, however, risks pushing the opponents to 7N. East, with AK7, K73, 7, KQT832, will be forced to convert it to the virtual laydown 7N. [ed.what if your RHO deliberates before passing 7H, obviously considering a conversion to 7N without your potential double]

At our table South decided to double and push us to the superior contract. He never should have had that option. I was East and failed to convert after Partner bid 7 hearts. In retrospect, I should have bid 7N over 5N. I love lead directing bids, but sometimes they backfire. In this case we were the beneficiaries.

John Minton

Judy Schwartz decided not to double 7H against Steve and Jean and thereby earned 2 matchpoints instead of 1. Had all the Lightner doubles led to 2220s it would have been 3 matchpoints instead of 1.5, a near average board against your opponent's grand.

On Deck 12/ 2 No Game: Unit 103 Holiday Sectional
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/Ads/2011/12/1112021.pdf>

12/ 9 Unit Championship (Venue Change to TCBC)
12/16 Club Night #2: members play free
12/23 Regular Game
12/30 Team of Two Pairs Potluck Party at the TCBC

Potluck at 6pm. Game at 7:15pm. Expert and non-expert pairs (0-499ers) will play in their own, different sections. Come with a partner or we will find one for you who is roughly your same experience level. Your teammates will sit in the same direction at the same table as you in the other section. Your matchpoint scores will be added together to determine the winning team.

After the game you can discuss with your less experienced teammates how you handled hands that posed problems in the bidding, play, or defense. They can benefit from how you played the hand holding the same cards that they did.

This will be a fun event and a great opportunity to share your expertise with your less experienced teammates. There will be a signup sheet at the TCBC where you can indicate your interest and potluck contribution.