

# MPLS Grand Slam Club

December 16, 2011

## Club Night #2



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**Friday's Game was curtailed after 7 rounds when Cecil Frank became seriously ill. Paramedics arrived quickly and Cecil(as of 10am Sat) is in the ICU at Methodist Hospital. The TCBC will be notified when he is able to have visitors.**

### MGSC KOs: Round-Robin Results <http://www.grandslammn.org/specialEvents/KOMatches.php>

The Gaynor team has been eliminated. Holloway remains undefeated and Balderson has one loss. Due to holiday and winter travel we will not be able to crown a MGSC Champion until the new year. If Balderson should beat Holloway when the teams can reconvene, they will need to play again until one team has a second loss.

Team	Q1	Q2	Half	Q3	Q4	Final
Balderson	9	33	42	35	20	97
Gaynor	29	2	31	6	12	49
Balderson	23	12	35	4	5	44
Holloway	11	25	36	13	16	65
Gaynor	6	15	21	11	18	50
Holloway	27	13	40	11	2	53

Round-Robin results are posted online:

1<sup>st</sup>half:

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/12/111206E.HTM>

2<sup>nd</sup>half:

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/12/111213E.HTM>

### Balderson – Gaynor Swings

A number of Tuesday night's hands included two honors offside and/ or a key suit breaking 4-1. Gaynor was on the wrong side of two of these:

4♠ is a breeze with 3-2 trumps or 4-1 with both honors onside. The hand can be made by establishing diamonds for club discards double dummy.

Board 2  
East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K 10 9 7 5 2  
♥ 10  
♦ A J  
♣ A Q 5 4

♠ 8  
♥ K J 9  
♦ K 9 6 3  
♣ K J 8 6 3



♠ A 6  
♥ A Q 8 7  
♦ Q 10 8 5  
♣ 10 9 2

♠ Q J 4 3  
♥ 6 5 4 3 2  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 7

Contract	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
3 NT N	600	13.00	13.00	
4 ♠ N	200	13.00	13.00	

In 3N, Ron floated the ♠ T to protect his heart position. West had put in a club overcall and S cuebid clubs over Ron's 2♠ bid.



Bob posed this bidding problem:

Red vs White, in second seat you hear 2♠ - P - P -X,  
P - to you?

It's Your Call: Result at end of bulletin

**Board 6**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

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

♠ A 10 9 5  
 ♥ Q J 8  
 ♦ A 9 8 6  
 ♣ A K

♠ J 7 3  
 ♥ A K 6  
 ♦ K 3  
 ♣ Q 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 2  
 ♥ 9 5 4 2  
 ♦ Q 10 5 4  
 ♣ J 9 5

Contract Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S E-W
6 NTE	100	13.00-13.00
4 NTE	660-13.00	13.00

Not a great slam needing 3-3 clubs and a spade honor onside, but once the clubs DO split, it's a bit unlucky to find both spades off. Bob passed a quantitative raise in NT.

13 imps to Balderson instead of 13 imps to Gaynor.

The hand record indicates that North can be strip squeezed in 6N by W with double dummy play. A spade lead scuttles 6N-E.

The double spade hook is certainly a more straightforward play line than the strip squeeze

**Board 30**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 7  
 ♥ 8 5 4  
 ♦ 10 8 5 4  
 ♣ 10 8

♠ A K J 2  
 ♥ A J 10 3  
 ♦ Q 9  
 ♣ K 7 5

♠ 8 5  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ 7 6 3  
 ♣ A Q J 6 4 2

♠ 6 4 3  
 ♥ K Q 9 7  
 ♦ A K J 2  
 ♣ 9 3

Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S E-W
	50	10.00-10.00
	430-10.00	10.00

♥♥♥  
 A white 3♣ first chair preempt by Bob sealed the deal when, at the other table, South's 1♦ opening made it too difficult for the Gaynor team to find 3N.

Jack jumped to 3♣ over Brian's double, and rebid clubs over Brian's 3♦ cuebid. Brian bid game hoping for a major suit honor and 6 clubs AQ.

## Balderson – Holloway Match Outcome Swings on 4-1 Club break

**Board 40**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A 5 2  
 ♥ K 10 5 2  
 ♦ Q 9 6 4 3  
 ♣ 7

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

♠ Q 10 6 4  
 ♥ A Q J 9 8  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ K 9

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

Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S E-W
	50	11.00-11.00
	460-11.00	11.00

Had the clubs behaved on this slam swing, it would be Holloway's life on the line in the MGSC final instead of Balderson as Balderson would have won 11 instead of losing 11 to win the match by 1 imp.

Cindy and Bob bid to 6N:  
 1♣ – 1♥, 3N – 4N, 6N.

Note that a notrump slam is slightly against the odds with a sure spade loser if the HK is offside, but that 6♣ is odds-on at about 70%: 3-2 clubs or stiff J offside barring an unlikely spade ruff.

West's rebid is tough: 3N overstates the clubs, and 2♦ only works if you rebid 3♣ over 2♠ not 2N. Can West move forward with 4♣ over a 3N raise of 2N? A good MSC problem?

## Club Night #2

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/12/111216E.HTM>

Club Night # 2 Friday Eve Session December 16, 2011

Scores after 7 rounds Average: 42.0 Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
1	71.43	60.00	1	1.40	Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz
5	62.50	52.50	2	0.98	Michael Flader - David Glenn
12	55.36	46.50	3	0.70	Michael Cassel II - Barry Purrington
7	53.57	45.00	4/6	0.33	Keith Connolly - Rebecca Anspach
9	53.57	45.00	4/6	0.33	Harold Dodson - Diane Warner
11	53.57	45.00	4/6	0.33	Dan Knier - Thomas Knier
6	52.38	44.00			Paul Gutterman - Eric Hendrickson
10	50.60	42.50			Ronald DeHarpporte - Matthew Bribitzer-Stull
8	45.83	38.50			Brian Crossley - Kurt Schaeffer
13	42.26	35.50			Bruce Boje - John Stansbury
2	41.07	34.50			Linda Brammer - Sherry Hansen
4	36.31	30.50			Nancy Glenn - Anne Schaeffer
3	31.55	26.50			Marsha Devine - Marian Plummer

Club Night # 2 Friday Eve Session December 16, 2011

Scores after 7 rounds Average: 42.0 Section A East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
13	68.45	57.50	1	1.40	Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden
6	64.58	54.25	2	0.98	Jill Flader - Peg Waller
2	62.50	52.50	3	0.70	Jean Boettcher - Steven Gaynor
10	54.17	45.50	4	0.49	Sam Larson - Richard Lawson
1	52.08	43.75	5	0.28	Cecil Frank - Donald Prierwert
8	50.00	42.00	6	0.23	Elizabeth Hughes - Julie Tigges
11	48.81	41.00			Kathy Beckman - Terry Beckman
12	48.81	41.00			John Stern - Thomas Utter
9	45.24	38.00			Jonathan Cohen - Charles Nauen
3	43.75	36.75			Marylyn Howe - Kent Howe
14	43.06	36.17			Peg Mitchell - Phyllis Anderson
5	42.36	35.58			David Neiman - Andrew Caranicas
4	38.19	32.08			Diane Henson - Larry Henson
7	37.50	31.50			Kerry Holloway - Cezanne Martin

## Treats

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

12/23 remains open. Surely someone with hors d'ourves plans for Christmas Eve could produce a few extra canapes for the MGSC, no?

## Highlight from Club Night #2

*Tomorrow is promised to none of us.*

## On Deck

12/23 Regular Game [bring your own treats]

12/30 6:00pm Party/Potluck and special game at the TCBC (7:15pm):

Our year end **Team of 2 Pairs** party at the bridge center on Nicollet is in 2 weeks. 2 sections will be in play in our inaugural . MGSC partnerships will compete in a section of more experienced players. Your '499er teammates will sit at the same table and in the same direction in the other section playing the same hands from the same seats.

**The sum of the matchpoints from both pairs will be used to score the team game.**

Review your scores with your teammates at the end of the game you can. A good and fun format, and a great opportunity to share your expertise with less experienced players.

There is a signup sheet at the TCBC for the potluck and your participation. If you happen to be a single we can certainly arrange for a suitable partner. Indicate so on the signup sheet or email Peg Mitchell @

[pegmitch16@gmail.com](mailto:pegmitch16@gmail.com)

1/6 & 1/13 2012 2-session MGSC Swiss Teams. Pay for both sessions on 1/6 to be eligible for the free play awards for first overall. Each session will be scored separately with a full sectional rating (GNT club qualifying games). \$6/table goes to the district to support GNT champions,so your entry will be \$6.50 instead of \$5/session.

**That Tough Bidding Problem from Holloway – Balderson Q3**

**Board 9** ♠ A J 10 8 3 2  
 North Deals ♥ 5 4  
 E-W Vul ♦ K 9 5  
 ♣ Q J

♠ 9 5      ♠ K Q 7 4  
 ♥ K Q 7      ♥ 10 9 6 3  
 ♦ A J 10 8      ♦ Q 6 4 3  
 ♣ A 6 4 3      ♣ 2

♠ 6  
 ♥ A J 8 2  
 ♦ 7 2  
 ♣ K 10 9 8 7 5

	Contract Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
4 ♥ E	200	7.00	-7.00	
2 ♠ N	100	-7.00	7.00	

The bidding has gone: 2♠ P P X, P

Bob made an aggressive 3H call and was raised to game by Kurt.

Your last plus score is to pass. Anyone have the moxie to sit for 2♠X at IMPs?

+300 is available for you if you can.

Because the spade honors aren't really pulling full weight, particularly if it is partner with the doubleton and one of your honors is getting ruffed off I think 3H is an overbid.

Some might think N is too good for a weak 2. I like the call with 8 losers and the QJ tight not pulling full weight.

A group gathered for libations, camaraderie, and bridge discussion after the game was called. With only 7 rounds played there were many hands not played, and I am so glad the MGSC is making the effort to have everyone play every hand via web movements. More fair and much more fun at the bar afterwards.

More spirited discussion revolved around last month's club suit combination QTx opposite Axxx with most of those present believing that cashing the A first and then leading toward the QT was the right play after the side suits are stripped.

You can see from Bruce's red highlights that there are 15 combinations of KJx or KJxx or longer where playing the A first fails. The success % on this line is about 67% .

Bruce highlighted the 4-2 breaks where the honors are split and the playline starting with low away from the A. 50% of the time you will make the right guess, and given the proclivity of some to fly K, it is probably odds on, if not playing against an expert, to put in the T if RHO does not play the K.

Bruce's far right columns indicates the winning odds based on guessing the position 50% of the time given the the probability of that holding when leading small away from the A. Leading low, away from the A, on the first play of the suit is a 76% winning line.

Please assure yourself that cashing the A first is NOT the percentage play in the absence of other information, as Phil had, making it less likely (law of vacant spaces) that LHO has long clubs.

**Board 7** ♠ 10 9 6 5 4  
 South Deals ♥ 2  
 Both Vul ♦ Q J 7 6 4  
 ♣ J 9

♠ A Q 8      ♠ K 7  
 ♥ A K 10 7 5      ♥ Q 9 8 6 3  
 ♦ A 3      ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ Q 10 3      ♣ A 6 4 2

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

Bruce Boje's table derived from the the SuitPlay program: here is the link if you want to download the program <http://home.planet.nl/~narcis45/SuitPlay/>

North/South Cards	Prob.	Prob. Of Success		Overall Odds	
		ACE	SMALL	ACE	SMALL
KJ9875 -	0.75%	0%	100%	0.00%	0.75%
KJ987 - 5	1.21%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.21%
KJ985 - 7	1.21%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.21%
KJ98 - 75	1.61%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.61%
KJ975 - 8	1.21%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.21%
KJ97 - 85	1.61%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.61%
KJ95 - 87	1.61%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.61%
KJ9 - 875	1.78%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.78%
KJ875 - 9	1.21%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.21%
KJ87 - 95	1.61%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.61%
KJ85 - 97	1.61%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.61%
KJ8 - 975	1.78%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.78%
KJ75 - 98	1.61%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.61%
KJ7 - 985	1.78%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.78%
KJ5 - 987	1.78%	0%	100%	0.00%	1.78%
KJ - 9875	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
K9875 - J	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
K987 - J5	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K985 - J7	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K98 - J75	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
K975 - J8	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K97 - J85	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
K95 - J87	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
K9 - J875	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K875 - J9	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K87 - J95	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
K85 - J97	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
K8 - J975	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K75 - J98	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
K7 - J985	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K5 - J987	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
K - J9875	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
J9875 - K	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
J987 - K5	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J985 - K7	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J98 - K75	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
J975 - K8	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J97 - K85	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
J95 - K87	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
J9 - K875	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J875 - K9	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J87 - K95	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
J85 - K97	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
J8 - K975	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J75 - K98	1.78%	50%	50%	0.89%	0.89%
J7 - K985	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J5 - K987	1.61%	100%	50%	1.61%	0.81%
J - K9875	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
9875 - KJ	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
987 - KJ5	1.78%	100%	100%	1.78%	1.78%
985 - KJ7	1.78%	100%	100%	1.78%	1.78%
98 - KJ75	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
975 - KJ8	1.78%	100%	100%	1.78%	1.78%
97 - KJ85	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
95 - KJ87	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
9 - KJ875	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
875 - KJ9	1.78%	100%	100%	1.78%	1.78%
87 - KJ95	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
85 - KJ97	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
8 - KJ975	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
75 - KJ98	1.61%	100%	100%	1.61%	1.61%
7 - KJ985	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
5 - KJ987	1.21%	100%	100%	1.21%	1.21%
- KJ9875	0.75%	100%	100%	0.75%	0.75%
Sum	99.92%			66.87%	76.36%