

MPLS Grand Slam Club

December 23, 2011

Eve of Christmas Eve Regular Game



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Had a chance to see Avatar on blu-ray tonight and am still thinking about one quote: "All energy is only **borrowed** and one day you have to give it back."

Regular game

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session December 23, 2011

Scores after 9 rounds Average: 94.5 Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
4	59.52	112.50	1	0.90	Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz
1	55.66	105.19	2	0.63	Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson
5	55.36	104.63	3	0.45	Brian Crossley - Barry Purrington
9	50.00	94.50	4	0.32	Jason Bribitzer-Stull - Matthew Bribitzer-Stull
3	49.41	93.38			Kerry Holloway - Linda Brammer
8	49.41	93.38			Mark Krusemeyer - Charles Nauen
6	47.03	88.88			Peg Mitchell - Phyllis Anderson
7	41.96	79.31			Michael Flader - Jill Flader
2	41.67	78.75			Jack Kryst - Keith Ford

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session December 23, 2011

Scores after 9 rounds Average: 94.5 Section A East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
6	62.96	119.00	1	0.90	Gregg Van Dyke - John Minton
5	56.08	106.00	2	0.63	Kurt Schaeffer - Anne Schaeffer
3	54.23	102.50	3	0.45	Stephen Jackson - Susan Jackson
4	51.32	97.00	4	0.32	Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden
1	49.21	93.00			Dave Anderson - Nancy Glenn
8	45.77	86.50			David Neiman - Jay Olson
7	40.48	76.50			Thomas Utter - D Kielty
2	39.95	75.50			David Glenn - Julie Tigges

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2011/12/111223E.HTM>

MGSC KOs: Finals <http://www.grandslammn.org/specialEvents/KOMatches.php>

It's going to take a couple of more months to determine MGSC KO winner what with holiday travel, busyness and as team members have taken flight to warmer climes.

Treats

Thanks to Dick Kielty for providing treats Friday night

Highlights from Friday's Game

Congratulations to Gregg and John who finished a board ahead of the Schwarz' in a 17 pair field

Board 23 ♠ 7 6
 South Deals ♥ J 6
 Both Vul ♦ K Q J 10 8 7 5 3
 ♣ 3

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

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

Contract	Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠ E	680	4.50	2.50
5 ♠ E	680	4.50	2.50
5 ♣ E	680	4.50	2.50
4 ♠ E	680	4.50	2.50
5 ♠ E	680	4.50	2.50
4 ♠ E	680	4.50	2.50
6 ♦ x N	800	1.00	6.00
6 ♠ E	1430	0.00	7.00

A good chunk of that lead came from board 23 where they were the only pair to reach the 23hcp slam.

If one follows the general rule of thumb that it takes about 33hcp to make a slam, but when the dummy is looking at a void opposite no hcp wastage you are actually playing with a 30pt deck and you only need 23hcp for game.

They caught a club lead but S did not continue the suit to give the diamond preemptor a ruff. In fact, from viewing the traveler noone found the defense.

Board 1 ♠ 5 4 2
 North Deals ♥ 6
 None Vul ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ A K 10 9 5 4

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

♠ K Q J 7
 ♥ K 7 4 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ Q 7 6 2

Contract	Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♣ x N	510	7.00	0.00
5 ♥ E	100	6.00	1.00
4 ♣ x N	100	4.50	2.50
5 ♣ x N	100	4.50	2.50
5 ♦ E	420	3.00	4.00
5 ♥ W	510	1.00	6.00
4 ♥ W	510	1.00	6.00
5 ♥ E	510	1.00	6.00

John posed an interesting question regarding this collection: once South raises the opening club preempt should West's double be responsive or not?

3♣ - 3♦ - 4♣ - ?

Most pairs only mark responsive through 3S, but on preempt auctions with raises the likelihood of defensive trump tricks is greatly diminished.

1 EW pair evidently did take that double as penalty oriented and found themselves -510. A sequence certainly worthy of discussion.

One pair played 4H from West. North may have felt that AKT9xx was too good for a first chair white preempt.

QTx opposite Axxx

We're still not done with the discussion. Barry opines that after three rounds of spades, two rounds of diamonds and two rounds of trumps (hearts), and based on the absence of opponents' bidding, the likelihood of 6-0 clubs or even 5-1 clubs is very remote in the North (danger hand). [ed. Note: why might the North hand still not be 4=1=2=6 or 4=1=3=5?]

Even if you toss out the 5.6% of hands with KJxxx or KJxxxx the odds STILL favor starting first by leading away from the A.

Board 7
 South Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 10 9 6 5 4
 ♥ 2
 ♦ Q J 7 6 4
 ♣ J 9

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ A K 10 7 5
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q 10 3

♠ K 7
 ♥ Q 9 8 6 3
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ A 6 4 2

♠ J 3 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ K 9 5 2
 ♣ K 8 7 5

Suit Combination of QTX opposite AXXX
 side suits can be stripped for a ruff & sluff

West-East	#	prob.	Lead A	Low to Ten	Low to Q
KJxxxx -	1	0.75%	Loses 0.75%		
KJxxx - x	4	4.84%	Loses 4.84%		
KJxx - xx	6	9.69%	Loses 9.69%		
KJx - xxx	4	7.11%	Loses 7.11%		
KJ - xxxx	1	1.61%			
Kxxxx - J	1	1.21%			
Kxxx - Jx	4	6.46%			Loses 6.46%
Kxx - Jxx	6	10.66%	Loses 5.33%		Loses 10.66%
Kx - Jxxx	4	6.46%			Loses 6.46%
K - Jxxxx	1	1.21%			
Jxxxx - K	1	1.21%			
Jxxx - Kx	4	6.46%		Loses 6.46%	
Jxx - Kxx	6	10.66%	Loses 5.33%	Loses 10.66%	
Jx - Kxxx	4	6.46%		Loses 6.46%	
J - Kxxxx	1	1.21%			
xxxx - KJ	1	1.61%			
xxx - KJx	4	7.11%			
xx - KJxx	6	9.69%			
x - KJxxx	4	4.84%			
- KJxxxx	1	0.75%			
			Loses 33.05%	Loses 23.58%	Loses 23.58%
			Wins 66.95%	Wins 76.42%	Wins 76.42%

On Deck

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 sign up 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 sign up sheet or email Peg Mitchell @ 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.

