

# MPLS Grand Slam Club

January 6 2012

## MGSC Swiss Teams #1



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EVENT>GNT Qualifier

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DIR> Tony Ames | RATING>Grand National Teams - Club | GAME>VICTORY POINT

ROUNDS> 4 | BDS/RD> 6 | MP LIMITS>None/2000/NLM | CLUB>Minneapolis Grand Slam C1

TEAMS IN STRAT A=9/B=2/C=0

No	Name	Master Points	Name	Master Points	Qualifiers Flt  A B	Overall Rank Wins   Score
0156932	Anne Schaeffer Apple Valley MN	0.12Red P738374 0.11Blk	Cezanne Martin St Louis Park MN	0.12Red  0.11Blk		
1	J795619 Donald Priewert Rochester MN	0.12Red L655741 0.11Blk	Susan Jackson Roseville MN	0.12Red  0.11Blk	A	1   26
Q071764	Jill Flader Saint Paul MN	0.23Red O028918 0.23Blk	Michael Flader Eagan MN	0.23Red  0.23Blk		
2	L128342 Tim Barrett Minneapolis MN	0.23Red L128393 0.23Blk	Joseph Barrett Cripple Creek CO	0.23Red  0.23Blk	A Q	2   41
K036894	Mary McIntyre St Paul MN	K036886 	Larry McIntyre St Paul MN	 		
3	L126889 Diane Henson Minnetonka MN	L126870 	Larry Henson Minnetonka MN	 	B	0   15
K896311	Gregg Van Dyke Saint Paul MN	0.78Red O723640 0.78Blk	John Minton White Bear Lake MN	0.78Red  0.78Blk		3/4
4	O841791 J Thomas Holzer Hopkins MN	0.78Red K900084 0.78Blk	Peter Dean Minneapolis MN	0.78Red  0.78Blk	A Q	3   47
K067862	<b>Peg Mitchell</b> Minneapolis MN	1.39Red Q044392 1.39Blk	<b>Phyllis Anderson</b> Saint Paul MN	1.39Red  1.39Blk		<b>1/2</b>
5	N894980 <b>Keith Connolly</b> Minneapolis MN	1.39Red J011030 1.39Blk	<b>Rebecca Anspach</b> Minneapolis MN	1.39Red  1.39Blk	A Q	3   <b>50</b>
J694618	Andrew Caranicas St Paul MN	0.78Red O466958 0.78Blk	Richard Lawson Plymouth MN	0.78Red  0.78Blk		3/4
6	M584295 Brian Crossley Minneapolis MN	0.78Red P915837 0.78Blk	Julie Tigges Minneapolis MN	0.78Red  0.78Blk	A Q	3   47
N087333	<b>Phil Schwarz</b> Lakeville MN	1.39Red N091047 1.39Blk	<b>Judy Schwarz</b> Lakeville MN	1.39Red  1.39Blk		<b>1/2</b>
7	N895332 <b>Michael Cassel II</b> Roseville MN	1.39Red N206421 1.39Blk	<b>Barry Purrington</b> Eagan MN	1.39Red  1.39Blk	A Q	3   <b>50</b>
P607342	David Neiman Minneapolis MN	0.12Red P456069 0.11Blk	Carol Rynders Saint Paul MN	0.12Red  0.11Blk		
8	O548075 Thomas Knier Burnsville MN	0.12Red N706459 0.11Blk	John Miller Stillwater MN	0.12Red  0.11Blk	B Q	1   38
M143949	Peggy Kaplan Minnetonka MN	0.23Red M336186 0.23Blk	Kurt Schaeffer Apple Valley MN	0.23Red  0.23Blk		
9	O064876 Cynthia Balderson Eden Prairie MN	0.23Red J609408 0.23Blk	Roark Johnson Edina MN	0.23Red  0.23Blk	A Q	2   46

TOTALS

18 360

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/01/120106E.HTM>

## Recap from MGSC Swiss #1

Kudos to Peg, Phyllis, Keith, & Rebecca and Mike, Barry, Judy, and Phil who are tied for the lead with 50VPs after the first session. Teams 1-4 (darker highlight) signed up for only the first session. Only 4 VPs separate four of the five teams (5-9) who signed up for both sessions (light highlight) and the Neiman squad is only just over a ½ match behind. Any of the 5 could take the event with a solid performance next week. Next week is another one-session GNT qualifier. It is nearly assured that there will be playbacks between the teams contending for the MGSC Swiss Championship for the free plays awarded to the winners.

No travelers are available as the electronic scorepads were not employed for the Swiss.

Any team winning 50% of it's matches in it's flight earns a GNT Q.

Board 15

Dealer: S

Vul.: N-S

♠	Q8654		
♥	AQJ743		
♦	96		
♣	--		
♠	KJ73	♠	T2
♥	KT6	♥	92
♦	T72	♦	AKQJ5
♣	T64	♣	J853
	♠	A9	
	♥	85	
	♦	843	
	♣	AKQ972	

### Double Digit Disaster

Our team had only one 12imp swing in the minus column, so I'll share the story on myself and Barry which has brought to mind, again for the umpteenth? Time for me, the excellent **Bols bridge tip** from **Mike Lawrence** called **Ecstasy**: *Any time you feel yourself succumbing to an emotion, whether sadness, depression, irritation, COMFORT, ELATION, OR ECSTASY, you should fight it off. STOP AND PAY ATTENTION!*  
[http://www.michaelslawrence.com/Articles/040\\_frm.html](http://www.michaelslawrence.com/Articles/040_frm.html)

Barry led out with the ♦A and ♦K. I played the discouraging ♦2 and ♦T which is suit preference for spades, but Barry persisted with the ♦Q ruffed and I'm wondering what part of my suit preference signal could have been misunderstood. Declarer played the ♥A and ♥Q... over to Mike.

Does Mike stop to think about how North is limited to 9hcp? It's all over if N holds the ♣J?

Does Mike think declarer could really be 4=5=2=2? I returned a club.

Does Mike consider the possibility of declarer's actual shape: 5=6=2=0?

No, Mike is still expending useless energy on why his partner didn't shift to a spade on his oh so clear suit preference signal way back at trick 2.

That's how you turn 13VPs into 7 and kiss 6VPs away.

Should Barry have switched to a spade at T3? Of course, but that's no excuse for letting one's emotions get in the way of paying attention regarding how to recover.

The fact of the matter: if the clubs are 6-3-3-1 the suit will ruff out with the SA as an entry. The only hope is that declarer IS void in clubs. A heart back putting declarer into his hand secures the one trick set and a push.

Yeah, you're busy with important things to do. So what? Take another 5' and click on or copy/paste the link to 'Ecstasy'. You'll be glad you took the time.

### Recovering after a Misguess? part 2

Cezanne Martin found a squeeze endplay to make 3N on this layout. After opening 1D and hearing partner make a negative double over her LHO's 2♣ overcall she found herself in a somewhat precarious 3N contract with only one club stopper and 8 sure tricks.

She ran her 6 red suit winners without trying to guess the location of the ♦Q. East was squeezed at trick 7. Discarding the ♠J would have given away the spade holding, so perforce a club had to be discarded.

She then threw East in with her second club forcing a lead from the ♠K at trick 12 to score the ♠Q for her 9<sup>th</sup> trick.

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♦
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	all pass		

Board 20

Dealer: N

Vul.: Both

♠	AT62		
♥	J53		
♦	AJ42		
♣	K2		
♠	54	♠	KJ87
♥	9742	♥	86
♦	Q987	♦	5
♣	983	♣	AJT764
	♠	Q93	
	♥	AKQT	
	♦	KT63	
	♣	Q5	

## Not Every hand is a Nail

Since we were probably the only ones in the room to bid a grand off an ace, I'm the last person to give advice on board 9:

Dealer: N

Vul.:E-W

<p>♠ T5 ♥ J9 ♦ KT986 ♣ JT73</p>	<p>♠ A9642 ♥ T ♦ Q2 ♣ AKQ94</p>	<p>♠ 87 ♥ 76543 ♦ A73 ♣ 852</p>
<p>♠ KQJ3 ♥ AKQ82 ♦ J54 ♣ 6</p>		

The bidding was far from exemplary: 1♣-1♥ 1♠-4♠, 4N-5♠, 5N-6♥, 7♠-P. Phyllis (Anderson) and Peg (Mitchell) took the first two diamond tricks, and we went on to the next hand.

Okay, we messed up a simple bid like KCB. Nevertheless, I'd rather be in 7 than 6 on this hand, especially atimps, since it's one of those 5 or 7 hands dependent on the opening lead. It's always more fun and rewarding to steal a grand than a small slam.

Congrats to those (if any) who stopped at 5S. They probably relied on cuebids rather than any form of blackwood. On this hand blackwood is a hammer, but not every hand is a nail.

John Minton

Ed. Note Barry & I gave a road map to the defense via a cuebidding sequence that ended in 4S. We knew neither of us had a diamond control. 1♠-2♥, 3♣-3♠, 4♣-4♥, 4♠. The sequence was discussed in the post mortem over libations regarding whether or not someone should have made a 'fake' diamond cuebid. Swindles are sweet, and disguising values and/or weaknesses at matchpoints can be very valuable, but my take is that you want to get to the right level and strain in IMPs and if you don't make overtricks so be it. In John's auction would W's 4♣ bid over E's 1♠ rebid have been a splinter in support of spades? If so, then E could lie with 4♦ and maybe deter a diamond lead from the K in slam. Most defenders would still try the ♦ A against a grand, but maybe not the small slam.



### A second look at a slam from the Team of Two Pairs

An extended multiple suit combination

<p><b>Board 12</b> West Deals N-S Vul</p> <p>♠ 6 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ K J 10 9 7 6 ♣ A J 7</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">S</div> </div> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>♠ K 10 8 5 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 8 6 2</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ K 10 8 5 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 8 6 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 2 ♥ K 6 5 3 2 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 9</p>
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	Contract Scores Matchpoints 1000		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
6♥S	1430	6.50	0.50 A2-
6♥S	1430	6.50	0.50 A3-
6♦N	1390	5.00	2.00 A1-
6♦N	1370	3.50	3.50 A4-
6♦N	1370	3.50	3.50 A8-
3NTN	690	2.00	5.00 A6-
5♦N	640	1.00	6.00 A10
3NTS	630	0.00	7.00 A7-
6♦N	1370	7.00	0.00 B3-
4♥S	680	4.00	3.00 B1-
4♥S	680	4.00	3.00 B2-
4♥S	680	4.00	3.00 B4-
4♥S	680	4.00	3.00 B6-
4♥S	680	4.00	3.00 B8-
3NTN	660	0.50	6.50 B7-
3NTN	660	0.50	6.50 B10

### Combining chances vs. straight finesse?

I commented last week that 7♦ can be made with a spade finesse. Phil Schwartz scored up +1390 after a trump lead. He pointed out that you lose the option to both ruff the second and third clubs and take a spade finesse after a diamond lead. You can, however, cross-ruff two black losers, followed by running trumps. You will make 7 any time either opponent holds both the ♠K and 3 hearts. The dummy will have the ♠Q and the ♥Kx after the last diamond is played at T10.

This line of play is also available on a non-trump lead which begs the question of which is the best line of play: the 50% spade finesse or the combination: playing for ♠Kxx or squeeze if ♠K doesn't fall. How would you estimate the percentages of these two play lines?

### **Cecil's Progress:**

The name of Cecil's current game is ADLs (Activities of Daily Living) as he continues his recovery at Martin Luther Manor  
1401 East 100th St.  
Bloomington  
952-888-7751  
Room 104

For many days he had difficulty even taking a full breath of air due to the effects of a chest compression machine employed by the EMTs. Cecil did not suffer any broken ribs, but was very sore for a long time. He will be able to return home when he demonstrates the ability to get about, bend over to tie shoes and dress, reach for kitchen items, etc. He is receiving rigorous physical therapy daily and making good progress. His spirits are good and we're all thankful.

### **On Deck**

**1/13 MGSC Swiss Teams #2.** Next week's Swiss is another GNT club qualifying game session with a full sectional rating. New teams are welcome for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Swiss, however you will not be eligible for first overall awards (free entries) even if you score all the VPs!!! ½ Red and ½ Black masterpoints at full sectional rating will be awarded. \$6/table goes to the district to support GNT champions., Entries will be \$26/team or \$6.50/person. If you are a pair looking for teammates Tony Ames can help <mailto:ynotsema@aol.com>

**1/20 Club Night #3**

**1/27 Winter Carnival (No Game)**

**2/3 & 2/10 Board-A-Match Teams (Junior Fund games with \$1 surcharge)**

Pay for both sessions on 2/3 to be eligible for the free play awards for first overall.