

# MPLS Grand Slam Club

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## MGSC Swiss Teams #2



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

ROUNDS> 4 |BDS/RD> 6 |MP LIMITS>None |CLUB>Minneapolis Grand Slam Club 12 Teams

No	Name	Master Points	Name	Master Points	Qual	Wins	Score	Overall Rank
1	L655741 Susan Jackson Roseville MN P738374 Cezanne Martin St Louis Park MN	0.29Red N098963 0.29Blk  0.29Red J795619 0.29Blk	Stephen Jackson Roseville MN Donald Prierwert Rochester MN	0.29Red  0.29Blk  0.29Red  0.29Blk	Q	2.50	38	
2	P150334 Linda Brammer Minneapolis MN N785081 Sherry Hansen Minneapolis MN	0.06Red N622948 0.06Blk  0.06Red P062478 0.06Blk	Judy Hansen Eagan MN Timothy Adamson St Paul MN	0.06Red  0.06Blk  0.06Red  0.06Blk		0.50	30	
3	K701669 Patti Stuhlman Minneapolis MN J578693 Mark Krusemeyer Northfield MN	0.18Red J451502 0.17Blk  0.18Red O723640 0.17Blk	Jonathan Cohen Prior Lake MN John Minton White Bear Lake MN	0.18Red  0.17Blk  0.18Red  0.17Blk	Q	1.50	40	
4	J585975 Bob Balderson Jr Eden Prairie MN K952424 Kerry Holloway Bloomington MN	1.38Red O019870 1.37Blk  1.38Red R081631 1.37Blk	Joseph Rice Minneapolis MN Dennis Ryan Menomonie WI	1.38Red  1.37Blk  1.38Red  1.37Blk	Q	3	55	2
5	K067862 Peg Mitchell Minneapolis MN N894980 Keith Connolly Minneapolis MN	0.78Red Q044392 0.77Blk  0.78Red J011030 0.77Blk	Phyllis Anderson Saint Paul MN Rebecca Anspach Minneapolis MN	0.78Red  0.77Blk  0.78Red  0.77Blk	Q	3	42	4
6	J694618 Andrew Caranicas St Paul MN M584295 Brian Crossley Minneapolis MN	0.12Red O466958 0.11Blk  0.12Red P915837 0.11Blk	Richard Lawson Plymouth MN Julie Tigges Minneapolis MN	0.12Red  0.11Blk  0.12Red  0.11Blk		1	32	
7	N895332 Michael Cassel II Roseville MN K891891 Tim Wernz Hopkins MN	0.12Red N206421 0.11Blk  0.12Red M933486 0.11Blk	Barry Purrington Eagan MN John Koch Saint Cloud MN	0.12Red  0.11Blk  0.12Red  0.11Blk		1	33	
8	P607342 David Neiman Minneapolis MN N706459 John Miller Stillwater MN	P456069    O548075 	Carol Rynders Saint Paul MN Thomas Knier Burnsville MN	     		0	26	
9	M143949 Peggy Kaplan Minnetonka MN O064876 Cynthia Balderson Eden Prairie MN	1.03Red M336186 1.03Blk  1.03Red J609408 1.03Blk	Kurt Schaeffer Apple Valley MN Roark Johnson Edina MN	1.03Red  1.03Blk  1.03Red  1.03Blk	Q	4	53	3
10	O156932 Anne Schaeffer Apple Valley MN O028934 Nancy Glenn Eagan MN	0.35Red O682715 0.34Blk  0.35Red O028926 0.34Blk	Thomas Utter Mendota Heights MN David Glenn Eagan MN	0.35Red  0.34Blk  0.35Red  0.34Blk	Q	3	39	

M180771	Roger Anderson	1.84Red	M180798	Sharon Anderson	1.84Red				
	Eagan MN	1.83Blk		Eagan MN	1.83Blk				
11	L055957	Glen Meeden	1.84Red	O151302	Nancy Meeden	1.84Red	Q	3	58 1
		Saint Paul MN	1.83Blk		Saint Paul MN	1.83Blk			
M405870	Verda Gould	0.18Red	3401154	Daniel Barrett	0.18Red				
	Minneapolis MN	0.17Blk		Minneapolis MN	0.17Blk				
12	L128393	Joseph Barrett	0.18Red	N104254	Tony Ames	0.18Red		1.50	34
		Cripple Creek CO	0.17Blk		Minnetonka MN	0.17Blk			
							TOTALS	24.00	480.00

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/01/120113E.HTM>

**MGSC Swiss Team Overalls**

Peg Mitchell	Phyllis Anderson								
Keith Connolly	Rebecca Anspach	50	+	42	=	92			
Andrew Caranicas	Richard Lawson								
Brian Crossley	Julie Tigges	47	+	32	=	79			
Michael Cassel II	Barry Purrington								
Tim Wernz	John Koch	50	+	33	=	83			
Phil Schwarz	Judy Schwarz								
David Neiman	Carol Rynders								
John Miller	Thomas Knier	38	+	26	=	64			
Thomas Knier	John Miller								
Peggy Kaplan	Kurt Schaeffer								
Cynthia Balderson	Roark Johnson	46	+	53	=	99			

**Recap from MGSC Swiss #2**

The Andersons and Meedens won the second week of the MGSC Swiss by 2VPs over Kerry, Dennis, Joe and Bob. Only 4 of the 12 teams finished above average. Peg K., Kurt, Cindy and Roark were the only team that went undefeated. Any team winning 50% of it's matches in it's flight earned a GNT Q. It was a frustrating night for EWs who had the balance of power on about 1/3 of the 24 boards.

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

The Houlihan's crowd found a few good ones to chat about:

Board 1  
Dealer: N  
Vul.:None

**Misfit City on Board 1**

The adage goes: pass at the first sign of a misfit.

♠ K	
♥ AJ9763	
♦ Q	
♣ AJ983	
♠ Q732	♠ J94
♥ KT4	♥ Q52
♦ 9	♦ K6543
♣ KT652	♣ Q4
♠ AT865	
♥ 8	
♦ AJT872	
♣ 7	

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	

The libation team agreed that responder's rebid of 3♦ is the winning call and North should respect that the hand has little future. South might easily have longer diamonds than spades. If North should be undeterred and bids 3H then South must subside.

Lots of NS minus scores on this one.

Our teammates, Tim and John shined, bringing back +140.

Board 3  
Dealer: S  
Vul.: E-W

♠ T972  
♥ AJT6  
♦ 4  
♣ AKJT

♠ K  
♥ K873  
♦ KQ862  
♣ Q42

♠ A654  
♥ Q92  
♦ AT753  
♣ 7

### A careful 23hcp game....sometimes

You can see that this layout has 3♠ losers. But 4♠ can be made with careful play.

Lots of swings on this one:

+170 +50 win 6  
+170 -420 lose 6  
+200 +50 win 6 (plus 200 was accurate defense against 1♦X-W)  
+420 -420 push  
+420 -140 win 7

♠ QJ83  
♥ 54  
♦ J9  
♣ 98653

Board 8  
Dealer: S  
Vul.: E-W

♠ AJ654  
♥ AQJ32  
♦ 92  
♣ 8

♠ K7  
♥ K65  
♦ AKJ765  
♣ 75

♠ QT8  
♥ T84  
♦ QT84  
♣ KQ9

♠ 932  
♥ 97  
♦ 3  
♣ AJT6432

### Hand of the Night #1

Lots of discussion on this one.

1. Should W open 1♦ or 1N. <http://www.jeff-goldsmith.org/cgi-bin/knr.cgi?hand=k7+k65+AKj765++75> This 14hcp hand values at 16.80. With 5.5 losers I opened 1N because I liked the trick taking power and the preemptive nature of taking major suit overcalls away at the 1 level. The consensus opinion at the libation table was 3/5 for 1N and 2/5 for 1♦.

2. If W opens 1♦ should N bid Michaels or overcall 1S hoping to get hearts in later. Old schoolers and the ACBL teacher's manual believe in Michaels weak or strong and using single suit overcalls with intermediate (hands worth opening bids). Kerry opined that standard expert treatment these days is wide-ranging Michaels so that the heart suit doesn't get lost. Here is one treatment to elicit the hand quality of the cuebidder when you have game interest:

2NT asks for Major suit length and strength

Responses by the Michaels bidder are:

3♣ shows minimum hand with longer hearts

3♦ shows minimum hand with longer spades

3♥ shows minimum hand with 5-5

3♠ shows maximum hand with longer hearts

3NT shows maximum hand with longer spades

4♣ shows maximum with equal length and club shortness

4♦ shows maximum with equal length and diamond shortness

3. After Michaels some pairs show major suit stoppers, others play a version of Unusual vs. Unusual (Def. Vs Michaels(minors)) where 2♥ promises limit or better in the minor, and 2♠ is forcing in the unbid minor. After Michaels on this layout 3♣ would be competitive only.

4. Two Souths were reluctant to double high level club contracts. I'd pay off to -550 myself with a strong belief that the contract has no prayer.

5. Deep Finesse holds a spade contract to 2! Would you start with the ♣A? Seems doubtful with a stiff diamond opposite a diamond opener.

Contract	NS	EW
4DX-W -2	300	
4S -? -1		50
5C -W -5	250	
3N -E -3	150	
3S -N +4	170	
5C -E -4	200	
3S -? +5	200	
5CX-E -2	300	

Board 12  
Dealer: W  
Vul.: N-S

♠ AQ76	♠ JT943
♥ K652	♥ Q7
♦ A8	♦ J965
♣ AK2	♣ 53
♠ K	
♥ 9843	
♦ 72	
♣ QT9764	
♠ 852	
♥ AJT	
♦ KQT43	
♣ J8	

### Play Line for 6N

Some pairs rested in 3N. Some blasted to 6N. Some pairs in 6N failed badly. Some made 6. Tim made 7 which requires both the diamond finesse and guessing H to make 2♠ 4♥ 5♦ and 2♣

Puppet stayman bidders may well hear a double of 3♣ which shifts the number of vacant spaces in the West hand reducing the odds of diamonds 3-3 or the J falling doubleton. *SuitPlay* says that playing the top diamonds without a lead directional club double, or the fall of the SK at trick one in auctions without that double about 52% and is the best play line to take 5 tricks in the suit. Vacant space analysis is left to you.

If the ♠J is led (no club lead director) and the K pops the best line of play is probably to start the hearts. Once you know whether or not you have 4♥ tricks you can decide how many diamonds you need, 4 or 5.

West-East	#	prob.	A	B
J9xxxx -	1	0.04%	3	3
J9xxx - x	4	0.83%	3	3
J9xx - xx	6	4.15%	4	4
J9x - xxx	4	6.22%	5	4
J9 - xxxx	1	2.49%	5	4
Jxxxx - 9	1	0.21%	4	4
Jxxx - 9x	4	2.77%	4	4
Jxx - 9xx	6	9.33%	5	4
Jx - 9xxx	4	9.95%	5	4
J - 9xxxx	1	2.90%	4	4
9xxxx - J	1	0.21%	4	4
9xxx - Jx	4	2.77%	5	5
9xx - Jxx	6	9.33%	5	5
9x - Jxxx	4	9.95%	4	5
9 - Jxxxx	1	2.90%	3	4
xxxx - J9	1	0.69%	5	5
xxx - J9x	4	6.22%	5	5
xx - J9xx	6	14.93%	4	5
x - J9xxx	4	11.61%	3	4
- J9xxxx	1	2.49%	4	4

### Rightsiding the Notrump Helps – Hand of the Night #2 (play problem)

A nice Spade diamond squeeze in 3N by West if the HT is led and the suit cleared. W has to pitch his two low spades and fly SA at T5.

Kerry had a nice sequence to the par spot from the W hand which protects the spade tenace. Rather than jumping to 2N after 1♣ – 1♥ – 1♠ he jumped to 3♣. He was rewarded when North led a diamond after W bid 3N.

Barry and I had our first ever minus XYZ position as he rebid 2N after showing an invitational hand with 2♣ after the same start. Had he rebid 3♣ over my forced 2D bid we might have rightsided the contract as well. I must have at least 3 clubs, but if I have a minimum with 3=4=3=3 we are looking rather foolish with this sequence.

It actually takes a spade lead to beat 3N-E. On a diamond lead E should play low (although playing the K also works). The diamond finesse can be made later. The run of the clubs brings grief to the North hand. After a diamond and 5 clubs what can North keep? ♠KT ♦QT and which 3 hearts to avoid being thrown in to lead into a tenace? The ♥8 grows up!

Deep Finesse makes 5♣. Can you? Hint.... the ♠98 helps keep S off play late in the game.

Board 18  
Dealer: E  
Vul.: N-S

♠ KT2	♠ 64
♥ AT94	♥ Q876
♦ QT95	♦ A84
♣ 53	♣ KQ64
♠ AQ98	♠ J753
♥ 5	♥ KJ32
♦ KJ2	♦ 763
♣ AT872	♣ J9

## **On Deck**

**1/20 Club Night #3** MGSC members play for no charge

**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.

**2/17 New Partner Night #3**