

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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MGSC Club Night #3



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Correction: Team Mitchell, Anderson, Connolly, & Anspach were also above average last week and finished second in the MGSC Swiss with a total of 92VPs. Bad addin' ...sorry.



MGSC KOs: Final 1 of 1 or 1st of 2 Scheduled for Tuesday, 1/24 at the TCBC

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

Holloway is undefeated and Balderson has one loss. If Balderson should beat Holloway they will need to play again to crown a champion. Kibitzers welcome and the hand records and scores will be posted to the internet like our regular games.



Club Night #3

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session January 20, 2012

Scores after 9 rounds Average: 121.5 Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs
2	57.61	140.00	1	1.10
1	56.17	136.50	2	0.77
9	54.73	133.00	3	0.55
8	54.32	132.00	4	0.39
3	50.62	123.00		
5	47.33	115.00		
10	46.91	114.00		
6	45.47	110.50		
4	43.83	106.50		
7	43.00	104.50		

David Neiman - John Stern

Susan Jackson - Stephen Jackson
Michael Cassel II - Murray Appelbaum
Richard Lawson - Andrew Caranicas
Brian Crossley - Barry Purrington
Mark Krusemeyer - Jonathan Cohen
Dan Knier - Thomas Knier
Peter Dean - Sam Larson
Linda Brammer - Timothy Adamson
Elizabeth Hughes - Verda Gould
Section A East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs
4	60.19	146.25	1	1.10
3	56.02	136.13	2	0.77
5	55.79	135.56	3	0.55
9	54.86	133.31	4	0.39
2	52.26	127.00		
8	48.61	118.13		
10	47.45	115.31		
1	45.68	111.00		
11	44.44	108.00		
7	43.75	106.31		
6	41.21	100.13		

Donald Priewert - Kerry Holloway

John Minton - Tim Barrett
Joseph Barrett - Kurt Schaeffer
Diane Henson - Larry Henson
Michael Flader - Jill Flader
Peg Mitchell - Peder Langsetmo
Marylyn Howe - Kent Howe
Nancy Glenn - David Glenn
Mary McIntyre - Larry McIntyre
Julie Tigges - Anne Schaeffer
Eunice Smith - Gary Smith

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/01/120120E.HTM>

An 11 table Web movement for 21 pairs. Each board was played 10 times for a 9 top and 121.5 average. For the second week in a row the EW pairs got a very short end of the hcp distribution holding the balance of power on only 6 of the 27 hands. When you don't have the balance of power you have to hope that your opponents do some stumbling along the way. Dave and John appear to have stumbled the least sitting NS where numerous bidding decisions re. level presented themselves and were the beneficiaries of a few EW miscues when they did have the cards. Don & Kerry had their baskets open for the matchpoints that dropped in. Congrats.

Club Night #3 highlights and snapshots in no particular order

Bid This One with your regular partner

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

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

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

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

Contract	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
5♦ x W	1100	9.00	0.00	
4♦ x W	500	8.00	1.00	
3 NT S	430	6.50	2.50	
3 NT S	430	6.50	2.50	
2♠ S	200	5.00	4.00	
2♠ S	170	3.50	5.50	
3♠ S	170	3.50	5.50	
1 NT S	120	2.00	7.00	
2♦ W	100	1.00	8.00	
6♠ S	50	0.00	9.00	

Ahead of the Game or Press?

Don't know how the wheels came off for the Kniers but they were one of only two pairs? to get to the cold spade game. Somehow they pressed to the hopeless slam. It would appear that Liz and Verda also got there but their opponents sacrificed in diamonds.

The traveler identifies 8 different levels & strains: diamonds (2,4,5) spades (2,3,6) and no trump (1&3)

Without interference and after stayman can you safely determine if the hands mesh? Most pairs were satisfied with a spade partial once a fit was found.

Can you cuebid 3♦ over a natural 2♦ overcall of 1N? Is there wastage or not?

Mirror Mirror on ...

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

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

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

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

Contract	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
2♥ S	110	8.50	0.50	
2♥ N	110	8.50	0.50	
2♥ N	50	6.00	3.00	
3♥ S	50	6.00	3.00	
2♥ S	50	6.00	3.00	
4♥ N	100	3.00	6.00	
3♥ N	100	3.00	6.00	
3♥ S	100	3.00	6.00	
4♥ S	150	0.50	8.50	
4♥ S	150	0.50	8.50	

Tale of the Traveler Tape

Ten heart contracts played
2H made 2x and failed 2x
3H failed by 1 once and by 2 twice
4H failed by 2 once and by 3 twice
4 times by North which means South opened in first seat and probably not 1♥.

9 of the 12 A/K controls where the A counts as 2 and the K 1. 8 tricks were only scored 3 times.

The pitfalls of a mirror shape and an example of how EW had little control over their matchpoint result.

I wanted to pass 1♥ after P-1♣-1♥-? but hoped that 2♥ would buy the bid. Great restraint by the Jackson North who made no move toward game with 3 bullets, and the NS winners, Dave & John who also stopped in 2♥

Current widespread expert practice where South's 2N after 1m-1M-2M-2N asks for the quality of the raise can keep NS out of the doomed 4H to save a couple of matchpoints

Big Numbers

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

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

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

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

Contract	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
2♠ x E	1400	9.00	0.00	
1 NT x W	800	7.50	1.50	
2♥ x E	800	7.50	1.50	
3 NT N	600	6.00	3.00	
1 NT W	400	5.00	4.00	
1 NT W	300	3.50	5.50	
1 NT W	300	3.50	5.50	
1 NT W	200	1.50	7.50	
1 NT W	200	1.50	7.50	
2♠ N	170	0.00	9.00	

EW Nightmare

I thought +300 vs. 1N might be a reasonable score. If you stay off a spade lead it is easier to beat the contract 4 tricks.

At least 3 North's had a penalty double in their quiver and thought their balanced 16hcp hand with no trick source was worth that gamble. It was!

One NS reached 3N themselves after W was a point light for a 16-18hcp opener and NS had an invitational sequence to game. Only the Jacksons got all their tricks against 1N for an assuredly disappointing 55% score

Overbidding Pays

Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ K 7 6 5 4 2
♦ J 10 4
♣ J 5

♠ A Q 9 7 2
♥ A Q J
♦ Q 8
♣ A 4 2

N		E
W		S

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 9 8
♦ A 9 6 5 3
♣ K 10 3

♠ K J 8
♥ 10 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 7 6

Contract	Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♠ W	620	6.00	3.00
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4♠ W	620	6.00	3.00
4♠ W	620	6.00	3.00
4♠ W	620	6.00	3.00
3 NT W	630	1.00	8.00
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The KnR hand evaluator rates the W hand at 18.45, hardly a 2N opener, but everyone in 3N made 4. Some 2N openers might have reached spades after a puppet stayman sequence.

A thoughtful 5th best heart lead at our table gave us a chance for a top board holding 3N to 3, but South under pressure in the endgame let declarer score a 3rd club.

West can engineer a legitimate throw-in to make 4N after playing to score 4S tricks.

<http://www.jeff-goldsmith.org/cgi-bin/knr.cgi?hand=aq872+aqj+q8+a42>

Never had this auction before

Board 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 10 5 4
♥ 5 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ 10 9 3

♠ 9 8 7 6 3
♥ 10 7
♦ 5 4 3
♣ J 8 6

N		E
W		S

♠ A 2
♥ A 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A K Q 7 5 4 2

♠ J
♥ K Q J 9 8 6 2
♦ A Q J 10 8
♣ —

Contract	Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
5♥ x S	850	8.00	1.00
5♥ x S	850	8.00	1.00
5♥ x S	850	8.00	1.00
5♦ x N	750	6.00	3.00
5♥ S	680	5.00	4.00
4♥ S	650	3.00	6.00
5♥ S	650	3.00	6.00
4♠ N	650	3.00	6.00
5♦ S	600	1.00	8.00
4 NT E	100	0.00	9.00

Five of us at the libation station and 5 different auctions to 5 different contracts:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3N	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♥

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	2♣!	4♥
Pass	Pass	4N	

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	2N
Pass	3♦	4♣	5♣
Pass	5♦	DBL	

<http://www.jeff-goldsmith.org/cgi-bin/knr.cgi?hand=a2+a3+96+akq7542>

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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	3N	4♥
Pass	Pass	4N	5♥
Pass	Pass	DBL	

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1N	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♦

Missed Opportunity at Favorable Vulnerability?

Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 3
♦ J 9 3
♣ A Q 8 6 3

♠ K Q J 9 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ 10 8 4
♣ J 5

N		E
W		S

♠ 8 7 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ K 9 4

♠ 6
♥ A 10 8 7 4 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 10 7 2

Contract	Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ S	650	8.00	1.00
4♥ S	650	8.00	1.00
4♥ S	650	8.00	1.00
4♥ S	620	5.50	3.50
4♥ S	620	5.50	3.50
4♣ N	130	4.00	5.00
3♠ W	100	3.00	6.00
6♥ S	100	1.50	7.50
4♥ S	100	1.50	7.50
5♣ N	200	0.00	9.00

Unless, sitting East, you think that 4H will fail then 4SX down even 3 will be a winning position. On this layout though, 4SX can go for 800 with an uppercut in hearts promoting the ♠T

The club suit combination is worth a look. It took *SuitPlay* 30 sec!! to explore 8 possible play lines when W was given 8 major suit cards.

The 56% play is to start with the Ace, but with a doubleton honor outside 4 club tricks were available with a straight finesse of the Q.

Did anyone not open a weak two spades?

Opening Lead Nightmare #1

Board 9 ♠ Q 10 6 2
North Deals ♥ J 5
E-W Vul ♦ K 10 8 5
♣ 9 4 2

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

♠ J 7 5
♥ Q 8 3
♦ A J 9 7
♣ Q 10 8

Contract	Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♥E	100	8.00	1.00
4♥E	100	8.00	1.00
4♥E	100	8.00	1.00
2♥E	140	4.50	4.50
2♥E	140	4.50	4.50
2♥E	140	4.50	4.50
3♥E	140	4.50	4.50
2♥E	170	1.50	7.50
2♥E	170	1.50	7.50
4♥E	620	0.00	9.00

Half of the pairs stopped in 2♥ and one stopped in 3♥. Only 1 of 4 in 4♥ made their game, undoubtedly on a club lead.

Don't lead from an unsupported J.
Don't lead from Qxx in trump
Don't underlead Aces.

If you tried a club from your Q you just earned yourself a zero.

Is W worth a 1S call followed by a limit raise? 10 hcp but 9 LTC losers in another square hand.

Opening Lead Nightmare #2

Board 27 ♠ K 10 8 3
South Deals ♥ K 10 8 5 4 2
None Vul ♦ 3
♣ K J

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

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A 3
♦ Q 8 6 5 2
♣ A 6 2

Contract	Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♥N	420	9.00	0.00
2♥N	170	4.50	4.50
3♥N	170	4.50	4.50
3♥N	170	4.50	4.50
2♥N	170	4.50	4.50
2♥N	170	4.50	4.50
2♥N	170	4.50	4.50
2♥N	170	4.50	4.50
3♥N	170	4.50	4.50
2♥N	140	0.00	9.00

Matching Deep Finesse

The hand record says +140 is par but the traveler tells the tale. Only one pair got their 4 tricks.

A good hand for 2 way checkback where you can show an invitational hand with 5-6 hearts and not get past 2H opposite an ill-fitting minimum.

What can East lead with honors everywhere and no sequences?

Board 24 ♠ 8 7
West Deals ♥ 10 9 7 2
None Vul ♦ 6
♣ A Q 10 9 7 2

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

♠ K 2
♥ A Q J 4 3
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ J 4

Contract	Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♥S	420	7.50	1.50
4♥S	420	7.50	1.50
4♥S	420	7.50	1.50
4♥S	420	7.50	1.50
4♠E	50	5.00	4.00
5♥S	50	4.00	5.00
3♠E	140	3.00	6.00
3♠E	170	2.00	7.00
4♠E	450	1.00	8.00
4♠x E	590	0.00	9.00

A good point for partnership discussion is distinguishing count/attitude via the lead of the ♥K vs ♥A when a suit has been bid and supported. If you give count on the K and attitude on A (an easy mnemonic) you will have much more information in cashout scenarios at high levels.

My Zero

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥.
2♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥.	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	DBL

I bid 3C because a 4C fit jump was not available and I thought the auction might be more informative re. sacrifice scenarios if I showed length in the round suits.

After partner's double and CJ lead I was in a quandry. Does partner have Ax Axxxx Kxxx J or the hand he held?

Had he passed I would have shifted to the ♥T at T2, necessary to beat the hand, but after the double has the situation changed?

EW won the board by bidding over 4♥. Would 4♥ by me rather than 3♣ have ended the auction?

Where did I go wrong? Partner would surely have led a top heart holding both.

On Deck

1/27 Winter Carnival (No Game next week)

2/3 & 2/10 Board-A-Match Teams #1

(Junior Fund games with \$1 surcharge)

Pay for both sessions on 2/3 to be eligible for the free play awards for first overall. Or just pay & play for 1 session

It's a party night on February 3 recognizing our new ACBL President: Sharon Anderson

2/10 Board-A-Match Teams #2. New teams welcome for just session 2

(Junior Fund games with \$1 surcharge)

2/17 New Partner Night #3

2/24 Win an Entry to the Sectional