

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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MGSC BAM Teams #1



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A fine turnout for the first session of the BAM teams prompted by the party to recognize our new ACBL prez, Sharon Anderson (check out the last page for a tribute, and the strong promotional effort by our MGSC prez, Peg Mitchell. Lots of good appetizers & snacks plus two pans of tiramisu (thx to Nancy Meeden) made for a special night. 12 teams (those in **bold** below) will compete again next week for the overall title. 5 teams are within 1.5 boards of each other so next week's final should be exciting.

BAM #1 Teams Friday Eve Session February 3, 2012

Scores after 14 rounds Average: 14.0 Section A

Tm Score Rank O/A MPs

6	17.5	1/2	1/2	2.93(O)	Brian Crossley - Roger Anderson - Jonathan Cohen - Sharon Anderson
10	17.5	1/2	1/2	2.93(O)	John Minton - Tim Barrett - Mark Krusemeyer - Joseph Barrett
12	17.0	3	3	1.88(O)	Steven Gaynor - Bruce Boje - Jean Boettcher - Judy Nassar
4	16.5	4	4	1.41(O)	Bob Balderson Jr - Carole Miner - Julie Tigges - Cynthia Balderson
3	16.0	5	5	1.06(O)	Kerry Holloway - Joseph Rice - Kurt Schaeffer - Peggy Kaplan
13	14.5	6		0.28(S)	Jill Flader - Gregg Van Dyke - Michael Flader - Richard Ekstrum
14	14.0				Andrew Caranicas- Eric Hendrickson- Richard Lawson - Paul Gutterman
8	13.5				Diane Henson - Linda Brammer - Larry Henson - Jeanette Kittleson
11	13.0				Harold Dodson - David Neiman - Diane Warner - Mark Lasoff
1	12.5				Wayne Gergen - Eunice Smith - Peter Dean - Gary Smith
7	12.5				Nancy Glenn - Thomas Utter - Anne Schaeffer - David Glenn
16	12.5				Mary Brown - Cezanne Martin - Phyllis Anderson - Donald Priewert
2	12.0				Michael Cassel II- Peder Langsetmo- Carol Rynders- Murray Appelbaum
5	12.0				Dan Knier - Nancy Meeden - Thomas Knier - Glen Meeden
15	12.0				Susan Jackson - Keith Connolly - Maureen Weiman - Rebecca Anspach
9	11.0				Marsha Devine - Carl Hartness - Janice Hartness - Marian Plummer

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/02/120203E.HTM> **BAM #1: hands of the night**

Studying this week's travelers is a great way to improve your game as each board has 14 comparisons.

<p>Board 3</p> <p>South Deals ♠ J ♥ A K Q 7 6 ♦ 9 8 7 ♣ Q 10 7 4</p> <p>E-W Vul</p> <p>♠ 9 5 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A K J 3 ♣ A K 9 6 5</p> <p> </p> <p>♠ A Q 4 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ J 8 3 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 8 7 6 2 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ —</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Contract</th> <th>Score</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>N-SE-W</th> <th>N-S E-W</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3♥xN</td> <td>530</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♣W</td> <td>200</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥xN</td> <td>530</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NTW</td> <td>200</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♣W</td> <td>300</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NTE</td> <td>200</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♣W</td> <td>200</td> <td>1.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥N</td> <td>140</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥xN</td> <td>100</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥xN</td> <td>100</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥xS</td> <td>100</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♣W</td> <td>200</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♥N</td> <td>50</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♣W</td> <td>130</td> <td>0.00 0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Contract	Score	Percentage		N-SE-W	N-S E-W	3♥xN	530	1.00 0.00	4♣W	200	1.00 0.00	3♥xN	530	1.00 0.00	3NTW	200	1.00 0.00	5♣W	300	1.00 0.00	3NTE	200	1.00 0.00	4♣W	200	1.00 0.00	3♥N	140	0.00 0.00	4♥xN	100	0.00 0.00	4♥xN	100	0.00 0.00	4♥xS	100	0.00 0.00	4♣W	200	0.00 0.00	4♥N	50	0.00 0.00	4♣W	130	0.00 0.00	<p>One of a handful of hands where a full board was scored in every match.</p> <p>None of the pairs defending hearts found their 5 tricks (3 diamonds, a spade, and a club ruff denied via a trump play).</p> <p>Most club declarers lost 2 hearts, a spade, and 2 clubs (suffering a spade ruff after finessing the K).</p> <p>Gaynor-Boettcher engineered a win via an 1st chair weak two bid echoing http://moot.typepad.com/files/bd20tm2pairsanalysis.pdf, written up this week which featuring another preempt with a side 4 card major: 2♠-3♣-P-3N and Jean found the HJ lead to scuttle the hand. Nice!</p>
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In my opinion the West who opened 1N earned his loss with honorless doubletons in both majors

Board 15 ♠ A J
 South Deals ♥ Q J 7 6 5 2
 N-S Vul ♦ A K 10 6 2
 ♣ —

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

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

Contract	Score	Matchpoints	N-S	E-W
	N-SE-W			
4♥N	620	1.00	0.00	
5♣xW	300	1.00	0.00	
4♦N	130	1.00	0.00	
3♣W	110	1.00	0.00	
3NTxW	500	1.00	0.00	
4♥N	620	1.00	0.00	
5♣xW	300	1.00	0.00	
2♥N	170	0.00	0.00	
3♣W	50	0.00	0.00	
3♥N	170	0.00	0.00	
5♥N	100	0.00	0.00	
3♣xW	470	0.00	0.00	
3♦N	200	0.00	0.00	
3♥N	140	0.00	0.00	

Another hand where a full board was scored in every match.

Hearts played at all levels between 2 and 5. Clubs at the 3 & 5 level, diamonds at the 3 & 4 level, and a partridge (3N) in a poison tree.

Based on the two 5CX contracts it would appear only 4 NS's got to game in hearts.

Andy and Richard took advantage of the Meeden's weak NT opener: P - P - 1N* - 2♥ - 3C *12-14
 P - P - 4♦ - P
 4♥- all pass

Board 13 ♠ 9 5 3 2
 North Deals ♥ Q 8 6 5
 Both Vul ♦ Q 9 5 2
 ♣ Q

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

♠ A K 7 4
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ J
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 5 4

Contract	Score	Matchpoints	N-S	E-W
	N-SE-W			
3♦E	110	1.00	0.00	
3NTE	600	1.00	0.00	
3♦E	200	1.00	0.00	
3NTE	200	1.00	0.00	
3♦W	100	1.00	0.00	
3♣W	100	1.00	0.00	
3NTW	100	0.50	0.00	
3NTE	100	0.50	0.00	
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3♦E	110	0.00	0.00	
3♠xN	800	0.00	0.00	
3NTE	630	0.00	0.00	

High Roads, Low Roads, & "the Impossible Road"

There were at least 3 tables where conservative West responders probably responded with 1N forcing to the 1♥ opener. After hearing East rebid 2♦ they raised, a Very low road. The "impossible 2♠ bid" would have helped. When your hand is really too good for an invitational raise you can use the idle impossible call to show a "super raise". The impossible spade bid can also be employed in the following sequence: 1♦ - 1N, 2♣ - 2♠

EW reached 3N at 8 of the 14 tables. Only one pair played the contract from the W seat and the contract was made 4 times and failed 4 times.

A spade is the only lead that tests declarer. Declarer can recover from a misguess in diamonds (cashing the K first sets up two diamond tricks for North) by ducking the second diamond and later squeezing North in the reds.

North is well and truly endplayed if caught winning the 4th spade. If South wins the 4th spade a club must be led else declarer can play for split heart honors. The best play hand of the night

West can easily go wrong on South's low club play inserting the J. West's who made game without assistance. A disheartening loss for Eric & Paul who made the NT game only to score a "0"

Harold and Diane were the only NS pair to reach 6C

Board 29 ♠ K 7 6 4
 North Deals ♥ 7 3
 Both Vul ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ K 10 6 5

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

♠ A
 ♥ A 9 2
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ A 9 7 4 3

South reverses in diamonds and North raises clubs. A heart cuebid can be doubled for a lead and a bad NT result if you don't reach slam. 3N was the low road taken by most Souths.

MGSC KOs: A winner! Kerry Holloway, Peg Kaplan, Joe Rice, & Tim Wernz

Table 1 Bob/Kurt N/S & Peg/Kerry E/W

Table 2 Joe/Tim N/S & Cyndi/Carole E/W

Team	Q1	Q2	Half	Q3	Q4	Final
Balderson	15	13	28	7	13	48
Holloway (undefeated)	13	11	24	13	30	67

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/01/120124E.HTM>

Random Notes and observations:

- Balderson picked up 8imps on Bd 1. Immoral story? Leading 4th from longest/strongest was wrong.
- Balderson picked up 5imps on Bd 4 by defending 3 level contracts failing at both tables.
- Balderson picked up 6imps on Bd 14. Tim & Joe missed a defensive trick to beat 3H.
- Balderson picked up 5imps on Bd 15. A European style opening 2H might have won the auction, but both pairs ended in spades. Neither declarer found Deep Finesse's 9 tricks and Team Holloway was a level too high.
- Balderson picked up 5imps on Bd 22. Diamonds partials at both tables! 1H -1N -2D – P? 1H—1N 2D by N?.
- Balderson picked up 5imps on Bd 30 with accurate defense after a skinny 1C opener.
- Balderson picked up 9imps on Bd 32 on a misdefense against 1N.

A lot of good pickups over the 32 boards, but no game or slam swings. The double digits all fell into the Holloway column.

Only 1 double digit swing in the first half:

Board 8 ♠ Q 7
 West Deals ♥ A J 6 4 3
 None Vul ♦ K 9 6 2
 ♣ K 5

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

♠ A J 4 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q J 10 5
 ♣ Q J 10 9

	Contract Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
3 NTN	400	10.00	0.00	
3 NTN	50	-10.00	0.00	

Kerry found a heart shift after gaining the lead with the ♣A. Down 1.

At the other table 3N was allowed to make for a 10imp pickup.

36imps landed in the Holloway column on the following three layouts in the second half:

Board 19 ♠ 9 7 4 2
 South Deals ♥ Q 9 7 3 2
 E-W Vul ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ 8

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

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

Reaching the best slam at Imps

Holloway-Kaplan
1N – 4N
6N

A mirror shape but 12 winners

The Balderson team initiated a Baron sequence to find a 4-4 fit but the auction fizzled at 4N:

1N – 2N
3C – 4C
4N – P

Having never played Baron I asked Cyndi and Carol on Friday night how RKC is initiated once a 4-4 fit is discovered, but the round ended and I still don't know.

I like to play, in similar sequences, that 4m asks partner to respond RKC or bid the next step, 4m+1 to deny slam interest. If responder has definitive slam interest

then the next step: (4m+1)+1 demands the RKC reply. The RKC asker can sign off in 4N if the RKC responder has made the 4m+1 response.

	Contract Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
4 NT W	690	13.00	0.00	
6 NT W	1440	-13.00	0.00	

This method allows all 4 level bids to be cue bids which is very playable as long as you remember that the first step after RKC is NOT an RKC response. Kickback RKC, where 4m+1= RKC is playable, but then requires that 4N be the cue bid for the 4m+1 suit which gets complicated. Moral: have good agreements for these infrequent sequences.

Board 25 ♠ K Q 3 2
 North Deals ♥ 10 3
 E-W Vul ♦ 8
 ♣ Q 8 7 6 5 4

♠ 9 6	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ 7 5
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W						
S						
E						
♥ 9 7 5 2	♥ A K J 6					
♦ K 7 5 4 2	♦ A Q 10 3					
♣ K 2	♣ 10 9 3					

♠ A J 10 8 4
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A J

	Contract Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
4 ♠ S	480	11.00	0.00	
4 ♣ S	50	-11.00	0.00	

Peg & Kerry found their 4 tricks.

At the other table:

**P - 1N - 2S - P
 4S**

An enterprising ♣K lead after partner had opened a 14+-17hcp 1N might have been a winner but did not fare too well on the actual layout.

Board 29 ♠ J 10 8
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 ♣ A J 7 6

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W						
S						
E						
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♦ K J 9 8	♦ A 10 5 4 2					
♣ 2	♣ 9 5					

♠ K Q
 ♥ A Q 9
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ K Q 10 8 4 3

	Contract Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
3 NT S	630	12.00	0.00	
4 ♥ S	100	-12.00	0.00	

The Balderson squad avoided a potentially hopeless 3N contract with 6 possible EW cashing tricks.

**P - P - 1C - 1S
 X - P - 2S - P
 3C - P - 3H - P
 4H**

Alas, Team Holloway, in 3N, scored up 10 tricks when the ♦8 was led at the other table but not continued and hearts had to be kept or diamonds pitched on the run of the clubs.

Two other boards of note where Team Balderson had an opportunity for a push or a pickup.

Board 10 ♠ A 8 4 3
 East Deals ♥ Q 5 2
 Both Vul ♦ Q 9 8 6
 ♣ J 7

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♣ 9 8 6 3	♣ A K 5 4 2					

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

	Contract Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
3 ♥ W	200	9.00	0.00	
4 ♥ W	620	-9.00	0.00	

Getting or Not to Game

KH	PK	CB	CM
	1C		1C
1H	1S	1H	1S
3C	3H	2C	3C
4H		3D	3H

If you knew your partner had an unbalanced hand with clubs then 3C as a limit rebid by West looks great.

Pairs using XYZ can have this happy result: 1♣-1♥, 1♠-2♣(relay to 2♦) 2♥(good hand for play in hearts opposite an invitational hand) followed by bidding to game in hearts.

Board 31

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A K 10 7 6 4 3

♥ 9

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 7 2

♠ 9 2

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ 9



♠ —

♥ A 10 8 4 3

♦ K J 7 3

♣ A J 6 3

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ 5

♦ 10 5 4

♣ K Q 10 5 4

Contract Scores Matchpoints

	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♠ x N	1100	5.00	0.00	
6 ♥ x W	1310	-5.00	0.00	

A cold 6H EW to score 980 or 1010 depending on the guess of the DQ. With their 11 card fit NS took the 6S save.

EW took all 6 of their tricks, getting 2 club ruffs, that cost NS more than the value of the EW slam.

Unfortunately, their teammates took a piece of 6H that turned a potential 3imp gain into a 5 imp loss

Table 2

1H - 3S - 4S - 5C

6H - P - P - 6S

X

KH BB PK KS

1H - 2S - 6H - X!?

As reported by Kerry: Kurt, late in the evening, erroneously thought he had already raised his partner's Spades. He then made the "about to lose my mind" double, which says partner I'm about to sac in 6S, unless you convert to penalties. Sure sounded like a Lightner X to the other 3 players at the table.

Congratulations to Kerry, Peggy, Tim, and Joe who traversed the entire MGSC field without losing a match. A VERY solid performance throughout including the final.



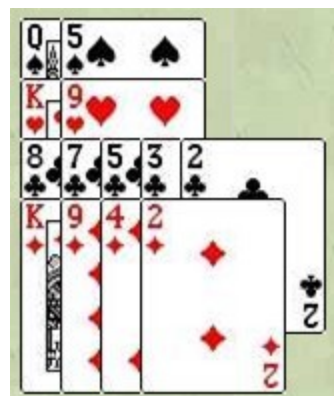
A Growing Source of Bridge Hands

Over the last few months I've been receiving regular emails from a site called VuBridge which promotes itself as a web-based AutoBridge. Lately the quality of the transmissions have taken a large jump. This week I received a set of the IBPA "Hands of the Year" (Series 93) including an amazing declarer play by Geir Helgemo. <http://www.vubridge.com/Play/aHand5.aspx?cry=Yt5MpP5wYYU=> Make sure your browser puts the = sign in or the link won't open.

From their homepage you can click on the 'Bridge Deals' button on the left side of the page to find various series of hands. It can take some time to get used to the interface. An annoying feature during the play of the hand is a cymbal sound that indicates you did not make the programmed bid or card play, but the pluses outweigh the minuses and I encourage everyone to take a look. Here's a sample, an interesting situation from Series #114. The board led to a "Coup de L'Agonie against one opponent and a "Dilemma Coup" against the other:

The Auction

West	North	East	South
-	-	1♥	1♠
P	2♣	2♦	P
3♦	3♠	P	4♠
P	P	P	



Your hand (West)
What's your opening lead?

<http://www.vubridge.com/Play/aHand5.aspx?cry=G7OFLvXl7to=>

If you enjoy these kinds of play problems you might want to save the following link as a favorite <http://www.vubridge.com/> or send them an email at info@vubridge.com to subscribe to their mailing list. The series are geared to a wide range of bridge experience.

On Deck

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**

3/02 **No Game: End of Winter Sectional**

In tribute to Sharon Roe Anderson – New President of the ACBL for 2012.

"I Enjoy Being the Boss"

When I have a new agenda
And must weigh what to keep and toss
Many emails I will then send to
I enjoy being the boss!

When problems are tough and many
And our budget is at a loss
I will weigh how to save a penny
I enjoy being the boss!

I flip when I'm setting up a task force
I drool when I get to give a talk
I welcome analysis from Dan Morse
With opinion and a joke from Allan Falk!

I'm District 14's director
And my future I hope will be
Our bridge league's happy top protector
Who enjoys being a member with some pards... like... me

When some say we need to grow more
Younger players like Grue and Moss
I say that sounds like just the Roe chore...
I enjoy being the boss!

When some say "too much to handle"
It'll drive you to drinking sauce
I just burn either end of candles
I enjoy being the boss!

When I see a policy dilemma
Committees that always disagree
I shout out, "that will be no problema"
'Cause I aim at a goal of satisfactory!

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"Parody by Peg Kaplan

On "I Enjoy Being a Girl" from the Musical, "Flower Drum Song" by Rogers and Hammerstein, 1958.