

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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MGSC BAM Teams #2



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MGSC KO Correction: The difficulty in scheduling the finals for the MGSC KOs led to an inadvertent omission of team members who didn't play the final match. Bjorgvin Kristinsson was an integral member of the Holloway team through December. And Ron deHarpporte and Peg Waller played on the Balderson team until they departed the area.

MGSC BAM Team Championship

The MGSC BAM Team Championship was won by Brian, Jonathan, Roger and Sharon by just under 1.5 boards in a VERY lively set of boards. Mike, Barry, Peder, & Murray made a big charge with 18.5 wins out of 24 boards (Please note that Mike & Carol had an above average game last week! Ahem). One new squad joined the 12 returning teams. Scores in the fourth column are factored to a 14 average (7/6 of your raw score from the game).

BAM #2 Teams Friday Eve Session February 10, 2012

Scores after 12 rounds Average: factored to 14.0 (14/12)

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2	33.58	2	21.58	1	2.95	Michael Cassel-Murray Appelbaum-Barry Purrington-Peder Langsetmo
6	35.00	1	17.50	2/3	1.94	Brian Crossley- Roger Anderson- Jonathan Cohen- Sharon Anderson
11	31.50	5	17.50	2/3	1.94	Andrew Caranicas- Eric Hendrickson-Richard Lawson-Paul Gutterman
10	33.25	3	15.75	4/5	1.09	Joseph Barrett - Mark Krusemeyer - Tim Barrett - John Minton
12	32.75	4	15.7	4/5	1.09	Bruce Boje - Jean Boettcher - Judy Nassar - Steven Gaynor
9	28.17		15.17			Harold Dodson - David Neiman - Diane Warner - Mark Lasoff
3	30.00		14.00			Kerry Holloway - Ed Carr - Kurt Schaeffer - Bjorgvin Kristinsson
1	25.92		13.42			Wayne Gergen - Eunice Smith - Peter Dean - Gary Smith
8	26.92		13.42			Diane Henson - Mary Johnson - Larry Henson - Marv Riedesel
5	22.50		10.50			Magnus Weiman - Susan Jackson - Maureen Weiman - Rebecca Anspach
7	20.92		9.92			Marsha Devine - Carl Hartness - Marian Plummer - Janice Hartness
4	25.83		9.33			Bob Balderson Jr- Carole Miner- Julie Tigges- Cynthia Balderson
13			8.17			Dan Knier - Thomas Knier - Donald Priewert - John Miller

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/02/120210E.HTM>

Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 9 5 3 2
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ Q 9 5 2
♣ Q

♠ 10 6
♥ K 3
♦ A 10 8 7 3
♣ A J 8 2

W N
S E

♠ Q J 8
♥ A 10 9 4 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ K 3

♠ A K 7 4
♥ J 7
♦ J
♣ 10 9 7 6 5 4

Contract Scores Matchpoints

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
3 ♦ E	110	1.00	0.00
3 NTE	600	1.00	0.00
3 ♦ E	200	1.00	0.00
3 NTE	200	1.00	0.00
3 ♦ W	100	1.00	0.00
3 ♣ W	100	1.00	0.00
3 NT W	100	0.50	0.00
3 NTE	100	0.50	0.00
3 NTE	600	0.00	0.00
3 NTE	630	0.00	0.00
3 NTE	100	0.00	0.00
3 ♦ E	110	0.00	0.00
3 ♠ x N	800	0.00	0.00
3 NTE	630	0.00	0.00

Revisiting a Hand from BAM #1

It was mentioned in last week's bulletin that a spade is the only lead that tests declarer, and that West can duck a diamond if he misguesses the suit to later squeeze North in the reds.

Bob Balderson suggested that if West, having misguessed, ducks a diamond, that North can exit with his stiff CQ, NOT RECTIFYING THE COUNT!!

This farsighted defense, however, doesn't work. On the run of 3 clubs and the DA, North must come down to 4 cards and cannot keep, the ♠, ♥Qxx, and ♦Q and is thus squeezed in 3 suits!

A really interesting hand!

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	Scores	Matchpoints
	N-SE-W	N-S E-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

Revisiting a Hand from BAM #1,pt2 Tool for a Top

Only a handful of NS's reached 4H last week.

Joe Rice, playing with Kerry, was able to employ a variant of the Rosenkranz double in the following sequence that paved the way to reach game:

P - 1♦ - 1♥ - X
 XX*

* promises a top honor in partner's suit to direct a lead. 5♣X was a win on the board when opponent's didn't reach the heart game at the other table.

The powerful North hand can envision game knowing that partner has the ♥K or ♥A.

BAM #2: hands of the night. There were 7 boards with no pushes!! 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, & 21. 22 of the 26 boards included voids or singletons and bds. 2,7, 8, 9, & 18 were or might have been slam hands.

Board 2 ♠ 5
 East Deals ♥ A 3
 N-S Vul ♦ K 9 8 7 5 4 3 2
 ♣ 3 2

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

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

Contract	Scores	Match
	N-S E-W	N-S
6NT E	990	1.00
4♠ W	510	1.00
6♠ W	980	1.00
6♠ W	980	1.00
4♠ E	510	1.00
6♠ W	980	0.50
6♠ W	980	0.50
6♠ W	1010	0.00
6♠ W	980	0.00
6NT E	990	0.00
6NT E	990	0.00
5♦x N	800	0.00

A Chaotic Path to Victory

Only 3 Ews found the part contract of 6N. The Andersons coped with some craziness on this one!

2♣ - 3♥* - P - P *spades!!!
 3N - P - 4♠ - P
 6♣ - P - 6N all pass

Ed and Bjorkvin also bid to the par spot and must have been disappointed to lose the board when their teammates went to bed with the HA so that +990 lost to -1010

Congratulations to Carl & Janice Hartness who also reached 6N.

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

West-East	#	prob.	A
KQxx -	1	4.78%	4
KQx - x	2	12.43%	4
KQ - xx	1	6.78%	4
Kxx - Q	1	6.22%	4
Kx - Qx	2	13.57%	4
K - Qxx	1	6.22%	4
Qxx - K	1	6.22%	4
Qx - Kx	2	13.57%	4
Q - Kxx	1	6.22%	4
xx - KQ	1	6.78%	3
x - KQx	2	12.43%	3
- KQxx	1	4.78%	3

Bd. 18 Bad Plays – Good Results

Spades were played at 11 of the 12 tables, twice in slam. The percentage play, by an overwhelming margin: 17% to 7% is to double hook the spades.

No Reward for Virtue

This was the 7% layout where double hooking leads to 2 losers. Both declarers in slam went anti-percentage and made 6. 7 of the 11 declarers ignored the odds.

Best Call for West?

The consensus from the beverage bunch is that West is worth a Jacoby raise after partner opens 1♠

The table on the right, from the SuitPlay program makes it clear that when it matters (not KQx or KQxx offside) that double hooking loses only 6.78% of the time and gains vs. KQxx or KQx onside 17.21% of the times

Mike's Michaels vs. Michaels (Majors)

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ —
♥ A J 10 8 3
♦ K Q J 7 3
♣ 10 8 7

♠ Q 6 3 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ 8 4
♣ J 6 5 4

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ K 9 2

♠ A K 10 8 5
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 6 2
♣ A Q 3

Contract	Match	
	N-SE-W	N-S
2♠ S	170	1.00
4♠ S	420	1.00
4♠ x S	590	1.00
4♥ x W	200	1.00
4♥ x E	200	1.00
4♥ x E	500	1.00
4♦ W	100	0.00
3♠ S	140	0.00
3♠ S	140	0.00
3♠ S	140	0.00
3♠ S	170	0.00
2♠ S	140	0.00

A full win at every table #1

Deep Finesse sez only a club lead will beat 4S. You know that wasn't happening!!.

Spades at 8 of 12 tables and half of the declarers were unable to find their 10 tricks. I suspect the 4-0 trump break, need to finesse the ♠K, & lead twice toward the hearts was asking too much.

Michaels vs. Michaels (majors)

Advancer may have his own minor suit he would like to play in, or be able to show a fit "non-jump". I play that:
 3M = competitive (simple) raise
 3Opp Major = Limit or better
 3♦ = constructive raise
 2N = transfer to clubs
 3♣ = transfer to diamonds
 After you make a transfer you can raise partner's major as a fit showing <limit raise hand

discussed this idea with Peter Weichsel in Toronto in 2001 and was surprised to see him write this up in the ACBL bulletin a few years later. I'll show you 2002 convention cards with the treatment if you don't believe me!!! LOL. So it's 4M Mike's Michael's vs Michaels(Maj)

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 9 6 5
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ Q 9 6
♣ K 5

♠ A K 7 4
♥ 7
♦ K J 5 3
♣ A 6 4 3

♠ —
♥ K 10 6 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ Q J 9 8 7 2

♠ Q J 8 3 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ 10

Contract	Match	
	N-SE-W	N-S
5♥ x E	800	1.00
4♠ S	620	1.00
4♠ S	680	1.00
4♠ N	620	1.00
4♠ S	620	1.00
4♠ S	620	1.00
3♥ W	100	0.00
4♠ S	620	0.00
5♠ S	100	0.00
4♠ S	620	0.00
3♠ N	200	0.00
4♥ x E	790	0.00

No Pushes Pt.2

Marian was the only one of 9 declarers to achieve a Deep Finesse par for +680. Well done.

This was our fun and unique auction of the night:

P - P - 1♦ - 1♥
 1♠ -P - 4♥! - X ! shortness
 XX*-P - 5C - X *1st rnd control
 P -5H - X all pass

That D9 is very pesky and the 4-0 trump break makes 6S a real tightrope.

♣♦♥♠

Boards 7, 8, & 9 all might have been slam hands. When dummy came down on 8 I was wishing we had tools to reach 6H... until they broke 4-1. Richard & Andy deserved better. North's hearts don't look good enuf for a jump shift.

Board 8 Good Slams- Bad Results

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

Board 9 Alert! The deep finesse hand diagram left off 4S making

♠ K Q J 8 6 4
♥ —
♦ A K J 10 3
♣ A 2

♠ —
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q 10 9 8 6

No Pushes Pt.3:

Diamonds played at 3,4,5,&6 levels
 Spades at 4& 6 level, one pair in 6 clubs
 2 8-card minor suits fits but both minor breaking 4-1 and ♠A offside. If the minor of the bid slam has a 3-2 break it rolls in. Mark & Dave playing Precision stopped in 4S, as did Eric and Paul, & Wayne and Peter.

<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/Portals/0/pdf/NEC/2012/17blt6.pdf> If E was a good partner his red queen would have been in diamonds.

No Pushes Pt.4

Board 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 6 5 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ A 4
♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ K 9 6 4
♦ 10 3
♣ A 4



♠ J 8
♥ 10 7 5 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ K J 10 8

♠ K 9
♥ Q J
♦ K Q 9 8 5 2
♣ Q 9 5

At our table

1♠ - P - 1N - 2♦
2♥ - 3♦ - 3♥ - P
P - P

Bob & Julie and the Hensons won their boards by landing in NT. I raised Barry's diamond overcall of a forcing NT to 3D and we went plus

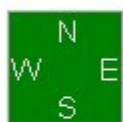
When you can count on your partner for a sound hand vulnerable, likely with a 6 card suit or compensating values, and when he knows you are a passed hand and couldn't cuebid 2S you don't get overboard and you put pressure on your opponents. I'm a bit surprised that 6 EWs were allowed to play at 2♥

Board 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K Q 2
♥ A K 8 3
♦ 9 8 2
♣ J 3

♠ 7 6 3
♥ 4 2
♦ A J 10 4
♣ K Q 10 4



♠ J 10 9 8 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 8

♠ 5
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ A 7 6 5 2

Contract Scores Match

	N-SE-W	N-S
4♥ S	420	1.00
4♥ N	420	1.00
4♥ N	420	1.00
4♥ N	420	1.00
2NT S	180	1.00
4♥ N	420	1.00
4♥ N	50	0.00
4♥ N	50	0.00
4♥ N	50	0.00
1NT N	150	0.00
4♥ N	100	0.00
4♥ S	50	0.00

No Pushes Pt.5

With 5 fast losers in the minors I chose to open this one 1♣ (could be as short as 2), so we got to play this one from Deep Finesse's right side, but the only way to earn an EW plus against 4♥-N is to lead the DQ. That wasn't happening much I suspect.

The K&R hand evaluator is 17.75, but I'm sure most N's opened 1N (the other 8 heart contracts)

<http://www.jeff-goldsmith.org/cgi-bin/knr.cgi?hand=AKQ2+AK83+982+J3>

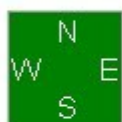
Noone played in 2CXX-S after stayman was doubled.

Board 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A Q 3
♥ J 10 8 7 5
♦ A K 7
♣ 4 3

♠ J 8 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K Q 9 7 2



♠ K 10 9 4
♥ 3 2
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 10 6 5

♠ 6 5 2
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ J 10 2
♣ A J 8

Contract Scores Match

	N-SE-W	N-S
3♥ N	140	1.00
3NT S	630	1.00
4♥ N	620	1.00
3♥ N	140	1.00
4♥ N	100	0.50
4♥ N	100	0.50
4♥ N	100	0.50
4♥ N	100	0.50
2NT S	150	0.00
3NT S	200	0.00
4♥ N	100	0.00
4♥ N	100	0.00

4H no happy but 3N?

At our table

P - 1♣ - 1♥ - P
2♣ - P - 3♣ - P
3N

A good hand but poor suit coupled with partner's cuebid gave me hope that 3N might fetch.

You have to be on your toes on a spade lead. Fly A, knock out the HA and hope the spades aren't 2-5

The mirrored pointed suits and lack of spade intermediates scuttled all but one 4H contract.

On Deck

- 2/17 New Partner Night #3
- 2/24 Win an Entry to the Sectional
- 3/02 No Game 178 - Sectional at the TCBC
- 3/09 Mixed Pairs Club Championship
- 3/16 @TCBC Mentoring Game: play with a 499er

The 17th NEC Bridge Festival including the NEC Cup is wrapping up after 6 days of play. The link will get you to a series of bulletins with a ton of commentary of all the NEC Cup hands played over the event.

<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/home/English/nec/17th//tabid/669/Default.aspx>

<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/Portals/0/pdf/NEC%E6%9D%AF/2012/17blt6.pdf> gives a full rundown of the demise of Bermuda Bowl champs Verhees & Van Prooijen (Team NEDUK, NEDerlands & UK) in the 4th quarter of the semifinals, and the first 48 of 64 boards of the final contested between a team from Bulgaria against a pair from Australia & New Zealand

Down Under (6th seed): Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Martin Reid, Peter Newell

Bulgarian All Stars (3rd seed): Valio Kovachev, Vladi Isporski, Manol Iliev, Hristo Hristov

Reid cemented the win for Down Under with a classic safety play in clubs after a precision auction (strong club, negative response, "i'm really tired double (lead directing?) and game bid:

T1 SK to the SA
 T2 low H to the HA,
 T3 D5 to the DA,
 T4 spade ruff,
 T5 CA
 T6 **low club** to T and ruffed, now declarer is in control and just gives up another club ruff to the HQ. Very nicely played

Reid goes down if he tries to cash a second high club. Try it with your own deck of cards.

The diagram shows a bridge hand with the following cards:

- Reid:** ♠ 6, ♥ AKJ542, ♦ 5, ♣ AKJ75
- Isporski:** ♠ KQJ7, ♥ 8, ♦ 983, ♣ Q9642
- Newell:** ♠ A102, ♥ 1096, ♦ QJ742, ♣ 103
- Kovachev:** ♠ 98543, ♥ Q73, ♦ AK106, ♣ 8

The auction sequence is shown in the table below:

	Reid	Isporski	Newell	Kovachev
			Pass	Pass
1 ♣	Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Dbl
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Score: NS: 0, EW: 0