

# MPLS Grand Slam Club

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## New Partner Night #2



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Kurt and Andy pulled away from a group tightly bunched in the mid-50s in the last round to take down the honors for the night more than ½ board ahead of the rest of the nine table field. Matchpoints is a game of gifts and mistakes and giving fewer gifts makes for better games. They had 4 bottoms, but 8 7.5s or 8s close to a proverbial 'barbell' game.

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session February 17, 2012

Scores after 9 rounds Average: 108.0 Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
4	56.02	121.00	1	0.90	Diane Henson - Jill Flader
8	54.17	117.00	2	0.63	Cynthia Balderson - Mary Brown
5	53.70	116.00	3	0.45	Bob Balderson Jr - Stephen Jackson
2	52.55	113.50	4	0.32	Steven Gaynor - Carol Rynders
9	50.23	108.50			Phyllis Anderson - Elizabeth Hughes
6	49.07	106.00			Linda Brammer - Julie Tigges
1	48.84	105.50			Thomas Utter - Jeanette Kittleson
7	44.91	97.00			Gregg Van Dyke - Rebecca Anspach
3	40.51	87.50			Jean Boettcher - Anne Schaeffer

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Scores after 9 rounds Average: 108.0 Section A East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
7	<b>59.72</b>	129.00	1	0.90	<b>Kurt Schaeffer - Andrew Caranicas</b>
8	56.94	123.00	2	0.63	Richard Lawson - Brian Crossley
5	56.48	122.00	3	0.45	Peg Waller - Susan Jackson
2	53.47	115.50	4	0.32	Judy Malcomson - Michael Cassel II
9	48.15	104.00			Nancy Meeden - Ronald DeHarpporte
1	47.22	102.00			David Neiman - Peg Mitchell
3	43.29	93.50			Larry Henson - Sherry Hansen
6	43.06	93.00			Wayne Gergen - John Minton
4	41.67	90.00			Mark Krusemeyer - Murray Appelbaum

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/02/120217E.HTM>

### A second look: the REAL killing defense from Bd 3 of BAM #1

Much more difficult than described two weeks ago

### Revisiting a Hand from BAM #1: Take a 2<sup>nd</sup> look

Hearts were played 7 times. No defenders were able to find a 5th trick. I remarked that a club ruff could be denied by a trump play, but Keith Connolly pointed out that, if the Spade ♠A is taken after 3 diamonds, that declarer can pitch a club on the ♠K and ruff 2 clubs in dummy to make the hand.

To beat 3♥ the defense must switch to a club before taking the ♠A. This, difficult to find play, puts the lead in dummy with only a trump play as an entry to declarer's hand. If spades were 3-3 you could survive by leading one next, but not on this layout.

When E takes the ♠A on the lead of the ♠J, NOW a trump play stymies declarer.

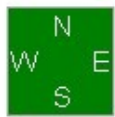
## Mending:

Jonathan Cohen missed his new partner night date, beating back a pneumonia bug in a brief hospital visit. Kerry may have earned 'wandering' status at the airport when his new knee sets off the metal detectors. Cecil Frank is out of the rehab center and in transit to The Pines, an assisted living community at 400 W. 67<sup>th</sup> St.

## New Partner Night #2: a few glimpses & curiosities

### Curiouser & Curiouser- the traveler

**Board 16** ♠ K J 9  
 West Deals ♥ Q J 10 8 2  
 E-W Vul ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ K 7 4

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

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

	Contract Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ N	450	8.00	0.00
2♥ N	200	7.00	1.00
1NT N	180	6.00	2.00
2♥ N	170	5.00	3.00
1NT N	120	4.00	4.00
1NT N	90	3.00	5.00
4♥ N	50	2.00	6.00
4♥ N	100	1.00	7.00
4♠ N	150	0.00	8.00


### Played 9x ... 9 different scores

Can't remember the last time I saw this

8  
7  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
1  
0

It's not that the hand is that interesting, just the results

**Board 2** ♠ 7 3  
 East Deals ♥ Q 7  
 N-S Vul ♦ 8 6 5 3  
 ♣ Q J 9 6 2

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

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

	Contract Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♠ W	100	7.50	0.50
4♠ E	100	7.50	0.50
4♠ W	50	3.50	4.50
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4♠ W	50	3.50	4.50
4♠ W	50	3.50	4.50
4♠ W	50	3.50	4.50
3♠ W	140	0.00	8.00

### A bidder's game? Not so much


Peg and Sue were the only EW to stay out of the thin spade game.

Is the East hand worth any more than a 2N call after a jacyoby transfer? Nine hcp and great intermediates.

How many West's in new partnerships superaccepted with 4 spades & 15hcp?

Switch the NS hands and the contract is cold with diamond honors inside.

**Board 12** ♠ A 5 3  
 West Deals ♥ J 9  
 N-S Vul ♦ Q 7 6 2  
 ♣ 9 8 6 4

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

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

	Contract Scores Matchpoints		
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ E	480	6.00	2.00
4♥ E	480	6.00	2.00
5♥ E	480	6.00	2.00
5♥ E	480	6.00	2.00
4♥ E	480	6.00	2.00
6♥ E	980	2.00	6.00
6♥ E	980	2.00	6.00
6♠ E	980	2.00	6.00
6NT E	990	0.00	8.00

### Slam on 30hcp

How many West's opened using the Rule of 20?

How many East's upgraded their 19hcp 2=5=4=2 to a 2N opener?

How many East's opened 1H and jumpshifted to 3C?

How many East's opened 1H and jumped to 2N over the 1S response?

4 pairs reached the slam. Kurt and Andy found the top matchpoint spot in 6N-E.

**Board 25** ♠ A Q 9 5  
 North Deals ♥ K Q 8  
 E-W Vul ♦ A 8 4 2  
 ♣ A 7

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

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

Contract Scores Matchpoints			
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT S	520	8.00	0.00
3 NT S	490	7.00	1.00
3 NT S	460	6.00	2.00
3 NT S	430	4.50	3.50
3 NT N	430	4.50	3.50
3 NT S	400	2.50	5.50
3 NT S	400	2.50	5.50
6 NT N	50	1.00	7.00
3 NT W	630	0.00	8.00

### 7,6,5,4,3 in notrump

Only 2 ways to make 4 tricks in diamonds: either the stiff K in front of the ace, or the T9 doubleton behind the Ace.

Tom Utter got it right at our table. If East has the shorter heart holding is he also likely to have the shorter diamond holding? T9 tight?

How often is there a 5 trick difference when the strain is the same?

**Board 13** ♠ A 7 6 2  
 North Deals ♥ J 10  
 Both Vul ♦ A 10 5  
 ♣ 10 9 4 2

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

♠ 5  
 ♥ A Q 5 4  
 ♦ K 4 3  
 ♣ K O I 8 7

Contract Scores Matchpoints			
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
1 NT S	210	6.50	1.50
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### Smith... a mighty man is he...

Anyone playing Smith Echoes could find a spade switch after hearts are led against a no-trump partial.

But the West hand will still fall apart on the run of the clubs: a diamond pitch establishes that suit, and, even if you unblock your top spades (East should start with the Q and then the T) you are squeezed into giving up the 10<sup>th</sup> trick when declarer cashes the HA before running the rest of the clubs.

**Board 19** ♠ A Q 10 7 3 2  
 South Deals ♥ A J 8 6 5  
 E-W Vul ♦ Q 2  
 ♣ —

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

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

Contract Scores Matchpoints			
	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠ x N	590	8.00	0.00
5 ♣ x E	500	5.50	2.50
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5 ♣ x E	500	5.50	2.50
5 ♣ x E	500	5.50	2.50
4 ♠ N	450	2.50	5.50
4 ♠ N	450	2.50	5.50
2 ♠ N	140	1.00	7.00
4 ♠ N	50	0.00	8.00

### Are 9 baggers always trump

East's who showed restraint were rewarded, and doubly so if they didn't lead their suit.

Well done Judy M. and Peg W. who earned top boards for respecting the vulnerability and keeping quiet with their void in partner's suit and 9 topless clubs.

## On Deck

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

3/23 @TCBC Team of Two Pairs (rumors of another potluck are brewing). Please consider giving back to the bridge community by participating in events where less experienced players can learn from you. Plan to bring a snack, appetizer, or treat with you too. Play with your partner and be paired with a 499r pair. You play in your own section and each pair's scores are added to determine the winning teams.

In the 2 weeks since the following poll was published nearly 200 followers of bridgewinners.com have weighed in on the following bidding question.

 **What's your action?**  
Loo Choon Chou Feb. 5

Teams, All vul

S South				
♠ X				
♥ A10xx				
♦ KJ10				
♣ AK10xx				
W	N	E	S	
				1♣
2♠	X	4♠	?	

What action do you take after 4S?

Are there any special treatments for the various choices?

Thanks in advance!

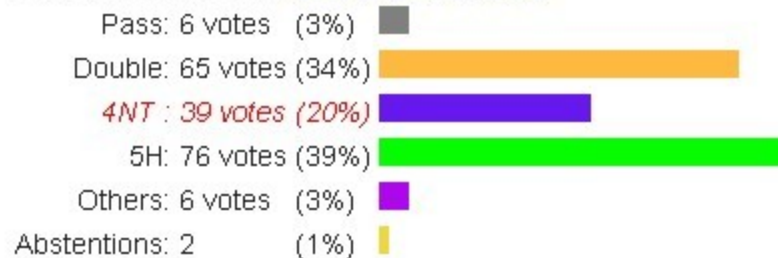
- Pass
- Double
- 4NT (Your answer!)
- 5H
- Others

Vote publicly [? What's this?](#)

Change your vote

Change to Abstain

**Current Poll Results:** See all public votes



<http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/whats-your-action/>

This bidding problem posted on bridgewinners.com engendered quite a bit of discussion after BAM #2. Current poll results identify no clearcut action. What would be your call? How many think that 4N is RKC for the implied heart fit? A great hand to discuss the meaning of your methods in a contested auction.