

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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Mixed Pairs Club Championship



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Mixed Pairs

It's not very often that you have a perfect bridge movement. In a seven table Howell you play all others in a 2-board movement. KC Onspock Cryn & Mickcryn lapped the field. Players should note that the S and W hands were in the wrong pockets on board 1.

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session March 9, 2012
Scores after 13 rounds Average: 78.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	O/A	MPs	
7	63.78	99.50	1	1	1.84 (O)	Rebecca Anspach - Keith Connolly
1	63.14	98.50	2	2	1.38 (O)	Carol Rynders - Michael Cassel II
4	56.41	88.00	3	3	1.04 (O)	John Minton - Gregg Van Dyke
14	53.53	83.50	4	4	0.78 (O)	Harold Dodson - Diane Warner
9	49.68	77.50	5	5	0.58 (O)	Linda Brammer - Timothy Adamson
5	48.72	76.00	6		0.23 (S)	Elizabeth Hughes - Donald Prierwert
2	48.08	75.00				Susan Jackson - Stephen Jackson
6	48.08	75.00				Bruce Boje - Judy Nassar
10	48.08	75.00				Peg Mitchell - Brian Crossley
11	46.79	73.00				Julie Tigges - Barry Purrington
3	46.15	72.00				Mark Krusemeyer - Gloria Krusemeyer
13	46.15	72.00				Ronald DeHarpporte - Peg Waller
12	42.63	66.50				Magnus Weiman - Maureen Weiman
8	38.78	60.50				Eunice Smith - Gary Smith

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/03/120309E.HTM>

Board 2 ♠ AKQJ

East Deals ♥ A8

N-S Vul ♦ A965

♣ KJ10

♠ 1043

♥ 975

♦ K7

♣ Q5432



♠ 2

♥ Q64

♦ J108432

♣ 986

♠ 98765

♥ KJ1032

♦ Q

♣ A7

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
7♠ N	♦ J 2210	6.00	0.00
6♠ S	♠ 10 1460	4.50	1.50
6♠ S	♦ K 1460	4.50	1.50
6♠ N	♦ J 1430	3.00	3.00
3NT N	♦ J 720	2.00	4.00
4♠ N	♦ J 710	1.00	5.00
7♠ S	♠ 3 100	0.00	6.00

Top Spot

Keith and Rebecca were the only pair to reach the grand slam on Board 2: 2♣ 2♥, 2♠ 4N, 5♦ 7♠! Keith thought it likely that Rebecca did not have 3 hearts when she did not raise the positive heart response.

Bidding 5-5 hands over partner's extra strong balanced hands is a discussion topic for all partnerships. The unbalanced hand should be captain. Carol transferred to hearts and bid spades. With a superfit for spades I cuebid 4♦. Carol cuebid 4♥ and I confirmed spades.

Carol's 4N would have found 4 key cards, and a queen ask would have discovered the ♠Q and ♣K. You still can't count to a 13 unless North has the ♥Q or Ax. Make grand slam try by bidding 6♥. Opener will sign off in 6♠ without heart control, bid 7♥ with the ♥Q and 7♠ with ♥Ax.

Board 13 ♠ 8 5
 North Deals ♥ 4
 Both Vul ♦ K 9 7 5 4 2
 ♣ J 9 5 2

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

♠ A
 ♥ A K Q 9 5 3
 ♦ Q J 10 8 3
 ♣ 3

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
5♦xS ♠2	950	6.00	0.00
5♥xS ♦6	850	5.00	1.00
5♦xS ♠7	750	4.00	2.00
5♥S ♠Q	650	3.00	3.00
5♦S ♠2	600	2.00	4.00
6♦xS ♣K	200	0.50	5.50
6♦xN ♣A	200	0.50	5.50

Ruff-Sluff for magic 800

Two N-S's were unwilling to follow the adage that the 5 level belongs to the opponents.

After a 1♠ opening and Michael's cuebid experienced EW partnerships might uncover their 2-suit fit via a fit jump to 4♣. Now a 5♠ sacrifice might pay a dividend. It might also turn a plus into a sure minus!

Board 24 ♠ 10 6 3
 North Deals ♥ J 5 4
 None Vul ♦ A 10
 ♣ A Q 5 4 3

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

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ K Q J 7 2
 ♣ K 7

3NTS ♥2	460	5.50	0.50
3NTS ♥6	460	5.50	0.50
3NTS ♠K	430	2.50	3.50
3NTS ♠K	430	2.50	3.50
3NTS ♥6	430	2.50	3.50
3NTS ♠K	430	2.50	3.50
3♣N ♥K	130	0.00	6.00

Picked Off & Squeezed

Magnus got a top on this 3N hand. When E could not continue a heart at T3 after I'd followed with a high heart at T2, Magnus took full advantage.

Not willing to risk going down if the ♠K was offside, he flew ♠A

The run of the diamonds squeezed the West hand in hearts and clubs.

Board 16 ♠ 10 6 5
 North Deals ♥ A 7 6 3
 E-W Vul ♦ 8 7
 ♣ K 9 5 2

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

♠ K Q
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ A Q 10 7 4

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
3NTN ♠7	400	6.00	0.00
3♥N ♠8	140	5.00	1.00
3♣S ♠A	130	2.00	4.00
4♣S ♣3	130	2.00	4.00
3♣S ♦Q	130	2.00	4.00
3♣S ♥K	130	2.00	4.00
3♣S ♦Q	130	2.00	4.00

Pessimists

Keith and Rebecca were the only pair to the par spot of 3N. Keith bid 2N in the passout seat after an opening weak 2♠. Rebecca tried stayman and then bid 3N. Very well done.

Barry and Julie found a scary 4-3 heart fit and earned a near top losing 3 hearts and a spade.

On Deck: Calling all MGSC nonNABC attendees

3/16 @TCBC Mentoring Game: play with a 499er

3/23 @TCBC Team of Two Pairs (Signup sheet at the TCBC).

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.

3/30 Club Night #4

Grand National Teams Joint Unit 103/178 Finals

The event was held on March 10 at the Bridge Center of St. Paul; **MGSC members in bold**. Flight winners will receive free entries at the district finals in New Brighton on April 28-29 for as long as they remain eligible to win the trip to Philadelphia.

Championship Flight Winners (4 teams):

Cynthia Balderson, Bob Balderson Jr 102VP on 60 average! 85%
Peggy Kaplan, Paul Meerschaert
Carole Miner

Flight A Winners (3 teams)

Jonathan Cohen, Charles Nauen 80VP on 60 average 66%
Brian Crossley, Mark Krusemeyer

Flight B Winners (5 teams)

Bill Heyer, Dave Hoffman
Brian Weikle, William Cummings 63VP on 40 average 78%

Flight C Winners (3 teams: win-loss)

Nicholas Erpelding, Tony Ames II 2-0
Noel Muller, Lloyd Arntsen

As D14 GNT Coordinator I made a promise in Sioux City to accommodate online play for the Open Flight if we could have a 5 team field, and thus, be able to pay a full 36MP award. We have a commitment from an offsite team captained by Jade Barrett, but I know of only 2 local teams who regularly compete.

I would like to appeal to MGSC members to consider playing in the event even if you have no desire to go to the NABC in Philadelphia if you happen to win the district final. This is an opportunity for the best players in the district to compete against each other. Unless we field 5 teams by April 1, so that scheduling with BBO for the district finals can be arranged, we will have to give up on the online option. I would be happy to assist in team formation if you are willing to participate. Here is a link to the relevant information: http://moot.typepad.com/minnesota_bridge/2012/01/grand-national-teams.html#more

Spring Is Coming Sectional Masterpoint Leaders; **MGSC members in bold**

- 1 19.85 Terrence Lijewski
- 2 19.85 **Bruce Boje**
- 3 18.89 **Peder Langsetmo**
- 4 17.69 Gregg Van Dyke
- 5 16.01 **Michael Cassel II**
- 6 13.87 **Brian Crossley**
- 7 12.70 **Barry Purrington**
- 8 12.14 **John Stern**
- 9 11.99 **Steven Gaynor**
- 10 11.08 **Mark Krusemeyer**