

# MPLS Grand Slam Club

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## Club Night #4



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A goodly contingent of MGSC members are down at the Mason City Regional. Scott Smith, subbing for Tony helped fill out the Howell movement with Dave. Roger & Sharon take down Club Night #4 and the unofficial winner of this year's Club Night series is Don Prielwert. Your best 3 percentage scores from 3 different partners over the 4 club nights determine the winner.

### 2011-2012 Club Night Players at 50% or better

Player	% top3	#1	#2	#3	#4
Don Prielwert	58.64%	Tom Utter 63.66	Cecil 52.08	Kerry 60.19	Dan Knier 46.91
Mike Cassel	55.10%	Barry 46.60	Barry 55.36	Murray 54.73	Carol 55.22
Barry Purrington	54.83%	Mike 46.60	Mike 55.36	Brian 50.62	Jonathan 58.52
Kurt Schaeffer	54.24%	Kerry 61.10	Brian 45.83	Joe Barrett 55.79	Kerry 55.22
Jonathan Cohen	53.25%	Brian 53.90	Charlie 45.24	Mark K. 47.33	Barry 58.52
Kerry Holloway	52.93%	Kurt 61.10	Cezanne 37.50	Don 60.19	Kurt 55.22
John Minton	52.45%	Ardy 51.07		Tim Barrett 56.02	Mark K 50.27
Dan Knier	52.03%	Julie 53.35	Tom Knier 53.57	Tom Knier 46.91	Don 49.18
Dave Neiman	51.91%	John Stern 48.32	Andy 42.36	John 57.61	Scott 55.77
Anne Schaeffer	51.84%	Cezanne 51.87	Nancy G. 36.31	Julie 43.75	Nancy 59.89
Brian Crossley	50.12%	Jonathan 53.90	Kurt 45.83	Barry 50.62	
Mark Krusemeyer	50.00%	Randy 52.39		Jonathan 47.33	John Minton 50.27

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session March 30, 2012

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 91.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
7	63.46	115.50	1	1.50	<b>Roger Anderson - Sharon Anderson</b>
13	59.89	109.00	2	1.12	Nancy Glenn - Anne Schaeffer
10	58.52	106.50	3	0.80	Barry Purrington - Jonathan Cohen
6	55.77	101.50	4	0.56	David Neiman - Scott Smith
3	55.22	100.50	5/6	0.30	Michael Cassel II - Carol Rynders
12	55.22	100.50	5/6	0.30	Kerry Holloway - Kurt Schaeffer
8	50.27	91.50			Mark Krusemeyer - John Minton
11	49.18	89.50			Dan Knier - Donald Prielwert
5	47.53	86.50			Peter Dean - Sam Larson
4	47.25	86.00			Kent Howe - Mary Wescott
14	45.60	83.00			Judy Hansen - Sheila Kim
2	45.05	82.00			Glen Meeden - Nancy Meeden
15	42.86	78.00			Diane Henson - Larry Henson
9	41.76	76.00			Timothy Adamson - Sherry Hansen
1	41.48	75.50			Rebecca Anspach - Keith Connolly
16	40.93	74.50			Gary Smith - Eunice Smith

<http://clubresults.achl.org/Results/101691/2012/03/120330E.HTM>

**Board 25**

North Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ J7432  
♥ 76  
♦ AKJ94  
♣ Q

♠ 96  
♥ QJ10543  
♦ 87  
♣ 763



♠ K105  
♥ A98  
♦ Q65  
♣ KJ102

♠ AQ8  
♥ K2  
♦ 1032  
♣ A9854

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4♠ N	♥ A 420	5.00	2.00
4♠ N	♣ J 420	5.00	2.00
4♠ N	♥ A 420	5.00	2.00
4♠ N	♥ A 420	5.00	2.00
4♠ N	♣ 10 420	5.00	2.00
3♠ S	♥ Q 170	2.00	5.00
3♦ N	♥ A 130	1.00	6.00
3NT S	♥ Q 100	0.00	7.00

**Mike Off the Rails Twice**

I planned the auction so nicely. I would open my strong minor and rebid those anemic spades over my partner's expected 1♥ reply.

Then after Carol's rebid I would rebid spades to show my two suiter.

When Carol bid 2♣ I neglected to follow through to bid 2♠. 3N fared poorly.

**Board 18**

East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K1074  
♥ J83  
♦ 9652  
♣ K2

♠ J63  
♥ A9765  
♦ AQ43  
♣ A



♠ A852  
♥ 104  
♦ KJ107  
♣ 1064

♠ Q9  
♥ KQ2  
♦ 8  
♣ QJ98753

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
2♣ x S	♠ 3 180	6.50	0.50
2♣ x S	♠ 3 180	6.50	0.50
4♠ E	♣ Q 100	4.50	2.50
4♥ W	♣ K 100	4.50	2.50
3♠ E	♣ Q 50	2.50	4.50
3♠ E	♦ 8 50	2.50	4.50
3♦ W	♣ K 110	1.00	6.00
3♥ W	♣ K 140	0.00	7.00

**A Hard Par to Reach**

Only one declarer found a way to make 9 tricks in a major on this layout which is a Deep Finesse par.

Our W decided to double a 3♣ preempt. Looks like the right call, but the wrong major broke 3-3 in 3♠.

At least 2 South's opened 1♣ and coaxed their opps into doubling and sitting for 2♣!

You have to score a small spade en passant via a late heart ruff to get 9 tricks in spades.

**Crashing and clashing honors**

The night was memorable for the clang of crashing honors at our table. ♦K&A on #2 @ T1, ♣Q&K on #5 @T1, ♠A&J on #8 (silly me led a heart against 2N instead of the ♠A), ♦T&Q on #12 @at T1, ♣Q&A on #22 @T2.

**Memorable Memphis Hands- Have a WetNap for your hands with them dry rub ribs**

**Vienna in Memphis**

Dlr	E	♠ 6	22
Vl	E-W	♥ J87543	
		♦ 10842	
		♣ 96	
♠	A1092	♠ K4	
♥	Q102	♥ AK9	
♦	Q3	♦ AKJ765	
♣	A872	♣ 105	
		♠ QJ8753	
		♥ 6	
		♦ 9	
		♣ KQJ43	

East	South	West	North
1♦	2♠	3N	Pass
4N	Pass	6N	

I didn't think I had much in reserve opposite partner's opening hand when I bid 3N, but after partner's quantitative raise my DQ looked really good, and I did have two bullets to boot so I bid the slam.

Took the ♠K in dummy at T1, came to hand with ♥Q, cashed the ♣A (Vienna Coup) and ran winners ending in dummy. I was tickled to find South with ♣KQJ making dummy's ♣T a threat.

+1470 was worth 46 on a 51 top.

D1r E ♠ J1092  
 V1 None ♥ 2  
 ♦ AJ652 30  
 ♣ 753

♠ AK5 ♠ Q763  
 ♥ A1096 ♥ KJ8743  
 ♦ KQ107 ♦ 9  
 ♣ AQ ♣ K4

♠ 84  
 ♥ Q5  
 ♦ 843  
 ♣ J109862

### Memphis Information

West	East	
	Pass	
2♣	2♦	promises a king + transfer
2N	3♦	
4♣	4♦	superaccept & retransfer
4♥	4N	RKC by responder
5♣	6♥	0-3 & signoff

But what if responder bids 6♦ over 5♣ promising the values for 6♥ with a singleton diamond. Now 6N can be reached for a 16 on a 17 instead of 11. **A 6-level informative splinter.** Has anyone ever had a discussion on this kind of bid?

D1r N ♠ Q107632  
 V1 None ♥ KQ93 1  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ Q6

♠ J9 ♠ 8  
 ♥ J106 ♥ 75  
 ♦ AQ106 ♦ K98752  
 ♣ A874 ♣ K1095

♠ AK54  
 ♥ A842  
 ♦ J3  
 ♣ J32

### No Southern Hospitality

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
4N!!	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	?		

Can you say FIX?! I could accept a 1N by East as a passed hand, but 4N by West after we reached game with his defense and a 2=3=4=4 shape??? Yikes.

Play at the Nationals is highlighted by the frequency of high-level bidding decisions that must be gotten right if you expect to score well. If you don't have your call when you preempt THERE WILL BE BLOOD! e.g. You try 3♦ red/red with xx xx AJT86xx xx after RHO opens 1♠ in third seat. When the smoke clears you are -1100.

Your toolbox of countermeasures for high-level decisions should include discussions of forcing passes and positive/negative slam doubles. Sometimes you have to settle for the best result possible rather than the best possible result.

Competitive decisions at the three level are also common, and pairs who employ the good/bad 2N and sophisticated raises over doubles have a big advantage. Here are two hands that we got wrong:

D1r E ♠ J97654  
 V1 E-W ♥ 10 6  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ AJ983

♠ AK832 ♠ Q  
 ♥ K9865 ♥ AQJ7432  
 ♦ 82 ♦ QJ954  
 ♣ 2 ♣

♠ 10  
 ♥  
 ♦ AK763  
 ♣ KQ107654

### When Negative is Positive

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2N
4♣	6♣	6♥	?

If South's pass promises a defensive trick, then N/S get to go plus. Sure, 7CX -1 is a great save, and maybe is advisable in a team game, but doesn't score many matchpoints in the finals of the Silver Ribbon.

A double denying a defensive trick gets you to a great sacrifice when that is right, and allows partner with two defensive tricks to sit. On this hand though, South should pass and set 6♥

## Compact KO Bracket III

♠ A8	
♥ KQ85	
♦ AQ854	
♣ 98	
♠ KQ9754	♠ J32
♥ A	♥ J76
♦ 72	♦ J63
♣ AQ72	♣ JT65
♠ T4	
♥ T9432	
♦ KT6	
♣ K65	

## A foolish double?

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl	2♠ #	3♥ # weak raise
4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dbl		

Larry Cohen's, To Bid or Not to Bid, was written 30 years ago. He discussed a version of Lebensohl called Good/Bad 2N and this hand is a perfect example.

Does South have forward-going values, or simply competitive values? Using 2N as a relay to 3C with modest hands warns partner of your lack of defensive values and would have prevented the loss of 5 imps for -790. In fact, the loss was 12 imps when our teammate didn't consider a flat 4hcp worth a spade raise and 4H-1 was +50.

Without getting too sophisticated I heartily recommend that a simple raise after 1M- X be weak (even as in this case very weak), and a 1-under raise, e.g. 1♠ – Dbl -2♥ be a sound raise.

## Lesson of the Week Hand

Dlr	S	♠ Q952	
V1	Both	♥ 2	7
		♦ 74	
		♣ AJ10976	
♠	KJ6	♠ A4	
♥	K1083	♥ AQ76	
♦	AJ5	♦ 108632	
♣	KQ5	♣ 82	
		♠ 10873	
		♥ J954	
		♦ KQ9	
		♣ 43	

## A falsecard blocking play

After a NT opening and stayman auction EW play in 4H booked to make 4 or 5 depending on whether or not the trumps are picked up for 1 loser.

Seven of the 26 pairs made 5. After a spade lead to my J, a spade to the Ace (T2), and a diamond RHO splitting his KQ at T3, I led a low heart to the HA my RHO played the H9. I knew it could have been a deceptive falsecard and went wrong.

I could have prevented this ruse by **cashing the HA at T3, a falsecard blocking play**. South could not be sure his partner did not have the stiff T, in which case playing the 9 would cost a trick. The difference between a 620 and 650 was 10 on a 25 top

<http://www.bridgeguys.com/DGlossary/Deception.html> has a full description of the logic in this situation and this hand was worth the price of admission in the Silodor Pairs.

## On Deck:

4/06 Club Championship

4/13 Charity Game #2

4/20 Imp Pairs Unit Championship