

# MPLS Grand Slam Club

April 13, 2012

## Club Charity Game #2



Mike Cassel, Newsletter Coordinator, [mc2mikec@aol.com](mailto:mc2mikec@aol.com)

### Charity Game

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session April 13, 2012

Kurt and Kerry bested the field.... unofficially?! A 32 table game on Friday afternoon in Rochester had our regular director heading down Highway 52 and there were some glitches that gave us some experience with the EDMOV function on ACBLScore. Theresa and Colin's treats helped tide over some of the waiting and we had the opportunity to try to remember using pickup slips. Check the ACBL club results for revisions later this week.

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	O/A	MPs	Section	A
8	64.80	87.48	1	1	1.87(O)	Kurt Schaeffer - Kerry Holloway	
7	61.85	83.50	2	2	1.40(O)	Brian Crossley - Jonathan Cohen	
12	59.19	79.90	3	3	1.05(O)	Michael Cassel II - Barry Purrington	
5	52.81	71.30	4	4	0.79(O)	Peg Waller - Ronald De Harpporte	
9	50.74	68.50	5		0.26(S)	Paul Meerschaert - Charles Nauen	
1	50.07	67.60				Peg Mitchell - Phyllis Anderson	
3	49.70	67.10				Cezanne Martin - Mark Lasoff	
2	48.22	65.10				Colin Kehe - Theresa Kehe	
10	44.22	59.70				Alan Rauch - Jody Chanin	
11	43.56	58.80				Julie Tigges - Elizabeth Hughes	
6	40.15	54.20				Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden	
4	35.23	47.56				Anne Schaeffer - Nancy Glenn	

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/04/120413E.HTM>

Could you have found the spade lead?

♠AKQJx	♥xx	♦KJx	♣T9x
♠9xx	♥Jx	♦T98xx	♣Jxx
♠x	♥AKQ9x	♦Qx	♣AQ8xx
After 5 spades, a club finesse, 2 hearts & ♦Q:			
♠	♥	♦KJ	♣T9
♠	♥Tx	♦A	♣K
♠	♥Q9	♦x	♣A

### Last Week's Mason City Regional Declarer Play

(rotated to South as declarer)

North	South
	1♥
1♠	3♣
3♦	3NT
4NT	5♠
6NT	P

Without a spade lead, you have the luxury of establishing 2 diamond tricks and a cold making slam if the ♣K is inside\*. With the more diabolical spade lead you are forced to take your 5 spade tricks immediately. You pitch three low clubs and a heart from hand keeping hope for a possible 3-3 heart split.

\*A 50% finesse in clubs is higher probability than an a priori 3-3 heart distribution, so you take the club finesse, 2 top hearts (noting the fall of the ♥J on your left), and the ♦Q which must be ducked.

What are your chances of guessing to cash the ♣A and throwing RHO in with the ♦A to led a heart into your tenace?

## Studying the Traveler

<b>Board 4</b>	♠ J 6	3 NTE	♠ 7	-2	200
West Deals	♥ Q 8 2	4 ♥ E	♠ A	-1	100
Both Vul	♦ J 8 7 2	2 ♠ x S	♦ 5	-2	500
	♣ J 10 8 6	4 ♥ W	♠ J	4	620
♠ 9 5 4		4 ♥ E	♠ A	4	620
♥ A 9 6 4 3		4 ♥ W	♠ J	4	620
♦ 5 4		4 ♥ W	♠ J	4	620
♣ A 9 2		4 ♥ W	♠ J	4	620
		4 ♥ W	♠ J	4	620
		4 ♥ W	♠ J	5	650
		4 ♥ W	♠ J	5	650
		4 ♥ W	♠ A	5	650
		4 ♥ E	♠ A	5	650

Note that most heart contracts (7/10) were played by West. It would appear that many South's found a 2♠ overcall of 1N, most Wests stretched a bit to bid 3♥ and were raised to game.

At our table, South bid 2♠ after first showing a one suited hand with a Cappelletti 2♣ call. If the hearts were 2-2 EW could pick up +800 and a top board. On the existing layout, +500 was close to the bottom. The known 9 card heart fit makes defending much less desirable.

Note that vulnerability was certainly a factor. +500 would have been a top at any other vulnerability.

## a DSIP or BOP Double

East opens 1N and South shows a 1 suited hand (via a X or 2C). West transfers to hearts (system on over the above interferences):

1. Is East good enough to super-accept? No? Then East accepts the transfer: 2♥, South bids 2♠. West doubles. What should East do?
  2. Is this a penalty double?
- If you looked at the header above you will find a clue from the 2 acronyms:  
**DSIP = Do Something Intelligent Partner**  
**BOP = Balance of Power**

West doesn't know whether or not there is a good heart fit. He is promising the balance of hcp (at least 23) and should also have enough spade length to know the opponents don't rate to have a 9 card fit.

East has a great heart fit with game likely (see the commentary in the left hand column)

A curiosity of this layout makes 3N the par spot due to the ♠Jx and EW's possession of the 9 & T. At a few tables the S9 provided a club pitch allowing declarer to make 5.

3N could be a standout contract if West has the ♠Kxx, so I think the best call by East over the double is 3♠ offering West a choice of games (hearts should be implied, no?!).

## Surprising Shared Top

4 of the 6 pairs Friday bid and made 6N on board 1, a rather surprising result.

If E leads a 4<sup>th</sup> best heart or the top of sequence 9, West should realize that playing the J is fruitless.

With spades lying foully, you have to rectify the count via a spade duck, find the ♦Q, and then squeeze East in clubs and hearts.

If the ♣J is led you have to cash 4♠, 4♦, 2♣, and 2♥, then throw E in with the ♥Q to lead into the club tenace!

Only 1 pair went minus and one pair stopped below 6N & made 5. Don't all these 990s seem odd to you?

♠ Q5  
 ♥ T8  
 ♦ 9732  
 ♣ KJ763

♠ A943  
 ♥ 542  
 ♦ AKJ6  
 ♣ Q9

♠ KT82  
 ♥ AJ7  
 ♦ Q8  
 ♣ AT84

♠ J76  
 ♥ KQ963  
 ♦ JT54  
 ♣ 52

♠ 53  
 ♥ AQ8  
 ♦ AK98643  
 ♣ Q

♠ KQJT96  
 ♥ 95  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ 753

♠ 72  
 ♥ J2  
 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ KJ98642

♠ A84  
 ♥ KT7643  
 ♦ JT  
 ♣ AT

Bd 24  
 W deals  
 none vul

♠ AQJ75  
 ♥ AK986  
 ♦ --  
 ♣ AT7

♠ 4  
 ♥ QJ3  
 ♦ KQ5432  
 ♣ Q86

♠ --  
 ♥ T7542  
 ♦ T9876  
 ♣ KJ5

♠ KT98642  
 ♥ --  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ 9432

N S score	Mpts	Freq.
1010	18.00	11
980	9.50	6
510	5.50	2
480	3.00	3
450	1.00	1
-50	0	1

## A Well Earned Top

Charlie and Paul earned all of the matchpoints on this collection on the following auction:

East	West
1♣	1♦
1N	3N

Paul protecting his tenaces rebid 1N: most of the field played in spades.

## Grand Slams missed for a push

How would you handle this collection from the Rochester Sectional Swiss teams:

N	E	S	W
1♦	- 3♣	- 3♥	- 3♠

The board was a push at +1460  
 One South failed to show 3 key cards after RKC and one North simply blasted to 6♥ over 3♥

If I brought back +1460 to my teammates I would be hoping/praying for a push. Doesn't N have an easy 4 to 4♣ cuebid here? It's now a 3 loser hand.

## A Forcing Approach with a 12 cd fit

How would you handle this collection from the Rochester Saturday Afternoon pair game:

W	N	E	S
2♦	- 3♦	- 5♦	- 5♠
P	- 6♠		

North might have cuebid 6♦ on the way to 6♠. Would that not also promise first round club control? What if South held the ♣K instead of the ♦A?

I know from personal experience that many pairs play a direct cuebid of a weak 2 bid, not as Michaels but as stopper asking. As per usual, being on the same page as pard is paramount.

## On Deck:

- 4/20 Imp Pairs Unit Championship
- 4/27 Last Chance GNT Club Qualifying Game  
Get a practice session in before the District Finals on Saturday and Sunday
- 5/4 Open Pairs I
- 5/11 Open Pairs II
- 5/18 End of Year Party

4/29 Open Swiss Teams at the New Brighton Family Service Center at 10am.

Excellent Hospitality  
 full sectional rating (black pts)

Even if you don't plan to play in the GNT District Final play in the Swiss on Sunday. BE THERE!