

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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Unit Championship: Imp Pairs



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Imp Pairs Unit Championship

Richard and Andy nosed out the Jacksons by a couple ofimps for first overall. If the event had not been scored with cross-imps less than 7imps would have separated the top five finishers.

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session April 20, 2012

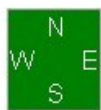
Pair	Score	Rank	Section	O/A	MPs	North-South
5	367.00	1	3	1.28	(O)	Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz
2	352.00	2	4	0.96	(O)	Ronald DeHarpporte - Jim Stepnes
8	255.00	3		0.55	(S)	Kerry Holloway - Kurt Schaeffer
7	163.00	4		0.39	(S)	Bob Balderson Jr - Judy Nassar
9	125.00					Steven Gaynor - Jean Boettcher
1	80.00					Linda Brammer - Timothy Adamson
4	49.00					Diane Henson - Larry Henson
3	35.00					Brian Crossley - Jack Rhatigan
6	-342.00					Michael Saeger - Kimberly Hayward
10	-1084.00					Alan Rauch - Jody Chanin

Pair	Score	Rank	Section	O/A	MPs	East-West
9	400.50	1	1	2.28	(O)	Richard Lawson - Andrew Caranicas
5	380.25	2	2	1.71	(O)	Stephen Jackson - Susan Jackson
4	342.00	3	5	0.72	(O)	Art Ardy Bakshian - John Minton
7	283.50	4	6	0.54	(O)	Dan Knier - Thomas Knier
11	114.75					Peg Mitchell - Phyllis Anderson
3	110.25					David Glenn - Nancy Glenn
6	-61.88					Peg Waller - Anne Schaeffer
2	-261.00					Roark Johnson - Audrey Weikle
8	-392.63					Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden
10	-410.63					John Stern - David Neiman
1	-420.00					Daniel McIntyre - Donald Prierwert

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/04/120420E.HTM>

Board 18

♠ A Q 9			
East Deals	♥ 5		
N-S Vul	♦ A K 8 7 6 3		
	♣ 8 4 2		
♠ J 6 5 3		♠ K 10 8	
♥ Q 8 4 2		♥ J 7	
♦ 5 4		♦ Q	
♣ K 6 3		♣ A Q J 10 9 7 5	
	♠ 7 4 2		
	♥ A K 10 9 6 3		
	♦ J 10 9 2		
	♣ —		



	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
6♦N	♠ 8	1390	118.00-118.00
6♦N	♣ A	1370	112.00-112.00
5♦N	♥ J	640	24.00 -24.00
5♦N	♠ 8	640	24.00 -24.00
5♦N	♠ 8	640	24.00 -24.00
5♦N	♣ A	620	17.00 -17.00
3♥S	♣ 3	230	-42.00 42.00
3♠E	♥ A	100	-62.00 62.00
3♣E	♥ A	110	-89.00 89.00
3♣x E	♥ A	470-126.00	126.00

Imp Pairs Hand of the Night

Noone reached the grand slam, but this deal featured the largestimps swings. Kurt & Kerry and the Hensons were the only pairs to reach 6♦

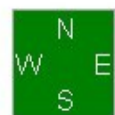
Two pairs failed to uncover the big diamond fit

Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 4
♥ 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 6 5 3 2
♣ 8 7 6

♠ A J 7 5
♥ 9 7
♦ 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5 2



♠ Q 10 9 3 2
♥ Q 8 6
♦ K J
♣ Q 4 3

♠ K 8 6
♥ A K J 10 5
♦ A 7 4
♣ A K

Steve and Jean had a **serious** problem when Nancy Meeden, in first seat opened a 10-12NT. After a double and an escape-oriented redouble followed by opener's 2♣ call how would you find your heart game? Would a 2N overcall (minors?) then contradicted by a 3H bid after partner bids 3minor express these values? What about a 2N bid after an initial double? Very tough problem

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT S	♣ J	690	55.00-55.00
4 ♥ S	♣ J	650	49.00-49.00
4 ♥ S	♣ J	650	49.00-49.00
4 ♥ N	♠ 4	650	49.00-49.00
3 NT S	♣ J	600	33.00-33.00
3 NT S	♣ J	600	33.00-33.00
3 ♥ N	♦ K	200	-44.00 44.00
2 ♥ S	♣ J	200	-44.00 44.00
5 ♦ N	♠ 10	100	-90.00 90.00
3 NT S	♠ 5	100	-90.00 90.00

Wrong Spots - Weak Ds

A check of the traveler here would indicate that many pairs do, or did not employ Puppet Stayman which would have uncovered the 8 card heart fit.

Of the pairs who ended in 3N most received the lead of the ♣J. Defenders who play Smith Echoes might have been able to deny a top club honor and hope for the killing spade shift. Might declarer, with a sure diamond loser duck one at T2 to foil opponents who play Smith? A nice strategy...unless RHO has the stiff 9,T,orJ!

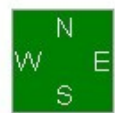
Seems like missed opportunities from both directions here.

Board 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 7 6 5 2
♥ —
♦ K 2
♣ A K J 8 4

♠ 8 4 3
♥ K J 10 8 6
♦ —
♣ 10 9 7 6 3



♠ A
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 7 4 3
♣ Q 5 2

♠ J 10 9
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ A J 10 8 6 5
♣ —

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠ N	♥ 7	680	119.00-119.00
6 ♠ N	♠ Q	100	8.00 -8.00
4 ♠ N	♦ 4	100	8.00 -8.00
6 ♠ N	♣ 2	100	8.00 -8.00
6 ♠ N	♠ A	100	8.00 -8.00
6 ♠ N	♦ 3	200	-18.00 18.00
7 ♠ x N	♥ 5	200	-18.00 18.00
6 ♠ N	♦ 3	200	-18.00 18.00
6 ♠ N	♦ 4	200	-18.00 18.00
6 ♠ x N	♦ 3	500	-79.00 79.00

Back to Back Spade Slams Potentially Doomed by Ruffs

Peg found the diamond lead and Annie returned a trump! to beat the slam by two tricks. They were the only pair to beat both slams.

It would appear that the Glenn's extracted the maximum via a Lightner double?! Ardy and John actually managed to set 4♠

Contracts made anywhere from 9 to 12 tricks.

Board 24

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6
♥ 6 5
♦ Q
♣ A K Q J 6

♠ 10 2
♥ 8
♦ K J 10 9 7 5 4
♣ 9 5 3



♠ A 7 4
♥ Q J 7 3 2
♦ 6 2
♣ 8 4 2

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 7

	N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♠ N	♦ 6	980	91.00-91.00
6 ♠ N	♦ 6	980	91.00-91.00
4 ♠ S	♦ 6	480	-10.00 10.00
4 ♠ N	♦ 6	480	-10.00 10.00
4 ♠ N	♦ 5	480	-10.00 10.00
4 ♠ N	♦ 6	480	-10.00 10.00
4 ♠ N	♠ 4	480	-10.00 10.00
4 ♠ N	♦ 4	480	-10.00 10.00
5 ♠ N	♥ 2	450	-17.00 17.00
6 ♠ N	♥ Q	50	-105.00 105.00

The Killing Lead

Roark & Audrey, and Peg & Annie were the only pairs to lead a heart and score a ruff on board 24.

For Annie & Peg it was a 14 imp gain against the making slams and 11 imps against the other games. Annie neither opened with a diamond preempt nor doubled a later diamond cue-bid; Peg found a heart lead and continuation after winning the trump A.

If South had bid hearts in a 2/1 auction I think a heart lead holding the ace of trump is certainly an enterprising effort in an imp game.

the MGSC Party

You've all received an email invitation to the end of year party:

Dear Grand Slam Member,

On behalf of the board, I hope you can join us for our annual MGSC year end party, being held at the Richfield Community Center on **Friday, May 18**. We need to know if you are joining us for the dinner, so please read on and note the choices for responding. We had a positive response to last year's event, so are returning to our usual venue, with greater menu options:

- Dinner -- 6:00 -- Catered by D'Amico's

- Entrees include a choice of Chicken Marsala, Baked Salmon, or Vegetarian - Pasta with Vegetables (choose ONLY one)
 - An array of salads, breads, and desserts (served buffet style)
 - Beverage (this is an alcohol-free event, due to RCC restrictions)
 - Dinner is served at 6:00 -- failure to arrive by 6:15 jeopardizes your chance of eating and virtually guarantees lukewarm-cold food.

- Annual Meeting -- 7:00
 - The usual excitement, including Awards.
 - Free-plays will be awarded for the champions of the KO , overall winner of Club Night, and the overall winners of the BAM.
- Final Game of the Season -- 7:15 -- Team Game --
 - Team members will be drawn from groupings of greater than and less than (approximately) 3000 masterpoints to assure a semblance of balance among teams.
 - We appreciate knowing your intention of playing in the game.
- COST: All this and more for **only \$12 per MEMBER** (non-members \$28). Game only: \$5. Dinner only: \$7. Guest dinner only: \$23.

We need your response no later than Friday, May 4. Payment for you and any guests must be made NO LATER THAN Game Time, Friday, MAY 11.

You may respond in one of two ways:

1. Click on the reply button to this email and state the number of people who plan to attend AND the choice of entree via your response. We need your response no later than May 4. We will give you until May 11 to bring a check or cash to the MGSC or to mail a check to Peg Mitchell @ 1900 W. 76th St. Richfield, MN 55423. Please be sure to indicate if you or other people for whom you are responding do NOT intend to stay for the game.
2. Complete the attached form and bring it with you to the RCC by May 4, accompanied by your payment. We are glad to accept your reservation and payment as early as this evening's game.

I hope you will jump at the opportunity to enjoy an evening with people who have a common love for our game -- and use it as a chance to prepare for the upcoming Gopher Regional.

Peg Mitchell, 2011-12 MGSC President

P.S. We sure hope some of you who are "remote" members will be coming in early for the Gopher and will be able to join us! We miss you!