

MPLS Grand Slam Club

May 4, 2012

Open Pairs I



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No More Time for Delay If you intend to join the MGSC party in 2 weeks you **MUST** get your \$ in by next Friday before gametime. The price is right...more than right and we'll have good food and a good time.

Open Pairs I Friday Eve Session May 4, 2012

A 12 table web means 2 6 table sections. If you're at table 1-6 it's just bridge moves as usual, but if you're NS at tables 7-12 you're playing the boards in descending order and as EW move to table 7 and up you play them in reverse order skipping a board set lower. What's cool is that everyone plays every board. Eric and Paul are the only pair with a 60+% game. You are welcome to play next week one session if you didn't play this week, but you'll not be eligible for an overall award.

Friday Evening Pairs Friday Eve Session May 4, 2012

Scores after 9 rounds Average: 148.5 Section A North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
12	57.35	170.32	1	1.20	Joseph Rice - Tim Wernz
2	54.41	161.59	2	0.84	Bruce Boje - Judy Nassar
9	53.72	159.55	3	0.60	Michael Cassel II - Barry Purrington
5	52.91	157.14	4	0.42	Peg Mitchell - Phyllis Anderson
1	52.83	156.90	5	0.24	Peder Langsetmo - Murray Appelbaum
3	52.14	154.86			Art Ardy Bakshian - John Minton
4	47.84	142.09			David Glenn - Nancy Glenn
6	47.60	141.36			Cezanne Martin - Carol Rynders
8	46.21	137.23			Daniel McIntyre - John Miller
11	45.06	133.82			Richard Lawson - Sam Larson
10	44.93	133.45			Marsha Devine - Marian Plummer
7	44.64	132.59			Diane Henson - Larry Henson

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Scores after 9 rounds Average: 148.5 Section A East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	MPs	
11	62.34	185.14	1	1.20	Eric Hendrickson - Paul Gutterman
1	59.90	177.91	2	0.84	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz
7	55.07	163.56	3	0.60	Dan Knier - Thomas Knier
2	53.46	158.77	4	0.42	Joseph Barrett - Tim Barrett
9	51.99	154.41	5	0.24	Dennis Cerkenik - Jon Weinberg
4	49.31	146.45			Stephen Jackson - Susan Jackson
3	49.11	145.86			Donald Prierwert - Thomas Utter
12	44.92	133.41			Mark Krusemeyer - Jonathan Cohen
5	44.66	132.64			Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden
10	44.17	131.18			Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson
8	44.00	130.68			Linda Brammer - Timothy Adamson
6	41.26	122.55			Gene Brandl - Delbert Swanson

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/05/120504E.HTM>

Hand of the Night

Watching and listening to the USBF Team Trials today I heard a commentator say that if you could always make the right lead you would always win, and find yourself in jail! No better example of this than Bd. 8 where 9 of the 12 pairs played in 3N making scoring anywhere from +460 to -100.

Board 8 ♠ A 7 2
 North Deals ♥ 10 8 7 4 3
 None Vul ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ K 10

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

♠ K J 5 4
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A 10 6
 ♣ A Q 6 5



Contract		Lead Scores Matchpoints		
		N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT S	♠ 10	460	10.50	0.50
3 NT S	♠ 10	460	10.50	0.50
3 NT S	♠ 10	430	9.00	2.00
3 NT S	♣ 7	400	7.50	3.50
3 NT S	♥ 4	400	7.50	3.50
3 ♥ S	♣ 4	170	6.00	5.00
1 NT S	♣ 9	120	4.50	6.50
1 NT S	♦ K	120	4.50	6.50
3 NT N	♦ 4	50	2.50	8.50
3 NT S	♣ 9	50	2.50	8.50
3 NT S	♥ 2	100	0.50	10.50
3 NT S	♦ K	100	0.50	10.50

5 Trick Differentials

3 Pairs led the ♠T and all earned poor results. A couple of them must have grabbed their hearts early letting declarer establish that suit as well.

Earning a Top via Excommunication

Both **Paul and Jonathan earned tops for their side**: Paul led the ♥2 and ducked when declarer played a second heart at trick 2. He'd doubled the 1♣ opening bid.

Declarer played him for the ♣J at T3 which did not work out too well. Eric shifted to a spade (Ed. a mistake, a diamond switch is needed), but declarer persisted with a 3rd heart after winning the ♠A and cashing the ♣K putting the defense back in control. Paul won the heart, and played the ♦K. Declarer took the Ace and cashed the clubs. Paul dumped his ♦Q and Eric's hand grew up.

Jonathan started his defense with his top diamonds declarer holding up until the third round. This declarer also tried finessing for the ♣J. After taking the thirteener diamond Mark exited a spade won by the A. ♣K and a heart to Jonathan's A and a club exit left declarer with 3♣, 1♦, 2♠, and 1♥ for a -100 and a tie for bottom.

Bidding Commentary:

Two pairs played this hand in 1N by South. After 1C – P – P the South hand is too good for 1N and not good enough to balance with 2N. If you start with a double and bid 1N over partner's 1H advance you'd be showing ~15-17. If you jump to 2N over the 1H call you are accurately describing your 19 pt hand.

For a top level look at "excommunicating a dummy" check out board 7 from the USBF Team Trials semifinal between Nickell and Milner:

http://usbf.org/docs/vugraphs/USBC2012/html/USBC2012_SF_1_s1.htm#bd7

John Kranyak had a devilish time trying to maintain communications between his hand and the dummy after RHO led the D8. Check it out.

The USBF Team Trials Finals between Nickell and Diamond squads will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Drop into BBO if you want to watch the best of the U.S. Knock heads over 120 boards.

Thirteen is a Magic Number

Bd 26

♠ A K 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 7 6 4 2
 ♦ K J
 ♣ 2



♠ 10 7 5
 ♥ A K 9 5
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ A K 8 6

Contract		Lead Scores Matchpoints		
		N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
6 NT S	♠ 8	1440	11.00	0.00
6 ♥ N	♦ 2	1430	7.50	3.50
6 ♥ N	♦ 8	1430	7.50	3.50
6 ♥ S	♦ 7	1430	7.50	3.50
6 ♥ N	♥ 10	1430	7.50	3.50
6 ♠ S	♣ 10	1430	7.50	3.50
6 ♥ S	♦ 7	1430	7.50	3.50
7 ♥ S	♠ 8	100	2.00	9.00
7 NT S	♦ 7	100	2.00	9.00
7 ♥ S	♣ 9	100	2.00	9.00
7 ♥ S	♦ 9	100	2.00	9.00
7 ♥ S	♥ 3	100	2.00	9.00

Cezanne couldn't figure out how to show her major suit oriented hand over Carol's 2N opener. Her 6N call was a cold top. Who needs science, eh?

I heard of one North who transferred to spades and jumped to 6♥. South had cold feet and passed.

I tried a jump to 5♥ over a 3♥ transfer. I was hoping that partner, with good minor suit controls would bid 5N or 6♣. I would then go for the NT slam. Barry raised.


Diogenes wandered with a lantern searching for an honest man. My lantern is lit looking for an honest sequence, i.e. scientific, to reach 6N.

What I fail to grasp is why nearly half the field thought that both majors were running. With AKQxx Qxxxx KJx you could Gerber as responder after a heart transfer and learn if opener has 4 key cards. Those of you who read about Spiral key card scanning from the 4/20 newsletter can muse about how you'd then ask for the ♠Q so that you could count to 13.

Board 21 ♠ 2
 North Deals ♥ K J 2
 N-S Vul ♦ A 10 3 2
 ♣ 10 7 6 5 4

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

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



Contract		Lead	Score	Matchpoints	
			N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
6♠	E	♥ 4	150	10.95	0.05
6♠	E	♣ 8	100	9.32	1.68
6♠	E	♥ 10	100	9.32	1.68
6♠	E	♦ Q	50	6.59	4.41
6♠	E	♠ 4	50	6.59	4.41
5♠	E	♠ 10	50	6.59	4.41
			AVE-	NP	4.40 0.00
4♥	W	♣ 5	450	3.86	7.14
4♠	E	♣ 8	450	3.86	7.14
4NT	E	♠ 10	460	2.23	8.77
4♠	E	♠ 10	480	1.14	9.86
6♠	E	♥ 6	980	0.05	10.95

Another lead problem vs. slam

On a diamond lead and heart return you try the Q. On any other return you ruff a diamond, take 2 trump in dummy, ♣A and a club ruff, pull trump and claim 5♠, 4C, ♥A, ♦K, and a ♦ ruff.

If you forget your diamond ruff you have a Vienna Coup squeezing RHO out of the ♥K or a club

Slam seems like a reasonable prospect and more than 1/2 the field bid 6S. The odds of clubs being 4-3 are about 62%. On a trump lead you have a make when the ♦A is onside or 4-3 clubs.

On a heart lead you have a 50% win if they've led from the K, but they shouldn't so, unless an opponent loses his mind, you're going down.

Note that W can make slams because of the positional disadvantage of the heart suit for the defense

On Deck:

5/11 Open Pairs II

5/18 End of Year Party

Payment for the party must be made by May 11

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.

Payment for you and any guests must be made NO LATER THAN Game Time, Friday, MAY 11.

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.

Peg Mitchell, 612-280-6119

Minneapolis Grand Slam Club Players in the Overalls at the District GNT Finals

Open Flight 1st place

Peg Kaplan	18.00Gld
Paul Meerschaert	18.00Gld
Bob Balderson Jr	18.00Gld
Cynthia Balderson	18.00Gld
Carol Miner	18.00Gld

Flight A 1st place

Jonathan Cohen	30.00Gld
Charles Nauen	30.00Gld
Mark Krusemeyer	30.00Gld
Brian Crossley	30.00Gld

Flight A 1^{2nd} place

John Minton	22.50Gld
Art Ardy Bakshian	22.50Gld
Susan Jackson	22.50Gld
Stephen Jackson	22.50Gld

Flight B 1st place

Dennis Cerkvenik	26.00Gld
Jim Stepnes	26.00Gld
Bill Voedisch	26.00Gld

Flight B 2nd place

Magnus Weiman	19.50Gld
Maureen Weiman	19.50Gld
Larry Henson	19.50Gld
Diane Henson	19.50Gld

Flight B 3rd place

Marsha Devine	14.63Gld
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Participation in the Championship Flight is untenable and not enough Flight A teams enter to pay a 3rd and 4th overall (requires 8 teams).

A proposal will be made to the District Board to hold the Flight A and Championship Flight KO finals just before or just after the Gopher Regional. Your opinions re. this format change are encouraged. Inquiries have been made to see if Gopher Swiss placings (top 4 in each flight) can determine the GNT KO finalists without penalizing masterpoints from the Gopher Swiss.

Another possibility: District final Day 1 on the Sunday before the Gopher, and Day 2 on Monday morning and afternoon on the day the Gopher starts. Why haven't you been playing and what would sway you to do so?

Let Mike Cassel know your thoughts

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