

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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Open Pairs II



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The last of the MGSC 2-session championships was won by **Tim Wernz and Joe Rice** who averaged 59.14% over 2 sessions. **Phil and Judy** took second place honors, ½ board behind in what was arguably the most entertaining set of boards in recent memory. **Sam Larson and Richard Lawson had a monster 70% game**, but their lackluster first week percentage of 45 was good for third place only. Last week's N-S played in the same section last week's E-W played in the other section in a pair of Howell movements so that each of the 2-session players played all of the other 2-session players. Only 7 of the 19 pairs finished over average over both sessions.

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Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	O/A	MPs		2 session avg
5	70.03	208.00	1	1	1.20 (S)	Richard Lawson - Sam Larson	341.82 (4) 133.82
4	60.94	181.00	2	2	0.90 (O)	Joseph Rice - Tim Wernz	351.32 (1) 170.32
8	52.19	155.00	3		0.60 (S)	Bruce Boje - Judy Nassar	316.59 (5) 161.59
3	51.85	154.00	4		0.42 (S)	Daniel McIntyre - John Miller	137.23
10	51.68	153.50	5		0.24 (S)	Cezanne Martin - Carol Rynders	141.36
7	50.51	150.00				Art Ardy Bakshian - John Minton	304.86 154.86
1	48.15	143.00				Peg Mitchell - Phyllis Anderson	157.14
2	46.13	137.00				Michael Cassel II - Barry Purrington	159.55
9	45.96	136.50				Diane Henson - Larry Henson	132.59
11	42.59	126.50				Marsha Devine - Marian Plummer	133.45
12	40.07	119.00				Murray Appelbaum - Peder Langsetmo	156.90
6	39.90	118.50				Nancy Glenn - David Glenn	142.09

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Pair	Pct	Score	Rank	O/A	MPs		
12	56.57	168.00	1	3	1.20 (S)	Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz	345.91 (2) 177.91
11	53.54	159.00	2	4	0.84 (S)	Jack Rhatigan - Brian Crossley	1 sess
4	52.86	157.00	3	5	0.60 (S)	Eric Hendrickson - Paul Gutterman	342.14 (3) 185.14
3	52.36	155.50	4	6	0.42 (S)	Michael Flader - Jill Flader	1 sess
1	50.84	151.00	5		0.24 (S)	Joseph Barrett - Tim Barrett	309.77 158.77
10	50.67	150.50				Linda Brammer - Timothy Adamson	130.68
2	49.66	147.50				Stephen Jackson - Susan Jackson	146.45
7	48.82	145.00				Magnus Weiman - David Neiman	1 sess
6	48.48	144.00				Mark Krusemeyer - Jonathan Cohen	133.41
5	47.64	141.50				Wayne Gergen - Thomas Racciatti	1 sess
8	47.31	140.50				Gene Brandl - Delbert Swanson	122.55
9	41.25	122.50				Alan Rauch - Jody Chanin	1 sess

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/05/120511E.HTM>

Stories from Open Pairs II

♠ K J 7 6 4
♥ Q 10 5
♦ —
♣ K 9 5 3 2

♠ A 10 9
♥ A K J 9 8 7
♦ Q 9
♣ A 8

When Yer Hot Yer Hot

Both Bruce Boje and Richard Lawson opened the South hand (here on the left) 1♠ with no quick tricks, but an easy rebid on Bd 26. They were rewarded with +1460s and 10.5 on an 11 top.

When did the rule of 20 become the rule of 19?

Another look at that slam from Open Pairs I... also board 36

Bd 26

♠ A K 9 6 3
♥ Q 7 6 4 2
♦ K J
♣ 2

W N E
S

♠ 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	

2N opposite 5-5 Majors & 13 hcp

What better way to find out what experts are doing than asking one. I emailed Larry Cohen after last week's session to ask him about a hand where a good chunk of the field failed in a grand slam. Here are his comments:

"A common agreement with 5-5 majors after 2NT is:

2N-3♦-3♥-3♠ = 5-5 with slam interest

2N-3♥-3S-4♥ = 5-5 with no slam interest

WITH 5-4, always start with Stayman

[Ed. Note If you are playing puppet stayman, showing a smolen hand requires gymnastics]

With those agreements, you could start 2N-3♦-3♥-3♠ with your example hand.

Still, I can't say I can give an exact auction to 6♥.

I think it is tough to accurately reach 6NT.

Some hands are just too difficult.

Good luck,
LC" www.larryco.com

That being said here's one more advertisement for spiral scans:

- 2N-3♦ 20-21 transfer
- 3♥-3♠ accept slam interest 5-5 majors
- 4♥-4♠ hearts Kickback RKC
- 4N-5N 1-4KeyC ask for SQ
- 6♣-6♠ no SQ ask for third round spade ctrl
- 6N

Back to Open Pairs II action

Board 15 ♠ 10 5
South Deals ♥ 7
N-S Vul ♦ A Q 9 2
♣ K J 9 8 6 5

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

♠ A Q 8 7
♥ K Q 10
♦ J 5 3
♣ A 7 4

W N E
S

Contract	Lead	Scores		Matchpoints	
		N-SE-W	N-S	E-W	
3 NT S	♥ 2	690	8.00	3.00	
3 NT S	♥ 5	630	6.00	5.00	
4 ♥ x E	♦ 3	500	3.50	7.50	
5 ♣ S	♥ 5	100	1.00	10.00	
6 ♣ S	♥ 5	100	1.00	10.00	
4 NT S	♥ 5	100	1.00	10.00	
5 ♣ x N	♦ 10	950	11.00	0.00	
4 ♥ x E	♦ 3	800	10.00	1.00	
3 NT S	♥ 5	690	8.00	3.00	
3 NT S	♦ 6	690	8.00	3.00	
3 NT S	♥ 5	600	5.00	6.00	
4 ♥ x E	♦ 3	500	3.50	7.50	

How Winners Win

Joe Rice took all the matchpoints he could earn for his good timing on board 15.

Joe Tim
1N - P - 2♠* - 3♥ *better minor
X - - 3N

Tim made the first good decision, deciding, red vs. white, that 3H was unlikely to go for 800, therefore 3N.

Barry won the opening heart lead and shifted to a spade won by the queen. Joe now made the key play of a diamond to the Q winning. A club revealed the 4-0 break, but 12 tricks were available. If you play the CA at T3 here you won't be scoring up 12 tricks.

Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 9
♥ K 7 5
♦ K 6 5 4
♣ Q 10 7 6 5

♠ 8 5 4
♥ A 3
♦ A 9 8 7 3
♣ 8 3 2

♠ K 2
♥ J 10 9 8 6 4 2
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ —

♠ A Q J 10 7 6 3
♥ Q
♦ —
♣ A K J 9 4

Contract	Lead	Scores	Matchpoints
		N-S E-W	N-S E-W
5♥xS	♣A	200 8.00	3.00
4♠W	♥5	650 6.00	5.00
5♠W	♥5	680 4.00	7.00
5♠W	♥5	680 4.00	7.00
6♠W	♠9	1430 1.00	10.00
6♥W	♥5	1430 1.00	10.00
6♠E	♥J	100 10.50	0.50
6♠W	♥5	100 10.50	0.50
5♥xS	♣A	200 8.00	3.00
5♥xS	♣A	200 8.00	3.00
4♠W	♥K	680 4.00	7.00
6♠W	♥K	1430 1.00	10.00

Profits from Preempts

P - 1♠, 2♠-6♠ for Bruce & Judy with no obstruction by their opps.

P - P -3♥ -4♥
X - XX* P - 6♠ XX promises ♥A implying spade support at Jonathan and Mark's table

P - P - 3♥ -4♥
P - 5♦ - P - 5♠
P - 6♠ for the 70%ers

Board 9
North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 9
♥ K 5
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ A K J 10 8 6

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 10 8 3 2
♦ A K Q 10 6
♣ 4

♠ K 10 8 6 2
♥ A J
♦ 9 7 4
♣ Q 9 7

♠ A Q J 5 3
♥ 9 7 6 4
♦ 2
♣ 5 3 2

Contract	Lead	Scores	Matchpoints
		N-S E-W	N-S E-W
5♥xE	♣7	200 9.50	1.50
5♥W	♣A	100 7.50	3.50
4♣N	♦A	50 5.50	5.50
5♣xN	♦A	300 2.50	8.50
4♥W	♣7	620 1.00	10.00
4♥xE	♣7	790 0.00	11.00
5♠xW	♣A	800 11.00	0.00
6♥E	♣Q	200 9.50	1.50
4♥E	♣7	100 7.50	3.50
4♣N	♦A	50 5.50	5.50
5♣N	♦K	100 4.00	7.00
5♣xN	♦A	300 2.50	8.50

Mike's Mindless Miscue

With just a modicum of concentration I would have turned a bottom into a near top at my table.

The auction:
MC DH BP LHenson
1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♥
3♣ - 3♥ - 3N - P
P - 4♥ - P - P
X

Partner led the ♣7 and I erroneously assumed he might be the one short in clubs. Where were the diamonds? A spade shift and only a spade shift at T2 insures 1♣ and 3♥ tricks for +200 and a 9 instead of -790 and a zero.

12 tables, 6 contracts in 3 strains with 5 doubles.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 6 5
♥ K 8 6
♦ 3 2
♣ K Q 10 9 8

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 9 4
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A J 5 2

♠ Q J 10 3
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ K 9 4
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ A K Q J
♣ 6 3

Contract	Lead	Scores	Matchpoints
		N-S E-W	N-S E-W
2♦W	♣K	90 9.00	2.00
2♦W	♣K	130 5.00	6.00
2♣N	♦4	200 3.00	8.00
3NTE	♣7	400 2.00	9.00
2♣xN	♦J	500 1.00	10.00
2♣xN	♦4	800 0.00	11.00
3NTE	♠10	50 11.00	0.00
2♦W	♣K	90 9.00	2.00
1NTW	♣10	90 9.00	2.00
3♦W	♣K	110 6.50	4.50
3♦W	♣K	110 6.50	4.50
2NTW	♣Q	150 4.00	7.00

Hammered

Only two pairs took advantage of the vulnerability to apply the hammer by passing the reopening double of a 2♣ overcall. Marian and Marcia and Tim and Joe get high marks. Well done.

Board 18

East Deals ♠ K 3
 ♥ A J 2
 N-S Vul ♦ J 10 9 7 5 2
 ♣ K 2

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



Contract		Deau	Score	Matchpoints	
			N-SE-W	N-S	E-W
6♠	S	♣ 8	1430	11.00	0.00
4♠	S	♣ 8	710	9.50	1.50
3NT	N	♣ 6	690	7.50	3.50
4♠	S	♣ 8	680	3.50	7.50
4♠	S	♣ 8	680	3.50	7.50
4♠	S	♣ 2	680	3.50	7.50
4♠	S	♣ 8	710	9.50	1.50
3NT	N	♣ 6	690	7.50	3.50
4♠	S	♣ 8	680	3.50	7.50
4♠	S	♣ 8	680	3.50	7.50
4♠	S	♣ 8	680	3.50	7.50
6♠	S	♣ 8	100	0.00	11.00

The 8% solution

Only the Open pairs victors, of 12 NSs, reached slam on this one. Tim and Joe had the following, unobstructed auction.

Joe Tim
 1♠ - 2♦
 2♠ - 2N
 3♠ - 4♠
 4N - 5♥
 5N - 6♣
 6♦ - 6♠

At our table Barry jumped to 4♠ over the 3♣ preempt. With my ♣K apparently twisting in the breeze I passed.

The Schwarz's & Murray and Peder get a high five for reaching 3N from N to beat all of the +680s.

- Rate the strength of the following sequences over a 3C preempt:
1. X then cuebid (this is for a monster hand yes? The strongest sequence)
 2. Cuebid (sounds like Michaels until you advance with 4S over 4D or 4H, which (I believe) turns the 4♣ call into an advanced cuebid.)
 3. X then bid 4S
 4. jump to 4S (good hand bidding what you expect to make)

Next Week: Last Game of the year 5/18 End of Year Party

You can play in the GNT Fund Raiser game on 5/18, even if you do not intend to come to the party, but we would appreciate a heads-up as we plan for the random draw for teams. Normal entry fee of \$5 +\$1 for the GNT fund. \$ from the GNT Fund-Raiser games are given to the district champs to offset their entry fees as the NABC in Philadelphia. No extra entry fee for those who have signed up for the party and game as the MGSC will pick up the fund raiser table fee.

Look for a survey both online and at the Gopher proposing different formats for the GNT District Finals. A detailed recap of the 2011-2012 is available at <http://moot.typepad.com/district14/2012/05/gnt-district-14-reflections.html#more>. The current 2 day GNT final is not generating adequate interest/table count.

It will be proposed that Flights B & C be multistage: 1 day Swiss or Round-Robins in Des Moines, Omaha and the Twin Cities to be completed by May 12, followed by a 2 session, 9 team, Round-Robin on Monday morning and afternoon on Gopher Regional Day 1 before the start of the Jim Hall KOs.

3 formats for Flights A and the Open flight have been proposed:

1. A special 3 day sectional on the first weekend in May in the Twin Cities
2. A two-session qualifier on the Sunday before the Gopher begins followed by semifinals and finals on the Monday that the Gopher begins.
3. A qualifier on Monday before the start of the Gopher, a semifinal at 9am on Wednesday, and finals at 9am on Thursday. GNT district finalists would only miss the horizontal Swiss at the Gopher, a small price to pay for enfranchising out-of-town players who currently do not travel for a 2 day GNT district final.

Anyone with other ideas how to make the GNT finals more inclusive of our district's best players... please let me know.

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