

MPLS Grand Slam Club

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MGSC end of year party Draw for Teams GNT Fund-Raiser



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In our last event of the year, a random draw for teams Swiss, the quartet of Julie, Diane H, Sue & Nancy G. went undefeated to win the sectionally-rated GNT Fund Raiser and a free entry to the Gopher next week. The event raised \$48 to support our GNT champions in Philadelphia. Thanks to Nancy Meeden for arranging the fine meal beforehand from D'Amico's.

EVENT> MGSC Random Draw for Teams End of Year Party

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DIR> Tony Ames | RATING>GNT Fund raiser | GAME>VICTORY POINT TEAMS> 12

ROUNDS> 4 | BDS/RD> 6 | MP LIMITS>None | CLUB>Minneapolis Grand Slam Club

No	Name	Master Points	Name	Master Points	Wins	Score	Overall Rank
1	N098963 Stephen Jackson P866895 Mary Wescott	0.35	M180798 Sharon Anderson P607342 David Neiman	0.35	1.50	40.00	
2	N206421 Barry Purrington O723640 John Minton	2.06	M405870 Verda Gould L126870 Larry Henson	2.06	2	48.00	3
3	N066921 Ronald DeHarpporte M584295 Brian Crossley	2.75	K891891 Tim Wernz P971923 Paul Gutterman	2.75	3	52.00	2
4	N087333 Phil Schwarz K067862 Peg Mitchell	1.55	N826683 Steven Gaynor P456069 Carol Rynders	1.55	2	47.00	4
5	N072247 Sharon Christenson N076587 Peder Langsetmo	0.35	M149211 Eric Hendrickson P677847 Diane Warner	0.35	1.50	29.00	
6	P915837 Julie Tigges L655741 Susan Jackson	3.67	L126889 Diane Henson O028934 Nancy Glenn	3.67	4	64.00	1
7	P879903 John Stansbury M336186 Kurt Schaeffer	0.23	P430590 Jean Boettcher L055957 Glen Meeden	0.23	1	33.00	
8	N895332 Michael Cassel II P150334 Linda Brammer	0.23	O168698 Art Ardy Bakshian N091047 Judy Schwarz	0.23	1	44.00	
9	O064876 Cynthia Balderson P738374 Cezanne Martin	0.69	J451502 Jonathan Cohen P163878 Marv Riedesel	0.69	3	42.00	
10	J011030 Rebecca Anspach O028926 David Glenn	0.23	O905315 Peg Waller M180771 Roger Anderson	0.23	1	23.00	
11	J578693 Mark Krusemeyer R502750 Magnus Weiman	0.23	J737589 Judy Nassar R792406 Maureen Weiman	0.23	1	18.00	
12	J585975 Bob Balderson Jr J795619 Donald Priewert	0.69	O156932 Anne Schaeffer N158834 Dan Knier	0.69	3	40.00	

TOTALS 24.00 480.00

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2012/05/120518E.HTM>

The Club held a brief membership meeting. Thanks to outgoing board members: Nancy Meeden, Linda Brammer, and Peg Waller. New board members are Cezanne Martin, Kurt Schaeffer, and Nancy Glenn.

This year's Champions: Free Play Winners

MGSC KOs Kerry Holloway, Peg Kaplan, Joe Rice, Bjorgvin Kristinsson, & Tim Wernz
 Swiss Teams Peggy Kaplan, Kurt Schaeffer, Cynthia Balderson, Roark Johnson
 BAM Teams Brian Crossley, Jonathan Cohen, Roger Anderson, Sharon Anderson
 Imp Pairs Joe Rice, Bob Balderson Jr
 Open Pairs Tim Wernz, Joe Rice
 Club Night: Don Prierwert
 New Partner #1 Kurt Schaeffer & Andy Caranicus
 New Partner #2 Diane Henson & Kurt Schaeffer

End of Year Party Hand of the Night

An Elegant Slam Play

Steve Gaynor relayed a most interesting play problem from the Swiss Teams, a 6N contract with a mirror 3=2=5=3 shape in both hands. You have 11 tricks on top and a small heart is led by a competent defender. See his writeup on the next page.

The right play line is NOT to combine your chances hoping for a defensive blunderlead from the ♥K. Win your ♥A leaving the ♥Q as a threat in dummy, and run your 8 minor suit winners.

If either opponent has the ♥ and ♠Q they can be strip squeezed for a throw-in. You'll have to read the position. What if the defender comes down to ♠Qx and ♥Kx?

♠9xx	♠AJx	♠Qxxx
♥xxxx	♥Qx	♥KJxxx
♦T9	♦ATxxx	♦x
♣xxxx	♣KQT	♣xxx
	♠Kxx	
	♥Ax	
	♦KQJxxx	
	♣Axx	

Your Choice of Response to Partner's 1H Opener?

♠xx	♠KQxxxx
♥AKxxxx	♥Qxxx
♦xxx	♦AT
♣AX	♣K

Partner (on the left) opens 1♥, It's your call? You have a 5 loser hand. 1♠ 2N 4♣
 It's a 24hcp slam missed at both tables after a Jacoby 2N and 4♥ (weak opener response)
 Playing without convention card discussion I wasn't sure how to catch up after a 1♠ reply although NMF over 1N, or 4SF followed by a heart raise after any other reply would be forcing. I like splinters to promise 1st or 2nd round control in side suits, but again we have no agreement. There are many J2N variants, but I think simplest improvement on 'standard' is to rebid 3N with the minimum balanced hand, rebid 4M with extra length minimums, and rebid 3M with extra strength or extra strength and extra length. This gets you to nice NT contracts making as many tricks as 4M, and gives space for the responder with extras to make a further try over 3N.

This year's bulletins will be linked to the MGSC website in case you care to review them or easily click on the links to the online club results at the ACBL.

It was brought to my attention that MGSClubbers have been deficient in helping clean up at the end of the games. We get to play for a ridiculously low \$5 fee, get free plays on club nights, get a deeply subsidized party at the end of the year, but largely abandon the Community Center at the end of the night without doing more than maybe folding up a bidding box or two. Many hands...yada yada

I can also express some dismay that very few players submit content for the bulletins which leaving me doing all the work. I enjoy producing a quality newsletter... We all relish our stories...Where are they?

Finally, a big thank you to Tony Ames who runs the games as smoothly and fairly as humanly possible. It takes time to duplicate multiple board sets for web movements so that everyone plays every hand. Please let your director know you appreciate his work. Ok, the chiding is over as well as this year's play. See you at the Gopher.

a memorial service for Van Christenson is coming up next month:
 Friday, June 29th, 10AM. Visitation at 9AM. Refreshments after the service.
 Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue at Franklin in Minneapolis
 For any additional information, please contact the church at: 612.871.7400.

A COUPLE OF HANDS

Fun event last night at the MGSC – draw for team Swiss. 12 tough teams and some tough hands. Here are a couple from a round where I am playing South. My counterpart at the other table is my Sweet & Lovely Wife, Jean.

I opened 1N holding Kxx, Ax, KQJxx, Axx. My partner, Phil Schwarz jumped to 6N! I was so happy to have the bulging max so I thought that this should be easy. Dummy came down with: AJx, Qx, ATxxx, KQT – perfect mirror distribution with 11 top tricks. Kurt Schaeffer led a heart, so I had a couple of chances – go up with the HQ and hope he underled from his HK. If that did not work I could rely on the spade finesse after running many winners. So that is what I did eventually going down 2 for a push.

Perhaps I should be thinking would a savvy player like Kurt underlead his HK in this auction? If I had considered this I could have ducked to my HA, ran my winners and I would have found that in the 4 card ending my RHO having to hold that HK and Qxx of spades! Oy!

Then there was a hand that showed the power of the preempt 1 level vs. one at the 2 level. In 2nd chair Jean and I held: T9x, T, J742, AKQT3. After 2 passes Kurt opened 2S and Phil overcalled 3H. RHO passed and I gingerly bid 3S hoping he would not think that showed heart support. He bid 3N, holding something like Qxx, AQJ9x, Axx, Jx. Soon he wrapped up the contract with an overtrick (Phil makes lots of overtricks that others do not when he declares hands). At the other table our teammate Peg Mitchell opened 1S and Jean had to bid over 2H. With her soft heart support and no sound direction she passed and 2H making 2 was the final contract, and that was our match. Would you bid over 2H, if so, what? Will your partner show his modest spade stopper if you q-bid 2S? A jump to 3S is definitely, uh, well, forcing at least. 3C is non-forcing constructive and partner may have as much support for your suit as you do for his. Plus if you pass now they may bid again (ok, probably not).

Great party, great food and great company! The MGSC is definitely alive and well!

-Steve Gaynor