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GNT Team Qualifier



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Tues Online [MGSC GNT Swiss Qualifier](#) [Results](#) [Hand Records](#)

Nine teams. Plus a robot fillin team. Swing-Weiss & Connolly-Hendrickson cleaned up with just under a 90% game including 8 game swings in 24 boards.

07/ game including Vern Swings in 24 boards.						vp	win: mps	Result	Points	Score
								1/10	1.00	71.00 VP(20)
9	Vern Swing	Deborah Weiss	1	71	4	1.00 Black 1.00 Red		3NW-1	50	6.00
	Keith Connolly	Eric Hendrickson						3NS+3	690	1.56
6	Michael Cassel	Patti Stuhlman	2	46	3	0.66 Black 0.66 Red		5♦N=	400	2.33
	Mark Krusemeyer	Brian Crossley						3♦E-1	100	0.44
	Robert Brooks	Daniel Neiman						3NW=	-400	-8.11
8	Henry Salmin	Michael Pope	1	46	3	0.66 Black 0.66 Red		3♥E+2	-200	5.00
	Sam & Linda Green-Whitten							4♥E+1	-650	2.00
	G S Jade Barrett	Anne Beaurivage						2♥N+2	170	0.67
7			4	43	2	0.42 Black 0.42 Red		3♦W-1	100	1.33
	~~m59361							4♠S+1	650	2.44
	~~m59376							4♠W+1	-450	-1.44
								4♠S+2	680	1.67
10	James LaFave	Matthew Duffy				robots		4♠W-2	200	7.11
	Amy Howells	Edie Siemens	3	41	3	0.32 Black 0.32 Red		3NN-1	-50	-3.78
	David Nelmark	Mark Feld						4♠W-2	100	4.22
5	Doug Nuehring	Rhonda McCoy	2	38	1	0.09 Black 0.09 Red		4♠W+2	-680	-3.44
	Jackie Curtis	Joy Pillard						3NN+1	430	2.89
1	Linda Kruse	Tom Martin	3	31	1	0.09 Black 0.09 Red		3♥E=	-140	-1.50
	David Neiman	Carol Rynders						6♠W-1	100	7.67
4	Mark Lasoff	David Goodrie	6	27	1	0.09 Black 0.09 Red		2♦E+1	-110	0.22
	Pamela Burkley	Elizabeth Hasselma						3NS=	600	8.78
2	Pamela Leese	Margaret Keyes	4	15	0			2♠N-2	-100	-3.89
								7♠N=	2140	11.11
								3♠E=	-140	-0.67
IMPs Total									42.61	
IMPs Average									1.78	

The MGSC will continue to sponsor Swiss Team games on Tuesdays at 6:30 CST. You do not need to be a member of D14 to play in them. If you enjoy playing IMPs please join in.

Bd 3 South	Bd 6 South	Bd 7 East	Bd 13 South	Bd 17 North	Bd 19 East	Bd 21 East
W N E S 1♠ 1NT 2♠ ? ♠ 9 ♥ A863 ♦ J1082 ♣ AJ97 Forward with?	W N E S 2♥ ? ♠ 104 ♥ 73 ♦ K87 ♣ AQJ965 P vs 3C	W N E S 1♦ P 1♥ P 1♠ P ? ♠ AK6 ♥ AJ10652 ♦ 9 ♣ Q53 rebid	W N E S 2♦ P P 2♠ P P ? ♠ J984 ♥ A542 ♦ K8 ♣ A64 Sit or move?	W N E S 1♠ X XX 1♠ ? ♠ KQ65 ♥ KJ106 ♦ K4 ♣ 653 Opener rebid	W N E S P 2♥ X P 2♠ P ? ♠ A8 ♥ AQ10 ♦ AJ ♣ AKQ1065 Now?	W N E S P P 1♦ 1♥ 1NT ? ♠ 64 ♥ 952 ♦ 832 ♣ KQJ76 9 losers

I'm going to make life easy on myself and focus on the winners' big results:

E Deals Both Vul	♠ — ♥ AJ62 ♦ AK103 ♣ KQ1098	10
♠ 42 ♥ Q10985 ♦ QJ8 ♣ A75	♠ Q876 ♥ K74 ♦ 654 ♣ 642	
17 9 5 9	♠ AKJ10953 ♥ 3 ♦ 972 ♣ J3	

7 of 10 ten tables reached 4S.
The declarer in 3N will have a [devilish time](#) making if West retains the CA over the CJ. The play problem is worth a look/see

P P P 3♠ North covers 4 of Preemptor's 6 outside losers with a high likelihood of setting clubs for discards	P 4♠ P P Deb/Vern. The match with the robots had the same swing
P 2♣ P 2♠ P 3♦ P 4♠	P 4♠ P P Don't you love raising on a void!? I did.
P 3NT P P A heart lead would scuttle this poor contract	P 2NT P 3♠ P 4♠ P P If N can invite S MUST bid game
In the fifth match North raised a 3S open to 4. No swing	

4♠W-2	200	2♠W+1	-140	8					
3NN-1	-50	3♥E-2	100		4				15-6
4♠W-2	100	4♠E-2	100		1				
4♠W+2	-680	5♥W=	-650						
3NN+1	430	1♠S+4	150	7					14
3♥E=	-140	2♥W=	-110		1				
4♠W-2	200	tCG traveler							
3♥S=	140	Isscor	#	f	mp%				
2♠W-1	100	-100	46	19	57				
2♠W=	-110	-110	32	13	41				
2♠W=	-110	-140	29	12	26				
1♠W+2	-140	-200	24	10	10				
3♠W=	-140	140	16	7	88				
2♠W+1	-140	200	15	6	95				
3♥S-2	-200	110	12	5	83				
3♦xN-2	-500	-300	9	4	41				
		-170	9	4	17				
		-130	7	3	33				
					94				

N Deals Both Vul	♠ 105 ♥ 9863 ♦ AQ9763 ♣ Q	13
♠ AKQ76 ♥ QJ ♦ 2 ♣ KJ932	♠ 32 ♥ K107 ♦ J1054 ♣ 10875	
8 16 4 12	♠ J984 ♥ A542 ♦ K8 ♣ A64	

EW 4♠; EW 2N; NS 2♥;
NS 2♦; EW 1♠; Par -130

As if often the case, when the points are balanced part score battles are hotly contested +110 NS is a double dummy plus.
EW is +130 in clubs.

Bd 13: an overreach by EW

W	Nwk	E	S
2♦	P	P	
X P 3♣ P			
4♠ P P P			
2♦ P P			
X P 2♥ P			
2♠ P P P			

Was this a lebensohl over weak 2 doubled mixup? +130 EW was in the offing if South doesn't bid 3D **win8**
Keith, with a terrible hand tried 2H. GREAT CALL! NS can score 1C,1D,1H,1S, and 2 club ruffs with perfect timing.

2♦ P P			
2♠ P P P			

I think my partner should have raised to 3D in the passout seat

We can beat 2S if I play a heart after getting a club ruff at T2. If South had a singleton diamond she might have played it at T2. So we went -110.

P P 1♠			
1♠ 2♦ P 2♥			
2♠ 3♥ P P			

Our teammates went +200 when South mistimed her dummy play so we won **3imp**

P P 1♣			
1♠ X P 2♥			
2♠ P P P			
2♦ P P			
2♠ P P 3♦			
X P P P			

Big pickup for Duffy team. **Amy's** dbl.

3DX went down 2. N did not lead a D to the D8

2♦ P P			
2♠ P P 3♦			
3♠ P P P			

North should have discouraged on the DK @T2.

P P 1♣			
1♠ P P P			

A push on another less than optimal def

P P 1♠			
1♠ X P 2♥			
2♠ 3♥ P P			

GIB NS
Def D shift at T3 led to NS +140

2♦ P P			
2♠ P P P			

GIB EW
Rob & Dan had a double dummy defense to beat 2S. C,Cruff,HA,Cruff,DA,with a S to come

N Deals None Vul	♠ KQ65 ♥ KJ106 ♦ K4 ♣ 653	17
♠ J10987 ♥ 73 ♦ 983 ♣ 872	♠ A42 ♥ Q954 ♦ A106 ♣ K94	
12 1 13 14	♠ 3 ♥ A82 ♦ QJ752 ♣ AQJ10	

N 5N; S 4N; NS 4♥; NS 5♦;
NS 5♠; NS 2♠; Par +460

3NN+3	490	Nsscor	#	f	mp%
3NN+2	460	460	38	16	88
3NN+1	430	430	34	14	73
3NN+1	430	-50	27	11	10
3NN=	400	150	26	11	42
3NN=	400	400	26	11	59
1♠xW-2	300	130	18	7	30
4♦S+2	170	110	16	7	22
1♦S+4	150	-100	11	5	2
3NS-1	-50	140	7	3	35
		170	7	3	49
		490	7	3	97
					91

"I've Got a Secret"

IBPA winner: [1983 Precision Award](#) for the best article

p.131 Discusses how XXs are best employed.

1♣ P 1♦			
P 1NT P 3NT			
P P 1♣ 1♦			
P P P			
1♣ X XX			
1♠ 1NT 2♠ 3NT			
P 1NT P 3NT			

NS misclick cost 7imps

My X of 1S would promise 4 if we were employing the 'secret'. NS are committed to at least 2N after an "I've got a secret" redouble.

1♣	1♣	X	XX
	X	P	P
	1♣	P	1♦
P	1NT	P	3NT

Robot NS did not handle this well.
Lose 4imps.

	1♣	P	1♦
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♠	P	3NT

The 4SF call is typically 2S, not 1S.

	1♣	X	XX
1♠	X	P	2♦
P	P	2♠	3♣
P	3♦	P	4♦

The other table had a relatively straightforward route to 3N. Auctions with XXs are frequently muddled

If you don't have definitions and targets. North

cannot pass 2D as an opener. South's 3C is also misguided. Assume that the X of 1S promised spade values. Just bid the most likely game: 3N.

6♠W-1	100	3NE+1	-630	12
2♠E+1	-110	2♠E+1	-110	11
3NS=	600	2♥W-2	100	10
2♠N-2	-100	3♥W-3	300	9
7♠N=	2140	6♠N+1	1390	13
3♠E=	-140	3♠E=	-140	

3 Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q5
♥ J97632
♦ K632
♣ 2

19

♠ J109742
♥ 84
♦ Q74
♣ J4

♠ A8
♥ AQ10
♦ AJ
♣ AKQ1065

♠ K63
♥ K5
♦ 10985
♣ 9873

EW 5N; E 5♠; W 4♠;
EW 5♠; EW 2♦; EW 1♥;
Par -660

6NE-2	200	Nsscor	#	f	mp
6♠W-1	100	-660	47	26	33
6NE-1	100	-630	28	15	59
6NE-1	100	100	27	15	90
3♠E+1	-130	-690	15	8	12
3NE+1	-630	-650	10	6	49
3NE+1	-630	-680	6	3	18
3NE+1	-630	-600	6	3	71
4NE+2	-690	-150	6	3	78
6♠W=	-1430	-130	6	3	81
		-1440	5	3	1
		-1430	5	3	4
		-620	4	2	68
		-170	4	2	75
		-1370	3	2	6
					94

Bd 19: slam swing, win 12

Slams were bid at 5 of the 10 tables. We picked up a game swing when our opponent EW got lost in the auction and failed to even reach game.

P	2♥	X	P
2♠	P	3NT	P
4♠	P	4NT	P
5♣	P	6♠	P

waiting P 2♣ P
2♦ P 3NT P

Vern's stiff club lead led to a quick down 1. East strongly suggested playing NT (3N). I think 4N over 4S was not RKC.

Eric surmised, in this GF sequence, that Keith had no interest in hearing about suit play because 2N was still fcg.

Win 12

P	P	2♣	P
2♦	P	3NT	P

Bot NS
3rd seat NV
3H, hmm.

P	3♥	X	P
3♠	P	4♠	P
4♠	P	6♠	P

North did not lead the stiff club>-1430

P	P	2♣	P
2♦	P	3NT	P

P	2♥	3♥	P
3♠	P	4NT	P
5♦	P	6NT	P

I think it is asking a lot to push for slam opposite a PH partner. You can try 4H cuebid over 3S to spark interest.

No blame to East
The 9 loser West hand isn't close to a vul. 2S open.

You'll see this one in the Gopher bulletin in May. If you show values when you don't have them you often pay a price. I wouldn't even start with lebensohl 2N to be followed by 3S with this 4hcp hand.

N Deals	♠ A103	21
N-S Vul	♥ J1083	
	♦ KJ97	
	♣ 43	

♠ QJ82
♥ AK764
♦ 64
♣ 82

♠ 64
♥ 952
♦ 832
♣ KQJ76

♠ K975
♥ Q
♦ AQ105
♣ A1095

NS 3N; NS 3♠; NS 4♦;
NS 2♥; NS 2♣; Par +600

3♥xW-4	800	Nsscor	#	f	mp
3NS=	600	-660	47	26	33
3♠S+2	150	-630	28	15	59
3♠S+1	130	100	27	15	90
2♠S+2	130	-690	15	8	12
3♠S+1	130	-650	10	6	49
3♠S+1	130	-680	6	3	18
2♥W-2	100	-600	6	3	71
2♥W-1	50	-150	6	3	78
3NN-1	-100	-130	6	3	81
		-1440	5	3	1
		-1430	5	3	4
		-620	4	2	68
		-170	4	2	75
		-1370	3	2	6
					94

Bd 21: game swing, win 11

Our winners scored up a thin game.

	P	P	1♦
X	1♥	P	2♣
P	3♦	P	3NT

Would Deb & Vern gotten to 3N if East had bid 2C over 1H? I think not. Check the [bidding poll](#)

1♥	1NT	2♣	P
P	2♦	2♥	P

A normal result, but 11imps to the leaders

Doubling 2H wasn't easy, but at our table E ventured 3H and we were +800 when the smoke cleared.

2♥	2NT	3♥	P
P	X	P	P

I was going to bid 3N but decided to play for penalties when given the option

Our teammates defended a D partial: win 12.

1♥	1NT	2♥	X	+130
P	3♦	P	P	
X	1NT	2♣	P	-100
2♥	P	P	P	1 imp

1♥	1NT	2♥	2NT	Neiman-Rynders
P	3NT	P	P	reached a game
P	P	1♦		but lostimps to
1♥	2♦	2♥	3♦	the robots when
				declarer tangled
				their entries&
				went down

1♥	1NT	2♥	X	+130
P	3♦	P	P	
1♥	1NT	2♥	P	+150
P	3♦	P	P	Win 1 imp

S Deals Both Vul

AK KJ K6 KJ109872

Q10982 10864 87 43

7 A732 AQJ4 AQ65

NS 7N: NS 7♣; NS 6♦; N 5♥; S 4♥; EW 1♠; Par +2220

7NN= 2220

7♣N= 2140

6NN+1 1470

6NS+1 1470

6♣N+1 1390

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6♣N+1 1390

6♣N+1 1390

ns # f %

2220 10 9 96

2140 8 7 88

1470 22 19 75

1390 36 31 50

720 22 19 24

640 11 10 10

190 4 3 3

16% grand

50% small

22% NT game

10% club game

Bd 23: Only 2 Grand slams

When a pair has 15 tricks you'd think they could reach a grand slam. Our winners did.

1♦
P 2♣ P 3♣
P 4NT P 5♦
P 5♥ P 6♣
P 7♣ P P

1♦
P 2♣ P 2♥
P 3♣ P 4♣
P 4♠ P 4NT
P 5♥ P 6♣

You aren't going to lose a major suit fit if you raise 2C to 3C. You can always rebid your diamond suit to see if partner bids 2Major. I don't understand the 4S call. If 4N was RKC then North should bid 5S showing the CQ with that extra length. This NS pair needs some more discussion.

1♦ 3C might have been Ax so N should ask for the CQ.

Bot bidding was sick. S wouldn't splinter with 3S without club length

1♦ North should be captain asking and S should have raised clubs

If 1C-3C(fcg raise) 4C is RKC, then so should be this 4C.

1♦ What is the hurry? A 3S splinter is perfect: 4N 5D 7C

Same problem. What's the hurry?

P 2♣ P 2♥	P 2♥ P 3♣	P 2♣ P 3♣	P 2♥ P 3♣
P 2♣ P 3♣	P 3♣ P 4NT	P 3♣ P 4NT	P 3♣ P 4NT
P 4NT P 5♦	P 5♦ P 6♣	P 5♦ P 6♣	P 5♦ P 6♣
P 7NT P P	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P

Quite a few Souths chose to rebid 2H [after the 2/1 in clubs](#). What is your call? **Check the bidding poll below**

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2NT: 1 vote (6%) 3♣: 10 votes (59%) DBL: 6 votes (35%)	3♣: 10 votes (59%) Pass: 7 votes (41%)	2♦: 18 votes (95%) 3♠: 1 vote (5%)	3♦: 1 vote (8%) Pass: 11 votes (92%)	1NT: 1 vote (6%) 2♥: 1 vote (6%) DBL: 14 votes (82%) Pass: 1 vote (6%)	3♣: 3 votes (15%) 3♥: 4 votes (20%) 3NT: 12 votes (60%) 6♦: 1 vote (5%)	2♣: 2 votes (11%) 2♥: 15 votes (79%) Pass: 2 votes (11%)

39 hcp 14tricks

Bd 23 South

W N E S

1♦

P 2♣ P ?

♠ 7

♥ A732

♦ AQJ4

♣ AQ65

2♥: 2 votes (13%)

3♣: 1 vote (7%)

3♣: 12 votes (80%)

Bd 13 North

W N E S

7NT P P P

♠ 73

♥ 108632

♦ 643

♣ 976

Bd 17 South

W N E S

♠ K92

♥ KQ

♦ AK952

♣ QJ5

Bd 19 North

W N E S

♠ AQ85

♥ AJ

♦ QJ7

♣ AK84

Bd 21 South

W N E S

♠ J1064

♥ 9754

♦ 108

♣ 1032

Brian brought this to my attention from a hand late in January. Denny Cerkvenik was deftly raised by Brian to the par spot.

Someone put it up on Bridgewinners: <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/39-hcp-combined-amazing/>

There are 70odd comments including the results at the table and the percentages of a pair holding from 0 to 40hcp. Also reminisces of the best hands that many remember. Fun.

The [SorryPartner](#) folks have [Ralph Katz](#) this week. I'm looking forward to listening.