



# Minnesota Gopher Regional



May 24-30, 2011

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### Sun Eve Swiss Teams 12 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.34	1			<b>J Thomas Holzer - Warren Nelson - Richard Ekstrum - Harry Sapienza</b>	105.00
2.51	2			Vernon Evans - Monte Evans - Bill Kent - Peggy Kaplan	96.00
1.88	3			Ronald De Harpporte - Peg Waller - Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz	81.00
1.24	4/5			Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson - Nancy Glenn - David Glenn	65.00
1.24	4/5			Rebecca Anspach - Keith Connolly - Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl	65.00
2.00		1/2	1	<b>Patrick Finley - Jaime Rodriguez - Thomas Prin - Len Gaer</b>	64.00
2.00		1/2		<b>Diane Henson - Larry Henson - Marv Riedesel - Mary Johnson</b>	64.00

### Flight A/X Swiss Team 22 Tables / Based on 53 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
22.05	1		<b>Vernon Evans - Monte Evans - Bill Kent - Peggy Kaplan</b>	88.00
14.47	2/3		Terrence Lijewski - John Lijewski - John Koch - Paolo Ranaldi	82.00
14.47	2/3		Michael Cassel II - Tim Wernz - Carole Miner - Paul Meerschaert - Barry Purrington	82.00
9.30	4		L Nordlinder - Linda Webb - Terry Beckman - Kathy Beckman	80.00
11.78	5	1	<b>William Cummings - Brian Weikle - Bill Lough - Deborah Watson</b>	79.00
6.30	6		Peder Langsetmo - Michael Howland - Jonathan Cohen - Brian Crossley - Steven Gaynor	71.00
5.51	7		James Greer - Maeve Lucey - Jeffrey Lehman - Judy Nassar	68.00
8.84		2	Susan Stubinski - Bruce Wick - J Thomas Holzer - Richard Ekstrum	66.00
6.63		3	Rebecca Anspach - Keith Connolly - Harold Dodson - Diane Warner	62.00
4.97		4	Susan Jackson - Cezanne Martin - Wayne Gergen - Evan Sachs	57.00

Congratulations to new life master: Ken Bayliss, Jr.

Remembering Joyce deHarpporte: see last page

Flight B/C/D Swiss 28 Tables					
MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
11.22	1			<b>Peg Mitchell - Ruth Bennett - Mary Brown - Phyllis Anderson</b>	92.00
8.42	2	1		<b>Wayne Reynolds - Paul Sitz - Jay Olson - Marsha Devine</b>	87.00
5.52	3/4			Judy Hammond - Kenneth Marier - Thomas Hammond - Jeanine Hall	83.00
5.88	3/4	2	1	<b>Curtis Kristensen - Ben Kristensen - Kenneth Jr Bayliss - Roxann Klugman</b>	83.00
3.74	5			Scott Richardson - Donald Richardson - Joe Lisbon - Patricia Sohler	80.00
3.01	6/7			Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl - Carol Buhlman - Thomas Kite	75.00
4.41	6/7	3	2	Paula DeSanto - Sally Desanto - John Corley - Jean Corley	75.00
3.31	8	4	3	Delbert Swanson - Gene Brandl - Bob Sigafus - Cathy Sigafus	71.00
2.61		5	4	Gerald Houlder - Ronald Smith - Keith Thompson - Dilip Desai	70.00
2.24		6	5	Harold Fellerman - Bonnie Fellerman - Ronald Menzel - Sally Menzel	63.00

Mon AM 299er Swiss 4 Tables			
MPs	Rank	Names	Score
1.98	1	<b>Rolland White - Dolores-Dee Bichsel - Betty Salber - Judith Wightman</b>	34.00

Mon Aft 299 Swiss Team 4 Tables			
MPs	Rank	Names	Score
1.98	1	<b>Mariana Shulstad - R Craig Shulstad - Sue Gordon - Margaret Getman</b>	50.00

Sometimes you are privileged to witness a wonderful play. It is particularly sweet when the play is made by one of your teammates!

Tim Wernz found a play line in the penultimate match in the Flight A Swiss on Sunday truly worthy of recognition, not so much for its rarity, but for the requisite vision we all strive for:

### Reversal for Fortune

Gopher Swiss Teams Penultimate Round  
 Dealer: S (rotated)  
 Vul.: N-S

- ♠ AT9
- ♥ AXX
- ♦ AXXX
- ♣ QTX
- ♠ KXX
- ♥ XXX
- ♦ KQXX
- ♣ XXX
- ♠ JX
- ♥ KQxxx
- ♦ J8xx
- ♣ XX
- ♠ QXXXX
- ♥ JX
- ♦ X
- ♣ AKJXX

North	East	South	West
		1♣	1♦
2♦	3♦	3♠	P
3N	P	4♠	P
4N	P	5♣	P
6♠			

.Tim decided to open 1C for a couple of reasons. The auction is slowed down with a minimal hand and you'd surely want a club lead if your partner happened to become the opening leader.

- T1 diamond K won by Ace
- T2 diamond ruff
- T3 spade to ten and Jack
- T4 Heart King won in dummy with A
- T5 diamond ruff
- T6 spade to ten winning
- T7 ? [don't scroll down to next page till you are ready with a line of play....

Did you study before reading below!! Don't be lazy.... Yeah... I'm talking to you! LOL

It seems natural to want to pull the last trump doesn't it? You've survived your shaky trump suit and brought it in for only one loser, right?

Tim, however, recognized that he did not have twelve winners in his hand.... What about 12 winners in the dummy (setting up dummy's hand for only 1 loser?) His partner, Paul Meerschaert commented that it took Tim only about 20 seconds to consider his options before he commenced the striking play.

Tim **ruffed the last diamond in hand with the SQ**, went to dummy with a club to pull the last trump, and then ran the clubs pitching dummy's losing hearts to score up a VERY well deserved +1430 and 14imps.

In the post-mortem Tim suggested that, given the need for the reversal, playing a club to dummy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> diamond ruff is slightly superior to the trump lead to the ten as it protects against a club pitch from a hand with 2 clubs and the third spade.

From my own experience (transient myopia) I would say that dummy reversals often go

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1	86.24	Monte Evans
2	86.24	Vernon Evans
3	85.66	Peggy Kaplan
4	85.66	Bill Kent
5	82.44	Paul Meerschaert
6	77.62	Carole Miner
7	71.88	Cynthia Balderson
8	66.26	Peder Langsetmo
9	63.88	John Lijewski
10	63.88	Terrence Lijewski
11	62.85	Kurt Schaeffer
12	61.02	Bob Balderson Jr
13	59.96	Serdar Ogut
14	56.23	Roland Laframboise
15	56.23	Don Domansky
16	56.23	Ross Cody
17	56.23	David McLellan
18	53.92	Peg Waller
19	53.92	Ronald De Harpporte
20	50.34	Paolo Ranaldi
21	50.31	Bjorgvin Kristinsson
22	50.31	Joseph Rice
23	50.31	Kerry Holloway
24	48.81	Joe Grue
25	44.56	Roger Anderson
26	44.56	Sharon Anderson
27	44.53	Phil Schwarz
28	44.53	Judy Schwarz

unrecognized, even by experienced and competent players. They are not difficult per se, just easy to miss, unless your vision is clear.

The bidding at our table was noteworthy:

North	East	South	West
		1 ♠	
2♦ GForce		2 ♠ no extras to allow a 3♣ rebid at our table	
3 ♠ confirm ♠		4♣ Qbid	
4♦ Qbid		4♠	
4N RKC		5♣ 1or4	
5♦ Qask		6♣ SQ+♣K	
6♠			

Sitting West I had no information to suggest a heart lead and the DK was natural.

### *More Bidding commentary*

I don't believe there is consensus on the "right" opening bid. Both 1C and 1S have their pluses and minuses. After Tim's opening, well considered as it was, there'd be no story if East had fit showing advances or jumps in their arsenal. Either a 2H or 3H advance by the overcaller's partner would have scuttled the slam out of the gate. The 1S opening at our table took a diamond overcall out of the picture

Many experts do not show their shape willy-nilly when they have a minimal opener. South, at the hand's conclusion even wondered if his 4C cuebid was 'mandatory' on the way to game. The club suit, with its potential as a trick source, does seem to be reasonable given that partner's hand is still unlimited.

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29	42.48	Tim Wernz
30	41.30	John Koch
31	35.51	Erwin Heisler
32	35.51	James Higgins
33	32.51	Brian Crossley
34	32.38	Carol Cummings
35	32.33	Cezanne Martin
36	32.22	Barry Purrington
37	32.16	L Nordlinder
38	32.16	Linda Webb
39	31.99	Terry Beckman
40	31.99	Kathy Beckman
41	30.83	Michael Cassel II
42	30.71	Jon Weinberg
43	30.00	Susan Jackson
44	29.53	Marv Riedesel
45	29.53	Mary Johnson
46	29.35	Leon Blackwell
47	29.35	Grant Boadwine
48	28.95	Peg Mitchell
49	27.07	Patricia Sohler
50	26.39	John Crouch
51	26.24	William Cummings
52	25.86	Jack Rhatigan
53	25.42	Diane Henson
54	24.42	Larry Henson
55	24.17	Eric Hendrickson
56	24.07	Ben Kristensen
57	24.07	Curtis Kristensen
58	23.38	Jonathan Cohen

59	22.51	Mary Sass	129	13.59	Marion McDonald
60	21.86	Wayne Reynolds	130	13.59	Sharon Maris
61	21.77	Judy Hansen	131	13.56	Evan Sachs
62	21.56	Avery Haak	132	13.54	Jill Hunter
63	21.32	Linda Brammer	133	13.54	Matthew Fienberg
64	21.09	Jay Olson	134	13.53	J Thomas Holzer
65	20.58	Barb Zipoy	135	13.40	Naomi Paasch
66	20.14	Paul Gutterman	136	13.37	Judy Hammond
67	20.05	Matthew Duffy	137	13.37	Jeanine Hall
68	19.64	Andrew Caranicas	138	12.79	Brian Weikle
69	19.61	Roxann Klugman	139	12.76	David Gronbeck
70	19.61	Kenneth Jr Bayliss	140	12.64	Robert Brower
71	19.52	Dan Sershon	141	12.53	Clifford Lundberg
72	19.44	Paul Sitz	142	12.45	Rod Halvorson
73	19.41	Rita Xistris	143	12.38	Marsha Devine
74	19.31	John Stansbury	144	12.36	Rebecca Anspach
75	19.20	Dave Hoffman	145	12.34	Shelly Husebo
76	18.72	Larry Oakey	146	12.30	Sherry Hansen
77	18.71	Yonsey Karasek	147	12.18	Richard Ekstrum
78	18.63	Bill Lough	148	12.18	Mary Anderson
79	18.23	Kay Johnson	149	11.96	Thomas Utter
80	18.12	Phyllis Anderson	150	11.72	David Goodrie
81	17.98	Elizabeth Hughes	151	11.62	Ann Van Ryn
82	17.83	Judith Strobush	152	11.61	Mary McIntyre
83	17.81	Larry Uttley	153	11.44	A. Luke Ratnayake
84	17.48	Kenneth Marier	154	11.44	Stu Oslund
85	17.38	Pat Burrows	155	11.33	Edwin Lewis
86	17.30	Bruce Wick	156	11.33	Cindy Moat
87	17.30	Susan Stubinski	157	11.25	Teresa Sackett
88	17.21	John Stern	158	11.22	Mary Brown
89	16.65	Betty Triliegi	159	11.22	Ruth Bennett
90	16.50	Thomas Smith	160	11.14	Bonnie Fellerman
91	16.45	Scott Hiller	161	11.14	Harold Fellerman
92	16.42	Jeff Dziuk	162	11.14	Kimberly Hayward
93	16.33	R Craig Shulstad	163	11.07	Audrey Weikle
94	16.33	Mariana Shulstad	164	11.04	Jill Ragatz
95	16.25	Peter Dean	165	11.04	Eric Erickson
96	15.93	Lynn Ziegler	166	10.65	Kathleen Fortney
97	15.76	Donald Croysdale	167	10.65	Charles Fortney
98	15.74	Steven Gaynor	168	10.58	Nancy Wittwer
99	15.53	Gene Brandl	169	10.57	Alan Rauch
100	15.48	Scott Richardson	170	10.57	Noel Muller
101	15.28	Maureen Weiman	171	10.55	Dennis Kampa
102	15.12	Wayne Gergen	172	10.55	Gerald Gray
103	14.90	Michael Hoffmann	173	10.34	Sheila Kim
104	14.79	Ken Voit	174	10.34	Eric Mueller
105	14.79	Charlene Thul	175	10.23	Dennis Cerkvenik
106	14.77	Deborah Watson	176	10.23	Jim Stepnes
107	14.76	Magnus Weiman	177	10.23	Harold Dodson
108	14.68	William Drake	178	10.23	Diane Warner
109	14.65	Sandra Boese	179	10.17	Julie Tigges
110	14.65	James Boese	180	10.15	Sharon Christenson
111	14.60	G Gard Hays	181	10.15	Van Christenson
112	14.46	Donald McKush	182	10.04	Rick Bredlie
113	14.43	Verda Gould	183	10.04	Kathleen Bredlie
114	14.40	Charles Lynn Jr	184	9.93	Carol Mahoney
115	14.40	Marilyn Davis Hennon	185	9.86	Daniel McIntyre
116	14.34	Brenda Travis	186	9.84	M Topper
117	14.34	Kathleen Blackwell	187	9.80	Rhea Dickson
118	14.34	Barbara Gilliland	188	9.80	Rita Bertsch
119	14.34	Jack Dugan	189	9.75	Susan Shorter
120	14.34	Nathan Pike	190	9.73	Keith Connolly
121	14.26	Irwin Boris	191	9.72	Shelley Mann
122	14.10	Rosella Vanek	192	9.62	Dolores-Dee Bichsel
123	13.93	Jeffrey Lehman	193	9.62	Rolland White
124	13.90	Thomas Hammond	194	9.59	Larry Johnson
125	13.82	Delbert Swanson	195	9.54	Sandra Casey
126	13.76	Leonard Greene	196	9.52	John Minton
127	13.65	Joseph Dixon	197	9.43	Donald Priewert
128	13.65	Scott Eller	198	9.38	Sarah Imig

199 9.36 Kent Howe  
 200 9.35 Vern Sowada  
 201 9.27 Nita Krevans  
 202 9.09 Joseph Ambrose  
 203 9.08 Cecil Frank  
 204 9.07 Robert Irish  
 205 9.06 Mary Jo Cordes  
 206 8.94 Barbara Gray  
 207 8.86 Dennis Ryan  
 208 8.70 Keith Gordon  
 209 8.70 Norma Gordon  
 210 8.69 Judy Nassar  
 211 8.52 Richard Kain  
 212 8.52 Ingrid Stocking  
 213 8.38 Larry Miller  
 214 8.38 Stephanie Miller  
 215 8.27 Mary Lemmons  
 216 8.27 Arne Garvander  
 217 8.24 Joan Pride  
 218 8.24 Patricia Blessing  
 219 8.20 Kris Knutson  
 220 8.20 Richard Peterson  
 221 8.20 Thomas Thomsen  
 222 8.20 Wayne Anderson  
 223 8.17 Raymond Smith  
 224 8.17 Beverly Smith  
 225 8.13 Beverly Hedeem  
 226 8.12 George West  
 227 8.10 Robert Marvin  
 228 8.10 Mary Kay Marvin  
 229 8.05 Scott Riley  
 230 8.05 Craig Nelsen  
 231 7.97 W.G. Gus Doty  
 232 7.93 Thomas Olson  
 233 7.93 Ted Peck  
 234 7.91 Maeve Lucey  
 235 7.91 James Greer  
 236 7.88 Beverly Meloche  
 237 7.79 Jeffrey Arenson  
 238 7.75 Daniel Finn  
 239 7.65 Daniel Hafner  
 240 7.65 Ray DeGeest  
 241 7.64 Karen Thelen  
 242 7.64 Patricia Montain  
 243 7.61 Paul Winter  
 244 7.57 David Neiman  
 245 7.55 Michele Grindal  
 246 7.55 Jennifer Peterson  
 247 7.51 Ann House  
 248 7.50 Jean Leighton  
 249 7.45 Don McLean  
 250 7.45 Gayle McLean  
 251 7.45 Lloyd Arntsen  
 252 7.28 Colin Kehe  
 253 7.28 Karen Knutson  
 254 7.28 John Miller  
 255 7.24 Greg Caucutt  
 256 7.22 William Eldredge  
 257 7.14 Marylou Doerrie  
 258 7.13 Bob Sigafus  
 259 7.13 Cathy Sigafus  
 260 7.11 Donna Barber  
 261 7.11 Stanley Barber  
 262 7.06 Margaret Sowada  
 263 7.01 Ronald Menzel  
 264 7.01 Sally Menzel  
 265 6.93 J Williams  
 266 6.82 Carol Rynders  
 267 6.73 Joe Lisbon  
 268 6.54 Charlotte Boyles

269 6.50 Richard Cottle  
 270 6.48 Marshall Blizzard  
 271 6.48 David Monson  
 272 6.42 Mark Lasoff  
 273 6.38 Robert Bonine  
 274 6.32 Orwin Carter  
 275 6.28 Elaine Prebonich  
 276 6.26 Nancy Marshall  
 277 6.10 Maurice Hunke  
 278 6.10 Diana Hunke  
 279 6.08 Bill Heyer  
 280 6.08 Dorothy Haukom  
 281 6.08 Connie Walsh  
 282 5.98 Nancy Glenn  
 283 5.98 David Glenn  
 284 5.88 Charles Frisch  
 285 5.86 James Smith  
 286 5.83 Larry McIntyre  
 287 5.82 Gretchen Grey  
 288 5.72 Herbert Hein Jr  
 289 5.70 Patti Stuhlman  
 290 5.64 Gregg Van Dyke  
 291 5.61 David Cordon  
 292 5.61 Julia Lunn  
 293 5.60 Carol Ann Paulson  
 294 5.56 Ronald Smith  
 295 5.56 Gerald Houlder  
 296 5.56 Keith Thompson  
 297 5.53 Anne O'Meara  
 298 5.53 Rajiv Kapadia  
 299 5.51 Robert Siegel  
 300 5.50 Gene Gottschalk  
 Total Masterpoints reported: 5318.67

A Memorial Service for Joyce DeHarpporte will be held June 12, 2011 at 4:00 PM.

There will be a time for remembering Joyce and telling some stories followed by a picnic. The picnic will be held at the Wabun Picnic area, pavilion C, located next to the Veterans home on the east side of Minnehaha Park overlooking the Ford Dam on the Mississippi River.

Take Hiawatha Avenue and turn east on 46th and turn right into the park and follow the signs to Wabun.

Ron DeHarpporte

### *Volunteer Opportunities*

Your editor is interested in having an I/N page in next year's bulletins with pictures and stories of particular interest for the less experienced players.

The **Gopher Bulletin I/N reporter** would collect good stories of the positive exploits, the repeat I/N game winners, and keep an ear open for those "story hands" that have everyone talking.

Please contact Mike Cassel [Mcasel9856@comcast.net](mailto:Mcasel9856@comcast.net) if you are interested.

I am also interested, as you already know in promoting the Grand National Teams to Flight C players. Any ideas anyone has re. igniting more interest in this great event for non life masters... please let me know.