



Monday Bulletin

# Minnesota Gopher Regional

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## Monday, May 28

Two Session Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.....10:00 am  
 A: 3000+ AX: 0-3000 (A and AX play together)  
 B: 1000-2000 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500 (B-C-D play together)  
 I/N Swiss Teams (two single sessions) .....10:00 am  
 Lunch served (\$6 charge) between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> match and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> match

## Masterpoints

The Gopher Regional has awarded 5,096 masterpoints to 651 players as of Sunday night. **Congratulations to all!** The top 100 masterpoint winners are:

1	72.47	Peggy Kaplan	50	22.04	Eric Errickson
2	72.47	Bill Kent	51	22.02	Peder Langsetmo
3	58.95	Vernon Evans	52	21.50	Michael Cassel II
4	54.70	Monte Evans	53	21.20	Elmer Likes
5	50.84	Paul Meerschaert	54	21.12	Sherry Hansen
6	47.15	Kerry Holloway	55	20.16	John Crouch
7	46.56	Cynthia Balderson	56	19.94	Susan Shorter
8	37.84	Peg Waller	57	19.70	Scott Hiller
9	37.19	Paolo Ranaldi	58	19.50	Lynne Shah
10	36.85	Brian Crossley	59	19.50	Barat Shah
11	36.19	Joseph Rice	60	19.34	Mary Brown
12	35.94	Richard Ekstrum	61	19.30	Jack Rhatigan
13	35.81	Dan Sershon	62	19.00	Keith Connolly
14	35.61	Bob Rebelein	63	18.73	Larry Uttley
15	35.48	Charlene Thul	64	18.68	Bill Lough
16	35.48	Helen Macdonell	65	18.55	Darlene Anderson
17	33.79	John Koch	66	18.40	Murray Appelbaum
18	32.82	Diane Vaughan	67	17.56	Rita Smith
19	32.82	Worth Vaughan	68	17.56	Myra Debyle
20	32.48	John Lijewski	69	17.40	Cezanne Martin
21	31.50	Jon Weinberg	70	17.36	Mary Sass
22	31.24	Kurt Schaeffer	71	17.36	Judy Hansen
23	29.85	Bob Balderson Jr	72	17.25	Beverly Lampe
24	29.80	Paul Gutterman	73	17.25	Ronald Lampe
25	29.80	Peter Litchfield	74	16.82	Lisa Ogut
26	28.95	Michael Howland	75	16.70	William Drake
27	28.83	Patti Stuhlman	76	16.68	Colin Kehe
28	28.65	Serdar Ogut	77	16.62	Barry Purrington
29	28.20	Wayne Gergen	78	16.51	Phil Schwarz
30	27.01	Roger Clough	79	16.51	Judy Schwarz
31	27.01	Rebecca Clough	80	16.24	Larry Henson
32	26.45	Rod Beery	81	16.24	Diane Henson
33	26.45	John Oxley	82	16.00	Mary Johnson
34	26.22	Art Ardy Bakshian	83	16.00	Marv Riedesel
35	25.45	Thomas Racciatti	84	15.49	Carl Hartness
36	24.87	Irwin Boris	85	15.49	Robert Echols
37	24.28	Randy Okubo	86	15.34	Harold Dodson
38	24.01	Terrence Lijewski	87	15.19	Peg Mitchell
39	23.94	Deborah Gregory	88	15.03	Larry Oakey
40	23.94	Richard Cornett	89	14.79	John Stansbury
41	23.94	Dann Kramer	90	14.76	Wayne Reynolds
42	23.94	Don Heisler	91	14.64	Janet Larson
43	23.92	Erwin Heisler	92	14.64	Karen Knutson
44	23.92	James Higgins	93	14.49	John Allen
45	23.81	Maryanne Conter	94	14.44	Garry Hoden
46	23.77	Carole Miner	95	14.33	Dave Hellwig
47	23.51	Edgar Hurt Jr	96	14.33	Douglas Ogren
48	23.51	Diane Hurt	97	14.32	Amy Staska
49	22.55	Scott Richardson	98	14.32	Edie Siemens
			99	14.28	Patricia Sohler
			100	14.18	David Neiman

Total Masterpoints reported: 5096.66

Players selected: 651 out of 743

Thank you Directors! You are all doing a GREAT job.

# Finding the Right Partner

by Peg Kaplan

Often, people ask me, “Peggy; how do I find the right partner?” My frank answer is that it is not easy. Everyone wants someone who bids superbly, handles the dummy like a virtuoso, and defends like a demon. They expect their partner to never tire, never pull a wrong card – and, of course, never get frustrated when they themselves have a little bump in the road! Really, finding a partner with whom you mesh is an art in itself.

I myself have been very blessed over the years with partners. Overall, literally all of my regular partners have played very well, always tried their best, and most importantly – put up with me.

My current most regular partner, Bill Kent, truly is a gem. If you want to get good partners for yourself, I can tell you what has worked over the years for Billy and me.

- Play a system that makes sense to both of you. Bill is an absolute prince to put up with all the items on our convention card that he’d prefer to change. But – he is aware that it is easier for him to adapt than for me, so he does it cheerfully. (OK, OK; without too much grimacing!)
- Be supportive of your partner. If they didn’t find a queen, skip the lesson at the table about why and how they should have gone right. Most of us play better when we feel as if our partner thinks we’re competent and capable.
- If your partner truly blew a hand, try to spare him/her the lecture. As frustrated as you may be about whatever happened, I guarantee you that your partner feels worse about it. Literally every time Bill and I have done well at bridge, we’ve had some awful results. If your partnership can forget the errors and concentrate on the matter at hand, I guarantee your partnership will be the stronger for it.
- Try to please your partner. If he hates wild preempts – don’t perpetrate them with him. If he can’t stand a particular convention, leave it at home. A happier partner usually is a better performing partner!

The bottom line is that the best way to find good partners is to do your all to be a good partner. Work hard at it, and I guarantee you’ll see results!

Of course, a bridge column would not be complete without a hand!

Check out hand #28, the last of Sunday’s Barometer Pairs.

Your LHO passes, and vul against not, your partner opens a preemptive 2D. RHO doubles, and with 743, AK652, J. Q864 you elect to pass.

LHO now comes to life with a 3D call. P – 3S – P – 4S finalizes the auction.

Not surprisingly, you elect to play the heart ace. Your signals are “upside down” (that is, the opposite of standard signals) and your partner plays the heart jack as declarer plays the 7. Now what?

If you play king and another heart, you can get a ruff—but you won’t be able to beat the contract.

2	
J	
Q109542	
KJ953	
KQ865	AJ109
Q1084	973
A3	K876
107	A2
743	
AK652	
J	
Q864	

Declarer can pitch a club on the heart with ease after pulling trump.

There is, however, one defense which will allow your side to take four tricks. You “know” that your partner has a singleton heart.

So – at trick two, lead a low heart for partner to ruff! Your partner can now return a low club—and declarer is dead. He can win the club and pull trump. But his heart queen is not set up; remember the king is still out. He also has no source of tricks on which to get rid of those pesky losers.

I’m not sure if anyone found this tough play at the table. Larry Oakey saw it in about 3 milliseconds while looking at the hand record. And speaking of partners, TGLHO (The Great Larry Oakey) is someone else who is quite deserving of the moniker “wonderful partner!”

Drive safely home—and thanks for coming, everyone!

Swiss Team entries \$112—includes \$6 each for lunch (4 person team).

Team Flight is determined by the player with the most mps:

Flight A 3000+  
Flight AX 0-3000

Flight B 1000-2000  
Flight C 500-1000  
Flight D 0-500

I/N Swiss 0-200 (2 single sessions)

Stop by the Minnesota Blog today. [http://moot.typepad.com/minnesota\\_bridge/](http://moot.typepad.com/minnesota_bridge/) (key an underscore after Minnesota). You will find the Tournament Daily Bulletins, photographs posted of some of the Intermediate/Newcomers, and today's team results

## Results from Sunday, May 27

### Compact Knockout Teams

#### SAT-SUN MORNING KNOCKOUTS

13 Tables

8.82	1	Nancy Wittwer, Falls City NE; Rod Beery - Norm Hostetler, Lincoln NE; John Oxley, Saint Joseph MO
6.62	2	Paula Desanto, St Paul MN; Sally De Santo, Burnsville MN; Brad Peterson, Edina MN; Susan Shorter, Saint Paul MN
4.85	3	Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Monte Evans - Vernon Evans, Redfield SD
3.97	4	Marlene Gipson, River Falls WI; Arlene Johannes - Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN; Frank Morgan, Bloomington MN

#### SAT-SUN MORNING KNOCKOUT CONSOLATION

6 Tables

3.99	1	Richard Kain - Donna Nesser, Minneapolis MN; Bill Lough, Edina MN; John Nesser, St Paul MN
2.99	2	Ronald Lampe - Beverly Lampe, Monona WI; Rita Smith, Tucson AZ; M Debye, Green Valley AZ
2.19	3	Thomas Racciatti - Sherry Hansen, Minneapolis MN; Matthew Duffy, Edina MN; Cezanne Martin, St Louis Park MN

#### SUNDAY COMPACT KNOCKOUTS

##### BRACKET I

9 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

9.97	1	Ronald Lampe - Beverly Lampe, Monona WI; M Debye, Green Valley AZ; Rita Smith, Tucson AZ
7.48	2	Peg Mitchell - Ruth Bennett, Minneapolis MN; Mary Brown, Golden Valley MN; Phyllis Anderson, Saint Paul MN
5.48	3	Edgar Hurt Jr - Diane Hurt - Darlene Anderson, Lk Havasu Cty AZ; Lance Chamberlain, Rochester MN
4.49	4	Genny Rice - Greg Caucutt, Rochester MN; Patti Stuhlman, Minneapolis MN; Marshall Schneider, Bloomington MN

#### SUNDAY COMPACT KNOCKOUTS

##### BRACKET II

12 Tables

6.11	1	Richard Kain, Minneapolis MN; Bill Lough, Edina MN; Amy Staska, Lakeville
4.58	2	Charlene Thul - Helen Macdonell, Grand Rapids MN; Eric Errickson, Ocala FL; Elmer Likes, Sheridan MT
3.36	3	Avery Haak, Port Wing WI; John Jones - Marcia Jones, Minneapolis MN; Yonsey Karasek, Hayward WI
2.75	4	Orwin Carter, Stillwater MN; Robert Hanson, Elk River MN; Juanita Burke - Ellen Eid, Plymouth MN

### Sunday Evening Swiss Teams

15 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.79	1			Bob Rebelein, Shoreview MN; Peg Waller, Eden Prairie MN; Brian Crossley - Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN	72.00
2.84	2			Richard Cornett - Deborah Gregory, Madisonville KY; Dann Kramer, Calgary AB; Don Heisler, West Seneca NY	56.00
3.03	3	1	1	Dennis Kampa, Victoria MN; Susan Shorter, Saint Paul MN; Barb Zipoy, Bloomington MN; Ede Donovan, Minneapolis MN	50.00
1.60	4			Gregory Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN; Peder Langsetmo, Minneapolis MN; Barat Shah - Lynne Shah, Plant City FL	49.00
2.27	5	2		Scott Richardson - Shirley Richardson, Saint Joseph MN; Patricia Sohler, Sartell MN; Lynn Ziegler, Cold Spring MN	46.00
1.70		3		Donald Kelly, Anoka MN; Mark Lasoff - David Neiman, Minneapolis MN; Dale Saxton, Saint Paul MN	43.00
1.12		4/5		Conrad Engel, Omaha NE; Matthew Campbell - Andrew Galbraith Jr - Steve Burnham, Lincoln NE	36.00
1.12		4/5		Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI; Carol Buhlman, Eau Galle WI; K Harstad, ; Beverly Ryan, Saint Paul MN	36.00

# Barometer Open Pairs

## FLIGHT A PAIRS

14.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables

14.70	1	Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN	63.60%
11.03	2	Joseph Rice, Minneapolis MN; Kerry Holloway, Bloomington MN	63.43%
8.27	3	William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Gabriel Tawil, Glendale WI	62.06%
6.20	4	Audrey Weikle, Hopkins MN; Dan Sershon, Duluth MN	61.73%
4.65	5	Carol Rynders, Saint Paul MN; Judy Nassar, Minnetonka MN	58.23%
3.49	6	Paul Meerschaert, Tonka Bay MN; Serdar Ogut, Darien IL	58.18%

## OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS G H	EAST-WEST	
1	Audrey Weikle, Hopkins MN; Dan Sershon, Duluth MN	63.54%	1 Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN	66.53%
2	Harold Dodson, Richfield MN; Diane Warner, Burnsville MN	59.12%	2 George Bleskachek - Paolo Ranaldi, Eau Claire WI	66.47%
3	Paul Meerschaert, Tonka Bay MN; Serdar Ogut, Darien IL	58.68%	3 Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Paul Winter, Bloomington MN	56.48%
4	Vernon Evans - Monte Evans, Redfield SD	58.22%	4 Bob Balderson Jr, Eden Prairie MN; Kurt Schaeffer, Apple Valley MN	54.54%
5/6	Colin Kehe, Brooklyn Park MN; Thomas Muff, Rosemount MN	54.75%	5 Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN; Jonathan Cohen, Prior Lake MN	53.78%
5/6	Joseph Rice, Minneapolis MN; Kerry Holloway, Bloomington MN	54.75%	6 John Oxley, Saint Joseph MO; Rod Beery, Lincoln NE	53.73%
7	Norm Hostetler, Lincoln NE; Nancy Wittwer, Falls City NE	53.70%	7 Yvette Neary, Mequon WI; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI	52.57%
8	Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN; Sam Larson, Eden Prairie MN	53.24%	8 John Minton, White Bear Lake MN; Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN	51.04%

## FLIGHT A PAIRS 2ND OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION G	EAST-WEST	
1	Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN	56.46%	1 William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Gabriel Tawil, Glendale WI	60.16%
2	Carol Rynders, Saint Paul MN; Judy Nassar, Minnetonka MN	56.32%	2 Joseph Rice, Minneapolis MN; Kerry Holloway, Bloomington MN	59.89%
3	Deana Liddy - Sue Himel, Omaha NE	52.88%	3 Audrey Weikle, Hopkins MN; Dan Sershon, Duluth MN	55.49%
4/5	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	52.20%	4 Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN; Jonathan Cohen, Prior Lake MN	54.53%
4/5	Tom Olsson - Ann Olsson, Urbandale IA	52.20%	5 Paul Meerschaert, Tonka Bay MN; Serdar Ogut, Darien IL	53.43%
6	Bob Balderson Jr, Eden Prairie MN; Kurt Schaeffer, Apple Valley MN	52.06%	6 Tom Fox, Fargo ND; Larry Oakey, Minneapolis MN	53.16%

## STRATAFLIGHTED BCD PAIRS

13.0 Tables

A	B	C		
6.79	1		Jon Weinberg, Minneapolis MN; Larry Uttley, Duluth MN	121.78%
5.09	2	1	Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN; Peter Litchfield, St Louis Park MN	120.08%
3.82	3	2	1 Andrew McPherson, Philadelphia PA; Ruth Misener, Cambridge MA	119.13%
3.12	4	3	Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN	116.10%
2.15	5		Jeannette Wier, Saint Paul MN; Elaine Prebonich, New Brighton MN	112.69%
2.26	6		John Lijewski, Sartell MN; Dennis Dufner, Saint Joseph MN	111.36%
2.07		4	Judith Strobush, Amery WI; Kay Johnson, Minneapolis MN	108.33%
2.26		5	Dean Yarian, Lakeway TX; Leonard Schakel, Lakeland MN	104.73%
2.60		2	Marv Riedesel - Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN	103.60%
1.96		3	Sharon Jobe - Steve Jobe, Blue Springs MO	101.33%

## SUNDAY AFT BCD PAIRS 1 OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION K	EAST-WEST				
B	C	D		B	C	D		
1			John Lijewski, Sartell MN; Dennis Dufner, Saint Joseph MN	62.88%	1	1	Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN	63.07%
2			Jon Weinberg, Minneapolis MN; Larry Uttley, Duluth MN	61.55%	2	2	Judith Strobush, Amery WI; Kay Johnson, Minneapolis MN	58.52%
3	1		Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN; Peter Litchfield, St Louis Park MN	60.98%	3	3	1 Andrew McPherson, Philadelphia PA; Ruth Misener, Cambridge MA	57.01%
4			Jeannette Wier, Saint Paul MN; Elaine Prebonich, New Brighton MN	57.01%	4	4	2 David Trevor, Bloomington MN; Michael Reeslund, Minneapolis MN	54.73%
5	2	1	Sharon Jobe - Steve Jobe, Blue Springs MO	52.65%	5		Gerald Gray - Barbara Gray, Prior Lake MN	54.36%
		3	Rod Halvorson, Saint Paul MN; Kathryn Callahan, Tampa FL	47.92%				
		2	Marv Riedesel - Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN	46.78%				

NORTH-SOUTH			STRATAFLIGHTED BCD PAIRS	SECTION K	SECOND OF 2 SESSION EAST-WEST				
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1		Dean Yarian, Lakeway TX; Leonard Schakel, Lakeland MN	59.47%	1	1	1	Andrew McPherson, Philadelphia PA; Ruth Misener, Cambridge MA	62.12%
2	2	1	Marv Riedesel - Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN	56.82%	2			Jon Weinberg, Minneapolis MN; Larry Uttley, Duluth MN	60.23%
3			Dick Holte, Hopkins MN; Ronald Bauerly, Plymouth MN	56.63%	3	2		Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN; Peter Litchfield, St Louis Park MN	59.09%
4			Jeannette Wier, Saint Paul MN; Elaine Prebonich, New Brighton MN	55.68%	4			J Williams, Saint Paul MN; Joseph Browan, Maplewood MN	57.20%
5	3		Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN	53.03%	5	3		Nancy Meeden - Glen Meeden, Saint Paul MN	52.27%
	4		Paul Sitz, Ramsey MN; Wayne Reynolds, Monticello MN	50.19%			2	Sharon Jobe - Steve Jobe, Blue Springs MO	48.67%
		2	Mignon Nearmyer, Plymouth MN; Gene Nelson, Maple Grove MN	49.62%					

## Intermediate/NewComer Games

6.5 Tables			SUNDAY AFT I/N GAME		
A	B	C			
2.26	1	1	Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Mary Sass, Apple Valley MN	69.59%	
1.70	2	2	1	Vernon Olsen - Sally Olsen, Minneapolis MN	67.50%
1.27	3			Janet Blume - Darnell Blume, Ramsey MN	58.21%
1.01	4	3		Noralee Mogol, Saint Paul MN; Joan Shapiro, St Paul MN	52.50%
0.79	5	4		Donald Monson - Kathleen Corradino, Minneapolis MN	52.09%
1.03		2		Katharine Anderson, St Paul MN; Louise Otten, Wayzata MN	50.71%

SUNDAY AFT I/N GAME 1 OF 1 SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION L	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Mary Sass, Apple Valley MN	69.59%	1	1	1	Vernon Olsen - Sally Olsen, Minneapolis MN	67.50%
2	2		Donald Monson - Kathleen Corradino, Minneapolis MN	52.09%	2			Janet Blume - Darnell Blume, Ramsey MN	58.21%
3			Alice Goetz, St Paul MN; Lucy Rooney, W St Paul MN	51.66%	3	2		Noralee Mogol, Saint Paul MN; Joan Shapiro, St Paul MN	52.50%
		1	Thomas Recht - Barbara Recht, Edina MN	50.00%					

I/N PAIRS SUNDAY EVE				
A	B	C		
1.73	1		Nancy Marshall - Lois Leistiko, Edina MN	57.00%
1.30	2		Verda Gould - Lydia Heil, Minneapolis MN	55.00%

I/N PAIRS SUNDAY EVE ONLY SESSION				
SECTION L				
A	B	C		
1	1	1	Nancy Marshall - Lois Leistiko, Edina MN	57.00%
2/3	2/3	2/3	Michael Krasnoff - Harriette Krasnoff, Maple Grove MN	53.00%
2/3	2/3	2/3	Dana Rebelein - Paul Rebelein, New Brighton MN	53.00%

## Sunday Side Games

SUN MORNING SIDE GAME					
7.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.58	1	1		Bruce Burns, Lincoln NE; Jonathan Cohn, Sioux Falls SD	62.08%
1.94	2			Edgar Hurt Jr - Diane Hurt, Lk Havasu Cty AZ	59.58%
1.59	3			Diane Vaughan - Worth Vaughan, Madison WI	59.17%
1.09	4			Naomi Uri, Minneapolis MN; Donald Prierwert, Rochester MN	58.75%
1.82	5	2		Charlene Thul - Helen Macdonell, Grand Rapids MN	57.50%
1.49		3		Verda Gould, Minneapolis MN; John Crouch, Edina MN	57.08%
1.97		4	1	Leon Blackwell, Egan SD; Grant Boadwine, Preston MN	51.25%
1.48		2		Ruth Michaelson - Evelyn Markkanen, Cloquet MN	48.75%

AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES				
36.00 Tables / Based on 33 Tables				
12.04	1		Art Ardy Bakshian, Plymouth MN	126.91%
9.03	2		Forest Lowe, Eden Prairie MN	126.54%
6.77	3		Larry Johnson, Minneapolis MN	121.96%
5.08	4		Chet Bahr, Rochester MN	120.08%
4.13	5		Surya Shah, Saint Paul MN	117.44%
3.66	6		John Minton, White Bear Lake MN	112.79%

SUNDAY AFT SIDE GAME

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.28	1			Diane Vaughan - Worth Vaughan, Madison WI	62.50%
1.97	2	1		Larry Johnson, Minneapolis MN; Jeff Dziuk, Maplewood MN	59.00%
1.28	3			Rebecca Clough - Roger Clough, Culver City CA	54.00%
0.98	4			Jean Boettcher - Steven Gaynor, Minneapolis MN	53.50%
1.48		2		Nathan Pike - Kelly Sager, Lake City MN	47.50%

SUNDAY AFT SIDE GAME 5 OF 5 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION I			EAST-WEST			
				A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1		Larry Johnson, Minneapolis MN; Jeff Dziuk, Maplewood MN	59.00%	2		Diane Vaughan - Worth Vaughan, Madison WI		62.50%	
2			Rebecca Clough - Roger Clough, Culver City CA	54.00%		1	Jean Boettcher - Steven Gaynor, Minneapolis MN		53.50%	
							Nathan Pike - Kelly Sager, Lake City MN		47.50%	

EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES

19.50 Tables

1	Wayne Reynolds, Monticello MN	116.04%
2	Judy Nassar, Minnetonka MN	112.83%
3/4	Arne Garvander, Richfield MN	102.39%
3/4	Alan Goldstein, Edina MN	102.39%
5/6	Trude Harmon, Saint Paul MN	101.10%
5/6	Michael Saeger, Saint Paul MN	101.10%