

X-Club results explained – by Karen Martelletti

Are the combined results in the X-Club giving weird results? Not at all. In fact, they are more realistic. I have analysed results from a small club and big club and can show you some typical results. If you see significant difference between your club score and the combined score, it is usually when the field at your club is small (eg 6 tables). This could also result in pairs re ranking and a pair could easily move above or below other pairs in their own club. The biggest change seen so far is about 7%, but we would not expect this to happen too often.

If you are in the middle of the field at your club, the results do not alter greatly in the combined result. Where things do change, however, is when you get a top or bottom board at your club. When combined, it is very likely another pair or pairs got the same score as you. On the next page is an example of the variations that can occur.

Combined result

NS	EW	NS	MPEW	MP
130		89.0		5.0
110		83.0		11.0
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100		78.0		16.0
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90		73.0		21.0
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50		68.0		26.0
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100		62.0		32.0
110		55.0		39.0
110		55.0		39.0
140		28.0		66.0
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150		4.0		90.0
170		1.0		93.0
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Results from a 6 table club

NS	EW	NS	MPEW	MP
100		10.0		0.0
100		8.0		2.0
140		3.0		7.0
140		3.0		7.0
140		3.0		7.0
140		3.0		7.0

Two NS pairs scored 100 on this board (red box) which equated to 83.0%, in the combined result; however one of these pairs played at a small club and got 100% there. This is a significant difference and would lower their overall % in the combined section.

Conversely, one EW pair scored 100 on this board (green box), and only got 20% at the club, but 34% when the scores were combined. Therefore, this would raise their overall % in the combined section.

This clearly shows how scores, when combined over a wider field, can go up or down and therefore affect the overall %. On looking at all the hands on Monday 3rd, this happened consistently on many boards. Some pairs went up or down more than other pairs, causing some re ranking.

Conclusion

- A small number of tables can give a more variable result at club level, resulting in a lot of movement when results are combined.
- If a club has a large session of their own (eg 15+ tables), there is less movement amongst the pairs from that club, when results are combined.
- It is possible for a Pair to be ranked lower than another pair in their club, when the session is scored at club level only, but when the scores are combined, they rank above that same pair (or vice versa).
- Combining scores gives small clubs and small fields, a better indication of what could happen on a board, therefore likely to give a better idea of player ability