



**The Australian Bridge
Federation Incorporated**



SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

To Be Held At

The Sydney Vista Hotel

7-9 York Street SYDNEY

and

The Lindfield Bridge Club

Lindfield Arcade, LINDFIELD

from

Thursday November 9th 2000

to

Sunday November 19th 2000

Chief Tournament Director:
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The Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The ABF, under its Tournament Regulations, reserves the right, in its absolute discretion and without assigning reason, to reject entries to any event conducted by it.

No entry for any event at the Spring Nationals Festival will be regarded as complete unless an entry form has been submitted with full entry fees paid for all members of the team, and all ABF numbers supplied.

Closing date for entries to the Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs is November 8th. 2000; closing date for entries to the Spring National Open and Womens' Teams is November 10th. 2000. Separate Entry Brochures for the Pairs have been sent to clubs, and entries may be submitted from either Brochure.

GNOT entry is via State qualification only.

Losing GNOT Semi-Finalists will be eligible to play in the Major Final of the Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs for 50% of the standard entry fee.

Womens Teams which include player(s) involved in the concurrent final of the Open Teams will have the option of playing with substitute(s) on Day 1, or being included in the field on Day 2 with a score of 60 VPs.

Players must observe dress regulations: generally neat, clean and tidy: no thongs, no bare feet.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GNOT Finals:

Qualifying rounds: Thursday November 9th. 10.30 am – 11.30 pm
Friday November 10th. 10.00 am – 11.30 pm
Semi-Finals: Saturday November 11th. from 9.00 am
Final: Sunday November 12th. from 9.00 am

Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs:

2-session Qualifying: Saturday November 11th. 2.00 pm & 7.30 pm
2-session Finals: Sunday November 12th. 10.00 am & 2.00 pm

Spring National Open Teams:

Qualifying rounds: November 13th, 14th, 15th
Session Times 11.30 am, 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm
Final: Thursday November 16th. from 10.00 am

Spring National Womens' Teams:

Qualifying rounds: November 16th, 17th, 18th
Session Times 11.30 am, 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm
Final: Sunday November 19th, from 10.00 am

Spring National Congress Teams :

7 Round Swiss: Sunday November 19st. 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Times given in this brochure are advisory only: it is the responsibility of players to ascertain the starting times of the sessions and rounds from the times announced by the director and posted on the notice boards.

FORMAT OF EVENTS

Spring National Congress Teams:

This is a 7-round Swiss events, with 8 boards per round, with a lunch break between rounds 3 and 4. Prize money is as follows:

1 st	\$400
2 nd	\$200
3 rd	\$100

Spring National Open Teams and Spring National Womens' Teams:

These comprise 9x20-board qualifying rounds, 3 on each day. At the end of the qualifying rounds, the 2 leading teams will play a 64-board final.

PLAY-OFF POINTS

Playoff Qualifying Points are awarded to eligible members of a team, provided that the team contains at least 2 members who are eligible to represent Australia, and that the eligible members have played at least 4 of the 9 rounds and, if applicable, 50% of the boards in the final.

Open Teams	1 st	36	2 nd	18
Womens' Teams	1 st	36	2 nd	18

ALERTING REGULATIONS

Opponents must be alerted in accordance with the ABF alerting regulations, as amended to 1998.

SYSTEMS AND CONVENTIONS

Pairs must classify their system(s) as BROWN, GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW using the ABF System Regulations adopted in January 1991 and as modified at May 1998. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Convener.

All pairs must supply their opponents with 2 ABF Standard system cards completed adequately to disclose their system.

All systems and conventions, including those categorised as YELLOW, will be permitted in the Open and Womens' Teams (only RED permitted in the Congress Teams) in all rounds and at all levels. Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system must have lodged an adequate system statement on an ABF standard system card, plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets, with the Convener, by November 3rd 2000.

Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system only against an opposing pair which plays a YELLOW system must lodge a concise system summary with the Chief Tournament Director before the start of the first round of the event in which they wish to use it.

No Yellow systems will be permitted in the Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs, and protected Pair Status will be available in the Qualifying Rounds for those pairs eligible for a Brown System.

ENTRY FEES

Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs: \$160 per Pair.
Open Teams: \$420 per Team of 4, 5 or 6 players.
Womens' Teams \$380 per Team of 4, 5 or 6 players.
Congress Teams \$100 per Team.
All Fees inclusive of GST.

Cheques payable to **Australian Bridge Federation**.

ENTRIES AND SYSTEM NOTIFICATIONS

Entry forms for the Teams events are on pages 5 and 6. These, and system notifications, must be returned to the Convener:

John Mottram: 30 Little Street, LANE COVE, NSW 2066
Phone: (02) 9427 3392

HOTEL, TRANSPORT AND CAR PARKING INFORMATION

The SYDNEY VISTA Hotel is situated in York Street at the north end of the City, just south of the Harbour Bridge. The ABF has negotiated a special rate for players staying at the hotel: the price is \$148.50 per double or twin share, room only, including GST. Suites are also available. Other deals including meals and parking may also be available.

For reservations, call 1800 652 090 (interstate toll-free), or (02) 9274 1222.

Hotel guest parking is limited, so state your requirements.

The Kingsford Smith bus service operates between the airport and the hotel.

Public transport is very convenient for local players, with the exit from Wynyard station only 100 metres from the hotel.

Lunch menus will be provided during morning sessions for collection before 12.30 pm. A coffee service will be available (at the players' expense). Bar facilities are available on the ground floor from 4 pm, and from midday close to the playing area. Smoking is not permitted on the playing floor or in the stair wells, but is permitted in the ground floor bar area.

The hotel has a restaurant on the ground floor, open for lunch and dinner.

MASTER POINTS

Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs: Gold Points

Open Teams: Level A: 6.40 Gold Points per match.

Womens' Teams: Level A (restricted): 4.80 Gold Points per match.

Congress Teams: Level B3: 0.96 Red Points per match.

Positional points are also awarded to teams finishing in the top third of the field.

SPRING NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

13 – 16 November 2000
9 Qualifying Sessions + 4 Final Stanzas

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$420.00 per team including GST. Fee must accompany entry.

SPRING NATIONAL WOMENS' TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

16 – 19 November 2000
9 Qualifying Sessions + 4 Final Stanzas

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$380.00 per team including GST. Fee must accompany entry.

SPRING NATIONAL CONGRESS TEAMS ENTRY FORM

19th November 2000
7 8-board matches

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per team including GST. Fee must accompany entry.

DICK CUMMINGS BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - VENUES

The Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs is being staged at 2 venues: the Sydney Vista Hotel and the Lindfield Bridge Club. Players should state their preference for which venue they wish to play the qualifying sessions. It may not be possible to meet all requests, since equal seeding is required across the two venues. Subject to this consideration, preference will be given to the choices of interstate players, and early entries will generally receive priority. The major finals will be played at the Sydney Vista Hotel, and the Minors finals at the Lindfield Bridge Club.

E-MAIL AND THE INTERNET

It may be necessary to communicate quickly with players between the qualifying and finals rounds of the pairs, and as many forms of communication as are available will be used. Therefore, as well as telephone numbers, would entrants please supply e-mail addresses where applicable.

The following will be available on the ABF internet website www.abf.com.au:

- Progressive entry lists.
- Tournament regulations.
- Progressive results for all events.

DICK CUMMINGS BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - ENTRY FORM

This entry submitted by _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Work or mobile _____

NAME _____ ABF No. _____

NAME _____ ABF No. _____

Please tick your preferred venue.

Sydney Vista Hotel

Lindfield Bridge Club

No preference

Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate the wishes of all players to play at their preferred venue, the ABF reserves the right to direct players to another venue to facilitate the running of the tournament. All entries that include an e-mail address will be confirmed by the organisers.

Players who enter this tournament are expected to play all 4 sessions regardless of which final they qualify for.

Entry fee \$80.00 per player (\$160 per pair) including GST.

Make all cheques payable to the Australian Bridge Federation.

Entries should be sent to: Mr John Mottram
30 Little Street, Lane Cove, NSW, 2066.

**Entries must be received by the convener by 6.00 p.m. on
Wednesday 8 November.**

DICK CUMMINGS BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - PROGRAMME

Qualifying Sessions

Saturday 11th November at 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Hand records available for both sessions.

Pairs may choose whether to contest the qualifying sessions at
The Sydney Vista Hotel, 7-9 York Street, Wynyard, or
The Lindfield Bridge Club, Lindfield Arcade, Lindfield.

Final Sessions

Sunday 12th November at 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Hand records available for both sessions.

The Major Final, the Plate Final and the A Consolation
will be held at the Sydney Vista Hotel.

All other Consolation Finals will be held at the Lindfield Bridge Club.

A bus service will be provided to transport players between the two venues on
the Sunday.

Presentation of Prizes

Sunday 12th November at 6.00 p.m.

	PRIZES				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Final	\$800	\$480	\$320	\$240	\$160
Plate	\$400	\$200	\$100		
A Cons	\$240	\$160			
Other Cons	\$160				

There will also be prizes awarded in various masterpoint
restricted categories, in which the combined masterpoint
holding of the partnership is less than 1000, 500 or 300
masterpoints.

All results will be available from the ABF website www.abf.com.au.
All pairs will receive personalised score cards at end of each session.

Supplementary Tournament Regulations will be available from the ABF
website.

For further enquiries please contact John Mottram
Phone (02) 9427 3392 or e-mail: batmot@orangemail.com.au.