



# Spring Nationals Bulletin

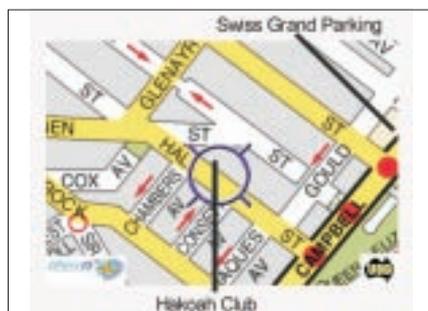
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## Open Teams start today

There are around 50 teams in the SpNOT, a bit more than last year's record. It's a 9 x 16-board Swiss, followed by a 64-board final on Thursday.

## Parking

On-street parking is metered and the Hakoah car park is generally unavailable so go to Secure Parking under the Swiss Grand. If you present your ABF card or a hand record, you'll find the daily rate is **\$3.50!**



## Masterpoints

In the Women's Teams (20 bd matches), 1.20 Gold Points per player for each win.

In the Open Teams (16 bd matches), 1.28 Gold Points per player.

## Signing in

You will usually need to sign in each time you arrive at the club.

## Smoking

The smoking area at the Hakoah Club is on the ground floor, in the gaming area.

Any player discovered smoking in any other area, in particular the stair wells, will be suspended for either the remainder of the current session, and/or for the following session.

The will be no warnings! **Smoking in the stair wells is against the**

## law!

## Mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. A procedural penalty of 3 VPs (or 9 IMPs) applies to any player whose mobile phone is switched on unless the director determines that there is a valid (e.g. medical) reason.

## Lunch menus

Menus will be provided during morning sessions for collection before 12.30. Coffee is available, including cappuccinos etc. There is a bar on the ground floor.

## The Women's Final

The Australasian (do people still use that word?) STERN team were unbeaten in the qualifying and finished a match clear of the field.

In the final round, TRAVIS drew, not enough to catch MOSES, the early leaders.

In the 64-board final, STERN had two solid sets to lead by 35 IMPs at half time. Then MOSES picked up 20. It could have been more:

SpNWT final, Set 3, Bd 5

N/NS	♠ Q	♠ AKJ854
	♥ AJ32	♥ 7
	♦ 10986	♦ K7
	♣ 9876	♣ KQJ2
♠ 97	♠ 10632	
♥ 108	♥ KQ9654	
♦ Q532	♦ AJ4	
♣ A10543	♣ —	

WEST Glangier	NORTH C'mings No	EAST Scudder 1♠	SOUTH Feitelson 3♥
No	4♥	4♠	Dbl
No	5♥!	No	No
Dbl	End		

## SpNWT final standings

2	Stern	188
7	Moses	166

(These to the final, won by STERN)

3rd	3	Travis	163
4th	1	Bourke	155
5th	4	Hoffman	155
6th	16	Rocks	150
7th	6	Shilbury	146
8th	9	Jamieson	145
9th	8	Kaplan	145
10th	15	Boulton	143

Entry - 33 teams (32 last year)

Val was right to rip; partners brought back +420 in 4♠. Together with +850 in 5♥x meant 16 IMPs, limiting the 3rd set loss.

So MOSES trailed by 15 IMPs with 16 boards to go. Two boards into the final set and they were in front! First, Glangier - Scudder bid and made a tight vulnerable game, then:

SpNWT final, Set 4, Bd 26

E/Both	♠ —	♠ AJ754
	♥ AKQJ75	♥ 64
	♦ 842	♦ 106
	♣ 8543	♣ AK109
♠ KQ109832	♠ 6	
♥ 82	♥ 1093	
♦ J7	♦ AKQ953	
♣ 62	♣ QJ7	

WEST Glangier	NORTH Cornell	EAST Scudder	SOUTH Blackham
4♠	5♦	Dbl	No
5♠!	No	No	Dbl
End			

Again it was right (in a way) to rip



Val Cummings, Linda Stern, Candice Feitelson, Vivienne Cornell, Beri Folkard, Elizabeth Blackham

SpNWT final	1-16	17-32		33-48		49-64	
L Stern B Folkard V Cummings C Feitelson V Cornell E Blackham	58	36	94	39	133	63	196
K Moses W Halvorsen I Glangier M Scudder	32	27	59	59	118	41	159

partner's penalty double. Blackham cashed the  $\diamond K-A$ , receiving count, then switched to ... a club. To get this right, North needs to mix some suit preference into her count cards. +200 seemed okay since  $5\diamond x$  will fail on a club lead.

On lead against  $5\diamond x$  after a similar auction at the other table, Folkard knew she had to choose between her doubletons. She plucked a heart for -1150 and 14 IMPs out.

That was the end of the good news for MOSES. After a string of single digit swings, another 22 IMP opening lead settled the issue:

SpNWT final, Set 4, Bd 24

W/Nil	♠ J 2
	♥ A
	♦ J 8 7 6 5 4
	♣ 10 8 5 3
♠ 8 6 4	♠ 9 7
♥ Q 5 2	♥ J 8 7 4
♦ AK 9 2	♦ Q 10 3
♣ 9 6 2	♣ K Q 7 4
	♠ AK Q 10 5 3
	♥ K 10 9 6 3
	♦ —
	♣ A J

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Glanger	Cornell	Scudder	Blackham
No	No	No	$2\diamond *$
No	$2♥ *$	No	$2♠$
No	$3\diamond$	No	$3♥$
No	$3♠$	No	$4♣ *$
No	$4♥ *$	No	$6♠$
End			

$2\diamond$  was their only strong opening and the rest is as expected.

A trump lead is attractive but Inez reasonably led the  $\diamond A$  for -980 and 11 IMPs out against game at the other table.

STERN won the set to win by 37

IMPs. The winners get 36 PQPs (despite  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Kiwis) and second get 18.

### Congress Teams

A modest 23 teams (22 last year), with some strong teams warming up for today.

The NOBLE team led most of the way but were pipped by CHEN, who finished with two 25s. They were **Kelsey Chen, Andrew Wu, Gao Yang Zhang, Shu Lian Yang**.

Here's a hand:

Congress Tms, Match 3, Bd 17			
N/Nil	♠ J 4		
	♥ 10 9 8 5 4 2		
	♦ —		
	♣ Q 7 4 3 2		
♠ 9 8 7 3		♠ Q 6 5	
♥ J 7 3		♥ —	
♦ J 9 8 6 3		♦ 10 5 4 2	
♣ 5		♣ K J 10 9 8 6	
	♠ AK 10 2		
	♥ AK Q 6		
	♦ AK Q 7		
	♣ A		

This is how the Chinese bid it (sorry, don't know which pair):

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	No	$3♣$	$4♣$
No	$4♥$	No	$5♣$
No	$5♥$	No	$6♣$
No	$6♥$	No	$7♥$

No big deal but many Norths made it easy for partner by opening  $2♥$ . What do you think of that?

Such bids are *illegal*. The ABF System Regs require 15+ Opening Points (HCP + number of cards in 2 longest suits). This hand has 14 OPs.

So what? Why make an issue over a

### Charity Pro-Am IMP Pairs

for Mission Australia

This will be held next Thursday, 10am start, with 3 x 16-board matches. Scores will be IMPed against the Closed Room results from the SpNOT final.

stray jack? Unless your opponents are playing a lodged Yellow system, you are competing against a method you shouldn't have to face. If this happens and you notice, call the director who *might* give your team 3 IMPs, or the table result.

### News bytes

- Grand Slammers Ted Whitgob & Bob Samuels win gold medals in the Pairs at the Gay Games.
- Ireland 18 Australia 9  
England 31 New Zealand 28  
Australia 788 England 404
- Hopes containment lines and cooler weather will ease NSW fire threat.
- Stem cell debate to hot up.

### SNWT Butler – Top 10

1st	S Bird - K Creet	+159
2nd	J Cormack - C Rothfield	+153
3rd	V Cummings - C Feitelson	+143
4th	V Cornell - E Blackham	+122
5th	M Scudder - I Glanger	+102
6th	F Beale - D Smart	+97
7th	S Futaesaku - P McNamara	+96
8th	V Winestock - Balog	+96
9th	B Travis - E Havas	+76
10th	L Stern - B Folkard	+74

These are meaningful results but note that the TRAVIS team were collectively +229 on datums while MOSES were +173, yet the MOSES team finished in front.

Some IMPs are better than others.

### Spring National Open Teams (SpNOT) 12 x 16 bds

Mon 11th	SNOT 1-4	1.15pm, 3.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm
Tue 12th	SNOT 4-6	10am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm
Wed 13th	SNOT 7-9	10am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm
Thur 14th	Mission Australia Pro-Am IMP Pairs, 10am start (SNOT final from 9am, start time to be confirmed)	

### Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

Fri 15th	Qual	10.30am - 11.30pm (some teams start with byes)
Sat 16th	Qual	10am - 11.30 (80 boards!)
Sun 17th	Semis	from 9am (also Provincial Pairs)
Mon 18th	GNOT final at Double Bay Bridge Centre, from 9am	

### What happened?

If you have a story of interest, the Editor will be here much of the time or contactable on 9365 9934 (Hakoah Bridge Club) or 0414 876 175 or nhughes@bigpond.net.au.

Or just fill out a *What Happened* form and drop it in the bulletin box or hand it to Sean, Frank or Chris.