



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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The GNOT

Technical problems so no Saturday bulletin.

No surprises early on. WA Country were the only provincial team to make it to the round of 16. The round of 8 saw the usual 6 Sydney and 2 Adelaide teams.

After two more 48-board knock outs, Adelaide 1 (NAGY) and Sydney 2 (HANS) went through super Saturday undefeated. They could sleep in Sunday morning and await their semi-final opponents.

While this was going on, losing teams entered a Swiss where Sydneys 1 & 5 finishing on top. They would meet the last KO losers, Sydney 3 and Adelaide 2 in the 20-board Sunday morning repechages.

Sydney 1 (CUMMINGS) had won the last three GNOTs but lost to Sydney 3 (NUNN) 24-53. Sydney 5 (GUMBY) beat Adelaide 2(CHAN) 52-41.

In the 48-board semi-finals, HANS beat GUMBY & NAGY beat NUNN.

The Final at Double Bay

They played the final fast at Double Bay, despite screens and bidding boxes. When I turned up at 4pm to kibitz and take a few photos, it was all over and most of the South Australians were already half way to the airport.

Sydney 2 had picked up 31 IMPs in the final set to win by 4 IMPs.

There were heaps of swings and any of 10 boards in the last set could have been THE ONE.

Some hands from the final session

GNOT Final 4, Bd 25

N/EW ♠ K 10 8 6 3

♥ J 10 2

♦ 7 6

♣ 10 4 3

♠ J 7

♥ 6 5 4 3

♦ J 10 4 3 2

♣ K 8

♠ A Q 9

♥ A K 7

♦ 9

♣ Q J 9 7 6 2

♠ 5 4 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A K Q 8 5

♣ A 5

GNOT top 6

1st Sydney 2 HANS

2nd Adelaide 1 NAGY

3= Sydney 3 NUNN
3= Sydney 5 GUMBY

5= Adelaide 2 CHAN
5= Sydney 1 CUMMINGS

Playoff points

1st 36 2nd 18

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Nagy Hans Smolanko Richman
2♠ 2NT ?

It's funny how featherlight bidders always expect their partners to be rock solid. Richman doubled 2NT, which makes easily but EW ran, eventually playing 4♣x for -200.

GNOT Final 4, Bd 22

E/EW ♠ K 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 6

♦ 7 4

♣ 6 5 2

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ 2

♣ A Q 10 3

♠ A J 7 6 5 4

♥ J 7 3

♦ A K 3

♣ 4

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♥ 9

♦ Q J 10 9 8 6 5

♣ K J 9 8 7

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Nagy Hans Smolanko Richman
1♠ 5♦

6♠! End

Richman led his fourth highest club! Declarer looked at this for a while and rose ace. Now the 3-0 trump break means he can't quite do it. If they'd been 2-1, he could have stripped North down to hearts and pulled a low heart off table.

Did West bid 6♠ because he knew the trailing team would bash slam? Not this time – 13 IMPs to Sydney.

Since its inception, Sydney teams have won 15 GNOTs. Adelaide 5 and Melbourne 1.

This is an expensive event for the ABF, flying in 30-odd players, but it's a big earner for the states, attracting hordes of gold point hunters.

GNOT final	1-16	17-32		33-48		49-64	
SYDNEY 2 - D Stern, A Kanetkar, S Hans I Del'Monte, R Richman, A Reiner	11	3	14	16	30	49	79
ADELAIDE 1 - Z Nagy G Smolanko, P Markey, D Middleton	22	20	42	17	59	18	75



Avi Kanetkar, Ishmael Del'Monte, Bobby Richman,
Sartaj Hans, Andrew Reiner, David Stern – 2002 GNOT winners