



# THE SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS BULLETIN



**No 1 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 Ed: Anne Bates**

**Event 1: The Spring Nationals Women's Teams Qualifying**

Welcome to the 2005 Sydney Spring Nationals. Once again we have managed to secure the Hakoah Club, Bondi, as our venue so please take time to enjoy the Bondi ambiance during your breaks.

There have been a few changes to this year's program. The Women's Teams begins a day earlier, so that the weekend is available to run the Australian Open Pairs (AOP). The AOP was previously part of the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra. The Open Teams will start as usual on the following Monday.

For all players not qualifying to the final of the Open Teams, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we are planning a Supporters Pairs event which will run simultaneously with the Final. Come along and try your luck with an expert pair as your teammates.

2006 will see more changes: the Sydney Spring Nationals will merge with the Sydney Festival of Bridge. Watch this space for more information on the 2006 event .

For the past few years the Spring Nationals has been convened by Frank Budai, with help from John Mottram. They did a wonderful job and made some popular changes. I would like to thank Frank for his help with planning this year's competition.

I wish all participants a successful and friendly tournament.

Kim Neale, Convenor.

## **Parking**

During the competition, parking is available at Secure Parking at a special daily rate of \$8.00 at the Swiss Grand Hotel, on the corner of Curlewis Street and Campbell Parade, about 250 metres from the Hakoah Club. *For this special rate you must present a discount voucher available from tournament officials.*

## **Women's Final**

Qualifying is over nine 20-board matches; the two leading teams play a 64-board final on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The winners may be eligible for 36 playoff points (PQP'S). For more information see 'Playoff for Australian Team Selection' on the ABF website, [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au).

## **Masterpoints**

In the Women's Teams, (20-board matches), a team earns 4.80 Gold Points for each win. These points are divided between all the members of the team.

## **Signing In**

It is essential to sign in each time you arrive at the Club.

## **Smoking**

The smoking area is on the ground floor, in the gaming area. Any player found smoking in any other area, in particular the stairwells, will be suspended for either the rest of the current session, and/or for the following sessions.

**There will be no warnings: smoking in the stairwells is against the law.**

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. A procedural penalty of 3 VP's (or 9 IMPs) will apply to any player whose mobile is switched on, unless the director determines there is a valid (e.g. medical) reason.

### **Food**

Menus will be provided during the morning session. Lunch orders can be collected before 12.30.

Coffee is available - at the player's expense.

On the ground floor, as well as bar facilities, the Club has a restaurant, which is open for lunch and dinner.

### **Regulations**

Systems and Alerting Regulations for ABF Events apply to the Sydney Spring Nationals and can be found on the ABF website, [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au). See also the supplementary regulations for the Sydney Spring Nationals posted on the ABF website in October, 2005.

All pairs must supply their opponents with two (2) ABF Standard system cards, completed legibly and adequately to disclose their system.

All systems and conventions, including those categorized as YELLOW, are permitted in the Open and Women's Teams in all rounds and at all levels. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Convenor.

Teams containing a pair registering a YELLOW system lose seating rights in the qualifying rounds.

Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system should have lodged with the convenor, by November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005:

- an adequate system statement on a WBF or ABF standard system card plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets
- a suggested defence to the HUM aspects of the system

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

- an adequate system statement on a WBF or ABF Standard system card plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets
- a suggested defence to the HUM aspects of the system

### **Prizes**

Winners and second place in all gold point events will receive ABF medallions. Datum medals will be awarded to eligible pairs running 1<sup>st</sup> in the datum competition for the Women's Teams and Open Teams.

### **SESSIONS - WOMEN'S TEAMS**

Wed. Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - 10am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm

Thurs. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> - 10am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm

Fri. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - 10am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm

SNWT Final: Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am



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## GETTING TO KNOW THE ORGANISERS

There are numerous organizers because running a bridge tournament is labour-intensive.

### The Convenor - Kim Neale

Profession : Computer administration & management

Home: Artarmon

Family: 1 husband, 2 children (7 & 9), 2 cats

Interests: home renovation (on-going);

playing bridge, movies (good);

reading sci fi/fantasy; Tae Kwon Do

Bridge Involvement: Much respected as a bridge administrator and organiser, particularly, of the ANC (2005) and the World Bridge Youth Championships in Sydney this year.

### Matthew McManus - Chief Tournament

#### Director

Profession: Speech pathologist

Home: Bondi, Sydney

Interests: Golf, music, theatre

Bridge Involvement: Grade A1 national director, chief director – NSWBA since 1995

2002 – Australian Open Bridge Team

2004 – NPC Australian Open Bridge Team

### Eric Ramshaw - Tournament Committee

Profession: Scientist

Home: Ballarat

Interests: Demanding small farm

Bridge Involvement: Long time stalwart of the ABF; NPC of several Women's and Open Australian representative teams.

### Ivy Dahler - Appeals Committee

Profession: Legal secretary, bridge teacher and director

Home: Toowoomba

Interests: Grandchildren and great grandchildren; arts and crafts

Bridge Involvement: Internationally accredited director, member of winning Aust. Team in 3 Far Eastern Championships; Australian representative player in Miami & Monte Carlo; Director at Ron Klinger's bridge holidays.

### Chris Diment - Director

Home: Wollongong

Interests: Collecting and playing board games  
Collecting and drinking wine

Bridge Involvement: Internationally accredited director with much overseas experience, including Istanbul, 2004

### Nye Griffiths - Scoring

Profession: Law student who already has a degree in the classics ; presently earns his living playing poker

Home: Canberra

Interests: Bridge & esoteric bridge ideas; poker and poker theory; word games (Scrabble, Boggle) and Chess

Bridge Involvement: Reputedly, one of the rising stars of youth bridge. Won the award for the best played hand in the youth test match against NZ, 2005.

**Don't forget to watch the live Vu Graph of the Open Final at...**  
[www.bridgebase.com/online](http://www.bridgebase.com/online)



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### PLAYER PROFILE - RON KLINGER

When middle ranking players are conducting postmortems, the phrase, "Klinger says....." is frequently heard.

Who is this "Klinger"?

**Birthplace:** Europe; came to Australia when he was 4.

**Home:** Northbridge, Sydney

**Family:** Wife, Suzy, 1 son and 1 cat.

**Interests:** Movies, books, swimming

**Profession:** Formerly a solicitor and lecturer in law. Now a full-time bridge author, (with numerous publications) journalist, teacher and player.

**Successes:** Almost too many to list

Eg most recent successes in the last 12 months include 7 national titles – 4 Open and 3 Seniors.

Has represented Australia at least 11 times in world championships.

**His book** that people quote reverently when they are trying to work out what they should have done, is *Guide to Better Card Play* which won the Book of the Year Award by the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

Klinger's other much - quoted source of bridge wisdom is the **daily column** that he has been writing in the SMH since 2002.

**Special Interests in Bridge:** Humour, particularly double entendres, or stories where the wrongdoer receives his come-uppance. This story is one of his favourites.

The British bridge writer, Albert Dormer, was playing rubber bridge and the trump suit was distributed like this:

**North (Dummy)**

S A 6 4 3

**West (Culprit)**

S 8 5

**East (Albert Dormer)**

S Q 7 2

**South (Declarer)**

S K J 10 9

Declarer was in 6S and needed to avoid a trump loser, to make the slam. He began the trumps by leading the jack. West paused significantly and then played low.

This is a serious transgression as one is not allowed deliberately to deceive an opponent by one's behaviour. West, with nothing to think about, should have played low smoothly. Declarer would then, no doubt, have risen with dummy's ace and finessed against East next. West was trying to persuade declarer that West held the critical queen of spades.

Declarer was taken in and played low from dummy. Albert then entered the Bridge Hall of Fame by playing low, too, and not capturing the jack with the queen. Declarer then led the ten and again West went into his hesitation and then played low. Declarer played low in dummy and Albert played low again, too.

On the next round, declarer captured Albert's queen and after the hand was over, West asked Albert: "Why didn't you take your queen of spades?" "I'm terribly sorry," Albert replied, before admonishing West, "I was fooled. I thought you had it."

