



# THE SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS BULLETIN



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## **Event 3: The Open 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 began a day earlier, so that the weekend was available to run the Australian Open Pairs (AOP). The AOP was previously part of the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra. The Open Teams starts today, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

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.*

### **Competition**

Qualifying is over 12 Swiss rounds of 16 boards; the two leading teams play a 64-board final on Thursday 17<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 Open Teams, (16-board matches), each player in a team earns 1.28 Gold Points for a win. Gold points for position are awarded to teams finishing in the top third of the field.

### **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 - OPEN TEAMS

Monday November 14	10.00am 1.00pm 3.15pm 5.30pm
Tuesday November 15	10.00am 1.00pm 3.15pm 5.30pm
Wednesday Novem. 16	10.00am 1.00pm 3.15pm 5.30pm

SNOT Final: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
From 9.00am

PQP 1<sup>st</sup> = 36; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 18; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 9

Play finishes around 8.00pm each day.

*Watch a live Vu Graph of the final at  
[www.bridgebase.com/online](http://www.bridgebase.com/online)*