



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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Hospitality

There will be a small function at close of play on **Friday evening**.

Provincial Pairs

This event will be staged on Saturday 11 November as part of the qualifying sessions for the Dick Cummings Pairs. Thus, it will be a 2-session pairs event.

Pairs that have played in the GNOT representing country regions, the Northern Territory and Tasmania, that have been eliminated, and then play in the Dick Cummings Pairs will automatically be regarded as eligible for the Australian Provincial Pairs Championship. A trophy will be awarded to the winning pair.

CAR PARKING

(for those who won the Cup sweep)

No special arrangements have been made for this year's Spring Nationals, but the following car parks are available near the Vista Hotel:

- Wynyard Station - York Lane, enter from Clarence Street. Available 7am to 7pm, Maximum charge \$45.00 (over 4 hours). Monday - Friday only.
- Kent Street - used for last 2 years. Available 7am - 10pm, maximum charge \$28.00 (over 4 hours). Evening up to 10pm, \$6.00. NO TIME EXTENSIONS. Monday - Friday only.
- Wynyard Lane, enter from Margaret Street. Available 24 hours per day, weekends included. Maximum Daytime Charge \$48.00 (over 4 hours) Evening only \$9.00. Weekends: \$5.00 up to 4 hours; \$10.00 over 4 hours.
- NB NO CASUAL PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL
- 24 Hour street parking available via tickets.

A few changes

The big change in the GNOT is starting a day earlier, partly to accommodate the inaugural **Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs**. This will be one of the few ABF events with prize money; I'm sure Dick would approve. It's sponsored by Dick's paper, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, with \$4000 in cash prizes.

By Saturday morning, 38 of the 44 GNOT teams will be at a loose end. I guess you could watch some of the semis or tramp around Sydney but the real bridge players will keep going with the Cummings Pairs, which starts at 2pm Saturday. There is also an (easier?) qualifying event at Lindfield Bridge Club, same start time.

Another bonus for starting the GNOT a day early is that the final will be over before the SNT starts, eliminating the problem of poisoned teams.

GNOT preview

Last year a Sydney team stopped the run of Adelaide wins and they're back to defend with an unchanged line-up (Sydney 1 on the back page). The first four Sydney teams are all strong, as are Adelaide 1 and look out for Perth 2.

The captains of Interstate and country teams can collect a cheque from the Convener, John Brockwell, to cover travelling expenses.

Teams that have pessimistically booked flights out on Saturday evening can reschedule if they scrape through to the final. The ABF will cover any impost.

There are 44 teams, same as last year. Knockout matches are 32 boards from Round 2, 16 boards in the Swiss (no Yellow systems).

Friday is a tough day, 80 boards, so get a good night's sleep!

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

Thu 9th GNOT starts at Sydney Vista, 10.30am - 11.30pm (some teams start with byes)

Fri 10th GNOT continues, 10am - 11.30 (80 boards!)

Dick Cummings Pairs

Sat 11th Dick Cummings Pairs Qualifying at Vista or Lindfield, 2pm start. \$160 per pair entry.

(GNOT semi-finals at Vista, 9am start)

Sun 12th Cummings Pairs Finals at Vista, 10am start
(GNOT final, 9am start)

Spring National Open Teams (SNOT)

Mon 13th SNOT 1-3 at Vista, 11.30, 3pm & 8pm. \$420 per team

Tue 14th SNOT 4-6

Wed 15th SNOT 7-9

Spring National Women's Teams (SNWT)

Thu 16th SNWT 1-3 at Vista, 11.30, 3pm & 8pm. \$380 per team
(SNOT final, 10am start)

Fri 17th SNWT 4-6

Sat 18th SNWT 7-9

Sun 19th 7 Round Swiss Teams at Vista, 10am start. \$100 per team
(SNWT final, 10am start)

What happened?

If you have a story of interest, the Editor will be here much of the time or contactable on 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 Richard, Chris or John.

Olympiad

Australia did okay in Holland, the most recent WBF event. The Open Team got off to a flying start and made the second stage for the first time ever.

Finishing fourth in their section, they were chosen as opponents by Italy, the eventual winners, in the Round of 16. They lost by 80 IMPs in a sloppy match.

Burgess - Marston were the anchor

pair, playing all but two matches in the qualifying and all of the Italy match. Newman - Thomson also had a heavy workload but Mullamphy - Richman were very much the third pair, playing just 5 matches of 17 in the qualifying and half the Italy match. Part of the reason for this was the illness of Lidia Beech.

This naturally affected the Women's team, which started okay but faded

to finish out of the top 10 in their section. The Seniors team came fifth in their event.

More details in October *Australian Bridge* or the November *ABF Newsletter*.

Here are two hands from the exciting Open final between Italy and Poland, which should give us all encouragement.

With 6 boards to go, Poland led by 10 Imps. Then Pszczola ("Can I buy a vowel?") had two brainstorms:

W/NS ♠ K
♥ A Q 9 6 5 4 3
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 4 3

♠ J 8 7 6 5 ♠ 3
♥ 8 ♥ K J 7
♦ Q 9 7 5 ♦ J 6 4 2
♣ A Q 10 ♣ K 7 6 5 2

♠ A Q 10 9 4 2
♥ 10 2
♦ A K
♣ J 9 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kwiecien	Lauria	Pszczola	Versace
No	3♥	No	4♥
Dbl	End		

4♥ failed in the other room on a good club lead by Bocchi but Pszczola bizarrely led his spade for -790. 13 out instead of 3 in. Next board:

N/Both ♠ K 9 4 3
♥ A 8 5 2
♦ J 4
♣ 9 8 4

♠ J 10 8 5 ♠ A Q 6 2
♥ 6 ♥ K 9 4
♦ K Q 7 5 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ Q 10 6 ♣ K

♠ 7
♥ Q J 10 7 3
♦ A
♣ A J 7 5 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kwiecien	Lauria	Pszczola	Versace
3♥	4♥	1♦	2NT
		Dbl	End

2NT showed round suits.

Pszczola led the ♣K. Declarer won the ♣A and took the losing heart finesse. Our star underled his ♠A for another -790 and 14 IMPs out.

Life is tough. You pull a couple of bad cards on vu-graph, then months later some guy on the other side of the world who has trouble counting trumps, pokes fun at you.

The 44 GNOT finalists

NORTHERN TERRITORY

NT T LISSON D Lisson T Haubrick R Mooney

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth 1 P BRAYSHAW C Mulley G Dupont M Raisin
Perth 2 P SMITH P Yovich N Rosendorff P Reynolds R Cooper H Christie
Perth 3 N DUTTON M-F Merven P Hooykaas S Chait
WA Country J KEMP P Salmon P Millidge G Audley

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide 1 J HAFFER Z Nagy P Markey D Middleton G Smolanko
Adelaide 2 P CHAN J Chan J Zollo R Januszke
Adelaide 3 J HOROWITZ D Smyth D Cherry J Middleton C Lorimer
SA Provincial M ZURAWEL J Petkov K Mors M Walton

VICTORIA

Melbourne 1 M DORAN H Sawicki F Beale R van Riel R Richman G Gaspar
Melbourne 2 J EBERY L Gold H Snashall B Howe R Fruewirth R Gallus
Melbourne 3 C CHUA J Gaspar J Fleiszig G Fleiszig S Hinge
Gippsland O OWEN C Watson S Reed J Courtemanche S Stewart
Northern Vic W LEPPARD M McQueen-M Brown J Hackett Thompson

TASMANIA

Tasmania 1 S QUINN M George A Wilkinson G Bailey K Bailey
Tasmania 2 G COOPER M Forage K Glasson P Mitchell

ACT

Canberra R BRIGHTLING A Creet E Dudley A Powell
ACT Provincial B KENNEDY A Robinson B Brent E Hurley

NSW

Sydney 1 V CUMMINGS R Klinger K Dyke M Mullamphy M Thomson P Newman
Sydney 2 P GUMBY W Lazer S Browne K Robb D Moir A Kanetkar
Sydney 3 D BEAUCHAMP E Chadwick K Morrison M Chadwick M Hughes A Peake
Sydney 4 I DEL MONTE D Kalnins C Feitelson M Green T Brown
Sydney 5 N HUGHES N Fahrer P Lavings N Giura R Krochmalik T Kiss
Sydney 6 J FRAZIER J Mott W Zhang B Berger
Sydney 7 M FOSTER R Cowan L Varadi G Varadi
Sydney 8 T ANTOV A Simpson V Valkov S Lalov
Northern Rivers J BROWN D Cowsls M Askew W Powell
North Coast E POWER G Pease C Miller G Cooper
Hunter 1 K WILKS I Walker B Adcock R Urpeth
Hunter 2 G CAMPBELL C Wileman R Low A Gallagher
Central Coast P JOHNMAN K Johnman V Dressler I McKinnon
Tablelands-S C B WALKER R Lane N Akitt N Dwyer
Central-Northern G MAYO S Bowman P Hoffman O Carter
Western NSW P LOGAN R Broughton C King P Tarlinton
South-West NSW R ROWORTH J Currie B Krishan P Skinner J Dare S Dare

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane 1 A SMITH R Clayton I Siow J Luck
Brisbane 2 L HERON A Gibson B Patterson P McMillan C Jones
Brisbane 3 H SARAFVOV M Ryan B Carew F Witsenhuisen
Far North Qld H THOMPSON B Pearson P Hausmann M Sexton
Capricornia R LORRAWAY J Dooner E White E Goodsall
Wide Bay M DUNN M Hulme O Williams J Wallace
Sunshine Coast E SHAW S Mabin A Kelly K Dawson
Gold Coast J HAN M Drake R Morey J Dennis
Darling Downs A MAYERS I Dahler N Francis J Rose