



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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One Final Honour



Dick Cummings' name has been added to the ABF's Committee of Honour. Michael & Catherine Cummings hold the plaque. Dennis Howard & ABF President Keith McDonald gave tributes.

R J Cummings Pairs

40+ tables for the First Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs was a promising beginning. It should grow, slotted neatly between two national teams championships.

The name is promising. The main pairs event in Canberra used to be the Blue Ribbon, renamed some years ago then subdued by the Swiss Pairs. Now there's an event to challenge Surfers.

The prize-giving was preceded by a presentation to the Cummings family. Keith McDonald covered Dick's record as a member of the Big Four that dominated Australian bridge for 20 years. Dick played 4

Olympiads and 6 Bermuda Bowls. Dick always emphasised ethics and demeanour at the table.

Peter Gill said he learned the finer points of the game kibitzing Tim and Dick at table one at the NSWBA.

GNOT - same old story

It was Sydney vs Adelaide again in this year's GNOT final, with the defending champions, Sydney 1, winning a tight final that blew out in the final quarter.

Earlier, these two teams survived the repechage (or is it a warm-up?) then proceeded to win their Saturday semis against the rested and previously unbeaten Sydneys 2 & 3. So the two Swiss leaders would fight out the final.

Adelaide 1 started well:

GNOT Final 1, Bd 3 (rotated)

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

Markey	Horton
1♥	2♦
3♥!	4NT
5♦	6♥

2-2 trumps is 40%. This rolled home for 11 IMPs.

You can order lunch at the kiosk. Cappuccinos are \$1.30

GNOT Final

Sydney 1 Val Cummings - Matt Mullamphy
Kieran Dyke - Ron Klinger
Peter Newman - Matt Thomson
defeated

Adelaide 1 George Smolanko - Zoli Nagy
David Horton - Phil Markey
Jo Haffer 176-105

Semi-Final

Adelaide 1 def Sydney 2 164-104
Sydney 1 def Sydney 3 113-85

Repechage

Adelaide 1 def Adelaide 2 73-35
Sydney 1 def Perth 2 52-29

Dick Cummings Pairs

- 1st Ishmael Del'Monte & Peter Gill
- 2nd George Cuppidge & Stefan Solbrand
- 3= Suzie Coleman & George Finikiotis
- 3= Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer
- Plate Derrick Davis & Andrew Mill
- Con Peter & Jessie Chan

Provincial Pairs winners

Maciek Zurawel & John Petkov

Sydney 1 picked up 26 IMPs in the second set. Much of it came on this board:

GNOT Final 2, Bd 10

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

Dyke	Klinger
	1♦
1♥	1♠!
3NT	4♦
4NT	6♦

The 1♠ rebid worked will, getting a meaningful rebid. The natural 4NT seemed to rule out grand slam. Looked pretty easy.

However, there was an aces accident at the other table. 7NT was doubled by Cummings as North for a heart lead, dummy's first bid. Just as well – a 32 IMP swing on the lead!

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)

Yellow systems are okay in SNT & SNWT.

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2000 (& 1999) GNOT winners. Matt, Ron, Matt, Val, Kieran & Peter. (Last year's photo was better)

GNOT final 2, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ J 10 6
♥ 8 7 4
♦ K J 10 6 4
♣ A 5

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

♠ A K 9 5 2
♥ K Q
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 8 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dyke		Klinger	
1♦	No	No	1♠
2♣!	2♣	No	No
Dbl	No	3♥	End

It looks normal to double 1♠ but Dyke saw further and was able to get his exact shape across.

South led the ♥K. Klinger won the ace and led the ♣K. North won and led the ♠J, good. A spade continuation shoots it but he switched back to trumps for -140. Cummings - Mullamphy scored +140 in 2♠ for 7 IMPs in.

Semis action

Sydney 1 led Sydney 3 by 11 IMPs going into the last set, thanks in part to this board:

GNOT Semi 3, Bd 9

N/EW ♠ 9
♥ 9 7
♦ K Q J 9 6 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

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

♠ J 10 5 4
♥ A J 6
♦ A 7 2
♣ K J 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Chadwick	Klinger	B'champ	Dyke
	3♦	No	3NT
4♦!?	4NT!	5♥	Dbl
5♠	No	6♥	Dbl
6♠	No	No	Dbl

This was -800. Chadwick naturally planned to convert 4♥ to 4♠ to show blacks but Klinger's imaginative 4NT complicated matters. Beauchamp took a while to catch on.

At the other table, South passed 3♦. Newman bid 3♠ and passed partner's 4♥. South led ♦A-another, ruffed. Thomson led the ♥K. South

ruffed and continued diamonds. Now declarer was able to get his club loser away on a spade.

Blue Ribbon Pairs Final

Two sessions of qualifying at the Vista and Lindfield produced a 14-table final of uneven quality, with some top class pairs.

Suzie Coleman & George Finikiotis led at half time, with Ish & Peter lying fifth.



Ishmael Del'Monte & Peter Gill.

Cummings Pairs winners.

The Cup and part of the prize pool were provided by the Herald.

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To win a major pairs event you need to play well and have some of your opponents do silly things.

Mood Swings

Pairs final 1, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ 3
♥ 5 4 3
♦ A K Q J 10 9 5
♣ A 3

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

♠ K Q 6
♥ K J 9 2
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 10 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gill		Del'Monte	
			1NT
No	2♣	No	2♥
No	4NT	No	5♦
No	6♦	End	

North was keen to ask for aces but South thought this was RKC Blackwood in hearts. Peter Gill led a club and declarer brightened. She won the ♣J with the king, played the

♣A, crossed to the ♦8 and pitched dummy's spade on the ♣Q.

She was now cold on the heart guess but, lacking faith in her divining powers, she ran the ♠K to lose the two aces after all.

Amazing methods

Pairs final 1, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 8 4
♦ 10 3
♣ 8 7 6 5 4

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

♠ 3
♥ K J 10 6 3
♦ A K J 8 7 5
♣ J

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kozakos	Gill	Hinge	Del'Monte
1♥	No	2♣	2♦
2♠	No	4♦!	No
4NT	No	5♥	No
6♠	End		

Two off on a diamond lead. To George, 4♦ sounded like a splinter but systemically it shows a stiff **heart**. Not a bad idea but dangerous for a casual partnership.

Now some good play

Pairs Final 2, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ J 7
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ A J 7
♣ K 8 3 2

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

♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gill	Green	Del'Monte	Seres
		1NT	End

1NT was 10-12, hence Gill's pass. Tim led the ♠K, ducked all round. Declarer might have had ♠A-J-8 so Seres switched to the ♦8 to the 9-J-K. Murray Green won the first club with the king and returned the ♠J.

When Ish ran the clubs, Tim was under pressure in three suits. He pitched a heart so declarer played ♥K-A-another to win the last trick with dummy's ♦Q for +120.