

GNOT 2016 NATIONAL FINAL

LETTER TO CAPTAINS

A. GNOT NATIONAL FINAL

1. VENUE

The GNOT 2015 National Final will be held at **Tweed Ultima**, 20 Stuart Street, Tweed Heads, New South Wales 2485. **Tweed Ultima** is in the centre of town, is 5 km from the Gold Coast (Coolangatta) airport, and is handy to accommodation, restaurants, coffee shops and a great pub.

2. TRAVEL

Players are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. There are convenient direct flights from most capital cities to the Gold Coast (Coolangatta) airport. Players travelling from some other centres will find it more convenient, and perhaps cheaper, to fly to Brisbane and to travel to Tweed Heads by bus, train or rental car. Flight details can be found on airline websites.

Each team will receive the GNOT subsidy from the ABF for four players.

Details of subsidies payable appear on the ABF website

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/gnot/2016/subsidies.asp>.

Sometimes in the past, players have found that they cannot return home on the flights that they have booked because, perhaps unexpectedly, they qualify for the final, and that the airlines impose financial penalties for re-booking. The ABF will meet this contingency provided that a player's original return flight is scheduled not earlier than 6.30 pm on Sunday 27 November, the ABF will pay any extra cost of re-booking should that player's GNOT commitments make it impossible to catch the original flight. Such bookings **must** be made through the GNOT Treasurer (who will be present on site).

As a rule, the team captain will receive the GNOT subsidy for all four members of the team and will bear overall responsibility for travel arrangements. The preferred means of payment is by direct deposit to the captain's bank account. (Captains should bring the appropriate banking details with them to Tweed Heads.) Otherwise, cheques will be distributed during Saturday 26 November at the venue. An exception may be made to these arrangements on the grounds of financial hardship and a cheque forwarded at an earlier date provided that the captain makes application to the ABF Secretariat (secretariat@abf.com.au) explaining the circumstances.

3. ACCOMMODATION

Players in the GNOT are expected to make their own arrangements about accommodation. There are literally scores of places — resorts, motels, bed and breakfasts, pubs — to stay in Tweed Heads. For details consult your travel agent, the NRMA accommodation guide or internet sites.

4. SCHEDULE FOR TIMES OF PLAY

Because the GNOT National Final is being played in New South Wales, the times given for playing schedules are **Eastern Standard Summer Time**. GNOT participants staying in Queensland should note well that Queensland time is one hour behind New South Wales time.

The event commences on Friday 25 November at 9.30 am (ESST).

The 64 teams are:

Far North Queensland	Hunter 1	Gippsland 1
North Queensland	Hunter 2	Gippsland 2
Whitsunday	Hunter 3	Northern Victoria
Capricornia	Central Coast	Geelong
Wide Bay	Tablelands-Illawarra	Melbourne 1
Sunshine Coast 1	South Coast	Melbourne 2
Sunshine Coast 2	Mountains 1	Melbourne 3
Sunshine Coast 3	Mountains 2	Melbourne 4
Gold Coast 1	Central Inland	Western Victoria
Gold Coast 2	South-West NSW	Southern Tasmania
Gold Coast 3	Western NSW	Northern Tasmania
Gold Coast 4	Sydney 1	Adelaide 1
Darling Downs	Sydney 2	Adelaide 2
Brisbane 1	Sydney 3	Adelaide 3
Brisbane 2	Sydney 4	SA Provincial
Brisbane 3	Sydney 5	Northern Territory
Brisbane 4	Sydney 6	WA Country
Northern Rivers 1	Sydney 7	WA Provincial
Northern Rivers 2	Canberra 1	Perth 1
Mid-North Coast 1	Canberra 2	Perth 2
Mid-North Coast 2	Canberra 3	Perth 3
	ACT Provincial	

5. **FORMAT**

- a. There are 64 teams. The field will be seeded taking into account recent form, past performance, and region of origin.
- b. The event will commence as a knockout, the first round being of 16 boards. There will be 64 teams playing head-to-head in this first knockout round. The 32 winning teams progress to the second knockout round; the 32 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- c. The Swiss repechage comprises nine 12-board rounds.
- d. The second knockout round comprises 32 teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The 16 winning teams progress to the third knockout round; the 16 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- d. The third knockout round comprises 16 teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The eight winning teams progress to the fourth knockout round; the eight losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- f. The fourth knockout round comprises eight teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The four winning teams progress to the fifth knockout round; the four losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- g. The fifth knockout round comprises four teams and will be played over 36 boards in three 12-board sets. The two winning teams proceed directly to the semi-finals; the two losing teams proceed to the repechage final (repechage playoff).
- h. The repechage final comprises four teams — the two losers from the fifth round knockout and the two top teams from the Swiss. The repechage final will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The two winning teams proceed to the semi-finals.
- i. The semi-finals will be played over 40 boards in four 10-board sets.
- j. The final will be played over 56 boards in four 14-board sets.

6. TIMETABLE (GNOT NATIONAL FINAL)

Friday 25 Nov.	9.30 am	Knockout round 1
	11.35 am	Knockout round 2 Repechage round 1
	2.00 pm	Knockout round 2 (cont.) Repechage round 2
	3.35 pm	Knockout round 3 Repechage round 3
	5.10pm	Knockout round 3 (cont.) Repechage round 4
	Saturday 26 Nov.	10.00 am
11.35 am		Knockout round 4(cont.) Repechage round 6
2.00 pm		Knockout round 5 Repechage round 7
3.35 pm		Knockout round 5 (cont.) Repechage round 8
5.10 pm		Knockout round 5 (cont.) Repechage round 9
6.45 pm		Hospitality
Sunday 27 Nov.	9.00 am	Repechage final — stanza 1
	10. 40 am	Repechage final — stanza 2
	1.00 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 1
	2.25 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 2
	3.50 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 3
Monday 28 Nov.	5.15 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 4
	9.00 am	Final — stanza 1
	11.00 am	Final — stanza 2
	1.30 pm	Final — stanza 3
	3.30 pm	Final — stanza 4

7. BBO

A semi-final and the final of the GNOT National Final will be broadcast on BBO. This means strict adherence to the playing schedules announced for these segments of the tournament.

8. SYSTEMS REGULATIONS

Regulations pertaining to systems will be different depending upon whether your team is playing in the knockout phase of the event or in the Swiss repechage.

a. Knockout

YELLOW systems will be permitted in all knockout phases except knockout rounds 1 and 2. Pairs playing YELLOW systems must submit a concise summary, typed or written in black ink on one side of one sheet of A4 paper to the Chief Tournament Director before 9.30am on Friday 25 November 2016. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of the system.

b. Repechage

YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the Swiss repechage but will be permitted in the repechage final.

9. SCORING

Knockout matches will be scored by IMPs. Matches in the Swiss Repechage will be scored by IMPs converted to VPs. Losing teams in knockout matches will enter the Swiss Repechage on a drop-in score in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations.

10. HOSPITALITY

There will be a small function at close of play on Saturday evening 26 November at which the Chris Diment Trophy (and medallions) for the top Country Team will be presented.

11. LUNCH

Lunch can be pre-ordered each day at the venue. The order form including menu options and cost will be posted on the GNOT web site when available.

B. GNOT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Introduction

This 2-session stratified Swiss pairs event will be staged on Sunday 27 November starting at 9.15 am. **All players** who have participated in the GNOT National Final (irrespective of origin) and have been eliminated are eligible to play free of charge. In addition, players from the Northern Rivers and Gold Coast Regions who have participated in GNOT 2016 qualifying events (i.e. Club Selections and/or Zonal Knockouts) are invited to play in the GNOT Pairs Championships. Life partners of players who participated in the GNOT National Final are also eligible to enter.

2. Entry

Pre-entry is required for the GNOT Pairs Championships. Players should enter:

1. Through their club secretary,
2. Via email to secretariat@abf.com.au or gnot@abf.com.au or by mail to PO Box 397, Fyshwick, ACT, 2609, or by
3. Direct entry on the entry sheet at the venue.

Entry fee \$30 per person, except for players who have participated in the 2016 GNOT National Final (free of charge). Entries close at 7.30pm on Saturday 26 November, or earlier if the field is full.

3. Stratification

The GNOT Pairs Championships will comprise three categories, viz. the Metropolitan Pairs, the Provincial Pairs and the Country Pairs. Categorisation will be according to GNOT regions as follows:

Metropolitan	Provincial	Country	
Brisbane	Gold Coast	Far North Queensland	North Queensland
Sydney	Hunter	Whitsunday	Capricornia
Canberra	ACT Provincial	Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast
Melbourne	Southern Tasmania	Darling Downs	Northern Rivers
Adelaide	SA Provincial	Central Coast	Mid-North Coast
Perth	Northern Territory	South Coast	Tablelands-Illawarra
	WA Provincial	Central Inland	Mountains
		South-West NSW	Western NSW
		Western Victoria	Gippsland
		Geelong	Northern Victoria
		WA Country	
		Northern Tasmania	

4. Format

The GNOT Pairs Championships will be played as a stratified Swiss format over seven 8-board rounds. Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations. Net IMPs in each match will be converted to VPs. Pairs, irrespective of categorization, may be drawn according to the Swiss draw against any other pair in the field. At the conclusion of the event, pairs will be placed in finishing order (i) overall and (ii) according to category. Medallions will be awarded to the winning pair, overall and to the winning pairs in each category.

5. Hospitality

There will be a brief function at close of play on Sunday afternoon during which medallions will be presented.

6. Timetable

Sunday 27 Nov	9.15 am	Swiss round 1
	10. 15 am	Swiss round 2
	11.15 am	Swiss round 3
	12.15 pm	Swiss round 4
	2.00 pm	Swiss round 5
	3.00 pm	Swiss round 6
	4.00 pm	Swiss round 7
	5.00 pm	Hospitality and awards

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