



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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All new SNOT

This year the change is to 12 x 16-board matches and no evening matches (at least on Tue/Wed). There's a record 47 teams, top quality as per usual.

Women's Final

Bourke, the top seeds and only team of six in the event, coasted through unbeaten to play the **Hoffman**, whose only loss had been to Bourke.

The final was held over 64 boards on Sunday, next to the teams congress, so there was a minor noise problem.

The Canberra four had a solid start, winning the first two sets to lead by 28 IMPs at half time but a 62 IMP third set turned the match to **Bourke**. A hand from that set:

SNWT Final 3, Bd 12

W/NS ♠ A 2
 ♥ A 9 7 4 3
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ K J 4 2

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

♠ 8 7
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ A 10 8 4 2
 ♣ A Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Lusk		Tully
No	1♥	No	2♦
	3♣		3♥
	3♠		4NT
	5♥		6♥

That looked easy enough but they played game at the other table when Jan Cormack's 2♦ opening was enough to derail them.

Two silly hands from the qualifying. Here's a missed opportunity:

SNWT Rd 8, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ K 5
 ♥ A J 9 8 6
 ♦ Q 8 3 2
 ♣ J 6

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

♠ 7 4
 ♥ K Q 10 4 3
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ A 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nailand	Powell	Pitt	Jamieson
No	1♥	2♥	4NT
5♦ !?	No	No !	6♥ ?
End			

Such imagination by Rita! 2♥ was Michaels and 4NT Blackwood. 5♦ looks natural to me but perhaps Helene should have twigged and tried 5♥ as an each way bet. That might even have got them +1430.

Everyone was taken in, including Ruth, who should have taken her +600 against 5♦ but tried for more. This went for -250, a bit embarrassing for both sides.

SNWT Rd 9, Bd 4

W/Both ♠ J 10 7 4
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ A Q J 7 5 3 2

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

♠ A
 ♥ Q 6 5 3 2
 ♦ Q J 8 5 4
 ♣ 10 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Moir	Brifman	Watts	Crittelle
1♣	3♣	Dbl	4♥
5♣	Dbl	End	

SNWT final	1-16	17-32		33-48		49-64	
M Bourke J Cormack F Beale D Smart S Lusk T Tully	24	29	53	72	125	24	149
J Hoffman N Church S Bird K Creet	39	42	81	10	91	13	104

SNWT final standings

1	Bourke	172
5	Hoffman	168

(These 2 to the final, won by **Bourke**)

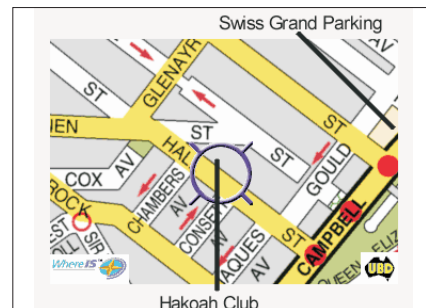
3=	10	Halvorsen	154
4=	13	Hutton	154
5th	15	Osborne	152
6th	26	Anderson	151
7th	4	Kaplan	150
8th	8	Tucker	147
9th	2	Cummings	144
10th	3	Scudder	143

This was -2600 (Canberra City) combined with -200 at the other table for -2800 (Orange).

3♣ was explained by Penny as "probably super Michaels" so Debs thought Marlene was showing club support, etc. Wonder what the director made of all this.

Parking

On-street parking is metered and the Hakoah car park is generally unavailable so go to Secure Parking under the Swiss Grand. If you present your ABF card, you'll find the daily rate is **\$3!**



Smoking

The smoking area at the Hakoah Club is on the ground floor, in the gaming area.

Any player discovered smoking in any other area, in particular the stair



Jan Cormack, Therese Tully, Diana Smart, Sue Lusk and Margaret Bourke (Felicity was already in Melbourne for the soccer).

wells, will be suspended for either the remainder of the current session, and/or for the following session.

The will be no warnings! **Smoking in the stair wells is against the law!**

Mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. A procedural penalty of 3 IMP applies to any player whose mobile phone is switched on unless the director determines that there is a valid (e.g. medical) reason.

Lunch menus

Menus will be provided during morning sessions for collection before 12.30. Coffee is available, including cappuccinos etc. There is a bar on the ground floor, as well the bar next to the playing area will be open at the end of a day's play.

Congress Teams (22 teams)

This was a good warmup event and deserved a bigger entry. Winners were Andrew Peake, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer & Bruce Neill. They had six big wins and one small loss, which could have been larger:



Warming up for the main events by winning the Congress Teams.

Congress Rd 3, Bd 23

S/Both ♠ J 4
 ♥ Q10 8 7 4 2
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ 10 8 2

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

♠ K
 ♥ AK 6 5 3
 ♦ K J 10
 ♣ J 7 5 4

WEST Peake	NORTH Hughes	EAST Neill	SOUTH Giura
4♠	5♥	5♠!	Dbl
End			

North led a heart to the king and South was understandably reluctant to switch to a diamond. -850.

Tough but North should lead the ♥Q to retain the lead. South plays a careful ♥6, then ♦A-another leads to +500 for a 25 IMP turnaround.

Bruce Neill and Khokan Bagchi both made this slam:

Congress Rd 2, Bd 11

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

♠ AKQ10 9 ♠ J 4
 ♥ 9 7 6 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A J 6 3 ♦ K 8 7 5 4
 ♣ 8 ♣ K Q 7 4

♠ 8 6 5
 ♥ J 8 5 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ A 6

Both played 6♦ from East, both received the ♣A lead and both hooked in trumps! For Bagchi, West had



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splintered in clubs so the ♣A lead was a bit unusual, suggesting strong hopes of a trump trick.

Liquid Paper Required

Go and grab your copy of Bull #2, turn to the back and make this change:

Instead of "In the teams at the Canberra ANC, there were no datums" try "..... there were datums but no Butler results."

More on session times

Nearly everyone prefers the tighter new schedule but some would like more compression, reducing the lunch break to around 30 minutes.



2nd in the SNWT. 18 PPs to Nola, Sheila, Karen & Julia.

Charity Pro-Am IMP Pairs

for Mission Australia

This will be held next Thursday, 10am start, with 3 x 16-board matches. Scores will be IMPed against the Closed Room results from the SNOT final.

A pair can enter for \$50 or enter as an Amateur and bid for a professional partner.

What happened?

If you have a story of interest, the Editor will be here much of the time or contactable on 9365 9934 (Hakoah Bridge Club), or 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 Frank, Chris or John.

Spring National Open Teams (SNOT) 12 x 16 bds

Mon 12th	SNOT 1-4	1.15pm, 3.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm
Tue 13th	SNOT 4-6	10am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm
Wed 14th	SNOT 7-9	10am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm
Thur 15th	Charity Pro-Am IMP Pairs	10am start
	(SNOT final from 9am, start time to be confirmed)	

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

Fri 16th	Qual	10.30am - 11.30pm
		(some teams start with byes)
Sat 17th	Qual	10am - 11.30 (80 boards!)
Sun 18th	Semis	from 9am
	(also Provincial Pairs)	
Mon 19th	GNOT final at Double Bay,	from 9am