



# Spring Nationals Bulletin

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## The SNOT Final

**Haffer** were the form team, winning the Swiss easily. **Cummings** had a maximum in the last round to join them in the 64-board final.

This ran in parallel with a Pro-Am IMP pairs, scores derived from the results at the open table in the final. A good novel concept, with entry fees going to Mission Australia. It deserved better than the mere 5 tables that entered. It was won by the troika of Jillian Hay, Jeff Fust & Arjuna Delivera.

The first set of the Final was even, with **Cummings** missing this good slam:

### Final 1, Bd 16, W/EW

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klinger		Cummings	
1♠	3♦	4♠	End

Ron expected a weaker hand for 4♠, with hands like this going via a cue raise. At the other table, Jo Haffer lamented the missed 7♣ but they picked up 13 anyway in 6♠.

There was another missed slam:

### Final 1, Bd 14, E/Nil

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klinger		Cummings	
1♥	2♣	1♦	No
		3NT	End

Not pretty but the defence played clubs for +490 and 2 IMPs in when the other table played 5♦. Anyone

for 1♠ with the West cards?

**Cummings** led by 6 IMPs after 16 but had a horror second set:

### Final 2, Bd 20, W/Both

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Peake		Markey	
1♥	2♠	3♣	No
4NT	No	5♥	No
6♣	End		

This look easy enough to reach but at the other table, McManus reasonably passed over North's 2♠ so they ended in 5♣.

### Final 2, Bd 21 (rotated)

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

Nunn	Beauchamp
No	2NT
3♦	3♥
3NT	End

Game is cold in either red suit but this was one off on a club lead. At the other table, Peter Reynolds bid 3NT



2001 SNOT winners  
 Jo Haffer, Phil Markey  
 Peter Reynolds, Andrew Peake

## SNOT final standings

1st	6	Haffer	234
2nd	3	Cummings	221

These 2 to the final, won by **Haffer**

3rd	4	Kanetkar	216
4=	1	Noble	215
4=	9	Neill	215
6th	13	Antoff	205
7th	11	Evans	202
8th	5	Hans	201
9th	12	Walsh	200
10th	7	Nagy	199

over Haffer's 2♥ opening for a flat board. Next a pre-empt from the Haffer textbook:

### Final 2, Bd 29

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lester	Haffer	McManus	Reynolds
No	3♣!	No	3♥
	4♥	End	

This went two off but 10 IMPs in when East got to open 1NT at the other table, getting to 4♠ for +650.

A few more game swings then the weak notrump ran into trouble, McManus going for -800 vul vs not in a 4-2 diamond fit. Ouch.

**Cummings** picked up 7 IMPs in a high-scoring third set to trail by 38. The final set had wild boards to give hope to the trailing team but there more misses than hits.

## More on Butlers

The Australian teams didn't go well in Paris but one of our pairs, Terry Brown - George Bilski, were the top performing pair in the Open event, being +1.032 IMPs per board against the datums. Next were two Norwegian pairs on +0.636.

SNOT final	1-16	17-32		33-48		49-64	
J Haffer P Reynolds P Markey A Peake	20	60	80	35	115	74	<b>189</b>
V Cummings R Klinger D Beauchamp T Nunn S Lester M McManus	26	9	35	42	77	58	<b>135</b>

## The 48 GNOT finalists

### QUEENSLAND

Brisbane 1	S McBaron R Clark P Darrouzet G Rose
Brisbane 2	L Moses G Olsen A Chaudhrey T Strickland
Far North Qld	D Mann V Laws E Stubbs B Bowden
Capricornia	B Baldry J Robinson J Crowley M Swanto A Brown F Brown
Wide Bay	J Roughley B Raper B Salter R Muirhead
Sunshine Coast	A Maltby D Maltby G Connolly K Rogers
Gold Coast	B Sear N Tuxworth A Tuxworth J Pritchard
Darling Downs	J Baker M Sargent D McAdam R Fraser M Payne

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney 1	V Cummings K Dyke R Klinger M Mullamphy P Newman M Thomson
Sydney 2	D Moir S Browne P Gumby W Lazer K Robb T Nunn
Sydney 3	B Neill M Hughes E Griffin B McDonald A Walsh A Peake
Sydney 4	R Dalley P Lavings M Hitter T Reiner
Sydney 5	M Prescott P Fordham E Chadwick D Beauchamp G Bilski T Brown
Sydney 6	R Grynberg D Stern D Kalnins M Green C Feitelson A Wilsmore
Sydney 7	F Curtis R Sebesfi P Gill B Coles I Del'Monte S Hans
Sydney 8	M Foster R Cowan G Varadi L Varadi T Goodyer W Westwood
North Rivers 1	J Brown E Hurley M Askew W Powell
North Rivers 2	J Faranda E Berger T Berger M Moren Terry Strong
North Coast	E Power C Miller M Johnson I Doland
Hunter 1	P McGrath M Seldon L Woo C Dibley
Hunter 2	K Wilks E Pickles I Walker B Adcock
Central Coast 1	K Johnman P Johnman V Dressler I McKinnon R Harvey
Central Coast 2	P Berzins D Berzins D Coats P Coats
Tablelands-SC	G Belonogov E Kowalczyk P McCormack D McCormack
Central-Northern Mountains	J Davies H Archibald N McLaurin K Berry A McLaurin E Battista
D Deveridge P Lameks A Gillespie R Brooks	
Western NSW	J North N Peacocke P Tarlinton H Wilson
S-W NSW	A Thompson P Williams V Kelly J Thomas

### ACT

Canberra	I Thomson A DeLivera B Waters E Havas J Hay
ACT Provincial	P Giles F Kennedy D Ferraris J Collier

### VICTORIA

Melbourne 1	S Hinge C Chua R Fruewirth B Thompson C Hughes
Melbourne 2	L Gold J Ebery R Gallus D Beckett I McCance D Smart
Melbourne 3	M Doran H Sawicki R Richman G Gaspar R Van Riel
Gippsland	D Drury J Kuiper J Sutton J Sullivan
Northern Vic Henty	W Leppard M Brown J Hackett M McQueen-Thomson D Sharman D Woodward H McKnight S Ryan

### TASMANIA

Tasmania 1	A Volframs G Foong P Beck I Cooper L Cooper
Tasmania 2	H Francis J Bailey A Greenwood A Guarino-Watson

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

NT	J Herring J Tutty T Lisson C Warthold
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### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide 1	G Sargent J Hewitt P Chan R Januszke
Adelaide 2	J Haffer N Croft P Markey L Matthews
Adelaide 3	J Horowitz C Lorimer D Cherry J Middleton D Smyth
SA Provincial	A Easley D Johns R Lupini G Trzesinski

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth 1	F Maltby A Schwartz L Lim C Lim
Perth 2	R Cooper H Christie N Rosendorff P Reynolds
Perth 3	P Brayshaw S Brayshaw C Mulley M Raisin
WA Country	J Kemp P Salmon K Thompson K Else
Aust. Juniors	M Deaton J Williams M Porter F Brown

## More survey results

In the SNOT, most (27 out of 31 respondents) prefer the new 12 round format with half of those preferring a slightly later start on Tue/Wed (10.30 rather than 10am).

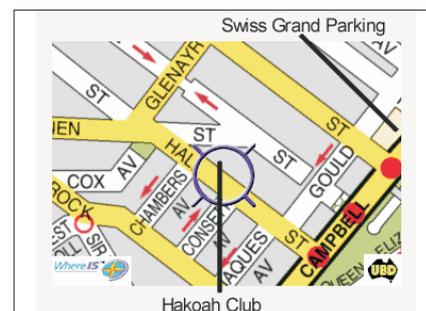
10 would also like Monday to start in the morning (no late nights!) though that is tough on the interstate. An alternative is to cut the event back to 11 rounds; it's over-Swissed anyway.

## GNOT starts today

A field of 48 for the final stages of the world's largest bridge event.

## Parking

On-street parking is mostly metered and the Hakoah car park is generally unavailable so go to Secure Parking under the Swiss Grand. If you present a hand record, 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 wells, will be suspended for either the remainder of the current session, and/or for the following session.

## Mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. A procedural penalty of 3 IMPs 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 various times.

## Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) 14-board sets

Fri 16th	Qual	11am, 1.30pm, 7.30 pm (some teams start with byes)
Sat 17th	Qual	11am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 7.30pm
Sun 18th	Semis	from 10 am (repechage) (also Provincial Pairs, 10am start)
Mon 19th	GNOT final	at Double Bay, from 9.30am

Format: Knockout with repechage. Yellow systems in KO from Rnd 3.