

# **Spring Nationals Bulletin**

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### Women's Teams underway

A good entry of 35 teams for the SNWT featured two poisoned teams, with thee women making the Open final. Team 2 *Cummings* took the holiday while team 3 *Travis*, chose to press ahead, usually the right idea.

Top seeds **Beech** include the usual four, plus New Zealanders Kathy Yule and Sue Weal.

Here's a slam from round 1:

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SNWT Rnd 1, Bd 15
S/NS
        • —
        ♥ AKJ32
        ♦ AQJ86432
★ KJ76
                ◆ 5432
♥ 5
                ♥ Q10964
♦ 10 5
                ♦ K
♣ KJ9643
                1082
        ♠ AQ1098
        ♥ 87
        ♦ 973
        ♣ AQ5
```

You're okay in 6\$ when you cash the ace of trumps early.

Don't forget gold point Congress teams this Sunday,10am start.

SNWT Rr N/NS	nd 2, Bd 5 ♠ 986 ♡ A1094 ◇ 7	ı
	♣ K753	2
<ul><li>★ K 7 5</li><li>♥ K</li><li>♦ K Q J 10</li><li>♣ 9</li></ul>	6543	<ul><li>♠ Q42</li><li>♥ QJ876</li><li>♦ 98</li><li>♠ J106</li></ul>
	♠ AJ103	}
	♡ 532	
	♦ A 2	
	♣ AQ84	

I like this hand. North-South can make 8 tricks in hearts, 10 in clubs and 11 in spades.

Coffee is \$1.30 (\$2 for cappuccinos) from the kiosk, thanks to sponsorship from *Robert Timms*.

#### Hands from the SNT final

Tied at the end of the Swiss, the two finalists would be due to play each other anyway if the Swiss continued.

**Cummings** jumped out to a 17 IMP lead in the first set and seemed comfortable.

Then disaster struck with a 50 IMP



Terry Brown, Peter Fordham, Barry Noble, Phil Gue, George Bilski and Michael Prescott with the long-lost SNT trophy.

## **SNT final placings**

Noble

172

1=

1=	1	Cummings	172			
(Thes	(These 2 teams to final, won by Noble)					
3=	2	Smith	167			
3=	5	Ziggy	167			
3=	10	Rothfield	167			
6th	3	Marston	156			
7th	16	Urbach	155			
8th	17	Hutton	154			
9th	25	Dey	153			
10th	13	Robinson	151			
Entry - 49 teams						

#### **SNWT** after 3 rounds

1st	3	Travis	70	
2nd	5	Robb	61	
3rd	2	Cummings	60	
4th	4	Scudder	59	
5th	12	Goodyer	58	
6th	27	Anderson	57	
7=	18	Goyen	55	
7=	6	Hoffman	55	
9th	9	Jamieson	54	
10th	7	Tucker	52	
Entry - 35 teams				

turnaround to **Noble**. Here are two of the painful boards:

SNT Final 2, Bd 6 E/EW ♠ A 9 4 3 ♡ J 5 ◇ A 7 ♣ Q J 10 8 7



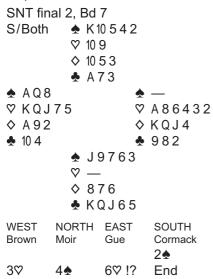
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McManus	Fordham	Lester	Prescott
		No	1♠!
2♣	3♣	No	3♠
No	3NT	Dbl	No
Nο	4.	Dbl	Fnd

Defending 2♣x for +500 is easier but Prescott made +590 by postponing trumps. After ♣A and a diamond switch, he won the ♦A and played the ♥J to the Q-A. Then came the ♦K and a ruff, followed by heart off dummy to East's king.

Back came a club, ruffed then the

 $\heartsuit$ 10 and the good  $\heartsuit$ 9, ruffed in dummy. Then he led the ♠9, retaining the ♠A in dummy to coup East's ♠K-10 at trick 12.

At the other table, Jan Cormack started trumps by leading the ♠Q. Oops. Next board.



A club (or a diamond) was called for, trying to find partner's minor but Debs took Option C, a spade for 13 IMPs out.

### Set 3 was more of the same

How would you play this  $4\heartsuit$ ?

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SNT Final 3, Bd 5
        ★ K7
N/NS
        ♥ J2
        ♦ A10842
        AQJ7
★ J862
                 ◆ A1093
♥ K8653
                Ψ—
♦ QJ
                 ♦ 9763
                 ♣ K9653
4 4 2
        ♠ Q54
        ♥ AQ10974
        ♦ K5
        4 10 8
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Klinger won the diamond lead in dummy to run the ♣10. Brown won and could have exited a minor for +100 but he played ♠A-another and declarer was back in it.

However, Ron led the  $\heartsuit$ 2, not the jack and had to lose two trump tricks. If he leads the  $\heartsuit$ J and it holds, then he must cash the minor aces to strip West's exit cards before continuing trumps.

In the other room, Bilski won the diamond lead and played a spade to the king and ace. When the ♠10 came back, he won dummy's queen and ruffed a spade high. The 5-0 break slowed things down but he

SNOT final	1-16	17-32		33-48		49-64	
V Cummings R Klinger J Cormack D Moir S Lester M McManus	35	5	40	31	71	35	106
B Noble T Brown G Bilski P Gue P Fordham M Prescott	17	54	71	66	137	25	162

came home with three diamond tricks, thanks to the stiff  $\diamond$ Q-J. He didn't lose a club. Next board:

SNT final 3, E	3d 6	
E/EW ♠	A 53	
	A875	
<b>♦</b>	10963	
<b>♣</b>	Q 5	
<b>★</b> 72		<b>♦</b> J 10 9
♥ Q92		♡ KJ63
♦ AQ7		♦ KJ82
♣ AKJ96		<b>4</b> 10 2
<b>_</b>	KQ864	4
$\Diamond$	10 4	
<b>♦</b>	54	
<b>♣</b>	8743	

Lester - McManus bid to the routine but doomed 3NT, failing by two on the good lead of a low spade.

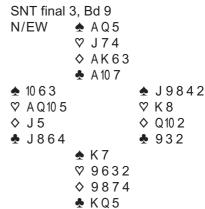
In the other room, Cummings opened 2♠, which propelled Brown to hearts in the 4-3 fit. This is shaky but declarer was able to run minor winners through North to collect his trumps in the endgame for 10 tricks.

Then this:

<b>♦</b>	
- ·	
♠ A2	♠ KJ10853
♥ J10982	♡ —
♦ 9	♦ A 10 4 2
♣ KQ983	♣ J42
<b>♠</b> (	976
♡ (	763
	(QJ76
, ·	(4070
*	_
WEST NORTH	I EAST SOUTH
Noble Klinger	Brown Cummings
	1♦ ?!
1NT * Dbl	3 <b>♣</b> Dbl
End	

1NT showed four hearts and a long minor. When Cummings doubled 3♣ for takeout, Klinger was delighted to pass. However, 3♣x was cold, with Brown cross-ruffing red suits then waiting to score the ♣Q-9 in the endgame. North had too many trumps.

A short respite, then this:



Both declarers played 3NT from North on a spade lead. Bilski won the ♠A, cashed the ♦A and led a low diamond. Sleepy Stephen continued spades for -400.

Klinger did much the same but Terry Brown made no mistake, swinging the  $\nabla K$  when in with the  $\Diamond Q$ .

Both teams reached this 6NT:

SNT final 3, Bd 2 E/NS ♠ A987 ♥ AK965 **♦ K2** ♣ Q10 ♠ Q432 **♦** J 10 ♡ 3 ♥ 108742 ♦ J9653 ♦ 7 ♣ A965432 8 **★** K65 ♡ QJ ♦ AQ1084 ♣ KJ7 NORTH FAST WEST SOLITH

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McMan	us Bilski	Lester	Gue
		No	1♣ *
No	1♦ *	No	1NT
3♣	2♦!	No	2♡
No	2♠	No	3NT
No	5NT	No	6NT

Bilski and Lester ignored the 3♣ pre-empt completely, perhaps a sign of the stifling atmosphere in the room. Everyone yawned at least once. Anyway, 6NT was cold on the red suit squeeze for a push.

This left Cummings 66 behind with 16 boards to go. Too much.