



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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1999 GNOT winners

*Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy, Val Cummings,
 Matthew Thomson, Peter Newman & Kieran Dyke*

SNT Leaders after 3 rounds

1st	Mayer	67
2nd	Potts	62
3rd	Richman	60
4th	(Rothfield)	60
5th	(Cormack)	60
6th	(Cummings)	60
7th	Scully	59
8th	Solomon	58
9th	Sarten	58
10th	Cornell	58

The bracketed teams sat out the first day as teammates played the GNOT final. They come in on straight 20s but face a tougher draw.

GNOT final

Fittingly, the two undefeated teams fought out a keenly contested final on Monday. In 64 boards, the margin was never more than 10 IMPs.

At the end *Sydney 2* (pictured above) prevailed by 5 IMPs over *Perth 1* (Henry Christie - Ron Cooper, Nigel Rosendorff - Peter Reynolds).

The winning team has some form - Mullamphy & Newman won Surfers this year, Matt also won the VCC, Peter won the Trials with Matthew Thomson.

This was a crucial pickup from the final set:

GNOT final set. Bd 20

W/Both ♠ A 10 4
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5 4 3 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ 7 4

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Christie	Dyke	Cooper	Klinger
1♦	4♥	No	No
Dbl	No	4♠	No
No	Dbl	End	

Kieran Dyke's Lightner double earned a big swing. Klinger led the ♦A then jack. Dyke ruffed to return a heart. Then he flew on the first trump to lead a heart, ruffed by Klinger. A second diamond ruff meant +500.

4♠ was also defeated at the other table but only by one trick undoubled. 9 IMPs to *Cummings*.

In Sunday morning's 20 board repechages, *Sydney 1* (*Kanetkar*) beat *Adelaide 2* (*Chan*) 58 - 43. *Melbourne 2* (*Snashall*) beat *Sydney 3* (*Walsh*) 51 - 42, after trailing by 21 IMPs after 10.

These (tired) survivors then lost in their 48 board semis. *Sydney 2* (*Cummings*) beat *Sydney 1* 144 - 90. *Perth 1* (*Christie*) beat *Melbourne 2* 153 - 98.

Some SNT hands

Here's a neat squeeze from Match 2

E/NS ♠ A 8 5
 ♥ Q J 10 6 4
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ 6 2

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

♠ 7 3
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ A 9 8 5 3
 ♣ Q J 7 4

You play 4♠ from West on a diamond to the ace and a low club back. Naturally you rise ace and play ♣K-another to find the suit

Spring National Open Teams (SNOT)

Tue/Wed SNT rounds 4-6, 7-9

Spring National Womens Teams (SNWT)

Thu 18th SNWT starts. 9-round Swiss with a final. Session times are 11.30, 3pm and 8pm. Also SNOT final.

Fri/Sat SNWT rounds 4-6, 7-9

Sun 21st SNWT final

Congress Swiss Teams, 10am start.

unfriendly. South plays a trump to prevent the club ruff, which forces North to play ace-another.

Now you simply run your trumps, retaining the ♣10 against South and the ♦Q against North. Nobody can keep three hearts. In fact you make however the hearts break.

SNT match 2, Bd 6

E/EW ♠ 10 8
♥ A 8 5 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 10 9 8 4

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		No	No
1♣	No	1♠	Dbl
Rdbl	2♥	3♣	3♥
3NT	End		

It seemed to **Peter Jamieson** as North that West, Simon Hinge, was happy to receive a heart lead. Also partner would have opened 2♥ (hearts and a minor) with five hearts so the ♦8 hit the table. This had two ways to gain – hitting partner's suit or getting him in for a heart through declarer's possible king.

At our table, we managed to arrange for East to play 3NT. Tom Jacob led the ♦A then queen to pin the jack but declarer just ducked and knocked out the ♥A. The ♦A was a nice try but ♦Q opening lead would have won the money.

PJ's team played Team 2 in round 3. They had a lucky escape on this board:

In issue 2, I mentioned that one provincial team made it to the Round of 16. In fact there were two. **Darling Downs** also made it through, beaten by **Perth 1**, the eventual finalists.

Parking

Try SUN parking on the corner of Kent and Margaret streets.
Tickets from John Mottram.

SNT match 3, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ J 10 9 8 7 5
♥ 9 6
♦ 10 3
♣ K 6 4

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Currie	Nagy	Jamieson	Seres
No	No	1NT	Dbl
Dbl	End	No	3♥

1NT was 15-17 and West's pass forced a redouble. (He was going to sit 1NTxx) Against 3♥x, Trevor Currie led a low club and Tim ducked! He was hoping to encourage a diamond or trump return. -100.

In our match, North opened a multi 2♦. East bid 2NT, raised to game for -800. At the other table, Mike Hughes played the obvious 3NT from South and took nine tricks – 7 hearts and two minor kings!

Congress Teams

The first ABF Congress Teams was held on Sunday and attracted 26 teams. The result was a tie between the **ZINES** team (Tina Zines - Nick Horne, Joan Butts - Julie Wyrer) and the **NIXON** team (Roy Nixon - George Riszko, Richard Hills - Hashmat Ali).

A hand from **John Mottram**:

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

East played 4♠ on a diamond to the ace and a trump back. Declarer eventually took the ruffing diamond finesse and was booked to go one

down. However, North did not cash the ♣A and this ending was reached:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ J 7	♥ 9
♦ —	♦ 3
♣ A	♣ 3
♠ —	♠ —
♥ K 10	♥ 9
♦ —	♦ 3
♣ K	♣ 3

South had seen no reason to keep any clubs and North felt the need to retain the ♥J7 in case declarer somehow had the stiff ♥Q left. So when the ♦3 was led and dummy's ♣K was pitched, a tired North pitched the ♣A and the ♣3 became the tenth trick! Note that the ♣3 won the first and last club trick. Beat that!

Tim Bourke spotted this new wrinkle in the trump suit:

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

WEST	EAST	
2NT *	3♦ *	
3♥ *	5♣	End

2NT showed odd suits, 3♦ was an enquiry with 3♥ showing H & C.

South led the ♠Q to the ace and covered the ♥10 with the queen.

North won the ♥A and switched to the ♦Q to declarer's ace. Then came the ♥J and a heart ruff with the ♣2 as North discarded. When the ♦K won the next trick, declarer was certain of 11 tricks (assuming North still had another spade, the king).

After a low spade ruff and a heart ruff with the ♣Q, these cards remained:

♠ —	♠ 10 9 8
♥ 8	♥ —
♦ —	♦ 8
♣ A J 9 6	♣ K

The 100% line is to ruff a spade with the jack, then the last heart with the ♣K. Then ruff another spade with the ♣6, not caring whether North can overruff. There is another Congress teams on Sunday 21st, 10am start.

You can ring the Editor on 9387-6175 or 0414 876 175. We need hands!