



# Spring Nationals Bulletin

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## SNT Top 10 at end of Swiss

1st	Beauchamp	179
2nd	Cornell	173

These two teams to contest today's 64-board final.

3rd	Hinge	160
4th	Richman	160
5th	Snashall	158
6th	Cummings	157
7th	Van Riel	154
8th	Jamieson	154
9th	Mayer	153
10th	Rothfield	152

Entry: 52 teams

## SNT Final today

The SNT final is being held today (Thursday), between **Beauchamp** (David Beauchamp, Mike Hughes, Matthew Thomson, Andrew Peake, Ben Thompson) and **Cornell** (Mike Cornell - Dwayne Crombie, Peter Newell - Mark Reid). These four are part of the NZ Open team for next year's Bermuda Bowl.

Thomson is backing up after victory in the GNOT final on Monday. Five SNT teams had players in the GNOT final and all except **Beauchamp** chose to take the bye on day one. No team that has sat out on day one has ever made the SNT final, despite the offer of straight 20s for the first three matches.

## Women's Teams

There are 36 teams in the SNWT, a nine round Swiss which finishes on Saturday, with a 64 board final in Sunday. There is also a Congress Teams on Sunday, 10am start.

## Yellow Systems

The SNT & SNWT are the only teams events in the ABF calendar that allow yellow systems throughout. In other events, they are either banned or restricted (which necessitates preparing two systems, one yellow and one red)

This has the effect of attracting strong pass systems and the like to the SNT. There were around a dozen pairs using Yellow (HUM) systems. As an advocate of free speech, I think this is a good thing. Here are some suggestions to ease the strain on opponents:

- Yellow pairs should be obliged to provide a suggested defence, ratified by the Tournament Committee.
- System summaries should be readily available. Those pairs who ignore the conditions of entry and don't mail summaries in time should be prevented from playing their systems.
- Line-ups with a Yellow pair playing should lose seating rights (in the Swiss).

## Hands from the SNT Swiss

In this hand, **Julie Wyer** felt she had to choose one of her pieces of eight:

SNT Match 7, Bd 5

N/NS	♠ KQ		
	♥ Q6		
	♦ AKQ4		
	♣ AJ1073		
♠ A974		♠ 85	
♥ 752		♥ AKJ109843	
♦ 9765		♦ 8	
♣ 92		♣ 86	
	♠ J10632		
	♥ —		
	♦ J1032		
	♣ KQ54		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Butts	Dalley	Wyer	Lavings
	2NT	No	3♠
No	3NT	End	

She figured that Bob had a doubleton spade and therefore ♥Qxx, in which case she had to find partner's ace for a heart through. Any eight could be right, she chose the ♣8 for -600 instead of +500. They didn't feel too bad because 6♣ is cold. Unfortunately their partners

had a keycard accident and reached 7♣ for 12 IMPs out.

Here's another accident from that round:

SNT Match 7, Bd 18

E/NS	♠ Q106542		
	♥ 73		
	♦ —		
	♣ KQ432		
♠ AK		♠ 983	
♥ AQ		♥ KJ982	
♦ KQ109873		♦ 2	
♣ A9		♣ J876	
	♠ J7		
	♥ 10654		
	♦ AJ654		
	♣ 105		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		No	No
2♦ *	No	2♥ *	3♦
Dbl	Rdbl	No	No
No			

After a Benjamin 2♦ opening and a silly overcall by South, North quite reasonably redoubled for rescue. South didn't see it that way for -4000 (Brisbane, a very rare postcode). At the other table, EW went four off in a slam to ensure the maximum 24 IMP swing.

Ex-pat **Jim Biggins** found himself in this hopeless looking slam. As per usual, he thought for ages and worked out the magic layout he needed. (pto)

## 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, 10am start.

Congress Swiss Teams, 10am start.

SNT Round 8, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ 6 5  
 ♥ A Q  
 ♦ 7 6 2  
 ♣ J 9 8 7 3 2

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

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

He played 6♥ as West on a club lead, ruffed in dummy. This near hopeless contract needs one hand (probably South on the auction) to hold the sole guards in spades and diamonds. As you see, South has ♠KJ and ♦QT9! He also needed hearts to be 1-1 so he called for dummy's ♥K at trick two for a swift one down. Bad luck but if hearts had been even he would have made!

Did anybody bid and make this 4♥ from the last round?

**Expert behaviour**

We tend to be predisposed to forgive genius but why should top class players not conform to decent behaviour at the bridge table? Perhaps a sign of old age, I find the standards of some experts deplorable in their berating of partner and rudeness to opponents. Directors should not feel intimidated by top guns and should have no compunction about reporting such behaviour to the ABF Recorder, disciplinary committee or other appropriate body. Not only should such boors not be tolerated but the example they set to young stars needs to be eradicated. When such experts are also considerably less than diligent in providing an accurate and full explanation of their methods and auctions, the ABF ought to have the courage not to permit them to represent their country.

Ron Klinger

SNT Match 9, Bd 14

E/Nil ♠ A K 9 4  
 ♥ J 9 3  
 ♦ K 5  
 ♣ Q 10 8 6

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	2♠
No	3♠	No	No
?			

3♠ is cold and so is 4♥. If 3♥ first time would be forcing, then doubling 2♠ is a thought. At any rate, it looks wrong to give in to 3♠. Against the expected spade lead, declarer ruffs, draws two trumps then leads a diamond off dummy. If South wins to switch to the ♣K, declarer wins dummy's ace to duck a diamond for ten tricks. If North wins the first diamond to lead a club, declarer can simply duck to freeze North out.

**Be a man!**

Any any long tournament, declarers will have plenty of opportunities to misguess those cursed king-jack suits. Here are two examples:

SNT Match 5, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ 10  
 ♥ A 9 8 5 2  
 ♦ A 10 5 3  
 ♣ J 10 7

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

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

West plays 4♠ on the ♣J lead. You draw trumps ending in hand and lead a heart to the queen and South's king. A low diamond comes back. What are the odds?

All things being equal, you should play the king, since South would be wary about leading from the queen when the jack is in dummy. On this hand however, South can see that

declarer has nine tricks in the black suits so the threat of the jack in dummy is irrelevant.

This is a pure guess. My experience suggests that men are more likely to fly the king and women to play low. Something to do with flashiness vs frugality. At any rate, I played like a woman for +620 while the woman at the other table flew king for -100. Go figure.

3NT is cold of course, as you might expect with these complementary shapes.

Here's another, from **Peter Jamieson**:

SNT Match 6, Bd 6

E/EW ♠ 6 3  
 ♥ A 8 6 4  
 ♦ J 8 3  
 ♣ A 5 4 3

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

♠ Q 9  
 ♥ 9 7 3 2  
 ♦ K Q 10 5 2  
 ♣ Q 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT	2♦

4♠ End

Trevor Currie's 2♦ showed diamonds and a higher suit. Declarer won the essential diamond lead and played a heart. North knew to rise ace and play another diamond to the king. When Currie led the ♣9, George Rizko flew the king like a man for one down. Chalk one up to the aggressive overcall.

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