



# Spring Nationals Bulletin

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## SNWT Top 10 at end of Swiss

1st Beech 176  
 2nd Cormack 166

These two teams played today's 64-board final.

3rd Jamieson 157  
 4th Moses 156  
 5th Scudder 156  
 6th McKinnon 154  
 7th Winestock 151  
 8th Thompson 150  
 9th Ashton 148  
 10th Nailand 148

## Women's Final

The SNWT final was held on Sunday between the two top seeds. **Beech** (Lidia Beech, Sue Lusk, Therese Tully, Felicity Beale, Di Smart and Margaret Bourke) defeated **Cormack** (Jan Cormack, Carole Rothfield, Val Cummings, Candice Feitelson) by 43 IMPs over 64 boards.

## SNT final

The winners are four members of the NZ open team for next years Bermuda Bowl.

In a way, the final was a bit of a fizzer. The title means little, being just one of many national titles, there is no prizemoney and the final had no bearing on playoff points. There is a trophy, the Les Szatmary Cup. Neither team had anything to gain or lose.

Because one of the finalists was an overseas team, the **Beauchamp** team automatically received the winners' playoff points as the top-placed Australian team. Second place points were shared between the equal third-placed teams - **Hinge & Richman**. This was important for Bobby because he needed to win points with Matt Mullamphy, his current partner. The SNT is the last of the major play-off events so

manoeuvring begins now for the Easter playoffs.

In the final **Cornell** won every set to win by 60 IMPs over the 64 boards. At least both teams got some useful practice.

**Peter Newell** made this shaky game with a little help from the defence. It's from the Swiss:

SNT Match 9, Bd 4

W/Both ♠ K 9 8 6 4  
 ♥ Q 6 2  
 ♦ A 6 5 3  
 ♣ 5

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

East led the ♥K (West had shown hearts) to dummy's ace, ducked the first trump then won the ♠Q to switch to a club. East won the next trump and chose to exit with a trump rather than another club. West safely pitches a diamond and a club but the hand is now cold. Diamond to the king, ♦J - Q - A, diamond to ten, ruff a club then throw West in with the ♦9 to lead away from the ♥J-9 at trick 12.

## An SNT hand

Declarer should have made this hand from SNT Match 8:

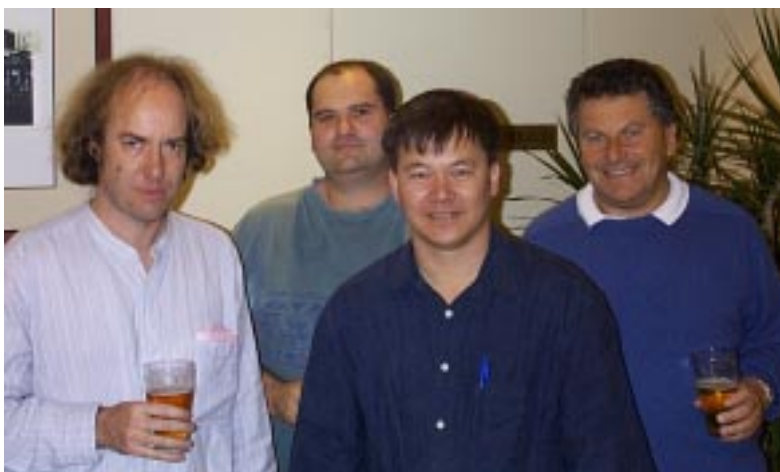
N/Nil ♠ J 9 5  
 ♥ A Q 9 4 3  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ A Q 10 4

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

A club went to the king and ace. Declarer took a spade pitch on the queen then led the ♦K. East won the ace then switched to a spade to the ♠A-Q. Then a club back forced dummy to ruff. This is the ending:

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

Best now is to ruff the ♦Q, shortening trumps in case they break 4-0. Then it's back to the ♥K to reveal the bad break, followed by a heart forcing West to split. Then cash the ♠J before ruffing the ♣4. Declarer has ♥Q9 left over West's J-7.



1999 Spring National Open Teams Champions  
 Peter Newell, Martin Reid, Dwayne Crombie & Mike Cornell