

HOTEL, TRANSPORT AND CAR PARKING INFORMATION

The Hakoah Club is 200 metres from Bondi Beach at 61 Hall St, Bondi. Parking is available at Secure Parking under the Swiss Grand Hotel, corner of Curlewis St and Campbell Pde. The ABF has negotiated a special daily rate of just \$3.50 during the event. You must present a discount voucher available from the ABF's officials for this special rate. (Parking in the Bondi Beach area is hard to find, most of it is metered and restricted to two hours).

Lunch menus will be provided during morning sessions for collection before 12.30 pm. A coffee service will be available (at the players' expense). Bar facilities are available on the ground floor. Smoking is not permitted on the playing floor or in adjacent areas, but is permitted in the ground floor bar area.

The club has a restaurant on the ground floor, open for both lunch and dinner.

Hotel "specials" and restaurant offers can be found on ABF Web site at www.abf.com.au

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SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

To Be Held At

Hakoah Club

61 Hall Street, BONDI (Ph 02 9130 3344)

Womens Tournament

Thursday – Saturday, 13-15 November 2003

Final Sunday 16 November 2003

Congress Teams Sunday 16 November 2003

Open Tournament

Monday – Wednesday, 17–19 November 2003

Final - Thursday 20 November 2003

GNOT National Final

Friday – Sunday, 21–23 November 2003

Final Monday 24 November 2003

Chief Tournament Director:	Matthew McManus
Tournament Committee/Unit:	Eric Ramshaw
Computers and Scoring:	Edward Barnes
Appeals Chairman:	Ivy Dahler
GNOT Convener:	John Brockwell
Spring Nationals Conveners:	Frank Budai
	John Mottram

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The ABF, under its Tournament Regulations, reserves the right, in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason, to reject entries to any event conducted by it.

No entry to any event at the Spring Nationals Festival will be regarded as complete unless an entry form has been submitted with full entry fees paid for all members of the team and all ABF Numbers supplied before the closing date: Wednesday November 12th 2003.

GNOT Final Series entry is through State/Regional qualification only.

Players are required to observe dress regulations, being those applicable to the Hakoah Club. In addition, all players, as visitors to the Club, will be required to sign-in each day.

MASTERPOINTS

Gold Points for position are awarded to teams finishing in the top third of the field. In addition, sessional awards for each match won are:

Open Teams	Level A	1.28 Gold Points per player
Womens Teams	Level A x 0.75	1.20 Gold Points per player
Congress Teams	Level B3	0.24 Red Points per player

PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS

SNWT Winner - 36; Runner-up - 18; Third - 9;

SNOT Winner - 36; Runner-up - 18; Third - 9;

To receive Playoff Qualifying Points

- at least 2 members of the team must be eligible to represent Australia
- eligible members must comply with the board rule in the qualifying (SNWT, 4 rounds; SNOT, 6 rounds) and finals (2 stanzas each match)

SPRING NATIONAL CONGRESS TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

16 November 2003 Swiss 7 rounds of 8 boards

	Captain's Address	Phone No.
Captain		ABF No.
Player 2		ABF No.
Player 3		ABF No.
Player 4		ABF No.
Player 5		ABF No.
Player 6		ABF No.

Entry fee: \$110.00 per team including GST. Fee must accompany entry.

ENTRY FEES

All fees inclusive of GST. Cheques payable to **Australian Bridge Federation**

Open Teams	\$460 per Team of 4, 5 or 6 players
Womens Teams	\$400 per Team of 4, 5 or 6 players
Congress Teams	\$110 per Team

ENTRIES AND SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

Entry Forms for the Teams events are on pages 5 and 7. These, and system notification, must be returned to the Convener:

Frank Budai PO Box 108 Cammeray 2062
by **Wednesday November 12th**

If you prefer you can make an electronic transfer direct to our bankers:
BSB: 032085, Account: 132251, and then send an email to
budai@all.com.au or fax confirmation of the entry form **before 10pm**
to **(02) 9958 4281**

Mission Australia Charity

IMP Pairs

Thursday 20th November 10.00am Start.
48 Boards in 3 stanzas of 16.

Boards for this event will be the same as the boards played by the Spring National Finalists. Players will “compete” with the Open Room results of the SNOT finalists.

Enter as a Pair

Entry Fee \$50 per pair

The winning Pair (highest net IMPS) will be presented with a receipt for a donation to the Sydney City Mission for \$500 in their name and top three place getters will receive book vouchers from Post Free Bridge Books.

SPRING NATIONAL CHARITY PAIRS ENTRY FORM

20 November 2003 48 Boards in 3 Stanzas

Player 1		ABF No.
Player 2		ABF No.
	Entries closing date – 20 November 2003	

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FORMAT OF EVENTS

- The **Womens** event has no evening sessions. The qualifying is 9 Swiss rounds of 20 boards, followed by a final of 64 boards.
- The **Open** event has afternoon/evening sessions on the first day followed by morning/afternoon sessions on the second and third days. The qualifying Swiss of 12 rounds of 16 boards is followed by a final of 64 boards.
- Provisional **playing times** are set out in the schedules below.

Spring National Congress Teams:

This comprises 7 rounds of 8 boards with a lunch break between rounds 3 and 4. Prize money is

1st: \$400

2nd: \$200

3rd: \$100

ALERTING REGULATIONS, SYSTEMS AND CONVENTIONS

Opponents must be alerted in accordance with the ABF Alerting Regulation, as amended to August 2003.

Pairs must classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW using the ABF System Regulations adopted in 1991 and as modified at May 1998. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Convener.

All pairs must supply their opponents with 2 ABF Standard system cards completed legibly and adequately to disclose their system.

All systems and conventions, including those categorised as YELLOW, are permitted in the Open and Womens Teams in all rounds and at all levels. YELLOW is not permitted in the Congress Teams.

Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system only against an opposing pair playing a YELLOW system must lodge an adequate system statement on an ABF Standard system card plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets with the Chief Tournament Director before the start of the first round of the event in which they wish to use it.

Note that systems which allow opening bids without the requisite number of Opening Points are classified as Yellow. These systems must be notified to the Chief Tournament Director before the commencement of the event in which they are to be used

Pairs intending to use a system classified as YELLOW for other reasons than lack of Opening Points must lodge an adequate system statement on an ABF Standard system card plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets with the Convener by November 12, 2003

SPRING NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

13 – 15 November 2003 9 Qualifying Rounds + 4 final stanzas

Times given in this brochure are advisory only: it is the responsibility of players to ascertain the starting times of the sessions and rounds from the times announced by the director and posted on the notice board.

Spring National Womens Teams, Qualifying

Thursday November 13 10.00am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm
 Friday November 14 10.00am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm
 Saturday November 15 10.00am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm
 SNWT Final Sunday November 16 from 9.00am

Spring National Congress Teams

7 round Swiss Sunday November 16 10.00am - 6.00pm

Spring Nationals Open Teams, Qualifying

Monday November 17 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm
 Tuesday November 18 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm
 Wednesday November 19 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm
 SNOT Final Thursday November 20 from 9.00am

A live Vu Graph of the final will be featured at
www.bridgebase.com/online

Swiss Pairs

Thursday November 20 10.00am

GNOT Final Series:

The venue for all except the final is Hakoah; the venue for the Final on Monday is the Double Bay Bridge Club.

Qualifying: Hakoah Friday November 21 10 30am-11 30pm
 Hakoah Saturday November 22 10.00am-11.30pm
 Semi-Final: Hakoah Sunday November 23 from 9.00am
 Provincial Pairs Hakoah Sunday November 23
 Final Monday November 24 from 9.00am

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Entry Fee: \$400.00 per team including GST. Fee must accompany entry

SPRING NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

17 – 19 November 2003 12 Qualifying Rounds + 4 final stanzas

	Captain's Address	Phone No.
Captain		ABF No.
Player 2		ABF No.
Player 3		ABF No.
Player 4		ABF No.
Player 5		ABF No.
Player 6		ABF No.

Entry Fee: \$460.00 per team including GST. Fee must accompany entry