



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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Wynyard Vista

This centrally-placed hotel is the sixth venue for the Spring Nationals.

The hotel's number is 9274-1222. There is a ground floor bar and one near the playing area that opens at 7.30 pm. Coffee is available, lunch menus will be provided during morning sessions. Smokers should assemble in the ground floor bar area.

Public transport is the go in the CBD, with Wynyard station 50 metres from the venue.

Travel & Subsidies

Interstate players receive subsidies equivalent to economy airfares. NSW players get bus fares. The cheques will be distributed to team captains on Saturday.

Players who have booked return flights for Sunday night and

surprise themselves by making the final will receive compensation from the ABF for rebooking costs.

Parking

We have a special arrangement with SUN parking on the corner of Kent and Margaret streets, **but not on weekends**. All day parking for \$16, evening for \$5. However, for **tonight** (Friday) you can purchase a voucher from John Mottram which will allow you to use the car park till midnight. Note that exit after 10pm is only available to voucher holders.

People in Charge

GNT Convener: John Brockwell

Tournament: Eric Ramshaw
Martin Willcox
Chris Diment

Appeals: Ivy Dahler

Director: Richard
Grenside

SNT Convener: John Mottram

GNOT Growing

Numbers in the National Final have been creeping up steadily. In 1992 there were 24, now there are 44. The target is 48. Adelaide teams have won 4 of the last 7.

- 1992 R Harms - K Hocking,
J Zollo - J Chan (SA)
- 1993 D Evans - L Bornecrantz,
T Antoff - M Lalov,
G Bilski - T Brown (NSW)
- 1994 D & S Lusk, P Hudson,
K Dyke - A Peake (SA)
- 1995 E Chadwick - D Beauchamp,
M Chadwick - K Morrison,
R Klinger - P Newman (NSW)
- 1996 S Hinge - D Smith,
C Chua - R Gallus (Vic)
- 1997 P Gue - J Chan,
G Sargent - R Januszke (SA)
- 1998 J Haffer - G Smolanko,
D Horton - P Markey (SA)

Sydney is supposed to dominate bridge and the trend is set to continue with good youngish players moving in. Take a look at the SA winners. Three Adelaide guys, Kieran Dyke, David Horton & Andrew Peake now call Sydney home.

In a way, the GNOT final Series is just another national teams event with playoff points. There are six of these critters - NOT, Surfers, Autumn Teams, VCC, GNOT & SNT, all doing well.

But the GNOT is special. It's by far the biggest, with over a thousand entries every year and it gives players the chance to compete in a national event at their local club, with gold points for each win. The Sydney Metropolitan final always attracts around 70 teams.

Olympic Fever

An "Olympic" event was held in Switzerland in September, with Juan Antonio present. Then on to the China Cup in October, with Damiani presiding. He says Bridge will be a demonstration sport in Salt Lake City in 2002 and a real event in Turin in 2006.

The China Cup starts with two "Intercontinental" Teams events (Open & Womens). Europe won the Open, the "All Stars" won the Women's.

The open pairs was IMPed across the field, Cavendish-style. Of the 32 pairs, half were Chinese, including the winners,

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

- Fri 12th GNOT starts at 10.45am at Wynyard Vista. Some teams have been seeded to 2nd round, 1.30pm start. 32-board knockout (exc Rd 1) with repechage.
- Sat 13th GNOT continues. Matches at 10am, 1.30, 3.45 and 7.30. Supper at the end. 6 teams make it through to the quarters.
- Sun 14th GNOT quarters & semis, 10am start for repechage. Congress Teams, 10am start. \$80 per team. (½ price entry for GNOT players). Provincial Pairs, 10am start (for GNOT players)

Spring National Open Teams (SNOT)

- Mon 15th SNT begins. 9-round Swiss with a final. Session times are 11.30, 3pm and 8pm. GNOT final, 10am start
- 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
Swiss Teams, 10am start.



John Mottram

Spring Nationals Convener

Fu Zhong & Ju Chuanchang. They must be good, they won last year as well. The strong field included the usual suspects – Eric Kokish, Fred Gitelman, Andrew Robson, Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester, fighting over a large prize pool. I made it US\$16,000. Naturally, Phillip Morris were sponsors.

Here's a hand from one of the China Daily Bulletins:

Hand of the Day

This hand was played eight times in 4♥, with three declarers succeeding:

E/Both ♠ 9
♥ J 6
♦ J 10 8 5 4 3
♣ Q J 5 2

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

♠ K Q J 6 5 3
♥ Q 10 3
♦ A
♣ 9 6 4

West or East declared 4♥ on a spade lead to the ace. Nearly all declarers cashed ♣A-K for a spade pitch then led a diamond to South's ace. On the next spade, most North's were able to overruff with the ♥6 and give partner a diamond ruff. A third spade meant one off.

Kokish ruffed the second spade with the ♥7, overruffed by the jack. The diamond return did him no harm. Better is for North to return a club, saddling declarer with a second diamond loser.

This was a pleasing hand for the China Editor because he got the analysis wrong, allowing him to run the story again next day, filling up another page with little effort.

Forrester pointed out that declarer still makes on the ♣Q return. He crosses to the ♥A to lead another diamond through South, protecting the K-Q from ruffs.

Kirsten Moller for the European Women's team simply played South, the overcaller, for the ♦A. She won the ♠A, cashed ♥K-A, then led a diamond up. She was the only declarer to lose a spade but ... ♣♦♥♠

If you have a story of interest, the Editor will be here much of the time or contactable on 041 487 6175. At home on 9387 6175. Best is to email: nhughes@ozemail.com.au
Or just pass your gem on to Richard, Chris, John or John.

The 44 GNOT finalists (42 last year)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA — 4 teams (4 last year)

Adelaide 1 Haffer J Markey P Nagy Z Middleton D Smolanko
Adelaide 2 Chan P Chan J Gue P Zollo J
Adelaide 3 Horowitz J Smyth D Middleton J Lorimer C
SA Provincial Trzesinski G Easley A Easley F Johns D

QUEENSLAND — 9 teams (9 last year)

Brisbane 1 Haughe B Malinas G Tully T Wallis R Hainsworth P Parker R
Brisbane 2 Robson M Lee B Jackman T Dodd D
Brisbane 3 Sear B Preece A Drake M Han J
Far North Qld Kelso I Kelso S Mann D Bowker S Bowker J
Capricornia Murray L Barry J Gibbs B Parsons B Baldry B
Wide Bay Rogers K Bell D Slade J Connolly G
Sunshine Coast Shaw E Mabin S Kelly A Dawson K
Gold Coast Steinwedel R Steinwedel L Berger E Berger T
Darling Downs Mayers A Dahler I Francis N Rowe J

NEW SOUTH WALES — 17 teams (15 last year)

Sydney 1 Kanetkar A Lazer W Robb K Browne S Gumby P Moir D
Sydney 2 Cummings V Mullamphy M Klinger R Dyke K Thomson M Newman P
Sydney 3 Walsh A McDonald B Fordham P Hughes M Neill B
Sydney 4 Folkard B Weston D Millward R Grewcock L McManus M
Sydney 5 Buchen P Evans R Reiner A Wyer P Kaplan R
Sydney 6 Morrison K Chadwick M Green M Peake A Webb A Kalnins D
Sydney 7 Nailand R Pitt H Zines D Moss T Scudder M Bloom M
Sydney 8 Wilkinson M Baker C Nunn T Coles B Crowe-Mai K Sebesfi R
Northern Rivers Brown J Askew M Hurley E Powell W
North Coast Briscoe C Cains Y Griffiths B King S
Hunter 1 Dibley C Parfait M Hardy R Seldon R McGrath P
Hunter 2 Robinson P Bowen H Atkinson J Pickles E
Central Coast Shaw S Ryan J Heyting I Heyting G Steel A
Tablelands-SC Kingston J Cowen G Rogers M Rogers M
Central-Northern Mayo G Bowman S Carter O Berry J
SW NSW Dare J Dare S Garret J Roworth R 10.45 am
Western NSW North J Peacocke N Thiem P Tarlinton P

TASMANIA — 2 teams (2 last year)

Tasmania 1 Cooper D Gibbs M Francis H Misior R Kaszubski L
Tasmania 2 Stagg R Bailey J O'Rourke B Robinson D Robertson M

ACT — 2 teams (2 last year)

ACT 1 Creet A Brightling R Dudley E McKinnon D
ACT 2 Hills R Ali H Riszko G Hurley S Jesner D Nixon R

VICTORIA — 5 teams (5 last year)

Melbourne 1 Gaspar G Richman R Sawicki H Doran M Tencer B
Melbourne 2 Snashall C Ebery J Howe B Hughes C Gold L Gallus R
Melbourne 3 Beale F Smart D McCance I Van Riel R Mill A Thompson B
Gippsland Reed S Watson C Loftus M Wagner N Banks J Steedman L
Northern Victoria Lassman J Bekessy P Roberts Z Friesen J

NORTHERN TERRITORY — 1 team (1 last year)

Lisson T Lisson D Parsons J Tutty B

WESTERN AUSTRALIA — 4 teams (4 last year)

Perth 1 Christie H Cooper R Rosendorff N Reynolds P
Perth 2 Dutton N Mervin M-F Hooykaas P Chait S
Perth 3 Nicholson G Houwen B Ingram C Tearne P
WA Country Kemp J Salmon P Rea M Duncan L