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To ALL GNOT CAPTAINS  
From John Brockwell, Convenor  
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Subject GNOT Final - Sydney – Thursday-Sunday, 9-12 Nov. 2000

## **TRAVEL**

Each team will receive a travel subsidy from the ABF for four players. Teams travelling to Sydney from interstate and from the Northern Rivers of NSW are entitled to travel by air. Players in those teams should book their travel through Corporate Traveller [Debbie Larkin; ph. (02) 8920 9555, fax (02) 8920 9544, email <Debbie\_Larkin@corptraveller.com>. Further details of Corporate Traveller may be found on the ABF Home Page, <http://www.abf.com.au>. Players should state that they are travelling to play in the GNOT Final in Sydney in which case the costs (four airfares only) will be charged to the ABF account. If for some valid reason players are unable to make use of Corporate Traveller, they should book the cheapest available economy class fares; they will be reimbursed at the tournament on Friday morning.

Sometimes in the past, players have found that they cannot return home on the flights they have booked because, perhaps unexpectedly, they qualify for the semi-finals or final, and that the airlines impose financial penalties for re-booking. The ABF will meet this contingency. Provided that a player's original return flight is the last scheduled flight from Sydney on Saturday evening 11 November, the ABF will pay any extra cost of re-booking should that player's GNOT commitments make it impossible to catch the original flight.

For teams travelling to Sydney from elsewhere in non-metropolitan New South Wales or from ACT, the subsidy will be 100% of the standard bus fare for four adults.

Where appropriate, the team captain will receive the subsidy by ABF cheque and will bear responsibility for the travel arrangements. The cheques will be distributed during the Friday of the GNOT at the venue by the GNOT Convenor. However, exceptions may be made on the grounds of financial hardship and the cheque forwarded at an earlier date provided the captain makes application to the ABF Secretariat explaining the circumstances.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Players in the GNOT are expected to make their own arrangements about accommodation.

## PLACE

The event will be held at the Wynyard Vista Hotel situated very close to Wynyard station in York Street, Sydney.

## TIME

The event commences on Thursday 9 November. There are two starting times, viz. 10.45am (for the 24 teams that **do not** have a first-round bye) and 1.30pm (for the 20 teams that **do** have a first-round bye).

Teams that have a first-round bye, i.e. start play at 1.30pm, are:

Perth 1	Melbourne 1	Sydney 1
Perth 2	Melbourne 2	Sydney 2
Adelaide 1	Hunter 1	Sydney 3
Adelaide 2	Brisbane 1	Sydney 4
Adelaide 3	Brisbane 2	Sydney 5
Tasmania 1	Far North Queensland	Sydney 6
Canberra	Darling Downs	

Teams that have no first-round bye, i.e. start play at 10.45am, are:

Perth 3	ACT Provincial	Central-Northern
WA Country	Sydney 7	Western NSW
Northern Territory	Sydney 8	South-West NSW
SA Provincial	Northern Rivers	Brisbane 3
Tasmania 2	North Coast	Capricornia
Melbourne 3	Hunter 2	Wide Bay
Gippsland	Central Coast	Sunshine Coast
Northern Victoria	Tablelands-South Coast	Gold Coast

Which teams start at which time can be confirmed from the ABF website, <http://www.abf.com.au>

## FORMAT

1. There are 44 teams. The field will be seeded taking into account form, past performance, and region of origin.
2. The event (until the semi-final stage) will be played in 16-board sets.
3. The event will commence as a knockout, the first round being of 16 boards. From each of the matches, the 12 winning teams will progress to the second knockout round and the 12 losing teams will enter the Swiss repechage.
4. The second knockout round will comprise 32 teams and will be played over 32 boards. The losers will enter the Swiss repechage.
5. The third knockout round will comprise 16 teams and will be played over 32 boards. The losers will enter the Swiss repechage.
6. The fourth knockout round will comprise eight teams and will be played over 32 boards. The losers will enter the Swiss repechage.
7. The fifth knockout round will comprise four teams and will be played over 48 boards. The winners will proceed directly to the semi-finals and the losers will proceed to the repechage playoff.
8. The repechage playoff will comprise four teams, the two losers from the fifth-round knockout and the two top teams from the Swiss. The repechage playoff will be over 20 boards and the two winning teams will proceed to the semi-finals.
9. The semi-finals will be played over 48 boards, in four 12-board sets.
10. The final will be played over 64 boards in four 16-board sets.

## **TIMETABLE Thursday-Sunday 9-12 November 2000**

THURSDAY	10.45	Knockout Round 1	Set 1
	1.30	Knockout Round 2	Sets 1 & 2
		Swiss repechage	Rnds 1 & 2
	7.30	Knockout Round 3	Sets 1 & 2
		Swiss repechage	Rnds 3 & 4
FRIDAY	10.00	Knockout Round 4	Set 1
		Swiss Repechage	Rnd 5
	1.30	Knockout Round 4	Set 2
		Swiss repechage	Rnd 6
	3.45	Knockout Round 5	Set 1
		Swiss repechage	Rnd 7
	7.30	Knockout Round 5	Sets 2 & 3
		Swiss repechage	Rnds 8 & 9
SATURDAY	9.30	Repechage Playoff	Boards 1-20
	1.00	Semi-finals	Boards 1-24
	7.00	Semi-finals	Boards 25-48
SUNDAY	10.00	Final	Boards 1-16
	by	Final	Boards 17-48
	agreement	Final	Boards 49-64

## **SYSTEMS REGULATIONS**

Regulations pertaining to systems will be different depending upon whether your team is playing in the knockout phase of the event or in the Swiss repechage.

1. Knockout regulations. YELLOW systems will be permitted in all the knockout phases except knockout rounds 1 and 2. Pairs playing YELLOW systems must submit a concise summary, typed or written in black ink on one side of one sheet of A4 paper to the Chief Tournament Director (Richard Grenside) by 1.30pm on 9 November 2000. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of the system.
2. Repechage regulations. YELLOW systems will not be permitted in this phase of the event.

## **SCORING**

Knockout matches will be scored by IMPs. The 12 first-round losers will enter the Swiss with a score of 0 VPs. Teams subsequently entering the Swiss after being knocked out will be allocated the same score; that is, the score of the leading team, or 80% of the available VPs to date, whichever is lower.

## **HOSPITALITY**

There will be a small function at close of play on Friday evening 10 November.

## **AUSTRALIAN PROVINCIAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

This event will be staged on Saturday 11 November as part of the qualifying sessions for the Dick Cummings Pairs. Thus, it will be a 2-session pairs event. Pairs that have played in the GNOT representing country regions,

the Northern Territory and Tasmania, that have been eliminated, and then play in the Dick Cummings Pairs will automatically be regarded as eligible for the Australian Provincial Pairs Championship. A trophy will be awarded to the winning pair.