



Spring Nationals Bulletin

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Top four on top

With three matches to go, the four highest seeds in the Women's Teams have skipped nicely clear. Teams 1 & 2 had a draw last night while 3 & 4 do battle this morning.

The leading two after nine rounds will play off for the title tomorrow morning.

If you miss out, fish around for partners for tomorrow's Congress Teams, starting at 10am.

As expected, the box for Bulletin articles was empty, not a sausage. Don't feel guilty. It's not you, it's me.

What's best here?

SNWT, Match 4, Bd 7

S/Both ♠ A Q 7 6 5
♥ 8 6 4
♦ A 6 2
♣ 9 2

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

♠ K 8
♥ A K 9
♦ K J 10 7
♣ A K 10 5

It's plausible to reach 6NT after

South opens 2NT but only *Deep Finesse* would make it. The problem is that there is no second entry to dummy to repeat the diamond finesse. Okay, East is squeezed in three suits but that's obscure.

6♠ is much better and makes because North can ruff a club to repeat the diamond finesse. It's hard to mispick it because ♦Qxxx with West is no use to you.

Best of all is 6♦, as found by Wendi Halvorsen and Kinga Moses. Datum was +760 NS.

SNWT, Match 4, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ 8 6
♥ K
♦ Q J 10 8 3 2
♣ 9 7 3 2

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

♠ K J 5 3
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ A 9 5
♣ A K

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
No No No 2NT
No 3NT End

Datum was +510 NS which suggests that most Wests led a

SpNWT after 6 of 9 Rnds

1st	3	Travis	122
2nd	4	Hoffman	119
3rd	2	Stern	116
4th	1	Bourke	114
5th	32	Wyer	106
6th	7	Moses	105
7th	8	Kaplan	103
8th	17	Rickard	95
9th	11	Neumann	93
10th	12	Watts	93

Entry - 33 teams (32 last year)

spade. The winning heart lead is safe and constructive. This time it's lucky as well.

A spade lead is asking for a lot. Even if we swap the ♦A and ♦K, a spade lead is still no good.

Did you bid this one?

SNWT, Match 6, Bd 6

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

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♥ No 1♠ No
?

3♥ isn't enough and partner will pass 4♥. Okay 3♣ will work but you're lucky to catch good heart support.

All this means that the hand is too strong to open 1♥. A Benjamin 2♣ is ideal. If you don't have that, try 2♣ GF on this 3-loser hand. What did people do?

Bleat

The SpNOT starts at 1.15 on Monday, same as last year. This means finishing day one at midnight for a 10am start the next day. Is this sensible?

There was a plan to move the start forward slightly to 12.30, a small step in the right direction.

The start time should be 10am on every day. People from Melbourne or Newcastle should fly/drive the night before and fork out an extra \$80 for another night in Bondi.

Arrive on Sunday morning, spend a leisurely day near the beach, have friendly meal with the team (before the recriminations fly), then appear fresh at the table next morning.

In Canberra, the last day of the

Spring National Women's Teams (SpNWT) 9 x 20 bds

Sat 9th SNWT 7-9 10am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Sun 10th 7 Round Congress Teams, 10am start. \$100 per team
(SNWT final from 9am, start time to be confirmed)

Spring National Open Teams (SpNOT) 12 x 16 bds

Mon 11th SNOT 1-4 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm

Tue 12th SNOT 4-6 10am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm

Wed 13th SNOT 7-9 10am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm

Thur 14th Mission Australia Pro-Am IMP Pairs, 10am start
(SNOT final from 9am, start time to be confirmed)

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

Fri 15th Qual 10.30am - 11.30pm
(some teams start with byes)

Sat 16th Qual 10am - 11.30 (80 boards!)

Sun 17th Semis from 9am
(also Provincial Pairs)

Mon 18th GNOT final at Double Bay Bridge Club, from 9am

SWPT starts at 10am, after another midnight finish the night before.

This allows players to hightail it out of Canberra and be home in Sydney or Melbourne in time for a nightcap.

Organisers should support the local tourist scene by encouraging people to turn up early and linger a while after their final scoreup.

Lunch menus

Menus will be provided during morning sessions for collection before 12.30. Coffee is available, including cappuccinos etc. There is a bar on the ground floor.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. A procedural penalty of 3 VPs (or 9 IMPs) applies.

There have been a few fines. This is surprising, since I presume the directors have been announcing this fact at the start of each match ...

It's akin to warning European tourists about crocodile infested rivers.

Another Montreal hand

Dhondy (England) trailed the Austrian holders by 15 IMPs the halfway stage of their round of sixteen match, but they turned the match around in the second half and eventually won comfortably by 48 IMPs.

S/EW	♠ A		
	♥ 9		
	♦ A10762		
	♣ AK9762		
♠ KJ632		♠ Q95	
♥ KQJ73		♥ 654	
♦ K9		♦ QJ854	
♣ 3		♣ 54	
	♠ 10874		
	♥ A1082		
	♦ 3		
	♣ QJ108		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G'field	W'kricht	Brunner	Terraneo
			No
1♠	2NT	No	5♣
End			

Open Room			
Erhart	Dhondy	S'revac	Smith
			No
1♠	2NT	No	4♣
4♥	4♠	No	6♣
End			

After the ♥K lead both declarers

made thirteen tricks by ruffing four diamonds in hand, but that was 11 IMPs to DHONDY.

Always tough when you have a singleton in one of partner's suits.

Short Restaurant Review

Fiorini's - Give it a miss.

Please help the out-of-towners by telling them the best places to eat. Even better, plonk a review in the Bulletin box.

Feel like a stroll?

If you have free time in the next few days, take the coastal walk from Bondi to Bronte to check out the *Sculptures by the Sea*.

Charity Pro-Am IMP Pairs

for Mission Australia

This will be held next Thursday, 10am start, with 3 x 16-board matches. Scores will be IMPed against the Closed Room results from the SpNOT final.

News Clippings

- UN backs Iraq resolution
- Bali bombings "aimed at Americans"
- NSW firefighters brace for "worst possible" weather
- England takes 2nd day honours at the Gabba.

Two weak jokes

- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist do you get repossessed?

Congress Teams

This Sunday, 10am.

\$100 entry per team, usual 7-round Swiss.

To enter, ring Frank on 9958

4281 or email him:

budai@all.com.au

Butler Results

The trend in major events overseas is to run Butler scores in parallel with teams events, making full use of the data.

This year there are datum sheets on each table, meaning Martin's crew had to enter 640 scores for each match. Bet he can't wait to try it in Canberra.

After 5 rounds:

1st	J Cormack - C Rothfield	+139
2nd	S Bird - K Creet	+116
3rd	M Scudder - I Glander	+98
4th	H Hutton - D Neumann	+97
5th	V Cummings - C Feitelson	+94
6th	L Kalmin - E Urbach	+81
7th	F Beale - D Smart	+78
8th	M Bourke - S Weal	+57
9th	P Rickard - M Reid	+56
10=	K Neale - C Herden	+55
10=	K Moses - W Halvorsen	+55

Moderately interesting reading.

Was that an earthquake yesterday?

Probably not but Jane Rasmussen checked with Chris anyway "Did the earth just move?"

To which Chris replied "It always does when I look at you."



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What happened?

If you have a story of interest, the Editor will be here much of the time or contactable on 9365 9934 (Hakoah Bridge Club) or 0414 876 175 or nhughes@bigpond.net.au.

Or just fill out a *What Happened* form and drop it in the bulletin box or hand it to Sean, Frank or Chris.