



# Spring Nationals on Real Bridge

## 14-24 October 2021



**1** Thursday 14 August

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### Welcome

It's been two long years since the last Spring Nats.

We were expecting to be back at Canterbury Racecourse by now, but a national event on RealBridge is a fine alternative.

We will miss having cards in our hands and chatting with friends about enemies but there are real compensations.

Convener Ian Lisle lists a few:

- No travel costs or parking problems
- Private food and beverage service
- Personal bar tab after the game
- No accommodation costs for interstate or country players

Another "benefit", compared to face-to-face, comes courtesy of The Police:

*Every breath you take  
And every move you make  
Every bond you break  
Every step you take  
I'll be watching you*

Not me of course. It's your partner who will be able to sift through your actions. Indefinitely.

### Real Bridge tips

You are required to keep your camera and microphone active at all times. (Having said that, some people have intermittent connection or hardware issues, so you might not see or hear them)

It's fine to mute yourself, to reduce environmental sound effects. Just remember to unmute to answer a question. "You're on mute!"

You can do the same to an opponent, or both if they go in for lengthy post mortems.

Post your system card at the start of each match. A basic minimum would be something like:

2/1, 15-17, 1♣ = 2+ transfer responses, 2♦ multi, UDCA, 4ths.

You would like to add more but not too much. The problem is the RealBridge chat format, which compresses text into one big clump, obscuring details.

### Margaret Bourke Teams

There were 30 teams in this invitational event, half from overseas.

Winners were

Sophie Ashton - Maurits van der Vlugt  
Dave Wiltshire - Ellena Moskovsky  
Sartaj Hans - Avi Kanetkar

Here is a hand from an early match, against an Indonesian team:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wiltshire	Asbi	Moskovsky	Bojoh
1♣	no	2♣ <sup>A</sup>	no
2NT	no	3♦	no
3♣	no	5NT	no
6♣	end		

Not a great spot. North led a heart. Wiltshire picked up South's ♠Q, stripped the majors, then led a diamond to dummy's 10 and South's king.

On the forced ♦7 return, declarer had to guess whether to play eight or jack and went with the odds, slotting the ♦8 for one off.

There was a consolation event - the Ted Chadwick Cup - for the teams that didn't make the semis, won by

Tadashi Teramoto - Hiroshi Kaku  
Kazuo Furuta - Hiroki Yokoi  
Kyoko Shimamura - Masaaki Takayama



### Timetable

#### Open & Intermediate Tms

**Thu** 10.30 2 x 12 bds  
14 2.15 2 x 12 bds

**Fri** 10.30 2 x 12 bds  
15 2.15 2 x 12 bds

Top four (in Open) to semis on Saturday, 10.30 start.

#### Dick Cummings Pairs & Ted Chadwick Nov/Rstr

Enter before 7pm Friday  
Matchpoints converted to VPs

**Sat** 10.30 2 x 10 bds  
16 1.30 3 x 10 bds

**Sun** 10.30 2 x 10 bds  
17 1.30 3 x 10 bds

#### Open & Novice Swiss Prs

**Wed** 10.30 3 x 8 bds  
20 2pm 3 x 8 bds

#### Mixed Teams

**Fri** 10.30 2 x 12 bds  
22 2.15 2 x 12 bds

**Sat** 10.30 2 x 12 bds  
23 2.15 2 x 12 bds

#### Penline Swiss Pairs & Two Men & a Truck Pairs

**Sat** 10.30 3 x 8 bds  
23 2pm 3 x 8 bds

#### NSWBA Jacaranda Tms

**Sun** 10.30 3 x 8 bds  
24 2.15 3 x 8 bds

## Looking back

We all met at Canterbury Racecourse in November 2019. Here are some results:

### Open Teams (68 teams)

Ian Thomson - Ron Klinger  
Paul Dalley - Ashley Bach

### Cummings Open Pairs (127 prs)

Sartaj Hans - Avinash Kanetkar

### Women's Teams (22 teams)

Marianne Bookallil - Jodi Tutty  
Sophie Ashton - Lauren Travis

### Seniors' Teams (16 teams)

Peter Buchen - George Smolanko  
David Beauchamp - Mike Hughes  
Ian Thomson - Ron Klinger

Concerning these last two, the NSWBA Events Committee firmly believes that players do not want to sit in front of a computer for 10-14 days straight to play bridge.

Hence a decision was made to space out the events and to offer those we thought would attract the biggest entries. Both Seniors' and Women's events have been declining in popularity, even as f2f events, and have limited fields.

Note that the top women's teams in the Open Teams can earn play-off points.

## Tournament Officials

### Convener

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Basically, I will be perusing the boards after the day's play, looking for noteworthy results, guessing about the meanings of bids and plays.

If your partner or one of your opponents does something interesting, please text or email the details to me.



## UNDOS

There seem to be more mis-clicks with RealBridge as compared to BBO, particularly if you are playing on a tablet. (Get a laptop!)

You can minimise this by choosing the option to confirm bids and plays, though that is cumbersome.

By all means request an Undo for a misclick and call the director if your opponents reject. Just don't make a habit of it.

## Alerts

Just click the **<Alert>** strip and wait. Any alerted bids will show a red shading.

Alerting is the same as face-to-face, so alert partner's artificial and unusual calls but not doubles, cuebids or calls beyond 3NT. (With some in this last group you would offer to explain at the end of the auction, if your side is declaring)

## Online results

Results on the RealBridge website are provisional only. The official results for the competition will be at [www.abfevents.com.au/events/results/reults.asp?yr=2021&dir=sn](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/results/reults.asp?yr=2021&dir=sn)

The first round draw in the teams events will be random.

Some recent ABF results ...

## Canberra in Bloom

Open Pairs

Mohamed Ghatwari & Leo Saoud

Open Teams

Garry Clarke - Sally Clarke

Karen Creet - Anita Curtis

Mixed Teams

Chris Quail - Julia Hoffman

Pam Crichton - Ross Crichton

## Cash Prizes

A plus for running events online is saving money on stuff like venue hire, board dealing, transport, equipment and extra staff.

A good chunk of that saving has been diverted to cash prizes, with particular thanks to our generous sponsors.

TBIB sponsor the Open Teams.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Open Tms	800	600	300	300
Mixed Teams	600	440	240	
Cummings Prs	480	240	160	120
Butler Swiss	300	180	120	60
Penline Swiss	200	120	60	
Jacaranda	480	240	120	
Interm Teams	200*	100*		

\* plus \$30 pp Bridgegear vouchers



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## PENLINE®

1st & 2nd in the **Ted Chadwick Pairs** receive Bridgegear vouchers and subscriptions to AB Magazine. 1st also get free entry to the Gold Coast Pairs. 1st & 2nd get free entry to Tasmanian Festival Pairs.



1st & 2nd in the three categories of the **Two Men and a Truck Pairs** get Bridgegear and AB vouchers.



## Meanwhile in America

They are back to face-to-face over there. Their major events are run on LoveBridge, featuring screens and four people at the table, each with a tablet for bids, play and chat. Try <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com>