#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS 22/24 Aberystwyth Congress TUI.Y BBL SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS 25/29 AUGUST BBL JUNIOR TRIALS Closing Date for CAMROSE TRIALS Closing Date for GOLD CUP, WELSH CUP CAMBRIA CUP, LADIES WELSH CUP, MENS TEAMS 3/4 SEPTEMBER WELSH FOURSOMES - PORTHCAWL BBL ISLE OF MAN CONGRESS Harold Griffiths Cup - NORTH 17/18 CAMROSE TRIAL 1 23/25 Lampeter Congress OCTOBER SAGA PAIRS QUALIFIER - Swansea Bridge Club Closing Date for YOUNG PLAYERS CUP EXECUTIVE MEETING - HEREFORD LADIES WELSH CUP - Commodore Hotel MENS TEAMS Llandrindod Wells Area Finals - Mens & Ladies Pairs - EAST YOUNG PLAYERS CUP - South Glam. B.C. WEST Area Final - Mens & Ladies Pairs - NORTH Vince Bevan Trophy - WEST 27/30 PORTHCAWL CONGRESS Closing Date for International Masters CAMROSE TRIAL II NOVEMBER Valance Cup - Individual - NORTH Teams of 8 (Restricted) EAST LLANGOLLEN CONGRESS 11/13 CAMROSE TRIAL III/JUNIOR TRIAL 19/20 WBU SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS 25/26 BBL SWISS TRAMS - LLANGOLLEN NORTHERN AREA MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES FROM THOSE

# SHOWN ON FIXTURE CARD

Harold Griffiths Cup - Area Teams - 10/11 September 1988 Area Final - National Open Pairs - 22nd January 1989 Laszlo Gup - 21st May Wartski Cup - 30th April

#### THE WELSH BRIDGE UNION NEWSLETTER

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### WALES WINS THE LADY MILNE TROPHY

After a number of years of disappointing results in international matches Wales can now celebrate success. The Welsh Ladies Team won the Lady Milne Trophy on 4th/5th June 1988 at the Mill Hotel. Sudbury. Suffolk, in convincing style.

The Welsh team went into the lead on Saturday afternoon, by winning all three matches, and maintained their lead throughout the weekend, although Scotland were in contention. The two teams played one another in the final ten board match with Wales 21 VPs ahead, so Wales had to obtain at least 5VPs from the match. They handsomely beat Scotland 24-6 to win by a large margin, beating all the teams in their matches against them and the final result was:

172 (51-39 v Eng. 65-24 v NI. 56-34 v Scot.) Scotland 133 (53-34 v Eng. 46-44 v NI. 34-56 v Wales England 131 (58-30 v NI. 34-53 v Scot. 39-51 v Wales N. Ireland 98 (30-58 v Eng. 44-46 v Scot. 24-65 v Wales

Excellent team spirit was an important factor, and all the players, Jill Casey, Ann Hirst, Diane Kurbalija, Jean & Jessie Newton, Maggie Pierce and John Poole as non-playing captain played their part in achieving success.

Wales first won the Lady Milne Trophy in 1967 in Llandudno, and the same team won again in Perth in 1968, but the best results obtained since then have been a number of seconds, so it has taken 20 years to regain the trophy and we can be justly proud that we have succeeded.

## NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S REPORT

## 1. Team Competitions

Entries for the Gold Cup, Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup, Mens Teams, and Ladies Welsh Cup competitions close on the 31st August 1988. Please send entries on the official form together with the correct remittance as soon as possible.

#### 2. Saga Pairs Event

This will be held on 1st October at Swansea Bridge Club. Will all competitors please note that the starting time will be 1 p.m.

#### 3. Club Teams of 8

The first ever National Teams of 8 Final was won convincingly by South Glamorgan A. South Glamorgan 1 finished 2nd with Rhiwbina 3rd. A clean sweep for the East Wales clubs.

4. Advance notice is hereby given that the Graded Master Pairs will not be held in Porthcawl this coming year.

A venue as close as possible to Porthcawl is still being sought and this will be announced in the next newsletter.

## 5. The Young Players Cup

The Young Players Cup will be held on Saturday, 22nd October at South Glamorgan Bridge Club. Closing date for entries is 1st October 1988.

## 6. Mens Teams and Ladies Welsh Cup

N.B. The date is 8th/9th October (not 15th/16th as stated in the last newsletter.

## RESULTS

PERRY SHIELD - Winners - NORTH 43 VP (Jessie & Jean Newton
RAST 39 VP John Salibury S Edwards
WEST 26 VP Bob Graham A Stephenson)

SPICKETT BOWL - Winners- EAST 43 VP (Jill Casey Maggie Pierce WEST 36 VP G Clench S Haworth NORTH 29 VP S Harper L Scott)

## CAMBRIA CUP

Bob Graham, Jessie Newton, Chris Pope, Andrew Protheroe

### SELECTION TO REPRESENT WALES IN INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

The following programme was decided by the Selectors at their policy meeting on Thursday, 14th July 1988:-

#### CAMROSE

(1) The 3 trial weekends will be used. All applications for a place in the trials to be sent to the Secretary, Mrs M P Aherne, 19 Penygraig, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, CF4 6ST, in writing, by 27th August 1988. No other applications will be considered. If an acknowledgment is required a stamped addressed envelope is to be enclosed. Any information in support of an application will be carefully considered by the Selectors.

Trial weekends - 17th/18th September 1988 5th/6th November 1988 19th/29th November 1988

- (2) All applicants will be contacted by 5th September 1988 and details of trials fomat will then be given.

  Successful applicants will be sent a system sheet which must be completed and returned to the Secretary with acceptance slip.
- (3) All trialists must be available for the 3 weekends.
- (4) First trial at South Glamorgan Bridge Club.

# JUNIOR CAMPOSE

Applications, in writing, to the Secretary by 4th November 1988.

Dr. Simon Richards has been appointed Junior Co-ordinator. His address is 22 Forrest Road, Cardiff. Tel: Cardiff 226311

# LADY MILNE

The Selectors are delighted to announce that the successful Lady Milne Trophy Team will be invited to defend the trophy in 1989.

A mini-trial will be held on 15th/16th April 1989 to select a reserve pair. Applications, in writing, to the Secretary by 28th January 1989.