

Forthcoming events

DECEMBER

- 11th Executive, Hereford
31st Schools entries to NTO

JANUARY

- 14/15th Wales v. Scotland, Perth
18th Entries close, Graded Pairs
21/22nd Junior Home Internationals at
South Glamorgan B.C., Cardiff

FEBRUARY

- 4/5th Graded Pairs, Manor Suite, Coney Beach
11/12th Wales v. England, Hand Hotel, Llangollen
18/19th Lady Milne Trial
25/26th International Masters (Welsh) at SGBC

MARCH

- 4th Executive, Hereford
10/11th East Wales Congress, Cwmbran
17/18th Wales v. N. Ireland (away)
24/25th Mixed Pairs Final (North)

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Editorial

Most bridge-players are unaware of the politics of world bridge. Bridge has a proud record of bringing hostile countries together at the table. Egypt played Israel before the Sadat initiative. China has played Taiwan. But the main issue in bridge for 1983 internationally has been the debate about the presence of South Africa at World Championships.

Bridge is one of very few sports or pasttimes where S.A. is still officially eligible. (Chess banned them a few years ago.) An increasing number of countries have felt that either their Govt or their consciences would not allow them to participate in an event where South Africa had an official team. But the American Contract Bridge League were strong advocates of the view that S.A. be allowed to play and those who did not like it should opt out. The arrival of China in 1982 into world bridge was a balancing factor for the World Bridge Federation. In March Mexico, the chosen site for the 1984 Olympiad, would not give visa guarantees for S.A. or Taiwan. The ACBL then changed the site to Seattle. The WBF then asked its eighty member countries to vote on the issue of whether S.A. should be invited to Seattle. By 54 to 11 the vote was: do not invite. (The USA and BBL voted for S.A.) But this vote could only be implemented by an amendment to the WBF Constitution needing a two-thirds majority of the Executive. Following six months active lobbying it became clear that the issue would be decided by one vote. A major split between the WBF and its largest member seemed likely. The vote was scheduled for the 23rd September in Stockholm. After some prodigious behind-the-scenes arm-twisting, a telegram arrived a few hours before the the fateful meeting was due to start. South Africa said they would not come to Seattle. The politicians heaved a corporate sigh of relief. The issue has been postponed for two years.

Have a Happy Christmas and may at least half your fineses succeed in 1984.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. **GOLD CUP** The final of the Welsh section of the Gold Cup is between R.G. UPTON (Jourdain, Hirst, D. McAndrew, A. G. Pierce) and R. GRAHAM (Dean, Mr & Mrs Dutton).

2. **WELSH CUP** 45 teams entered. The preliminary rounds are in Areas. The open draw for the quarter-finals will be sent to Captains.

3. **CAMBRIA CUP** 24 teams entered.

4. **VENUES** The following venues have been booked:
Graded Masters 4/5th Feb Manor Suite, Coney Beach, Porthcawl
International Masters (Welsh) 25/26th Feb South Glamorgan B.C.
National Mixed Pairs Final 24/25th March Hand, Llangollen
Portland Pairs (BBL Mixed) 31 Mar/1st Apr Commodore, Cwmbran

5. **YOUNG PLAYERS PAIRS** Owing to a clash with the Manchester University Congress the Young Players has been postponed to Sunday, 19th February at the South Glamorgan B.C., Cardiff.

6. **EAST WALES CONGRESS** This will again be held at the Gwent Civic Suite near Cwmbran on 10/11th March 1984. Brochures and entry forms from your bridge club or from Miss N. Gibbon, 26 Fairwood Rd., Llandaff, Cardiff Tel: 561694

Selectors' Report

1. **CAMROSE** The results of the first weekend of the Welsh Trials held on 15/16th October were:
1. Upton, Jourdain
2. A. Pierce, W. Casey. 3. D. Hamilton, F. Kurbalija
Eight pairs were invited to proceed to the second trial held on 5/6th November. The results were:
1. Upton, Jourdain
2. Graham, Poole 3. Hirst, McAndrew 4. Martin, Pilborough
The first three pairs have been invited to represent Wales v. Scotland on 14/15th January at the Station Hotel, Perth Tel: (0738) 24141 with P. Griffiths as non-playing captain. The fourth pair are the reserves.

2. **JUNIORS** The results of the trial held on 5/6th Nov were:
1. M. Pownall, J. Parkin 2. A. Maddocks, Bryn Harries
3. S. Daniel A. Hogg (Barry) 4. Miss K. Edwards, S. Edwards (Wrexham). The first two have been selected. Third pair to be announced.

3. **LADY MILNE** The trials will be held on 18/19th February. Venue to be announced. All names should by now have been submitted to the selectors.

4. **WALES v. ENGLAND** This match will be 11/12th February at the Hand Hotel, Llangollen.

General News

1. **BBL TRIALS** R. G. Upton & P. D. Jourdain have been nominated as reserve pair for the 12 pair British trials. Mrs J. Newton, Miss J. Newton, Mrs J. Casey, and Mrs M. Pierce have been invited to take part in the Ladies Trials.

2. **BBL SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS** In the event held in October W.A. Casey & A. G. Pierce were sixth from over 3000 pairs.

3. **JUNIOR HOME INTERNATIONALS** These are being held in Wales for the first time for four years. The venue is the South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Cardiff and the date 21/22nd, January. Teams from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (who have been missing in recent years) will take part. Jim Mason who has represented the Welsh Junior team on past occasions has now been selected for England.

4. **BBL SECRETARY** The post of Secretary/Treasurer of the British Bridge League falls vacant 1st July 1984. The post is part-time with an honorarium. Applications to: D. Absalom, Hurnford, Hurnford Close, Sanderstead CR2 0AN to arrive not later than 31st December, 1983.

Results of WBU Events

WELSH FOURSOMES R. G. Upton, P.D. Jourdain, G.E. Needham, J. Salisbury (Cardiff).

LADIES WELSH CUP Mesdames P. Watkins, I. Weaver, M. Pierce, J. Casey (Newport, Barry, & Cwmbran). 2nd: Mesdames Nixon, Warburton, Dennison, and Williams.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS (Open) G. Needham W. O. Davies (Cardiff) 2nd J. Fine, D. Ronson (Cardiff).

WBU SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS Mr & Mrs L. Parrish (Llandrindod Wells) There was a record entry of 389 pairs.

BBL SWISS TEAMS Llangollen Barton, Klien, Bell, Roberts 2nd Holland, Miss Brunner, Mr & Mrs Goldenfield (Manchester)

North Wales

LLANGOLLEN CONGRESS Ladies Mrs Kay, Mrs Dumbleton (Manchester) Mens F. Kurbalija, M. Jackson (Cardiff & Aberdeen) Mixed Teams Mr & Mrs Pierce, R. Upton, G. Kirby (Barry, Cardiff, Lancashire) Championship Pairs: M.N. Hirst, P. D. Jourdain (Cardiff); Consolation Pairs: J. Thacker, D. Birt (Cardiff); Teams: G. Endicott, D. Stevenson, Dr & Mrs Keen (Lancashire); Consolation: P.Laddin, Geoff Evans, G.Holman, Sharp (Cardiff)

West Wales

CLUB TEAMS-of-EIGHT South Glamorgan B.C. 2nd Swansea