

Forthcoming events

MARCH

- 4th Executive, Hereford
- 10/11th East Wales Congress, Cwmbran
- 17/18th Camrose v. N.Ireland, Templepatrick
- 24/25th Mixed Pairs Final, Llangollen

APRIL

- 31/1st Portland Pairs, Cwmbran
- 7/ 8th Mens/Ladies Pairs Final, Raglan
- 15th Ladies Trial
- 28/29th National Pairs Final, Pembroke Dock

MAY

- 9th BBL Simultaneous Pairs, Clubs
- 12/13th Webber Final, Porthcawl

JUNE

- 2/ 3rd Lady Milne
- 9/10th Perry Shield, Spickett Bowl, Llangollen
Annual General Meeting, Royal Hotel
- 22/24th Rhyl Congress

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Editorial

Rewriting a constitution is a wearing task. There have been many criticisms of the existing Welsh Bridge Union constitution: frequent lack of clarity on important issues causes lengthy arguments whenever the contentious point is raised; there are occasional logical inconsistencies; time has overtaken some items (how many know of the Welsh Patron, or of the bankruptcy clause for Council members?); and established practice within the Union conflicts in several cases with the Constitution.

More than one attempt to re-write the Constitution has been made but foundered on the same rock: the reviser has included at least one amendment opposed strongly by significant factions within the Union. It is much easier to defeat amendments than to carry them, and the whole exercise has fallen at the same moment.

This time around the Union has made a greater effort to achieve harmony. Two years ago a sub-committee was appointed with representatives from each Area to propose a new Constitution which had a healthy chance of support from all parts of Wales. The first draft suffered over a hundred adjustments before the sub-committee felt able to submit to Council and the Area Committees. Over the intervening year many more revisions were made. Then at its December meeting the Council agreed the wording for submission to members.

As far as members are concerned the main changes are:
to define the act of club affiliation (not mentioned in the current Constitution yet it is a foundation of the Union);
to simplify the eligibility rules for membership (in future anyone could apply; those who do not belong to an affiliated club would apply direct to the WBU Secretary);
to make the rules regarding subs conform with established practice; and
to tighten the rules on selector eligibility (a selector will not be permitted to represent Wales in the same season.)

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. GOLD CUP The winners of the Welsh section were: R.G. Upton, P.D. Jourdain, M.N. Hirst, D. McAndrew, A.G. Pierce, W.A. Casey. In the first round in England this team is drawn against the seeded team of A. Forrester, A. Calderwood, G. Kirby, J. Armstrong, K. Stanley, R. Smolski. The match will be played at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club in Cardiff on 13th April.

2. WELSH CUP The draw for the quarter-final is: Upton v. Graham; Alderdice v. Webster, Martin v. Jourdain; Haworth v. Isaac. First named team is at home, matches to be played by 1st April, 1984.

3. PORTLAND PAIRS The entry fee is £7 per partnership with table money of about £4.50 per person at the venue. Entries to the T.O. (see front of Newsletter).

4. VENUES The venues for forthcoming Welsh events are:

Mixed Pairs	Hand Hotel, Llangollen
Portland Pairs	Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran
Mens/Ladies	Beaufort Arms Hotel, Raglan
National Pairs	Cleddau Bridge Hotel, Pembroke
Webber Cup	Porthcawl Pavilion
Ferry, Spickett	Royal Hotel, Llangollen.

5. GENERAL Home Captains are reminded that it is customary for the home team to bear the expenses incurred in playing a cup match. This does not apply to a half-way venue - see Rule 6.

Selectors' Report

1. CAMROSE Wales lost 10-26 to Scotland and 4-32 to England. The current table reads: England 61, Scotland 50, Northern Ireland 19, Wales 14. The team selected for the final match against Northern Ireland at the Chimney Corners Hotel, Templepatrick on March 17/18th is: R.G. Upton, P.D. Jourdain; A. G. Pierce, W.A. Casey; G. Martin, J. Pilborough. NPC P.E. Griffiths.

2. JUNIORS The Home Internationals were held at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club in Cardiff in January. The results were: 1. England 77, 2. Scotland 60, 3. Wales 57, 4. Northern Ireland 22. The team representing Wales was: J. Parkin, M. Pownall (Bangor); B. Harries, A. Maddocks (Cardiff); K. Edwards, S. Edwards (Wrexham); NPC P. Griffiths.

3. LADIES The result of the Ladies Trials held on 18/19th February was: 1. Mrs P. Watkins, Ms D. Harries (Newport); 2. Mrs B. Wood, Mrs J. Rattray (Penarth); 3. Mrs S. Crampton, Mrs M. Williams (Porthcawl). A further trial for 15th April was announced.

General News

1. SOBRANIE REGIONAL Two teams from thirty-four qualified for the next round from the regional in Newport. Neither was Welsh. The winner was Langport, Somerset.

2. TABLE OFFER A special offer on bridge tables at £28 + VAT is currently available from: Tom Smart (Reproductions) & Co. Cradley Heath 67785.

3. EBU LADIES PAIRS Mrs J. Newton & Miss J. Newton achieved third place.

4. DAILY MAIL SCHOOLS CUP Lampeter Comprehensive and Barry Boys, by virtue of their leading places in the Welsh Bowman Trophy qualify for the British Regional Final at Bristol B.C. on 17th March.

5. NEWSLETTER With the next Newsletter your Editor will have completed a three year stint and he has conveyed to Council his intention of relinquishing the task. Applications are invited from members prepared to do the job. There is some remuneration.

Results of WBU Events

GRADED PAIRS Section 1: 1. R. G. Upton, P.D. Jourdain. 2. G. Martin, J. Pilborough.
Section 2: 1. A. Best, P. Sumption; 2. I. Weaver, P. Watkins.
Section 3: 1. F. Kurbalija, G. Lloyd-Lewis; 2. R. Slape, R. Thomas.
Section 4: 1. E. Malam, R. Radford; 2. Harris, Brooke.
Section 5: 1. M. Davies, L. Rapi; 2. P. Millar, T. Reddy.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS (WELSH) 1. L. Sheridan, M. Baker. 2. J. Salisbury, M. D. Tedd.

FLITCH Simultaneous 1. Mr & Mrs R. Scott (Bridgend); 2. Mr & Mrs A. G. Pierce (South Glam); 3. Mr & Mrs J. Whitelock (South Pems).

SCHOOLS 1. Lampeter 2. Barry Boys. 3. Maridunum, Carmarthen.

YOUNG PLAYERS PAIRS 1. A. Ratcliff, M. Downey (Barry); 2. J. Parkin, S. Williams (Bangor); 3. A. Scott, G. Scott (Lampeter).

WEST WALES

Mixed Pairs: G. Martin, Mrs J. Gill
Teams: T. Isaac, H. Leach, M. Baker, J. Seal.

EAST WALES

Mixed Pairs: M. N. Hirst, Dr A. Hirst.
National Pairs (Area Final): Adrian Thomas, Geoff Evans.
Mens Pairs: Y. Read, R. Wiltshire
Ladies Pairs: E. Keogh, Ruth Smith.
Area Pairs: M.N. Hirst, G. Holman.
Herbert Thomas Teams: Mr & Mrs B. Goddard, B. Waite, D. Francis.