

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY** 21 YOUNG PLAYERS CUP & SGBC
22 EXECUTIVE MEETING - HEREFORD
- MARCH** 1 EAST & WEST Area Final - Mens & Ladies Pairs
1st week Empathy Ladies Pairs
7/8 Eastern Area Congress - Cwmbran
14/15 NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS FINAL - Hand, Llangollen
20 Closing date for PORTLAND PAIRS entries
21/22 CAMROSE v N. IRELAND - Wynnstay, Wrexham
28/29 PORTLAND PAIRS - Commodore, Cwmbran
- APRIL** 1 Webber entries to NTO
4/ 5 NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS FINAL - Dragon, Swanses
5 Herbert Thomas Cup - East
8 B.B.L. SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS
11/12 Lady Milne Trials (Prov.)
23/26 WBU SPRING CONGRESS - Hand Hotel, LLANGOLLEN
- MAY** 3 Louis Lermon Cup - EAST
Wartski Cup - NORTH
Vince Bevan Trophy - WEST
4 Llanelli One-Day Congress
9/10 WEBBER CUP - Porthcawl Pavilion
16/17 NATIONAL MENS/LADIES PAIRS FINAL - East
24 Laszlo Cup - NORTH - Plas Tan y Bwlch
29/31 Tenby Congress

WESTERN AREA RESULTS

Ossie Evans Cup (Mixed Pairs) - N Gable Mrs M Williams
Mixed Pairs Area Final - Mr & Mrs L. Sheridan
Laidlaw Murray Cup - K Pratt Mrs D Clare Mr & Mrs F Hyatt
National Open Pairs Area Final - T J Isaac H Leach

NORTHERN AREA

Mixed Pairs Area Final - Arthur White Cup - Mr & Mrs J Salaman
National Open Pairs Area Final - Mrs M Pitts D Debbage

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Editorial:

The WBU Spring Green Point Congress in the north has been moved to the popular venue of the Hand Hotel, Llangollen, April 23/26, so why not pay a visit to Llangollen, at it's best, in the spring, for this friendly and enjoyable congress. Ideal for both those playing in their first congress, and those wanting to acquire green points. Brochures were sent out with the last newsletters and a few are enclosed. Let me know if you require any more. The Eastern Area Congress is at Cwmbran on March 7/8, and also in the first week in March, a new sponsored Empathy Ladies Pairs with heats in the clubs. Find out which night at your club.

Ladies Pairs who would like to play in the new European Pairs Championship to be held in Brighton from 2nd August to 4th August 1987 at the start of the European Bridge Championships (whilst the Open Teams are competing and before the Ladies Teams Championship commences) should apply in writing to the B.B.L. Secretary, Mrs A Brabner, 27 Walnut Tree Lane, Sudbury, Suffolk, (Tel: 0787 75720).

For Junior players, under 25, who are keen to improve their game and have a holiday in Europe, the Junior European Bridge Camp in Beekbergen, Holland, 4th-12th July, from 270 Swiss Francs + travel, affords that opportunity, with an enjoyable holiday, including other sports, amongst junior players from all over Europe. Those interested should contact the B.B.L. secretary.

One of our younger players, Gary Scott joined the WBU when he was only thirteen, winning the Young Players Cup twice by the time he was sixteen, and is probably the youngest player to have achieved the rank of Master at seventeen. Miss Rene Matthews claims the record of heading the list of National Masters for five years, since being promoted to the rank in 1982/3. Any more claims to records?

NEW LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

New Laws have been passed by the World Bridge Federation and must be introduced world wide by 1st October 1987, at the latest, and will come into force in England and Wales from 29th July 1987. Copies of the new laws will probably be available from the WBU from about May 1987, and a summary of the alterations will be printed in the 1987/8 WBU Journal. The EBU is organising a symposium on the new laws on 30/31 May, at West Bromwich, which WBU members may attend, if there is room available. Please contact the WBU secretary if interested. (Cost £35).

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S REPORT

1. WELSH CUP - Quarter-final draw

| | | | | | |
|---------|---|----------|-----------|---|----------|
| Pitts | v | Pierce | Martin | v | Daniel |
| Haworth | v | Williams | Kurbalija | v | Hamilton |

The first named team in each match is the home team. Matches must be completed by 15th March 1987.

2. NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS

This final will be held at the Hand Hotel, Llangollen on the 14th/15th March. 28 pairs will take part made up from the following area qualifiers:-

| | | | | | |
|-------|---|------|----|------|----|
| North | 8 | East | 10 | West | 10 |
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Special terms are available at the hotel, from £22 D, B & B. Please contact direct for bookings.

3. PORTLAND PAIRS

This mixed pairs event will take place at the Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran on 28th/29th March. The closing date for entries is 20th March and the entry fee is £6 per player. Table money will be charged.

4. NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS

This final will be held at the Dragon Hotel, Swansea on 4th/5th April. 28 pairs will contest the final made up as follows:-

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|-------|---|------|---|------|----|
| North | 7 | East | 8 | West | 13 |
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5. WEBBER CUP

Club secretaries are reminded that entries for this event must be in my possession by April 1st. No entries will be accepted after this date. The event will be held at the Porthcawl Pavilion on May 9th/10th.

RESULTS

LLANGOLLEN SWISS TEAMS

1. J D Baker D F Huggatt D L Parry S M Preston
2. J Y Pottage A M G Thompson A Waterlow I Panto
3. J Salisbury G E Needham Mrs M Pitts D Debbage

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS

1. P D Jourdain A Thomas (who qualify to play in the Philip Morris European Pairs in Paris, March)
2. M Baker L Sheridan

GRADED MASTERS

Section 1

1. P D Jourdain F Kurbalija
2. Mr & Mrs F Hyatt

Section 2

1. A Evans D Barnes
2. A Thomas R Slape

Section 3

1. D Kurbalija T Reddy
2. A Fox M Humphries

Section 4

1. P Beckenham D Brooke
2. E Hughes I Evans

Section 5

1. K Reece T Barsby
2. R Towers T Towers

Section 6

1. N Vincent F Coombes
2. T Evans B Harris

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

CAMROSE v SCOTLAND - 17th/18th January - Saundersfoot

SCOTLAND 55 Wales 30. N. IRELAND beat England 61 - 29

JUNIOR CAMROSE - 24th/25th January - Perth

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|----------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| England | 172 | Welsh Team: | P Beckenham | A Ratcliffe |
| N. I. | 135 | | A Hogg | S Daniel |
| Scotland | 118 | | S Edwards | A Maddocks |
| Wales | 109 | | npc | P Goodman |

CAMROSE v ENGLAND - 14th/15th February - Nottingham

Team to represent Wales:

P Goodman F Kurbalija, J Salisbury R G Upton,
P D Jourdain A Thomas. npc A Pierce

COMMON MARKET - from 27th April - Valkenburg

Ladies Team

J Casey E Pencharz selected

Junior Team

P Beckenham A Ratcliffe selected as the reserve pair.