

Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 12th GOLD CUP : First full round
10/19th LADIES WELSH CUP - Llandrindod Wells
26th EXECUTIVE

OCTOBER

- 2/3rd Possible Camrose Pre-trial
14/17th PORTHCAWL
24th YOUNG PLAYERS CUP - South Glamorgan B.C.
29/31st Llanqollen Congress

NOVEMBER

- 6/7th Camrose Trial 1 - South Glamorgan B.C.
13/14th Camrose Trial 2
19/21st Gwbert-on-sea Congress
27/28th Club Teams of Eight - Porthcawl

DECEMBER

- 4/5th BBL Swiss Teams - Llanqollen
12th Executive

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Editorial

All members should by now have received their copy of the WBU Competition and Master Point Journal for 1982/83. The Editor is Roy Griffin of Swansea, and with that issue he retires. It has been hard work for small reward and our thanks go to Roy for the contribution he has made over many years.

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The item on Welsh bridge history in Newsletter No. 3 bore fruit. A correspondent directed me to the Cardiff home of Harold Gould who has in his possession the first minute book of the Welsh Bridge Union. Harold, amongst other achievements, won the Welsh Cup in 1949.

Before the war (of which more in a later Newsletter) the Welsh Bridge Association (WBA), which fielded teams in the Camrose, only contained representatives from South Wales. The North Wales Contract Bridge Association (NWCBA) was a separate thing. At the Annual General Meeting of the WBA in the Angel Hotel Cardiff on 30th September 1948 there was a motion to merge with the NWCBA (represented by Basil Tatlow) to form the Welsh Bridge Union. The motion was passed, and the man elected for 1948-49 was John Fogarty. The annual subscription was set at 5/- (which, adjusting for inflation, was much more in real terms than the current one of about £1). The membership was 120 (now it is ten times that size). The first Congress of the WBU was held the following March (1949) at Porthcawl.

The first Annual General Meeting of the WBU was held on 8th October, 1949 at which J. Emlyn Lewis of Swansea was elected President for 1949-50. So the minute book reveals the omission from the list in the annual brochure of our first two Presidents.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. VENUES No venues are yet known except for the Trials, Young Players Cup, and International Master Pairs which will all be held at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff. The venue for the Graded Pairs is expected to be Bridgend Leisure Centre as usual. The venue for the Mixed Pairs is expected to be Pembroke as three years ago. A full list will be given in the next Newsletter.

2. GOLD CUP 1982/83 Nineteen teams entered. The draw for the preliminary and first full rounds has been published. These rounds were drawn by Areas. This results in six teams to go into a national draw to be published at the end of September. All players are reminded of their opportunity to win a £15 prize by the simple expedient of submitting the best played or defended hand from their first match to the Editor of this Newsletter.

3. PORTLAND PAIRS A heat of the British Mixed Pairs will be held in Wales on 26/27th March, 1983. Entries should be sent to the Welsh Organiser and not to the EBU (as mentioned in the WBU Journal). Full details and entry form in the next Letter.

4. SOBRANIE CHALLENGE Each affiliated club may enter one or two teams of up to 6 players below the rank of National Master (and over the age of 21). Entry forms will be distributed to clubs by the end of September, and entries close soon after. Details tel: 01-486-2041 the Sobranie Challenge Office.

5. CONGRESSES Details about the Llangollen Congress and the BBL Swiss teams can be obtained from Mrs. Jessie Newton, 14 Lisburne Grove, Wrexham, Clwyd. Details about the congress at the Cliff Hotel, Gwbert-on-sea by Cardigan on 19/21st Nov can be obtained from Patrick Jourdain (see Newsletter heading for address).

6. RESULTS For all team events played by private arrangement a result must be sent to the Masterpoint Secretary IMMEDIATELY after the match by the captain of the winning team. The result must give the match definition, date, names of all members of the winning team with no. of boards played; and must be signed by both captains.

Selectors' Report

1. CAMROSE All pairs wishing to be considered must apply to their Area selector immediately. (North: H. Newton, East: G. Holman, West: C. Heard).
If deemed necessary a pre-trial will be held on 2/3rd October. Venue to be decided after entries known. Match-point scoring.
First trial: 6/7th Nov at SGBC. 7 table Howell. Matchpoints.
Second trial: 13/14th Nov at SGBC. Three or four teams. The first four pairs from the First Trial will qualify automatically for the Final trial; remaining pairs to be selected. On the result of the trials a team will be selected to play against Scotland. This selection for the first Camrose match will be without prejudice to the selection of teams for the subsequent matches, which will be subject to further selection.

2. JUNIOR CAMROSE Age limit : under 25 on 1st January 1983. All players wishing to be considered for selection should submit names to the Area Selectors by 30th Sep. If a trial is deemed necessary it will be held 6/7th Nov, 1982.

3. LADY MILNE the first trial will be held on 29/30th Jan 1983 under the same format as the First Camrose trial. Pairs to submit entries to Area Selectors by 10th December 1982. The final trial will be a teams trial on 19/20th Feb 1983. Composition to be decided after first trial. Venue to be decided after all entries have been received.

General News

1. WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS These will be held in Biarritz in October. Selected to be amongst the 15 pairs representing Britain are M.N. Hirst and R.G. Upton (Cardiff) and P.D. Jourdain and Dr. E. Martin (Cardiff and ex-Swansea). M.N. Hirst and Dr A. Hirst have entered the World Mixed Pairs.

LORIENT CELTIC FESTIVAL The Celtic Tournament was preceded by an Open Pairs. The prize for leading Mixed Pair was won by Mr & Mrs Kurbalija of Cardiff. The two Welsh teams fared poorly but Alan Pierce won the inter-Celtic Darts Tournament with 64 players from the seven Celtic nations.

EBU TRIALS John Salisbury of Cardiff has been accepted for a preliminary trial for the English Camrose Team in a four that contains Pat Shields and Paul Denning, also ex-Welsh internationals.

Welsh Competition Results

WELSH CUP The winners were R.G. Upton, J. Salisbury, A.G. Pierce, W.A. Casey.

West Wales

Aberystwyth Mixed: Mr & Mrs D. Andrews (Birmingham);
Championship: N. Mitchell, B. Nicholls (Shrewsbury);
Teams: D. Ronson, F. Kurbalija, Mrs J. Casey, P. Jourdain.

Bridgend Pairs: J. Pilborough, G. Martin (Swansea);
Teams: W. Turner, Mrs J. Lucas, N. Gable, Mrs S. Davies.

East Wales

Cardiff & District Bridge League:
First Division : Treforest Polytechnic
Second Division : South Glamorgan Bridge Club 'B'
Third Division : Westbourne Bridge Club, Penarth

**WELSH BRIDGE UNION
COMPETITION ENTRY FORM
1982/83**

Please complete and return with remittance to the Tournament Organiser:
J. Tremayne, 12 Forge Lane, Bassaleg, Newport, Gwent. Tel: 893371
Cheques to be made payable to the Welsh Bridge Union.

Entries are only acceptable when accompanied by the corresponding fees,
which are not refundable. Entry closing dates, together with entry fee
per player are given in brackets after each competition heading. Further
details may be found in the WBU Journal and Calendar.

* Block letters please, and Captain's telephone number *

**YOUNG PLAYERS' CUP (17th Oct - 50p). Both players to be under
25 on 1st Jan 1983. Venue: South Glamorgan B.C. on 24th Oct**

.....and.....Tel No.....

Address.....

**INTERNATIONAL MASTER PAIRS (30th Nov 1982 - Fee collected at
time of event) Venue: South Glamorgan B.C. on 26/27th Feb 83**

I.....would like to play with.....
(You will be informed if your entry has been accepted).

**SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (31st Dec 1982 - £2.50 per team
inclusive of table money) Welsh Final at South Glam B.C.**

School.....No. of Teams: 1 or 2

Address.....Name of Contact.....
All players must be under the age of 19 on 1st March 1983.

**GRADED MASTER PAIRS (18th Jan 1983 - £1.50) Venue: Bridgend
Leisure Centre on 5/6th Feb 1983.**

.....and.....Tel No.....

Address.....Combined Master points.....
Give the combined holding according to the 1982 WBU Journal (or master
point card if registered outside Wales).

**PORTLAND PAIRS Entry form with next Newsletter. Welsh venue
expected to be St. Mellons Country Club. 26/27th March 1983.
If you expect to play and would like details, tick here [1**

I certify that all the above (except schools) are paid-up members of the
Welsh Bridge Union. If not, name the players for which membership is
required and enclose an additional £2 per person being the direct sub-
scription for a WBU member not joining via an Area Executive.

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED £.....Signed.....Date.....