

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2014-15

Hello Folks,

What a year for The Welsh Bridge Union.

What have our members accomplished?

Well, The Team led by Mike Tedd won the Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games, a great accomplishment.

The Premier League was established in Wales, and I believe that the inaugural competition was very successful.

It produced a Camrose team that came so close to winning their competition. A tremendous effort.

The Ladies went better still, and won the Lady Milne Trophy, an outstanding Team effort.

For the first time in many years, Wales entered a team in the Junior Camrose and finished third.

We also entered the Peggy Bayer Trophy and came fourth.

These results are due to the efforts of Mark Roderick, who has got the youth squad together. Their enthusiasm is now taking them to Norway where they can enjoy further international competition.

Bob Alderdice has put together a successful league in West Wales, which may well act as a model for others.

All in all, a good year, with promise for the future.

So what next?

I believe that we must do more for members, so that they feel more comfortable with play outside their Clubs.

This is of course, a difficult step, but one which will enable us to build on present successes. We cannot sit back and let the future take care of itself. We need to involve all our resources.

Finally, my last task, one which gives me great pleasure, is to thank all those who have given so much of their time and resources to help the Union.

Jean Hand, who has kept our tournaments going. Never an easy task with the full Calendar.

Fiona, who though unable to attend today, has managed our finances so well.

To Phil who keeps our membership & Master Point records up to date.

To the members of the management Committee, each of whom has given time and energy.

To Neville, the one person who has kept everything together. We do rely on his good will so much.

My personal thanks must go to the one person without whose help and support, I would have been unable to fulfil any of the tasks, my Wife Beth, whose constant support and help have meant so much to me. I could not have done without her.

Finally to all members of the Welsh Bridge Union, whose unfailing support of our Clubs , Congresses and Tournaments have been so important.

I wish you all well for the future