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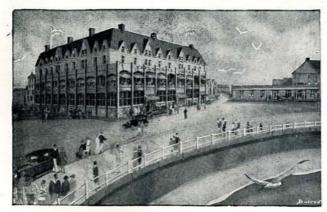


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by EWART KEMPSON

Some people love congresses; they meet many friends, play many hands, stay up late at nights, sleep late in the mornings, indulge themselves freely, recount their hard-luck stories to apparently sympathetic audiences, and either hob-nob with the masters or—if a master—be gracious to the rank and file.

I like meeting friends and I like playing hands, but I hate late nights and cannot abide staying in bed after 7 a.m. As far as self-indulgence is concerned, I'm opposed to it mainly, I suppose, because it gives me indigestion.

I'm rather unlucky with hard-luck stories; someone always says "Yes, you told us" or just as I'm working up to the climax, in comes some important person, such as Mr. Don MacAllister or Mr. Herbert Thomas, before you can say "knife," the newcomer has launched his own hard-luck story which, to me, doesn't sound like hard-luck at all, but merely justice.

I suppose there is some pleasure to be obtained from hobnobbing with the master players, but I've never had much success at this. Occasionally they have allowed me to call the waiter, and they have even unbent so far as to ask me how I would play such-and-such a hand, but as soon as I start saying how, the master starts saying how too. And he says it louder.

From the foregoing you will rightly deduce that, in the main, I don't like congresses. It would, in fact, he nearer the mark to say I actively disliked them.

It was Mr. Cyril Bloom, honorary organiser par excellence, who persuaded me to visit the Porthcawl congress last year, and I am grateful to him. I basked in the warm friendship of the Welsh for a week and enjoyed myself so much that I am coming back this year. The journey for me is more than 300 miles each way.

This year many famous English as well as Welsh internationals will take part in the numerous attractive events itemised in the programme. I am told that the English internationals include among others Mrs. P. Williams (who is Welsh anyway), Mrs. A. L. Fleming, Mrs. Rixi Markus, Joe Pearlstone, Mr. P. Swinnerton-Dyer, and Mr. N. Smart. All are fine players, but the Welsh stars are also turning up in force and they take a lot of beating, as well I know.

I hope to see you in Portheawl.

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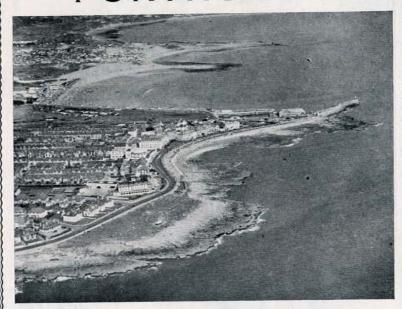




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LIST OF EVENTS

PRE-CONGRESS EVENTS

- 1. PRE-CONCRESS PAIRS. These events will be played in one session. A number of prizes will be given.
- *2. **ESPLANADE TEAMS OF FOUR.** This event will be played in one session. The "R. E. Jones Cup" will be presented and held by the winning team for one year and prizes will be given. At least three players of any team must be members of a Porthcawl Bridge Club.
- *3. PRE-CONGRESS LADIES PAIRS. This event will be played in one session. The "Violet Gaskell Cup" will be presented to the winning pair and held for one year and prizes will be given. Open only to members of any Porthcawl Bridge Club.

CONGRESS EVENTS

- *1. CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS OF FOUR for the "Porthcawl Cup." For this event there will be one qualifying round and a final session. This Cup has been presented by the Porthcawl Urban District Council and will be held by the winning team for a period of one year. Prizes will be given.
- *2. CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES TEAMS OF FOUR. This event will be played in one session. The "Isaac Sherman Cup" will be presented and held for one year by the winning team. Prizes will be given.
- *3. CONGRESS TEAMS OF FOUR. This event will be played in one Session. The "T. G. Bonnyman Cup" will be presented and held by the winning team for one year. Prizes will be given.
- *4. THE "FLITCH CUP." For this event there will be one qualifying round and a final session. The "Vivian Searle Cup" will be presented and held for one year by the winning pair. Prizes will be given.
- *5. **CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN PAIRS.** For this event there will be one qualifying round and a final session. The "Cyril E. Bloom Cup" will be presented and held for one year by the winning pair. Prizes will be given.
- 6. **NOVICE PAIRS.** This event will be restricted to players who have not previously won a prize at a Bridge Congress. Aggregate scoring, and prizes will be given to the winning N/S and E/W pairs in each session.
- 7. NOVICE PAIRS FINAL. Eligible only to pairs who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in one of the previous Novice Pairs Competitions. This number may be increased at the Discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 8. **CONGRESS PAIRS.** Each session will include a Congress Pairs Contest. Prizes will be given to the winning N/S and E/W pairs in each session.
- *9. ALL WINNERS PAIRS EVENT. Open to winners of any Congress or Pre-Congress Event during the week. The winning pair will be presented with the "Sir Leslie Joseph Cup" which will be held for one year. Prizes will be given.
- GRAND FINALE. CHAIN EVENT. Open to one and all. You do not require a partner for this Competition. A number of novelty prizes will be given.

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Venues for all events as advertised in this Brochure will be observed as far as possible but, the committee reserve the right to change the venue and alter the programme if they consider it necessary.

Due notice of any change will be given daily by notices in the main hall of the Esplanade Hotel.

No money stakes of any kind will be allowed nor may a competitor make a "book" on any event or events.

The Tournament Director retains the right to close any event 15 minutes before the advertised time of play. Competitors therefore are requested to be in their places by this time.

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Programme

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VENUE.

7.30 p.m. Pre-Congress Pairs.

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7.30 p.m. "Esplanade" Teams of Four.

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TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

7.30 p.m. Pre-Congress Pairs.

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7.30 p.m. Pre-Congress Ladies Pairs.

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WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

7.45 p.m. First Congress Pairs.

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7.30 p.m. Flitch Pairs (Qualifying Round).

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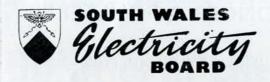


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2.15 p.m.	Championship Ladies Teams of	Four. Seabank.	
2.15 p.m.	Second Congress Pairs.	Esplanade.	
SECOND SESSIO	N.		
7.30 p.m.	Flitch Pairs, Final.	Seabank.	
7.45 p.m.	Third Congress Pairs.	Esplanade.	
7.45 p.m.	First Novice Pairs.	Esplanade.	
FIRST SESSION.	FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER.		
2.15 p.m.	Congress Teams of Four.	Seabank.	
2.15 p.m.	Fourth Congress Pairs.	Esplanade.	
SECOND SESSIO	N.		
7.30 p.m.	Championship Team of Four.	Seabank.	
7.45 p.m.	Fifth Congress Pairs.	Esplanade.	
7.45 p.m.	Second Novice Pairs.	Esplanade.	
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SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

FIRST SESSION.

VENUE.

2.15 p.m. Open Pairs Championship

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(Qualifying Round).

2.15 p.m. Sixth Congress Pairs.

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SECOND SESSION.

7.30 p.m. Championship Teams of Four, Final.

Marine.

7.45 p.m. Seventh Congress Pairs.

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7.45 p.m. Third Novice Pairs.

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SUNDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

VENUE

FIRST SESSION.

Open Pairs Championship, Final. 2.15 p.m.

Marine

Novice Pairs Championship. 2.15 p.m.

Marine.

2.15 p.m. Eighth Congress Pairs.

Esplanade.

SECOND SESSION.

7.30 p.m. Ninth Congress Pairs.

7.30 p.m. Grand Finale Chain Event.

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7.30 p.m. "All Winners" Pairs Event.

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