

HISTORIC CAMROSE WIN FOR WALES



(l-r): Patrick Shields, Adrian Thomas, Paul Denning, Alan Stephenson (NPC), Dafydd Jones, Peter Goodman, Gary Jones, Maggie Pierce, Alan Screen

On March 6th, after five days of ferocious battle and seventy years of taking part, the Camrose trophy at last came home to Wales. Congratulations to our boys on a fine victory, and to the second home team of Alex Hogg, Alex Maddocks, Simon Richards, Trevor Towers, John Salisbury, Mike Tedd and NPC Mike Close for their excellent performance in beating Scotland, England and Ireland on the final weekend, ensuring the long-awaited victory for Wales.

The final rankings were:

Wales		170
England		165
Ireland		160
Scotland		154
WBU		147
N. Ireland		99

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Jill's Quill



This newsletter is the first in the experiment of four smaller issues a year. The intention is to keep members more regularly up to date with events, activities, news and results. I am also rapidly learning that I need to consult the calendar carefully, so that I find the best time to publish.

Witness the first leg of the Camrose which was in January, after the December issue, and the second, final leg which was just as this edition was going to press this last weekend, so articles will have to come in the next issue. Those of us who watched the first leg of the competition on Bridge Base Online saw some excellent performances from Wales, who were lying second and well in contention. On March 6th I saw Wales **WIN** the Camrose trophy. They played magnificently: brilliant bidding, brilliant play. What skill and what stamina. They are so deserving of our pride in

them. If you were watching on BBO you will have heard the very complimentary remarks made about our players by the commentators.

It is a busy time in the competition calendar. The first of the National finals was held on February 26th and 27th. Congratulations to the winners, Adrian and Aida. Our Lady Milne team will be doing their best to match the Camrose teams on the weekend of 15-17th April, in Belfast. Again BBO will be providing commentary and results. We send our good wishes to the Ladies' team.

Meanwhile, we wish you all a joyous Easter and some really good Bridge



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Team WBU (Wales's second team), who contributed to the historic victory with important wins against England, Scotland and Ireland on the second weekend, consolidating the crucial win against Northern Ireland achieved on the first weekend. (l-r): Trevor Towers, Alex Hogg, Simon Richards, Mike Tedd, Alex Maddocks, Mike Close (NPC), John Salisbury. Mike Best and Mark Roderick played instead of Trevor and Simon on the first weekend (NPC Gwynn Davis)

Wales' Camrose Triumph



The winning team of Paul Denning and Patrick Shields; Peter Goodman and Adrian Thomas; Dafydd Jones and Gary Jones; non-playing captain Alan Stephenson, played throughout the two weekends.

The first leg was held in Dublin in January; at the end Wales were lying second. The second leg was in Llandrindod Wells on March 4th, 5th and 6th, and the Welsh team started off by winning against the WBU team (the host nation for the final weekend fields two teams to prevent a sit-out). In Ireland the latter had beat Wales in the very first match, but they compensated by soundly beating Northern Ireland and drawing against Scotland. The WBU team in Ireland were Mike Best and Mark Roderick; Alex Hogg and Alex Maddocks; John Salisbury and Mike Tedd; non-playing captain Gwynn Davis. At the end of the first leg the top three were on 92 (England), 88 (Wales) and 80 (Ireland), so it was very close.

In Llandrindod Wells, Simon Richards and Trevor Towers replaced Mike Best and Mark Roderick in the WBU team, this time captained by Mike Close. They, too, played a significant role in Wales's win by beating Scotland and Ireland.

The excitement and drama continued right up to the last round of matches when it was too close to call. Wales played Northern Ireland and WBU faced England. The Wales team dug in and beat Northern Ireland 25-5, and the WBU team, continuing their gritty performance, beat England. Wales were the champions!!! Altogether, a wonderful performance from all the Welsh players. The Wales team proved their worth and added to their success in the Shapiro Spring Fours last May, and the WBU boys played magnificently to help them bring the trophy to Wales. All played brilliantly, and all credit to the non-playing captains, too. Llongyfarchiadau!

First weekend 7 th - 9 th January							
	E	Wales	I	WBU	S	NI	Total
England		11	17	21	19	24	92
Wales	19		25	12	16	16	88
Ireland	13	5		21	19	22	80
WBU	9	18	9		15	25	76
Scotland	11	14	11	15		18	69
N-Ireland	6	14	8	5	12		45

Second weekend 4 th - 6 th March							
	S	Wales	I	E	WBU	NI	Total
Scotland		10	17	24	11	23	85
Wales	20		3	15	19	25	82
Ireland	13	25		13	13	16	80
England	6	15	17		14	21	73
WBU	19	11	17	16		8	71
N-Ireland	7	2	14	9	22		54

Overall scores against each country							
	Wales	E	I	S	WBU	NI	Total
Wales		34	28	36	31	41	170
England	26		34	25	35	45	165
Ireland	30	26		32	34	38	160
Scotland	24	35	28		26	41	154
WBU	29	25	26	34		33	147
N-Ireland	16	15	22	19	27		99

The Welsh Foursomes 2010 *by Mike Tedd*

The Welsh Foursomes, in early September, are well established as one of the best events in the WBU calendar. For the last four years the venue has been the David Lloyd Centre in Cardiff, with splendid playing conditions and easy access. The event was well run by Mike and Sarah Amos, friendly and of a high standard. What more could one ask? It is no coincidence that numbers were up this year.

With the Open Trials looming, and having not played for a few weeks, John Salisbury and I were keen to play. We were lucky that Ken Richardson wasn't directing this year and very pleased when he and Chris Rochelle agreed to join us in a team. The weekend proved very successful: we led nearly all the way and finished first with a 75% score. Scoring up was a delight as Ken and Chris brought back good cards match after match.

Congratulations also to Filip Kurbalija, Tim Rees, Patrick Jourdain and Tony Ratcliff who finished second with a score that would usually win the event, the second year running that Filip's team has been in that position.

Two slam hands contributed to our win. This one was interesting in a number of ways:

Vul: EW	♠ K Q 10 5 2	
Dlr: West	♥ A K J 5	
	♦ Q 4	
	♣ K J	
♠ J 7 3		♠ 9 6 4
♥ 7		♥ 9 6 4 3 2
♦ K 9 8 5 3		♦ 2
♣ 9 8 3 2		♣ Q 10 7 6
	♠ A 8	
	♥ Q 10 8	
	♦ A J 10 7 6	
	♣ A 5 4	

With silent opponents the bidding naturally starts 1♠-2♦-2♥-3♣. But what should North bid now? Partner, having forced with 3♣, is completely unlimited, and you haven't yet shown more than a minimum opener. You have already shown the 5-4 shape so you would like to bid No Trumps but would also like to investigate slams, including the grand.

I imagine most pairs blasted 6NT fairly early, which proves to be the right contract. With the



advantage that 3♣ was game forcing, I invented support with 3♦ and we embarked on a normal sequence which showed partner wasn't interested in the grand (3♠-4♣-4NT-5♣-6♦). I converted 6♦ to the laydown 6NT.

Two tables, including our opponents, landed in the excellent 6♥ which they didn't make, no doubt giving up when trumps were 5-1. But it can be made! The ♦2 is led, and if you win the ace and play ♥A10 and then all the spades, East has no defence. If he ruffs at any stage, you overruff with the ♥Q and cross to the ♣K to draw trumps. If not, he ends up ruffing his partner's ♦K at trick 13.

Then there was this one, where only four of the 33 teams managed to bid 6♦:

Vul: All	♠ K Q J 10	
Dlr: South	♥ 8 5	
	♦ A K J 10 6	
	♣ 10 6	
♠ 5 4 3		♠ 9 8 7 2
♥ K Q 9 7 6		♥ A J 10 4 3
♦ 4 2		♦ Q
♣ 9 7 4		♣ Q 8 3
	♠ A 6	
	♥ 2	
	♦ 9 8 7 5 3	
	♣ A K J 5 2	

Again we used our understanding that the 4th suit is forcing to game once we reach the 3-level. After South opened 1♦ we proceeded 1♠-2♣-2♥ (East doubled) -3♣ (game force). Now a quiet 3♦ allowed us to investigate with 3♠-4♦ (definite slam try)-4♥-4♠-5♣ (all 1st or 2nd round controls). Now North can bid 6♦: if partner is still interested, when North has such good trumps, there must be play for 6♦. Indeed on reflection one would like to investigate 7♦ - South only needs ♠Ax, ♥void, ♦xxxxx, ♣AKxxx to make it a good contract!

Roll on 2011. I hope that Chris and Ken will join us in defending the trophy.

Master Point Of View by Noelle Bond 28th February 2011



Dear Everyone,

Writing in the last Newsletter I wondered if I would be able to write another Master Point of View before I retire as Masterpoint Secretary. I am still in the post and another Newsletter is being prepared, so normally it would have been possible for me to write something now, but many things happening at home, including a family bereavement, have prevented it. So may I just remind you to make sure to send in your points by April 30th.

Very sincerely, **Noelle**

The Premier Master promotions in the last newsletter should have read as follows

Premier Master

Keith Bellamy	A
Margaret Doig	LD
Vida Halford	PC
Allan James	PR
Malcolm James	NT
Megan Jones	WS
Philip Moody	NT
Stan Newman	WS
Peter Saunders	M
Colin Steer	T
Pat Williams	NT

We apologise to all 11 Premier Masters, the first 5 having been omitted entirely and the remaining 6 reduced in rank.

Top 20 in John Hockey Trophy

(most points registered in one year)
as at 28th February 2011

Adrian Thomas	198
Mary Moore	164
Filip Kurbalija	122
Julian Pottage	118
Peter Goodman	118
Glyn Williams	112
Val Kennewell	108
Beth Wennell	96
Tony Ratcliff	95
Paddy Murphy	91
Gwynn Davis	90
Steve Kennewell	90
Barry Wennell	89
Graham Simmons	88
Patrick Jourdain	81
Liz Commins	81
Susan Ingham	80
Joan Jenkins	78
Diane Kurbalija	77
John Salisbury	77

39 promotions from 17/11/2010 to 23/02/2011

Club Master		Phil Gould	RY	Beryl Marke	PN
Mary Barrett	R	Maureen Graham	GA	Glyn Thomas	C
Betty Corby	R	Veronica Kaser	GA	Three Star Master	
Susan Laidlaw	R	Neville Layhe	W	David Nicholls	WS
Clive Phillips	R	Master		Premier Master	
Fred Stokes	M	Valerie Bell	BRE	Belinda Davies	BRE
Area Master		Ann Macdougall	BV	Maura Gough	WS
Ann Crosland	CAS	Advanced Master		Graham Shaw	WS
Yvonne Greenleaf	S	Gwynant Edwards	A	Regional Master	
George Kinchington	LP	Roger Goodwin	CD	Vida Halford	PC
Richard Stevenson	AR	One Star Master		Premier Regional Master	
Beryl Taylor	MER	Marie Cawley	MB	G Wyn Robyns	M
District Master		Tony Davies	BRE	National Master	
Kamal Goswami	CAR	Colleen Scott	CRI	Catherine Spalding	Y
Arnold Sandrey	MG	Geoff Tremlett	L	Mark Spalding	Y
Liz Taylor	MER	Two Star Master		Life Master	
County Master		Tony Hall	SU	Barry Wennell	LD
Yvonne Brunnock	GA	Alan Jones	BV		

Mikeys Musings: My Barrivale friends know me too well

“I’d like a review of the bidding with all of the original inflections.” (George Kaufman)

When we go to the pub after the Tuesday game, my friends have noticed that I occasionally describe a bidding sequence as 1♠ – (twitch) Pass – 3♠ – (think) Pass – 4♠ – All Pass.

Breaks in tempo are part and parcel of the club game. Most are inadvertent, and you take notice of them at your own risk. They are frowned upon in the tournament game, and woe betide you if you take a marginal decision based on a hesitation. This is because it was thought that some unscrupulous players would give their partners extra information by the tempo of their bids. In olden days when bids were spoken, it was also possible to give information through tone and inflection: a double in a voice of thunder was for penalties, and a hesitant “Double?” was a tentative suggestion..

Obviously you mustn’t break tempo deliberately in the bidding or in the play (hesitating with a singleton is a clear no-no), but sometimes you just can’t help it. One of the skills of better players is to avoid giving away information, but like poker players and their ‘tells’ it can be useful. Of course the strength of the player must be taken into account – if a kitchen-bridge player from the club hesitates, she might just be worrying about whether she locked the back door.

As I said, sometimes I think the regular players in the club know me too well, and have started to use that information to my disadvantage. Back in August, playing with Mike Best against Denis Mottram and Mick Green, I picked up:

♠ Q 7 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 7 ♦ A K Q 5 4 ♣ void

I am considering how to get the nature of this yummy hand across when I notice partner has passed and Denis has opened 1♥. I swear it was only a mere twitch, but I couldn’t help it. Hoping that partner will muster a reopening X, I pass. Maybe my plus score will be in 4 figures (and bidding anything else may get me

into trouble). The auction proceeds: 1♠ by Mick, partner passes, *stop* 3♣ from Denis. The enforced pause stops me from uttering some swear words in surprise at the bidding. Still, at least now they are in a forcing auction, and I will know from Mick’s next bid whether partner has any diamonds. There is no way Mick will bid 3♥ given my holding (dream on, Mike), but 3NT, 3♠ and 4♣ are all possible. If he doesn’t bid 3NT I may be able to surprise the table by bidding a lot of diamonds later. Pass, again.

I suspect this calculation took a short time too. Mick then announced: “I’m sorry if this is the wrong thing to do, partner, but ... ” and put a pass card down. Besty passed as well. Denis said “But you can’t, partner”; and my face was a picture as I realised I wouldn’t get another bid.

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	1♥	Pass ⁽¹⁾
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass ⁽²⁾
Pass ⁽³⁾	Pass	-	⁽⁴⁾

⁽¹⁾ Definite ‘twitch’; ⁽²⁾ They will bid again, I can lie in wait; ⁽³⁾ Passing a forcing bid; ⁽⁴⁾ Splutter!

Here is the hand:

Board 17	♠ A 6 2	
Dlr: South	♥ 6	
Vul: EW	♦ J 9 8 7 6 3	
	♣ 7 5 2	
♠ J 9 5 4 3		♠ K 10 8
♥ J		♥ K 5 4 3 2
♦ 10 2		♦ none
♣ Q 9 6 4 3		♣ A K J 10 8
	♠ Q 7	
	♥ A Q 10 9 8 7	
	♦ A K Q 5 4	
	♣ none	

(Yes, Denis had overbid his hand, he liked his spade fit with partner.)

3♣ made 10 or 11, I wasn’t paying attention. I defended in a daze, realising that 5♦ was icy cold and 6♦ was a great contract. My partner bemusedly entered the score in a hitherto untouched East-West column.

Area news *(This will be a regular feature, so make sure you get your news to Jill Knight)*

Cardiff Bridge Club: new Secretary:

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Results

National Teams of Eight Qualifier - results

- 1:** Noelle Bond, Kay Dyer, Mick Green,
Mike Close, Joan Jenkins, Jane Brook,
Denis Mottram, Tim Barsby
2:= Liz Atkinson, Geoff Evans, Sandra James,
Tom Reddy, Mike Best, Brian Rich, Alan
Powell, Philip Felman
2:= Steve Webb, Linda Powell, Gwynn Davis,
Terry Parkes, Ken Richardson, Chris
Rochelle, Sue Ingham, Isobel Evans

National Mixed Pairs area qualifier

- 1: Aida Aris & Adrian Thomas 63.10%
2: Peter Goodman & Aoife McHale 56.99%
3: Daphne Patrick & Joe Patrick 55.80%
4: Tony Ratcliff & Diane Kurbalija 55.51%
5: Geoff Evans & Isabel Evans 53.57%

National Open Pairs area qualifier

- 1: Aida Aris & Adrian Thomas 61.93%
2: Gwynn Davis & Sue Ingham 58.14%
3: Filip & Diane Kurbalija 57.19%
4: Sandra James & Isabel Evans 57.18%
5: Philip Felman & Tom Reddy 55.79%

EWBA CHARITY SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

The clubs taking part were Chepstow, Crickhowell, Gwent, Vale of Glamorgan, Brecon, Penarth, Barrivale and Cardiff. Donations amounted to £654 to Help for Heroes. Thank you to all who took part, and many thanks to **Bill Parkinson** as organiser and **Adrian Thomas** for commentaries. Winners: Greg Howell and Richard Stevenson; Runners-up: Mary Moore and Diana Jones 3rd: Nicholas Beswick and Mike Miles.

Calendar

- 20th March Gwent Bridge Academy
Chairman's Charity event
27th March Webber Qualifier
15th May Arthur James Swiss Pairs and
EWBA AGM Sunday

EWBA CONGRESS

There was an excellent turn out for both the teams (52) and the Social Pairs Event (9 tables) Congratulations and sincere thanks to **Joan Jenkins** on her fine organisation.

Swiss Teams results - 52 teams took part

- 1: Miles Cowling, Eddie Lucioni, Rob
Lawry, Andrew Thompson 209 VPs
2: Jason Hackett, Glynn Preece, Alex Hydes,
Edward Levy 202 VPs
3: Gary Jones, Ed Scerri, Ian Reissmann, Tim
Rees 180 VPs
4: Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Filip
Kurbalija, Diane Kurbalija 168 VPs
5: Paul Littlewood, Fiona Littlewood, Helen
Robinson, June Ball 165 VPs

Social Pairs Event

- 1: Su Summerhayes & Sue Norris 63.10%
2: Grace Martyn & John Martyn 62.80%
3: Helen & Harry Street 62.50%
4: Sara Bartlett & Teri Pollard 60.43%
5: Helen Barrie & Penny Jarvis 57.00%

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Mid Wales

Congratulations to Jean Cufley on her excellent organisation of the final Camrose weekend, held at the Metropole Hotel; she did a fantastic job. The success of the event was 90% down to the hours of preparatory work beforehand, Jean making sure that everything was well and truly in place. Our President (and Camrose player) said that it was the best Camrose he had ever attended and that players from other countries had nothing but praise for the venue, organisation and atmosphere. They even enjoyed the car journey down, through the lovely scenery of Wales. Many thanks to Jean and her band of helpers.

Mixed Pairs Qualifier results

1. Diana Harris & Paul Gagne	56.70%
2. Pamela Woodhouse & Robert Havard	53.65%
3. Jean Cufley & Alan Screen	51.04%
4. Pat Williams & Les Mann	50.52%
5. Jo Davies & Ralph Lamb	50.00%

Calendar

17 th April	AGM/ King Arthur teams
9 th & 10 th July	Mid Wales Congress

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North Wales

December Wedding When John Owen and Margaret got engaged, we asked when they were getting married. 'Quite soon', they said. Within a couple of weeks, John rolled up at Benllech Club with sherry and wedding cake for us, to celebrate their wedding the previous week (Margaret is still Smith for Swiss Pairs congress booking purposes). He had not intended to stay, but someone's partner hadn't turned up so he ended up playing, leaving his new bride at home. Bridge players, eh? He did phone to ask her permission ... er, explain the situation. The wedding took place during the December snow, and was immediately followed by a few days' mini-honeymoon to North Yorkshire to attend Margaret's daughter's graduation ceremony. They are 'soon' going on a cruise as a second tier of their honeymoon. We all send them our best wishes for a wonderful cruise and a very happy life together.

Obituary We are sad to announce the death of Glyn Ellis, who was closely involved with Chester Bridge Club for many years. He was a good friend to North Wales and attended our meetings to ensure that there were no event clashes between North Wales and the M&CBA. He was Match Manager at some of the Camrose events hosted by North Wales, and he also directed congresses in our area. His wife, Ann, assisted her husband until his ill health forced them to retire from bridge. We send our sincere condolences to Ann.

Caernarfon Club – new secretary

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Results

National Open Pairs area

1: Chris Pope & Andy Prothero	61.16%
2: Yvonne Evans & Wyn Robyns	60.79%
3: Joan Marray & Jill Knight	60.40%
4: Brian Crawford & Frank McAleavey	55.76%
5: Dewi Jones & Sian Ellis	52.92%

National Mixed Pairs area qualifier

1: Gwen Hurst & Elwyn Roberts	58.81%
2: Peter Nickson & Di Knight	58.66%
3: Wendy Jackson & Graham Shaw	55.26%
4: Nans Wheldon & Pat Mullally	54.03%
5: Sue Jackson & John Bell	53.98%

Perry & Spickett trials

1: Liz Commins & David Stevenson	48 BPs
2: Andrea Martin & Margaret Barnes	33 BPs
3: Barry Jones & Paddy Murphy	24 BPs
4: Joan Marray & Jill Knight	6 BPs
5: Mike Clare & Richard Stedman	4 BPs

Calendar (bold type = open events)

March 27 th	Portland Pairs Mixed Pairs, Colwyn Bay CC (Sheila Shea)
April 2 nd -3 rd	Swiss Teams of Four , Holiday Inn, Northophall (Margaret Barnes)
April 10 th	Laszlo Pairs Cup final, Colwyn Bay CC (club secretaries)
May 15 th	NWBA AGM teams , Prestayn BC (Sheila Shea – provisional, Morag Clare)
2 nd -3 rd July	WBU Swiss Pairs congress , Venue Cymru, Llandudno (Margaret Smith)

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West Wales

Teams of 8 qualifier results

1 st HAVERFORDWEST	Wendy Thornton, Wally Heaton, Lee Collier, Ian Haston, John O'Sullivan, Jill O'Sullivan, Mike Baker, Peter Milewski	<u>59 VPs</u>
2 nd BRIDGEND	Steve Burgogne, Ann Fox, Rob Charlesworth, Tony Howarth, Graham Jones, Barrie Jenkins, Vida Halford, Glyn Williams	<u>47 VPs</u>
3 rd SWANSEA	Steve Kennewell, P Lane, Martin Ley, Ian Grove, C Thomas, L Thomas, Margaret Lane, Val Kennewell	<u>41 VPs</u>

- 4th CARMARTHEN Adrian Miscusan,
Collette Davies, Binnie Job, Geoff
Tremlett, Jennifer Wardell, Chris Morley,
Julia Griffiths, Geoff Griffiths 29VPs
- 5th LLANELLI Colin Nash, Kim Morgan,
Frances Williams, Mike Read, Janet Rees,
Margaret John, Audrey Howells, Kath
Charles 24 VPs

Open Pairs Area Final

- 1st Tony Ratcliff & Kevin Maddox 62.25%
2nd Liam Sheridan & Gwyneth Dew 57.55%
3rd John Cox & David Melville 57.26%
4th Laura Woodruff & Mike Close 57.12%
5th Wendy Thornton & Wally Heaton 56.34%

Calendar

- 3rd April Laidlaw Murray Teams *Please
note change of time and venue:
Llandybie Memorial Hall 11pm*
- 15th May AGM John Isaac & Ann Dolan
event.
- June 10-12 **Charity Event** In aid of the
National Osteoporosis (See ad for
details)

<p>NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER</p>	
	<p>MASTERPOINT SECRETARY</p>
<p>The above two positions will shortly become vacant. Members are invited to apply for either. Enquiries and applications should be made to the WBU Chief Executive, Neville Richards</p>	
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GWENT BRIDGE ACADEMY Sunday March 20th

Chairman's Charity

**In support of
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2 pm Afternoon Pairs (EWBA Claret Jug)

6.30 pm Evening Teams

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A PASSAGE TO INDIA

the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship 2010

by Gary Jones

The Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship was first held in Manchester in July, 2002, and is held in the same year and same city as the Commonwealth Games. Wales had played in the first two championships, winning the silver medal in Manchester after a thrilling final against Canada, and also in Melbourne in 2006.

The third Championships were held in New Delhi in October, 2010. The Welsh selectors chose a very experienced squad comprising Adrian Thomas (captain), Peter Goodman, Patrick Jourdain, Tim Rees and myself. Aiofe MacHale, Peter's life partner, kindly agreed to accompany us as official scorer.

I had been planning my trip for some time, as the daughter of an Indian bridge playing friend of mine was holding a wedding reception in India during October. She had already married in August in England but, as she had many friends and relatives in India, was having a second reception in Mumbai and my wife and I were invited. Never ones to miss a good party, especially an Indian one, we eagerly accepted. My plan was to fly to Mumbai for the reception, which took place on the Saturday before the tournament began, and go on to Delhi early the following morning so that I would be available to play in the second or third match. The reception was held on the roof garden of a tower block overlooking the Indian Ocean in the centre of Mumbai on a wonderfully warm and sultry evening. I set off, slightly the worse for wear, at 7.30 the following morning and arrived in Delhi at 1.30p.m., in time for the third match.

The Championships were held at a hotel complex in Ghaziabad on the outskirts of New Delhi. Fourteen Commonwealth Nations were represented by national teams. The entry was augmented by the inclusion of ten other teams including an Indian second team, Indian and Australian ladies teams and seven sponsored teams to make a total entry of twenty four teams.

The twenty four teams played a complete round robin of twelve board matches over four days which resulted in the top four teams qualifying for the twenty eight board semi-finals which was then followed by the thirty two board final.

Wales played five matches on the first day of the round robin against Malaysia, Guernsey, Bangladesh, Australia and one sponsored team. We were badly beaten by the strong Australian team and disappointingly lost to Guernsey which meant that after the first day we were lying below half way. The second day was a big improvement when we played India II, Tanzania, South Africa, New Zealand and three more sponsored teams.

We ended the day in eleventh position. The third day began with a narrow defeat against Kenya and then we played England. Adrian and Peter did very well on the following hand to reach an excellent slam on a combined twenty count which was missed at the other table for a gain of eleven imps:

Board 14 ♠ Q 8
Love all ♥ Q 10 9
Dlr: E ♦ K J 8 7 5
 ♣ A 10 9

♠ A 10 2 ♥ K 8 7 6 5 2 ♦ none ♣ J 4 3 2	♠ K 7 6 5 4 3 ♥ A J 4 ♦ A 10 4 2 ♣ none
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♠ J 9
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q 9 6 3
 ♣ K Q 8 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Hassett</i>	<i>Goodman</i>	<i>Morris</i>
-	-	1♠	3♣
3♥	4♣	5♣	Pass
6♥	All pass		

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Hyett</i>	<i>Jones</i>
-	-	1♠	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

The Andrew Robson Seminar

St Helen's Rugby & Cricket Club, Swansea
Thursday 27th January 2011



In its 75th anniversary year, the most eagerly anticipated event in the Swansea Bridge Club Calendar was the all-day seminar to be presented by Andrew Robson, the famous English international and bridge correspondent of *The Times*. This event was a splendid anniversary present to Swansea Bridge Club from Margaret and Peter Lane.

More than sixty players, including the WBU President, Adrian Thomas and several players from outside the Western Area, participated in the event. As we sat down at 2 o'clock in the great trophy room of the "Whites", there was a general buzz of excitement and we were not disappointed. The self-styled "tall one" kept us spellbound for some six hours in all, with a masterful demonstration of what duplicate pairs is all about. As those of you who are familiar with his column would expect, the presentation was delivered with the fine blend of humour, élan and clarity that comes across in his writing. He allowed interruptions (bridge players cannot resist!), answered questions and, if our bidding and opening leads did not go as Andrew had envisaged, asked us to play the same contracts with the same lead at all 16 tables. He conducted the session at just the right pace for the majority of the audience, again a difficult feat.

We covered:

- Declared bidding and tactics
- Defensive bidding and overbidding
- Sacrificing, by whom and at what level
- Viewing contracts as good, normal and bad
- Conventions such as Jacoby 2NT, unassuming cue bids, RKCB
- Maxims such as the law of total tricks and preferences of overcalls to doubles.

We were given useful and numerous handouts and records of the hands played.

A novel feature of the seminar was the unique way of minimizing the effort, bulk and weight of providing 24 identical deals at 16 tables simultaneously through the use of just 32 packs of cards, made magical by Andrew's

own invention of dealing following arrowed labels on the backs of the cards.

At 9 o'clock the tutorial came to an end and there was plenty to think about for everyone from beginners/improvers to the seasoned duplicate tournament player. We also had a splendid buffet between sessions. Seven hours passed in a trice.

Everyone I have talked to enjoyed the experience, would appreciate a follow up and would highly recommend it to their friends.

Well done! Thank you Andrew, and special thanks to Margaret and Peter, on behalf of the Club Members.

Bryn Gravenor

President, Swansea Bridge Club

INDIAN RULES OF THE ROAD

(from Adrian after his visit to India)

No more than 2 adults and 2 children to one scooter. One of these should have a helmet.

Please ensure your horn is in working order

Any vehicle with two wing mirrors is to be classed as newish

Keep a distance of at least six inches

Avoid vehicles coming other way on your side of road

Do not be concerned about what's happening behind you. they can look after themselves

Show courtesy to other drivers at your own risk

DO NOT GIVE WAY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES. This is an Indian method of population control.

Lights are optional at night for slow moving vehicles

Remember cows have slower reaction times than other road users

No more than six abreast on three-lane carriageways

REPLAY THESE HANDS WITH ME *by Peter Goodman*

This hand was taken from the Camrose and Lady Milne training matches organized by Julian Pottage to help the teams prepare.

Board 1 ♠ A Q 9 7 6
Love all ♥ 8 4
Dlr N ♦ 3 2
 ♣ A K 8 3

♠ 5 4 2	♠ J 3
♥ J 10 6 5 3 2	♥ void
♦ Q 9	♦ K 10 6 4
♣ 10 4	♣ Q J 9 7 6 5 2
♠ K 10 8	
♥ A K Q 9 7	
♦ A J 8 7 5	
♣ void	

The bidding was typically aggressive:

West	North	East	South
-	1♠	1NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♣	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All pass	

East leads the queen of clubs. You take stock and count your winners:

Five spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs (assuming you can pick the spades up) = 11 tricks. If the hearts are 4-2 you are home and if they are 5-1 or 6-0 West will have the length.

My recommended line is to ignore the diamond suit, which is a red herring, and focus on the ♥9 and ♥8, which will become your road to safety.

After winning the first trick, cash five spades and the ♣A, throwing four diamonds. Now cash the ace of hearts. Since East surely has 7 clubs for his psychic 1NT, when he shows out on the ♥A you can count West's hand. He has had to discard a heart and two diamonds to prevent you from establishing your 5th heart. Cash the ace of diamonds and exit with the ♥9, forcing West (who has come down to J1065) to win and be end played or duck and concede an overtrick.

This month we will also look at the defensive thought process:

♠ A 9 8 2
 ♥ J 8 4 3
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ A 5 4

Dummy (East)

♠ 7 6 5 3
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 10 9 8 6

You (South)

West	North	East	South
1NT*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All pass

* 15-17

North leads ♥2

Your first impression is that partner has ♥Qxxx and at best another queen. Your spade holding is bad news; it looks as if declarer has four spades, two clubs and another two tricks in the minors. Standard technique if you have most of the points is to aim to set up your suit (clubs)

Say you play partner for the queen of clubs: you win with ♥K, return a club and play low on declarer's diamond at trick three. Declarer is left with no losing options: he can't afford three hearts, a diamond and a club, so has to play for the only realistic chance, which is that you (South) hold the ♦J. He will cash four spades before playing a diamond, and will finesse the 10, reasoning that your partner is unlikely to have led from ♥AQxx. Well read by declarer.

BUT supposing you had cunningly won the first heart with the ace (denying the king) - a risky manoeuvre. Now West can see an extra chance and play North for the king and queen of hearts, in which case he can safely concede a second heart before playing another diamond, because North can't attack clubs.

♠ 10 4
 ♥ Q 7 5
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ Q 3
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ K J
 ♠ A 9 8 2
 ♥ J 8 4
 ♦ 3
 ♣ 5 4
 ♠ 7 6 5 3
 ♥ A (or K)
 ♦ A J
 ♣ 9 8 6

After an age, West played the nine of hearts and South was ready to pounce with his king, following with ♣9 to establish the setting trick.

As is often the case with false cards, partner was misled as much as declarer. He thought West was trying to 'sneak through' a cheap heart and rose with the queen, crashing your king and thus unwittingly sabotaging your defence! The moral is - especially when you have very few points - always allow for the possibility that your partner has false-carded at trick one when he has the majority of the defensive points.

The next hand is taken from the Welsh Mixed pairs final.

Board 1 ♠ 4 3 2
Love all ♥ Q 9 5
Dlr N ♦ 10 7 5 4
 ♣ A Q 2
 ♠ Q
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ K Q J 8 2
 ♣ 10 8 7 6
 ♠ J 6 5
 ♥ J 8 6 4 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A K 10 9 8 7
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A 9 3
 ♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	4♠

All pass

At most tables West overcalled an aggressive 2♦, which should have indicated the winning line for our declarer to make 12 tricks.

After the king of diamonds lead, South could probably expect to make five spades, one heart, one diamond and three clubs at the very most.

When he won the first diamond and cashed the ♠A he noted the fall of the queen and carefully ran three clubs before finessing the spade for eleven tricks. Most declarers threw the ♥3 on the third club and missed an opportunity to end-squeeze West out of his exit card and make 12 tricks.

You should throw the ♦3 on the 3rd club and cash all of your spades leaving

♠ none	♠ none
♥ Q 9	♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 7	♦ none
♣ none	♣ J
♠ none	♠ 7
♥ K 10	♥ A 3
♦ Q J	♦ 9
♣ none	♣ none

West holds ♥K10 and ♦QJ and has to let go of a diamond on your last spade. You throw the seven of diamonds and exit with your nine of diamonds. West would have paid a heavy price for overcalling 2♦, without which you would not choose this line.



**Winners of the Llangollen Swiss Teams
(l to r): Alan Stephenson, John Salisbury,
Mike Tedd, Stuart Matthews**

JUNIOR CAMROSE TROPHY 2011

This year's Junior Camrose (under-25) and Peggy Bayer (under-20) trophies were held in Ayr over the weekend of 19th –20th February. With several players unavailable, Wales were able to enter only the Junior Camrose, which meant the Peggy Bayer consisted of three round-robins rather than the traditional two. In the Junior Camrose, each country played each other twice in two round-robins.

The Team

The Welsh team was Becky Watkins & Horia Maior, James Harris & Jonny Richards and Chris Owen & James Boulton, the only pair who played in last year's event. This was their second Junior Camrose as a pair, and their performance over the weekend was excellent. The time and effort put in during the preceding 12 months was evident in their performance. For the other two pairs this was their first Junior Camrose, after several years of playing Peggy Bayer, and given the jump in standard between the two competitions they acquitted themselves very respectably throughout.

Unfortunately, the margins of defeat over the weekend dented our chances of a higher final placing. Not capitalising on opponents' mistakes and some declarer play errors proved very costly. There were plenty of positives to take from the weekend however, including the step up from the Peggy Bayer by four of the players. No penalties were conceded all weekend (a trait of previous Welsh Junior Camrose teams), and bidding was virtually faultless all weekend.

This was my first year captaining the Junior Camrose team, after two years in charge of the Peggy Bayer team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their excellent behaviour throughout the weekend – at, and away from the bridge table.

Next year will be in the Republic of Ireland and the signs from this year's competition, especially the second half, are encouraging. Wales will go into next year's event confident of improving on this year's result. Congratulations to England on winning the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer, the latter with a score of 222 out of 225!

Finally, on behalf of the Welsh Bridge Union, myself and all the players, I would like to thank the SBU, Ayrshire Bridge Union, match manager Fiona Abbott, tournament officials and the countless volunteers who helped organise and run a most enjoyable event.

More information on the weekend and results from both competitions can be found at:

<http://www.ayrshirebridge.co.uk/>

Alan Jones, NPC

CONGRESSES

WBU Seniors Congress May 28th –29th
&
Open Swiss Pairs May 30th

David Lloyd Centre, Cardiff

Organizer and Entry Sec Joan Jenkins: email
joan@soitbegins.com ☎ 02920 512079

WBU Swiss Pairs July 2nd-3rd
Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Entry Secretary: Margaret Owen, Penrhos, Lon Tudur, Llangefni, LL77 8HP
☎ 01248 723610 (after 6pm please)
email: margaret.smith39@googlemail.com

Mid Wales Congress July 9th-10th
Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

Entry Secretary: Jean Cufley, Bryn Eithin, Milford Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2EF
☎ 01686 625744 Mob: 07790 800415
e-mail: j.cufley@btinternet.com

Aberystwyth Congress July 22nd-24th
Congress Secretary: Betty Brookes, Buckton, Llangorwen, Aberystwyth SY23 3DP
☎ 01970 828 301
email brookes.buckton@btinternet.com

Porthcawl Congress
NEW date

Now on November 11th – 13th
Brochure to follow

Calendar

MARCH	
12 th -13 th	Open Pairs Final (Metropole)
18 th -19 th	Seniors trials
20 th	Executive
27 th	Portland Pairs (Colwyn Bay)
APRIL	
2 nd -3 rd	NWBA Swiss Teams (Holywell)
9 th -10 th	Perry & Spickett teams Cardiff
15 th -17 th	Lady Milne (Belfast)
MAY	
7 th -8 th	Webber Cup Final Mid Wales
21 st or 22 nd	Teams of 8 qualifier
27 th -29 th	Senior Camrose (Provisional)
28 th -30 th	Welsh Seniors Congress Cardiff
JUNE	
3 rd -4 th	WBF Sim Pairs
4 th -5 th	Ladies' weekend Mid Wales
19 th	Teams of Eight final
JULY	
2 nd -3 rd	WBU Swiss Pairs Llandudno
9 th -10 th	Mid Wales Congress (Metropole)
17 th	Executive
22 nd -24 th	Aberystwyth Congress
25 th -26 th	BGB Simultaneous Pairs
30 th -31 st	Open Pre-Trials

How to lose in 2 easy lessons

Mikey and I played in last year's Webber qualifier at Gwent Bridge Academy, with Paul Gagne and Diana Harris (*The Piranhas**) as team-mates. We didn't come bottom, but that was only because another team of 'experts' did even worse than us.

I went off in two easy game contracts simply by not concentrating. Here's one of them:

♠ A K J	
♥ A 7 6 3 2	
♦ 9 4	
♣ 6 5 4	
♠ Q 10 9	♠ 8 7 6 5 3
♥ K 10 9 4	♥ Q J
♦ J 7 5	♦ Q 8
♣ A 10 9	♣ Q 8 3 2
♠ 4 2	
♥ 8 5	
♦ AK10632	
♣ K J 7	

In 3NT on the lead of the ♣10, I can count 9 tricks if I bring diamonds in for one loser. It's best if I can lose to West so that East can't

play through my remaining club honour (I didn't know that West had led from a 3-card suit).

Unfortunately, I failed to notice that I had no outside entries to my hand, and blithely started cashing diamonds. When the opponents meanly didn't throw the queen and jack under my ace and king, I went two off. What I should have done, of course, is duck a round so that I could still get to hand after losing a trick in the suit.

I'm rather surprised to find that I'm a Grand Master – I keep thinking someone will unmask me as the very average player I really am – but this lemming-like play was poor even for me.

Now for Mikey. This is a cautionary tale for all those who like conventions, even useful ones like Lebensohl. It's also a valuable reminder of bridge ethics.

	♠ none
	♥ A 7 6 5
<i>Mikey</i>	♦ A K J 10 8
	♣ 10 5 3 2
	■
	♠ K 8 7 2
	♥ Q
<i>Me</i>	♦ 6 5 3
	♣ A Q 9 7 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Opp 1</i>	<i>Mikey</i>	<i>Opp 2</i>	<i>Laura</i>
2♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3NT	Pass	?

2♥ was weak, pass was pass, double was take-out and 3NT showed game values *without a heart stopper*. Playing Lebensohl, Mikey should have bid 2NT first, to show his stopper.

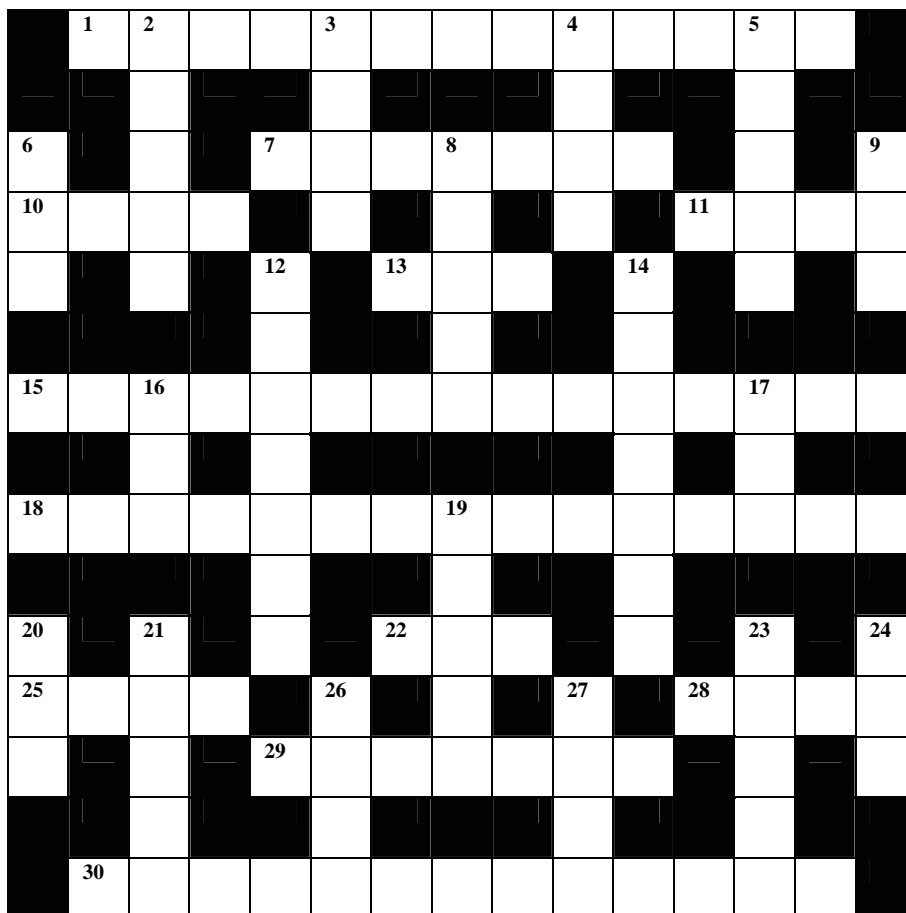
Now, I knew from 15 years of sitting opposite Mikey that he really did have a stopper in hearts and had forgotten this quirk of Lebensohl. Unfortunately, I'm not allowed to know that. What would you do on my hand?

I gritted my teeth and bid 5♣, a leap of faith opposite a partner who might have no clubs, making all 13 tricks on a lucky lie of the cards. Like the wonderful partner he is, Mikey immediately owned up without any prompting.

Laura

* *David Burn spotted that "Paul Gagne and Diana Harris" is an anagram of "Piranhas arguing a deal". Some might think it apt.*

Crossword



Across

1. Crazy MP serves on? Nuts! It's big in France (5, 2, 6)
7. Over the line for communication purposes with your team mate? (2, 5)
10. Status is stinky. But acceptable, in several at the bridge table (4)
11. How many times did South crash old North's clubs? East initially couldn't tell until his spades and clubs dropped the answer was not worth a candle (4)
13. Drop it and it's a minor problem. (3)
14. She had no diamonds she told the muddled thief, only her cape. East added, 'It's a good ploy that usually works' (5, 3, 7)
18. Regular outings to Sotheby's is one way of getting this, but it is likely to bankrupt you and will never improve your bridge (7, 8)
22. 'Where is my partner?' the Frenchman is writing (He isis) (3)
25. Melancholy and unsavoury, yet quite popular with the club (4) 28. Actually, this bid could turn out to be very costly. (4)
29. Quiet females are of all genders (7)
30. A pack of wags. (5-3, 5)

Down

2. Diagrams on drugs are not odd at all (5)
3. Hans says no to a Scottish curse (4)
4. The start of really keen competitive bidding shows this device (1, 1, 1, 1)
5. Indicate strength – or weakness (5)
6. For the expert (3)
8. Nothing makes disarranged veil suitable for the champion's crown (5)
9. A vulnerable dwarf (3)
12. Cause of communication problems with distant friends and friction in a close partnership (3, 4)
14. Accolades separated or special ones in two and a half packs, all under the same spell (7)
16. Two's strange companion (3)
17. Brogeland's transport to the club (3)
19. Princess Michael's bidding style? (5)
20. Poor little Robert and cyber Bridge facilities (3)
21. Many varied ways of playing this (5)
23. One's greatest proposal (5)
24. Lowliest of the top set (3)
26. Quiet song all round the table (4)
27. This will fish him out where Tommy Flynn misbehaved (4)



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SWANSEA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT

to be held at
22 St. James Gardens, Swansea. SA1 6DY

Friday 10th, Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June 2011

Date	Time	Event	Prizes	Entry fee
<u>Friday 10th June</u>	7.00 pm	Open & Novice Pairs	The Lloyd Lewis Cup (top Novice Pair)	£4.00
<u>Saturday 11th June</u>	1.45 pm 7.00 pm	Championship Pairs (two sessions)	Challenge Cup for overall winners and top mixed pair	1 Session - £5.00 2 Sessions - £9.00
<u>Sunday 12th June</u>	1.00 pm	Swiss Teams (6 x 8-board matches)	Prizes to 3 rd place and for each round	£9.00 (£36.00 per team)
	8.30 pm	Prize-giving		Full congress £20

Entry Form		Entries Before 6 th June please	
Name:	<input type="text"/>	Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Partner:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Other team members:	<input type="text"/>		
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Please make cheques payable to Swansea Bridge Club Charity Event <i>Entries to: Diana Panniers or Gwyneth Mahoney, Swansea Bridge Club</i>			
Tel:	Diana	01792 297081	dipanniers@btinternet.com
	Gwyneth	01792 280009	gwyneth.mahoney@ntlworld.com

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For further information contact National Osteoporosis Society helpline 01761 472721 / 0845 4500230
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GRADED MASTERS RESULTS (15th-16th January 2011)

Section 1

Rank	Names	%
1	Mike Best & Mark Roderick	55.93
2	Frank McAleavy & Brian Crawford	55
3	Gwynn Davis & Susan Ingham	52.23



Section 2

Rank	Names	%
1	Liz Atkinson & Chris Rochelle	58.30
2	Roger Penton & Tony Disley	55.34
3	Peter Milewski & Wally Heaton	52.84



Section 3

Rank	Names	%
1	Jennifer Wardell & Christine Norman	57.74
2	Neville Richards & Tony Davies	55.16
3	Vida Halford & Glyn Williams	54.96

NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS FINAL (26th-27th February 2011)

1	Adrian Thomas & Aida Aris	59.81
2	Mark Roderick & Noelle Bond	57.59
3	Patrick Jourdain & Gilly Clench	57.06



Lady Milne Trial results

The Trials had to be rescheduled because of bad weather and were held on 21st and 22nd January. Six pairs took part and the results were close. The team selected to play in Northern Ireland is: **Sue Ingham and Laura Woodruff, Val Kennewell and Margaret Lane, and Sheila Shea and Beth Wennell.** Good luck to the team.

COURSES FOR CLUB AND AREA DIRECTING

April 9th, 2011

Neville is organising courses for club directors who wish to bring their knowledge up to date and those who wish to gain further qualifications.

If your club needs more directors or if you are interested as an individual, contact Neville, stating which level you are interested in (beginners, intermediate or advanced). He will note your interest, and if enough people from the area apply he will organise a course in your area. There is a course already booked for April 9th, so get your application in quickly.

Telephone Neville on 01597 850050

or

email him at

WelshBridgeUnion@deepvault.com

Information page (Please mark changes and corrections in your copy of the current *Journal*)

Item	Page	Details
Calendar		<u>Perry Shield & Spickett Bowl</u> : The date has had to be changed because of a lack of hotel accommodation in Cardiff on the original date (rugby match). The events will now be held on April 9th and 10th. These are the inter-area open and ladies teams. A third competition, the President's Cup, will also be held, for club players representing each area.
Cardiff Bridge Club	5	Change of Secretary: Ken Richardson, 31 Deri Road, Cardiff CF23 5AH, ☎ 029 20255162 ken.deris31@ntlworld.com
Caernarfon Bridge Club	8	Change of Secretary: Clive Emery, Talafon, St David's Road, Caernarfon LL55 1EL, ☎ 01286 676 474, email cliveemery@live.co.uk
West Shore Bridge Club	9	Change of telephone number and email address: ☎ 01492 338627, email jgs3@talktalk.net
Newport Bridge Club	11	Now called Newport & Dinas (Pemb) BC

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CAPTION COMPETITION

We couldn't resist sharing this picture of Peter and Adrian in India. Peter suggested we could use it for a caption competition, brave lad! I'm not sure whether he has told Adrian about it (good job Adrian can take a joke). The winner will receive a magnificent prize of £10. Entries to Jill Knight, 16 Bay View Road, Benllech, or Polly64335@aol.com. If sending by post, please give name and address. Out of consideration for those of you who are still young enough to work for a living, we'll give you the May Day holiday to come up with something entertaining, closing date May 3rd.

And finally ... a huge thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Without you there wouldn't be one. I am always glad to receive material the reader thinks would be of interest – 'Where are they now?', letters, 'Heard at the table' humour – anything that the reader would enjoy. Contact me at Polly64335@aol.com, or telephone 01248 853033 **JILL**