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Editorial

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Welsh Bridge Union Newsletter. This is an extension of the Union's service to its members, and we want you to influence and contribute to its content. The Newsletter will act principally as a medium of information between the Welsh national body and its members, and will naturally allocate much of its space to national competitions. But only a small fraction of the Union's twelve hundred members currently participate in national events, so some space will be set aside for topics of wider interest. And, when space permits, the Newsletter hopes to contain some entertainment too.

So, an ambitious remit for something which starts with just four pages and the official competition entry form.

But tell us what you want, give us your ideas. For this newcomer belongs to you.

Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 5/6th Welsh Foursomes, Porthcawl
- 12th Entries close: Camrose Trials
- 12/13th Gold Cup Rounds 1 & 2 (EBU)
- 15th Entries close: Ladies Welsh Cup
- 20th WBU Executive
- 26/27th Camrose Trial 1
- 30th Entries close: Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup

OCTOBER

- 3rd/4th Ladies Welsh Cup
- 10th Entries close: Lady Milne Trials
- 8/11th West-of-England Congress
- 14th BBL Simultaneous Pairs
- 16/18th Llangollen Congress
- 17th Entries close: Young Players Cup
- 25th Young Players Cup
- 29th- PORTHCAWL

NOVEMBER

- 1st PORTHCAWL
- 7/8th Camrose Trial 2, Lady Milne 1
- 14/15th Gwbert Congress (South Glam.B.C.)
- 21/22nd Club Teams-of-Eight, Porthcawl
- 30th Entries close: International Masters

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Tournament Organiser's Report

1. GRADED PAIRS Please note that the date of the Graded Master Pairs has been changed to 20/21st February 1982, one week earlier than shown in the Calendar. The closing date for entries has therefore been brought back to 31st January.
2. YOUNG PLAYERS The age shown in the Journal is incorrect. Both players must be under 25 on 1st Jan 1982. Entries will be accepted up to 17th Oct.
3. VENUES The following have been booked for National Finals:
National Pairs.....Cross Lanes Hotel, Marchwiell, Nr. Wrexham.
Ladies Welsh Cup.....Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
Full board £25.75, mention bridge when booking.
Webber Cup.....Pavilion, Porthcawl.
Graded Master Pairs.....Bridgend Recreation Centre.
Trials & International Masters..South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Cardiff.
Mixed Pairs Final.....King's Head Hotel, Newport.
Mens/Ladies Pairs Final.....Jubilee Room, Pavilion, Porthcawl.
4. GOLD CUP 1981/82 Nineteen teams entered, six from the North, four from the West, and nine from the East. There will be an open draw for the last four teams in Wales (two from the East and one each from the North and West). The draw has been published. The preliminary and first full rounds to reduce to eight teams must be completed by 17th October.
5. RESULTS CARDS For all team events played by private arrangement a result card must be sent to the Masterpoint Secretary IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF THE MATCH, by the captain of the winning team. Failure, if prolonged, can lead to disqualification.
6. PORTLAND PAIRS A heat of the BBL Mixed Pairs Championship will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Newport on 3rd/4th April 1982. Players interested should send their entry to the Welsh Tournament Organiser, or indicate their preference for the Newport heat on their EBU entry form.

Selectors' Report

1. CAMROSE The first trial on 26/27th September 1981 will be a seven table pairs trial. Pairs to be recommended by Area Selectors (see Council Minutes). Match point scoring. The results of the trial will be considered as evidence for selection for all three Camrose matches. Players will be asked to express their willingness to travel to Northern Ireland. This will not prejudice selection for the later matches.
There will be three sessions of play, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Play will commence at 2 p.m. on both days. Venue - South Glamorgan B.C. Area Selectors to submit names by 12th September to the Secretary.
The final trial on November 7/8th will be four teams. The first four pairs from the first trial will qualify automatically; remaining pairs will be at the invitation of the selectors. Pairs will be invited to express preference on the make-up of their own team but the selectors will make the final decision.
2. LADY MILNE The first trial will be held on 7/8th November 1981 at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club, under the same format as the first Camrose trial. Area Selectors to submit names by 10th October to the Secretary.
The second trial will be a teams trial on 13/14th February 1982.
3. JUNIOR CAMROSE Age limit - under 25 on 1st January 1982. All players wishing to be considered for selection should submit their names to their Area Selector. Area Selectors to submit names to the WBU Secretary by 25th October 1981.

For all trials, hands to be dealt at the table.

WBU Council Affairs

At the first meeting of the new Council on 5th July 1981 the following elections were announced:
Selectors: P.E.Griffiths, J.Tremayne, G.Fox (East), C.Heard (West), North still to be nominated (D.Gorst 1980/81).
Tournament: J.Tremayne, Mrs. B.Cornish, A.Pitts (East), G.Burnett (North), L.R.Griffin (West).
Rules & Ethics: Mrs. J.Newton, D.Hamilton, D.M.Powell.
Finance: R.G.Upton, D.M.Powell (West), Mrs. J.Newton (North), East unknown.
Porthcawl: D.M.Powell, T.J.Isaac, R.G.Upton.
Simultaneous Pairs: A.Haworth.
Simultaneous Fritch: D.M.Powell.
BBL Delegates: Mrs. J.Newton, D.Hamilton.

The Bowman Trophy

There is an extension this year to the teams championship for Welsh schools. With the support of the Daily Mail, the EBU has been running an event for several years restricted to English schools. Now leaders in the Bowman Welsh Final will qualify for a Bristol British Semi-final where they can earn an expenses paid trip to the British Final in Oxford.
Entries for the Bowman Trophy have grown each year it has been in existence as Welsh schools discover the attractions of bridge. And should there be any head teacher left who discourages the game in the belief that students should be out in the fresh air, note this: two regulars at the lunch-time bridge table who took part in last year's Bowman Trophy are Nigel Walker, Britain's fastest schoolboy hurdler, and Peter Cartwright, Welsh School's rugby wing three-quarter.
Schools interested in taking part in the 1982 events must write to the National Tournament Organiser before the end of this year.

Welsh Achievements outside Wales

- *The British Bridge League Mrs. J.Newton, currently Chairman of the BBL, has been nominated for a further year of office.
- *1980/81 Gold Cup Robert Upton and John Salisbury reached the semi-final with team-mates Forrester, Smolski, Kirby, and Armstrong. The same team, by virtue of its win in the Northern section of the EBU Spring Foursomes, earned the right to a play-off against Keith Stanley's team who had won the Southern section at Eastbourne. The play-off at Brighton was won by Stanley's team.
- *Brighton 1981 Over 200 teams played. Eight teams qualify for the final and all the rest compete for the Brighton Bowl. This was won by a team containing Mike Tedd and Mike Hirst.
- *Brittany 1981 Two Welsh teams competed in the ten team Celtic tournament at Lorient. In the qualifying round-robin the Cardiff team finished third, the Welsh President's team, fifth. The two leading teams played a final in which Ireland, represented by their Junior team, easily beat the full Scottish national team. In the main pairs event, the prize for leading foreign pair was won by Gerry Needham in partnership with your Editor.

WELSH BRIDGE UNION
COMPETITION ENTRY FORM
1981-82

Please complete and return with remittance to the Tournament Organiser:
J.Tremayne, Mylor, 12 Forge Lane, Bassaleg, Newport, Gwent. Rhiwderin 3371
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 No. *

WELSH CUP (September 30th - £1 per player).

Captain (Name & address).....

.....Tel No.....

Team Names.....

LADIES' WELSH CUP (September 15th - £1 per player)

Captain (Name & address).....

.....Tel No.....

Team names.....

CAMBRIA CUP (September 30th - £1 per player).

Captain (Name & address).....

.....Tel No.....

Team Names.....

INTERNATIONAL MASTER PAIRS (November 30th - £1 per player, to be collected at the time of the event.)

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

YOUNG PLAYERS' CUP (October 17th - 50p) Both players to be under 25 on 1st Jan 1982. (Note change from WBU Journal.)

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

Address.....

GRADED MASTER PAIRS (January 31st - £1 per player) To be played on Feb 20/21 (Note change of dates from WBU Journal)

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

Combined masterpoint holding according to the 1981 WBU Journal (or masterpoint card if registered elsewhere).....

I certify that all the above 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 subscription for a WBU member not joining via an Area Executive.

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