

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

7 W.B.U. Executive
13-14 Final Camrose Trial
25-28 W.B.U. Congress , Porthcawl
31 Closing date for Junior Camrose Trialists
Closing date for the Young Players' Cup
Closing date for the International Masters'

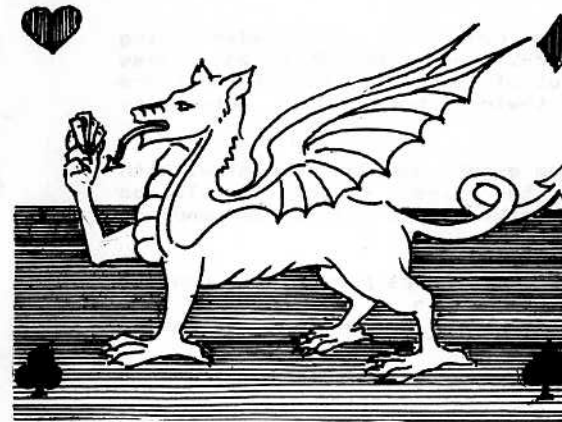
NOVEMBER

9-11 Llangollen Congress
17-18 Young Players' Cup, South Glamorgan B.C.
18 Club Teams of Eight, Porthcawl
23-25 B.B.L. Swiss Teams , Llangollen
29 W.B.U. Simultaneous Pairs

DECEMBER

1-2 International Masters' Pairs, S.G.B.C.
Junior Camrose Trial, S.G.B.C.
9 W.B.U. Executive
31 Closing date for Lady Milne Trialists
Closing date for Schools' Team Championship

THE WELSH BRIDGE UNION NEWSLETTER



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Editorial

Another season of competitive bridge is off to a reasonably smooth start, entries for the early season events are much the same as last year and as yet, no disaster has struck. Beneath the surface, however, there are areas which give cause for concern.

First, is the continuing failure of Welsh Bridge to attract young players into the game . A year ago the previous Editor of this Newsletter appealed to those members of the W.B.U. who have contact with schools and colleges to make a real effort to encourage and promote the formation of Bridge Clubs in those institutions; this seems an appropriate time to repeat the appeal. At present Wales has a worse record at this level than most other European countries - our future Camrose success depends on rectifying this.

A very worrying aspect of Welsh bridge is the lack of awareness of the basic laws and ethics of the game. Even at the highest levels , players seem unaware of their basic duties and rights. For some years the W.B.U. has followed the E.B.U. code of Laws and Ethics, but whereas E.B.U members receive a booklet each year which informs and reminds them of the code, W.B.U. members are largely left to find out the rules for themselves. There needs to be a real drive by Clubs to increase the understanding of their members in these important areas. Future editions of this Newsletter will include items dealing with difficult interpretations of the Laws. Members are invited to send in details of situations where they have found difficulty in obtaining or understanding a ruling.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. My telephone number has now changed to 758021. The code has also changed to 0554.

2. Would anyone who would like a copy of a poster advertising Welsh events run solely for under-21 and schoolchildren, please contact me. I would be grateful if Secondary School teachers would take one for display at their school. Also university students returning to college.

3. The draw for the principal Team events has now been made, with the Cambria Cup now zoned for the first round. I would be grateful if team captains would make every effort to complete matches before the given dates.

4. This year's Mens and Ladies National Pairs Finals will consist of 7 tables as opposed to 8 tables in previous years. The National Mixed Pairs Final has been increased from 11 tables to 14.

Selectors' Report

1. CAMROSE TRIAL The first trial, held at Raglan on 22nd / 23rd of September, consisted of 4 tables. The results were calculated using victory pointed datum scoring. As a result of the trial the following pairs have been invited to the final trial at Raglan on October 13th / 14th : P.D.Jourdain + R.G.Upton, G.Evans + A.Thomas, Mrs J.Newton + Miss J.R.Newton, Mrs J.Casey + Mrs M.Pierce, M.Hirst + G.Holman, A.Casey + A.Pierce

The pairs finishing first and second in this trial will be guaranteed selection for one match during the current season.

2. LADY MILNE and JUNIOR CAMROSE Pairs wishing to be considered for this year's trials are reminded that they should submit their names to an Area Selector by the closing dates given below.

Junior Camrose : October 31st

Lady Milne : December 31st

The Area Representatives to the selection committee are :

Eastern Area : P.McCloskey (Cardiff 702884)

Western Area : J.Pilborough (0792 296325)

Northern Area : J.Poole (Deeside 815277)

GENERAL NEWS

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of this season's Camrose trials. The scoring system used in these trials is described as "victory pointed datum scoring". This phrase must be virtually meaningless to the vast majority of players in Wales and even to those who have experienced it, the method is a source of much confusion and misconception. Since this type of scoring is becoming increasingly common in trials etc., it is perhaps appropriate to give a brief explanation.

1. Each board is played at every table in the trial.

2. The I.M.P. score for a NS pair is found by comparing their score on the board with the score at each other table in turn and using the normal I.M.P. scale (in effect each EW pair playing the board is treated as team-mates of the NS pair). These I.M.P.s are totalled. The process is reversed for EW pairs.

e.g. NS	EW	Score	In this example pair 1 would gain
		NS+ NS-	10 IMPs from the second result and
	1 4	50	11 IMPs from the third, thus
	2 5	420	totalling 21 IMPs from the board.
	3 6	450	Pair 2 would lose 10 IMPs and gain
			1, thus totalling -9 IMPs. etc.

3. The boards played against one pair are regarded as an individual match and the IMPs for these boards are totalled.

4. The IMP total for each match is converted to Victory Points using a scale chosen to fit the particular event. e.g. if six boards are played against each pair and the board is played at four other tables, then the match can be regarded as twenty four boards.

This method of scoring can produce some frighteningly large scores on individual boards, particularly if there are five or six tables in the trial, but fears that one board might have an undue influence on the overall result do not seem to be borne out in practice. The method does meet a real need in trial situations where the performance of pairs must be considered, but the selectors are concerned with potential performance in team situations.

RECENT RESULTS

FIRST CAMROSE TRIAL 1. P.D.Jourdain R.G.Upton
2. G.Evans A.Thomas

LADIES WELSH CUP 1. Pam Edwards, Margaret Pitts, Vera Kenyon,
Ann Dunn
2. Sheila Crampton, Marjorie Williams,
Ann Hyatt, Pat Haworth

WELSH BRIDGE UNION COMPETITION ENTRIES 1984/5

Please complete and return with remittance to the Tournament
Organiser: G.Martin, 83 Tir Capel, Llanelli, Dyfed SA14 8SR
Cheques to be made payable to the Welsh Bridge Union. Entries are
only acceptable when accompanied by the corresponding fees, which
are not refundable. Further details may be found in the WBU
journal and calendar.

*** PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS ***

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS (Closing date Oct. 31st)
(Entry fee and Table Money will be collected at the event)

The following pair would like to be considered :

.....and.....

Address :.....

You will be informed if your entry has been accepted

YOUNG PLAYERS CUP (Closing date Oct 31st, Entry Fee £1 per player)
Both players to be under 25 on 1st Jan 1985.
Table Money will be charged at this event.

Venue : South Glamorgan Bridge Club

.....and.....

Address :.....Tel No.....

SCHOOLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (Closing Date Dec 31st)
Entry Fee £2.50 per team, Venue : South Glamorgan B.C.

School :..... No of teams (max 2) :..

Address :.....

Name of contact :

GRADED MASTERS PAIRS (Closing date Jan 26th, Entry Fee £ 2.00
per player) Table money will be charged at this event.

.....and.....

Address:.....Tel No.....

Combined M. P. Holding according to the 1984 Journal :.....

All entrants should be paid up members of th WBU. Please name
any of the above who are not members and include £2.50 per
person for the direct annual subscription.

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED £ SIGNED :
DATE: