

Forthcoming Events

DECEMBER

5/6th BBL Swiss Teams - Llangollen
31st Schools entries to Organiser

JANUARY

10th Council Meeting
16/17th Camrose v. N.Ireland (away)
23/24th Junior Internationals - London
Wed. 27th WBU Fritch Simultaneous
30/31st International Masters - Cardiff
31st Entries close: Graded Pairs

FEBRUARY

13/14th Camrose v. Scotland (away)
Thu 18th Schools Trophy - Cardiff
20/21st Graded Pairs

MARCH

1st Entries close: Portland Pairs
6/7th Mens/Ladies Pairs Final - Porthcawl
13/14th East Wales Congress - Newport

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Members will be sad to learn of the death of John Maynard, until recently National Tournament Organiser for Wales. He had earned many friends with his kind and considerate nature, and fund of stories of his travels in the world of bridge and the RAF.

Earlier this year he moved to Slough to be with his family. He leaves a wife and two sons.

Donations in his memory should be sent to:
Imperial Cancer Research, c/o The Manager
Barclays Bank, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

THE WELSH BRIDGE UNION NEWSLETTER



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Editorial

It was pleasing to receive a warm welcome from the bridge-players of Wales. " We've been needing information like this for years." was a typical comment. Your Council has decided to continue with the experiment and has set aside a budget for the purpose. The venture has started with a member of Council as Editor but we wish to make it clear that any member of the Union who believes that they have the right qualifications for the post, must feel free to apply. There would be some remuneration for the duties and further details may be obtained by writing to the Secretary.

The logo at the head of this Newsletter is the familiar Welsh dragon, with no hint of bridge or the WBU. We wonder whether the more artistically gifted of our members may be prepared to design something more appropriate. Send your efforts to the Editor. A small prize will be awarded to a design chosen for publication.

Normal print-size photo-reduced can be a strain to read in quantity so, in response to requests from readers, we are trying a slightly larger type-face on certain items.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. PORTLAND PAIRS For the first time Wales is holding a heat of the British Mixed Pairs Championship. This is one of the most sociable events in the national calendar and all members are encouraged to take advantage of the Welsh venue. In addition to our heat in Newport, four other venues will be playing the same boards over the three sessions of the weekend of 3rd-4th April 1982. Scoring is across the field, so a good performance within Wales will receive national recognition. An entry form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

2. GOLD CUP The draw for the last four teams in Wales is M. Waterworth v. D. Ronson and P. D. Jourdain v. Mrs J. Newton or P. Griffith (first named at home). By 10th Jan. Last round in Wales to be played by 14th Feb 1982.

3. WELSH CUP Third round to be completed by 11th Jan, names of quarter-finalists to be available by 15th Feb.

4. CAMBRIA CUP Second round by 17th Jan, third by 28th Feb.

5. CHANGE OF VENUE The South Glamorgan Bridge Club moves to new premises at Aberdare House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff on Saturday, 12th December 1981. The East Wales Ladies Final will be played in the new premises on Sunday, 13th December. Other Welsh national events affected are the International Masters, the Schools Trophy, and the Lady Milne Trials. The telephone number of the club remains as Cardiff 394229 and directions can be obtained by ringing the club or contacting your Editor at the address heading this Newsletter.

6. SCHOOLS TROPHY Any school wishing to take part in the Welsh Schools Championship should write to me by 31st Dec. The event will be played on Thursday, 18th Feb 1982 at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff.

7. Please note my new telephone number heading this Letter.

Selectors' Report

1. CAMROSE As a result of the Final Trial the following have been selected to represent Wales v. N. Ireland on 16/17th Jan: M. N. Hirst, D. K. McAndrew; P. D. Jourdain, G. E. Needham; A. G. Pierce, W. A. Casey. Reserves A. W. Butcher, K. Sharp. Npc. C. C. Smith.

2. JUNIOR CAMROSE The team selected to represent Wales in the Junior Home Internationals at the Young Chelsea, London on 23/24th Jan 1982 is: W. Lewis, P. Goodman; J. Mason, D. Hardie; R. Homfray, A. Thomas. Npc: P. D. Jourdain.

3. LADY MILNE FINAL TRIAL This will be played at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club on 13/14th Feb. As a result of the first trial the following proceed to the final stage: Mesdames Newton & Howarth, Newton & Randell, Casey & Farr, Clare & Ratcliff, Watkins & Harries, Griffith & Kurbalija. Reserves: Melville & Moran. Pairs are invited to notify the Secretary of their preference on the make-up of their own team for this trial, but the selectors will make the final decision.

General News

BRITISH BRIDGE LEAGUE Mrs. Jessie Newton was elected to a second year of office as Chairman. She has the difficult task of handling the developing debate over the World Federation's refusal to accept the British captain in New York.

GRAND SLAM The television series on Sunday nights has caused much debate. Whether you like it or not, please send your comments to BBC Wales in Llandaff, Cardiff. If the BBC believe people are interested they may give us more bridge, but in a format which reflects your wishes.

LORIENT Each summer the fishing port of Lorient in Brittany holds a Celtic Festival. Over 3000 people take part in music and dancing, and a variety of sports, including bridge. Last year the Organisers invited two teams from Wales to play in a tournament. Next year they plan to extend the bridge to include a Holiday Congress. Please write to the WBU Secretary if you are interested, saying what sort of accommodation you prefer. For a sizeable group favourable travel terms may be available. The dates are 6th-15th August, 1982.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CAMP Jim Mason of Haverfordwest, captain of last year's Oxford University bridge team, attended the Bridge Camp for Juniors held at Ostend and organised by the European Bridge League. In a full report to the WBU Council Jim refers to "the best vacation I've ever had." The next camp is in Greece in 1983 and all bridge-players under the age of 23 are recommended by Jim to start saving for the trip.

EAST WALES CONGRESS This will be on 13/14th March, 1982 and is again at the Ladbroke Motel, Newport. For details write to Miss N. Gibbon, 26 Fairwood Rd., Llandaff, Cardiff 561694.

Welsh Competition Results

WELSH FOURSOMES P. D. Jourdain, A. Weirmouth, Dr. J. Butler, C. C. Smith.

LADIES WELSH CUP Mesdames Dennison, Williams, Warburton and Nixon. The first pair went on to New York as members of the British Ladies team which won the World Championship.

LLANGOLLEN Pairs: G. E. Needham, Mrs J. Casey; Teams: A. G. Pierce, Mrs M. Farr, P. Laddin, M. Burt; Mens: D. Hamilton, C. C. Smith; Ladies: Mrs J. Stett, Mrs M. Harrop; Mixed Teams: Mr & Mrs F. Hyatt, G. Evans, F. Kurbalija.

PORTHCRAWL Pairs: M. N. Hirst, A. Dinnen; Teams: E. Hudson, T. Read, W. Lewis, P. Goodman; Mens: C. Samuels, P. Bower; Ladies: Miss G. Wise, Mrs Baker; Mixed Pairs: A. G. Pierce, Mrs M. Farr; Mixed Teams: Mrs E. Miller, W. Lewis, Mrs Owen, P. Goodman; Dewi Sant: P. D. Jourdain, G. Needham, M. Hirst, A. Dinnen; Prince of Wales: W. Morris, E. Cornelius; Metropole: Dr & Mrs. Thomas.

CLUB TEAMS-of-EIGHT South Glamorgan Bridge Club.

WELSH BRIDGE UNION
PORTLAND CLUB CUP
(British Bridge League Championship for Mixed Pairs)

Date: April 3rd-4th, 1982

Start: 1.00 pm.

Venue: King's Head Hotel, Newport. Tel: Newport 842020

Terms: Full board from £20 per day.

There will be three sessions of play, two on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Please complete the entry form below and return to the Tournament Organiser. Entries are only acceptable when accompanied by the entry fee of £3 per player (which will be forwarded to the BBL). Table money will be charged at the event sufficient to cover the expenses.

Closing date: 1st March, 1982.

PORTLAND FAIRS ENTRY FORM

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Address of (1)

Day time Tel No.

Entry fee: £3 per player (exclusive of table money).

Both the above must be paid up members of at least one of the Home Bridge Unions. If not, name the player(s) for which membership is required and enclose an additional £2 per name for direct membership of the WBU.

Total remittance enclosed: £
(cheques payable to the Welsh Bridge Union).

When completed please return this form to the Tournament Organiser:
J. Tremayne, Mylor, 12 Forge Lane, Bassaleg, Newport, Gwent.

If acknowledgement of entry is required, please tick this box

In the event of over-subscription, alternative venues are available. Please indicate below if you have a second choice:

Raven Hotel, Droitwich:

Ivanhoe Hotel, London:

Signed:

Date:

You are reminded that the closing date for the WELSH GRADED PAIRS is 31st Jan. Entry fee £1 per player. Entry form with previous newsletter.