

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 23/24 GRADED MASTERS - Porthcawl Pavilion
25/31 FLITCH (Clubs)
30/31 JUNIOR CAMROSE - Hand Hotel, Llangollen
30 Closing date - Lady Milne Trials
- FEBRUARY 6 Vince Bevan Trophy - WEST
13/14 CAMROSE v SCOTLAND - Edinburgh
21 Area Finals - MIXED PAIRS
27/28 Eastern Area Congress - CWMBRAN
- MARCH 5 Area Teams of 8 Final - WEST
6 EXECUTIVE MEETING - HEREFORD
12/13 NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS FINAL - Llangollen
19/20 CAMROSE v ENGLAND - CARDIFF
20 Closing date - Portland Pairs
26/27 PORTLAND PAIRS - CWMBRAN
- APRIL 7/10 WBU SPRING CONGRESS - LLANGOLLEN
13 BBL SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS
16/17 LADY MILE TRIAL
17 Herbert Thomas Cup - EAST
23/24 NATIONAL MENS & LADIES PAIRS FINAL - Porthcawl
- MAY 1 WARTSKI CUP - NORTH (Prestatyn)
7/ 8 WEBBER CUP - Porthcawl
14 Laszlo Cup - NORTH
Louis Leron Cup - EAST
21/22 NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS FINAL - EAST
- JUNE 3 EPSON SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS
3/ 5 TENBY CONGRESS
4/ 5 LADY MILNE - Suffolk

N.E. SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

BBL SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS NOT SHOWN ON WBU CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL 1988

EPSON Worldwide - FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE (not 14th May)

EMPATHY LADIES PAIRS - Week beginning 29th February

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS - From entry into playing room to 1 hour
after commencement of play relate to all National Finals and
Competitions

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Editorial:

May I wish all WBU members a very Happy New Year with every enjoyment and success at bridge.

This year's home international matches in Wales are the Junior Camrose, 30th/31st January at the Hand Hotel, Llangollen with teams from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales competing for the trophy, and the Camrose match against England 19/20 March at Dyffryn House Conference Centre, Cardiff. A lot can be learnt by spectators at these matches, so support your teams by attending. Members of the successful British team in Jamaica are likely to be playing for England in March.

British teams compete in the Junior European Championships, 5th/14th August in Bulgaria and in the World Teams Olympiad in Venice 8th/22nd October 1988. The team who represented Great Britain in Jamaica have been selected for the Open Teams Olympiad, and trials will be held to assist in selection of the Ladies team. They will be conducted on a pairs basis, scored by cross-imping all results. If after five days play, arranged so pair comparisons are balanced over all, the winning pair has a given winning margin that pair will be invited to play in the 1988 British Ladies Olympiad Team. The partnership of Nicola Smith and Pat Davies has been invited into the team without taking part in trials. Other selections will be determined following the trials and subsequent squad activity. Dates 28th April-2nd May in London. Applications in writing to Mrs A Brabner, 13 Chaucer Rd, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 6LN by 14th February 1988.

After the successful staging of the 1987 European Championships in Brighton the British Bridge League have applied to stage the 1989 Junior Championships at a university in this country at the end of July. It is likely to be in Nottingham because sponsorship has been offered.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S REPORT

1. National Open Pairs Final will be held at the Hand Hotel, Llangollen on March 12/13. The Area qualifying numbers are:
North 7 East 6 West 15
2. National Mens/Ladies Final will be held in Porthcawl on April 23/24. The Area qualifying numbers are:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
North 3 East 4 West 7	North 5 East 4 West 5
3. Portland Pairs heat will be held at the Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran on March 26/27. Entries must be received by 20th March (£12 per pair).
4. National results:

International masters

1. C Heard	M Powell
2. M Best	J Glubb
3. J Butler	W O Davies

Young Players Cup

1. A Ratcliff	M Downey
2. S Daniel	A Hogg
3. F Ebury	G Davies
4. G S Evans	R Charlesworth

The above named Young Players have won entry to the EBU Easter Guardian Tournament for Under 25's.

G Martin

AREA RESULTS

West

Mixed Pairs - Linda & Roger Scott (Bridgend)
Ladies Pairs - Anne Fox & Irene Thomas (Bridgend)
Mens Pairs - Dr D Hardie & G Martin (Swansea)

North

Harold Griffiths Cup - Area Teams
Mrs P Edwards S Edwards A Stephenson S Matthews
National Pairs Area Final - M Pitts D Debbage
Ladies Pairs - Mrs A Ellis Mrs K Stephenson
Mens Pairs - S Edwards A Stephenson

East

National Open Pairs Area Final - M Hirst A Pierce
Stan Berger Trophy - F Kurbalija P Goodman
Ladies Pairs - M Pierce J Casey
Mens Pairs - D Hamilton R Wiltshire

RESULTS

LLANGOLLEN CONGRESS

Ladies Pairs	Mrs J M Boxwell Mrs W E Hullock
Mens Pairs	B Crawford F McAleavy
Mixed Teams	S R Richards Mrs E Atkinson A Thomas D Renson
Championship Pairs	Mr & Mrs D N P Woodcock
Consolation Pairs	Mr & Mrs I L Blakey
Championship Teams	J Salisbury G Needham Mrs M Pitts D Debbage
Consolation Teams	A Casey A Pierce Mr & Mrs F Kurbalija

LLANGOLLEN SWISS TEAMS

1st	E Martin	J Mason	R Bentley	M Ferguson
2nd	J D Baker	D F Huggett	S M Preston	D L Parry
3rd	M Robinson	J A Smith	Mrs P Lang	M Hunphrey

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

CAMROSE MATCH v N. IRELAND - 16th/17th January in N. Ireland

The following team has been selected to represent Wales:-

P D Jourdain	A Thomas
M Hirst	A Pierce
G Evans	Mrs D Kurbalija
npc	D M Powell

JUNIOR CAMROSE MATCH - 30/31 January at the Hand Hotel LLANGOLLEN

The following team has been selected to represent Wales:-

A Ratcliff	M Downey
A Maddocks	S Edwards
S Daniel	A Hogg
npc	P Goodman

CORRECTION - WBU JOURNAL

Re - GRAND MASTER RANKING LIST

1st	M N HIRST	2440
2nd	P D JOURDAIN	2370

Sincere apologies and congratulations to Mr Hirst

B M C