

AREA RESULTS

WEST

OSSIE EVANS - AREA MIXED PAIRS - 29 September 1991

1 K Pratt Mrs M Williams 2 W D Owen Mrs B Job

VINCE BEVAN CUP - AREA OPEN PAIRS - 13 October 1991

1 A Ratcliffe A Zaman 2 H W Leach T J Isaac

NORTH

HAROLD GRIFFITHS CUP - AREA TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP - 13th October

1 Peter Nickson Diane Knight Frank McAleavy Brian Crawford

2 Mr & Mrs G Pierce Mett Welsh E Prince

VALANCE CUP - AREA INDIVIDUAL - 27th October 1991

1 Kevin H Jones 2 Louise Orme

MID

J V DAVIES CUP - INDIVIDUAL

1 Mrs Mair Cameron

HILTON HARROP-GRIFFITHS TROPHY - MIXED PAIRS

1 Mrs E T Richards Paul Allsopp

EVANS-JONES SALVER - CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

1 Paul Allsopp Dewi Jones

ABERYSTWYTH CONGRESS RESULTS

Mixed Pairs Mrs S Howarth Dr A Zaman

Championship Pairs P D Jourdain S Edwards

Consolation Pairs Mrs R Stillwell P Hackett

Swiss Teams Dr E R & Mrs R Williams

C Rushton G Novak

Glamorgan
Cardiff, North Wales
Manchester
Aberystwyth

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 8/10 LLANGOLLEN CONGRESS
16/17 YOUNG PLAYERS CUP Cardiff

Final Camrose Trial & Junior Trials

22/24 LLANGOLLEN SWISS TEAMS

28 WBU SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS Clubs

30 Julius Ernest Shield EAST

DECEMBER 1 Laidlaw Murray Cup WEST

Mixed Pairs Final MID

8 AREA FINALS - LADIES/MENS PAIRS All Areas

14 Stan Berger Trophy EAST

15 EXECUTIVE Llandrindod

1992

JANUARY 4/ 5 INTERNATIONAL MASTER PAIRS

12 AREA FINALS - MIXED PAIRS All Areas

18/19 CAMROSE v ENGLAND Aberystwyth

25/26 JUNIOR CAMROSES Cardiff

27/31 FLITCH Clubs



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Editorial:

In the early years of my playing bridge it was always a pleasure to play in competitive bridge, with most players striving to increase their skill in order to win. There was rarely any call for the director, and only occasionally hesitations in play which might affect the result, when one tended to shrug ones shoulders and think 'fooled again'.

There seems to have been a growth in intolerance and less consideration for other players, which now makes the game less enjoyable. Many players seem to think that others should conform to their wishes. A slow player doesn't think he should try not to hold everybody up and make an effort to speed up his game, but that the rest of the players should wait for him. A non-smoker thinks that no one should be allowed to smoke. If a ruling goes against a player, he still thinks he is right and the ruling is flawed, and he should insist on further action. Players do not make the effort they should not to be unethical, and opponents think that if they are they should be punished. A hesitation is not in itself unethical, we all need time to think sometimes, but if that players partner takes advantage of the information gained from the hesitation then that is unethical. The opponents however have no claim to redress unless they have suffered damage from the incident, so don't automatically make an angry call for the director. If you do call the TD and he rules against you accept the ruling with good grace. If you really feel justified in appealing against it, politely inform him. The TD should then arrange for an Appeal Committee to hear the appeal at the venue, and their ruling should be accepted by all parties and end the matter.

I am sure that a lot of our less experienced players are generally not really aware of some of the ethics of the game and it would be a good idea if clubs were to educate their members in this respect. It is irritating when opponents hesitate and one feels they have given information to their partner, but at club level, perhaps at least on the first occasion, one could perhaps pleasantly point out the dangers of doing this, after the hand, instead of irately calling the TD. If all individuals will familiarise themselves with the ethics and laws of the game, consider other players, examine their conduct and really make sure that they always behave in an ethical and courteous manner at the table and rely on improvement in skill and not doubtful actions and gamesmanship such as deliberate slow play to obtain good results, bridge will be a pleasant pastime at all levels, and to win so much more rewarding.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S REPORT

The BBL has announced that the Portland Pairs for 1992 will now be played over the weekend 1st/2nd August. The Welsh venue has not yet been finalised. The original entry forms can still be used, and further entry forms will be distributed in a couple of months.

The EBU Senior Pairs has ceased to exist in its old form, with a new Seniors Congress taking its place. However the WBU has decided to retain our Veteran Pairs event in the calendar.

Would winning captains in the knockout team events please remember to phone me with the result.

Paul Chimes

WELSH FOURSOMES

- 1 Gary Martin Dean Hardie Filip Kurbalija Peter Goodman
- 2 Tony Casey Jill Casey Alan Pierce Maggie Pierce

VETERAN PAIRS

- 1 John White George Mitchell
- 2 Eva Robinson Peggy McCombie

MENS TEAMS

- 1 David Birt John Glubb Akram Zaman Mike Best
- 2 Simon Edwards Simon Richards Tony Ratcliff Adrian Thomas

LADIES WELSH CUP

- 1 Jessie Newton Jean Newton Jane Spence Dee Evans
- 2 Gilly Clench Diane Kurbalija Margaret Pitts Maggie Pierce

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

Both the British Open Team and the British Ladies Team qualified in the round robins of their respective championships for the final rounds, but both teams lost their quarter-final matches. The Ladies Team by only a very small margin to USA 2, the eventual winners of the Venice Cup, and the Open Team lost to Poland. The Ladies Team fulfilled expectations, but it was disappointing that the Open Team after their excellent win of the European Championship did not fare better. The BBL still need to raise a large amount of money to cover the cost. Iceland were the eventual winners of the Bermuda Bowl, a marvellous achievement for such a small country of only 250,000 population and a bridge association of about 3,500. So come on Wales, you should be able to win the Camrose. Half the battle is believing it possible.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

A new editor is still required so would anyone interested please write to the WBU secretary, Mrs Mary Aherne, 18 Penygraig, Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

THE 1991 EDUCATIONAL TRUST FOR BRITISH BRIDGE

The original Trust was founded in February 1990 with the aid of a generous donation by an anonymous benefactor and the Trustees, 4 representing each of the Home Unions together with the President of the BBL, sought further donations since its benefactor had guaranteed to match them up to a limit of another £10,000. This target has been reached and the Trust has now been recognised as a charity by the Charity Commissioners under the above name.

The principle aim of the Trust is to promote the playing of bridge by young persons (under 25) in full or in part time education and living in the United Kingdom. The strategy of the Trustees is to provide the financial assistance in full or in part, required by the Unions, other organisations or individuals to begin projects and activities which support this aim. So far financial assistance has been provided to participants in the Peggy Bayer Trophy (new Home International for under 20), the under 25 Bridge Festival, the supply of bridge lessons and starter packs to interested schools, the BBL Youth Camp, the Bridge Magazine Schools Cup.

The Trust has produced "Young Bridge", a twice a year newsletter aimed at under 25's with news of coming events, results, amusing hands, articles etc. Anyone wishing to contribute please contact Liz McGowan, the Editor, care of the Trust. Also a Schools Resource Package, a teachers handbook containing outline lessons and suggested teaching aids to develop beginners to the point when they could enjoy a "no fear" tournament. This project is led by Sandra Landy and it is intended to launch 4 pilot schemes covering 25-30 schools this October. The pilot area in England is East Berks but applications to conduct a pilot in each of the other 3 Home Unions would be welcomed by Sandra, c/o the Trust. The development and printing of this package will cost close to £10,000 so any contribution is needed no matter how small.

Now that the Trust is recognised as a Charity you can help by deed of covenant or a bequest in your will, both of which have tax advantages. For full details contact the Secretary/Treasurer of the Trust, Tom Bradley, 111 Church Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9AA, Tel: 0444 236169. Mr Bridge has offered to help the Trust by donating £7 out of the cost price of £7.95 to the Trust for the sale of The Bridge Plus Annual if purchased through the Trust. Details from Mr Bradley.

The Trustees are constantly looking for projects and activities they might sponsor so if you have any scheme in mind for young players, please send an outline and approximate budget to the Trust for consideration.