

Forthcoming Events

JULY

23/25th Aberystwyth Congress

AUGUST

6th Gold Cup Entries close

30th Bridgend One Day Congress

31st Ladies Welsh Cup Entries close

SEPTEMBER

4/5th Welsh Foursomes, Porthcawl

12th GOLD CUP: First full round

18/19th Ladies Welsh Cup, Llandrindod Wells

25/26th Lampeter Congress

OCTOBER

2/3rd Possible Camrose Pre-trial

Wed 13th BBL Simultaneous Pairs (clubs)

14/17th PORTHCAWL CONGRESS

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Editorial

Sponsorship of bridge in Wales has a modest history but there are some recent signs of movement. The Sobranie Challenge, initiated last season for club teams of players below the rank of National Master, attracted a good entry with relatively short notice. Clubs holding matches received an attractive set of wallets and all participants enjoyed a worthwhile gift. This makes a pleasant contrast to some earlier sponsored competitions where the contestants had a hard task identifying how they had benefited. It looks likely that this season the majority of affiliated clubs will plan to field teams.

This Newsletter contains details of a new sponsor who should help to boost Gold Cup entries in Wales. The Gold Cup is the knockout team championships of Britain and over five hundred teams take part. It is the major team event of the season and in England teams of modest ambition are not afraid of entering. The picture has been less encouraging in Wales with entries usually around the twenty mark and a fear for many potential entrants that they will meet strong opponents early on. But this year Wales has the attraction of £60 of prizes allocated to first round matches, and half of this is restricted to players below the rank of National Master.

One hurdle is this - entries have to be in at the beginning of August - and bridge-players are notoriously slow to organise their teams for the new season whilst summer holidays are on their minds. So take action on the entry form accompanying this Newsletter whilst you have the chance.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. GOLD CUP 1982/83 Entry forms for the Welsh section accompany this Newsletter. This year the event has the support of Nashua Copycat Ltd. who are providing £60 of prizes for teams entering the Welsh section. There are four prizes of £15 each for the best played and best defended hand in a team's first match in the two categories National Master and above, or below National Master. The defence prize will be awarded to the partnership and both players must be below National Master to be eligible for that category. You can put in an entry for the prize even if you lose your first match. The British Bridge League has appointed your Newsletter Editor, Patrick Jourdain, as judge for the Welsh section. Details of how to apply for a prize will be sent out with details of the draw for the first round matches. Please note that your entries must be received by 6th August so that your early action is required. The draw for the preliminary and first full rounds will be published soon after. The preliminary round must be completed by 11th September, and the first full round must be played on the weekend of 11/12th September unless both captains agree to the contrary. Results must be with the National Tournament Organiser by 21st September. Thus all teams who enter should be prepared to play a match on Sunday, 12th September. There will be no fixed venue and the draw for at least the first two rounds will be regionalised to reduce travelling.

2. LADIES WELSH CUP An entry form for the event on the weekend of 18/19th September accompanies this Newsletter. The venue is the attractive Glen Usk Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. Special terms have been arranged with the hotel of £16 per day full board (£18 in a single room). Early booking is advised as there is another event in the hotel. Telephone (0597) 2085. Entries to the NTO by 31st August.

3. AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS This coming season the major pairs and teams championship of each Area will be eligible for awards of National ('green') master points on a scale to be announced later.

4. THE WELSH FOURSOMES Enquiries concerning the event on the weekend of 4/5th September should be sent to : D. M. Powell, 18 Park St., Bridgend. Tel: 3507.

Selectors' Report

1. The Selection Committee has been elected as follows:
Chair: G. Fox. D. Ronson, C.C. Herd (West), G. Holman (East).
North Wales have yet to select their representative.

2. The first meeting will be held before the end of July. Names of players interested in Camrose selection will be required by mid-September and should be submitted to a member of the Selection Committee. Dates are reserved for possible trials, as follows: Pre-trial 2/3rd Oct, First full trial 6/7th Nov, Final trial 13/14th Nov.

The Lady Milne

The Ladies Home Internationals for the four home countries were held at the Peebles Hydro Hotel on 5/6th June. The overall result in victory points was:
1. England 71 2. Scotland 63 3. Wales 48 4. N.Ireland 34
Two pairs of the English team were reigning World Champions, so Wales did well to draw their encounter 18-18. Wales beat Northern Ireland 19-17 but lost to Scotland 11-25. The event was well staged with fine hospitality. A diversion was caused by a fire in the hotel, but the bridge was not delayed.

Welsh Competition Results

National Events

NATIONAL PAIRS 1. R.G.Upton, J.Salisbury. 2= P.D.Jourdain, W.A.Casey; A.M. Best, P. Sumption.

WEBBER CUP 1. P.D. Jourdain, G.E.Needham, D.K. McAndrew, M.N.Hirst. 2. R.G.Upton, J.Salisbury, A.G.Pierce, W.A.Casey.

CAMBRIA CUP Winners: Mr & Mrs W.A.Casey, Mr & Mrs A.G.Pierce.

WELSH CUP The final is between: S.W.Jones, A.B. Daniel, Dr A.Adam and Dr R.Cobbold of Swansea and R.G.Upton, J. Salisbury, W.A. Casey, and A.G.Pierce of Cardiff.

North Wales

LLANDUDNO The winners of the main events at Rhos were:
Pairs: L. Dempster, S. Whittleton (Lancs) Teams: R.Morrish, D.Stevenson, L. Dempster, S. Whittleton (Lancs). Mens Pairs: M.N.Hirst, G.E.Needham (Cardiff). Ladies Pairs: Mrs Gray, Mrs Fisher; Mixed Pairs: E. Pudsey, Mrs M. Higson (Lancs); Mixed Teams: J. Salisbury, K.Marsden, B.Wennell, Mrs M. Meek.

West Wales

INDIVIDUAL 1. Mrs G.Jones (Llanelli). 2= Mrs K. Davies (Swansea), G. Martin (Llanelli).
ADDENBROKE 1. L.Rapi, K. Thomas (Haverfordwest); 2. T.Clear, Mrs Poston (BSC. Port Talbot).

East Wales

TEAMS (Louis Lermon): Mr & Mrs D. Hamilton, R.Wiltshire, Mrs. M. Aherne.
TEAMS (Mrs Herbert Thomas): A. Mills, C. Leahy, D. Birt, J. Thacker.
SWISS TEAMS (Arthur James): A.M. Best, P. Sumption, W.O. Davies, F. Kurbalija.
Beatus Cup: A. Pitts, Mrs P. Clarke, Mr & Mrs O.P. Phillips.