

Obituary

GEORGE FOX
1911 - 1994

It is with deep regard that I record the death of my old friend and Bridge partner - George Fox. He died at home on August 19th, he was 82.

He and his wife - Betty - were evacuated to Wales - during the 'Blitz' from the East end of London in 1940. They quickly made a wide circle of friends - and starting in a small way built a most successful business - and at the same time George rapidly developed into a Bridge player of considerable status - being one of the pioneers of Acol in Wales.

Their home was always 'open house' and George and his charming wife were most generous hosts.

He played for Wales during the fifties - and also won many championship trophies - his charisma drawing a wide circle of admirers. He gave up Camrose Bridge all too soon - playing his last match in Glasgow - in January 1968.

I recall saying, in some long-ago heated discussion on selection, that a Welsh Team without him would have been like Hamlet without the Prince. I have had no reason to change that opinion.

Together with Betty he devoted his later years to extensive charitable wants for handicapped children and the old.

They had no children. 'Good night sweet prince'.

(Dr. John Butler)



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Editorial:

The Contract Bridge Association of Ireland has invited the WBU to send 6 teams to compete in a "Friendly" international over the weekend of 27/28th May next year. The intention is to match teams of various categories, namely Open, Ladies, Juniors, Officials together with 2 teams of club players.

The match will be played at Tramore, Co. Down which is very near to the port of Rosslare, with all players being hosted with bridge players from the town.

The idea behind the initiative is to provide practice for both countries international players, while at the same time establishing friendly links between the grass roots membership. It is hoped that the invitation will be reciprocated in the following year and that the event will form part of both countries annual calendar from then on.

Further details on how to apply for consideration for the above teams will follow in the next newsletter.

An era in Welsh bridge has come to a close by the loss recently of three of its historically best known players, with the deaths of Jack Carter, George Fox and Paul Spurway. These players spanned the history of Welsh bridge from the first international series in 1937 through to the 1960's. (P.D.J.)

Their obituaries appear inside this newsletter.

Gary Martin.

I'll tell you what's interesting

By Filip Kurbalija

S: Qxxx

H: Kx

D: KQxx

C: Jxx

S: 10xx S: Ax

H: Q10 H: Axxx

D: Axxx D: J10xx

C: KQxx C: Axx

S: KJxx

H: J987x

D: x

C: xxx



DISAPPOINTMENT NO EXCUSE

North opens a precision 1D, South bids 1H and North rebids 1S which is passed to West who decides to defend.

East starts with A and another spade, North wins the second trick in dummy and leads a heart to the K which east ducks. Declarer now continues with another heart to west's Q. Of course you are disappointed partner ducked the HK, but that's no reason to let the contract make. What do you play as west?

As always you need to count your tricks; you have 1 spade, 1 heart, at least 1 diamond and therefore you need 3 clubs. The danger on this hand is that declarer will set up the hearts in dummy (play the HJ and run it throwing a loser), declarer will then come to 7 tricks via 4 spades and 3 hearts. From the defenders point of view, declarer can only set up his hearts after the defence have taken their tricks.

Therefore west must switch to clubs and not woodenly return a spade. If E/W cash three club tricks, no matter how declarer wriggles, he will go one off.

NAT. TOURN. ORGANISER'S REPORT

WBU WEATHER FORECAST

We are at present experiencing unusual shifts in weather patterns in the W.B.U. Area.

Temperatures are dropping dramatically in the Mid, heavy turbulence being felt from an easterly direction, high seas and hurricane warnings coming in from the west, with a slightly lower than normal wind chill factor in the North.

The N.T.O. was last seen in a small dinghy, in rough seas, off the Porthcawl coast, baling out the stormy waters with an eggcup, wondering what dastardly deed had brought about such an untimely end.

We are not expecting this low to dissipate in the near future, however, with no expense spared, the N.T.O. has purchased the following items deemed essential for her continued survival;

- A larger eggcup
- Dinghy repair kit
- Souwester
- Body armour

and the waterproof version of

" How to Win Friends & Influence People."

Should there be any unexpected changes in climate, these will be notified by newflash.

On a less frivolous note, I would like to apologise to any member who feels aggrieved by my implementation of the rules governing W.B.U. competitions. I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the importance of correctly completing competition entry forms in accordance with W.B.U. Rules as stated in your handbook. This will alleviate problems on both sides and aid the smooth running of your competitions.

EAST WALES BRIDGE LEAGUE

Results of the 1993/4 season:

- | | |
|--------|---|
| Div. 1 | 1. Cardiff Devils
2. Cardiff All Stars |
| Div. 2 | 1. Cardiff Bridge Club "C"
2. Rhiwbina Bridge Club "Green" |
| Div. 3 | 1. Gwent Bridge Academy "B"
2. Barrivale Bridge Club "Green" |
| Div. 4 | 1. Mid-Glam Bridge Club "C"
2. Barrivale Bridge Club "Black" |

COMPETITION RESULTS FOR 1993/94

CAMBRIA CUP

Winners - Mr. Tom Reddy's team
Runners up - Ms. Liz Atkinson's team

WELSH CUP

Winners - Mr. John Isaac's team
Runners up - Mr. Liam Sheridan's team

An item was overlooked (by me) in the Summer Newsletter which was a ruling by the Tournament and Master Point Committee regarding an incident at Swansea Bridge Club during the 1993/4 Webber Cup qualifier when after a disagreement one member of a team got up and left leaving her team-mates unable to continue, and also causing problems for the director. After considerable deliberation by the T.& MP Committee it was decided to ban the offender from entering the next Webber Cup competition under Rule 18 of the W.B.U competition rules.

Forthcoming Events

- Oct 1-2 Ladies Welsh Cup & Nat. Mens Teams (Metropole Llandrindod)
- Oct 8-9 Camrose Trial 2
- Oct 14-16 Llangollen Congress
- Oct 22-23 Camrose Trial 3
Junior Trial/Young Players Cup
- Oct 27-30 Porthcawl Congress
- Nov 12-13 International Masters
- Nov 18-20 BBL Swiss Teams (N)
- Nov 21-23 BBL Seniors Congress
- Nov 24 WBU Simultaneous Pairs
- Nov 27 Veteran Pairs
- Dec 3-4 CAMROSE V ENGLAND (Away)
- Dec 11 Executive



THE WEAK LINKS

By David Hamilton

Getting a team of four players together all of equal ability can be a problem. One weak link in the chain can ruin the chance of success.

Dealer North

Game All

Q1065	
AK	
KQJ75	
A6	
E93	AJ72
Q73	10862
A8	632
J10984	72
84	
J954	
1094	
KQ53	

North	East	South	West
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West led the CJ against 3NT at both tables of a team match. Both declarers won with the CA and forced out the DA.

Since East had discouraged clubs both Wests knew that in order to defeat the contract, four spade tricks were needed. West was the first weak link. He led the S3, dummy played the S10, East won the SJ and returned the two. West won the SK and led the S9; but South played low from dummy, making the game no matter what East did.

In the other room West correctly began spades by leading the S9, beginning to unblock but here the weak link was East, he went up with the ace and returned a club! This East knew South held the CQ because partner had led the CJ and also the CK as declarer had played the ace from dummy at trick one, therefore he must try for four spade tricks by finessing with the SJ and returning the two.

Take heart all you club masters, these players all expect to play for Wales in the near future.

T.D. Coordinator's Report

By Bill Starr

The National Training weekend will go ahead on November 12/13th in the Builth Wells area. The 19 applicants will be notified of the exact venue as soon as details are finalised. There will be an additional one-day seminar on Dec. 3rd for those who (a) survive the course and (b) have National experience.

In the coming year, I hope to run at least one of each of the A, B and C courses for those interested.

WBU Diaries

The WBU has had an excellent diary produced which is available to members for the bargain price of £1. It has an attractive red simulated-leather cover with the WBU logo embossed in gold leaf on it. The diary runs from Aug '94 to the end of 1995 and in addition has the calendar of events for all area and national competitions as well as the BBL calendar of events.

The rules and master-point awards of all the WBU national competitions are also reproduced as well as a number of other useful tables.

It also contains a £5 voucher which can be redeemed against the purchase of one of ten of the latest bridge books on offer from The Bridge Book Service.

Highly recommended. A superb stocking filler for christmas. Available from Area secretaries.

MASTER-POINT OF VIEW

A letter from the Masterpoints Secretary - Noelle Bond

This is the first of the fully computerised promotion lists, which means neither Gary nor I will have had to key in any names, so I hope there will be no omissions. In the End of Year list, however, two players, Sylvia Davies, of Swansea promoted to Regional Master, and Myra Morris, of Cardiff promoted to Premier National Master, fell through what we had thought was an impossibly small crack between the old and new systems. My apologies to them.

Of course there are far fewer promotions this quarter than in the end of year list. Interestingly, Mick Green newly promoted to Regional Master, told me that he has been through every possible rank on the way, without skipping any, and has a large collection of rank cards to prove it. I have been wondering if many other people have such a collection, perhaps those who have will let me know.

From time to time I get queries from members who can not reconcile their entry in the WBU Journal with their Masterpoint Record Card, so for those who do not know already and are puzzling over their entries in the latest Journal, I'll try to give a brief explanation: the Journal entry for a player gives two numbers, the first is the player's combined total of Local and National (Green) Masterpoints in hundreds, the second column is a separate total of all the Green points included in the overall total;

however on the Masterpoint Record Card the Local and National points are recorded separately and not totalled together. To add to the confusion, each Green point is equivalent to 100 local points.....

When playing outside our local clubs, I am sure there are many people whom we often call by other than their proper names when we do not know them very well. Recently whilst playing in England I met the wife of an EBU member who has several times contacted me with queries, "I know who you are," she said, "You're my husband's girlfriend from Wales." On another occasion, when playing in Swansea a lady coming to our table said, "Ah, you're Noelle the Points." I can't help wondering what I'm called that I do not hear!

I'm amazed to find so much of the year gone already, it sometimes seems that the days rush past faster than the policemen get younger. In fact, I have just realised that as the next Newsletter will probably not be out until 1995, this is my only chance to wish those who do not send in points in the next few months and those I do not meet when playing, a Merry Christmas.

Now I've probably made everyone else feel miserable!

CLUB ABBREVIATIONS

A	Aberystwyth	CN	Caernarfon	MH	Milford Haven	PW	Pwllheli
AA	Aberaeron	CR	Criccieth	MT	Mitchel Troy	R	Rhiwbina
AG	Abergavenny	CRI	Crickhowell	N	Newport	RH	Rhyl
AM	Awel-y-Mor (Porthcawl)	D	Dolgellau	NT	Newtown	ROF	Glascod
BR	Bridgend	DM	Direct Member	OH	Old Hall	Ry	Rhayader
BSC	British Steel Corporation	DR	Drury	P	Porthcawl	S	Swansea
BV	Barrivale	F	Flint	PC	Pencoed	SH	Shotton
C	Cardiff	GA	Gwent	PD	Penrhyndeud- raeth	SP	South Pems
CA	Corbett Arms		Academy			STD	St Davids (Aberystwyth)
CB	Cwmbran	H	Haverfordwest	PE	Pennal	T	Tenby
CBY	Colwyn Bay	L	Llanelli	PN	Penarth	W	Wrexham
CD	Cardigan	LD	Llandudno	PR	Prestatyn	Y	Ynys-Mon (Anglesey)
CL	Cowbridge Leisure	LP	Lampeter	PT	Port Talbot		
		M	Mold	PV	Park View (Wrexham)		
		MB	Mumbles				
		MG	Mid-Glam				

MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

From 23/5/94 - 15/9/94

<u>Club Master</u>			
Mrs Evelyn Baker	CD	Mrs Jean Tonkin	S
Mrs Mary Caulfield-Giles	CBY	Mr Ian Watson	MT
Mr Adam Dunn	CA		
Ms Isabel Good	C		
Mrs Elizabeth Hutchinson	GA		
Mrs Helen Jordan	BV		
Mrs Margaret Phillips	AG		
Mr Brian Roderick	BV		
Mr P Smith	GA		
Mr Irving Thompson	S		
Mrs Trevena Vincent	SP		
Mr Norman Williams	CBY		
<u>Local Master</u>			
Mr Michael Ashe	C		
Mr Gwyn Bevan	CRI		
Mr Simon Gould	C		
Mr Leon Katan	CBY		
Mr Brian Knight	PN		
Mrs Sue Knight	PN		
Mr John Lowther	AG		
Mrs Joyce Lowther	AG		
Mr Clive Malam	GA		
Mr Michael O'Leary	MG		
Mr George B Powell	AG		
Mrs Jean M Powell	AG		
<u>County Master</u>			
Mr Nigel Baker	BV		
Mrs Elizabeth Cadwalader	PW		
Mrs C Fielden	LD		
Mr Neville Fonseka	S		
Mr Archie Grainger	MT		
Mr Dennis Lansing	C		
Mr Mike Samuel	GA		
Mr Peter Smart	MG		
		<u>Master</u>	
		Mr Dave Brook	MG
		Mr Gordon Cameron	NT
		Mrs Mair Cameron	NT
		Mrs Emer Disley	P
		Mr Malcolm Fox	MG
		Miss M D Gorst	LD
		Mrs Rena Martin	OH
		Mr Bryn Mumford	PV
		Mrs Wendy Selby	CA
		Mrs Sheila Shea	Y
		Mr Will Smith	LD
		Mr Peter Stott	PR
		<u>Advanced Master</u>	
		Mrs K M Juchnowicz	PW
		Mr Norman Large	CBY
		Mrs Andrea Martin	CN
		Dr Paddy Murphy	CBY
		Mr Brian Schofield	RH
		<u>1 Star Master</u>	
		Mrs Iris Bradbury	PW
		Mr Michael Close	BV
		Mrs Ann Cowper	PW
		Mr Stephen Gorard	C
		<u>2 Star Master</u>	
		Mr John Baxendale	LD
		Mrs Heulwen Williams	C

3 Star Master

Mr Roger Eastwood	PR
Mrs Sandra Gorst	LD
Mrs Vera Jardine	MB

4 Star Master

Mrs Madge Badley	LD
Mr John Henson	BR
Mrs L Hughes	RH
Mr John D Jones	MB
Mr Gwilym Pierce	CN
Mrs Haulwen Pierce	CN

5 Star Master

Miss Irene Davies	PW
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A FINE MESS!

By Noelle Bond

Recently, we played a match in the town of B. (as they used to say). Afterwards we enquired for a better way home than the one we had used going in. A friendly member of the opposing team gave us full details of the route to use, then added, "Make sure you don't exceed the speed limit on the dual carriageway, I did and was fined £165 and 6 IMPS."



Obviously the local magistrates have found the perfect way of keeping bridge players in check.

Most devilish.

Tournament Master

Mrs Edna Draper	DM
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Regional Master

Mr Mick Green	OH
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Premier Regional Master

Mr Alan Beynon	R
Mr Mike Hampton	SP

Life Master

Mr Graham John	S
Mr Gordon Roxburgh	GA

Senior Life Master

Mr Tom Reddy	C
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News of the Welsh.... outside Wales

Mar 13 - Tony Ratcliff, Steve Daniel, Tom Reddy and Peter Millar win EBU 1-day Teams at Bristol.

Mar 20 - Patrick Jourdain & Tony Ratcliff finish 3rd in British teams trials. They are selected to represent GB in NEC World Championships in Albuquerque in September.

May 2 - Alan Pierce, Adrian Thomas, Ratcliff & Jourdain reach "undefeated" final in the Spring Fours.

May 29 - Filip Kurbalija & Adrian Thomas win the Spring Bank Holiday Pairs at Bournemouth.

June - Dean Hardie & Gary Martin announced as winners of the BBL Simultaneous Pairs (Apr).

Jun 10 - Mike Climer & Dennis Mottram of Barrivale Club finish 5th in Britain in Epsom world-wide contest.

(Info. supplied by Daily Telegraph bridge correspondent - P.D. Jourdain). If you know of any successes, please send them in.

ADVANCES IN BIDDING

By Dean Hardie

OPENER'S STAYMAN

Traditional Acol copes badly with sequences after 1S - Pass - 1NT when opener has a very good hand. The difficulty, very often, is trying to decide whether to play in notrumps or a major suit fit.

The modern requirements for a 2 level response are 10 high card points and, if you bid hearts, you need 5 or more cards in that suit. This means that responder will often have a hand containing 4 or 5 hearts when he responds 1NT as well as his 6-9 points. Experts have devised several artificial methods to discover their best fit when opener is interested in game. One such method is for opener to use all rebids at the 2 level as transfers giving him more space to describe his hand's shape and strength. The other method is to use 2C in an artificial way requesting responder to describe his hand, rather like Stayman, and it is this version I will endeavour to describe.

1S - 1NT
2C - an artificial enquiry showing 17+ points and either 5 spades, 3+ hearts or both. Responder now has to describe his strength and holdings in the majors.

1S - 1NT
2C - 2D - 6-7 points and denies 5 hearts
2H - 6-7 points and shows 5+ hearts
2S - 8-9 points and 3 spades, game-force.
2NT - 8-9 points and <3 spades, G.F..

1S - 1NT
2C - 2D
2H = 5/4 in spades and hearts, forcing for 1 round, now:-
- 2S/3S = raises with 3 spades
- 2H/3H = raises with 4 hearts
- 2NT/3NT = <4 hearts and <3 spades
- 3C/D = good 6 card suit & a try for 3NT

1S - 1NT
2C - 2D
2S = shows 5+ spades, nonforcing and allows responder to decide the final contract

1S - 1NT
2C - 2D
2NT = 4/3 in majors. Responder will usually pass but may bid a good 6 card minor looking for 3NT
3NT = 4/3 in majors and 19 points

1S - 1NT
2C - 2D
3H = shows 5/5 in majors and forcing
3S = shows 5+ spades and forcing

1S - 1NT
2C - 2H
2S = 5+ spades, nonforcing, responder chooses contract
2N/3N = 4/3/3/3, limit bid, responder chooses contract
3H/4H = limit bids
3S = 5+ spades forcing
3C/D = cue-bids agreeing hearts
4C/D = void showing cue-bids agreeing hearts

1S - 1NT
2C - 2S
3S/4S = limit bids (principle of fast arrival best)
2N/3N = 4/3 in majors, limit bids. Responder can bid 4H when he has 5 or more cards in the suit
3C/D = cue-bids agreeing spades
4C/D = void showing cue-bids agreeing spades
3H = 4 hearts, looking for 4/4 fit

1S - 1NT
2C - 2NT
3C/D = natural looking for minor suit slam
3S = 6 spades, responder chooses contract
3NT = 5 spades and <3 hearts

The last sequence is more tricky to remember!

1S - 1NT
2C - 2NT
3H = shows 3+ hearts, looking for heart fit; now
- 3S = 4 hearts (already denied S support)
- 3NT = <4 hearts
- 4C/D = 5 hearts and cue-bids
- 4H = 5 hearts

ODD HANDS

By Paul Chimes

An interesting position arose in a recent East Wales League match.

You are declarer in four spades as West, having taken the diamond lead with the King. Three rounds of trumps (which break 4-1) have been played, of which South has taken one, and he retains one small trump (North has discarded two small diamonds). With these cards remaining, you need seven of the remaining nine tricks; with the lead in hand:

S: J	9
H: A K x x x x	x x
D: x	A Q
C: Q	J x x x

You have a certain heart loser (unless you ruff one in dummy, but then you can't get back to hand to draw South's remaining trump). If you draw the remaining trump without first establishing the hearts, the defence will take their club tricks when in with their heart trick. If you touch clubs, the defence will return a club, and you have to ruff in hand without having established the hearts.

The answer? Lead a small heart away from hand. If the defence return a trump a heart or a diamond, you have a spade, five hearts and two diamonds, and if they play on clubs, you can ruff the second round, cross to dummy with a diamond to draw the outstanding trump, then use dummy's remaining heart to get back to hand.

The result? Flat board.

A few weeks later, a hand came up at the local club night with a similar theme - Jackie spotted the right line.

S: K Q J 10 8 4	A 2
H:	x x x x
D: x	A Q x x x
C: A K 9 8 7 5	4 3

You arrive in six spades (having shown your clubs on the way), North leads the 2 of clubs (an obvious singleton) and South plays the ten. How do you play?

You need to bring in the club suit for one loser. If North has no more than two trumps, you can succeed by playing the two top clubs, but if he has more than two this will not work (try it). The answer is to take the Ace, then duck a round of clubs to South.

If South plays back a third club, you play small again. Whatever North does, you ruff (or overruff) in dummy and draw trumps (your remaining K x x in clubs take care of South's

remaining singleton).

If South returns a trump, you take it in hand, ruff a club with the Ace and draw the remaining trumps.

On a red suit return you again take your club ruff, draw trumps and claim twelve tricks.

The moral? It is not always right to take all the tricks in a suit where there are no immediate losers.

The proponents of Strong Club systems are used to artificial sequences, but they are a rarity for us Acol players. Playing at Gwent Academy recently with Mark Hooper, we had a sequence in which every denomination except trumps was bid, these being mentioned for the first (and last) time at the six level!

The uninterrupted 'Acol' sequence was:
2C: 2D! 2NT 3C! 3D! 3H! 4C! 4D! 6S
(! = alerted)

2C - 23+ points or game force; 2D - negative (denying Ace + King); 2NT balanced 23-24; 3C - 5-card puppet stayman; 3D - I've got a 4-card (but not a 5-card) major; 3H - I've got spades; 4C - So have I + club control. Interested in a slam?; 4D - Yes + diamond control (SK + DK held); 6S - to play (made 12 tricks)

Balancing

By Peter Goodman

It is becoming common to balance or protect on less values these days.

Take this hand from the recent Brighton teams:-

S: KQxx
H: Q10xxx
D: xx
C: xx

1st in hand you pass and hear LHO open 1C passed to you. Although you are light in points you do have both majors and have a bid available to show 5-4 in the majors (2C).

What is the danger ?

It is unlikely that the opposition have a better contract in one of the majors and partner will expect you to be fairly weak and should partner have a fit you might well gain a 6 imp swing.

I had managed to 'sell' myself the bid, and then found myself with a rather more frightening decision next time I had the chance to close the Auction:-

1C	Pass	Pass	2C
2D	2H	5D	Pass
6D	Pass	Pass	?

Tenby Swiss Teams

Sunday 9th October
Imperial Hotel, Tenby

5 x 7 board matches starting at 2 p.m.
Entry fee: £40 per team
Details: Margaret Davies (0834-842031)

I could not bring myself to save in 6H at this stage, which would have been 'cheap' -800 instead of -940.

Having lost 17 imps on this deal I had second thoughts about bidding during the next round:-

S: Qx
H: Qxx
D: Jxx
C: AJxxx

1st in hand you pass and Hear LHO open 1S passed round to you. I would normally balance with 1NT in this position (this doesn't require a spade stop) but I cast my mind back to the previous round, chose the cautious approach and passed.

What is the danger ?

We may possibly have a part score, in which case it is likely that 1NT will drift one or two down and we will loose 2 imps. Yes, pass must be right.

WRONG: partner had a flat 14 count and would have raised 1NT to 3NT which would make 9 tricks on the expected spade lead.

The conclusion is that it does not matter whether you choose to pass or bid on both the above hands, just be consistent in you approach.

NWBA Congress

Fri October 14th - Sun 16th
Hand Hotel, Llangollen

Mens, Ladies, Mixed, Championship Pairs
Mixed Teams of 4 & Swiss Teams
Full congress: £28 per player
Details: Rhona Morgan Edwards (0758-612773)

Your letters.....

Dear Sir,



Playing in a National competition recently our opponents inadvertently failed to alert a "weak two" opening bid. I felt that we may have sustained some damage as a result and called for the Tournament Director. He referred to the EBU orange handbook and read out directive 2.6 which states that we had an obligation to make ourselves aware of the opponents bidding system and could not claim damage through failure to alert. This was new to me so I appealed and the Appeals Committee upheld the ruling. Still puzzled I wrote to the WBU Laws & Ethics Committee on a point of principle and have received a reply upholding the principle on which the ruling was made. It should be noted that I was not querying the fact that we had not been awarded redress, but that redress was not considered.

In an International competition a Multi 2D opening bid was alerted but one of the subsequent bids was not. The non-offending side was awarded a slam with an overtrick which took them through to the semi-finals of the competition.

Your readers may not be aware of the fact that if they fail to alert and the opponents claim redress, then they should refer the Tournament Director to the EBU orange handbook. This way they may get a procedural penalty but the opponents will not get an adjusted score.

What this makes of the alerting procedure I know not.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Nicholls.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter from Mr. Jones regarding my letter about Law 46 and 43(c), he reads more than there was there. If dummy has more than one spade, and declarer calls for "a spade", (an infraction by declarer, Law 46A), dummy cannot be criticised for playing the smallest spade, the action advised by most authorities. Complications arise where declarer's intention was a high spade, and the next player plays to the trick before declarer's correction. Declarer will have a harder time convincing the Appeals Committee of his "incontrovertible" intention.

My point was, that if dummy asked, "Which do you mean?", as many do: rather than this being an "automatic" crime (as some rule, by, in my opinion, widening the actual meaning of Law 43.1(c), the question should lead to an adjusted score if it caused damage "by constituting a suggestion" (Law 45F). That answers Mr. Jones' other point.

Dummy is in an embarrassing position, whatever dummy does may be wrong: the solution is for declarer to be more precise.

Yours faithfully,
Patrick Jourdain.

SELECTORS' REPORT

By Chris Rochelle

The final Camrose Trial will take place on the weekend of 23rd of October. The 5 seeded pairs will be joined by the 5 pairs who were selected from the first trial. The pairs have been formed into teams of 4. This was done by giving the highest ranked pairs the choice of team-mates. The teams will be:-

- A - Goodman/Kurbalija/Martin/Hardie
- B - Jourdain/Ratcliff/Thomas/Pierce
- C - Hirst/Luck/Zaman/Glubb
- D - Forrest/Jarvis/Haworth/Pratt
- E - Maddox/Edwards/Daniel/Mrs. Kurbalija

Each pair will play a 10 board match against each other pair, therefore a 20 board match against each other team. The trial will be scored both as a standard teams competition and as a cross-imped pairs. All matches will be converted to victory points.

Obituaries

EDWIN JOHAN CARTER

1904 - 1994

'Jack' Carter died in June. He was 90. He was a giant of Welsh Bridge - playing for Wales both before and after the 2nd World War.

His strength was in his declarer playing which was both speedy and accurate. His immaculate and upright appearance - with emotionless manner concentrating entirely on the job in hand was daunting to lesser opponents.

Although scathing in comment away from the table - he treated partner with every courtesy at the table.

He played in some 40 Camrose matches and won many championship trophies. His estimation of his own ability was very high - with justification too - but in the middle fifties he found some difficulty in coming to terms with the new Acoll bidding style.

I was honoured to play my first Camrose with him in 1956 - and his last in 1957.

He was for a time in the early fifties proprietor of the "Cardiff Bridge Club" then in Richmond Road - where his popular and outgoing wife 'Peggy' was the hostess.

(Dr. John Butler)

PAUL SPURWAY

1926 - 1994

Paul Spurway, who died in August, aged 68, retired to Dumfries after a prestigious career with Price Waterhouse as a senior partner.

In 1958 he played his first bridge international for England, partnering his brother John. He had two matches for England against Wales and Scotland, before he moved to Cardiff. In bridge, residency is a qualification and in 1961 Paul Spurway played for Wales against England.

His brother John had continued to represent England, and in 1964, in Llandudno, for the only time, the brothers found themselves on opposing teams. England won, but the following season, in November 1964, in Windsor, Paul played in the Welsh team which beat England, only the second time that this had happened. The next time Wales beat England, in St. Mellons in 1966, Paul Spurway was again in the Welsh team. He won 10 caps for Wales. Paul Spurway moved back to England where he was Vice-Chairman of the EBU from 1969-74. In 1975 he was made Vice-President of the EBU, a post he held at his death.

He married Elizabeth. He left four children.

(Patrick Jourdain)