

**Selectors Report**

By Chris Rochelle

The final Camrose trial took place on the weekend of the 22/23 October. The trial was scored as both teams cross impd pairs. The results of the team trial was:

1. Hirst Luck -Zaman Glubb 67 VP
2. Jourdain Ratcliff-Thomas Pierce 64VP
3. Edwards Maddocks-Daniels D Kurbalija
4. F Kurbalija Goodman-Martin Hardie
5. Howarth Pratt-Forrest Jarvis

The pairs in the top 2 teams occupied the top 4 places in the pairs result, with Zaman & Glubb finishing 1VP ahead of Pierce & Thomas.

The selectors have chosen the following teams for the first 2 matches:-

England away P Jourdain & A Ratcliff,  
A Thomas & A Pierce, J Glubb & A Zaman

N. Ireland home J Luck & M Hirst,  
J Glubb & A Zaman, P Jourdain and A Ratcliff.

The team for the Scotland match will be announced after the N. Ireland match.

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**I'll tell you what's interesting .....**

By Filip Kurbalija

- S: 10x**  
**H: Jx**  
**D: A10xxx**  
**C: xxxx**
- S: A,Jxx**  
**H: xxx**  
**D: KQ**  
**C: QJxx**



draws trumps, and eventually takes the double diamond finesse to lose 500 since his hand was S:KQ98xx H:xxx D:Jx C:Ax. Declarer then calls the TD and asks for an adjusted score because at the time of the club discard, you had nothing to think about - since you were never throwing a diamond. Your hesitation had influenced declarer to try to make his contract rather than settle for 1 off (remember with KQ of diamonds a club discard is automatic - therefore you can't hold KQ bare of diamonds). Eventually the TD adjusted the score to 2S doubled making, since on the given defence, declarer could not be defeated unless he repeated the diamond finesse.

The moral is, no matter how unintentional, any hesitation in defence is subject to redress where the defender could know that the variation could work to his benefit. (Law 73D).

**WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?**

Playing teams at green v red, your LHO opens a weak 2S. Partner doubles for take-out and RH0 passes. You hold the East hand opposite. At the vulnerability you decide to pass. Partner leads the HA and the dummy you see is the North hand opposite.

At trick 2, partner switches to a trump which you take with the Ace and return another which runs to dummy's 10. Declarer's exits with a heart which partner wins with the Q and then cashes the K and plays the 4th round of the suit.

At this point you "go into the tank" (you are wondering why partner played a 4th heart and not a club. You conclude that he must have the CA) before discarding a club. Declarer ruffs the H,



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**Editorial:**

First, let me wish you all a Happy New Year. It is exactly two years since I took on the role of Newsletter Editor and hasn't the time just flown by.

Many of you are aware that I am a schoolteacher, but I must confess that my Geography knowledge is rather limited. So I must apologise to the lady who rang my house twice, and the WBU sec. once, to point out that in my last editorial I placed Tramore in County Down instead of County Waterford.

What of New Year resolutions? Do you find that you work best when put under pressure/stress or do you give your best work when relaxed? I have no scientific proof that the latter is the optimum condition, but common sense would seem to suggest it. So why not make a resolution to try and keep your partner in a relaxed state. This would involve saying to him/her after a disastrous play or bid, "Yes, I can see you had a difficult decision there - I don't think I would have got that right either." I don't know if your results will improve but you might have a more enjoyable time.

One word of warning though to those who intend trying this: if you display the slightest hint of sarcasm in your voice, then it may not have the desired effect! Good luck to you all in 1995.

Gary Martin.



MASTER-POINT OF VIEW

A letter from the Masterpoints Secretary - Noelle Bond

Over the next few months, many of you will be sending in the points you have accrued during the year for entering into the computer, when filling your bulging envelopes you might like to remember these points:

Firstly, the irregular shape of the standard small envelope filled with a quarter inch wad of Masterpoint slips does not seem to suit the sorting machines of the Highly Mechanised Modern Post Office, often arriving damaged and torn, and on occasions, obviously with some of the contents missing. Because of this, I recommend re-inforcing the sides with sellotape and making sure you include a total of the points submitted. (Don't try sending me an empty envelope with the corner ripped off, and claiming you are now a Grand Master - I do check!).

Secondly if you are one of the people who leave sending your points in until the last minute, (who would do such a thing?) remember that if you send them by Recorded Delivery or they are subject to excess postage, or indeed, have no stamps at all, as sometimes happens, and I am out when the postman calls, they are then returned to a dark corner of the Post Office

where they languish, feeling lonely and neglected, until I have time to call there to rescue them. Enough of this nagging.

I always enjoy reading the many interesting and amusing letters included with the points I receive, often from people I have never met, in fact a letter from one such lady lead to my daughter getting a third cat, (but that's another story). Recently however I received my first poem, which went:

To Noelle the Points

*To Noelle I send my latest points  
Carefully hoarded and miserly counted,  
Added again with mechanical machine  
To check my arithmetic is just as keen.  
The conclusion I've reached barring disaster,  
For you to confirm, I'm now a Life Master!*

This was from Irene Thomas the Tax. I did manage to reply in verse but modesty (and a deep rooted fear of criticism) forbids me to print it here.

Happy New Year to you all.

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	Glascoed
BR	Bridgend	DM	Direct Member	OH	Old Hall (Cowbridge)	Ry	Rhayader
BSC	British Steel Corporation	DR	Drury	P	Porthcawl	S	Swansea
BV	Barrivale	F	Flint	PC	Pencoed	SH	Shotton
C	Cardiff	GA	Gwent Academy	PD	Penrhyndeud- rath	SP	South Pems
CA	Corbett Arms	H	Haverfordwest	PE	Pennal	STD	St Davids (Aberystwyth)
CB	Cwmbran	I	Llanelli	PN	Penarth	T	Tenby
CBY	Colwyn Bay	LD	Llandudno	PR	Prestatyn	W	Wrexham
CD	Cardigan	LP	Lampeter	PT	Port Talbot	Y	Ynys-Mon (Anglesey)
CL	Cowbridge Leisure	M	Mold	PV	Park View (Wrexham)		
		MB	Mumbles				
		MG	Mid-Glam				

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Mr Tony Parish	MB
Mrs Diane Reynolds	MB
Mr Colin Thomas	S
Mrs Lavinia Thomas	S
Mr Vic Ward	BR

3 Star Master

Mr Bob Hinton	GA
Mrs Betty Jones	BR
Mrs Marion Parish	MB

4 Star Master

Mr Pete Bugden	BR
Dr Frank Hybart	MG
Mr Jimmy James	S
Mrs Marian Williams	AM

News of the Welsh....  
outside Wales

On 19th June, 1994, Irene Thomas, Mick Green, Laura Woodruff and Paul Cunningham won the EBU 1-day Swiss Teams event at Exeter. This was preceded by them taking the runner-up spot in the Somerset event the month before. The line-up was the same except for Susan Ingham who played in place of Thomas.

Regional Master

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ADVANCES IN BIDDING

By Dean Hardie

Support Doubles and Redoubles

These days opponents get into the auction quickly and raise the level of bidding even faster. This makes life difficult for us because it takes away our bidding space and hence our ability to express our hands accurately. Support Doubles and Redoubles help us to address this problem. They work like this:-

We open the bidding at the 1 level and partner responds in a major suit. Our right hand opponent overcalls or doubles. Now we double or redouble to show precisely 3 card trump support regardless of strength or we raise partner's major with 4 card support to the appropriate level.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EBU

By Krista Edwards

Many WBU members also join the English Bridge Union (EBU); benefits include a bi-monthly magazine and eligibility to play in EBU run competitions.

Current and prospective EBU members may not be aware that it is considerably cheaper to join through an English county than direct. The direct rate for 1995/96 is £17 compared to a county rate of approximately £13 to £15.

County members will also receive their respective county newsletter and notification of county events, plus the opportunity to play in county representational events. (Several Welsh players have been in teams winning the EBU County teams of 8 competition - the Tollemache Cup - Avon & Merseyside/Cheshire.)

If you are interested in joining the EBU through an English county I suggest that you contact the secretary of your selected County Association. These are all listed in the EBU competitions brochure.

Any one interested in joining Merseyside & Cheshire can alternatively contact me on (01244) 537012

The main advantage with this style is that partner knows how big our trump fit is and can bid appropriately particularly in the face of further competition.

It is important to note that Support Doubles and Redoubles ONLY apply when opener has room to raise partner to the 2 level.

Let's see a few example auctions:-

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	1D	1S	2D
?			

2S = 4 card support and 12-14 support points.  
Double = 3 card support and 12+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	Pass	1S	Double
?			

2S = 4 card support and 12-14 support points.  
Redouble = 3 card support and 12+ points.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	Pass	1H	2S
?			

3H = 4 card support. Double = Penalties.  
Note we cannot support partner at the 2 level therefore double reverts to its usual meaning.

As a result of Support Doubles we lose the ability to make penalty doubles - or do we? When you have a hand that would normally have made a Penalty double you can now pass and hope partner comes to the rescue and makes a reopening double. Whenever partner has some extra values and shortage in the opponent's suit he should normally make a double.