

Bits 'n' Bobs

Bangor Swiss Pairs

1st	D Hardie & A Ratcliff	162 VPs
2nd	M Rose & R Rose	154
3rd	J Holman & P Holman	153
4th	R Allison & A Lee	151

118 pairs competed.

Worldwide Bridge Contest

By Patrick Jourdain, Bridge Correspondent

Two players partnering each other for the first time recorded the highest British score in the Worldwide Bridge Contest in which the same deals are played in bridge clubs throughout the world in the same 24 hour period.

Alan Preece of Australia, holidaying in his native Wales in Tenby, partnered local guesthouse owner, Janet Hirst, at Tenby Bridge Club to record the top score.

In Britain three thousand players competed in over a hundred clubs, but worldwide, where over 70,000 players compete in 80 countries, Preece and Hirst were not in the top ten.

Top score claimed so far comes from China.

Leading British scores:

1. A. Preece and J. Hirst (Tenby) 1819;
2. S. Looe and R. Hill (Derryvolgie, NI);
3. E. Chesman & B. Robinson (Westcliff-on-Sea)
4. J. Wells and M. Peterson (Victoria, Jersey);
5. R. Jephcott and J. Sansom (Birmingham) 1725;
6. Mr and Mrs. J. O'Sullivan (Tenby) 1715

Leading scores worldwide:

1. Z. Zie and Z. Jinlong (China) 1906;
2. Z. Piu and Q. Sheny (China) 1898;
3. A. Riedel and W. Naradek (Germany) 1894;
4. C. Goldberg and J. Livezey (USA) 1848.

Successful month!

In the last four weeks Patrick Jourdain has been in the winning team in the Webber Cup; The Perry Shield; the Welsh Cup; and the Club Teams-of-Eight.

This must be the first time one person has won the "grand slam" of all four Welsh Open team championships in the same season (the Club event has not been going long).

In the first three he partnered Tony Ratcliff; in the last Trevor Towers. (The other Welsh team events are Mens/Womens and Mixed. The Welsh Foursomes is not a National teams title.)

Patrick's regular partner, Tony Ratcliff was no slouch either last month. He made up for Patrick's Team of Eight success by winning the Bangor Swiss Pairs in partnership with Cyberdoc Dean Hardie.

Swansea Charity Congress

Swansea Bridge Congress has become an annual event which attracts people from Wales, England and this year Australia!

The event is organised by Diana Panniers - and the profits go to local charities - this year the Stroke Association will benefit by £300.

Winners of the main events were:-

Championship Teams

D. Panniers & J. Fletcher
G. Fifield & L. Lewis (Swansea)

Championship Pairs

B. Maddox & N. Swift (Bristol)

Mixed Pairs

Margaret Lane & Jim Fletcher (Swansea)

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NEWSLETTER

Editorial

Well by the time you read this, the WBU Executive will have decided to put the WBU on the Internet!

As this is all in the future, I cannot give you the web-site address but if you email me at gmartin@enterprise.net

I'll send you the URL by return.

This edition has a number of articles about Bridge on the Internet and also advice on how you can join this cyber-culture.

Apologies to those of you that find computers about as interesting as drying paint, but there are a few other articles as well.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S REPORT

National Results

Webber Cup

A full compliment of 25 teams played in this year's Webber Cup Final. It was held in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl. While the room was only just large enough, the facilities there make it a venue to which we will return.

- 1st. G Martin & D Hardie,
A Ratcliff & P Jourdain.
- 2nd. R McKinley & S Raybould,
M Jones & P Dunn.

National Club Teams of Eight

This competition was held at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod. Unfortunately a team from East Wales was not told they had qualified, so only eight teams turned up to play. I must compliment Sarah Oliver on the way she handled this very difficult situation, and thank the players who helped her.

The winners were Cardiff,

P Jourdain, P Felman, T Towers, T Reddy, L Greenland, S Daniel, C Pierce, A Madocks.

2nd. Wrexham G V.

B Edwards, F Moyses, K Hughes, I O Owen, B Crawford, E Roberts, F McAleavy, D Pritchard.

The Welsh Cup

The final, between Hardie & Casey, was won by Hardie.
D. Hardie, G Martin, P Jourdain, A Ratcliff, A Zaman, J Glubb.

The Cambria Cup

The final between Thomas & Sheridan, was won by L. Sheridan. (M Sheridan, R Scott, A Scott, L Scott). The winning margin was 20 points. Has this competition ever had to go to extra boards?

National Open Pairs

- 1st. A Haworth, K Pratt.
- 2nd. J Glubb, A Ratcliff.

National Mens Pairs

- 1st. J Cox, D Melville
- 2nd. D Birt, G Evans

National Ladies Pairs

- 1st. S Ingham, L Woodruff
- 2nd. M Evans, S Ellis.

The Perry Shield was won by East Wales. F Kurbalija, J Casey, T Towers, A Thomas, A Ratcliff, P Jourdain.

The Spickett Bowl was won by West Wales. A Fox, I Thomas, D Panniers, V Kennewell, P Haworth, M Sheridan,

The 1997/98 Journal is due out next month. There have been quite a few changes to the competition rules, PLEASE take the time to read through them.

One change, brought about by the advent of Gold Points is that all result cards for the Welsh & Cambria Cups, should be sent to the NTO, & not to the MP secretary

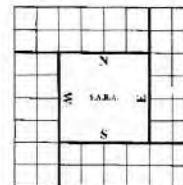
The Newport Club System is authorised for use in Welsh events. Is there anyone playing this system? If there is, will you please send me the details of the system for circulation to directors of Welsh events.

Your letters ..

Syd Phillips of Mitchell Troy BC wrote..

Dear Gary,

I have recently returned from 6 months spent travelling and whenever possible seeking bridge games. I was most successful in Adelaide where there is an excellent Association and very friendly clubs. I enclose some publications that may be of interest to you.



It was the first time I had met the bidding pads used instead of boxes. They have many advantages over the cards/boxes used over here.

Regards,
Syd.

Well after looking through the items that Syd sent to me, I'm pleased to report that bridge in New South Wales is not too different from bridge in Old South Wales (and the North and Mid come to that).

They have a calendar similar to ours - but the names of the events are obviously different! There was the Broken Hill Congress, the Fleurieu Spring Congress and the Rosendorff Cup to name a few.

The Newsletter of the South Australian Bridge Association is called the SABA NEWS and runs to 10 pages of A4. It contained articles such as "Hands of the Month", "Recent New Members" and reports on various congresses - including one from Japan!

However, the one thing that really tickled me (no pun intended) was an advert:-

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Dear Sir,

Will anyone in the South Wales area interested in playing Benjie and other modern bidding conventions on one or two evenings per week and/or Wednesday afternoons, please contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

Eric Tebbet

Eric's address is:-

14a Coneybare Road
Sully
Penarth
Vale of Glamorgan
CF64 5US

This letter caused me to think that there may be others who wish to use the Newsletter to find partners.

So from the next edition, if there is a response, I intend to publish a contacts section for people looking for a game on certain days in certain areas.

If you are stuck at home when you'd rather be playing bridge - write in!



MASTER POINT OF VIEW



18th June 1997

By Noelle Bond

Where were you all? At the beginning of April, I had cleared my desk, piled up all my empty shoe boxes destined for Master Points, like some "sculpture" applying for an Arts council grant, and taken a deep breath of preparation; it was a good job I didn't hold it, for nothing happened. The expected master points deluge failed to appear; I wandered the house like some nervous character in a western film, just before the Indians attack, saying "It's quiet - too quiet." But in my case the Indians slept in their teepees for a long time, and it was the end of April before I was convinced that anyone knew about the master point year end. Even then, there were far fewer envelopes and far fewer points sent in this year for in 1996/97 I entered 4907.65 greens and 2,244,238 locals, compared to 1995/96's 5102.01 greens and 2,398,355 locals.

I ended up wondering if fewer points had been earned this year, but, as it always seems there is more and more bridge being played, that can't possibly be true, so there must still be hundreds out there. Waiting!

The promotion list in this newsletter reflects not only the state at year end but also includes promotions made between then and the date at the top of this page. To save phone calls, if your promotion occurred after May 11th, which was the actual date I completed the year end work, it may be listed here but unfortunately it missed the 1997/98 Journal.

You may remember that I joked about asking for masterpoints to be wrapped in five pound notes instead of elastic bands: one member certainly did. His points arrived tidily wrapped in a photocopy of a five pound note. This quite delighted me, my husband and I were laughing about it for quite some time. Fortunately, the photocopy was black and white, so I had no civil temptation to resist. Did you hear that some young Californians improved their student finances with perfectly reproduced dollar

bills, produced on the university's colour photocopier? After they had been arrested, the local police were refusing to reveal the make of the photocopier.

I did actually receive one real five pound note in one envelope, but not as a wrapper, only for me to deduct postage. For a moment I was surprised by such a large amount but, of course, it was probably much safer to send that, than a pound coin. At times like these we miss our pound note. Do they still have them in Scotland?

The introduction of the first class stamps which merely have "1st" on them, leads to confusion at times. I occasionally receive a letter which bears a one penny stamp only, and arrives with a postman demanding excess postage - greatly excessive, I think, for it is always far more than the value of the missing stamps! This happened one morning at the end of April; after I had rooted out sufficient small change to be given my letter, I was informed "You had too much mail for me this morning, it will be coming up by van later." I have several times had my mail delivered by van load, and wonder what would happen if we were not so close to the main post office. That day another envelope bore no stamp whatsoever - perhaps someone could not decide which to use.

I met a few more members I did not already know at a recent event. One never plays against everyone, so I'm pleased when people come up and introduce themselves. It is nice to put a face to a voice on the telephone or the handwriting of a letter. I tend to pride myself on recognising handwriting, and at our club New Year party the rotters set me the challenge of identifying who had made the entries on a long score slip. I did not do too badly, but I think they cheated by getting usual Souths, whose handwriting I never see on the real slips, to write some of the scores.

Noelle

LIST OF MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS FOR EACH RANK
FROM 21/3/97 TO 18/6/97

Club Master		County Master	
Mr Alan Ashton	CBY	Mr George Poole	CD
Mr Graham Ball	CBY	Dr Terry Read	SH
Mrs Phyl Boyd	MB	Mrs Wendy Redding	GA
Mrs Lee Collier	H	Mrs Gill Thomas	C
Mr Colin Cridge	A		
Mr Clive Dummer	S		
Mr Arthur Gallivan	C		
Mrs Enid Grant	NP		
Mrs Jean Hardman	LD		
Mrs Alma Harris	LP		
Mrs Judith Harnson	GA		
Mr Roy Harris	LP		
Mr Kevin Hughes	W		
Mr Bill Jones	R		
Mrs Estelle Jones	R		
Mrs Ellen Lane-Cousin	BV		
Mrs Theo Redfern	MH		
Mrs S Sabir	PT		
Mr Howard Treece	BEN		
Mrs Gloria Walters	H		
Mrs Jacqueline Williams	S		
Local Master		Master	
Mr Elwyn Ackon	Y	Mr Keith Bellamy	BV
Mrs Patricia Ackon	Y	Mrs Betty Bennett	R
Mrs Joan Birch	CB	Mrs Molly Blackshaw	W
Mrs Belle Chaney	MH	Dr Jane Brook	BV
Mrs Maureen Charlton	BV	Mrs Elizabeth Cadwalader	PW
Miss Jean Cole	NT	Mr Anthony Carsley	M
Mr Justin Cooper	R	Mrs Helen Carsley	M
Mr Clifford Englert	SH	Mrs Jane Davies	PN
Mrs Rosemary Gillam	H	Mrs Olive Davies	PR
Mrs Eirwen Griffith	PW		
Mr Paul Hyde	S		
Mrs Ewona James	GA		
Mrs Olga Jinks	C		
Mrs Helen Jordan	BV		
Mrs Ann Kelly	GA		
Mr L G Lambert	L		
Miss Enid Lewis	C		
Mr Patrick Llewelyn	Y		
Mr Reg Mealings	CBY		

MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS (Continued from Page 5)

Master (continued)	
Mrs Ann Dolan	AM
Mrs Edwina Gravenall	BEN
Mr Peter Holmans	C
Mrs Hennie Jenkins	CD
Mrs Sally Jones	MB
Mr George Kozlowski	NT
Mrs Elizabeth L Lewis	PD
Mrs Marjorie Morgan	BV
Mr Ron Pepper	GA
Mrs Renee Prystupa	PV
Mr Paul Relph	GA
Mrs Betty Reynoldson	CN
Miss Sylvia Ridd	PN
Mr David Teague	C
Mr Richard Turley	MT

Advanced Master

Mr John Anderson	D
Mr J E Barlow	PR
Mr Lawrie Buckland	MB
Mrs Anne Cunningham	S
Mrs Billie David	S
Mrs Elsie Davies	PR
Mr Owen Davies	Y
Mr Keith Davison	S
Mr J R Foster	PD
Mrs Sarah Ha2rison	PN
Mr David Hirst	T
Mrs Judith E Jones	H
Mrs Mair Jones	A
Mrs Diana Kendrick	BV
Mrs Rena Martin	OH
Mr John Moore	MG
Mrs Sheila Mo1ris	SP
Mrs Peggy Palmer	PN
Mrs Vera Philip	PR
Mrs Mairi Rees	T
Mrs Margo Sarson	AG
Mrs Gaynor Shenton	MB
Mrs Margaret Simpson	LD
Mrs Joan Thomas	MH
Mr Steve Webb	C
Miss Nans Wheldon	CN
Mrs Ann Williams	NT

Mrs Joyce Williams	ROF
Mr Vaughan Williams	NT

1 Star Master

Mrs Sheila Clarke	S
Mr Ray Curry	S
Dr Martzn David	C
Mr Dave Davidson	MB
Mrs Emer Disley	P
Dr Aled Evans	LD
Mrs Elsie Evans	LD
Dr H John Evans	VOG
Mr Graham Fifield	S
Mr Joe Jackson	GA
Mr David Jones	SH
Mrs Georgina Jones	SH
Mrs Dale C Joy	LD
Mrs Kathleen Juchnowicz	PW
Miss Mary Saxon	Y
Mrs Veronica Smith	SP
Mrs June Teychmann	A
Mrs C Waterhouse	F
Ms Linda Watkins	BV

2 Star Master

Mr David Bryant	C
Mrs Margaret O Davies	L
Mrs Audrey Howells	L
Miss Rita Jones	Y
Dr Frank Long	PV
Mr Jack McCombie	ROF
Mrs Doreen Preston	RH
Mr Geoff Smith	ROF
Mr Huw Morris Williams	PV
Mrs Wendy Williams	AM

3 Star Master

Mr John Berni	MB
Mr Shelton Cross	PR
Mr David M Evans	LD
Mrs Peggy Morgan	MB
Mr Neil Rooney	S
Mrs Ruth Thomas	P
Mr George Thorneycroft	LP
Mr George Whitby	Y
Mrs Jenny Williams	PR

MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS (Continued from Page 6)

4 Star Master

Mr Rex Acton	AG
Mr John Baxendale	LD
Mrs Rose Brannon	PN
Miss Kath Fewster	GA
Mrs Dorothy Phillips	W
Mrs Joyce Rickard	RH

5 Star Master

Mr David Brooke	MB
Mrs Connie Clancy	BR
Dr Gerald Gould	PN
Dr Geoff Tinkler	BR

Tournament Master

Mr Donald Gorst	LD
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Regional Master

Mr Michael Ashe	C
Mr Dave Barwood	BR
Mr Mike Climer	BV
Mr Gwynne Maddox	BR
Mr John Murray	L
Mrs Susan Raybould	CA
Mrs Janet Rees	L
Mr Peter Smith	GA
Mrs Frances Williams	L
Mr Keith Williams	GA
Mrs Lucy Williams	CR
Mrs Marian Williams	AM

Premier Regional Master

Mrs Betty Evans	A
Mr Dill Evans	BR
Miss Anne Jones	C
Mrs Andrea Martin	CN
Mrs Daphne Patrick	GA
Mr Alan R Powell	GA
Mrs Diana Trickey	R
Mrs Beryl Warner	H

National Master

Mr Paul Cunningham	BV
Mr Howard Edwards	H
Mrs Mary Edwards	H
Mrs Pat Fielding	STD
Mr Jim Fletcher	S
Mrs Susan Ingham	BV
Mrs Dianne Knight	W
Mr Frank Springett	DM

Premier National Master

Mr Martin Jones	CA
Mr Peter Nickson	W
Mr Richard Trew	BV
Ms Laura Woodruff	BV

Life Master

Mrs Marjorie Morris	BR
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Senior Life Master

Mr Geoff Evans	C
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GOLD POINT RANKING LIST 1996-97

Filip Kurbalija	57.95	Stephen Daniel	29.92	Liam Sheridan	13.90
Tony Ratcliff	56.86	Diane Kurbalija	29.27	Alex Maddocks	13.75
Adrian Thomas	46.42	Peter Goodman	29.21	Maureen Sheridan	13.10
Patrick Jourdain	40.39	Jill Casey	26.77	Tom Reddy	12.92
Keith Pratt	36.09	Rob Charlesworth	26.03	David Birt	11.53
Tony Haworth	35.24	John Glubb	19.90	Geoff Evans	10.88
Mike Hirst	34.55	Gilly Clench	19.05	Nick Forrest	9.63
Dean Hardie	32.97	Tony Casey	16.74	Steve Jarvis	8.27
Akram Zaman	32.46	Ceri Pierce	16.03	Mike Hampton	8.21
Gary Martin	31.10	Maggie Pierce	15.48	Val Kennewell	7.78
Tony Disley	29.92	Trevor Towers	14.80	Ji11 O'Sullivan	7.75

GOLD POINT RANKING LIST 1996-97 (Continued)

Fred Hyatt	7.66	Robin Parris	2.07	Margaret Watson	0.88
Anne Hyatt	7.66	Pat Haworth	1.96	Margaret Hathaway	0.88
Steve Kennewell	7.38	Ken Richardson	1.92	John Poole	0.84
Paul Gagne	7.37	Anne Garvie	1.92	Shelton Cross	0.80
Richard Trew	7.26	Richard Thomas	1.91	Sybil Thomson	0.80
Simon Edwards	7.16	Marjorie Morris	1.91	David Williams	0.80
Diana Harris	6.91	Bill Parkinson	1.90	Chris Burdett	0.80
John O'Sullivan	6.43	Sid Evans	1.88	Dorothy Stagg	0.80
Peter Garner-Gray	6.03	Krista Stephenson	1.88	Hazel Heard	0.80
Susan Ingham	6.01	Robert Upton	1.85	Chris Rochelle	0.80
Laura Woodruff	6.01	Mollie Evans	1.80	Mike Jones	0.72
Joe Patrick	5.77	Colin Heard	1.80	Andrew Phillips	0.72
Philip Felman	5.44	Dianne Knight	1.68	Marjorie Paschkes	0.72
Mike Baker	5.28	Noelle Bond	1.60	Bryan Edwards	0.72
David Hamilton	5.10	Paddy Murphy	1.50	Fred Hiles	0.72
Michael Close	4.61	Norman Large	1.50	Tony Jodo	0.72
Ann Hirst	4.58	Brian Crawford	1.48	Geoff Rollings	0.66
Roger Scott	4.47	Warwick Horspool	1.48	Bill Turner	0.66
John Isaac	4.44	Geoff White	1.44	Jimmy James	0.66
Arwyn Evans	4.44	Max Powell	1.44	Bill Nicholls	0.66
David Melville	4.42	Eileen Jenkins	1.43	Eleanor Price	0.63
Gordon Roxburgh	4.29	Irene Thomas	1.42	Mark Hooper	0.63
Paul Seal	4.13	Linda Maria Tatham	1.40	Renee Cox	0.63
Andrew Scott	3.88	Ray Smith	1.40	Geoff Fielding	0.60
John Cox	3.78	Vic Ward	1.40	Menna Roberts	0.60
David Ronson	3.54	Nate Gable	1.36	Pat Fielding	0.60
Simon Richards	3.26	Vera Robinson	1.36	Crwynne Williams	0.60
Wendy Wood	3.12	Barrie Robinson	1.36	Terry Stanton	0.55
Harry Leach	3.04	Diana Jones	1.32	Pearl Duncan	0.50
Pam Edwards	3.04	Dewi I Jones	1.32	Peggy McCombie	0.50
Enfys Powell	2.90	Elaine Gracie	1.32	John J Evans	0.49
Graham John	2.85	Carmel Wiseman	1.27	Annie Favager	0.48
Brian Clements	2.85	Binnie Job	1.27	Liz Williams	0.48
Esme Parry	2.80	Mary Moore	1.25	Frank McAleavy	0.48
Bob Graham	2.74	Sheila Shea	1.20	Marion Brooke	0.48
Jill Knight	2.71	Anne Jones	1.20	Eric Favager	0.48
Margaret Banks	2.70	Adrian Trickey	1.18	Gaynor Jones	0.48
Martin Jones	2.68	Marjorie Williams	1.12	Dave Barwood	0.48
Peter Nickson	2.68	Andrea Martin	1.12	Sandra James	0.48
John Seal	2.52	Betty Evans	1.10	Ann Ellis	0.44
John Salisbury	2.42	Philip Dorling	1.10	Glyn Ellis	0.44
Michael Clare	2.42	Pamela Woodhouse	1.10	Viv Hamilton	0.44
Philip Dunn	2.36	Simon Murray-Williams	1.08	Ann Fox	0.42
Liz Atkinson	2.26	Cliff Rushton	1.05	Anna Edwards	0.42
Margaret Lanc	2.24	Peter Smith	1.05	Don Owen	0.40
Paul Cunningham	2.20	Peter Lanc	1.04	Jack Fine	0.40
Kathryn Cox	2.18	Tony Waller	1.00	Graham Hadlow	0.40
Paul Allsopp	2.17	Sian Ellis	1.00	Eric Howells	0.40
Pearl Nash	2.08	Daphne Patrick	1.00	Alan R Powell	0.40
Diana Panniers	2.08	Shirley Howarth	1.00	John Butler	0.32
Irene Weaver	2.08	Rona Morgan Edwards	0.96	Bill Williams	0.32
Laurie Delmonte	2.08	Don Jenkins	0.93	Connie Clancy	0.32
Harry Packer	2.08	Adam Dunn	0.88	Mary Baker	0.31
Sheila Leyshon	2.08	Charles Watson	0.88	June Hurst	0.31

Tony Warlow Bridge Breaks

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INTERNET SPECIAL



Netscape Navigator

By Gary Martin

I'm aware that a number of the membership have Internet access and that several more of you have personal computers.

If you have a PC and a telephone at home, for an outlay of £75 you could be surfing the Internet in matter of hours.

The main item of equipment needed to get connected to the internet is a modem. These range in price from £30 to £200, but for £65 + vat you could get one of the fast modems (33.6 kbps) with fax and voice capability included.

The fax aspect allows you to send and receive faxes through your computer. The voice part allows you to use your computer as an answerphone with options for callers to select which member of the family they wish to leave a message for by pressing 1, 2, 3, etc.

Novatech on 0800-777500 are one firm that have 33.6 fax/voice modems for £64 + vat with next day delivery. All software needed is supplied and they also offer you a free month's trial connection to the Internet.

So what's so special about the Internet for bridge players?

Well on page 12 of this issue, David Stevenson lists a number of Newsgroups and Mailing lists that you can participate in, or just "lurk" - read the messages of others without joining in yourself. So the next time that Ox who calls himself your partner doesn't agree with your bid, why not take it world-wide for a virtually instant decision!

Hmm! On second thoughts - do it under an assumed name.

Apart from Newsgroups and Mailing Lists, which involve email, there's such a thing known as the World-Wide-Web or WWW for short (internet types like bridge types are very logical!).

I have seen many definitions or attempts at describing what the WWW is, but here's mine in simple to understand language.

Most of you are familiar with Teletext on your TV. You can look at information on many different topics from Cinema listings to Weather. However, you can only look at what's been put on there! If you want to know the date of your neighbour's birthday - you won't find it because it hasn't been put there.

The WWW is similar to that - except on an unimaginable scale. There are millions of pages on thousands of topics but again, you can only read what's been put there.

Lots of businesses have "Pages" on the web as do thousands and thousands of ordinary individuals. Now this is what all the fuss is about in the media regarding pornography and bomb-making etc. There's nothing to stop a weirdo creating his own home page with whatever content he chooses. In fact, speaking of weirdos, I have my own pages at <http://homepages.enterprise.net/gmartin>

It's all realitively harmless - it's about Swansea City Football Club - weird or what?

There are quite a number of bridge-related sites and you can get information about forthcoming events, current events or results and photographs of past events.

The WBU are quite likely to be going along this path in the next few weeks, joining the EBU, BBL and ACBL to name just a few.

If you fancy a dabble at it, why not try an Internet cafe or Cyber-cafe to give them their correct name. For around £3 per hour you can try the inetnet on their computer and receive free advice and assistance to boot.

There is one in Swansea City centre and one in Cardiff opposite the Castle that I know of.

INTERNET SPECIAL (continued)

Let's have a look at one or two of the things I found one Sunday evening (29/6/97).

So my first port of call was to the Danish site that reports bridge tournaments from around the world. <http://www.math.auc.dk/~nwp/bridge/tour.html>

Tournaments around the World

- [European Team Championships, Montecarlo, Italy \(Jan 14 - 28, 1997\)](#)
- [USA Women's International Team Trials, Hyannis, Massachusetts, USA \(Jan 17 - 22, 1997\)](#)
- [European Ladies' Party Championships, Montecarlo, Italy \(Jan 14 - 17, 1997\)](#)
- [Canadian National Championships, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada \(Jan 9 - 14, 1997\)](#)

I first popped over to Surrey - in Canada!
CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
1997 CNTC - NATIONAL FINAL
JUNE 14, 1997



Welcomes to the 1997 Canadian National Championships. The CNTC will be held June 9-14, 1997, in Surrey, B.C., Canada. The event will include the CNTC (Canadian National Open Team Championship) and the COPC (Canadian Open Pair).

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

	1/4	Half	3/4	Final
EDGAR	47	61	83	141
MCINTYRE	36	62	110	178
LESAGE	42	69	92	126
HARGREAVES	42	107	158	222

FINAL RESULTS

	1/4	Half	3/4	Final
MCINTYRE	32	58	103	135
HARGREAVES	39	92	116	185

Laurie MCINTYRE, Stephen Brown, John Bowman, Bill Bowman, Aug. Gradecki Wlodzimierz, Waldemar Frukacz

Mike HARGREAVES, Gordon McOrmond, Allan Graves, Joey Silver

Next I nipped over to Hong Kong to check on the 37th PABF Championships.

I downloaded (in 45 seconds) Bulletin 10 from the tournament. Here is an extract from it.

ADDENDUM TO YESTERDAY'S ARTICLES

Samuel Wan

I ran into C. H. Kuo of Chinese Taipei today and we talked about the two hands I wrote in yesterday's bulletin. Both featured slams against the New Zealand team. It seemed that I had not been fair with my comments on East. This was the first hand.

	♠ KQ95		
	♥ K53		
	♦ 7		
	♣ AK1032		
♠ 1064	N		♠ J732
♥ Q876	W	E	♥ 10
♦ A108	S		♦ KQ96542
♣ 874			♣ J
	♠ A8		
	♥ AJ942		
	♦ J3		
	♣ Q965		

When East led the ♥10 against 6♣ by North, I alleged that he chose the only card to give away the slam. Not true according to Kuo, because when the spades were played out, he would discover that East started with four spades, one club and at least six cards in diamonds. In the three-card ending, NS would come down to ♥K53 opposite ♥AJ9 and once the ♥10 dropped, Kuo was confident he would guess right to make his slam.

A FAREWELL FROM SINGAPORE

JANE CHOU

Congratulations to all the Winners of the 37th PABF Championships. I like to applaud the organizers for doing such a flawless job. On behalf of the SINGAPORE TEAMS, I would like to thank the Hong Kong Bridge Association, all the tournament directors, caddies, players and organizers for a very enjoyable tournament.

We look forward to seeing you all in our ASEAN / Pesta Sukan in August. (1-5 August)

Bridge Newsgroups & Mailing lists on the Internet

rec.games.bridge

This newsgroup has a wide range of articles, including discussions of hands of interest in the bidding or play, the psychology of the game, the Laws, the regulations of various authorities, particular rulings, systems and conventions, the politics and organisation of the game, and requests for help. It is international, with a majority of posters from the USA, a sizeable minority from Europe, and a number of posters from the rest of the world.

rec.games.bridge.okbridge Newsgroup [Okbridge discussion list]

This newsgroup and discussion list has a wide range of articles concerned with OKBridge, including hands of interest in the bidding or play, the psychology of the game, problems of connection, the software involved in playing, ethics, systems and conventions, the organisation of the game, and requests for help. It is international, with a majority of posters from the USA, a sizeable minority from Europe, and a number of posters from the rest of the world. All articles appear in the newsgroup, but only articles sent to the discussion list appear there.

- To subscribe to the discussion list
- email <discuss-request@okbridge.com>
- Put "subscribe" in the subject line.
- Leave the message body empty.

bridge-laws Mailing List

This mailing list consists of technical discussions of the Laws and the regulations of various authorities, both in general terms and in detail. Some of the discussions are included here rather than in rec.games.bridge [see earlier description] because of the length of the articles. A basic familiarity with the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge is assumed in posting. The mailing list is international, with the majority of posters split between North America and Europe, but with a number of posters from the rest of the world.

- To subscribe to this mailing list
- email <majordomo@rgb.anu.edu.au>
- Leave the subject line empty.
- In the body of the email you include:
subscribe bridge-laws.

Further details form David Stevenson's web site. http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/br_ngrps.htm
David's email address is <bridge@blakjak.demon.co.uk>

By David Stevenson

The NYC Bridge Mailing list

This mailing list includes anything of interest to players in and around New York. In particular it includes announcements of upcoming events and results from recent events.

- To subscribe to this mailing list
- Send an email to Adam Wildavsky
<adam@visalia.com>.
- Ask Adam to add you to the list.

aus.games.bridge Newsgroup

This newsgroup has little traffic, being mainly results or occasional articles of interest to Australian readers.

learning@okbridge.com Mailing List

This is a mailing list closely attached to, but not equivalent to, the mentor novice program at OK-Bridge. [In fact you don't need to subscribe to OK-Bridge.] It is a moderated mailing list [Marcia West and Bob Bakalish are the moderators] and it carries lessons and answers to questions addressed at Marcia or Bob.

- email to <learning-request@okbridge.com>
- Put "subscribe" in the subject line.
- Leave the message body empty.

Foreign Language groups

nl.sport.bridge Newsgroup

[Dutch speaking Newsgroup]

Liste de diffusion des amateurs de Bridge francophones

[French speaking Mailing List]

- <majordomo@cenatls.cena.dgac.fr>
- In the body of the email you include: subscribe
bridge.

fr.rec.jeux.cartes Newsgroup

[French speaking Newsgroup]

DOUBL [Deutsche Okbridge Und Bridge Liste]

[German speaking Mailing List]

<majordomo@tandem.uni-trier.de>

Sample the Newsgroups ..

Here's a newsgroup message that originated from the USA and some of the replies it generated over a period of 6 days ..

We play at three local weekly sessions at facilities that prohibit smoking inside, so smokers go outside between rounds to have a smoke and often are not back at the table when the round is called. Is there any sort of penalty for not being ready to play when the round is called? Often the smokers return without so much as an apology. Their lateness is very annoying, plus it gives us less time for our round.

David Stevenson of Wales/NW England replied ..
Any discourtesy of this sort is an infraction of law. Call the Director and tell him. Penalties are not laid down for this sort of thing but competent Directors will deal with them easily.

Ed Reppert of the USA added ..
The first time a given partnership does this, I'd chalk it up to happenstance. The second time, I'd ask them to please try to be on time. The third time, I'd complain to the TD. Delaying the game rates a procedural penalty. See Law 90. (Actually, if they didn't apologize, I might skip step 1. :)

Henk Uijterwaal of the USA chipped in with ..
Yes, Law 90B1 allows for a procedural penalty if a contestant arrives after the specified time for the start of a round. I'd give the smokers a warning for the first time, plus a round or two to catch up, then matchpoint penalty of 1/4 of the top on the board for the next offence.

IMHO, it also helps a lot if the director calls the round in the smoking room. It's easy to forget the time if you cannot see the clock and people moving around.

Ashok Dhareshwar from the WorldBank.Org added ..
I know lots of smokers that apologize if they are late, but I am yet to meet a non-smoker courteous enough to thank a smoker for going out to smoke. :)

Explanation: A lot of shorthand is used on the Internet. Notice the :-> Look at it with your head tilted 90 degrees to the left!

IMHO stands for "In my humble opinion"

And here's another ..
gellyn@aol.com (GELlyn) wrote:
> Match points, both vulnerable

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> NORTH SOUTH
> Q109 xx
> K Jxxx
> A9xx Jxx
> AQxxx KJxx
>
> North South
> 1C x 1H 1S
> 1NT P P P
> down 2 for minus 200
> Who was to blame for this disaster?
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Steve M replying ...

I probably would have opened 1D and rebid 2C. But I don't think blame need be assessed for the result. Rather a very unlucky lie of the cards or a bad guess must have led to -200. On a luckier day you might be +90 which should be a good and maybe a great result.

Ed replied with this gem ..

1H is a bad bid - I would rather show club support. How to do this depends on your methods: if 1C is natural, then 3C seems most appropriate; if 1C could be short, then 1 like to play that 1NT shows four clubs, about 5-8 points. Bidding 1NT has several advantages over 1H:

More immediately pre-emptive. Partner more likely to be able to pre-empt at his next turn. More likely to win the partscore battle: even if we have a heart fit, 3H over 2S doesn't look especially attractive. Better lead-director.

And it doesn't preclude getting to a heart *game* if that's the right thing to do.

The 1NT rebid is slightly questionable (Pass being the most obvious alternative), so I give North 10% and South 90%.
Cheers, Ed

PS Next time: say what your system is (people play 1C lots of ways) and put the question in the article as well as in the title.

So you see, everyone's an expert on
the Internet :->

ADVANCES IN BIDDING



By Dean
Hardie

Coping with BIG Two-Suiters

Imagine they open with a weak two or a three-level preempt and you have a big two-suited hand such as:-

S: x
H: AKJ10x
D: AKJ10x
C: xx

Let's say you're right hand opponent opens with a weak spade bid. Are you going to make a take-out double, overcall in one of the suits or cue-bid?

The traditional method is to cue-bid with these hands and hope partner bids one of your suits, if he doesn't you bid the next suit up to let him know and give him the choice. This sounds fine but when the hand on your right preempts further your side is not in a good position because partner does not know which two suits you have got.

The method outlined below solves this problem by showing specific two-suiters.

If you think you can give up 4C and 4D as natural single-suited overcalls then read on.

You can bid 4C, 4D or cue-bid at the four level to show specific suits. Your hand has to be good because you are forcing partner to bid at least to the four level and there is no point in preempting an opponent's preempt.

Over a weak two in a major your defensive methods could be:-

- X = take-out
- 2NT = 16-19 natural
- Suit overcall = natural
- Cue-bid = bid 3NT partner if you have a stop because I've got a source of tricks
- 3NT = to play

- 4C = clubs and the other major
- 4D = diamonds and the other major
- 4 of their major = both minors
- 4 of the other major = natural
- 4NT = ace-asking. Same as an opening 4NT in standard Acol

Over a weak three in a major the methods are essentially the same:-

- X = take-out
- 3NT = to play
- 3 of the other major = natural
- 4C = clubs and the other major
- 4D = diamonds and the other major
- 4 of their major = both minors
- 4 of the other major = natural
- 4NT = ace-asking. Same as an opening 4NT in standard Acol

Things are a little more complicated over a weak three in a minor because we have only two bids available to show our two-suiters. 4C has to be utilised as a two-way bid. Partner then enquires by bidding 4D.

Let's see how it works over 3C:-

- X = take-out
- Overcalls = natural
- 3NT = to play
- 4C = diamonds and spades or both majors
- 4D = diamonds and hearts
- 4 of a major = natural
- 4NT = ace-ask

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Over 4C then partner bids 4D and now:-

- 4H = both majors
- 4S = spades and diamonds

Now look at the situation when they open 3D:-

- 4C = clubs and hearts or clubs and spades
- 4D = both majors

Over 4C partner can bid 4D to enquire and now:-

- 4H = hearts and clubs
- 4S = spades and clubs

This style of showing two-suiters is quite versatile and can be used over a number of different preempts as well as weak two's and three's. Over a multi 2D where the only weak option is in hearts bid as if they had opened 2H. Over a Tartan two showing a weak hand with a major and a minor bid also bid as if they had opened a weak two. All these bids can also be used in the protective seat.

If a partnership decides to use these methods it is important to agree on the minimum hand requirements and not to abuse the system by bidding on inadequate values. When bidding in the protective seat it is normal to lower the requirements by about an ace.

NEWS FROM THE SELECTORS

21st June, 1997

LADY MILNE

This was held at the Buchanan Bridge Club, Glasgow on 7-8 of May, 1997.

Wales finished second, their best position for some years.

Scores:	
England	170
Wales	128
N.Ireland	124
Scotland	113

Welsh team: Maggie Pierce & Diane Kurbalija,
Pam Edwards & Krista Stephenson,
Margaret Pitts & Lyn Dempster.
Jill Casey (Npc)

West Wales Bridge Association

GREEN-POINTED SWISS PAIRS

on Saturday August 2nd 1997
at

FULTON HOUSE, SWANSEA UNIVERSITY

1:00 pm Start Entry fee: £17 per player
(Details & entries: Val Kennewell 01792-202524)

CAMROSE PRE-TRIAL

This was held at Swansea Bridge Club on 14-15 June, 1997.

Four teams played matches of 32 boards against each other.

Results:	
1st	Gary Martin & Dean Hardie, 62 VP Adrian Thomas & Peter Goodman
=2nd	John Cox & David Melville, 46 VP Gilly Clench & Richard Trew Roy Dempster & Lyn Dempster, 46 VP Simon Richards & Alex Maddocks
4th	Geoff Evans & David Birt, 26 VP Nick Forrest & Steve Jarvis

The winning team gained a place in the Final stages by virtue of winning.

The two remaining pairs were chosen by the selectors.

They decided on
Gilly Clench & Richard Trew,
and Simon Richards & Alex Maddocks.