

Forthcoming Events

DECEMBER

3/5th BBL Swiss teams - Llangollen
 12th WBU Council Meeting
 31st Entries for Welsh Schools close

JANUARY

15/16th Camrose v. England (Brentwood)
 Junior Camrose (Scotland)
 22/23rd Mixed Pairs Final (Pembroke)
 24-28th WBU Fritch (Clubs)
 29/30th Lady Milne Trials 1

FEBRUARY

5/6th Graded Masters (Bridgend)
 12/13th Camrose v. N. Ireland (Porthcawl)
 19/20th Lady Milne Trials 2
 26/27th International Masters (South Glam B.C.)

MARCH

6th WBU Council Meeting
 12/13th East Wales Congress (Croes-y-ceiliog)
 19/20th Camrose v. Scotland (Cowbridge)
 26/27th BBL Portland Pairs (St. Pierre)

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Editorial

Wales creates some history in this year's Camrose series with the announcement by the selectors that for the match against England the Welsh team will contain two married couples playing, as the Americans say, in unmixed partnership. The second weekend of the Welsh trials resulted in a photo-finish between three of the four teams put together by the selectors, but nosing one point ahead when the victory point scale was applied, was the team of Tony Haworth and Liam Sheridan of Bridgend with Jill Casey and Margaret Pierce. Husbands Tony and Alan respectively make up the team with Roy Griffin as non-playing captain and marriage guidance counsellor. We wish them well. The English team will be Raymond Brock and Iony Forrester, Brian Senior and Steve Ray, Graham Kirby and John Armstrong.

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Bridge-players in Wales are often heard to voice the cliché "These days the game is becoming too expensive." Yet two of the £15 awards from Nashua Copycat for submission of hands from the Gold Cup had to be returned to the sponsors because, despite wide publicity, no-one bothered to claim them. The two players who receive awards for their initiative in responding to the request to send in hands are P. F. Garner-Gray and Mrs. A. W. Ellis, both from the North Wales section of the draw. Cheques are on the way to each of them.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. VENUES These are the venues for the Welsh National Finals:

Jan 22/23	Mixed Pairs	Lion Hotel, Pembroke
Feb 5/ 6	Graded Masters	Leisure Centre, Bridgend
Feb 12/13	Camrose v. N.Ireland	Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl
Feb 26/27	International Masters	South Glamorgan B. C.
Mar 19/20	Camrose v. Scotland	Bear Hotel, Cowbridge
Mar 26/27	Portland Pairs	St. Pierre Club, Chepstow
Apr 9/10	Mens/Ladies Pairs	Cross Lanes Hotel, Wrexham
Apr 23/24	National Pairs	Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran
May 7/ 8	Webber Cup	Pavilion, Porthcawl
Jun 11/12	Perry Shield, Spickett, AGM	Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl

All events start at 2pm on Saturday except the Portland Pairs, which starts at 1pm.

2. PORTLAND PAIRS We are very fortunate to have obtained the St. Pierre Golf & Country Club for the Welsh heat of the British Mixed Pairs Championship. The full club facilities will be open to residents at club member rates and others at visitors' rates. Terms are B&B for 2 persons in twin from £36. There are two sessions of bridge on Saturday and one on Sunday. This event should prove a highlight of the calendar. With a bonus for golfers. An entry form accompanies this Newsletter.

3. EAST WALES CONGRESS The Congress has moved to the impressive Gwent County Hall Suite at Croes-y-Ceiliog, a few miles north of Newport. The format of the weekend will be as usual. In addition to the championship events, over a hundred players have been attracted in previous years to the Novice Pairs on Saturday night. Brochures from your club or: Miss N. Gibbon, 26 Fairwood Rd, Llandaff, Cardiff S61694.

Selectors' Report

1. COMMITTEE Since the previous Newsletter resignations of three selectors have been accepted. The current Committee is: P.E.Griffith, A. Pitts (Council elected); H. Newton (North); G. Holman (East); L. R. Griffin (West).

2. CAMROSE As a result of the second trial the following have been selected to represent Wales v. England at Brentwood on 15/16th Jan 1983: A. Haworth, L. Sheridan; Mrs J. Casey, Mrs M. Pierce; W.A. Casey, A.G. Pierce; non-playing captain: L. R. Griffin.

3. JUNIORS AND LADIES Any players wishing to be considered for either the Junior Camrose or the Ladies Trials should contact a selector immediately.

General News

1. WORLD PAIRS OLYMPIAD Of fifteen pairs representing Great Britain in October at Biarritz, two reached the 40 pair final. Two Welsh pairs had been selected for Britain. R.G. Upton and M. N. Hirst qualified for the semi-final stage. In the 200 pair Consolation Final P. D. Jourdain and Dr. E. Martin finished seventh. Mrs J. Newton represented the British Bridge League at World Bridge Federation and European Bridge League meetings.

2. BRITISH TRIALS In the 156 board first round of the trials for the 1983 British team (held in Leeds) P. D. Jourdain, in partnership with A. Dinnen of Reading tied for first place with B. Senior and S. Ray. The pair progress through to the last twelve in Britain. Mrs M. Pierce and Mrs J. Casey have been accepted for the British Ladies Trials, as have Mrs J. and Miss J. Newton.

3. BBL COUNCIL Following her retirement as Chairman, Mrs J. Newton was elected to the Executive, Tournament and Selection Committees of the BBL.

4. BRIDGE ON TELEVISION Following last winter's successful showing of Grand Slam on BBC2 (the audience of 1.25 million exceeded that for the Chess programme), three channels will have bridge programmes in the New Year. You are invited to watch (BBC2, HTV, or Channel 4) and requested to send comments, complimentary or otherwise, to the TV authorities.

Welsh Competition Results

WELSH FOURSOMES Mr & Mrs Pierce, Mr & Mrs Casey.

LADIES WELSH CUP Mesdames Watkins, Weaver, Pierce & Casey.

YOUNG PLAYERS Andrew and Gary Scott. Aged 12 and 13 at the time. Andrew and Gary were 3 or 4 years younger than the next youngest pair in the event, which has an age limit of 25. Andrew and Gary are sons of Roger and Linda Scott of Rhiwbina.

PORTHCRAWL Pairs: G. Holman & K. Sharp (Cardiff); Teams: Mrs Y. Jones, A. Holton, Mr & Mrs Harvey (Essex); Mens: G. Needham, A.G. Pierce (Cardiff); Ladies: Mrs M. Aherne, Mrs V. Hamilton (Cardiff); Mixed: Mr & Mrs C. Flood (Berks); Mixed Teams: Mr & Mrs Absalom, G. Hart, H. Davies (Surrey).

LLANGOLLEN Pairs: J. Salisbury, Mrs M. Pierce (Cardiff); Teams: M. Swanson, B. Horn, R. Arnold, M. Tucker (Wirral); Mens: G.E. Needham, W.O. Davies (Cardiff); Ladies: Mrs E.M. Scott, Mrs A. W. Ellis (Wirral); Mixed Teams: Mr & Mrs W.A. Casey, G.E. Needham, W.O. Davies (Cardiff).

For the next Newsletter Area secretaries are requested to send in all results by 15th February, 1983.