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## Newsletter Winter 1999

### Editorial

I don't know quite how it happened, but I am your new, temporary, Newsletter editor, as Adrian Trickey, who was due to take on the job, has work commitments in Scotland at the moment.

The absence of Summer and Autumn Newsletters means a bumper bundle of Master point promotions and as nearly every member of the Union must feature in at least one of Noelle's lists, I am guaranteed a good readership for my first attempt.

Editing Noelle's lists is fraught with difficulties and as one who was a recent victim of a careless 'cut and paste job' for Channel 4 Teletext Bridge, I know just how distressing it can be if your name has been lost. So I hope I've not mislaid anyone.

My first attempt, for various reasons, is rather heavy on News and Points and very much lacking Bridge hands and lighter human-interest stories associated with Bridge.

I hope to put this right in the Spring Edition, but I do need contributions from the Membership. Now is not too soon to send items to me as my preparation for the next Newsletter has already started.

Val Kennewell

**MASTERPOINT  
PROMOTIONS  
25/3/99 TO 5/7/99**

**Club Master**

Mrs Betty Adams H  
 Mrs Margaret Ball SU  
 Mrs Hilary Bunker CAS  
 Mr Roger Cradick SU  
 Mrs Jill Crowther GA  
 Mr Peter Davies S  
 Mr Gary Dermody R  
 Rev Malcolm Frieze GA  
 Mrs Valerie Gould CAS  
 Mrs Betty Hollis PN  
 Mrs Rae Jones GA  
 Mr Peter Matthews S  
 Mrs Kath Moore NT  
 Mr George Morrison PR  
 Mr Brian Neville GA  
 Mrs P Prentice GA  
 Mr Doug Silcox T  
 Mr Brian Taylor LP  
 Ms Kathleen Thorpe BEN  
 Mrs June Tindale LD  
 Mrs Jean Winterburn W  
 Mr Andrew Young NT

**Local Master**

Mrs Jane Allen WS  
 Mrs Iris Alp CRI  
 Mrs Jean Bassett RH  
 Mr Peter Blackwell VOG  
 Ms Pearl Browning CBY  
 Mr John Bunker CAS  
 Mr Peter Cross BV  
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 Mr Alan Heath BR  
 Mrs Edna John PR  
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 Mr Malcolm Jones H  
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 Mrs Megan Jones WS

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 Mr Frank Mottram WS  
 Mr Andrew Mountain W  
 Miss Mollie Norcliffe PR  
 Mr Ken Petters LD  
 Mr Ray Potter BEN  
 Mrs Rita Potter BEN  
 Mrs Janet Richards P  
 Mr Roger Salamon BV  
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 Mr Jon Seavers S  
 Mrs Ann Slaughter S  
 Mr Derek Taylor PN  
 Miss Betty Whalley PR  
 Mrs Dorothy Williams S  
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**County Master**

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 Mrs Patricia Ackon Y  
 Mrs Betty Broadley CR  
 Mrs Marie Cawley MB  
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 Mr Roy Dickinson WS  
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 Mr Desmond Jeffries MG  
 Mr Martin Jones L  
 Mr Mark Laming CN  
 Mrs Vivien Liles BV  
 Mr Stan Newman WS  
 Mrs Betty Rule NP  
 Mr Alan Screen CAS  
 Mr Bob Smith D  
 Mrs Pat Sullivan PN  
 Miss Gwen Thomas AM  
 Mrs Mair Young C

**Master**

Mr Rod Baker S  
 Mrs Kay Broadbent MB  
 Miss Anne Davies S  
 Mr Michael Davies L  
 Mr Eric Davison S  
 Mrs Margaret Day T  
 Mrs Betty Dewey NP  
 Mr Brian Gardner SU  
 Mr John Hough S  
 Mr Bill Hunter GA  
 Mr Anthony Jenkins NT  
 Miss Averil Jones BR  
 Mrs Phyllis Jones NT  
 Mrs Betty G Lewis C  
 Mr John Lowther AG  
 Mrs Joyce Lowther AG  
 Mrs Vera Miller S  
 Mrs Ivy Morgan CB  
 Mrs Justine Petters LD  
 Mr Rhodri Phillips OH  
 Mrs Sylvia Phillips OH  
 Mrs Betty Plimmer LD  
 Mr Ken Rees AG  
 Mr David Spalding CN  
 Mr Mark Spalding CN  
 Mrs Yvonne Thomas SP  
 Mrs M van der Sluijs Y

The server hosting the WBU site has been down for a week.  
 As a result, I have set up a new url at [www.wbu.org.uk](http://www.wbu.org.uk)

**A Message from your Webmaster**

**PROMOTIONS 25/3/99 TO 5/7/99 CONTINUED**

**Advanced Master**

Mr Graham Ball CBY  
 Mrs Joyce Doughty BV  
 Mrs Joan Evans CD  
 Mrs Marie George C  
 Mrs Connie Green BR  
 Mr Barney Hunter CD  
 Mrs Edna John P  
 Mrs Barbara Jones AM  
 Mrs Christine Jones M  
 Mrs M A Jones R  
 Mr Jim Kinge GA  
 Mrs Lyn Lamb A  
 Mr G Norris VO  
 Mr Henry Page LP  
 Mr Ron Ponting S  
 Mrs B Reynoldson CN  
 Mr Brian Roderick BV  
 Mr Aneurin Rogers BSC  
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 Mrs Patricia Waldon NP  
 Miss Hilda Williams MB

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Mr John Anderson D  
 Mr Keith Bellamy C  
 Mr Anthony Carsley M  
 Mrs Helen Carsley M  
 Mrs Ann Dolan AM  
 Mr Chris Draper NP  
 Mrs Babs Dunford C  
 Mrs Jean Greening LD  
 Mr Roy Holloway GA  
 Mrs Mair Jones A  
 Mr Martin Morris CD  
 Mrs Vera Philip RH  
 Mrs Jill Quick S  
 Mrs Pat Radway BR  
 Mr Peter Richards CR  
 Mr F Scott-Verdon BV

**2-Star Master**

Mr Ray Curry S  
 Dr Martin David C  
 Mrs Gwen Davies CD  
 Mrs Gwyneth Dew GA  
 Mrs Doreen Dixon GA  
 Mr Reg Dyer BV  
 Mrs B Easterbrook OH  
 Mr Graham Fifield S  
 Mrs Jean Gomersall PD  
 Mrs Christine Smith S  
 Dr Anne Thomas GA  
 Mrs Margaret Tovey MB  
 Miss G Watkin-Jones MB

**3 Star Master**

Mrs Joan Brewer CRI  
 Mr Mel Brewer CRI  
 Mrs K Charles L  
 Mrs Colleen Lloyd LD  
 Mr G Murray-Williams PD  
 Mr Peter Smart MG  
 Mrs M Trigg-Knight P  
 Mr John Walker CB

**4 Star Master**

Mrs C Holdron S  
 Mrs Joyce Lodge RH  
 Mr Neil Rooney S  
 Mrs Kate Walker CB  
 Mr George Whitby BEN

**5 Star Master**

Miss Colette Davies L  
 Mrs Vida Gething S  
 Mrs Joyce Rickard RH  
 Mr Mark Roderick BV

**Regional Master**

Ms Teresa Byrne PN  
 Mr Barry Jones W  
 Mrs Dorothy Phillips W  
 Mr Jack Tozer BR  
 Mr V Williams NT

**Premier Regional Master**

Mr Mike Climer C  
 Mrs Dorothy Harris CD  
 Mr Peter Holland DM  
 Mr Kevin Jones W

**National Master**

Mr Geoff Fielding NT

**Premier National Master**

Mrs Margaret Lane S  
 Mr Ted Malam GA  
 Mr Chris Rochelle R

**Life Master**

Mrs Margaret Banks RH  
 Mrs V McAndrew R  
 Mrs Sheila Shea CN  
 Mr Geoff White S

**Senior Life Master**

Mr David Birt C  
 Mr Paul Gagne BV  
 Mr Don Jenkins R  
 Mrs Eileen Jenkins R  
 Mr Alex Maddocks C  
 Mrs Jill O'Sullivan H

**Grand Master**

Mr David Ronson C  
 Mr Liam Sheridan BR

**Club Master**

Mrs Eira Donovan	BV
Mrs Vicky Edwards	A
Mrs Christine Evans	OH
Mrs Muriel Gore	NP
Mr Gwyn Hall	PN
Mrs G Heptinstall-Bolton	R
Mr Ken Hughes-Jones	C
Mrs Judith Hulme	M
Miss Frances Mann	P
Mr Ken Millington	CBY
Ms Denise Morgan	GA
Mrs Valerie Morris	PR
Ms Sylvia Richards	PT
Mrs Cath Simpson	R
Mrs Janet Valentine	WS

**Local Master**

Mrs Stella Bassett	BV
Mrs Kit Cross	BV
Mrs Julia Davies	MB
Mr Charles F Gurr	S
Mr Doreen Hill	BV
Mrs Alice Hopkins	BV
Mrs Wendy Jenkins	WS
Mr Evarard Kerslake	BV
Mrs Freda Nicholson	W
Mr Marc Nicholson	W
Mrs Winnie Phillips	AM
Mr Dylan Raw-Rees	A
Mrs Daphne Richardson	WS
Mrs Patricia Scott	MG
Mr Robin Scott	MG

**County Master**

Mr Peter Bennett	AM
Mr Gwyn Bevan	CRI
Miss Catherine Evans	AM
Miss Janice Evans	D
Mrs Joan Jenkins	SU
Dr Charlotte Jones	MT
Mrs Lynne Jones	WS
Mrs Mair Raw-Rees	A
Mrs Marcia Rogers	MB
Mr Dewi Thomas	S
Mrs Rachel Thomas	S
Mr John Wain	F
Mrs Gloria Walters	H

**Master**

Mrs Janet Bradley	S
Mr Adrian Daniel	S
Mrs Joan Davies	S
Mr Ralph Lamb	A
Mrs Ann Lewis	AA
Mr Peter McColl	C
Mr Mike Miles	AG
Mr Pat Mullally	CN
Mr David Rowley	WS
Mr Robin Thomas	WS
Mrs Una Thomas	WS
Mrs Janet Turner	WS

**Advanced Master**

Mrs Eirwen Brown	GA
Mrs Jo Davies	A
Mrs Monica Dewsberry	MG
Mrs June Dixon	W
Mr Terry Dolan	BSC
Mr Kevin Hughes	W
Mr Raoul Van den Broucke	MT

**.....PROMOTIONS 6/7/99 TO 20/11/99 CONTINUED****1 Star Master**

Mrs Jill Alexander	C
Mrs Aida Aris	R
Mr Christopher Bradshaw	NP
Mrs Elaine Galpin	LD
Mrs Muriel Richardson	WS
Mrs Marie Topp	PW
Mr Richard Turley	MT
Mrs Andrea Waite	MG

**2 Star Master**

Mr Peter Bradbury	PW
Mr Keith Davison	S
Mr Hywel Williams	MB

**3 Star Master**

Mrs Ada Collins	S
Mr Graham Shaw	WS
Mr David Stephenson	VOG
Mrs Jean Sumner	M

**4 Star Master**

Mrs Betty Lewis	S
Mrs Kay Perkins	H
Mr Ken Perkins	H
Mrs Beryl Williams	MB

**Tournament Master**

Dr Frank Hybart	MG
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**Regional Master**

Mr Nigel Baker	BV
Mr Emyr Tudwal Jones	STD

**EBL Mixed Pairs**

**18th to 24th March 2000  
at Bellaria, Rimini, Italy.**

Mixed Pairs of good standing with their Home Union are eligible to enter.

Details of entry fees, hotel accommodation etc. are available from WBU Secretary, Lionel Fifield at 01633 411416.

**Premier Regional Master**

Mrs Glenda Dorling	NT
Mrs Hazel Heard	AM
Mrs Elizabeth Hutchinson	PN
Mrs Margaret Morris	CD
Mrs Janet Rees	L
Mrs Pamela Woodhouse	A

**National Master**

Mr Mike Jones	CA
Mr Patrick G Maslin	CA

**Premier National Master**

Mr Bryan Edwards	W
Mrs Daphne Patrick	C

**Life Master**

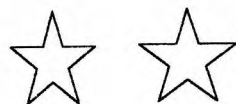
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**Bridge as a Sport**

The English Bridge Union is running a campaign to have bridge recognised as a sport. This step is necessary if bridge is to get sports grants and National Lottery Funds.

They are aiming to get Duplicate Bridge accepted by the government on the same level as Chess as a sport of the mind.

Club members are being asked to send a letter to their MP (a sample letter has been provided by the EBU)



<b>GOLD POINT TABLE</b>
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Tony Ratcliff	55.86	Philip Dunn	4.32
Filip Kurbalija	52.34	Susan Ingham	4.27
Patrick Jourdain	43.84	Martin Jones	4.21
Keith Pratt	31.64	Pam Edwards	4.14
Dean Hardie	30.95	Jill O'Sullivan	4.04
Adrian Thomas	30.79	Mike Hampton	3.91
Mike Hirst	28.61	Paul Allsopp	3.86
Diane Kurbalija	27.58	Val Kennewell	3.74
Tony Haworth	27.47	Steve Kennewell	3.68
Tony Disley	25.35	Adam Dunn	3.65
Jill Casey	24.66	Paul Seal	3.65
Gary Martin	23.59	Joe Patrick	3.49
Peter Goodman	21.64	Simon Richards	3.47
Rob Charlesworth	19.83	Graham John	3.41
Gilly Clench	19.38	Brian Clements	3.41
Trevor Towers	19.34	Annie Favager	3.28
Akram Zaman	17.92	John O'Sullivan	3.23
Stephen Daniel	16.87	Diana Jones	3.04
Ceri Pierce	14.19	Steve Jarvis	3.01
Philip Felman	13.90	Shirley Howarth	3.00
Alex Maddocks	13.88	Anne Hyatt	2.92
John Glubb	13.22	Fred Hyatt	2.92
Ann Hirst	12.61	Patrick G Maslin	2.80
Tom Reddy	12.60	John Seal	2.80
Maggie Pierce	11.97	Ken Richardson	2.74
Tony Casey	11.56	Sue Raybould	2.68
Simon Edwards	10.84	John Isaac	2.64
Liam Sheridan	10.54	Irene Thomas	2.55
Geoff Evans	10.34	Brian Crawford	2.40
Andrew Scott	8.94	Peter Holland	2.40
David Birt	8.93	Frank McAleavy	2.40
Maureen Sheridan	8.54	Pamela Woodhouse	2.26
David Melville	8.38	Glenda Dorling	2.26
John Salisbury	8.12	Paul Cunningham	2.24
Peter Garner-Gray	6.88	Arwyn Evans	2.22
David Ronson	6.84	Robin Parris	2.19
Mike Baker	6.76	Eric Favager	2.16
Diana Harris	6.41	Noelle Bond	2.11
John Cox	6.40	Anne Garvie	2.08
Richard Trew	6.14	Peter Nickson	2.00
Nick Forrest	6.05	Dianne Knight	2.00
Liz Atkinson	5.40	Geoff White	1.98
Paul Gagne	5.29	Bob Graham	1.84
Mary Moore	5.25	John J Evans	1.80
Laura Woodruff	5.23	Harry Leach	1.80
David Hamilton	5.09	Enfys Powell	1.74
Michael Close	5.03	Krista Stephenson	1.74
		Sheila Shea	1.70

.....AND MORE GOLD POINTS

Warwick Horspool	1.70	Mike Climer	0.80
Chris Rochelle	1.70	Ifor Davies	0.80
Robert Upton	1.68	Anne Jones	0.72
Andrea Martin	1.66	Barrie Robinson	0.68
Sheila Leysdon	1.65	Nate Gable	0.68
Glyn Williams	1.60	Vera Robinson	0.68
Dewi I Jones	1.56	Philip Dorling	0.66
Wendy Wood	1.56	Betty Evans	0.66
Marjorie Morris	1.55	Kathryn Cox	0.64
Adrian Trickey	1.50	Peter Smith	0.63
Jon Seavers	1.40	Vera McAndrew	0.63
Menna Roberts	1.30	Max Powell	0.60
Aida Aris	1.30	Tony Waller	0.60
Margaret Lane	1.24	Daphne Patrick	0.60
Gordon Roxburgh	1.19	Linda Tatham	0.60
Isabel Evans	1.15	Sian Ellis	0.60
Eileen Hughes	1.15	Marjorie Williams	0.56
Bill Parkinson	1.14	Diana Panniers	0.53
Esme Parry	1.14	Peter Lane	0.52
John Murray	1.12	Margaret Hathaway	0.44
Teresa Byrne	1.12	Elaine Gracie	0.44
Janet Rees	1.12	Margaret Watson	0.44
Phil Jones	1.12	Charles Watson	0.44
Viv Hamilton	1.10	Derek Jones	0.44
Tim Barsby	1.10	Hazel Heard	0.40
Liz Commins	1.10	David Williams	0.40
Keith Williams	1.05	Dorothy Stagg	0.40
Irene Weaver	1.04	Sybil Thomson	0.40
Laurie Delmonte	1.04	S Murray-Williams	0.40
Harry Packer	1.04	Shelton Cross	0.40
Pearl Nash	1.04	Chris Burdett	0.40
Jim Fletcher	1.00	Andrew Phillips	0.24
Colin Heard	1.00	Mike Jones	0.24
Mollie Evans	1.00	Marjorie Paschkes	0.24
Richard Thomas	0.97	Bryan Edwards	0.24
Funlgan Persimmon	0.96	Tony Jodo	0.24
Gwen Hurst	0.96	Geoff Rollings	0.22
Fred Moyses	0.92	Bill Nicholls	0.22
Ivor Owen	0.92	Jimmy James	0.22
Paddy Murphy	0.90	Eleanor Price	0.21
Margaret Banks	0.90	Peter Millar	0.21
Michael Clare	0.90	Pat Fielding	0.20
Norman Large	0.90	Gwynne Williams	0.20
Jill Knight	0.89	Cliff Rushton	0.20
Pat Haworth	0.88	Geoff Fielding	0.20
Vic Ward	0.84		
Sid Evans	0.84		
Ray Smith	0.84		

## Devolution

In June this year the European Bridge League agreed that Wales, England and Scotland should each become National Federations to replace the previous arrangement whereby The British Bridge League represented all three as a National Federation.

This change in status has many implications for the WBU. We will now be able to send our own representatives to European and World events, whereas before very few Welsh players were selected by the BBL. There will be major financial changes with the WBU taking on an extra burden of financing international representatives, but also gaining income from the dissolution of the BBL.

Below is an extract from a statement from the WBU Council, which has been circulated to clubs and can be seen in full on the WBU Website.

"Your Council has been planning how the WBU will fulfil its new status responsibly. The first step was to obtain new income from sources other than its own members to avoid extra burden on them if possible. That job has been successfully completed. The BBL is to be replaced by a smaller body to run the Home Internationals, and Gold Cup (British knockout-teams-of-four). This body will not have to finance British teams as before, so money-raising events previously run by the BBL could be used to assist the Home Unions fulfil their new status. Your delegates at the BBL were able to reach an agreement, which received the unanimous support of your Council at its July meeting this year:

1. The one BBL Congress held within Wales, namely the BBL Swiss Teams in Llangollen, would come within the control of the WBU, who could use the extra income to meet the new obligations;
2. The BBL Simultaneous Pairs, which would continue to be run by the new body, would have a substantial profit. As the obligation of fielding representatives within European and World events would fall equally upon the three new National Federations it was mutually agreed that each should receive an equal share of the surplus, after the new body had retained one quarter to meet its own needs. This was a very fair agreement to reach. The share the WBU will receive is based on the understanding with the EBU and SBU that it is for the purpose of supporting Welsh representation within EBL and WBF events. Your Council is of the opinion that to use this new income for any other purpose would threaten the agreement reached with the EBU and SBU.
3. The 1-day Events in August would continue as now with the WBU having the right to receive the levy for heats within Wales, which previously went to the BBL.
4. The monies received from licenses for overseas holidays would be administered in such a way that the share received by the WBU would remain much the same.

## A STATEMENT FROM THE WBU LAWS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

At an enquiry held on 12th November 1999 the WBU Laws & Ethics Committee found:

1. That on four separate occasions during the 1999 Welsh Foursomes, Mr. A. Haworth substituted for the cards provided by the organisers a pack of cards prepared by himself and dealt from such prepared pack, contrary to Law 6 of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge; and that on each occasion the resulting deal was played in the match.
2. That such conduct by Mr. Haworth amounted to unfair play, and as such constituted an offence under clause XVIII B (1) (a) of the Constitution of the Welsh Bridge Union.
3. That Mr. Haworth had admitted the offence, and in answer to questioning had indicated that nobody else had had knowledge of his actions.

It was decided:

1. That Mr. Haworth be suspended from membership of the Union for a period of ten years from 23rd November 1999
2. That the findings of fact and the decision of the Committee should be published in the Welsh Bridge Union *Newsletter*.
3. That the decision of the Committee should be promulgated as follows:-
  - (a) to the four areas of the Welsh Bridge Union;
  - (b) to the British Bridge League for international promulgation; and
  - (c) to the English Bridge Union, the Scottish Bridge Union and the Northern Ireland Bridge Union, and to the Avon Contract Bridge Association.

Note - the effect of the suspension, within Wales, is that Mr Haworth is precluded from playing in:-

- (a) any WBU event
- (b) any WBU area event
- (c) any BBL event (or any event sponsored by its successor organisation)
- (d) any other event open only to WBU members

23rd November 1999

## Master Point of View

By Noelle Bond

There have been so many problems with our newsletters lately that in this one I'm just catching up. (I think after Patrick Jourdain wrote that one of the benefits of WBU membership was the Quarterly Newsletter the Gremlins could not resist the temptation to interfere with our system.)

Everyone else has probably forgotten the April master point year-end but it's a time, which embeds itself into my memory, partly due to the work, and partly from the nagging I get not to work too late in the evening. So first I'd like to give a rather belated thanks to everyone (almost everyone!) for not waiting until the last minute of the year-end before sending in his or her points. Mail arrived steadily from the end of March and all through April, and I never went to bed feeling overwhelmed by what waited for me in the morning. Oddly though, I received a hundred more letters than in 1997/98 but registered fewer points. For the mathematically minded, in 1998/1999 we earned only 2,246,386 locals, and 4744 greens, compared with last years 2,361,239 locals, and 4,935 greens. And this with ever more bridge!

Of course, after year-end I always get a few phone calls asking "Is it too late?" I consider this the bridge equivalent of forgetting to put the clock back.

I remember that one morning I received not a letter but a prettily wrapped parcel. Thinking it was a late Christmas present, (this was April!) I opened it to see what looked like a tasty meal, Chicken Kiev and some cereal; but on closer inspection the cereal turned out to be Tiger cat food, and then both boxes proved to contain master points. Not too disappointing, for from the "fragrance" lingering in one packet I don't think I would have liked the duck, rabbit and vegetable cat food. In fact, I'm surprised the cat did.

In the last Newsletter we had I mentioned that points had a shelf life of three years. This started something of a scavenger hunt; cupboards, drawers pockets, wallets, handbags, shoes, and vases obviously being searched and emptied, for I received a surge of letters containing previously neglected old points. I checked my mail books and found I had never before had so many letters in the month after year-end. I was even sent some EBU points from 1972, not in hope of them being registered, but because the member concerned could not bear to destroy them himself. I could not either.

Some points have problems getting to me even while they are still young. One lady told me that to make sure she had enough points for her next promotion, she visited a friend to have her arithmetic checked. All was correct and she left her friend's house quite delighted. Before she could get into her car, however, a sudden strong gust of wind tore the points from her hand and whisked them away. A nearby school was turning out, and the children, seeing her distress, were soon rushing everywhere collecting the little slips for her. Amazingly, all were recovered, and the promotion achieved.

I told this story when I was playing one day and another member told me that she used to keep her points in the pocket of her car door until one day the wind grabbed them to play with.

E-mail queries are proving very efficient, so for all those of you with computers, I can recommend it. Although I must say it's always nice to chat on the phone.

As what should have been the Summer Newsletter disappeared into space (pre-Millennium bug?) there will be two separate promotion lists in this one. The first covers the year-end promotions, and also promotions made up to 5th of July; the second covers all promotions from 6th July until 20th November so quite a few members should see themselves with a higher rank than in the Journal listing. If you expected a promotion in early July, especially from directly credited points, I recommend you check both lists.

I heard more about the oldest Welsh Bridge player: Wilson Warhurst playing at Llandudno club at 99. I'm told the invigorating Llandudno air is probably responsible for the number of players over ninety there.

The full Gold Points listing was produced just after the year-end, and the editor has promised to find space for it in this newsletter, which should be a bumper issue. Having been assured that it will escape the delays of the last two or three, I should like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. But I'm not mentioning Millennium celebrations so as not to upset those who believe the next century does not start until January 1st, 2001.

Sincerely,

Noelle.

**The Camrose Home International Matches**

Wales is to host three Home International matches this season. The first will probably be over before this Newsletter reaches you. That is the match against England to be played in Newport on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The next will be Wales v Scotland to be hosted by the North Wales Bridge Association in the St George's Hotel, The Promenade, Llandudno on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The third event is the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Competitions between Wales, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to be played in The Rest at Porthcawl on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Anyone is allowed to watch a Camrose match. There are two ways in which this can be done. You are permitted to sit behind the players in the Open Room, but you can also follow what is going on from the Viewgraph Room. Here you can view the play from the Closed Room on closed circuit television and listen to expert commentary on the play and the bidding. In the last Camrose match held in Wales computer graphics were used to display the bidding and the play.

I spent most of that Camrose weekend locked away in the office grappling with the scoring, and only managed to see one or two hands on Viewgraph. Sunday's final session had started with the scores at Wales 22.5 VP Northern Ireland 17 VP and when I popped in to the viewgraph room when there were just 10 boards to play Wales held a 2 imp lead in the final session. The line-ups were:

<u>OPEN ROOM (Wales NS)</u>		<u>CLOSED ROOM (NI NS)</u>	
A Ratcliff		I Lindsay	
J Murchan	C Burns	P Goodman	A Thomas
P Jourdain		R Anderson	

BOARD 21	<b>NORTH</b>	
NS VUL	♠KQ73	
DEALER N	♥AT7	
	♦A9	
<b>WEST</b>	♠KJ62	<b>EAST</b>
♠JT86		♠2
♥		♥642
♦KJT7653		♦Q842
♣AT	<b>SOUTH</b>	♣Q8754
	♠A954	
	♥KQJ9853	
	♦	
	♣93	

Board 21 appeared on the screen and we heard the following bidding from the closed room.

S	W	N	E
		1C	P
1H	4D	x	P
5H	P	6H	7D
P	P	X	P
P	P		

"Well done Wales have found a good sacrifice against a make-able slam (of course they would have got the clubs right). Hang on a minute though..... 6H makes but 6S doesn't because of the unkind spade break." As this was the first board of the stanza it would be some time before we would know the result from in the Open room.

At that point I had to return to the office and had the distinct feeling that board 21 would be critical. When the score slip from the Open Room reached me I read the following bidding.

S	W	N	E	
		1S	P	Were our pair unlucky to have found their
3NT*	4D	4H*	5D	4-4 fit?
6S	All pass			
* alerted bids				

**Keith Pratt 1948-1999**

Keith Pratt, who died suddenly aged 50, was due to be captain of the Wales bridge team against England just ten days later. Pratt had nine internationals for Wales including the last victory of Wales over England.

He died on the very day that his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Rebecca, featured in an hour-long BBC television exposé of the modelling agency business. Rebecca was a courageous whistle-blower in the programme and Barbara said later: "I am sorry that Keith did not see the documentary; he would have been really proud of his daughter."

Keith was born on Boxing Day, 1948 in Malden, Surrey, and lived in Berkshire for some time before moving to Lancashire where he met and married Barbara. They had two children, Rebecca and Ben. In 1979 he moved to Porthcawl. He was an accountant with Ford in Bridgend and was promoted to a senior management post earlier this year.

His early partner in Welsh bridge was Dilys Clare but he and Tony Haworth were first selected for Wales in February 1991 for the match against Scotland in Anglesey, a narrow loss. His nine matches for Wales included the Llandudno win over England in 1996, the first for 19 years.

Keith was a jovial fellow, with a laid-back easy-going approach to the game that is rare at international level. This made him a popular and genial team-mate. His generous personality and readiness with a joke will be sorely missed.

PDJ 25/11/99

**Mrs Maisie Evans**

Welsh bridge players, especially members of the Western Area and the Swansea Bridge Club, will be grieved to hear of the death of Mrs Maisie Evans.

During the fifties and sixties, her husband Ossie was the Club Secretary and Maisie was in charge of the premises and catering, always providing excellent teas. When she relinquished these duties, she became a full club member. After Ossie's death, she played mainly in the afternoons, until physical frailness prevented her coming.

In 1989, she was elected an Honorary member of the Swansea Bridge Club

I wish to express to her family the sympathy of all her friends  
LRG 26/11/99

**Other Obituaries**

Roy Higson - a popular director at many Welsh events

Owen Barker - a founder member and great stalwart of Dolgellau Bridge Club.

John Hough - a keen member of Swansea Bridge Club, who will be remembered for his enthusiasm in organising Bridge holidays for club members.

**Selectors' Report**

The following team has been selected to play for Wales in the Camrose against England at the Stakis Hotel, Newport on 4-5<sup>th</sup> of December 1999

Adrian Thomas and Paul Denning

Peter Goodman and Tim Rees

Mike Hirst and Jim Luck

Reserves: Patrick Jourdain and Tony Ratcliff

Non-playing captain: to be arranged

**Letters**

Dear Editor

My partner and I play the 'wriggle' after our opening 1NT is doubled.

At a recent club duplicate, I was sitting East and opened 1NT. South and West passed and North doubled, I passed, South passed, partner passed and I alerted, much to the amazement and amusement of North who declared that after 3 passes there could be no further bidding.

I contended that my partner's pass was forcing (I have to redouble) and therefore a genuine bid. The director was called and quoted Law 17E and therefore the auction was finished.

North led his top two hearts and our hands were

West	♠QJx	East	♠xxxxx
	♥xx		♥Qxx
	♦xx		♦AQxx
	♣KQ9xxx		♣Ax

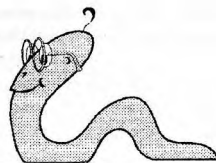
The clubs broke 3-2 and we made an overtrick.

Was the director's ruling correct?

Yours truly

Jack Barlow

*Yes, a pass is a pass, whatever extra meaning may be attached to it within your system. Your bidding sequence seems to have thrown up an anomaly in the 'wriggle' system. If in seventh position the 1NT opener's partner wishes to play in a suit contract there must be a way of doing so. Are there any 'wriggle' experts out there who can tell us the solution? I suspect that all bids would be natural in seventh position. I also suspect that there are about twenty different systems described as 'the wriggle'.*



## 11 & 12 September 1999

1. Jim Luck, Mike Hirst, Bernard and Rhona Goldenfield 165 VPs

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## Porthcawl Congress Results 1999

### Dewi Sant Teams

1. Mark Roderick, Mike Climer, Mary Moore, Chris Rochelle
2. M Walsh, A Thompson, M Fletcher, G Horscroft
3. John Amor, Marie Horlock, Michael Prior, Vic Brozdowski

### Ladies' Pairs

1. Val Kennewell and Pat Watson
2. Margaret Courtney and Tracy Capal
3. Maureen Mobley and Denise Spiller

### Men's Pairs

1. A M G Thompson and M Walsh
2. John Hemington and Richard Currie
3. Stewart Pye and Keith Davison

### Championship Pairs (Red Dragon Trophy)

1. C Melluish and R Mordue
2. John Williams and Dave Baker
3. Dafydd Jones and Mike Hirst



Steve Capal, Margaret Courtney and Tracey Capal accept the Championship Teams Trophy from WBU President Diana Panniers

### Consolation Pairs (Little Dragon Trophy)

1. Jeremy Willans and Ian Draper
2. Tom Reddy and Rob Charlesworth
3. Mike Walsh and Graham Horscroft

### Pivot Teams (Seagull Trophy)

1. S Claridge, B Claridge, N Perceval-Price, L Hayes
2. Joe Patrick, Daphne Patrick, Marit Langston, Peter Langston
3. Tracy Capal, Steve Capal, Jim Luck, Alan Williams

### Mixed Pairs

1. Jeremy Willans and Gilly Clench
2. L Woodruff and D Hardie
3. Alan Williams and Rhona Goldenfield

### Championship Teams

1. Tracy Capal, Steve Capal, Margaret Courtney, Chris Rochelle
2. Sandra Claridge, Brian Claridge, Lynne Hayes, Nick Perceval Price
3. Mike Hirst, Ann Hirst, Paul Lamford, Stephanie Rohan

### Consolation Teams (Tusker Rock Trophy)

1. Eddie Lucioni, Diane Rogers, Andrew Southwell, Matthew Hoskins
2. Cliff Rushton, P Allsop, D Harris, P Gagne
3. B Goldenfield, R Goldenfield, Jim Luck, Alan Williams

### Consolation Teams (Sker Trophy)

1. David Birt, Geoff Evans, Trevor Towers, Adam Dunn
2. Hazel Heard, Colin Heard, Ann Hyatt, Fred Hyatt
3. S Davies, Adrian Daniel, Colin Thomas, Lavinia Thomas

## LAWS AND ETHICS

### Changes to the Orange Book 1998

- Following the annual review by the EBU L&EC, the following changes apply from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1999  
**Mattos 2NT response to one-of-a-suit opening bids: This shows game try values with a void in partner's bid suit. This is now permitted at Level 3 and should be added to item 13.2.2. on the Orange book 1998.**
- The playing of lead directing overcalls (i. e. not showing length at all) may be played, but no conventions may be played thereafter. Thus the second bulleted point of items 12.12.1, 13.6.1, and 14.9.1 should be changed to read:  
**"You may overcall either on 3 cards, or solely to show strength in the suit bid rather than length, by agreement, but only if you do not play any conventional bids thereafter."**

Annual reviews are carried out in the early part of each year. If any member of the WBU wishes to have presented to the EBU any convention they have devised with a view to categorising it they should forward it via the WBU Secretary to the **Chairman of the WBU L&EC** before January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Submissions should be clearly written, typed if possible, on A4 paper. It is necessary to include a logical defence to your convention and also an indication of how it is to be shown on the convention card.

Players submitting conventions for consideration must enclose a cheque for £12 made payable to the EBU. This cheque will be refunded if the convention is not considered suitable for submission by the WBU. (The money is an EBU charge for administration)

Anne Jones  
 Chairman WBU L&EC

**WESTERN AREA NEWS**

Max Powell has been elected Chairman of the West Wales Bridge Association. Please will anyone wishing to help with the Junior Camrose in Porthcawl on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> contact Val Kennewell on 01 792 202524

**Results****Area Heat of National Mixed Pairs**

1. E Price & R Parris
2. A Evans & A Fox
3. S Leyshon & J Murray

**Area Heat of National Open Pairs**

1. C Nash & J Fletcher
2. V Kennewell & S Kennewell
3. D Panniers & D Jarvis

**EASTERN AREA NEWS****Results****Mrs Herbert Thomas Cup teams of 4**

(restricted to players below the rank of Advanced Master)

1. Allan Lewis, John Roberts, Monica & Roland Dewsberry  
(Mid Glamorgan)
2. Joan Jenkins, Evarard Kerslake, Judith Owen & Eric Tebbet  
(Barrivale & Sully)

**Julius Ernst Shield teams of 4**

(restricted to pairs with a combined MP holding of up to 400)

1. Malcolm Collis, Gwyneth Dew, Doreen Dixon & Betty Gardiner  
(Gwent Academy)
2. Brian Roderick, David Scott, Trish Tracy & Bunty Wiseman  
(Barrivale, Cardiff & Penarth)

**Lost Property**

A gentleman's cardigan, in brown, with a red and blue diamond pattern, large size, GIANFRANCO KNITWEAR, was abandoned at the Arthur James Bowl Swiss Teams, in Barry on Sunday, 23rd May.

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If not claimed it will be donated to Oxfam.

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The competition is divided into up to 7 sections, with the "big boys" playing in the top two, and the remainder of the field ranked according to the number of "Greens" held. Thus, there is never a feeling of inferiority, and the weekend can be thoroughly enjoyable.

Entries please to the National Tournament Organiser, with the entry fee of £20 per player, by 9th January.

### The 2nd Welsh Seniors Congress

At the Gwent Civic Suite in Cwmbran

Friday, 26th May, 2000 to Sunday, 28th May

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Players in the Seniors Congress must be over 50 years of age at the time of the event and all partnerships must add to 110 years or more.

Please note new date and venue.

The Congress now starts at 8 p.m. on Friday, with a Welsh Senior Pairs over three sessions on Friday and Saturday.

A one-day two session Welsh Senior Teams is on Sunday.

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