

North Wales Results

Teams: Mr & Mrs J. Poole, J. Baker, P. Garner-Gray. Pairs:
Mr & Mrs K. Warburton; Mixed Pairs: H.D. Newton, Mrs V. Forster;
Ladies Pairs: Mrs J. Haworth, Mrs J. Newton; Mens Pairs:
K. Warburton, G. Kostick.

West Wales Results

National Pairs: G. Martin, J. Pilborough. Mixed Pairs:
Dr & Mrs E. Williams (Aber); Ladies Pairs: Mrs P. Davies,
Mrs A. Hyatt; Mens Pairs: E. Cole, L. Lewis (Swansea).

East Wales Results

Berger Pairs and Mixed Pairs: A. Thomas & Miss A. Dagnall.
Ladies Pairs: B. Griffith, E. Ash; Mens Pairs: T. Read,
R. Wiltshire.

Forthcoming Events

MARCH

12/13th East Wales Congress, Gwent County Hall
19/20th Camrose v. Scotland, Bear Hotel, Cowbridge
26/27th Portland Pairs, St. Pierre, Chepstow

APRIL

2/3rd EASTER
9/10th Mens/Ladies Finals, Holt Lodge, Wrexham
23/24th National Pairs Finals, Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran

MAY

7/8th Webber Cup Final, Pavilion, Porthcawl.

JUNE

4/5th Lady Milne, Northern Ireland
11/12th Perry Shield, Spickett Bowl, AGM (West Wales)
23/26th RHYL CONGRESS Westminster Hotel



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Editorial

The Common Market Bridge Championships are to be held in Ostend in April. For once Britain is sending a sizeable representation with twelve pairs in the Open, eight in the Ladies and eight in the Juniors. Of the twenty senior pairs no fewer than five contain players who have represented Wales. (Details inside.) That must be unique in terms of recognition by the British selectors of Welsh players. The ominous point is that Wales has no representation in the Juniors, and is nowhere near it. Wales has had several years with a small group of the same juniors recognised as of decent standard and this phase has now come to a close as the group have either left the country or reached the age of bridge majority (25). The time has come to search out and encourage new players.

This year Northern Ireland felt unable to send a junior team to the home internationals in Glasgow claiming that their junior bridge was in such poor state that it was not worth the effort or expense to send 'lambs to slaughter'. That makes the Welsh task more difficult and encourages similar attitudes here.

Yet Junior Bridge is the one area where individual effort can have dramatic results. (One 19 year old this year decided to go to Freshers Fair at Swansea and sign up players for a University Bridge Club. He had over thirty applications and began a club where the year before nothing had been operating.)

Next year Wales is host to the Junior Internationals. It is important that we find pairs of standing early in the season with a view towards preparing a team which the Principality can field without shame. But that needs effort now. Go out into the schools and colleges. Find and encourage those with application and a modicum of talent. And let your Area Selector or Delegate know.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. LLANDUDNO 1983 There have been difficulties with the hotel booking and it is not possible to hold the Congress on the date and venue given in the calendar. The date will now be the weekend of the 23rd-26th June 1983 and the venue will be : The WESTMINSTER Hotel in RHYL. Brochures will be available shortly from Mrs J. Newton, 14 Lisburne Grove, Wrexham.

2. MENS/LADIES PAIRS FINALS The venue for the finals on 9/10th April has been changed to the HOLT LODGE Hotel, Wrexham.

3. GOLD CUP The last two teams in the Welsh section are T. Read and Mrs. M. Pierce.

4. WELSH CUP The draw for the quarter- and semi-finals is:
(a) P. Ainsworth v. P. D. Jourdain Winner of (a)
(b) T. Read v. K. Warburton v. Winner of (b)
(c) A. M. Best v. J. Isaacs Winner of (c) v.
(d) H. D. Newton v. T. Clear Winner of (d)
First mentioned team is at home. Quarter-final by 3rd April, Semi-finals by 8th May, and the final by 30th June.

5. PORTLAND PAIRS Entries for the Mixed Pairs event on the weekend of 26/27th March at the St. Pierre Golf and County Club are still acceptable. The National Tournament Organiser should be contacted forthwith.

6. LADIES WELSH CUP 1982 L. R. Griffin conveys his apologies for the fact that the 1982/83 Competition Journal contained an incorrect item on masterpoint awards for this event. Only 25 local points are awarded for each match won but each 50 local points convert to half a Master point (i.e. 'national' point). In addition Master-points have been awarded to the final list on the scale published in the Journal (First 4, 2nd 2, 3rd 1).

Selectors' Report

1. JUNIOR CAMROSE The team selected for the home internationals played at Renfrew on 15/16th January 1983 was:
P. Goodman, A. Thomas; W. Lewis, R. Homfray; M. Pownall, R. Lonsdale; npc Mrs J. Newton. Northern Ireland did not send a team. The results were England 98 Scotland 74 Wales 44.

2. SENIOR CAMROSE v. ENGLAND The result of the first Camrose at Brentwood was in the three matches (Welsh score first): 3-9, 0-12, and 4-8 giving an overall result of 7-29 to England. Meanwhile Scotland beat Northern Ireland 21-15.

3. CAMROSE v. NORTHERN IRELAND The team selected to play at the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl on 12/13th February was:
A.G. Pierce, W.A. Casey; Mrs. M. Pierce, Mrs. J. Casey; M.N. Hirst, D.K.J. McAndrew; npc L. R. Griffin. The results of the matches were (Welsh score first): 8-4, 2-10, 9-3 giving an overall result 19-17. The same team has been selected to represent Wales in the final match of the series against Scotland at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge on 19/20th March 1983. England beat Scotland 21-15 to leave this position:
England 50 Scotland 36 Northern Ireland 32 Wales 26.

4. LADY MILNE There were insufficient candidates to justify holding the preliminary trial at the end of January. In the trial held at Wrexham on 19/20th February the results were: 1st: Mrs. S. Crampton, Mrs. M. Williams (Porthcawl); 2nd Mrs M. Pierce, Mrs J. Casey (Cardiff); 3rd Mrs P. Davies, Mrs A. Hyatt (Port Talbot); 4th Mrs J. Newton, Miss J. Newton (Wrexham). The team to play in June in Northern Ireland has yet to be announced.

General News

COMMON MARKET CHAMPIONSHIPS Wales has more representatives than ever before in a British contingent for an international event. The Championships will be held in Ostend from 16th-22nd April. The following have been chosen by the British Selectors: Open Pairs: W.A. Casey, A. G. Pierce; P.D. Jourdain (with A. Dinnen); ex-Welsh internationals P. Denning, P. Shields are also in the 12 pair contingent. There are 8 ladies pairs from Britain including Mrs J. Newton, Miss J. Newton; Mrs M. Pierce, Mrs J. Casey; Mrs M. Dennison, Mrs D. Williams. The latter two pairs with Miss Murphy, & Mrs Fry form the ladies team. Most of the group also play in the Mixed Pairs.

EBU LADIES PAIRS In the largest (numerically that is) ladies pairs held in Britain this year (the English Bridge Union event in Birmingham) Mrs J. Newton and Miss J. Newton were second with Mrs Pierce and Mrs Casey fifth.

EBL YOUTH CAMP This years Camp for under 23 year olds is in Ermioni, Greece from 4-13th July. Interested players should contact the WBU Sec. at once. The cost is 600 Swiss francs inclusive of board, lodging, tuition and sports facilities, but exclusive of travel.

WELSH COMPETITION RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS M.N. Hirst, D. K. McAndrew.

GRADED MASTERS (Section winners) 1. R.G. Upton, P.D. Jourdain.
2. G. Needham, G. Holman. 3. D. Gillespy, Mrs D. Kurbalija;
4. G. Gould, E. O'Neill. 5. N. Davies, A. Powell.

MIXED PAIRS R. Slape, Mrs P. Watkins (Gwent)

SCHOOLS TROPHY Barry Comprehensive.

SOBRANIE WELSH REGIONAL From 26 teams the winners were:
CROES-Y-CEILIOG (Mrs P. Watkins, Mrs I. Weaver, K. French, R. Slape).