

The Internet

Due to the high costs of traveling to European events, I recently investigated the possibilities of playing bridge on-line. I had briefly looked at this a few years ago, but then it was of limited satisfaction and very expensive.

Recent improvements and the involvement of the World's richest man, Bill Gates, has seen a 10- fold improvement in quality and cost. My personal favourite is OK - Bridge, although this is the most expensive at \$99 per year, for a basic membership it has developed over the last 7 years. It is the site used by most of the world's top players, providing daily tournaments and a good handicap system to enable players to join tables of similar or different level ability. Also try e-bridge.com which is currently free.

Bridge on Line

Board: 347 Dealer: nikk Vul: None
Contract: 3NT by jackl Result: +3 Score: 400

akram	nikk	jackl
♠ KJT	♠ 754	♠ 98
♥ KJ97	♥ T6	♥ 854
♦ JT964	♦ Q72	♦ K53
♣ 4	♣ KB652	♣ AQT93
petepunt		
♠ AQ632		
♥ AQ32		
♦ A8		
♣ J7		

akram	jackl	nikk	petepunt
P	P	P	1♠
P	1NT	P	2♥
P	2NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Playing on-line, with Canadian International Jacques Laliberte, against Wales' Akram Zaman & English international Nick Sanquist. Jacques had brought along about 15 spectators and clearly had no intention of letting me declare the hand, so "getting the No Trumps in first" resulted in 3NT the wrong way.

But the veteran campaigner showed his true metal, and delighted his on-line spectators, by reading the cards beautifully to land his 3NT after a Club lead despite both the major suit finesses being wrong.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
nikk	♠ 5	♠ K	♥ T	♠ 4	♦ 2	♠ 2	♠ 6	♠ 8	♦ 7	♥ 6	♠ 5	♠ 7	♦ Q
petepunt	♠ J	♠ 7	♥ A	♠ 2	♦ 8	♥ 2	♠ 3	♥ 3	♠ A	♥ Q	♠ A	♠ Q	♠ 6
akram	♠ 4	♦ 4	♥ 7	♠ T	♦ J	♠ 6	♥ 9	♥ 9	♠ T	♥ J	♠ J	♠ K	♠ K
jackl	♠ 3	♠ Q	♥ 5	♠ 8	♦ K	♠ A	♠ T	♠ 9	♦ 3	♥ 4	♠ 9	♦ 5	♥ 8

(i) For further details about bridge on the net:- email iCymru@btinternet.com

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Father and son Gary and Dafydd Jones who represented Wales in the Camrose match early in January. Dafydd will complete an interesting double when he represents Wales in the Junior Team at the end of January.

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We're Going To Wem-ber-ley!**Laura Woodruff**

Well, not quite. But Wales does have an international team, one rather more successful than the Wales football team, which despite occasional appearances by luminaries such as Ryan Giggs has generally failed to shine. Our international bridge team, on the other hand, has notched up some notable successes, including a storming performance in last year's home international series (the Camrose Trophy), in which we were pipped at the post in the final match to take second place behind the Republic of Ireland. Wales has also fielded the youngest ever international bridge player in the person of Claire Evans, who was nine years old when she played in the 1999 Peggy Bayer (under-20s home international).

Most of the WBU's 2000 members may wonder what any of this has to do with them. Most of us turn up once or twice a week at our local club and play for the enjoyment of the game, to see a few friendly faces and to collect the odd bit of green paper with twenty or thirty Locals on it. We're quite pleased to see our name creeping up the list in the Masterpoint rankings, but we know we're never going to make it to Grand Master. When on rare occasions we find ourselves facing Wales's international players, we either quake in our boots or wonder how such an unglamorous bunch can really be all they're cracked up to be. We might find ourselves wishing they'd left us alone to play our bridge in peace. But, as someone who felt exactly like that for many years, I can tell you that international bridge is actually quite exciting, and a better spectator sport than you might imagine. In Scotland they have been known to charge spectators – over 200 turned up to see them play Wales a few years ago. 23 people travelled from Wales to Belfast at their own expense to watch the nail-biting final match in March this year. And most of the players, when they're not deep in concentration, are really quite nice people, if a bit weird (still learning to drive at 57, supporting Nottingham Forest, thinking Llanelli's a really nice place to live, and so on).

Each season we play four Camrose matches, one or two of which will be in Wales, one women's international weekend (the Lady Milne), and one junior international, which are in Wales one year in five. Quite often the away matches in England are somewhere fairly accessible, like Cheltenham or Worcester; whereas the home matches, while usually somewhere handy like Newport or Wrexham, have been known to be held somewhere that requires a four-hour drive to get to (nine hours in the case of Tony Ratcliff, who got lost on the way from Barry to Tywyn having failed to equip himself with a road map), and leave you wondering if it wouldn't have been easier to stage the match in Scotland. They are always held in public venues, and anyone, whether a member of the WBU or not, is welcome to turn up and watch. There is always a large room for spectators (the Vu-Graph theatre) where the hands are displayed on a projection screen, and where one or two experts, occasionally borrowed from England where they have more of them, tell us what the contract should be and make witty and scathing remarks when the contract turns out to be something quite different. Sometimes, when state-of-the-art technology (i.e. a camcorder) is available, you can see the playing rooms on screen and watch as the players scratch their heads, chew the earpiece of their specs and puzzle over which small diamond to play at trick 8. The atmosphere in the Vu-Graph room is always cordial, and the whole thing tends to be a bit like a cabaret, but with moments of incredible suspense and tension thrown in.

Some local or not-so-local club players volunteer to work at the event, carrying boards from room to room, calling out bids on the microphone for the benefit of the spectators, or filling

in score slips at the table. It makes them feel part of the event (rather like groupies at pop concerts, I suppose), and if the area hosting the event has a large enough bank balance will usually earn them a free ticket to the formal dinner on Sunday evening. At this forum for windbags, eccentric millionaires and retired opera singers (the categories are not mutually exclusive), men who normally live in jeans and cardigans don dinner jackets and bow ties; and women who look as if they once knitted by the guillotine suddenly turn out to be incredibly glamorous in their posh frocks and lipstick. There are a few dull, short speeches and several tedious long ones, then the one we've all been waiting for by Jim Luck, our resident Bob Monkhouse (sorry, Jim).

If all this sounds like a junket, please come along and find out for yourselves. The dates and venues of the international matches are published in the calendar on the back page of the WBU Journal, and if you have exceptionally good eyesight or the National Tournament Organiser has remembered to tell the printers not to use microscopic type, there you will find them. You will see 450 minutes of wonderful bridge, which is an education in itself, and a lot of hard slog on the part of the players and the hapless Match Manager. The sessions are held on Saturday afternoon (2.00) and evening (8.00) and on Sunday afternoon (2.00), so if you live near enough to one of our home matches to come and cheer on the team, give it a try – you might be pleasantly surprised.

Home Camrose matches 2000/2001:24th/25th February 2001 vs Republic of Ireland (Castell Malgwyn)**Away matches:**Camrose March 10th-11th vs EnglandLady Milne June 1st – 3rdJunior Camrose: January 27th – 28th**Junior Camrose 2001**

Teams of six will be representing Wales in both the Junior Camrose (under 25's) and Peggy Bayer (under 20's) to be held in Edinburgh on the 27th – 28th January. The Junior Camrose team includes Kevin Hughes who has now returned from a trip around the World that included representing New South Wales at bridge and Kelvin Ward, who having previously played for England now joins his brother in the Welsh line – up. Jake Dunn will have a home advantage in that he is presently based in Edinburgh. Dafydd Jones will be representing Wales at both Senior level and Junior level within one month. The Peggy Bayer team includes 5 'veterans' from last year, but they are still likely to be the youngest team.

Junior Camrose: Kelvin and Ieuan Ward, Dafydd Jones, Jake Dunn, David Davies, Kevin Hughes
npc Paul Cunningham

Peggy Bayer: Catherine and Claire Evans, Grace Thacker, James Backer, Tom Hillier, John Sharp
npc Adam Dunn coach for both teams Jon Seavers

The Disability Discrimination Act: how it affects the WBU and clubs

Laura Woodruff

The Disability Discrimination Act came into force in 1995 and is supplemented by a Code of Practice: Rights of Access: Goods, Facilities, Services and Premises.

Do the 'Provision of Services' sections of the Act apply to the WBU?

With certain exclusions, the Act affects everyone who provides services to the public, whether free or in return for payment. Services not available to the public, such as those provided by private clubs, are not covered, but if a club does provide services to the public the Act applies. Private clubs are generally those where membership is a condition of participation and members have to comply with a genuine process of selection. Commercially-run businesses which require membership (such as a health club or video rental shop) would still be providing services to the public and would be covered by the Act.

The Act may cover some bridge clubs, and *clubs should seek legal advice if they are in doubt*. The WBU is probably exempt, but we should not rely on this without legal advice. We would in any case wish disabled people to be able to participate in the game on equal terms with able-bodied people. Similarly, clubs are encouraged to act in the spirit of the legislation, whether they are covered by it or not.

What does the Act do?

The Act makes it unlawful for service providers to discriminate against disabled people. Someone is defined as disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial, adverse and long-term effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. Long-term means more than a year.

It is unlawful to:

- treat disabled people less favourably for a reason related to their disability or
- fail to provide extra help or make changes to the services provided.
- from 2004, to fail to make "reasonable adjustments" to the physical features of premises to overcome physical barriers to access.

What must service providers do?

For example, service providers may have to:

- change practices or policies
- provide reasonable alternative methods of access
- provide auxiliary aids or services.

Organisations should anticipate the need for an adjustment unless it could not reasonably have been anticipated.

What is "reasonable"?

This is not defined, but factors include:

- how effective adjustments would be
- The disruption they would cause
- the financial implications for the organisation.

No one is required to endanger the health or safety of any person. Spurious health or safety reasons do not, however, provide a defence. For example, fire regulations should not be used as an excuse to place unnecessary restrictions on disabled people. Likewise, making separate or segregated provision for disabled people might amount to less favourable treatment rather than equal opportunity. Unfounded assumptions about what is best for disabled people should not be made or acted upon. Disabled people are entitled to make the same choices and to take the same risks as other people.

Organisations should try to assess physical and non-physical barriers to access for disabled people, make adjustments, provide relevant training to staff, and make disabled people aware of the adjustments and how to get assistance.

Remedies

People who believe they have been discriminated against can bring civil proceedings in the County Court.

Positive Action

The Act does not prohibit positive action in favour of disabled people. Any organisation may provide services on *more* favourable terms to a disabled person if it chooses.

Sources of advice

Clubs may wish to take legal advice, but will also find that local organisations of and for disabled people, local authorities or Citizens' Advice Bureau can offer helpful advice and information.

NB: Commercial bridge holidays and some congresses are likely to be covered by the Act, since they are generally open to non-WBU members.

Competition Entry fees

Members are reminded that competition entry fees are non-refundable. This is because we have to book playing rooms, directors and refreshments on the basis of the number of entries received, and most of these costs are not recoverable when players withdraw.

The position on refunds is clearly stated in the WBU Journal on page 8, paragraph 1.

Members are also reminded that entries will not be accepted by the National Tournament Organiser without appropriate payment.

Portland Pairs

Please note that the South Wales Portland Pairs heat will be held on 17th and 18th March at the Peterstone Lakes Golf Course, Peterstone Wentlooge, Newport, as stated in the WBU Journal, and NOT at Newport Bridge Club as advertised in English Bridge Union literature. Entries should be sent to the National Tournament Organiser to arrive not later than 5th March 2001 with a cheque for £27

Master Point of View

NOELLE BOND

You may think I'm nagging, but I must mention this again: Please will you make sure that you put enough postage on your letter when you send in your master points. Otherwise not only is excess postage charged at an exorbitant rate but, if I am out or the postman is too impatient to wait for me to answer the bell, the letter is taken back to the main post office to be collected later, which can sometimes mean several days' delay. The Post Office booklet says a First Class stamp will do for packages weighing up to 60 grams (what ever they are!) if you want to check on your scales at home.

That reminds me: A friend of my husband had two very old and rare magazines to send him, so wrapped them safely and took them to the Post Office. After they had been weighed he was told the postage would be three pounds. Appalled by this, he insisted on having the parcel weighed on the other five sets of scales there. They all said the same, so he took it home to weigh on the kitchen scales (a wedding present of thirty odd years ago). Obviously they built well in those days, for this showed the same weight. So next day he had to return to the Post Office, rather shamefaced, and cough up the three pounds. This day's delay was just enough for the parcel to be trapped by the pre-Christmas strike at the Cardiff sorting office, so they could both worry for a couple of weeks until it finally emerged.

Despite this, my husband then forgot about the strike and at its height posted fresh bakestones to some friends in England. He then had to worry whether they would arrive as hard as ships' biscuits. If I made sexist remarks (which I don't) there would have been scope here.

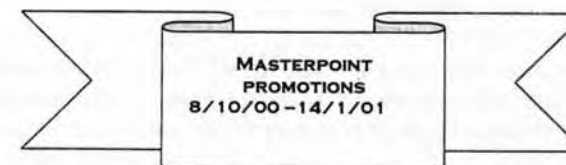
I heard that during the strike there were two million items of unsorted mail. I had to wonder where they all were stored, imagining them overflowing everywhere, and valuable master points falling down behind filing cabinets and cupboards, exactly the sort of thing I've always assumed happened to those letters which turn up weeks late. Fortunately, as far as master points were concerned we appear to have been unscathed. Some members did phone me, worried about their points, but I was always able to reassure them that they had been received, even if they were waiting their turn in my two weeks' backlog, (which I blame on my granddaughter).

I've recently received more master points which turned up by chance after being lost (sorry, "put away safely") for a long time. The lady described herself as having a "squirrel habit". I read somewhere that half the time real squirrels don't remember where they hide their nuts. Any other bridge squirrels have the rest of the winter to dig out their stocks if they want them recorded by the year end (end of April!).

Has anyone got any "old" WBU Journals that they can part with? Spurred on by being given some to look after for the WBU, I'm trying to complete two collections, one for my own use and one as part of the WBU file. I'm looking for copies from before the 1990/1991 season to as far back as we can go. If you have any of these I might have, please get in touch with me.

I don't think it is too late to wish everyone a happy New Year. Have you decided how to write the date yet? "2001", "01" or just "1"? It certainly looked very odd writing 1/1/1 at the top of a letter, not like a date at all. Oh, and a thank you to all who sent me good wishes and Christmas cards. I don't know what it says about my character, but I have to admit that my favourite card showed five fat, grinning, multicoloured cats on the branches of a bare tree. It was so cheerful, it made me smile as well. I

thought it quite proper that the cats were not sitting in a Christmas tree, for we have one of those in our garden, and when visiting cats try to jump up into it they are always quite surprised to find those great floppy branches will not bear their weight and they tumble out again.

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John Edward Hockey 1920-2000

John Hockey, who has died aged 80, between 1954 and 1972 earned some 15 caps for Wales at bridge, half with the late and great George Fox as partner. For a reason now lost to posterity, Hockey partnered Simon Rivlin, another of Wales's all-time greats, for one match, a draw against Scotland in Edinburgh in 1958, Rivlin's penultimate match for Wales.

Hockey's last match with Fox as partner came the following month in Llandudno. Fox & Hockey must have been one of Wales' most-feared partnerships, with Fox's speedy card play, and Hockey's aura of confidence.

Hockey worked with another bridge international, the late Gerry Needham, as an office manager and then stockbroker at Care Rowland in Cardiff. They had one match as partners in 1960, but Hockey's next appearance for Wales was not until 1968, with David Hamilton as partner. Then in the 1971/72 season and the one that followed he had five matches in partnership with the late Stanley Reed.

Hockey was always ready to mentor young bridge-players, one of whom, Tony Ratcliff, now heads Wales' gold point rankings. He also helped in training schemes for several of our lady-players. For almost thirty years Hockey and his wife Margaret lived in Rhoose and then Penarth. As well as being keen bridge-players they were partners at ballroom dancing, winning many trophies, including the Isle of Man championships. Hockey, silver-haired, though short in stature, always had the straight back of a ballroom-dancer.

Ten years ago the Hockeys retired to Spain. John's ill health brought them back to Wales two years ago, to Barry. He leaves a widow, Margaret and a son, David.

PDJ

Letters

Dear Editor

I was recently told that the bidding sequence 1NT-P-2C-P-2D-P-3C-P can no longer be described as Stayman if the 2C bidder does not hold a four card major. Could you please tell me when this change in the allowable conventions took place, why the change was made and by which bridge authority?
J Barlow

The Orange book allows any continuation over an opening one no trump so the issue is really whether or not you can describe your system as Stayman. I asked Anne Jones, the Chairman of the WBU Laws and Ethics Committee to clarify:

"Nothing has changed. Stayman is a convention, which was designed for finding a four-card major suit fit when one partner had opened 1NT. In its original form the use of 2C by the responder to the 1NT opener promised a four card major. If you are not looking for such a fit, you are not playing the Stayman convention.

If you have a four card major, and a six card minor, and you choose to use 2C to look for a major fit, thereafter bidding your minor if no such fit is found, this is a use of the Stayman convention.

If however you use 2C as a relay, to enable you to bid 3C/3D to show a hand with the minor suit, and be it either forcing, because otherwise you would use transfers maybe, or invitational to a 3NT contract, then it is obviously not Stayman.

Many conventions have been adapted for use in different ways. Stayman itself has been adapted so that partnerships can use a 3C bid opposite a 2NT opener to find a 5/3 major suit fit. It is not acceptable to describe a convention simply by its name if it has been adapted for use in any way.

The whole point of describing the use of a conventional call is to inform opponents as to it's meaning. The principle of full disclosure is not met if your opponents are not told exactly how you use your conventions."

Mumbles Bridge Club

Secretary Bill Nicholls has a new telephone/fax number 01792 553448 and email address william.nicholls@ntlworld.com

Seniors

Applications are also invited from pairs interested in representing Wales in the Seniors teams, which will take place at the Mare Nostrum resort, Tenerife over the period 16th - 30th June 2001. The WBU will pay the entry fee, but the players will pay all their own expenses.

Applications to Monica Garbett-Edwards by 20th February.

WBU Treasurer

Sadly, Linda Greenland will be relinquishing the role of treasurer after this year's AGM.

The post involves

1. Maintaining the day to day accounts of the WBU, receive income - pay bills.
2. Producing the annual accounts and associated reports.
3. Advising council upon financial matters.
4. Co-ordinating the financial and other aspects of international matches.
5. Co-ordinating the finance sub-committee.

Candidates should have accountancy experience and are welcome to contact Linda to discuss the role.

Applications should be in writing to the Hon Sec (preferably before 10th March, but in any event before 31st March)

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Camrose News

Wales lost the first match to Scotland 28 - 61 but beat Northern Ireland 61-29

As mentioned in Laura's article the next match against Republic of Ireland is in Mid Wales. The team selected for the 24th and 25th February is:

Peter Goodman and Tim Rees
Mike Hirst and Jim Luck
Adrian Thomas and Paul Denning

Reserves Gary and Dafydd Jones

Non playing Captain John Salisbury



Ann Dolan and Trish Cogbill from Port Talbot receiving the Ladies' Pairs Trophy at the Porthcawl Congress in November

Conditional Probabilities in Bridge

Professor Bryn Gravenor

Probabilities that depend on the information you or your side have, should play a more important role in "Bridge" theory than they apparently do. Possibly the only conditional probabilities familiar to most players are the way suits split depending on how many each side holds; the usual finesse or drop decision. I have recently searched the literature and the internet for more and different uses but there is a sad lack of material. I find this situation surprising because so many, not to say all, decisions in the game are dependent on such probabilities. Decisions about bidding as well as play, even what system and conventions to use. So I decided to explore the matter in greater depth and present some of the results here for the first time, hoping that they may be of interest to others and stimulate some more work.

One of the difficult problems in bidding theory is that high card point (hcp) distributions and shape distributions are not independent of each other. The handouts that go with Simultaneous Events always give a comparison of the distributions of actual/theoretical points and shapes of the hands of the competition but never the conditional probabilities associated with them (we are not here concerned about the best hcp system to use or the points to be allocated to length, shortage etc). Yet one moment's thought will tell you that if you have 37 pts you must have a flat 4,3,3,3 hand or if you have a full single suit of 13,0,0,0 you must have exactly 10 points, but 10 points does not imply a long suit or a flat hand a lot of points. Hence the first results presented in Table I gives the conditional probabilities of holding a given number of points with a certain shape and the probabilities of holding a given shape when the points are given with certainty. The detailed results will not be of interest or use to most players but the general conclusions are important and useful.

"For more than 95% of the point count range of interest and of the shapes encountered the probabilities of shape and hcp can be assumed to be independent".

This result can enormously reduce the amount of computation in certain cases that are of interest and probably justifies certain ad-hoc implicit assumptions which have neglected the linkage in question.

Given below are a selection of results that may stimulate interest in further analysis and some tentative suggestions for systems and conventions.

If RH0 passes you should place him with 7/8 pts on average (7 if he is aggressive) and evaluate your position in that light (see below).

If RH0 pre-empts you should place her with 5 pts on average, with 15 pts in your hand your side has an average 25 pts.

Those who always bid a 5 card major open weak NT 20% less than others.

If it is your opening or if RH0 passes and you hold 19 pts you should have a game. This suggests that 19 pt hands should be incorporated into strong Acol bids.

Baron 2NT reply is 10% more effective than Jacoby 2 NT.

More on weak 2's etc next time!

	all	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
whole																	
4432	21.6	5.2	6.6	8.0	8.8	9.2	9.4	8.8	7.9	6.8	5.6	4.4	3.4	2.4	1.7	1.1	0.7
5332	15.5	21.9	21.6	21.4	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.4	21.7	21.8	22.2	22.6	23.1	23.5
5431	12.9	5.2	6.6	8.0	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.0	8.1	6.9	5.7	4.4	3.3	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.6
5422	10.6	12.9	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6
4333	10.5	5.3	6.6	7.9	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.8	6.7	5.6	4.4	3.4	2.5	1.7	1.1	0.7
6322	5.64	5.2	6.6	8.1	8.9	9.5	9.6	9.1	8.1	7.0	5.7	4.4	3.3	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.6
6421	4.70	5.1	6.5	8.1	9.0	9.6	9.7	9.2	8.3	7.1	5.8	4.4	3.2	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.6
6331	3.45	5.1	6.5	8.1	9.0	9.6	9.6	9.1	8.2	7.0	5.7	4.4	3.3	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.6
5521	3.17	5.1	6.5	8.1	9.0	9.5	9.6	9.1	8.2	7.0	5.7	4.4	3.3	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.6
4441	2.99	5.2	6.5	8.0	8.9	9.3	9.3	8.9	8.0	6.9	5.7	4.4	3.3	2.4	1.6	1.0	0.6
7321	1.88	4.9	6.5	8.3	9.1	9.9	10.1	9.4	8.4	7.2	5.8	4.3	3.1	2.2	1.4	0.8	0.5
6430	1.33	5.0	6.5	8.1	9.1	9.7	9.9	9.4	8.4	7.2	5.9	4.4	3.2	2.2	1.4	0.9	0.5
5440	1.24	5.1	6.5	8.0	9.0	9.6	9.7	9.2	8.3	7.1	5.8	4.5	3.3	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.5
5530	0.895	5.0	6.5	8.0	9.1	9.6	9.8	9.3	8.4	7.2	5.8	4.4	3.3	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.5
6511	0.705	4.9	6.5	8.1	9.2	9.8	10.0	9.5	8.5	7.2	5.9	4.4	3.2	2.1	1.4	0.8	0.5
6520	0.653	4.9	6.4	8.1	9.2	9.9	10.1	9.5	8.6	7.4	5.9	4.4	3.2	2.1	1.3	0.8	0.4



East Wales Results

Stan Berger pairs

- 1 Mark Roderick & Noelle Bond
- 2 Ann & Mike Hirst
- 3 Tony Ratcliff & Dean Hardie

Louis Leron teams

- 1 Tony Ratcliff, Filip Kurbalija, Dean Hardie & Patrick Jourdain
- 2 Maggie Pierce, John Glubb, Gilly Clench & Tom Reddy
- 3 Eileen & Don Jenkins, David & Viv Hamilton

EW Ladies' pairs

- 1 Ann Hirst & Linda Greenland
- 2 Susan Ingham & Noelle Bond
- 3 Betty Gardner & Peggie McCombie

EW Men's pairs

- 1 Mark Roderick & Mike Best
- 2 Mike Hirst & Gordon Roxburgh
- 3 Peter Haywood & Peter Smith

West Wales Results

Mixed Pairs

- 1 Val and Steve Kennewell
- 2 Diana Panniers and Bryn Gravenor
- 3 Sylvia Richards and Keith Davison

WBU Simultaneous Pairs

In the Simultaneous Pairs played on 23rd November results were as follows:

- 1 Ms E Gracie and B Edwards
- 2 Geoff Evans and Tom Reddy
- 3 R Morgan Edwards and B Humphreys

Only 24 out of the 55 clubs eligible took part in the event so make sure your club takes part in the next one to be played in the week 7th – 13th May. Entries have to be in by 1st March.

Porthcawl Congress

As usual the Congress attracted entries from all over England and Wales. Green points are available in the Championship events. Winners of the trophies were:

Trophy	Winners
Dewi Sant Teams	M Fletcher A Thompson G Horscroft M Walsh
Men's Pairs	D Hamper C Cheek
Ladies' Pairs	Ann Dolan Trish Cogbill
Red Dragon Championship Pairs	M Fletcher A Thompson
Little Dragon Consolation Pairs	M Pownall P Goodman
Seagull Cup – Mixed Pivot Teams	C Fisher S Gore Arwyn Evans D Barnes
Mixed Pairs	S Mills J Durden
Championship Teams	M Hirst A Hirst G Jones D Jones
Tusker Rock Consolation Teams	M Pierce J Glubb G Clench T Ryan
Sker Consolation Teams	D Hamper C Cheek C Melliush D Mordue