

Clues Across

- 1 Ease off another game with three players
- 4 One venue of EBU end of year congress
- 7 **Fracture**
- 8 Like Rixi Markus almost
- 9 Home International Sponsors
- 12 **Taxi**
- 14 Card Skill perhaps
- 15 One session of tournament bridge
- 16 Masterly Union
- 18 Country represented by 24A
- 22 Skilfully
- 23 Force reversed with nothing—chancy game
- 24 Tony _____ bronze medallist 1976
- 25 Acted preemptively maybe

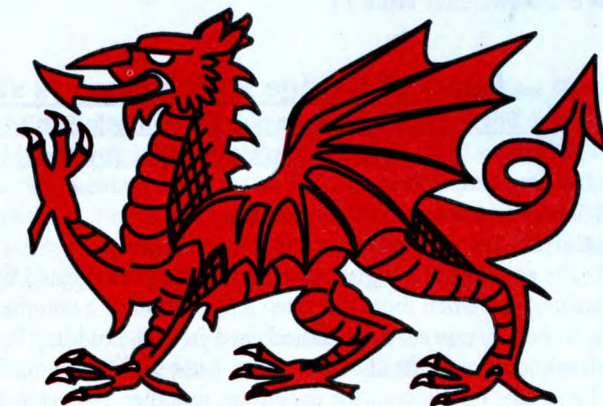
Clues Down

- 1 **Locomotive leaving at 23:59**
- 2 Unpaid—that's why
- 3 Low point
- 4 Journalist directs
- 5 Void
- 6 Queen of Spades perhaps
- 10 _____ Binchy—modern author
- 11 'That Elusive _____ Trick' Reese and Bird
- 12 Sammy Kehela and Sam Gold for example
- 13 **Ebony**
- 17 On one's left
- 19 Mad house after UNT mix up
- 20 Relay gets confused by bird
- 21 Cup or point perhaps

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Clues in red are bridge conventions

WELSH BRIDGE UNION



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Non-playing captain John Salisbury introduces Mike Hirst and Peter Goodman during the Camrose match against the Republic of Ireland.

Despite wins in their matches against Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, a heavy defeat by England in the final match meant that the Welsh Camrose team were unable to match their achievements of last year.

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Laws of Bridge which players should know.

There are 93 Laws – your TD will help you to understand them, but there are some that you should know.

7B: Count your cards.

7B2 Never touch anyone else's cards.

9B: Call the Director when **anything** goes wrong.

16A: Do not choose a logical alternative that is suggested by partner's unauthorised information – as when there has been a hesitation or a comment.

25A: You may correct a mispulled card from the bidding box, or mis-spoken bid, if you do so without pause for thought. But – **Law 9B** – you must call the TD.

41: Lead face down, wait for questions, and then face your lead.

42-43: Dummy's rights.

61B: You may not ask partner whether he is out of the suit led.

65D,66D: Leave your cards arranged until the number of tricks has been agreed.

68: Proper claiming procedure, and call the TD if you question a claim.

72-76: All the Proprieties.

75D Correct your own explanation immediately; correct partner's only when at the end of the auction when you are declarer or dummy, or the end of the hand when you are on defense. (Also **Law 9B**, call the TD)

92-93: You may appeal a director's ruling, but an appeals committee cannot over-rule a director on a point of Law.

Please – enjoy your game, and please realise that the Laws are there to help you.

Letters

Dear Editor

Bridge players are unfairly rewarded for making extra tricks in underbid contracts.

Thus a successful bid of 3-Spades (non vulnerable) carries 90 + 50 points – exactly the same score as a 2- Spade bid which often makes 9 tricks. Surely the latter contract warrants adjustment by deducting, say, 10 points from the extra trick in the underbid contract and similarly in corresponding cases of minor suit and no trump underbids.

Such a numerical distinction already applies albeit on a higher scale, for example, a 3-heart non-vulnerable contract which makes 10 tricks merits just 170 points not 420 points. Again this underbid heart contract would be reduced to 160 points.

Rubber bridge scoring would follow the same pattern, namely, a 10- point penalty for every overtrick relating to an underbid contract.

G J Moody
Rhiwbina Bridge Club

"The Lower Ranks"

Graham Shaw

Having been involved with Welsh Bridge for 5 or 6 years, I have come to the conclusion that not enough is being done for the Lower Ranks. Apart from the Graded Masters, I am not aware of any National competition where less competent players have a realistic chance of winning anything. Perhaps a handicap tournament could be tried (as in golf) with the best "gross" scores winning the MP's but where everyone has a chance of winning the prizes.

The intimidation factor does of course loom large in the minds of inexperienced players. I have no answer to this but the article by Laura Woodruff in the Autumn Newsletter is most useful as an aide memoire.

We at West Shore recently organised, with the blessing of the NWBA, a 2 session pairs event for players up to Master rank (less than 75 MP's). This was a No Fear event open to all qualifying members in the North Area. It was well advertised but was only a limited success with an entry of 32 out of a possible 107. Most players were from this immediate area but we did welcome 4 players from Caernarfon BC.

For a fiver, there were 42 boards, soft drinks throughout (to combat the fatigue) a nice tea and a good time was had by all. The winners of the £20 first prize were a pair who had not played together before, Wendy Jenkins and Harry Woolley.

This was something of an experiment. I would appreciate any feedback from Clubs and Members throughout Wales (direct or via the NTO) if you think that an event like this, perhaps on a National scale (subject to WBU sanction), might be viable.

North Wales Bridge Association

**Green-pointed Swiss
Pairs**

July 7th—8th

**Imperial Hotel, Llandudno
Contact: Rona Morgan Ed-
wards, Gwynt y Mor, Penrhos,**

**Café Charity Bridge
Drive**

**Cardiff
Sunday 8th July**

Contact : Myra Morris 029 20612129

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The WBU Accounts

The results of the WBU for the last two years are shown opposite, together with a forecast of what should happen in the year we have just entered. WBU Financial policy is to aim for a surplus in traditional activities equal to our investment income, approximately £1500 per year, and to ensure that members are no worse off as a result of our status as a National Contract Bridge Organisation.

I will be the first to admit that £8128 surplus in the year just ended was more profit than we were aiming for, and it has more than made up for the poor results in 1998/99 and 99/00. £2416 was a windfall as a result of the demise of the BBL; there have also been some non-recurring savings due to the fuel crisis, as well as ongoing savings in meeting costs and Camrose accommodation. The year just ended is in Camrose terms "the very cheap year" in a 5 year cycle that includes 3 average years and a really expensive year.

The "European fund" reflects income that has arisen purely as a result in the change of our status in January 2000. The majority of this income arises from the BGB simultaneous pairs—where Wales is given 25% of the profit to fund Welsh teams in European championships.

With effect from 1st April 2001, the WBU is registered for VAT, virtually all our income will be reduced by 15%.

Council has agreed that the proceeds of the former BBL Swiss teams would be used to offset that liability, thereby foregoing the need to raise charges to members.

The figures opposite and this commentary have of necessity been summarised, a full copy of the accounts has been sent to every club. If members have further questions they are welcome to attend the AGM or contact me directly.

Linda Greenland - Hon Treasurer

	Year ended 31/3/2000	Year ended 31/3/2001	Estimate 31/3/2002
Income			
Subscriptions	9819	10282	10300
Less WBF / EBL	(1249)	(1954)	(2000)
Net WBU Subs	8570	8328	8300
Masterpoints	9065	9503	9500
Congresses	5851	5588	5600
Competitions	5520	5665	5600
Other Income	1912	2711	2500
Return of Capital	-	2416	-
Total Income	30918	34211	31500
Expenses			
Camrose Series	16941	14429	16800
Trials & training	1865	1504	2000
Honoraria	3460	3230	4000
Meetings	2511	1281	1800
Member Publications	2974	2500	2800
Other expenses	2786	3139	3200
Excess income	381	8128	900
Total	30918	34211	31500
European Fund			
NCBO Income	14000	20609	22000
Less NCBO Expenses	0	(20511)	-14000
VAT			-6000
Increase in Fund	14000	98	2000

More for the Theorist

Bryn Gravenor

In this newsletter we present two more relevant probability tables of interest to bridge theorists and systems builders. Table 2 is new and Table 1 is a corrected version of one that appears in the internet.

But for those only interested in the implications for conventions etc we present some of these first.

Weak 2's

Weak 2's are twice as effective as Lucas 2's (5-5) but Lucas 2's (5-5 and 5-4) are twice as effective as weak 2's

Michaels' and UNT

Michaels' are 50% more frequent than UNT but this advantage can be doubled by combining elements of both.

Jump Overcalls

Intermediate jump overcalls (11-14) are about 4 times more frequent than Strong Jump Overcalls (15-18)

Next time.....do you remember Vienna?

Addendum

The purpose of the table in the Winter 2001 WBU Newsletter was to show, within the most common distributions and HCP ranges the relative independence between HCP's and shape. Unfortunately, and despite Val's meticulous typing in of my hand written table, printing errors meant this important result may not have been clearly demonstrated. We give here an extended explanation.

The first row should have been labelled **HCP's** and the first column **shape**

The second row gives the probabilities of a given number of HCP's without regard to shape and similarly the second column gives the probabilities of various shapes without regard to points (these are frequently given in tables of simultaneous hands together with an analysis of the included hands presumably to show that they are randomly dealt but they don't do that!)

Then for any shape (row) and any HCP (column) two percentage probabilities are given in a box divided by a diagonal. For example, look at 4432 shape and 10 HCPs. 9.2% is the probability of having 10 HCPs given you have a 4432 shape as opposed to the probability of 9.4% over all shapes and 21.2% is the probability that you have a 4432 shape given that you have 10 HCPs compared with 21.6% over all points.

Hence going down any column you observe little change in the top left corner entry and going across any row there appear little change in the bottom right corner. At least for the shapes and points given, this does not remain so for more shapely hands or very big point counts. Further tables are available from the author and will appear on the WBU website in due course.

Table 1

Percentage Probability of a specific HCP's in Both Hands Combined (a side)

0 or 40	0.00005	7 or 33	0.18565	14 or 26	3.88339
1 or 39	0.00048	8 or 32	0.34114	15 or 25	4.89188
2 or 38	0.00200	9 or 31	0.58771	16 or 24	5.90728
3 or 37	0.00639	10 or 30	0.95467	17 or 23	6.83109
4 or 36	0.01799	11 or 29	1.46346	18 or 22	7.56623
5 or 35	0.04269	12 or 28	2.12395	19 or 21	8.04678
6 or 34	0.09272	13 or 27	2.94337	20	8.22217

Notes: 1. Symmetry about 20 HCP's

2. Max for a side is 40 but for a hand it is 37

Table 2 Joint Distribution of Points (Each Hand of Partnership)

x \ y	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5	0.15	0.21	0.29	0.36	0.42	0.46	0.49	0.48	0.45	0.41	0.35	0.28	0.22	0.16
6	0.21	0.29	0.40	0.48	0.55	0.60	0.62	0.60	0.56	0.49	0.41	0.33	0.25	0.18
7	0.29	0.40	0.52	0.63	0.71	0.76	0.77	0.73	0.67	0.58	0.47	0.36	0.27	0.19
8	0.36	0.48	0.63	0.74	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.80	0.71	0.60	0.48	0.36	0.26	0.18
9	0.42	0.55	0.71	0.82	0.89	0.92	0.90	0.82	0.71	0.59	0.46	0.34	0.24	0.16
10	0.46	0.60	0.76	0.86	0.92	0.93	0.89	0.80	0.68	0.55	0.42	0.30	0.20	0.13
11	0.49	0.62	0.77	0.86	0.90	0.89	0.83	0.73	0.61	0.48	0.35	0.25	0.16	0.10
12	0.48	0.60	0.73	0.80	0.82	0.80	0.73	0.62	0.51	0.39	0.28	0.19	0.12	0.07
13	0.45	0.56	0.67	0.71	0.71	0.68	0.61	0.51	0.40	0.30	0.21	0.14	0.08	0.05
14	0.41	0.49	0.58	0.60	0.59	0.55	0.48	0.39	0.30	0.21	0.15	0.09	0.05	0.03
15	0.35	0.41	0.47	0.48	0.46	0.42	0.35	0.28	0.21	0.15	0.09	0.06	0.03	0.02
16	0.28	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.34	0.30	0.25	0.19	0.14	0.09	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.01
17	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.26	0.24	0.20	0.16	0.12	0.08	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00
18	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00

The a priori % probability that your partner holds y points and you hold x points (without regard to shape)

Notes: 1 Distribution is symmetrical about diagonal

2 Peak probability at 10,10

3 Useful for overall systems construction

Master Point of View**Noelle Bond**

Last weekend, no reserves being needed for the National Ladies' Pairs (boo hoo) I determined to make inroads into my backlog. Saturday went well, and I had been settled at my desk for some hours on Sunday when the phone rang. It was the caretaker of the hall our club meets in: "We've had a bomb scare," he said, "Can you bring the keys to your cabinets, otherwise the bomb squad will jimmy them open." "All right, I'll come down" I said. I did not want to stop work, but my husband, Mike, was not well enough to go out. "What if I get blown up," I asked Mike as I put my coat on, "What will happen to the master points?" "I could tell someone what to do," he said, for he knows all about the system. "In fact," he added darkly after a moment, "if you got blown up and some one asked about the master points I definitely would." He just does not share my dedication.

After parking my car I was met at the door of the hall by the caretaker flanked by two policeman. At least I suppose they were policemen, they looked like children in uniform to me, but then they mostly do these days. I offered the keys to the caretaker but they wanted me to accompany them. I wondered if I looked suspicious. In films, the bomb squad, padded and protected, always dash into building all by themselves. No one even offered me a flak jacket. "I'm not allowed to be blown up," I said, "I've got far too much work to do." We all took the lift to the top of the vast empty building. I was surprised, I thought it would have been much safer to use the stairs. One more departure from the movies.

I unlocked our two cabinets, and the police examined the contents, taking everything out. It seemed rather ridiculous watching them probe in bidding boxes, cloths, boxes of boards and packets of score slips. One peeped into our teapot. They then found a new packet of Hobnob biscuits. "We may have to open these for inspection," said one sternly. I didn't think they were taking things seriously and thought our cabinets were probably the last things to be examined but the caretaker told me his next job was to take the top off all the toilet cisterns for the police to look inside. I was glad when the cupboards were re-locked and I was allowed to go home in one piece. This adventure even cost me ten pounds, for after calling in for milk on the way home, I could not resist buying more groceries to save going out on Monday.

I lost a little more time this morning: sliding the latest box of master point letters onto the top of a cabinet, I pushed another off the other side. Master point bundles cascaded to the floor and had then be put back into the correct order. This has never happened before; a sign of the size of my backlog, presently nineteen days. Last year I spent much time looking after my granddaughter and blamed my backlog on her, I think this year I shall have to blame Mike for making me go away for a long weekend recently.

Did you hear about the recent study which "proved" that bridge players keep their faculties longer? This may explain why one ninety-four year old lady member recently wrote that "this wonderful game" keeps her out of mischief. But it can be a worry sending in your points: one lady woke in the night suddenly afraid she had not enclosed a stamped addressed envelope with her points; another put her self addressed envelope outside instead of enclosing it and found her points came back the next day. At least the post office was efficient.

I've just seen a long article on "Getting the most from your post". Many letters with insufficient postage are refused and have to be returned. I never refuse any but knowing how high the excess postage is now I am not surprised others do. Apparently some terrorist sent a letter bomb with insufficient postage, then blew himself up by opening it himself when it was returned

The Post Office machines sort letters at a rate of 35,000 an hour, so not surprisingly some get damaged. As far as I can tell, although quite a number of the many letters I received in the last month or so arrived with ends torn or cut, no precious points have been lost. One great Post Office improvement: the new "peel off" stamps, much faster to use and I don't find my lips stuck together at the end of the day.

A friend just phoned to say that someone had told him that an X-ray had just revealed that her husband had an "anagram in his stomach". I keep wondering whether it was "red din", "fat bakers" or "hunc'l".

Ah well, back to counting master points until it is time to watch (hush! I can't give away all my guilty secrets).

PROMOTIONS 25/1/2001 to 25/4/2001

Club Master		Mrs Audrey Hall	PN	Mr Jack McCombie	ROF
Mrs Sara Bartlett	OH	Mr Desmond Jefferies	MG	Mr Peter Richards	CR
Mrs Barbara Burden	MG	Mr Mark Laming	CN	Miss Nans Wheldon	CN
Mrs Angela Chatfield	LD	Mrs Olwen Mitchell	GA	Dr Alan B Williams	AM
Mr Roger Knight	MB	Mrs Amy Owen	VOG	4 Star Master	
Mr David Lovering	C	Miss Mary Price	LD	Mr Iorwerth Davies	PD
Mr John Marshall	C	Mrs Colleen Scott	AG	Mrs Margaret James	A
Mr Peter Milewski	H	Mrs Pat Sullivan	PN	Mrs Colleen Lloyd	LD
Mr John Owen	Y	Mr Douglas Thomas	GA	Mrs Miriam Nichols	S
Dr Rona Price-Davies	AM	Mrs Jean Thomas	GA	Mr John Rudgley	S
Mrs Peggy Rowland	R	Mrs Pat Verdon	PN	Mr John Walker	CB
Mr John Webber	BR	Mrs Gloria Walters	H	5 Star Master	
Local Master		Advanced Master		Mrs Mary Rudgley	S
Mrs Carol Antonelli	CBY	Mrs Helen Barrie	OH	Mrs Kate Walker	CB
Mr Stephen J Bastable	C	Mrs Kath Church	MB	Tournament Master	
Mr Bill Carter	CBY	Mrs Lee Collier	H	Mr Graham Simmons	MB
Mr David Chadwick	M	Mrs Betty Dewey	NP	Mrs Pat Swain	VOG
Mr Chris Evans	S	Mrs Jean Herbert	GA	Mr Richard Wronski	BR
Rev Malcolm Frieze	GA	Mr Anthony Jenkins	NT	Regional Master	
Mr Roger Goodwin	CD	Mr Rowe Jones	BRE	Miss Betty Gardner	GA
Mr James Handscombe	S	Mrs Cynthia Luen	BV	Mrs Margaret Hathaway	LP
Mrs Betty Hollis	PN	Mrs Joan MacDougall	R	Mr Frank Scott-Verdon	BV
Mrs Eileen Jackson	M	Mrs Beryl Marke	PN	Mrs Jane Scott-Verdon	PN
Mr Huw Jones	S	Mrs Justine Petters	LD	Mr Alan Screen	CAS
Mr Lyn Millinship	GA	Mrs Janet Turner	WS	Premier Regional Master	
Mrs Ceri Mowat	GA	Mrs Irene Warlow	SP	Mr Dave Barwood	MG
Ms Ellen Owen	CBY	Mr Harry Woolley	WS	Mr Rodney Burden	C
Mrs Vera Ross	CN	1 Star Master		Ms Teresa Byrne	PN
Mrs Margaret Ryan	GA	Mrs Dorothy Acton	AG	Mr David M Evans	LD
Mrs Doreen Salter	SU	Mrs Helen Bentley	W	Mr Gareth Evans	AM
Mrs Pamela Stacey	C	Mr Ray Bowen	T	Mr Keith Jones	L
Mr Brian Thorp	PW	Mr Alan Clegg	WS	Mr Denys Maddock	S
Ms Kathleen Thorpe	BEN	Mr Ralph Lamb	A	National Master	
Mr Allen Williams	CN	Mrs Margaret Lewis	L	Mr Henry Chapman	R
Mr David R Williams	M	Mrs Jackie Nightingale	AA	Miss Sylvia Davies	S
Mrs Connie Wilson	WS	Mr Graham Norris	VOG	Mr Mel Humphries	BR
County Master		Mrs Sally Parkes	Y	Miss Anne Jones	C
Mr Bryan Clarkson	PV	Mrs Judy Pearce	C	Mrs Betty Spencer	CD
Mrs Jean Cufley	NT	Mrs Betty Plimmer	LD	Mr Glyn Williams	BR
Mrs Julia Davies	MB	2 Star Master		Premier National Master	
Mrs Kay Drake	A	Mrs Jill Alexander	C	Mrs Pat Fielding	NT
Mrs Maureen Eccles	CRI	Mr Graham Ball	CBY	Mr Kevin G Thomas	T
Mrs Teresa Goss	C	Mr David Davies	A	Life Master	
Mrs Val Hamilton	R	Mrs Josie Edwards	GA	Mrs Daphne Patrick	C
Mr Roy Hobson	PR	Mrs Celia Holt	A	Mr Chris Rochelle	R
Mrs Megan Jones	WS	Mr Mike Samuel	GA	Mr Cliff Rushton	STD
Mrs Sally Jones	WS	Mr R Waterhouse	F	Senior Life Master	
Miss Teresa Montoya	A	3 Star Master		Mr Paul Allsopp	STD
Mrs Judith Owen	BV	Mr David Bellis	Y	Mrs Irene Thomas	BR
Mrs Jennifer Wardell	CAR	Mrs Margaret O Davies	L		
Master		Prof Robert Havard	A		
Mr Picton Davies	L	Mrs Audrey Howells	L		
Miss Catherine Evans	AM	Mrs Donna Lewandowski	ROF		

Online Bridge – another perspective.**Anne Jones**

Following up on Peter Goodman's article in the last newsletter, I agree that online bridge is great fun. *OKbridge* is no doubt the market leader in the field, but of more interest in my opinion to the majority of our members is the *EBU online* site.

EBUonline is an Acol (4 card majors) based site, whereas most other sites are SAYC based. It is often a culture shock to average players that nobody plays a four card major system online :-)

EBUonline

A very sociable online bridge club where the range of ability of the players is wide. The site is less than a year old, and there are nearly 1000 paid up members already. In addition to online games – offline events have been organised by those friends who have met online.

A month's free trial is available, and after that the subscription is £40 for members of the EBU. Those who need to join the EBU can do so directly (The rate is being reduced to £20 on April 1st) or through an English county. Membership of the EBU also brings a bi-monthly magazine called *English Bridge* which is excellent value.

There are already a number of Welsh players online – mainly from the Western area – but all areas of Wales are represented. When you first visit the club, if you do so between 8.0pm and 11.0pm you will be greeted by an online host. You should look out for Patsi EBU and Baa Lamb EBU who are also members of the WBU. The online host will help you with any software problems you may encounter, and may be able to introduce you to a suitable partner.

For your free trial and to subsequently subscribe should you enjoy your experience -- <http://www.ebuonline.co.uk>

For any help or advice – contact anne.jones1@ntlworld.com

A Green-pointed Weekend

Swiss Pairs, Sat 4th August
Swiss Teams Sun 5th August
County Hall, Cwmbran

Contact: Max Powell, 18 Park St,
Bridgend, CF31 4AX

South Wales Congress

Green pointed teams and pairs
8th—11th November 2001
The Rest Hotel, Porthcawl

Contact: Diana Panniers, 13 Llewellyn Street, Swansea, SA2 9AL

THE WELSH SENIORS CONGRESS*Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May 2001**With a one-day Green Point Swiss Pairs on the Holiday Monday open to players of any age**At the County Hall, Cwmbran, near Newport*

*Licensed by the Welsh Bridge Union-
Sponsored by Gerrard*

This is a nationally-pointed Seniors Congress, with the Welsh Senior Pairs on Friday evening and Saturday, the Welsh Senior Teams on Sunday, and a one-day Swiss Pairs, also nationally-pointed, open to all ages on the Bank Holiday Monday.

The popular venue for the Congress is the same as for the East Wales National Congress in February, and the one-day events in August.

Gerrard is one of the largest private client investments managers in the UK, with over £21 billion funds under management. Gerrard was formed from two private client investment companies, namely Capel Cure Sharp Ltd and Greig Middleton & Co Ltd.

All players in the Seniors must be over 50 years of age at the time the Congress begins, and partnerships (except in the Consolation Pivot Teams) must add up to 110 years. Later this year the minimum age limit for Seniors will be increased to 51 in keeping with the EBU.

For Entry Brochure and details, contact:

Annie Favager, 3 Albert Crescent, Penarth, South Glam, CF64 1DA
Telephone: 029 2070 8004 e-mail: annie.favager@ntlworld.com

Mid Wales Congress*A Green Point Swiss Teams Event*

20th—22nd July 2001
Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

Contact :Cecelia McCreary, 4 Trenchard , Parcllyn, Cardigan, SA43 2DL

The Welsh Foursomes*Green Point Swiss Teams*

8-9th September 2001
Seabank Hotel,Porthcawl

Contact: D. Evans, 2 Penylan Close,
Porthcawl, CF36 3LF

Directors' Courses

Andrew Kambites will be running directors courses for the WBU in July. An 'A' course on Saturday 14th July followed by a 'B' course on Saturday 28th July. Both of these courses will start at 11am and finish by 6.15pm and will be held at the Gwent Bridge Academy, Clayton Street, Newport. The cost for WBU members will be £15 for one course, or £25 for both.

Contact: Ken Richardson, 31 Deri Rd, Cardiff, CF2 5AH

Olympic Bridge comes closer

Bridge will be an attraction sport in the Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympics.

José Damiani, WBF President, gave an interview to e-bridge regarding the progress of bridge being recognised as a full Olympic Sport.

Mr Damiani said that, following a meeting held in Switzerland on 14 March with Mark Hodler, he was very happy to hear from Mr Hodler that bridge is to be given the opportunity to demonstrate a competition at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

The Grand Americana Hotel in Salt Lake City has been allocated for a bridge attraction to take place about a few days before the official opening of the Winter Olympic Games (scheduled for 08 February 2002). Teams in three categories will be invited - Open, Women and Juniors. Following a successful demonstration in Salt Lake City, work will continue to achieve the aim of having Bridge as an Olympic Discipline at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy.

News from the Selectors

The following Welsh Teams will be going to Tenerife in June

Open

Paul Denning and Adrian Thomas
Peter Goodman and Tim Rees
Filip Kurbalija and Mike Pownall
Npc John Salisbury **Coach/Scorer** Adam Dunn

Ladies

Linda Greenland and Ann Hirst
Gilly Clench and Diana Harris
Jill Casey and Diane Kurbalija
Npc Gordon Roxburgh **Coach** Ken Richardson

Seniors

Mike Hirst and Jim Luck
Paul Gagne and Tom Reddy
Patrick Jourdain

Daphne & Joe Patrick

Anne Jones & Ernie Morris
Esme Parry & Alan Powell

JUREK (George) ORLIK (1923-2000)**Ralph Winstanley.**

Jurek had a hard start in life. Polish by birth, his father was an officer in the Polish Cavalry and was killed in the Battle of Katyn against the Russians in 1936. As Jurek once told me, it was Russian tanks against Polish Cavalry – no chance at all. Jurek was then 13 years old and was taken to a Siberian Labour Camp for four years. The Second World War had begun and he was allowed to leave Siberia to enlist in the Polish army in a tank regiment. He won several medals in the war, then in the closing stages was badly wounded and flown to a castle in Scotland. This castle had been taken over by the French Red Cross and was staffed with French nurses, one of whom, Jeanette, he fell in love with and, after two years in the hospital he was discharged and they married. They came to Holywell, North Wales in response to a vacancy for a watch repairer at Swartz, the jewellers.

To improve his English he decided to go to a local Whist Drive to meet and converse with people. It was here that I met him and we soon became friends. In 1950 I became a member of the newly formed Flint Bridge Club and six months later I introduced Jurek (who had played bridge in Poland) to the club as my partner. We played together for five years after which the partnership broke up but our friendship remained intact. Following Jurek's victory with Major Tatlow in the National pairs, he was selected to play for Wales. He played several times with Percy Davies whose regular partner, Stanley Moses had been taken seriously ill. Between 1960 and 1966 he played in at least nine Camrose matches. During the 59 years of the Camrose series, Wales have only beaten England on 6 occasions. The first was in 1939 and then there was a long wait until the 1964/65 season for the second win, swiftly followed by the 1966 victory. Jurek played in both of these matches with Percy Davies and took some well-known scalps (see below for team details kindly supplied by Paul Denning from the WBU Camrose records). Few Welsh Internationals have won more Camrose matches than they have lost and Jurek has a win ratio of five out of nine matches.

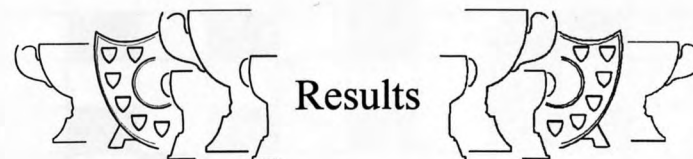
In 1966 he gave up bridge altogether and took up fishing on both land (salmon in particular) and sea. He did not play bridge again for 20 years. He was a member of Mold Bridge Club and President of Flint Bridge Club until he died in 2000. He will be sadly missed by all - especially me.

The memorable Camrose matches against England, *Jurek* was known by his Anglicised name *George*. 21/11/64 at the Old House Hotel, Windsor, 10-8 to Wales, first victory over England since 1939.

Wales		England	
John Butler	Colin Smith	Alan Hiron	Maurice Harrison-Gray
Barry Clowes	Paul Spurway	Raymond Brock	Irving Manning
Percy Davies	George Orlik	Julian Beale	Bob Forbes
NPC Roy Griffin		NPC Tony Priday	

22/01/66 at St Mellon's, Cardiff, again 10-8 to Wales

Wales		England	
John Butler	Colin Smith	Dick Preston	Ralph Swimer
Percy Davies	George Orlik	Tony Priday	Michael Wolach
Barry Clowes	Paul Spurway	Derek Rimington	Bob Clarke
NPC Roy Griffin		NPC Frank Farrington	

**WBU OPEN PAIRS FINAL 2001 04/03/01**

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| 1. | A Ratcliff & Dean Hardie | 59.66% |
| 2. | Val Kennewell & Steve Kennewell | 55.86% |
| 3. | C Pope & Dr P Murphy | 55.77% |

WBU MIXED PAIRS FINAL 2001 18/02/01

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| 1. | Mary Moore and Philip Felman | 59.01% |
| 2. | Irene Thomas and Rob Charlesworth | 57.55% |
| 3. | Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner | 57.53% |

East Wales Congress

Swiss Teams

1. F Kurbalija, A Kaludercic, E Martin, P Jourdain
2. M Theelke, G Weir, S Robson, J Sansom
3. T Capal, S Capal, D Harris, J Williams

Championship Pairs

- 1 P Jourdain & E Martin
- 2 M Hirst & J Holland
- 3 F Kurbalija & A Kaludercic

PORTLAND PAIRS

Leading pair from Welsh Heat

Diana Harris and Paul Gagne (14th overall)

NWBA Spring Congress

Swiss Teams

- 1 Geoff Nicholas
- 2 Tracy Capal
- 3 Jane Jenson

Ladies' Pairs: S Shea and A Martin

Men's Pairs: K Jones and B Edwards

Eastern Area

Simultaneous Pairs : P Felman and D Birt

Western Area

Ladies' Pairs: Mary Moore and Irene Thomas

Men's Pairs: Dean Hardie and Tony Ratcliff