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# WELSH BRIDGE UNION

**Newsletter Summer 2001**

## **Resignation shock hits WBU**

Val Kennewell has announced her resignation as Newsletter Editor after almost two years of interesting and informative newsletters. See Letters and p.8 for further information.

## **Hon. Sec. pledges data shake-up**

One of the problems all WBU officers have is ensuring that the information from which they are working is up to date. Clubs and Areas send changes of address to the Secretary; Tournament Directors send results to the Website Editor; the Area Tournament Organisers send calendar information to the NTO. Often this information fails to reach all the people who need it. In particular, the membership list

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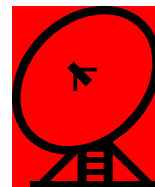
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often contains many out-of-date addresses and telephone numbers, because members forget to tell us when they move house.

Mike Brunt, the Hon. Secretary, has kindly offered to draw up a standard scheme for circulating administrative



and competition information. This invaluable document will be published in a future newsletter. In the meantime, we can only plead for tolerance from members if the occasional mistake creeps in.

## **Mid Wales Congress: thriller finish**

In a nailbiting finish, Adrian Thomas, Dafydd Jones, Peter Goodman and Adam Dunn won the Mid Wales Congress teams on a split tie from last year's victors, Mike Hirst, Jim Luck, Simon Edwards and Trevor Towers. Full results on <http://www.wbu.org.uk/> when we get them.

## Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

Two years ago I was asked to take over as Newsletter Editor for just six months. When asked a few weeks ago if I wished to continue in this role, I thought long and hard and concluded that although my Desk Top Publishing skills had improved exponentially I didn't really feel very comfortable with other aspects of the post. In particular, I did not feel that I was really in touch with what was going on in the WBU. Thank you all for reading my efforts and I wish all the best to my successor.

Val Kennewell

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Dear Editor

Will bridge players ever change? I doubt it. But come on folks! If we have played bridge together for much of a weekend, or whatever, would it hurt us to hang around for just a few more minutes to give some applause to those successful? [*Apparently there was a deafening silence at Cwmbran after the Seniors' Congress Open Swiss Pairs. Ed.*]

Mike Best

Cardiff Bridge Club

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Dear Editor

Graham Shaw's letter in the Spring Newsletter ("*The Lower Ranks*") voices a concern which has been raised a number of times in the past few years, and I am grateful to Graham for suggesting one way in which this concern might be addressed.

Most National competitions are, of course, open to all members, and we should perhaps not be surprised when the better players win them. Area Associations run a number of limited-masterpoint events, and it is also not unheard of for other Area competitions to be won by "ordinary" players. I should, however, be happy to consider running a national event on a handicap or restricted entry basis if room can be found in the Calendar, and if it would be supported in sufficient numbers to defray expenses (members' subscriptions do not in fact cover the cost of administration, and all members are subsidised by the profits from congresses and competitions, the cost of which is borne largely by those who regularly enter competitive events). If any members have a suggestion as to the form such an event should take, and where it should be held to attract the maximum entry, I shall be only too glad to hear from them.

Sadly, the non-green-pointed congresses that were the traditional starting point for people taking their first steps in the tournament arena are dying due to lack of support, as increasingly people do not want to play outside their clubs. Many are happy simply to play one or two evenings a week; others play in qualifying heats in the hope that they might, by good luck or good play, outwit the experts and find themselves with an unexpected trophy on the sideboard. Those who aspire to compete seriously for National trophies expect to work hard for their (usually meagre) winnings.

Finally, I am not sure that most members expect to gain anything beyond the satisfaction of finding a good opening lead and taking pleasure in the social side of the game. If, however, members believe that Council should be paying more attention to the needs of ordinary players, they must tell us what those needs are, and how they can best be met. Constructive suggestions are always welcome. But please don't simply say not enough is being done, without applying some thought to what *should* be done, and how, and who should be doing it.

Laura Woodruff

(National Tournament Organiser)

## YOUNG ...

### Welsh Bridge Union Schools Cup



On 16th July, Llantwit Major Comprehensive School & Ffynone House School did battle for the WBU Schools Team Championship at Swansea Bridge Club. In all twelve pairs took part. Ffynone House School emerged the winners and were presented with the Bowman trophy, which was last awarded in the early 1980s. The leading pair Lauralee Reed & Kate Leopold of Ffynone House, together with the runners up Iain Austin & Jonathan Williams of Llantwit Major, were presented with commemorative shields.

Refreshments were provided at half time by WWBA. Patrick Jourdain and Linda Greenland attended wearing their Welsh team shirts and encouraged from the sidelines. Great credit must go to the teachers involved, Anne Davies of Swansea and Janet Richards of Llantwit Major, as well as Graham John and WWBA for the effort to drive Schools bridge forward in West Wales.

The WBU is keen to offer financial and practical assistance to schools to promote Bridge, which has been proved to improve youngsters' numeracy. Teachers who are interested in the possibility of introducing Bridge to their schools should contact Linda Greenland on 029 2025 5162 to find out how the WBU can help.

## AND NOT SO YOUNG ...



### Welsh Bridge Union Seniors Congress results

Senior Teams Results:      1<sup>st</sup>:    L Sheridan, D Hamper, M Sheridan, M Baker  
   2<sup>nd</sup>:    A Swanell, P Walker, A Sproston, W Angeesing  
   3<sup>rd</sup>:    D Hamilton, V Hamilton, D Jenkins, E Jenkins

Senior Pairs A Final:        1<sup>st</sup>     Norah Allen & R Foulds  
   2<sup>nd</sup>     Paul Gagne & Mike Best  
   3<sup>rd</sup>     Brenda Foley & Geoffrey Foley

Open Swiss Pairs:            1<sup>st</sup>:     Peter Langston & Marit Langston  
   2<sup>nd</sup>:     Pat Dowdeswell & Bob Dowdeswell  
   3<sup>rd</sup>:     Jill Casey & Diane Kurbalija

### Bridge Great Britain website

Bridge Great Britain (BGB), the umbrella organisation for the English, Scottish and Welsh Bridge Unions, now has a website at [www.isport.uk.com/bridge.bgb](http://www.isport.uk.com/bridge.bgb).

## Webber Cup 2001

- |                   |  |                              |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Dean Hardie, Dafydd Jones, Patrick Jourdain, Filip Kurbalija, Tony Ratcliff. | 320 VPs                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Tom Reddy, Mike Best, Rob Charlesworth, Philip Felman, David Ronson          | 286 VPs (& Philip Angel Cup) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Rory McKinley, Adam Dunn, Sue Raybould, Ian Roberts                          | 277 VPs                      |



Three members of the winning Webber Cup team:

(left to right) Tony Ratcliff, Dafydd Jones, Patrick Jourdain. Presumably Filip and Dean were too modest to appear in the photograph.

Mid Wales Bridge Association kindly arranged for the Mayor of Newtown to open the event. He is pictured here with (left to right) Monica Garbett-Edwards (Secretary to the Selectors), Diana Panniers (Immediate Past President) and Anne Jones (Tournament Director and Chair of the Laws & Ethics Committee). We hope Area Associations will follow Mid Wales's lead and adopt this excellent method of publicising bridge in Wales.



## Welsh Cup 2001

The holders, led by Filip Kurbalija of Cardiff, have retained the Welsh Cup. In a 64-deal final held in Cardiff they beat the team led by Laura Woodruff of Bridgend 152-73.

In a unique achievement, one member of the winning team, Tim Rees, becomes current holder of the Teams Championships of Britain (the Gold Cup), England (the Crockford's Cup) and Wales. Rees was born in Wales and is resident in England. Patrick Jourdain, registering his twelfth win in the Welsh Cup, sets a record previously shared with Mike Hirst of Cardiff on 11 wins. The Woodruff team included David Burn, a member of the England team that reached the semi-finals of last year's Olympiad.

Welsh Cup winners: Filip Kurbalija, Jill Casey, Tim Rees, Peter Goodman, Patrick Jourdain, Tony Ratcliff (Cardiff, Monmouth & Berkshire). Runners-up: Laura Woodruff, David Burn, Dean Hardie, Richard Trew, Mike Close (Bridgend, London, Swansea & Barry).

## Orange Book Changes

The EBU Laws & Ethics Committee has conducted its annual review of permitted conventions and agreements, and the following additions to the Orange Book 1998 will come into force on 1st September 2001:

1.	Main paragraph 12.2	One of a Suit Opening Bids	<i>Add:</i> Note – additional distributional constraints (e.g. no four card major) are permitted as treatments – see 9.4.2
	Sub-paragraph 12.2.3	1♦ opening may be played as ...	
	Level	2	
2.	Main paragraph 13.1	One of a Suit Opening Bids	<i>Add:</i> Special treatment: You may exclude a defined suit length from a natural opening bid (e.g. 1♥ = 4 cards or at least 6 but not precisely 5).
	Sub-paragraph 13.1.1	Minimum opening bids	
	Level	3	
3.	Main paragraph 13.1	One of a Suit Opening Bids	<i>Add Note</i> – additional distributional constraints (e.g. no four card major) are permitted as treatments – see 9.4.2
	Sub-paragraph 13.1.2	1♣ opening may be played as ...	
	Level	3	
4.	Main paragraph 14.3	One No trump Opening Bids	<i>Add:</i> <b>Bowles:</b> an opening 1NT shows precisely 5 Hearts and a maximum of 16 HCPs, Rule of 18. All continuations are allowed.
	Sub-paragraph 14.3.3	Other permitted conventions	
	Level	4	
5.	Main paragraph 14.4	Two of a Suit and Two No trump Opening Bids	<i>Add:</i> <b>Bowles:</b> an opening 2♣ shows precisely 5 Spades and a maximum of 16 HCPs, Rule of 18. All continuations are allowed.
	Sub-paragraph 14.4.4	Other permitted convention (new sub-paragraph)	
	Level	4	
6.	Main paragraph 14.9	Defence to Other Suit Opening Bids	<i>Amend heading to:</i> Defence to One of a Suit Opening Bids.
			<i>Add:</i> Note – defence to higher suit opening bids is covered by 12.1.1 (d)
7.	Main paragraph 14.9	Defence to One of a Suit Opening Bids	<i>Add</i> Williams 1♦ overcall an overcall of 1♦ over a natural 1♣ opening may be played as natural or balanced, any defined values (Note – a 1♦ overcall of a conventional 1♣ opening may have any agreed meaning – see 12.11.1).
	Sub-paragraph 14.9.4	Other permitted conventions	
	Level	4	

As is usual, the Laws & Ethics Committee of the WBU will recommend that these changes are adopted in Wales.

## International Round-up

### Camrose

On 26/27 May 2001, in the match postponed because of the foot and mouth crisis, held at St. Malachy's College, Belfast, the Republic of Ireland beat Northern Ireland by 49-41 (5-25, 21-9, 23-7), insufficient to overtake Wales in the table.

Final table: 1<sup>st</sup>: England 232; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scotland 195; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Wales 170; 4<sup>th</sup>: Republic of Ireland 162; 5<sup>th</sup>: Northern Ireland 128.

### Nations Cup

At the Bonn Nations Cup held on 23/24th May 2001, the team invited from Wales finished third in its Pool ahead of Norway (Helgemo/Helness, Grotheim/Aa) and England (Burn/Callaghan, Liggins/Fawcett), and eighth overall from 18 national teams. In the Round Robin the Welsh team won six matches and lost only to France and Denmark. Team: Tim Rees & Patrick Jourdain; Filip Kurbalija & Mike Pownall.

In the final between the two Pool winners: France beat Belgium. Meanwhile, the other 16 teams played a further three matches against teams from the other pool:

3. Denmark 208; 4= Netherlands; 4= Germany 1; 4= Czech Rep; 4= Hungary 197; 8. Wales 195; 9. Norway 190; 10. Austria 188; 11. Poland 187; 12. Estonia 177; 13. Sweden 171; 14= Germany 2, England 165; 16. Bulgaria 164; 17. Romania 159; 18. Luxembourg 112.

### European Championships, Tenerife, June 2001

A fortnight in Tenerife might suggest sun, sea and sangria. Your correspondent has, however, to report that enjoyable and instructive though the chance to participate in these Championships might have been, it was also jolly hard work. Nine hours a day on *very* hard chairs in a playing room reduced to Arctic temperatures by the very efficient air-conditioning, followed by a late-night review of the next opponents' systems, meant some of us returned home more exhausted than when we left. The venue was on the seafront, but the nearest I got to the blue stuff was a view from the apartment window.

Wales's team prospects got off to a bad start when the Women's Team's coach, Ken Richardson, had to be left behind at Cardiff Airport. An over-zealous check-in clerk informed him, wrongly, that he required a visa because a) he was born in India and b) Tenerife is not in the EC. A trip to the Spanish Embassy and a night in a Gatwick hotel later, he finally boarded a flight two days late.

The Open team improved upon their performance in Maastricht in September, not only by beating Italy, the eventual winners, 22-8 but by drawing with the strong teams from Poland and the Netherlands. Their final position was 22<sup>nd</sup> of 35 teams, a notable achievement for a small country.

The Women's team scored good wins against Poland, Scotland, Norway, Croatia and Denmark, though struggling to find consistent form. The two Seniors teams also produced a mixed bag but thoroughly enjoyed competing against European luminaries of yesteryear.

The event ended, for Wales, more or less as it had started, with Gilly Clench and her 7-year-old daughter Melanie standing disconsolately at the check-in desk while the rest of us boarded the flight for Cardiff. The tour company had overbooked the flight, and only one seat remained. The weary duo finally arrived home at 5 o'clock the following morning.

*Open Team:* Paul Denning/Adrian Thomas; Peter Goodman/Tim Rees; Filip Kurbalija/Mike Pownall; NPC: John Salisbury; Coaches: Laura Woodruff, Adam Dunn.

*Women's Team:* Jill Casey/Diane Kurbalija; Gilly Clench/Diana Harris; Ann Hirst/Linda Greenland; NPC: Gordon Roxburgh; Coach: Ken Richardson.

*Seniors I:* Mike Hirst, Paul Gagne, Patrick Jourdain, Jim Luck, Tom Reddy.

*Seniors II:* Daphne Patrick, Joe Patrick, Esme Parry, Alan Powell.



Wales Seniors' Team I:

*(left to right)* Mike Hirst, Patrick Jourdain, Tom Reddy, Jim Luck, Paul Gagne



Wales Seniors' Team II:

*(left to right)* Joe Patrick, Daphne Patrick, Esme Parry, Alan Powell.



## Congratulations

The Welsh Bridge Union extends its congratulations to our neighbours in England. The English Women's team won the recent European Championships in Tenerife, taking the first qualifying place for the World Championships in Bali later this year. Their win offered our resident diva, Gilly Clench, the chance to take to the stage before what was probably her largest audience since retirement from the Welsh National Opera. The tournament organisers were unable to find a recording of Land of Hope and Glory, the anthem chosen by the English players to replace the British national anthem post-devolution, and Gilly stepped into the breach, to great applause.

Heather Dhondy, Rhona Goldenfield and Michelle Brunner are familiar faces at Welsh congresses. They are pictured below with their team-mates.,

*(left to right):*

Sally Brock, Heather Dhondy, Jimmie Arthur (Coach), Alan Mould (NPC), Margaret Courtney, Nicola Smith, Rhona Goldenfield, Michelle Brunner.



# Situations Vacant



## Chief Executive

The Welsh Bridge Union has decided to appoint a Chief Executive to manage its day-to-day business and to relieve elected officers and appointees of some of their routine work.

Applicants will need good team management skills, computer expertise to communicate by email, use the Internet and use standard software, and the literacy required to produce letters and reports. Familiarity with bridge administration and the requirements of a National Bridge Organisation is essential. Applicants will also need to be willing and able to work from home.

It is envisaged that the role of the Chief Executive will include strategic direction, coordination of the activities of Officers and appointees, policy formulation, management of the business of the Union, promotion of bridge and the obtaining and retaining of sponsorship.

The fee will be in the region of £3000 a year for at least 1 ½ days a week.

Interviews will be held during September, and applicants should therefore contact the Secretary, Mike Brunt, for information on how to apply well in advance of the the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2001.

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## Newsletter Editor

Enthusiastic and literate person sought for editorship of quarterly newsletter, readership approximately 2000. Copy often not readily forthcoming so resourcefulness an advantage.

Must have own computer; suitable software can be provided but applicants should be familiar with standard Microsoft packages such as Word, Publisher or other PC-based DTP software. Internet access and familiarity with use of email essential. Please apply to Mike Brunt at the address above.



## **Match Manager, Camrose series**

In the past, Camrose matches have been managed by Area Associations, with a Match Manager appointed from within the Area. This has often cast a considerable burden on people with little time and experience of what can be a complicated and nerve-wracking business.

We have therefore decided that, while matches will continue to be rotated around the Areas, we should appoint a permanent Match Manager who will oversee the arrangements for home International matches. The work can, of course, be delegated to others – there are usually plenty of volunteers to look for venues, produce match programmes and manage the helpers on the day – but the Match Manager will coordinate all this work and ensure that nothing is overlooked.

Linda Greenland has kindly volunteered to undertake this role during the 2001-2002 season, but with an eye to the future we would like to appoint someone to shadow her during the year, so that they will be familiar with the tasks involved by the time they take over from her in the autumn of 2002.

Anyone who would be interested in this new role is asked to contact Linda on 029 2025 5162 or [deri31@ntlworld.com](mailto:deri31@ntlworld.com).

## **Scorers for National events**

While we usually have no difficulty in finding Directors for National events, there is little information available about members who are familiar with the Haworth and other scoring programs, and would be interested in carrying out the computer scoring for events.

If you regularly use a scoring program, have occasional free weekends and do not play in all of the Welsh National competitions, Laura Woodruff would be keen to put your name in a database of scorers.

Directors' fees of £23+ per session plus expenses will be paid.

Please contact Laura on 01656 724066 or [laura.woodruff@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:laura.woodruff@ukonline.co.uk).

## **And a plea for mercy**

Members are asked to exercise consideration in contacting WBU officers, who are all volunteers and have other lives to live. The NTO reports that she has recently received telephone calls at ten past eight on a weekday morning; at 9 o'clock on a Saturday; and at a quarter to ten on a Sunday. While many members may at these times of day be up, about and wondering where and when some congress or other is to be held, not everyone is an early bird and even our officers are entitled to some leisure time.

Please observe any contact times indicated by officers in the front of the Journal, unless your call is genuinely too urgent to wait.



## NEWS FROM NORTH WALES



### Obituary: Menna Roberts

Many people will miss **Menna Roberts** who died in April after a long illness, faced with great courage. We shall miss her decorous presence at the Bridge table, and her many friends will miss her wisdom and her sense of fun.

Menna learned to play Bridge in Africa where she and her husband, Hywel, lived for many years. On their return they bought a house on her beloved island of Anglesey, but stayed in Penrhyndeudraeth during the week from which base Hywel carried out his duties as Chief Warden of Snowdonia. During the evenings they began teaching Bridge to people in Penhryn who soon formed a club of their own.

In the early seventies they were founder members of the first affiliated Bridge club on Anglesey, in Llangefni. After many years, numbers began to decline, so Menna and Hywel started Bridge lessons again. It was Menna's idea to move the club to Menai Bridge in 1987, and we soon had a thriving club. After Hywel's death Menna organised more lessons and, again, new players emerged to swell the numbers.

In 1996 Menna was a founder member of a club in Benllech where there was already a number of players, and these new members were gently introduced to rules required of an affiliated club. Menna taught Bridge to many people on an entirely voluntary basis. Her love of the game motivated her, and her skills as a communicator made her an excellent promoter of the game of Bridge. She took part in all the national events for many years and represented North Wales several times in the Spickett Bowl competition. Whenever there was work to be done at a Bridge event, Menna could always be relied on to help. Indeed, she gave her usual quiet, valuable help in the running of the last Camrose event held in North Wales, in spite of feeling ill. Founder of four clubs; teacher to many; hard worker for the Bridge scene, Menna has certainly left her mark in North Wales. I shall miss a bright, feisty and very good friend. Indeed, we shall all miss Menna. She was a fine player and a very fine person.

**Jill Knight**

### North Wales Bridge Association Swiss Pairs 2001

Held at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2001.

- 1<sup>st</sup> M Dash, A Ballham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Ratcliff, Dean Hardie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Hand, Jean Hand



## Revision of Green Point Awards for the Welsh and Cambria Plates

The following change to the Masterpoint awards for the above competitions was approved by Council in May 2001:

1	2	Semi Final	Final	Total
0.75	1*	1.5*	2	5.25

\* unless first match played

Also, in order to encourage more participation in knock-out events, there will be direct entry to the preliminary round of both plate events for teams of players below the rank of Premier Regional Master. If such a team were to win the event, they would gain 5.75 well-deserved greens.

Preliminary	1	2	Semi Final	Final	Total
0.5	0.75	1*	1.5*	2	5.75

\* unless first match played

## Online Master Points

The EBU have instituted Online bridge in which players can earn a new type of masterpoint called Online Master Points. The EBU will accept these Online Points towards promotions, although with the proviso that no more than a third of the points for any promotion may be Online Points. The WBU has a reciprocity arrangement with the EBU for normal master points, but these new points are outside the agreement, so the Executive had to decide whether or not we would accept Online Points earned by our members, and whether they will similarly count towards promotions.

The first difficulty which will need to be overcome is the inability of the existing WBU masterpoint software to take account of the one-third rule. Council also has some concerns about the security of the environment in which Online masterpoints are earned.

The Welsh Bridge Union has therefore decided that for the time being, Online points will not be accepted until such concerns can be dealt with. In the meantime, members should store their Online points until further notice.

## WBU Directing Courses

Courses for aspiring Club and Tournament Directors are arranged from time to time by Ken Richardson, the WBU's Tournament Direction Coordinator. Courses are subsidised by the Union and a nominal fee charged to participants. The recent A and B courses at Gwent Academy attracted 31 participants.

There will be a further 'A' course on Saturday 13th October with a 'B' course on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, both in Colwyn Bay. The next WBU 'C' course will be in the spring, date and venue yet to be decided.

Please contact Ken Richardson on 029 2025 5162 or [ken.deris31@ntlworld.com](mailto:ken.deris31@ntlworld.com).

## Master Point of View

Noelle Bond

Have any of you watched “The West Wing”? (I think it’s a great programme). In one episode all the high-powered executives in The White House were making sure that they didn’t celebrate too early and so tempt fate. This amused me, but I should have learned from it and not said in the last newsletter that no points had been lost in the post during the year-end. Almost immediately I had a phone call. After sending in points for herself and her husband, a member had received back only her empty SAE. I thought I must have had a dotty moment until I checked my book and found I had never had any points from her. Later some of her points were found somewhere and returned to her by the Post Office (but not her husband’s, those seem to have vanished for ever). Later again, I received her original letter to me. It was separated from its envelope but had been delivered because my address was at the top. Obviously her letter had been eaten by a Post Office machine. Fortunately in the end I managed to sort it all out and enter the points in time for the year-end. I now echo The West Wing actors in “Don’t tempt fate”, pity I don’t get thousands of dollars each time I say the line.

Occasionally someone phones enquiring about their points, and I say “I posted them to you some time ago.” I often wonder if when they turn up later, anyone ever thinks I was fibbing and had just forgotten about them (impossible with my mail book system!). I was prompted to wonder once again “Where do these letters go?” when on 18th June 2001, points I had posted on 21st October 2000 finally arrived on the member’s doormat. (the dates are right, but I’m guessing about the doormat.)

I suppose we are used to letters going astray, even if we do not like it, but I did have a surprising “first” recently: this was a message saying “I’m not entitled to these points.” Usually it is me upsetting people by having to tell them that.

You can also upset people when directing, but not so the other evening when I was called for an opening lead from the wrong hand. The declarer had already realised that her partner had put her into an impossible contract and when I told her that one of her options was to have the contract played from the other hand she was delighted to tell her partner “You can play this.”

Now that the WBU Journal for the year has been published I expect the usual calls from people unable to reconcile the information on their master point card with their Journal entry, so perhaps an explanation here will help (those with an historical bent might like to know one also appears in the Newsletter for Autumn 1994). The Journal entry for a player gives two numbers, the first being the player’s Local points (divided by one hundred) added to their Green (National) points, whilst the second is a separate total of all the Green points included in the overall total. However on the Master Point Registration card, as some ranks require specific numbers of Green points, the Local and Green points are recorded separately, and not totalled together. To add to the confusion, each Green point, of course is equivalent to 100 locals.

Apart from problems with points, I could easily have problems with my own identity. At a recent congress I found myself down as “Nora” and despite my protests in various Newsletters I still get letters to “Noel” (that’s masculine!) or “Dear Sir” and even “Esquire”. Quite a surprise for a grandmother. Laura Woodruff, the NTO, and new [temporary. Ed] newsletter editor, told me she is also sometimes called “Nora”, and we could be “Flipping Nora” and “Nora Batty”. I leave to you which of us is which, but I must say I don’t wear stockings.

Val Kennewell has retired as Membership Secretary and Newsletter editor. I enjoyed working with her and shall miss exchanging emails. She says she probably won’t get any emails now. How sad.

In the next month or two there may be a longer delay than usual in entering your points, for I am to have two cataract operations. I am afraid these may also keep me away from some events I usually attend, but afterwards I hope to see many of you again, and, of course, more clearly.

PS: You can always E-mail me at [noelle@glanmor45.freemove.co.uk](mailto:noelle@glanmor45.freemove.co.uk).

**List of promotions for each rank 27 April–27 July (Only ranks with promotions listed)**

<b>Club Master</b>		Derek Taylor	PN	Coral Jones	T
Margaret Algar	MB	Dorothy Williams	S	Diana Kendrick	BV
Keith Broadbent	S	Jacqueline Williams	S	Lyn Lamb	A
Terrill Chadwick	S	Pat Williams	NT	John Moore	MG
David Curtis	C	Yan Wu	C	<b>3 Star Master</b>	
Shirley Curtis	C	<b>Master</b>		Jack Bowen	T
Robert Douglas	A	Churchill Al Temimi	MON	Gwen Dobson	S
Andrew Fawcett	OH	Jean Bassett	RH	Barbara Easterbrook	OH
Brian Jones	PR	Marie Cawley	MB	Yvonne Evans	F
Owen E Jones	LP	Norman Clewer	R	Reg Grose	BV
Bob Marriott	PN	Jose De Vos	PT	Nigel Key	MG
John Mills	GA	Christine Evans	NP	Jean Parry	MB
Shirley Mills	GA	Estelle Evans	S	Carolyn Williams	F
Vivien Penny	MG	Christine Forbes	BRE	Hywel Williams	MB
Jackie Stevenson	CD	Pat Harris	GA	<b>4 Star Master</b>	
Barry Taylor	F	Joan Jones	CN	Eleanor Howells	R
Mike Thomas	P	Margaret Phillips	AG	Mary E Smart	S
Caroline Vincent	S	Theresa Pollard	OH	Margaret Tovey	S
Keith Vincent	S	Christine Wiseman	PN	Trish Tracy	PN
Anne Wilson	A	<b>Advanced Master</b>		Barrie Waite	MG
Richard Wilson	A	Kay Broadbent	MB	David Williams	W
<b>Local Master</b>		Kathleen Jones	S	<b>5 Star Master</b>	
Betty Adams	MER	Tom Kendrick	BV	Betty Lewis	S
Chris Blackman	CAS	Patrick Llewelyn	Y	Neil Rooney	S
Jean Brooks	MG	John Lowther	AG	David Stephenson	VOG
Barbara Burden	MG	Joyce Lowther	AG	George Whitby	BEN
Angela Chatfield	LD	Ken Rees	AG	<b>Tournament Master</b>	
Christine Evans	OH	Paul Relph	GA	Connie Clancy	BR
Judith Hulme	M	David Spalding	CN	Roger Eastwood	PR
Marilyn Hunt	PT	John Wain	F	John D Jones	S
George Morrison	PR	Pat Walker	PN	<b>Regional Master</b>	
Betty Reading	PR	<b>1 Star Master</b>		Brenda Harris	SP
Pauline Rhodes	CD	Janet Bradley	S	Peter Haywood	GA
S Sabir	PT	Eirwen Brown	GA	Peter Oepen	SP
Doug Silcox	T	Anne Cunningham	S	Andrew Young	NT
David Stevens	Y	Michael Davies	L	<b>Premier Regional Master</b>	
Keith Stonehouse	S	Joyce Doughty	BV	Sheila Pike	CBY
Irene Wickham	PC	Con Fielden	LD	Eddie Urbanski	PW
<b>County Master</b>		Hennie Jenkins	CD	David Utting	LD
Betty Brookes	A	Joan Jenkins	SU	<b>National Master</b>	
Liz Crockford	T	Edna John	P	Barry Jones	W
Beryl M Gibbs	AM	Rena Martin	OH	Colin Nash	S
Alan Gray	PN	Ron Pepper	GA	Sue Raybould	A
Charles F Gurr	S	David Rowley	WS	Mark Roderick	BV
Eric Joseph	R	Una Thomas	WS	<b>Premier National Master</b>	
Leslie Lever	W	Jean Tonkin	S	Kevin Jones	W
Freda Nicholson	W	Hazel Trew	S	<b>Life Master</b>	
Marc Nicholson	W	<b>2 Star Master</b>		Michael Clare	LD
Eileen Parry	MB	Alan Ashton	CBY	Rona Morgan Edwards	PW
Janet Richards	P	Margaret Bancroft	VOG	Andrew Scott	AM
Mick Rogers	OH	Anita Freeman	GA	<b>Grand Master</b>	
Jon Seavers	C	Barney Hunter	NP	Tom Reddy	C

Solution to Keith Davison's Crossword Puzzle

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### Bridge tables for sale



Margaret Davies has 20 or so tables for sale. They are 31inch square, baize-covered, hardwood surround with click legs. Only used for past congresses, so as new. £25 each if bought in one go.

Please contact Margaret on 01834-842031 or [MargaretCRACKERS@cs.com](mailto:MargaretCRACKERS@cs.com).

### Lippo Bank World Transnational Open Teams

The World Transnational Open Teams will be held as part of the World Championships in Bali, from Sunday 28th October to Friday 02 November, and provide an opportunity for players to experience the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. The number of teams is unlimited but all teams must be nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee. Players wishing to compete are urged to contact Monica Garbett-Edwards, Secretary to the Selectors (01686 688254, email [edwards@rosses.kitaonline.co.uk](mailto:edwards@rosses.kitaonline.co.uk)), and request nomination as soon as possible. The closing date for registration is 01 September 2001, although teams may be accepted after this date if there is space at the venue.

The entry fee is \$800 per team (the Welsh Bridge Union regrets it cannot provide financial assistance to participating teams). Hotel room rates start at \$85 for a single, up to \$140 for double rooms (I assume this is per night) - please contact: Ms Citra, Tel. 00 62 21 54 60 526, Fax: 00 62 21 54 60 522, email: [wbchamp\\_hotel@bridgeindonesia.com](mailto:wbchamp_hotel@bridgeindonesia.com). Tourist Visas are required for countries which do not have a reciprocal immigration treaty with Indonesia.

There will be a separate Seniors Transnational event provided more than 20 Senior Teams enter and wish to have their own event; otherwise there will be a prize for the leading Senior team at the end of the Championship.

Further details may be found on the WBF Web Site at [www.bridge.gr](http://www.bridge.gr) and at [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) (in the Championships section)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Ladies' Welsh Cup/Men's Team Championship

22nd-23<sup>rd</sup> September, Rhayader Leisure Centre. £20 per head.

The Leisure Centre is able to provide a two-course dinner at a cost of approximately £7.00 for those who book in advance via the National Tournament Organiser, to whom entries should be sent.

### Porthcawl Congress: the 48<sup>th</sup> South Wales National Congress

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2001, The Rest Hotel, Porthcawl.

Entry fees:	A:	Full Congress	£38.00
	B:	Championship Pairs	£16.00
	C:	Championship Teams	£16.00
	D:	Ladies'/Men's Pairs	£ 6.00
	E:	Mixed Pairs	£ 6.00
	F:	Dewi Sant Teams	£ 6.00
	H:	Open Pairs	£ 3.00 per session

Entries to Diana Panniers, 13, Llewellyn Street, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AL, Tel. 01792 297081

### The 2002 British Gold Cup

Entry forms are available from the National Tournament Organiser, or from:

Sandra Claridge,  
31 Elm Trees  
Long Crendon  
Aylesbury HP18 9DG  
Tel. 01844 208629, Fax 01844 208255, email [brian.Sandra@tesco.net](mailto:brian.Sandra@tesco.net)

Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> October 2001. Entry fee £13 per player (£5 for under 20, or under 25 in full-time education).

### Welsh Bridge Union Swiss Teams

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November 2001, Royal International Pavilion, Llangollen. Entry fee £47 per player.

Entries to: Linda Greenland, 31 Deri Road, Penylan, Cardiff CF23 5AH  
Tel. 029 2025 5162, email [deri31@ntlworld.com](mailto:deri31@ntlworld.com)



**Information page** (*Please mark changes and corrections in your copy of the Journal*)

Item	Journal page	Details
Change of address/telephone number	3	Marie Topp: 69a Everard Road, Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay LL28 4HA; 01492 541429
Change of telephone number	3	Eileen Hughes: 01446 405619
Change of date	-	Scarborough Festival 2002 11th - 14th July.
Change of club secretary	5	Monmouth Bridge Club: Dr. Churchill Al Temimi, Leasbrook House, Leasbrook Lane, Dixton, Monmouth NP25 3SN Tel.: 01600 716439
Correction	9	British Steel Bridge Club Secretary is Ann Dolan (not Terry Dolan).
Change of email address	10	Mumbles Bridge Club: Bill Nicholls's email address is <a href="mailto:william.nicholls@ntlworld.com">william.nicholls@ntlworld.com</a>
Correction	11	3 <sup>rd</sup> para, penultimate line, for <i>on read only</i> .
Correction	12	Cambria Plate winners should read: Irene Thomas, Noelle Bond, Betty Lewis, Mel Humphries.
Correction	18	Paragraph numbers should be corrected to 15, 16, 17, 18 etc.
Correction	25	Photograph caption: the previous season's Mixed Pairs winners (1999-2000) were Linda Greenland and Ken Richardson. Mary Moore and Glyn Williams won the event in 1998-1999. Apologies to Linda and Ken for perpetuating the error from last year's Journal.

**WBU Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2001** *Notes of significant items from the recent meeting*

Item	Details
WBU Representative on Bridge Great Britain Core Committee	Patrick Jourdain re-appointed for the year commencing September 2001. It was agreed that the Secretary would forward BGB minutes to Area Secretaries as a matter of course.
Portland Pairs	North Wales intend to run a heat of the Portland Pairs in 2002. Since the venue and directing arrangements have yet to be finalised, authority to grant a licence was delegated to the NTO.
Camrose	BGB have proposed that the Camrose be held over two long weekends instead of four weekends as at present. Council agreed to support this proposal subject to further discussion of matters such as squad size and length of matches.
Appointment of Chief Executive	Council approved the establishment of a post of Chief Executive to run the WBU on a day-to-day basis and undertake some of the functions of officers and appointees. Further information on P8.
Junior Bridge	Council approved a grant of £200 to West Wales Bridge Association to promote school and youth bridge throughout Wales, building on the excellent work carried out by the Association with West Wales schools.
On-line Bridge Points	Council decided that the WBU will not register on-line points until the outstanding problems have been resolved.
Membership/Newsletter	Val Kennewell has resigned as Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor. The Membership Secretary's duties will be incorporated into the role of Treasurer. Laura Woodruff offered to compile the Summer 2001 Newsletter.