

NORTH WALES

Rhyl CONGRESS Fritch: Mr & Mrs C. Braddock; Mens: R. Forster, M. Fletcher; Ladies: Mrs R. Wissenden, Mrs H. Parker; Mixed: Mr & Mrs N. Knowles; Mixed Teams: Mrs K. White, W. Murray, P. D. Jourdain, G. Holman; Championship Pairs: Mrs E. Forster, Dr R. Slatcher; Consolation Pairs: P. Laddin, P. D. Jourdain; Championship Teams: J. Mason, J. Collin, D. Nelson, R. Fox; Consolation Teams: R. Arnold, J. Tucker, G. Hall, D. Gray.

National Pairs Area Final: F. Moyses, W. Burke.

Wartski Cup Club Teams: Shotton.

WEST WALES

INDIVIDUAL: G. Martin (after a split tie with J. Pilborough).

Vincent Bevan Area Pairs: G. Martin, J. Pilborough.

Laidlaw Murray Teams: Mr & Mrs W. Nicholls, K. Aplin, L. Lewis.

Addenbroke Cup: D. M. Powell, Dr A. Evans.

Forthcoming Events

JULY

3rd Executive, Hereford
23rd Closing Date, GOLD CUP

AUGUST

18/21st PORTHCAWL CONGRESS
29th Bridgend One Day Congress
31st Closing Date, Ladies Welsh Cup

SEPTEMBER

3/4th WELSH FOURSOMES, Awel-y-mor
10/11th GOLD CUP
17/18th Possible Camrose Pre-trial
25th Executive, Hereford
30th Closing Date: WELSH CUP, CAMBRIA CUP

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Editorial

The alert procedure has been in use for several years in WBU events yet some doubts about its proper practice still persist. People are generally aware that you must not alert your own calls and that you must not proffer explanations until asked. The doubt lies in which of partner's calls you should alert. The 'tentative' alert is far too common.

The WBU uses the EBU 'Yellow Book' as its own and all clubs should display a copy of the 1983 Year-book of the Laws and Ethics Committee which has been issued recently.

The purpose of the alert is to protect the opponents' rights. Law 40 and Proprieties IV give them the right to have, fully and freely available, information about your partnership's AGREEMENTS. By the alert you warn them there is an agreement (or relevant partnership experience) about which they may wish to enquire. The opponents are not entitled to any inferences you make from your general knowledge of bridge, or any deductions made from looking at your own cards.

The Yellow Book defines two types of calls requiring alerts:
(a) CONVENTIONS A call which serves by partnership agreement to convey a meaning not necessarily related to the denomination named (e.g. a transfer bid).

(b) TREATMENTS of a natural call which the opponents may reasonably not understand (usually taken to be any 'treatment different from that of standard Acol).

There are some exceptions to this rule listed, the most important being that any bid of four notrumps and the immediate response thereto must not be alerted.

You should therefore alert a call made by your partner if you believe your side has a special agreement about the call, even if you cannot remember what the agreement was.

Conversely, you should not alert something like a cue-bid if your supposition of its nature comes from your general knowledge of bridge and not from any discussion or relevant experience with your partner.

Tournament Organiser's Report

1. NEW NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER Please note the name, address, and telephone number of the new NTO which is given on the front cover of this Newsletter and on the entry forms enclosed. Gary Martin was appointed at the WBU AGM on 12th June. The first task was to take over preparations for the calendar and the Competition Journal both of which have now gone to print. The calendars should be available shortly and the journal sometime in August.

2. VENUES Venues for national events have been booked as follows:
LADIES WELSH CUP Oct 1/2nd Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran, Gwent.
Tel: (06333)4091 B&B from £12 (special rate).
GRADED MASTERS Feb 4/5th Manor Suite, Coney Beach, Porthcawl.
PORTLAND PAIRS Mar 31/Apr 1st Commodore Hotel, Cwmbran.

3. NATIONAL PAIRS As the result of an appeal the result of the 1983 National Pairs Final has been altered. The beneficiaries, M. Baker and J. Seal move into first place, one point ahead of the unlucky E. Hudson & P. Goodman, who had provisionally been announced as winners.

4. ENTRIES An entry form for the GOLD CUP, WELSH CUP, and LADIES WELSH CUP accompanies this Newsletter. Your most urgent action is required for the GOLD CUP as entries must be in by 23rd July to the NTO. The entry fee remains at £4 per player as last year. Nashua Copycat are again sponsoring the event. The draw for the initial rounds will be regionalised to reduce travelling. The preliminary round must be played on the weekend of 10/11 Sep unless both captains agree to an earlier date. The draw will be published in August. Matches are of 48 boards unless both captains agree to restrict the contest to 40 boards.

Selectors' Report

1. CAMROSE The weekend v. Scotland at Cowbridge was lost 12-24 to leave the final table: 1. England 79; 2. Scotland 60; 3. N. Ireland 39; 4. Wales 38.

2. LADY MILNE The result of the Ladies Home Internationals in June at Belfast was: 1. England 69; 2. Scotland 52; 3. Northern Ireland 50; 4. Wales 45.

3. NEW SEASON Pairs wishing to be considered for next season's Camrose matches must submit their names to a selector by the end of August. A pre-trial may be held on 17/18th Sep. The full trials dates are 15/16th Oct and 5/6th Nov. The South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Cardiff has been reserved by the NTO as a venue.

4. All WBU members are urged to seek out individuals or pairs under the age of 25 on 1st Jan 1984 to be considered for the Junior Camrose on 21/22nd Jan 1984 to be held in Wales. These names must be conveyed to a selector by 30th Sep 1983.

A trials date of 5/6th Nov has been reserved. The Young Players Cup will be held on Saturday, 3rd Dec at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Cardiff. Same age limit. All Juniors are urged to enter, whatever standard.

General News

1. SCHOOLS Barry Senior Comprehensive are to be congratulated on becoming the first Welsh School to qualify for the British Schools Final (held in Oxford in May).

SOBRANIE CHALLENGE The Croes-y-Ceiliog team of K. French, R. Slape, Mrs P. Watkins, Mrs I. Weaver reached the final of this Restricted Club Teams event. Their third place earned them an invitation to compete in next year's television series GRAND SLAM. This will feature players of below National Master standard in addition to well-known names.

Results of WBU Events

WELSH CUP: M.N.Hirst, D.K.McAndrew, P.D.Jourdain, A. Dinnen.
Losing finalists: D.Hamilton, F.Kurbalija, P.Sumption, M.Best.

WEBBER CUP: R.G. Upton, J. Salisbury, A.G. Pierce, W.A. Casey.

CAMBRIA CUP: Mr & Mrs L. Sheridan, A. Haworth, Mrs P. Davies.

NATIONAL PAIRS: M. Baker, J. Seal.

MENS PAIRS: G. Martin, J. Pilborough.

LADIES PAIRS: Mrs M. Aherne, Mrs. V. Hamilton.

PERRY SHIELD: East Wales: R.G. Upton, P.D.Jourdain, W.Casey, A.G.Pierce, M.N.Hirst, G.E.Needham. npc. T.Read.

SPICKETT BOWL: North Wales: Mrs J. Newton (Captain), Miss M. Randles; Miss J. Newton, Mrs J. Haworth; Mrs P. Edwards, Mrs. M. Pitts.

EAST WALES

CONGRESS: Mens Pairs: P. Shields, W.A.Casey; Ladies Pairs: Mrs P. Watkins, Mrs D. Harris; Novice Pairs: W. Kenton, Mrs A. Speed; Championship Pairs: F. Kurbalija, D. Ronson; Teams: P. Denning, F. Herring, G. Sadie, P. Chamberlain.

Louis Leron Teams: M. N. Hirst, P.Laddin, G.Needham, G.Holman.

Arthur James Swiss Teams: W.O.Davies, D. Ronson, T.Read, G. Holman, Geoff Evans.

Herbert Thomas Teams: B.Goddard, G. Goddard, P.Francis, B. Waite.

Cardiff & District Bridge League: Division 1. University Staff.
Division 2: Westbourne Bridge Club; Division 3: Credex Social.