

Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

10/11th GOLD CUP First round.  
 25th Executive, Hereford.  
 30th Closing date: Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup,  
 International Masters (open)

OCTOBER

1/2nd Ladies Welsh Cup, Commodore, Cwmbran  
 Wed 12th BBL Simultaneous Pairs (Clubs)  
 15/16th Camrose Trial 1, South Glamorgan B.C.  
 29/30th International Masters (open) SGBC

NOVEMBER

5/6th Camrose Trial 2, Junior Trials  
 10/13th Llangollen Congress  
 Thu 24th WBU Simultaneous Pairs (Clubs)  
 26/27th BBL Swiss Teams, Llangollen

DECEMBER

Sat 3rd Young Players Pairs, South Glam. B.C.  
 Sun 4th Club Teams-of-eight, Awel-y-Mor  
 11th Executive, Hereford

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Editorial

At the recent European Junior Training Camp held in Greece for bridge-players under the age of 23, the Dutch had about thirty juniors taking part. Britain had none. That reflects the lack of commitment towards the development of young players at all levels in British bridge. A new academic year is just about to start. Colleges throughout Wales will be holding Freshers Fairs. That is the critical moment for the next twelve months. The various clubs compete for eager students bent on expanding their horizons. Examinations seem another lifetime away. One person with the initiative to set up a bridge table, four chairs, and a pack of cards, with one student prepared to organise the first meeting of the bridge club; can recruit with ease. But it will not be done by the authorities in bridge or college. If at all, it will be done by individuals who say 'I will take the responsibility for seeing that the college near me has bridge represented.'

If twenty or thirty people reading this Editorial took such action, Wales would have several hundred new opportunities of locating a player with talent. There is the challenge. Are you prepared to take it up?

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It is pleasing to report that the first event of the new season, the Welsh Foursomes at Porthcawl, is heavily over-subscribed. Bridge-players have recently left the chores of entering competitions until the last minute, on the assumption that space would always be available. No doubt the disappointed entrants will be booking earlier next time - a lesson which others should note as well.

## Tournament Organisers' Report

- 1. GOLD CUP** The draw for the Welsh section has been published. Sixteen teams entered, six from the North, four from the West, and six from the East. The first round (within Areas) to be played 10 or 11th September. Second round by 9th October.
- 2. WELSH CUP and CAMBRIA CUP** Entry forms accompanied the last Newsletter. Entries must reach the NTO by 30th September.
- 3. INTERNATIONAL MASTERS, YOUNG PLAYERS, GRADED MASTERS, SCHOOLS** An entry form accompanies this Newsletter. This year there are two International Masters events. In both the Welsh selectors will issue invitations after selection from amongst the pairs entering their names. All persons are eligible to apply for the first on 29/30th October at the South Glamorgan Bridge Club, Cardiff. The second, to be held on 25/26th Feb 1984 will be restricted to persons of Welsh birth, parentage, or residence who are eligible to represent their areas of Wales. Entries for the Open event close on 30th September. The Young Players Pairs will be held on Saturday 3rd December at the South Glamorgan B.C., Cardiff. Both members of the partnership must be under 25 years of age on 1st Jan 1984. The Graded Master Pairs will be held at the Manor Suite, Coney Beach, Porthcawl on 4/5th February. Combined master-point holdings in the 1983/4 WBU Brochure will determine the section in which pairs play. Persons not included in the Brochure must give their latest registered holdings elsewhere. The Schools Teams Final will be a morning and afternoon session on the last Thursday before the Spring Half-term holiday in Cardiff and will be held at the South Glamorgan B.C. Leading teams will be invited to the regional final of the British Schools Championship. Entries to NTO by 31st December.
- 4. SOBRANIE CHALLENGE 1984** The Welsh heat has been arranged for Sunday 26th February at Newport. Official entry forms will be available in the near future.

## Selectors' Report

- 1. NORTHERN IRELAND JUBILEE** The team selected to represent Wales in Belfast on 27/28th August was: P.E. Griffiths, D.M. Powell, P.D. Jourdain, R.G. Upton (see General News).
  - 2. WELSH CAMROSE TRIALS** There will be no pre-trial on 17/18th September. The first full trial will be held on 15/16th October at the South Glamorgan B.C., Cardiff.
  - 3. WELSH JUNIOR TRIALS** Players under the age of 25 on 1st Jan 1984 wishing to be considered should notify a member of the selection committee. The trials will be on 5/6th Nov.
- BBL TRIALS** Applications for a trial for the 1984 Olympiad (Open & Ladies), or the 1984 Junior Europeans must be received by 14th October 1983 by the BBL Secretary: A. Moon, 146 St. James Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex SS1 3LN. Include the names & addresses of both members of the pair, and for juniors, evidence of dates of birth on or after 1st Jan 1959.

## General News

- 1. LORIENT** The team representing Wales at the Celtic Festival in Brittany in August was Mr. & Mrs. F. Kurbalija, Gary Martin, and J. Pilborough. Six teams took part. Ireland won. Wales were fourth.
- 2. NORTHERN IRELAND JUBILEE** The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the NIBU was celebrated in Craigavad at the end of August. The weekend opened with a one session pairs event. 120 pairs competed including the 12 invited international pairs. The overall winning score went to Wales in the persons of R. G. Upton & P. D. Jourdain. The pairs was followed by a team tournament with eight national teams competing. The Republic of Ireland won, Sweden were second, Scotland third, Wales seventh.
- 3. GRAND SLAM BBC2** The next series starts on Saturday, 10th September and lasts 14 weeks. One pair competing in the am half of the pro-am formula is Ken French and Roger Slape of Croes-y-Ceiliog. They qualified via the 1983 Sobranie.

## Results of WBU Events

### PORTHCRAWL

Metropole Cup: Mrs. I. Gray, Mrs. E. Hughes (South Glam B.C.)  
Dewi Sant: Mesdames Phillips, Bradshaw, de Smitt, & Miss Pritchard (Surrey).  
Prince of Wales: Mrs. D. Clare, K. Pratt (Porthcawl).

Red Dragon Championship Pairs: D. Carlisle, V. Martin (London).  
Little Dragon: U. Dormoush, Miss K. Preddy (London).

Championship Teams: J. Collins, M. Aveyard, P. Cardwell, D. Nelson (West Midlands).

Tusker Rock Teams: G. Holman, M.N. Hirst, G.E. Needham, P. Laddin (South Glam & Manchester).

Sker Teams: D. Ronson, J. Fine, E. Howells, W.O. Davies (SGBC)

Mixed Teams: Mr. & Mrs. M. Messer, G. Heal, Mrs. J. Preddy (Wiltshire & Somerset).

Mixed Pairs: Mr. & Mrs. J. Stephenson (Florida - USA).

Ladies Pairs: Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. I. Isherwood (Swansea).

Mens Pairs: U. Dormoush, D. Parry (London).

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