

WELSH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION BULLETIN.

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As we approach the end of the 1947/1948 Bridge Season, the results of the various trophies and the happenings of the Welsh Bridge Association over the year may be of some interest to you. We have pleasure therefore in sending you this bulletin, and if the idea proves popular, we hope to continue with a monthly edition.

In the International series of the Camrose Trophy we won one match and lost three. The success came late in the year when we beat the Eire team by 2480 points, having lost to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland by margins ranging from 2500 to 6000. Whilst we hope to improve considerably in the next series, we feel that our showing has not been too bad, as considerable difficulty was experienced in raising teams for our away matches, and some amount of experimenting was indulged in. We do not wish to single out individuals, and most of you know the "hows and whys and wherefores" of the games, but before the scene is left we feel that praise must be accorded to Mrs. Cope for her wonderful "score recording", to Capt. Ricardo who as President of the W.B.A. has put in endless untiring work on our behalf, to the Cambria Club for arranging the matches so well and to all those helpers who gave their services so willingly and readily when called upon to do so.

We have yet to finish the various round for our Cups and Trophies, but they will be finished during July and the results will be presented as they become known. We might mention that in the celebrated English "Gold Cup" the team captained by Mr. Trevor Williams did exceptionally well, and reached the last four. No mean achievement, as almost every first rate team in the country enters for the Gold Cup, and they give no quarter.

Llandudno was the scene of a Congress in the Spring, and an excursion from South Wales visited our colleagues and returned with armfuls of cups to decorate their mantel pieces. They also won their South v North representative match, and indicated that the prowess is still in the South as far as Wales is concerned. The Northerners reckon to make the score one all next year..... let them try, say we. With centres like Swansea, Pontypridd, Bridgend and Newport growing all the time in Bridge lore and with Cardiff all the time trying to keep its nose in front, their difficulties will increase as time goes on.

For next season we have many and varied plans. There does to be a genuine revival of interest in Welsh Bridge and we foresee a return of those pre-war years when Wales enjoyed a reputation second to none.

But trophies and inter-town matches can only be arranged with the co-operation of the bridge playing public. We therefore enclose some forms which need no more filling up than your name and address. Now if you wish to be kept up to date with current Welsh Bridge affairs would you please complete the forms for yourselves, tell your friends, and let me have them back as soon as you can. In this age of form-filling this must surely be the easiest you have seen..... - so - ACTION, PLEASE, RIGHT NOW.

As most of our activities take place during the Winter months, we propose to reckon our year from October to October. With this in view the general meetings will normally be held during that month, and we should like to see as many present as can conveniently attend. The date has not been definitely fixed, but if you so wish, we shall certainly notify you in due course.

We have kept this bulletin short, but if we get the response we shall make every effort to give a fuller description of events and general happenings. But do please remember that it depends on you, and the more you help the more we can accomplish. Your very first job is to fill in your form and send it to us.

Please do not delay.

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