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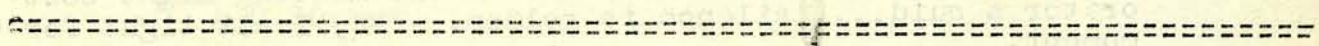
Editorial.

September certainly provided us with a lot to talk and think about and members of the Cambria Club especially led the field. Early in the month we had a real bombshell, in the news that Capt. Ricardo and Mrs. Morgan were going to Worthing, that they had taken another club there and that the Cambria was "Up for Sale". Before proceeding, we should all of us like to wish Capt. Ricardo and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and their very able staff the very best of luck in their new venture, and hope that they will visit us frequently in the years to come. Meanwhile, what happens to the Cambria?

We also had the annual bun fight and a report on the proceeding will be found later on in the Bulletin. Incidentally, for those of you who set their calendars by the appearance of our magazine, we offer the explanation for it's late arrival, in the fact that it has been held over until this report was forthcoming.

The invitation extended in our last issue to all interested in the formation of leagues brought in a most feeble response - four teams only. Willingness to arrange fixtures is my side of the picture, but (regretfully) if no more than four teams interested can be found, covering the whole of South Wales, then I am afraid the idea must be left over till next year.

Finally, there is the question of the 1948-49 competitions, and attached you will find an entry form to cover the Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup, Webber Cup and Ladies Welsh Cup. There is also a final closing date, which gives ample time to captains to assemble their teams. Have a heart, ladies and gentlemen and let me have them, without delay, duly filled in, so that we can get cracking as soon as possible and so avoid having the series dragging on into the summer of next year. May the best teams win.



NORTHERN NOTES.

By Major Tatlow.

The North Wales Bridge Association is now an accomplished fact. The Constitution has been settled and it will, I hope, start functioning immediately, and be of great help and influence in North Wales Bridge. The old North Wales League is being revived and will consist of either eight or ten teams. Each team will play home and away matches against each of the others and the fixture list will be available very shortly. First matches during week commencing October 18th.

The North Western Contract Bridge Association is holding an Autumn Congress at The Cliffs Hotel, Blackpool, on November 5th to 7th, and a strong North Wales contingent is making the

"Teams of Four" and several extra couples, so we hope that we shall not return entirely empty handed. The Premier event is for the "Southport Bowl" which is at present held by Mr. Gordon's Llandudno Team - Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon and Messrs. S. Moses and P. Davies, who won it at the Southport Congress in 1946.

We are looking forward to the Welsh Bridge Association Congress next Spring, and there will be, I hope a strong contingent from North Wales, when we shall hope to repay the visit of the Southerners to our Congress last Spring.

Mr. F.E. Perry was up in Llandudno last week at the Welsh Golf Union Meeting and he took the opportunity of paying a visit to the Llandudno Bridge Club when he partnered me in our usual Friday night Duplicate. Considering we had never played together before, we did not do too badly and managed to avoid any major catastrophies. I think we finished second, but the important thing is that, during the evening he addressed the members both in his capacity as a member of the Welsh Bridge Association and also as Vice-chairman of the British Bridge League, and his remarks were very much appreciated.

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HOW TO BUY A HAT.

By Wibbie Gee.

So I said to my wife, "I won't be late m'dear, but there is a meeting at the Bridge Club and I've one or two suggestions to make, so if you don't mind.....", and she said alright but don't be late and mind they don't touch you for a donation because if there is any spending to be done there's a hat at Madame Swankey's..... Women! Hats!!

Well, when I arrived at the Cambria I found the back room pretty crowded and Terrett Bonnyman in the chair with that geyser Gould at his side whispering in his ears. It appeared the folk assembled had already been told that the Club was up for sale; that Tommy and Evelyn were going to Worthing. All this whispering business was to do with the fact that the Cardiff Cambria Club was a private concern and the Welsh Bridge Association was a totally different body, and claimed no direct responsibility beyond the fact that the Club was its H.Q. I must admit that this announcement caused me some disturbment, because I was all up and ready to suggest that the W.B.A. bought the whole shooting match and made everybody happy. Furthermore, the large touch now looked an even greater possibility. (Hats! Madame Swankey's! Women!). Also I'd overheard somebody in the lobby say that every word spoken at the meeting might cost the orator a quid.... silence is golden. Me, I sit tight for the moment.

At this stage the meeting is declared open, and after a respectful pause of three seconds, 27 people ups and says, "Mr. Chairman, I....". Bit by bit they sort themselves out.... You never miss your mother till she's gone, and until now we never realised just how much Papa Ricardo and Mama Morgan meant to us. "It's too high" "It's worth that for the building" "The house three doors away" "Could we rent it" "Newport Road or Cathedral Road" "Debentures" (What are these debenture things, anyway?) "A small committee to investigate..." That's it. A samll committee of five to "explore every avenue" and report back.

Now all we have to do is to think of names.....

"Willie Crystal, Mrs. Lloyd Evans, Miss. Menzies, John Fogarty, "Viv" Searle, Harold Gould.... bless me that's six already. Never mind, we can't chance slinging one off, so we propose all six stay on. What's that? Expenses may come to £1. each? Seems a lot, but everyone seems happy and saying "Aye". Me, it'll probably mean that hat at Madame Swankey's anyway.... how much can these bits of hats cost... another £1? That's £2. out already. Where's my partner? Where's Mr. Palooker and Miss Hooahah? We need to start playing soon, it's 8 o'clock and I've got to win 8,000 points. What do you play... we play Culbertson, Blackwood, Herbert, phoney club, I'm 38 years old, married one child and I've got a small birthmark..... Cut the cards please.... Hats!! Madame Swankey's!!! Women!!!!

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PUZZLE CORNER.

The following hands are offered for your consideration and comments, and we should like to receive the comments in writing, please. Extracts will be recorded in next month's Bulletin, and no argument may continue longer than two months. Letters may be written on both sides of the paper, in any language except Portuguese, and the editor is always right. Here goes:-

1. (a) Should N.S. arrive at a contract of 6c?  
 (b) Can you see any way of making it?  
 (c) Opening lead J.H. by W.

Dealer South.

		<u>N</u>		
	<u>W</u>	S	A.10.8.x.x.x.	<u>E</u>
S	K.x.	H	Q.x.	S
H	J.10.9.x.x.x.	D	Q.6.2.	H
D	10.x.	C	A.x.	D
C	x.x.x.	S		C
		S	9.	
		H	A.K.x.	
		D	A.J.5.3.	
		C	K.Q.J.10.x.	

2. What should dealer open with, and briefly, why?

S	A.Q.10.x.x.
H	x.
D	x.x.
C	A.Q.10.x.x.

(My favourite. Ed.)

3. Can you supply suggested bidding in the following hands. Both sides VUL Dealer North.

<u>E</u>	S	10.x.x.x.x.x.	<u>W</u>	S	Q.
	H	Q.x.x.x.x.		H	A.K.J.10.x.x.
	D	-----		D	x.x.x.
	C	A.x.		C	K.x.x.

Remember, East is second bidder and West the last. North and South pass throughout.

4. N.S. VUL. E.W. NON-VUL.

N. deals and calls 1 H. E. pass. What should S. bid (and why) on

S A.Q.10.  
H K.Q.J.x.x.x.  
D x.x.  
C x.x.

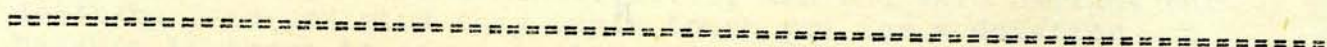
5. You open a club on-

S A.J.2.  
H K.3.  
D K.3.  
C A.K.9.5.2.

Opponent overcalls 1 Heart and your partner bids 1 Spade. Next player passes - what do you now bid?

6. An easy one. 6 Spades to be made, and the spades break 2 - 2 after being led. How do you play, to make, against any distribution:

S	A.k.Q.x.	...	...	J.x.x.x.x.
H	x.x.x.	...	...	A.K.Q.
D	K.J.x.	...	...	A.
C	A.10.5.	...	...	Q.9.8.x.



CONGRESSES.

The beatings of the tom-toms tell me that quite a fair sized squad of Bridge players hope to go to the T.B.A. Congress at Bournemouth. A suggestion was put forward that a coach might be hired to take the party in style, and that could be arranged I think, if those considering the trip advise me by not later than Monday the 11th. October, 1948. As coach accommodation needs such careful arrangement for all except the driver, your immediate co-operation is requested. A word to those who find a problem in obtaining accommodation: our friend Mr. Herbert Thomas (Gwalia Buildings, Pontypridd) tells me he has an interest in a most comfortable hotel, a stone's throw from the "Burlington" and would be very pleased to assist anyone who contacts him.

Portrush (N. Ireland) provided enthusiasts with a week's first rate entertainment. The Cardiff area made up a party comprising Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Foden, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Gould Snr., and Mrs. Gould Jnr., Capt. Ricardo, Mr. Gould Snr., and myself. Mrs. Foden started well by winning a prize for herself, but I am afraid that was the only trophy we collected between us. We qualified for the various finals, but just could not make the top place. Nevertheless, if prizes were given for consistency, I venture to suggest our rating would have been very high.

Blackpool offers a congress November 5th. to 7th. inclusive, and if anyone wishes to make the trip or to be informed of details, would they please contact me?

I WAS THERE.....

by ELIZABETH SUSAN.

The wizards of the tables met from South & North & West  
 To form themselves a Union, which one and all felt best.  
 "Finance, finance," the treasurer cried, then said above the din,  
 "A fee of ten bob each I want, and for that sum you're in."

"A President to rule we need - John Fogarty's the man,  
 And not for sin but just for vice we'll have T. Bonnyman.  
 Accompanied by, "the audience vowed, "L. Murray, our J.P.  
 With Thomas John and Frank Perry and Tatlow, Major B."  
 "But they're all males," a voice cried out, it sounded from the heavens  
 "A woman's touch is called for now; come forward, M.Lloyd Evans."

So far, so good, we're doing fine, and ideas being pooled  
 The job of Hon. Sec. next was cast. Who got it? Harold Gould.  
 "But we must check and count his cash -- it's clearly indicated."  
 So F.E. Perry once again -- he'll see him vindicated.  
 Then on and on and next we'll find some area organisers,  
 For Bridgend Hayes, for N.Wales Vallance, they'll act as supervisors.

For Cardiff we must take a ballot -- McEachran, Williams, Fine,  
 Then Hoffman (Sid) and Thomas (H) for the Gelli Wastad Line.  
 Is Newport one? Nay, Newport three. From this we'll never falter.  
 First Mr.Ernst then Mrs. Hando to stand with Mrs. Coulter.  
 Is Hugh Jones here? There he is; He Swansea represents  
 With Mr. Reddaway to help -- two very noble gent's.

Then this was said and that was said, and this and this and that  
 With this resolved and that resolved till everything was pat.  
 Then North went out and West went out and South alone were left  
 For they had business to discuss, of their club they're bereft.  
 But that's a matter quite apart and what will be their fate  
 We cannot tell, we do not know, until some later date.

The new arise as the old give way,  
 A dawn is breaking at the end of the day.  
 But before we commence, let's go back to the end  
 And thank Capt.Ricardo. and that very great friend  
 Emlyn Lewis, for the time they gave, not for fame  
 But for furtherance of Bridge in their love of the game.  
 The new arise as the old give way,  
 A dawn is breaking at the end of the day.

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 At this stage the Editor's assistants apologise for errors and  
 omissions, for spelling mistakes and wrong punctuation. The Editor  
 refuses to apologise on this score, but he is sorry about the varied  
 poor qualities of the paper and for the consequent lack of clarity in  
 some of the pages. He feels sure you will appreciate this modern time  
 difficulty and will be patient for the time being.

Competition Results.  
1948/9 Competitions.

First of all we should like to congratulate Mr. Terrett Bonnyman and his team for their fine accomplishment in winning the Cambria Cup. In the final round, which was played at the Cambria Club, Cardiff, on September 19th., Mr. Bonnyman's team (comprising Mr. & Mrs. Bonnyman, Miss McEachran and Mrs. David who was sub. for Mr. MacFarlane) narrowly defeated a Swansea team captained by Mr. Bowring by the small margin of 790 points after a pretty keen game. Now for the 1948/9 Series.

The last page of the Bulletin comprises, you will note, a composite entry form which should be filled up as soon as possible and returned to me----- with the appropriate cash. The Closing Date is October 25th. and I hope this does not give too short a period for Captains to assemble their teams. The reason I should like all forms completed by then is to enable the machinery to be set in motion before the publication of the November Bulletin so that that issue may present some of the first round matches to be played.

If any "odd pairs" would like fixing up and they care to contact me directly or indirectly I shall be pleased to make up teams of four where possible.

Now from there on -----it's all yours.

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Last Minute Jottings.

Some articles have been sent to me which I had intended to use in this issue, but it will be seen that space compels me to leave them over till next month. I thank the various Authors, and assure them that all being well their efforts will not be wasted.

May we welcome back to Cardiff Mr. & Mrs. Jack Carter after their trip to America? We trust that when they settle down again we shall have the pleasure of seeing them back in action at the card table once again.

We had hoped to give some details of the new Bridge laws, but to date we have not seen an official book on the matter and must, therefore, wait until some further date before reporting on them.

Doesn't Mr. A. C--B--T think it would be cheaper to buy a tow-rope?

It might interest the Bridge public that the contemplated Congress in the Spring of next year is taking shape. The Committee have already started work and with any degree of luck it won't be long before we are appealing for helpers. The success of the Congress will ultimately depend on your support, and it is hoped you will give it unsparingly.

WELSH BRIDGE UNION.

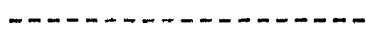
Entries for the following events are now invited, and you are requested to fill up the following form and return to Harold Gould, Hon. Sec. W.B.U., 37, Llandennis Avenue, Cardiff, not later than OCTOBER 25th.1948. (Tel. Llanishen 701.)

Entry fees are as follows :-

- 10/- per person as annual subscription to the W.B.A. (if not already paid)
- 2/6d. per person per event.

May it please be understood that players may play for one team only in each competition.

Further instructions and details of the draw will be sent to all Captains.



"WEBBER CUP".

Each team plays each other team in its section. Section winners play off. 32 Boards. 4, 5 or 6 players may be nominated.

- 1. Captain.....
- Address.....
- .....
- Tel.No.....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....
- 6. ....

"CAMBRIA CUP."

At least one player must be a woman. 30 Boards. Captain to play 10 Boards with each other playing team Member. Elimination or "knock out" principle. 4,5, or 6 players may be nominated.

- 1. Captain.....
- Address.....
- .....
- Tel.No.....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....
- 6. ....

"WELSH LADIES CUP".

WOMEN ONLY. 32 Boards. "Knock out" principle. 4, 5 or 6 players may be nominated.

- 1. Captain.....
- Address.....
- .....
- Tel.No.....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....
- 6. ....

"WELSH CUP."

32 Boards. "Knock Out" principle. 4, 5 or 6 players may be nominated.

- 1. Captain.....
- Address.....
- .....
- Tel.No.....
- 2. ....