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SPECIAL CONGRESS EDITION.

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Editorial.

The Welsh Bridge Union has held its very first Congress and over 200 people descended on Porthcawl for the week-end March 3rd to March 7th. to compete for the various prizes and trophies. Let me say here and now that although the Congress was an undoubted social success, and although the entrance fees of the Competitors covered the overhead expenses, yet I feel we should have had more local support. As I mentioned in a previous Bulletin the finest arrangements in the world would be of little use in the absence of competitors, and next year it is hoped that all South Wales players good, bad and indifferent will give the W.B.U. their fullest possible support and co-operation.

Praise must be given to:

The Tournament Director (Major Basil Tatlow) and his assistants (Mr. King, Mr. Doig and Miss Flaherty) for their unselfish and untiring work, not only for helping new-comers with their many and varied problems, but for staying up till the small hours of the morning working out match-pointing and establishing winners.

To the Executive Committee headed by Mr. John Fogarty as President and Mr. Trevor M. Williams as Chairman, for their constructive help, particularly in the very early days when every single problem had to be tackled, and no sooner solved than two further problems presented themselves.

A special word for Mr. Frank Perry, whose liaison work was carried out speedily, smoothly and with continued successful results, and another word for the Honorary Secretary Treasurer Mrs. Perrie Gould whose enthusiasm knew no bounds. Mrs. Gould had the advantage of being able to tackle one of the Committee at all hours, and thought nothing of waking him at 3. 30 a.m. with, "I've just thought of a good idea....."

Finally, a spot of praise for the 200 odd souls who sat almost continually from Thursday till Monday, playing, talking and dreaming Contract Bridge. Bless their hearts, I really think they enjoyed it.

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On February 19/20th Wales played Scotland at Llandudno in their first Camrose Trophy International match for the season 1948/9. Wales won by the comfortable margin of 1,960 points and we all heartily congratulate Mr. T. G. Bonnyman, (the non-playing Captain) and his team comprising Messrs. S. Moses and P. Davies (Llandudno) Dr. McNair and D.H. Jones (Swansea) and J. Carter and H. Schneiden (Cardiff) on a very fine performance. Major Tatlow was responsible for the local arrangements and those enthusiasts who attended the match are unanimous in their praise of his efficiency in organising it.

The next game is versus England, to be played at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on April 9/10th. On this occasion Wales will be represented by:

Mr. John Fogarty. Non-playing Captain.
E.J. Carter (Cardiff) and S. Hoffman (Pontypridd)
S. Moses and P. Davies. (Llandudno)
Trevor M. Williams and H.J. Gould (Cardiff)

The English team, I am told comprises:

Messrs Harrison-Gray (Capt) and Boris Shapiro.
Sidney Lee and Standish Booker.
B. Franks and S. Blaser.

and it would be an under-statement to add that this English team will take some beating!!!

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The National Trophies keep a number of teams occupied nightly and I report good progress to date, though one or two teams are falling behind a little with their fixtures. Team Captains are urged to play matches off as soon as possible and please note:

Welsh Cup and Ladies Welsh Cup:- Results to me.

Cambria Cup and Webber Cup:- Results to Miss McEachran.

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CONGRESS RESULTS.THE PRESIDENT'S CUP.

(Presented by Mr. John Fogarty)
President of the Welsh Bridge
Union.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS OF FOUR.

WINNERS: Mrs. A. Kremer (Leeds) (Capt) and H. Franklin (Leeds)
Mr. C. E. Phillips (Northwich) and Dr. Dewar (Maidenhead)

2nd: Mrs. Trollope's Team (London)

3rd: E. J. Carter's Team (Cardiff)

THE WESTERN MAIL CUP.

(Presented by "Western Mail"
and Echo". Cardiff.

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS.

WINNERS: Mrs. A. Kremer (Leeds) and H. Franklin (Leeds)

2nd: A. Wansker (Llandudno) and L. F. Jones (Heydon Bois)

3rd: H. Bloom (Porthcawl) and N. Gable (Porthcawl)

SEABANK CUP.

(Presented by The Seabank Hotel)
Porthcawl.

LADIES TEAMS OF FOUR.

WINNERS: Mrs. P. William (London) (Capt) and Mrs. Fleming
(Tunbridge Wells)
Mrs. E. Morgan (Worthing) and Mrs. H. Williams
(Worthing)

2nd: Mrs. Cullis's Team (Swansea)

3rd: Mrs. Gwyn Lewis's Team (Pontypridd)

IMPERIAL CUP.

(Presented by Imperial Hotel)
Llandudno.

CONGRESS TEAMS OF FOUR.

WINNERS: Terence Reese (London) (Capt) and Mrs. Fleming (Tunbridge
Wells)
Mrs. P. Williams (London) and J. Pearlstone (London)

2nd: Trevor. M. Williams' Team (Cardiff)

WELSPORT CUP:(Presented by Mr.A. McTaggart Short)
Cardiff.CONSOLATION TEAMS OF FOUR.

- WINNERS: H.T. Thomas (Capt) and A. Greatrix) Pontypridd.
M.H. Andrews and K. Sharples)
- 2nd: Trevor M. Williams' Team (Cardiff)
- 3rd: H. Bloom's Team (Porthcawl)

FRANK PERRY SHIELD.

(Presented by Mr.F.E. Perry)

ANNUAL COMPETITION
between
N. WALES and S. WALES.

- WINNERS: South Wales Team.
- E. Fine (Cardiff)(Capt) and A. Stone (Cardiff)
D. McAllister (Bridgend) and C. Bloom (Bridgend)
E.J.Carter. (Cardiff) and H. Schneiden (Cardiff)

LADIES PAIRS COMPETITION.North-South.

- WINNERS: Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Mills (Bridgend)
- 2nd: Miss Stevenson and Mrs. Livens (Penarth)

EAST-WEST

- WINNERS: Mrs. J. Young and Mrs. P. Hyland (Cardiff)
- 2nd: Mrs. E. Morgan and Mrs. H. Williams (Worthing)

NOVICES PAIRS. (Two Sections)NORTH-SOUTH.

- WINNERS: Mr. & Mrs. H.T. Thomas (Pontypridd)
Mrs. Maltby (Taffs Well) and Mr. Eruchecher
(Ammanford)
- 2nd: Mrs.E.J. Carter and Mrs. Trevor Evans (Cardiff)
W.R. Hughes and Mrs. G. Lewis. (Pontypridd)

EAST-WEST.

- WINNERS: G. Greenhow and F. Morgan (Ammanford)
A. Greatrix and M.H. Andrews (Pontypridd)
- 2nd: F. Greenwood and A. James (Newport)
J. Clise and K. Sharples (Pontypridd)

CONGRESS OPEN PAIRS.

First Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: Mr & Mrs. L.P. Robinson. (Blackpool)

2nd: H. Bloom and N. Gable. (Porthcawl)

EAST-WEST

WINNERS: Mrs. Fleming and Terence Reese (London)

2nd: H. Schneiden and A. Schneiden (Cardiff)

Second Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. David (Cardiff)

2nd: Mrs. Rogers and R.C. Taylor (Newport)

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: Mr & Mrs. H.J. Gould (Cardiff)

2nd: Mr & Mrs. Howells (Newport)

Third Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: Mrs. B.A.Jones (Rhuddlan) and I.V.Denning (Weston-Super-Mare)

2nd: Mr Morgan and Mr Griffith

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. James (Newport)

2nd: A. Greatrix and Mrs. Sharples (Pontypridd) } TIE
Mrs. Hando and Mr. Jones. (Newport) }

Fourth Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: Mrs. Sharples (Pontypridd) and Mrs Maltby (Taffs Well)

2nd: P. Jessel and Mrs. Trevor Evans (Cardiff)

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: Mrs. W.R. Hughes and Mrs. G. Lewis (Pontypridd)

2nd: Mr & Mrs. H.J. Thomas (Pontypridd)

Fifth Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: S.E. Reed and I. Cotsen (Cardiff)

2nd: S. Hoffman and Mrs. Carter (Cardiff)

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: L. Lermon and S.T. Youren (Cardiff)

2nd: P.E. Holden and J. Emlyn Lewis (Swansea)

Sixth Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: Mrs. Fletcher and T. McFarlane (Chicago. U.S.A.)
(Cardiff)

2nd: J. Fogarty and Mrs. McNair (Swansea)
(Cardiff)

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: Capt.W.H. Ricardo and Mrs. Morgan (Worthing)

2nd: Mrs. Gould (Senr:) and Mrs. Meskin (Porthcawl)
(Cardiff)

Seventh Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: Mr & Mrs.J. Emlyn Lewis (Swansea)

2nd: Mrs. F. Bogod and Mrs. E. Fine (Cardiff)

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: Mrs. H.M. Williams and Mr.G.F. Spashett (Worthing)

2nd: Mrs. Phillips and Miss Hawkins

Eighth Event.

NORTH-SOUTH.

WINNERS: F.E. Perry and Mrs. Fletcher (Cardiff)

EAST-WEST.

WINNERS: J. Pearlstone (London) and H. Franklin (Leeds)

The eagerly looked forward to International Match, Wales v Scotland took place in Llandudno on the 19th and 20th February. The results and description of the match are, no doubt, dealt with in another part of the Bulletin. Let it suffice to say in these notes that we, in North Wales, were delighted firstly, that the first ever Home Match to be played in the North of the Principality resulted in a convincing win and secondly, that the North Wales Pair, Stanley Moses and Percy Davies had such a good match. Percy, as most of my readers know, had only just come out of a Nursing Home where he had undergone a painful though not very serious operation. I am sorry to say that he has had to go back into the Nursing Home for further treatment, not, I am sure as a result of his efforts in the Scot's match but just one of those things. Anyhow it has meant that, much to his regret he is unable to make the trip to the W.B.U. Congress, at Porthcawl, and as his partner is unable to obtain leave of absence, I am afraid that the North Wales team for the North v South match cannot be considered to be the strongest we can put out. What with one thing and another I am afraid that our contribution to the Welsh Congress is not very great but I hope for better things another time.

The first post-war series of the North Wales League is nearly over. According to the programme all the matches should have been completed by now, but there are one or two games which have been unavoidably postponed and still have to be played. Whatever happens, however, the winners must be the original favourites.

Llandudno No.1 Team.

Billie and Nora Gordon, Moses and Davies. My team which was tipped for an easy second has rather fallen from grace. In addition to being beaten twice by the winners we have lost two other matches which, quite frankly, we expected to win. We may still occupy the position of runners up but we must make no mistakes in our two remaining postponed games, both of which are away at Colwyn Bay and Menai Bridge respectively.

The League Table up to date is as follows:-

<u>TEAM.</u>	<u>GAMES PLAYED.</u>	<u>WON.</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>
Llandudno.No.1.	10	9	1	39,170		18
Llandudno.No.2.	10	6	4	3,740		12
Colwyn Bay.	11	6	5	30		12
Llandudno.No.3.	11	5	6		3,030	10
Bangor.	9	5	4		6,950	10
Bangor Ladies.	10	3	7		13,560	6
Llandudno.No.4.	11	2	9		19,400	4
					42,940	42,940

Four North Wales Pairs have qualified for the final of the North Western Contract Bridge Association Pairs Championship. All of these pairs are members of the Llandudno and District Bridge Club as follows.

- Messrs. S. Moses and P. Davies.
- Mrs. S.P. Lloyd and Major W.B. Tatlow.
- Mrs. Kinsman and Mrs. Wansker.
- Mrs. W.B. Tatlow and Mrs. W. B. Tatlow

The North Wales heat was open originally to pairs from all the Clubs in the North Wales area, and a number of pairs from Caernavon and Bangor competed in the qualifying round. Doctor Laszlo and Mr. H.Crebbin from Bangor qualified in this round but were eliminated in the 4 Table 35 board match pointed area final held on Saturday February 26th. They did manage to come in 5th. and if one of the qualifying pairs is unable to travel they will have the opportunity of taking their place. The final is at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on March 19th. I hope in next month's issue to be able to record a Welsh success.

WELSH CUP.

Round 2.

Mr. V. Searle beat Mrs. Bonnyman. 2190.

Round 3.

Mr. V. Searle beat Mr. S. Reed. 240.
 Mr. E.J. Carter beat Mr. W. Jacobs. 3480.

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CAMBRIA CUP.

Mrs. Rogers beat Mrs. McArthur. 4140.
 Mr.E.J.Carter beat Mr. Rees. 3300.
 Mr. Bonnyman beat Mr. Fligelstone. 1220.
 Mr. Searle beat Mr. Needham.

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WEBBER CUP.

Mr. Jacobs beat Mr. Reed 2-1.
 Mr. H.J.Gould beat Mr. Reed 2-1.
 Mr. H.J.Gould beat Mr. Jacobs. 3-0.
 Mr.E.J.Carter. beat Mr. Rees 3-0.
 Mr. McAllister. beat Mr. Rees 3-0.
 Mrs. Mills. beat Mr. Rees 3-0.
 Mr. E.J.Carter beat Mr. McAllister 2-1.
 Mr.E.J. Carter beat Mrs. Mills 3-0.
 Mr. McAllister beat Mrs. Mills 2-1.
 Mr. Gaist beat Mr. Jacobs 3-0.
 Mr. H.J.Gould beat Mr. Gaist 2-1.
 Mr. Gaist beat Mr. Bonnyman 3-0.
 Mr. Bonnyman beat Mr. Reed 2-1.
 Mr. Bonnyman beat Mr. Jacobs 2-1.

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Team Captains are requested to play off matches as soon as possible.
