

- 2 -

WELSH BRIDGE UNION BULLETIN

Series. 2. 37, Llandennis Avenue,
Number. 1. Cardiff.
October. 1949.

Phone: Llanishen 701.

Edited by Harold Gould.

All letters, queries, articles, etc., to the Editor at the address above.

.....

Editorial.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, on Saturday evening, October 8th. 1949. Everything, they say, comes to him who waits; but some of our colleagues who were waiting so anxiously for this meeting cannot have everything - because they waited too long and forgot to turn up. One of the things they cannot have is the privilege of a sympathetic audience when they exclaim "Things ought to be done differently!" but the maxim itself still holds good, and they have the assurance that as time rolls along the 1950 Annual Meeting gets nearer and nearer. Till then, their motto must be "Peace".

Mr. Emlyn Lewis of Swansea needs no introduction to any of us as Mr. John Fogarty's successor to the Presidency. His skill at the game has shown itself in the past during matches when he represented Wales, and his popularity as an administrator has been indicated over the years in his continued re-election to serve on the Advisory Council. All members will welcome him as President for the season 1949-50 and wish him luck.

Mr. John Fogarty becomes the first member to hold the new office of "Immediate Past President" after a highly successful year and the rest of the Council comprises:-

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <u>President</u> | J. Emlyn Lewis Esq. |
| <u>Immediate Past President</u> | John Fogarty Esq. |
| <u>Vice Presidents</u> | Mrs. Lloyd Evans.
T.G. Bonnyman Esq.
Tom John Esq.
J. Laidlaw Murray Esq.
F.E. Perry Esq.
Major W.B. Tatlow. |
| <u>Hon. Auditor</u> | F.E. Perry Esq. |
| <u>Hon. Sec/Treasurer</u> | H.J. Gould Esq. |
| <u>Area Representatives</u> | |
| <u>Ammanford</u> | Major W.G. Greenhow. |
| <u>Bridgend</u> | Mrs. Mills. |
| <u>Barry</u> | Mr. Boalch. |
| <u>Cardiff</u> | Miss McEachran.
Trevor Williams Esq.
E.J. Carter Esq. |
| <u>Newport</u> | Mrs. Coulter. |
| <u>North Wales</u> | D. Vallance Esq. |
| <u>Pontypridd</u> | A. McCarthy Esq.
H. Thomas Esq. |
| <u>Swansea</u> | H. Morris Esq.
D.H. Jones Esq. |

It now only remains for us to get on to the business of playing Bridge and of enjoying our games. "Good Luck" to all and here's to the pleasure of meeting you all in Cup Matches.

.....

OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that members of the Welsh Bridge Union will have learnt of the untimely death of Mr. R. Reddaway of Swansea. Mr. Reddaway was one of our best known players, having played on numerous occasions for Wales in International matches besides being one of the Swansea representatives on the Welsh Bridge Union Advisory Council. He had a charm of manner all of his own, he remained calm and pleasant at all times and was greatly respected and admired by his vast number of friends. We offer our sincerest condolences to his family on their very great loss and extend our deepest sympathy to them.

.....

SELECTION COMMITTEE

There surely can be no greater joy in life than calling and making a grand slam - at the Selection Committee. Brickbats and bouquets may therefore, for the next twelve months at least, be hurled at the following on payment of 10/- membership fee to the Welsh Bridge Union:-

- J. Emlyn Lewis
- T.G. Bonnyman
- E.J. Carter
- J. Laidlaw Murray
- F.E. Perry

The Hon. Secretary (me) wishes to announce here and now that he is not a member of the above Committee and is therefore no less entitled to do his hurling than you are.

.....

COMPETITIONS

Would all players please take careful note of the last page of this Bulletin. It contains entry forms for our National Cups, and although last season provided a record entry, I think we can do even better this year with a little co-operation. Teams who played last year will agree that every effort was made in the earlier rounds to ensure as little travelling as possible, and it is promised that the same policy will be adopted this year. Entry forms to Mr. E.J. Carter, Mr. V. Searle, or Myself please.

In order to avoid carrying the competitions through to the summer, we are anxious to get started well before Xmas. The closing date means the closing date, and will be adhered to as strictly as possible. So team captains you know who played for you last year - contact them immediately (they did their best, you know, even if they didn't play so well) and fill up the entry forms without delay.

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

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 8th. 1949

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The outstanding event of the past Bridge Season was the decision of the North Wales Bridge Association and the Welsh Bridge Association to join together and form the Welsh Bridge Union.

The first year's experience has proved the Union to be a happy one and its officers have willingly given their services to improve the standard of Bridge and extend the opportunities for its members to meet in friendly games and competitions.

There is so much I would like to say about our first Welsh Bridge Congress that I really don't know where to start or when to finish. Only those who worked on the Executive Committee know the immense amount of hard work that was necessary to make the Congress a success. Every Member worked as though success depended on his or her efforts and they spared neither time nor expense. They all deserve the thanks of the members as well as my own. For this reason I did not intend to mention any names, but until we found a Secretary we could not start the work of the Congress and we can never forget the successful work of the lady who volunteered to act in this capacity, so to Mrs. Perrie Gould I say once more, thank you for making the Congress possible; to our Tournament Director Major Basil Tatlow I say thank you and your assistants for the smooth running of the Congress, to Trevor Williams J.P. I say you proved yourself an excellent Chairman of our Congress Committee, and for that I thank you, and to Frank Perry, for the thousand and one things you did for us I thank you.

The excellent Bulletin issued monthly to Members has given you full details of the Competitions and other Activities of the Welsh Bridge Union, so I conclude with a few general remarks.

The possible loss of the Cambria Club was a dark cloud hanging over us for sometime. It made us realise how much we were indebted to Capt. Ricardo and Mrs. Morgan for providing us with a comfortable home for Bridge. I would ask the Members to give the Cambria Club all the support possible by making better use of the Club.

The work of running the various competitions is a heavy one and almost impossible to be handled by our hard working Secretary alone. I commend to you the good example of Miss McEachran, who undertook the job of running some of the competitions, and ask others to lend a hand when needed.

The work of Mrs. Cope and Mr. Searle at the International Matches is so perfect that all other Countries envy our good fortune in having such a good system of recording etc.

I thank you once again for your co-operation, and look forward to a most successful year next year.

(J. Fogarty)

President Season 1949-50

IN DEFENCE OF THE "TRANCER" by SAM ABRAHAMS.

Last issue we heard of South as Declarer in a four Spade Contract, who during the course of play lead one of his small doubleton Clubs to King, Jack five times in Dummy, and of West - not holding the Ace of that suit - who tranced.

Now after South, who was a great adherant to the ethical code at the card table, had given West a piece of his mind the cards were again dealt and following some ambitious bidding by North - South, West found himself leading the Four of Spades against a Three no Trump Contract which he himself had doubled. The hands of West and North (dummy) were as follows:-

DUMMY
A Q J
10 2
A 3 2
10 5 4 3 2

10 8 7 4 2
A K 3
Q J 10
Q J

To the first trick Declarer leant forward without hesitation pulled out the Queen of Spades and sat back to await developments. East dropped the five and South the nine, so South again bent forward to collect the Trick. Next the Ten of Hearts was lead from Dummy covered by East with the Jack, South the Queen and West took with the King. West congratulated himself on having carefully noted East's Spade to the first trick and was now all out for the "kill". So to trick three he lead another Spade and when South covered Dummy's Jack with the King West's jaw dropped considerably. The rest was routine and Contract was made with three Spades, four Hearts, one Diamond, one Club.

The four hands were:-

	A Q J		
	10 2		
	A 3 2		
	10 5 4 3 2		
10 8 7 4 2			
A K 3			
Q J 10			
Q J			
		6 5	
		J 4	
		K 9 8 7 6	
		K 9 8 7	
	K 9 3		
	Q 9 8 7 6 5		
	5 4		
	A 6		

If West had switched to a Diamond at trick Three the Contract goes two down but South's false-card of the Nine of Spades at trick one, together with his demeanour in capturing that trick entirely mis-led West who was confident his partner held the King of that suit.

East then accused South of purposely leaning back after playing the Queen of Spades knowing full well he would have to bend forward again to collect the trick. Thus deliberately confusing defenders regarding location of the King

Now South - and quite rightly to my mind - argued that why after playing the Queen of Spades should he leave his hand poised in mid-air over the centre of the table in readiness to take in a certain trick, irrespective of what card East played, and so tell both defenders he held the King of Spades, in which case West would have switched to a Diamond and beaten the Contract?

As both East and South are perfectly correct in their own contentions it is fairly reasonable to assume that for the game to be fair for all, each of the four players in their psychological responsibilities towards the game must steer a middle course.

No Trancing - on the other hand no playing a card too hastily. Certainly let us not appear confident, nor unduly distressed. We must take off that smile and wipe away that scowl. To sum up, let us all be Robots.

Please !! a thousand times NO. Bridge is a human game played by human beings. If South's move In leaning back in his chair after drawing the Queen of Spades from Dummy was a trifle exaggerated are'nt most of our Bridge Table Mannerisms - even if unconsciously so - in order to convey a situation we would prefer to exist.

Now personally I prefer playing against these types that lend expression to their feelings. If you watch opponents very carefully whilst playing - without appearing to do so, it is amazing what one can gather and sift the good from the bad,

Yes please!! I'll play against the Trancer every time.

.....
DUPLICATE BRIDGE LAWS

Messrs. Mudie & Sons Ltd.,
115, New Bond Street,
W.1.

The above firm have notified me that the authorised International Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge are now available.

The Laws are now operative as from October 1st 1949.
The volume is bound in cloth and the price is 5/- plus 6d. postage.

.....
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 10/- SUBSCRIPTION FEE TO THE WELSH BRIDGE UNION?
IF NOT, WOULD YOU PLEASE FORWARD IT AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

.....
THE EDITOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE
OF THE BULLETIN.

An open letter to the Selection Committee.

Dear Sirs,

There has been and indeed there is, so much criticism on the teams selected to play in International matches for Wales, that I commit the following views to paper for consideration. Doubtless some adjustments will be necessary, but it is my opinion that as a basis for the first match next season some purpose may be served by recording them now, and incidentally extra teams may be encouraged to enter National Competitions when the reward is so much the greater. I suggest that,

- (1) Each member of the winning teams of the Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup, and Webber Cup, be awarded ten points; the runners up 6 points and semi-finalists (or qualifiers for final) 3 points. May I note here that no points can be awarded for the Ladies Welsh Cup as it would give the ladies a start over the men, but consideration should be given to the winners and the runners-up by way of "Plus Value".
- (2) If, as it is hoped, a Pairs Championship is organised during the season, points should be awarded for that as well.
- (3) The Selection Committee should, for the first Camrose match of the season, select four from those in the first six positions bearing in mind the partnership "angle". That is, the fifth on the list is the "Natural" partner of the first, he should be selected to the exclusion of say, the fourth.
- (4) The remaining two places to be filled as felt fit by the Selection Committee.
- (5) The selected team may be challenged through the Selection Committee by any other team on payment of £2. This sum to be set aside to help pay travelling expenses. The Selection Committee to decide if the match should be played and when and where.
- (6) The selected team must meet at least once before the match so that the Captain can formulate his tactics and so that knowledge of the opposition may be made known by those who have played against them previously.
- (7) If a reserve pair is selected, they should be invited to play in the event of a player dropping out. Otherwise don't pick reserves!

I offer these suggestions in good faith, and I shall be only too glad to print in the next edition of the Bulletin your views and the views of other members of the Welsh Bridge Union.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. Gould.

LAST MINUTE TOTTINGS.

Club secretaries will have received British Bridge League and English Bridge Union Booklets, but they may not have noticed that,

- (1) The British Bridge League "Portland Cup" is open to all members of any Bridge Club, Social or Golf Club with a Card Room whether members of a National Bridge Association or not.
- (2) The English Bridge Union "Crockford's Cup" is open to "members of a National Bridge Association". You all are eligible to play - how about it?

I believe it is generally known that the European Championships are being held in Brighton during the week June 4th - 11th 1950. £3,000 is needed for this project and donation lists have been widely circulated. If you are interested in Bridge would you please give your donation to your Club Secretary or forward it to me for onward transmission. All subscriptions which the British Bridge League feel may range from 2/6d upwards will be gratefully received by the President, Sir Noel Mobbs K.C.V.O. O.B.E. Stoke Park House, Slough, Bucks. Further subscription lists required by Club Secretaries may be obtained from me on request.

Last year a number of you received copies of the Bulletin even though your 10/- subscription for the Welsh Bridge Union was not forthcoming. Admittedly you did not request that it should be sent to you - possibly you never read it and you are not reading this either! but if you are, please take note that for 1949 - 50 the Bulletin will be sent post-paid only to those whose subscriptions have been received.

A further competition likely to attract a large entry is the "Sherman Cup". Captains of teams of four are requested to forward entries to I Cotsen Esq., c/o Jewish Institute and Social Club, 202, Newport Road, Cardiff, who will be pleased to receive same and to answer any queries arising. The closing date for this event is November 10th. 1949.

.....

IRISH BRIDGE ANNUAL

The Contract Bridge Association of Ireland have issued a Bridge Annual containing not only their local news but articles of great interest to Bridge players everywhere. Hands and personalities are discussed and over 60 pages are devoted to this book, which is most excellent value for the 2/- it is priced at. Interested members of the Welsh Bridge Union may obtain copies from its Editor, Mr. Noel Byrne, 103, MARLBOROUGH ROAD, DONNYBROOK, DUBLIN

.....

PUZZLE CORNER

Members of the Welsh Bridge Union who wish to win a prize are invited to submit their final bids on the following two sets of hands :-

1.

NORTH

S. J.
 H. A. XXXX
 D. A.K.Q.10.X
 C. J.X.

SOUTH

10. X X
 K. Q.
 J. X X
 K. 10 X X X

2.

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

10 X X
 X X
 J X X
 K. 10 X X X

Diamonds will break 3 - 2 and the correct answer is, of course, three diamonds and if you agree, the N.U.K. (National Union of KIBITZERS) will give you the prize. If you get Four Hearts you will be doubled and go "two down". I know because it happened to me.

.....

CAMROSE TROPHY

The first match of 1949/50 will be played at Edinburgh against the Scottish Bridge Union October 22/23rd. Wales will be represented by,

- E.J. CARTER (CAPTAIN)
- S. HOFFMAN
- D.H. JONES
- J. MORRIS
- S. MOSES
- P. DAVIES

.....