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Editorial

Approximately 60 members of the Welsh Bridge Union attended the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 21st. 1950 at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff. The meeting was most ably conducted by our President, Mr. J. Emlyn Lewis who was assisted on the rostrum by our immediate Past President Mr. John Fogarty, and the Hon. Sec/Treasurer.

All in all a peaceful gathering. It was decided that in future our financial year should finish on March 31st. and that the Annual General Meeting should be held as soon afterwards as proves practicable. This alteration in date will in future enable us to start our Bridge Season much earlier than in previous years, when the Annual General Meeting has been held in October. In view of the comparatively short term left of 1950/51 the existing Executive Council was re-appointed to office, with the one addition of Mr. D. McAllister to represent Porthcawl. To refresh the memories of all members, and for future reference, here is the complete list of the Council.

- President J. Emlyn Lewis Esq.
- Immediate Past President John Fogarty Esq.
- Vice Presidents
 - Mrs. Lloyd Evans.
 - T. G. Bonnyman Esq.
 - Tom John Esq.
 - J. Laidlaw Murray Esq.
 - F. E. Perry Esq.
 - Major W. B. Tatlow.

Hon. Auditor. D. H. Jones Esq.

Hon. Sec/Treasurer H. J. Gould Esq.

- Area Representatives
 - Bridgend Mrs. Mills.
 - Barry Mr. Boalch.
 - Cardiff Miss McEachran.
 - Trevor Williams Esq.
 - Newport E. J. Carter Esq.
 - North Wales Mrs. Coulter.
 - Pontypridd D. Vallance Esq.
 - A. McCarthy Esq.
 - H. Thomas Esq.
 - Porthcawl D. McAllister Esq.
 - Swansea H. Morris Esq.
 - D. H. Jones Esq.

Chief debateable point raised was that old Aunt Sally the Selection Committee. Hard words were spoken, but no bones broken. A number of interesting suggestions were made which will doubtless receive the keen attention of the Selection Committee appointed for Season 1950/51 but in the long run what else can they do except to pick the best available team and hope for the best? Always provided, of course, that it is the "best available team".

Each season I am asked with regular monotony for the names of those who comprise this Committee. For 1950/51 the members are,

Messrs. J.Emlyn Lewis, J. Laidlaw Murray, H. Thomas,
E. J. Carter, D. McAllister, Major W. B. Tatlow,
S. Rivlin, and H. J. Gould.

Brickbats and bouquets will be accepted after our first Camrose Trophy match which is versus Scotland and provisionally fixed for December 9th and 10th in Cardiff.

Well, dear Readers, that is that. Now a few important points arise. In the first place - how about some articles please? If its a hand of interest, a point of interest, or a discussion of interest, please let me know. And where are those folk who promised me wholeheartedly they would provide "Regional News"? Swansea and Pontypridd please note!!

Secondly, Annual subscriptions. These are now due at the rate of 10/- per member. Forms are included in this Bulletin and it would help if they were returned to me as soon as possible (Junior members, 21 years of age or under :- 5/- per annum).

Thirdly, our membership is too small. There are four forms attached - if each member introduced one fresh face it would be most encouraging and would add to the zest of our competitions and functions. Please do all you can in this respect.

Finally - National Trophies. The Entry Forms are easy to fill up. Please do not delay as we must get started as soon as possible.

Good Luck and Good Bridge for Season 1950/51

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3rd. WELSH BRIDGE UNION CONGRESS

It is with much pleasure that the Executive Council announce that the 3rd. Welsh Bridge Union Congress is planned for Porthcawl, South Wales during March 1951. Fuller details will be presented from time to time.

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THE ROAD TO RENO

by Mr. Ernest (Newport)

"There will be a Pairs Duplicate at the Club to-night. Would you like to be my partner dear? It's so long since you played with me and I cannot get on with anybody else as well as with you".

"It's very sweet of you to tell me that, and I feel flattered but not surprised. Who could get on well with you with your fantastic overbidding, beginnerish execution and poor defence? Do you expect me to risk the entry fee? I don't feel like it, it's a waste of money".

I knew what she was after. "No, dear, you won't risk a single penny. I shall pay the fee for you. Of course, if we should be placed, I shall take both prizes. That's a fair proposition, isn't it?"

"Are you crazy? I should partner you a whole evening, swallow my anger and if accidentally we should be placed - never by your merit - you want the benefit? No, no, no".

"Alright, darling, we share the prize money less entry fee".

"NO!"

"Well, you get your share without deduction of entry fee".

"NO!"

"You will have both prizes less the two entry fees".

"NO!"

"Now I've made several fair suggestions and you've refused them all. What, for goodness sake, are your terms?"

"We have little chance of a prize and therefore you have to consider the entry fee as lost. Should we win, I collect the lot. Yes or no?"

"Yes dear".

Seven tables were engaged in a Mitchell. I was sitting South and up to the third round we did fairly well, the hands being ordinary ones. Then hand No. 13 came up and I picked up the following beauty:-

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

My wife, sitting North opened the bidding with a Diamond, I responded 2 Hearts, after her 2 NT I bid 4 NT, she Blackwooded 5 Hearts and I completed the bidding with 7 Hearts, opponents passing all the way through.

The King of Diamonds was led and the darling laid down her thirteen cards slowly. They were:-

S. A.J.XX - H. X - D. A.10.XXX - C. K.XX

Dear reader - I do not mean the Internationals - have you ever bid a Grand Slam which was not a lay-down? If you have, you will share my feelings. I counted 8 Heart tricks (assuming an even break), three Aces and the King of Clubs, making 12 tricks altogether. Where is the thirteenth? Oh yes, the Spade finesse. So I

called for the Ace of Diamonds, then a Heart. Trumps were drawn and the Queen dropped. Aaaaah! To make sure - one never knows - I drew the Jack of Hearts. And now, why wait till the end? I might block a hand somehow or other and not get to the Ace of Spades after all to discard my losing Club. My left hand opponent, cunning as he is, won't cover, but the King of Clubs will help me to get to dummy. If the finesse works I shall lay down my cards claiming thirteen tricks, if not, well then I cannot make my contract anyway.

I didn't

I dropped my pencil under the table and started searching for it, I do not recollect for how long. I remember only that my opponent with the Spade King pulled my sleeve, "Come on chum", he said, "the next board is waiting for you".

I was spared reproaches, at least during the tournament. We landed fourth and on our way home I talked about the coming holidays. She broke her silence suddenly:-

"If you had the courage to bid the Grand Slam, why did you not make it?"

"Well dear, on your opening bid and five Heart Blackwood response I saw a good chance. If only the finesse....."

"Don't talk so silly. First you speak of prize-sharing before winning - how clever of me not to risk the fee - and now you excuse yourself with finesses. Do you know that you gave the top away or, rather that you converted a top into a bottom, all other pairs having bid six and made six or seven? We would have been placed if you had made it".

"But dear, the finesse....."

Beginners and palookas talk about finesses, and mostly there is no finesse to be taken. Wait 'till we get home, and I shall show you why in this case, as the cards were distributed".

When we arrived home, she took a pack of cards and reconstructed the full hand:-

S. A.J.XX
H. X
D. A.10.XXX
C. K.XX

S. XXXX
H. Q.X
D. K.Q.J.X
C. Q.XX

S. K.10.XX
H. XX
D. XXX
C. J.XXX

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

"The King of Diamonds was led, wasn't it?"

"Yes dear".

"When dummy goes down, you have to count your makeable tricks, haven't you?"

"Yes dear, I did that dear".

"Now, you can count 12 tricks with trumps breaking evenly; the only worry is how to get rid of the losing Club, is that right?"

"Yes dear, and if the finesse....."

"No need for a finesse where you can see that if each opponent has to guard Clubs and one of the remaining suits, a double squeeze will develop. The discards will give you certain indications as to the probability of such a situation. The finesse of the Spade Queen should be your last alternative, can you follow?"

"No dear".

"How could you? I shall play the hand trick by trick. First you take the Ace of Diamonds, then enter your hand with a Heart and run off six Hearts watching opponents discards. You see the probability of the Diamonds being left and Spades being right, furthermore only one Club discard from the left can be observed. Now you enter dummy with the Ace of Spades and ruff a small Spade, leaving the following position:-

S. J.
H. -
D. 10.
C. K.X

S. -
H. -
D. Q.
C. Q.XX

S. K.
H. -
D. -
C. J.XX

S. -
H. X
D. -
C. K.XX

"Lead your last Heart. If West parts with a Club you discard the ten of Diamonds. If he parts with his Queen of Diamonds you discard the Jack of Spades. But West will not give up immediately, so he will ditch a Club and you the Diamond ten. And now East is in trouble. He cannot give up his Spade King and discards a Club. The rest is easy even for you and....."

"Yes dear, Certainly dear".

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BARRY BRIDGE CLUB.

The Barry Bridge Club held its Annual General Meeting at the Barry Hotel on September 11th. This Club has now started on its third year and is very enthusiastic, the membership now being in the region of sixty. Duplicate Bridge is becoming more popular and there is an average of eight tables per session.

Last season several teams of four entered the various competitions held by the Welsh Bridge Union, and although none were successful much valuable experience was gained. We also had some very interesting Inter-club matches which we hope to repeat this season. More members are anxious to be included in the teams and to facilitate the work of the selection committee we are holding a series of competitions among ourselves.

A new Bridge Club known as "The Francis Club" was started in Barry last May, open every evening except Monday, and membership is growing. Miss Francis very kindly allows the Barry Club to hold their smaller competitions here. We are also indebted to members of the Cambria Club for introducing us to Howell Match Pointing which we hope to use quite a lot this coming season. Last year was a very happy and successful one and we hope that this one will prove as good.

We welcome Inter-Club matches and if any club or circle is interested would they please communicate with the Secretary:- Mr. J. Boalch, 38, The Parade, Barry, Glam. Tel: Barry 1165.

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THE KIBBITZER'S UNION (KOSHER), Inc.

I am indebted to my friend Mr. Peter Packer of Bournemouth for the following which may interest our back-seat drivers.

DEFINITIONS

- (1) KIBBITZER. A person who watches any recognised card game, and is allowed to make any comment he sees fit, before, during, or after the game.
- (2) TSUTZER. A person who stands behind a Kibbitzer and TSUTZES.
- (3) SHOKKLER. A person who stands behind a Tsutzer and SHOKKLES.

BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS.

- (1) A Kibbitzer may partake of all refreshments when served. He naturally has first choice of sugar, sandwiches, cakes and pastries. When no refreshments are served, a very strong protest should be made, and a boycott threatened.
- (2) A Kibbitzer can, during any game, ask for the bidding to be repeated, ask to see the last or any previous trick, draw attention to a revoke, or comment on anything else that does not meet with his absolute approval.
- (3) A Kibbitzer may ask for a game to be postponed temporarily, if for any reason he is obliged to leave the table. If this is refused, he may ask for a complete account of what has transpired during his absence.
- (4) A Kibbitzer's seat should be reserved at all times.
- (5) A Kibbitzer is entitled to announce when the last Rubber is to be played; e.g., if he has a bus to catch, an impatient wife, or if he considers the standard of play too poor.
- (6) The stakes at which the game is played should only be fixed by the Kibbitzer, and shall be no more than those at which he can afford to watch.

TSUTZERS AND SHOKKLEERS.

- (1) They should be allowed to Tsutz and Shokkle as much as they wish, with no interference.

- (2) They should be allowed second choice of seats and refreshments.
- (3) They should deputise for a Kibbitzer, with his consent.

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COMPETITION 1949 - 50.

by E. J. Carter.

Webber Cup. A five team final, due to a last minute accident to one of the Swansea teams, was won by Mr. Sidney Hoffman of Pontypridd. His team composed of S. Hoffman, H. Schneiden, A. Schneiden, M. Andrews, and G. Fox, deservedly beat several better fancied teams.

V. Searle Fitch Cup for Married Pairs. The first session played at the Swansea Bridge Club resulted in Mr. and Mrs. Addenbrooke of Swansea leading the field. The trip to Swansea by coach when Cardiff and Barry pairs travelled together was much enjoyed. The final session at the Cambria Club, Cardiff resulted in the cup being won by Mr. and Mrs. Bonnyman with the donors of the cup Mr. and Mrs. Searle second. The victory was a very popular one.

Ladies Welsh Cup. The final between Mrs. Hando of Newport, and Mrs. Bonnyman of Cardiff resulted in a win for Mrs. Hando by 2,000 points. The result could not be regarded as other than a surprise and we congratulate the Newport team on their fine performance. The winning team was Mrs. Hando, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Rogers.

Welsh Cup. The final over 56 Boards between Mr. V. Searle's team and Mr. E. J. Carter's team resulted in a narrow win for Mr. Searle by 120 points. The final the previous year between the same teams resulted in a win for Mr. Searle of 150 points. Maybe this year the result will be reversed. At least Mr. Carter hopes that it will. The winning team was V. Searle, J. Cope, E. Fine, W. Crystal, assisted by Mrs. Searle who played nobly and Mr. Abby Stone who carried top weight,

Cambria Cup. This final between Mr. Emlyn Lewis of Swansea, and Mr. E.J. Carter of Cardiff, at first resulted in a win for Mr. Carter by 10 points. An objection later and a recount proved that there is a telling difference between one down vulnerable and one down non-vulnerable and the recount gave the Cup to Mr. Lewis by 40 points. His team was Mr. Emlyn Lewis, Mr. P. Holden, and Mr. and Mrs. Addenbrooke.

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Entry Forms for 1950/51 National Competitions are appended, and team captains are requested to fill them up and send them in as soon as possible.

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WELSH BRIDGE UNION

Entries for the following events are now invited, and you are requested to complete the following form and return to Harold Gould, Hon. Sec. Welsh Bridge Union, 37, Llandennis Avenue, Cardiff, (Telephone Llanishen 701.) not later than NOVEMBER 15th. 1950.

The Entry Fee is 2/6d per person, per Event, and all fees are to be enclosed with the Entry Form. Players may play for one team only in each competition.

Full 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.....
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- Tel:No.....
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Cash Enclosed..... £. s. d.

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"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
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- Tel:No
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Cash Enclosed..... £. s. d.

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"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.

Cash Enclosed..... £. s. d.

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"WELSH CUP"

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

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

Cash Enclosed £. s. d.

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To

H. J. Gould Esq.,
37, Llandennis Avenue,
Cardiff.

Enclosed herewith please Cheque/Postal Order/Cash to
the value of TEN SHILLINGS being my subscription to the WELSH
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