

## WBU BIDDING CHALLENGE

*This is a bidding challenge with a difference. It is entirely the work of Tim Rees, who has been an automatic selection for the Welsh team for some years and is one of the UK's top players. Rather than have an expert panel, as is usual, we invited Tim both to set the problems and, in due course, to judge the entries and determine the prize-winners. The results will appear in the next issue of the Magazine, with a commentary from Tim in which he explains his marking.*



In the eight problems below, you are South and you have to find the right bid. The problems selected for this series are from simple auctions and there will be at least three sensible alternative bids to choose from for each problem. I shall award marks based on several factors: what I think is the right bid; what worked at the table; the number of votes given to each bid; and the comments given in respect of each bid. Although there is no need for you to include comments, if you do so you may increase your score. Also, good comments will be included in an article for the next issue of the Magazine, so there's

a chance you'll see your views in print.

**The system** is straightforward: Acol; 4-card Majors; Weak Twos in D/H/S; 12-14 NT; Stayman; Transfers; Blackwood. Defensive bidding methods comprise: Sputnik Doubles; Weak Jump Overcalls; and Double for take-out following pre-empts.

**The closing date for entries is Monday, 5th November.** Anyone may submit an entry, but only WBU members are eligible to win prizes. In addition to your **name and address**, please supply your **WBU membership number** when you enter.

**The prizes** will be £30, £20, and £10 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd; and there will also be two **non-expert prizes** of £20 and £10. To meet the definition of non-expert you have to be below the rank of Regional Master. If you qualify, please state clearly 'Non-expert' on your entry.

**Entries** may be submitted by email to [trees@trl.co.uk](mailto:trees@trl.co.uk) or by post to: WBU Bidding Competition, 163 Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6DR. Alternatively, you may enter via the WBU website. Good luck!

*Tim Rees*

<b>Hand 1</b>	Love All - Scoring : Teams			
S 8 H K72 D AJ873 C 9865	<b>West</b> - 3S	<b>North</b> - Dbl	<b>East</b> - 4S	<b>South</b> Pass ?
<b>Hand 2</b>	All Vul. - Scoring : Pairs			
S 76 H 983 D AQ32 C KJ92	<b>West</b> 1H	<b>North</b> Dbl	<b>East</b> Pass	<b>South</b> ?
<b>Hand 3</b>	NS Vul. - Scoring: Teams			
S 4 H 98 D 5 C J98765432	<b>West</b> -	<b>North</b> -	<b>East</b> 1S	<b>South</b> ?
<b>Hand 4</b>	NS Vul. - Scoring: Teams			
S AK64 H QJ63 D 93 C AJ10	<b>West</b> 1D <sup>1</sup>	<b>North</b> Pass	<b>East</b> 1H	<b>South</b> ?
	<sup>1</sup> Precision: 11-15, 2+ diamonds .			
<b>Hand 5</b>	EW Vul. - Scoring: Teams			
S 9 H A9432 D A3 C K7432	<b>West</b> 1S	<b>North</b> Pass	<b>East</b> 2S	<b>South</b> ?
<b>Hand 6</b>	EW Vul. - Scoring: Teams			
S 8 H Q986 D QJ84 C AK65	<b>West</b> - Pass	<b>North</b> 1S 2D	<b>East</b> Pass Pass	<b>South</b> 2C ?
<b>Hand 7</b>	EW Vul. - Scoring: Teams			
S K10985 H 63 D - C AKJ1098	<b>West</b> -	<b>North</b> 2H	<b>East</b> Pass	<b>South</b> ? <sup>1</sup>
	<sup>1</sup> 2S and 3C would both be invitational; 2NT would be a range enquiry.			
<b>Hand 8</b>	Love All - Scoring : Pairs			
S AKQ53 H A D KJ7 C J1064	<b>West</b> - Pass	<b>North</b> - 1NT	<b>East</b> Pass Pass	<b>South</b> 1S ?