

# WBU Open Trial 2011

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**1st & 2nd October and 15th & 16th October 2011**  
**At Cardiff Bridge Club, Marlborough Road, Cardiff, CF23 5BU 029 2049 1865**

The following pairs have qualified to attend:

- Mike Best & Mark Roderick
- David Birt & Geoff Evans
- Mike Close & Laura Woodruff
- Paul Denning & Patrick Shields
- Peter Goodman & Mike Pownall \*\*
- Alex Hogg & Alex Maddocks
- Dafydd Jones & Gary Jones \*
- Simon Richards & Trevor Towers
- John Salisbury & Mike Tedd

\* Dafydd Jones & Gary Jones will not play the second weekend of the trial.

\*\* Peter Goodman is seeking to play with Mike Pownall in the Camrose only. If selected for the European championship, he will play with Adrian Thomas.

The winning pair in the open trial will play at least one weekend of the Camrose. The selectors will choose the rest of the teams based on performance in the trial and in other important events.

Unless noted above, we expect all pairs to be available for both weekends of the trial and, if selected, both weekends of the Camrose and the duration of the European Championships. If this is not the case, please let the WBU Chief Executive know as soon as possible. If you have an emergency on the day that means you might be absent or late – please phone 029 2025 5162 or 079 1067 1410 to let us know.

The Camrose Matches this season are as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012    Four Spires Hotel, Oxford, England

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012    Holiday Inn, East Kilbride, Scotland

The European Championships are as follows:

12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012    Porto Carras, Greece

If you are unavailable for any of these, please tell us as soon as possible.

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- Timing:** Saturday 12:00-19:19, Sunday 10:00-17:19 (both weekends)  
There will be a break of 41 minutes after 24 boards on each day and a gap of 11 minutes between the other pairs of matches.
- Refreshments:** Free coffee and squash will be available throughout. There will also be tea-making facilities, which players can use if they have time without disrupting play. There will also be limited supplies of biscuits & fruit. Bring anything you wish to eat in the break with you.
- Format:** 8 x 12 board rounds each weekend – with 48 boards each day and a sit out once on the first weekend only. This will be a double round robin, the first round robin to conclude with the first match on the second weekend. The selectors reserve the right to vary this and the associated timing should circumstances change.
- Scoring:** Butler removing two outermost scores. Imps converted to VPS using WBF scale.
- Screens:** Screens will be in use at all tables.
- Slow Play:** The time allowed for 12 boards is 94 minutes.  
At about half way, and about 10 minutes before the end of play, the Director will announce the time remaining. Failure of the Director to meet this requirement will not absolve the players from penalty. At the end of the allocated time, the Director must impose, for any table still in play, a fine of 1VP for any delay up to five minutes, and an additional fine of 1VP for each further delay of five minutes or part thereof. A 1 VP fine will apply to each pair unless the Director considers only one pair to be at fault, in which case only the offending pair shall incur a 1VP fine. Where the same pair incurs a subsequent fine, the director shall automatically increase this by 50%.
- Systems:** The Camrose Series is a Category 1 event as defined within the WBF Systems Policy, which is available at <http://www.worldbridge.org/departments/systems/policy.asp>  
Thus Highly Unusual Methods (HUMs) are permissible in these trials, subject to 14 days notice, and preparation and distribution of suitable defences.
- Smoking:** No player may leave the playing area to smoke during a match.
- Alcohol:** Except with the permission of the director, no player may bring alcoholic beverages into the playing area.
- Broadcast:** We expect BBO to broadcast the play at two tables on the second weekend, with each pair playing to feature at least once.
- System Card:** All pairs will submit an up-to-date electronic version of their system card (preferably in WBF format) to the WBU Chief Executive before the start. Any pairs playing brown sticker conventions should provide details of these and suggested defences thereto.