

Lady Milne Trial 2013

**26th & 27th January 2013 (starting 11.30 on Saturday, 10.00 on Sunday)
Metropole Hotel, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5DY 01597 823700**

The following pairs are due to attend:

- Sarah Amos & Jean Hand
- Aida Aris & Linda Greenland
- Liz Commins & Diane Kurbalija
- Jo Copping & Chris Forbes
- Susan Ingham & Laura Woodruff
- Val Kennewell & Margaret Lane
- Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan
- Jennifer Wardell & Christine Norman

The winning pair in the trial will play in the Lady Milne. The selectors will choose the rest of the team and any other ladies teams based on performance in the trial and in other important events.

All pairs should be available for the trial and, if selected, the weekend of the Lady Milne. If you have an emergency on the day that means you might be absent or late – please phone the hotel number above or the director on 07531 865032 to let us know.

The Lady Milne this season is as follows:

12th – 14th April 2013 Novotel, Edinburgh Park, Scotland

As the Selectors are considering inviting a Ladies Team to enter

The Spring Foursomes is as follows:

3rd – 7th May 2013 Stratford-upon-Avon, England

The training weekend this year is as follows:

21st – 22nd September 2013 Choice of North/East Wales

If you are unavailable for any of these events or the trial, please let the WBU Chief Executive know as soon as possible.

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- Timing:** Saturday: Match 1 11.30-13.35, Match 2 14.05-16.10 Match 3 16.20-18.25, Match 4a 18.40-19.43
Sunday: Match 4b 10.00-11.03 Match 5 11.15-13.20 Match 6 13.50-15.55 Match 7 16.10-18.15
- Refreshments:** There will be tea, coffee and soft drinks provided on arrival on Saturday and during the breaks between matches 3 and 4a, 6 and 7. There will be lunch provided on Saturday after match 1 and on Sunday after match 5.
- Format:** 7 x 16 boards, with three and a half matches played each day, thus playing 112 boards.
- Scoring:** Barometer scoring, IMPs comparing with a datum derived from dropping 1/8th of the scores as originally played - 12.5% Butler Scoring - of a previous event and then converted to VPs on the WBF scale for 16 board matches. This event, and hence the datum, was teams, so trialists are expected to play 'teams' bridge.
- Screens:** Screens will be in use at all tables. Players should take care in following instructions on the table or, where issued, individual movement cards.
- Slow Play:** The time allowed for 16 boards or 8 boards is 125 and 63 minutes respectively. Warnings and fines for slow play shall apply as per the Home International regulations for pairs who do not finish in the allotted time.
- Late arrival:** The director shall apply fines and/or remove boards as necessary to ensure a timely finish as per EBU recommendations in the White book.
- Systems:** The Lady Milne Series is a Category 2 event as defined within the WBF Systems Policy, which means Unusual Methods (HUMs) are not permissible in these trials.
- 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.
- System Card:** All pairs will submit an up-to-date electronic version of their system card (in WBF format) to the WBU Chief Executive by 14th January 2013. Any pairs playing brown sticker conventions should provide details of these and suggested defences thereto.