

WBU Open Trial 2013

**Saturday 5th (11.30 start) & Sunday 6th (10.00 start) October 2013
at Commodore Hotel Spa Road Llandrindod Wells LD1 5ER 01597 822288
and (for the leading 6 pairs after the first weekend)
Saturday 19th (11.00 start) & Sunday 20th (10.30 start) October 2013
at Gwent Bridge Academy Clayton Street Newport NP19 7AU 01633 222224**

The following pairs are due to attend:

- Mike Close & Laura Woodruff
- Gwynn Davis & Paddy Murphy
- Jean Hand & Peter Hand
- Gary Jones & Tim Rees
- Filip Kurbalija & Patrick Shields
- Mark Roderick & Trevor Towers
- John Salisbury & Mike Tedd

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.

We expect all pairs to be available for both weekends of the trial and, if selected, both weekends of the Camrose. 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 the relevant venue number above or, for the second weekend only, 01656 784425 or 07531 865032 to let us know.

The Camrose Matches this season are as follows:

10th – 12th January 2014 Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, Wales

7th – 9th March 2014 Park Inn, Manchester, England

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

In the event of a tie for first place overall or for the cut off between the top six and lower pairs on the first weekend, the score as it would have been using Butler IMPs shall determine the higher or highest placed pair. If there is still a tie to split, the score as it would have been using matchpoints shall determine the higher or highest placed pair.

The Commonwealth Bridge games will take place in Glasgow, Scotland on 8th – 12th September 2014. We also anticipate that there will be a European Championship in June 2014. If Wales sends a team to these events, as there are no further trials scheduled, performance in this trial and in the Camrose is likely to be significant in determining the teams.

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- Timing:** Weekend 1: Saturday 11:30-19:53, Sunday 10:00-16:18
Weekend 2: Saturday 11:00-19:57, Sunday 10:30-16:22
On weekend one, there will be a break of 27 minutes after matches 1 and 6, with a gap of 12 minutes between other matches. On weekend two, there will be breaks of 28 minutes (with food) or 23 (without) between matches.
- Refreshments:** There will be a light lunch after matches 1 and 6 on weekend one, after matches 1 and 4 on weekend two. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available at other breaks.
- Format:** 7 x 14 boards on the first weekend and 5 x 20 boards on the second weekend – with a sit out once on the first weekend only. The leading 6 pairs after the first weekend will carry on to the second weekend.
- Scoring:** Barometer scoring, starting with cross IMPs converted to IMPs by modified factoring. For the first weekend results only, then converted to VPs in accordance with WBF scale for 14 boards, with a cosmetic 14 VPs for the match sat out. For the second weekend and overall result, full carry forward of IMPs from stanzas where the leading 6 pairs played each other, with result from the total 34 board match converted to VPS using the WBF scale.
- Screens:** Screens will be in use at all tables on the second weekend and, where practical, on the first weekend. Players should take care in following instructions on the table or, where issued, individual movement cards.
- Slow Play:** The times allowed for 14 and 20 boards are 113 and 162 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 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 one table one of the weekends and hope to feature each pair playing on that weekend at least once.
- 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 21 September. Any pairs playing brown sticker conventions should provide details of these and suggested defences thereto.