## **Membership Period:**

The annual membership period of the WBU is from April 1st of one year until March 31st of the following year.

## STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

The majority of players become WBU members by being members of an affiliated club. Those who are under the age of twenty-five may join as Junior members with a reduced fee.

# Membership applications:

Names of players renewing WBU Membership, or those joining for the first time (with their full name and address please), together with the appropriate fees, should be sent by the clubs **direct** to the WBU Membership Secretary.

#### Fees:

Annual membership subscriptions are due on April 1st. Cheques should be made payable to the "Welsh Bridge Union" or "WBU".

The membership subscription of those joining through a club comprises the WBU membership fee plus an additional membership fee to the Area to which the club belongs. The combined amount should be sent to the Membership secretary.

WBU standard membership fee: £6.00 WBU Junior membership fee: £1.00

Area fees are:

North Wales: £1.00 Mid Wales £1.25

West Wales £1.00. Juniors free

East Wales £1.50

At the WBU AGM. In May 2007, the WBU decided that the membership fee would remain at £6.00. The Area fees are set by the Areas themselves but are correct at the time of writing.

WBU Members registered with one area may join another upon additional payment of the fee for that Area. N.B. Anyone wishing to have North Wales Area Membership, who has joined the WBU via one of the other areas or directly, must apply to one of the NWBA clubs.

## **DIRECT MEMBERS:**

Those who are not members of a club affiliated to the WBU may apply to become Direct Members. The fee for this is £12, which should be sent to the Membership Secretary. Being a direct member of the WBU does not grant the right to play in any WBU Area competition. Area membership is required for this.

## Players joining the WBU for the first time:

Players joining the WBU for the first time, either through a club or as a Direct Member, after 1st October, need pay only half of the normal WBU fee. However, any Area fee must be paid in full.

Players who join the WBU through a club between 1st January and March 31st of any year may have membership until the end of the following WBU year for the price of the following year's subscription, providing they pay the subscription for the following year when they join.

**N.B.** This information sheet was prepared by Mike Bond, WBU Membership Secretary, on behalf of the Welsh Bridge Union. All communications or queries regarding membership should be addressed to the Membership Secretary.