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It's your magazine – so tell me what you want

By the Editor

THE appointment of a new Editor for any publication normally means changes. But English Bridge presents a special challenge. It's 27,000 members probably cover the widest age and integrated ability range found in any game. So where does one start?

My budget does not run to an expensive survey to try and find out, but experienced EBU opinion agrees that probably just over 90 per cent of the membership is quite happy playing their bridge in clubs, championships and tournaments around county level and below.

Thus the principal market for English Bridge is clearly pinpointed and any business manager will tell you that a product cannot possibly succeed unless it is attractive to the customer. So it is my intention that the magazine should develop to reflect this great majority of the membership.

I intend to introduce regular columns for the less experienced and those seeking to improve their ability. Other features will cover defensive and attacking ploys, and the use and countering of conventions.

I would like to publish more news and views from members and officials of the 800 clubs and 37 counties that comprise the EBU. Look at this edition and see what made news — then look around you. If you think something, somebody or you are newsworthy, then send me some details.

I want your letters, photographs, illustrations, cartoons, comments and ideas — serious or otherwise — and we will deal with members' bridge problems on a regular basis. I also aim to keep you in touch with what is happening your behalf at EBU headquarters.

This magazine is expressly for members of the EBU, so tell the Editor what you expect of it.

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England swamp Wales for ninth successive Camrose Trophy title

ENGLAND swamped Wales 61-19 at Cardiff in the last of the season's home internationals to win the Camrose Trophy for the ninth successive year.

Only Northern Ireland, who came within two VPs of winning the title for the first time two years ago, have posed any real threat to England's supremacy this decade.

Scotland triumphed a few times, mostly in the 1970s, but otherwise England have been in firm control of the trophy, presented for home international competition by Lord Camrose in 1936.

1988 Championship

| | P | W | L | VPs |
|------------|---|---|---|-----|
| England | 3 | 3 | 0 | 188 |
| Scotland | 3 | 1 | 2 | 135 |
| N. Ireland | 3 | 1 | 2 | 108 |
| Wales | 3 | 1 | 2 | 92 |

Records for Armstrong, Kirby and Faulkner.

England fielded the experienced pairings of Raymond Brock and Tony Forrester and Graham Kirby and John Armstrong along with international debutants Mark Horton and Richard Winter.

Wales selected what was regarded as their strongest team — Robert Upton and John Salisbury, Patrick Jourdain and Adrian Thomas, and Mike Hirst and Alan Pierce.

The match also marked a milestone for Kirby and Armstrong, who became the most capped English pair in Camrose matches while Gerard Faulkner continued his remarkable 100 per cent record of captaining winning Camrose teams.

Grand slam debut for Horton-Winter

MARK HORTON reports his first international match.

Saturday morning was given over to walking through the magnificent grounds and discussing the Welsh systems.

England started with their big guns, but the Welsh had much the better of the first 10 boards to lead by 22.

After a brief post-mortem our captain, Gerard Faulkner, told Winter and I to make our way to the open room — the big moment had arrived. I had expected to be nervous but felt relaxed as board 11 arrived on the table.

Dealer South. Love All.

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| ♠ J8643 | ♠ KQ97 |
| Void | ♥ KJ92 |
| ♦ 109843 | ♦ AQ5 |
| ♣ 862 | ♣ Q10 |
| ♠ A2 | ♥ 105 |
| ♥ A84 | ♥ Q107653 |
| ♦ KJ | ♦ 762 |
| ♣ AKJ753 | ♣ 94 |

After a brief auction, Winter (East) had the rare pleasure of placing the 7NT

bidding card on the table. It was a flat board but a nice way to start. However, the very next board provided a sharp reminder that you can't afford to relax for a moment at this level.

Dealer West. North-South Game.

| | |
|---------|----------|
| ♠ 9652 | ♠ AQ1073 |
| ♥ AQ103 | ♥ 8 |
| ♦ A53 | ♦ 64 |
| ♣ K8 | ♣ AQJ106 |
| ♠ KJ | ♥ KJ975 |
| ♥ KJ975 | ♦ K92 |
| ♦ K92 | ♣ 953 |

The early bidding was the same in both rooms, therefore INT — 2♥ (transfer), double. For Wales Salisbury — Upton continued 3♣ — 4♣, 4♦ — 4♥, 5♣ — 6♣.

I redoubled to show a maximum with support for spades. Over Winter's 3♣, I made the lazy bid of 4♦ rather than 4♣ and that cost 11 imps. England lost the set 14-20 and Wales maintained their ad-

vantage in the final set to win 18-12 in victory points.

Winter and I started the second match on viewgraph. The theatre was full so it was not the time to make a silly mistake.

Kirby and Armstrong had a mixed set of results, but England led 21-15 at the end of the set. The Welsh did well to avoid a big loss on board 2.

Dealer East. North-South Game.

| | |
|----------|----------|
| ♠ 108532 | ♠ A9 |
| ♥ AQ6 | ♥ J107 |
| ♦ 97 | ♦ J6 |
| ♣ J102 | ♣ A98643 |
| ♠ J64 | ♠ KQ7 |
| ♥ 842 | ♥ K953 |
| ♦ Q842 | ♦ AK1053 |
| ♣ KQ5 | ♣ 7 |

Winter and I had bid the N-S cards to 4♣ making 10 tricks for + 620.

In the open room East opened INT and South doubled. This went back to Armstrong who is not the sort of player to risk.

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Dutch match date changed

THE friendly match against the Netherlands will now be played at a London venue to be confirmed during the weekend November 25-27. England will be represented by teams of county standard players, club players and officials.

Teams will be announced in July based on the criteria published in the April *English Bridge*.

Turks to play at Brighton congress

THE Turkish national team has been invited to play at the EBU summer meeting at Brighton in August as part of its training programme for the Venice Olympiad.

An England team will play a friendly international against them during the week.

England women bid for title double

ENGLAND'S women will try to make it a home international championship double when they play Wales, N. Ireland and Scotland for the Lady Milne Trophy at Sudbury, Suffolk, over the weekend June 3 and 4.

The England team, following the final trial, will be Michele Brunner, Manchester, and Sandra Landy, Hove; Pat Davies, Bath, and Nicola Smith, London; and Christine Duckworth, London, and Lynne Hayes, Oxford. Non-playing captain is Grattan Endicott.

The venue is the Mill Hotel and

matches start at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the Saturday and 1 p.m. on the Sunday. There will be spectator seating round the open room tables and copies of hands will be available after each match.

The England final trial resulted:

1 Mrs S. Landy, Miss M. Brunner, Mrs C. Duckworth, Mrs L. Hayes 117 VP

2 Mrs K. Penfold, Mrs M. Dennison, Miss J. Phillips, Mrs L. Bell 91

3 Miss K. Preddy, Mrs G. Durmus, Ms J. Spence, Mrs D. Williams 87

4 Mrs R. Oldroyd, Mrs D. Tuckwood, Mrs L. Burton, Mrs S.L. Robson 62½

England v Wales

From facing page

a silly result and he bid 2♣. South was able to double this for take-out and raised North's 3♠ to four for a flat board.

Repeated club leads would put declarer to the test, but neither East-West pair found a club lead.

The team piled on the points in the second session and we came in again for the last set. Forrester and Brock had a good card and we won 34-10 and with it the match to ensure retaining the Camrose Trophy. However the celebrations had to be deferred as there was still a match to go.

We were back in the closed room for the start of match 3. This was board 1:

Dealer North. Love All.

| | | |
|---------|---------|--|
| ♠ AQ95 | | |
| ♥ AJ4 | | |
| ♦ J | | |
| ♣ AKJ98 | | |
| ♠ J7642 | ♠ K108 | |
| ♥ 108 | ♥ KQ972 | |
| ♦ K109 | ♦ A652 | |
| ♣ 1062 | ♣ 4 | |
| | ♠ 3 | |
| | ♥ 653 | |
| | ♦ Q8743 | |
| | ♣ Q753 | |

We bid 1♠ (Dble) 2♣ 5♣.

East led the K♥ and when this held continued with a second heart. With the K♠ coming down in three rounds there were 11 tricks.



Richard Winter (left) and Mark Horton at the post-match celebration.

In the other room Brock overcalled 1♥ on the East cards and South again bid 2♣. North leapt to 3NT and careful defence held declarer to eight tricks — 10 imps to England.

Board 8 saw another big swing.

Dealer West. Love All.

| | | |
|-----------|----------|--|
| ♠ J10742 | | |
| ♥ K8 | | |
| ♦ J93 | | |
| ♣ Q73 | | |
| ♠ A6 | ♠ KQ98 | |
| ♥ 962 | ♥ AJ4 | |
| ♦ KQ10764 | ♦ A52 | |
| ♣ J2 | ♣ K105 | |
| | ♠ 53 | |
| | ♥ Q10753 | |
| | ♦ 8 | |
| | ♣ A9864 | |

At both tables West opened 3♦. I bid

3NT and had an easy time on the lead of the K♦ — 10 tricks for + 430.

At the other table South preferred a take out double and North bid 4♣. East led the 8♦ and North won the ace.

To have any chance North has to play on hearts but took the view that West would not have an ace and played a trump — another 10 imps.

With Wales going down in a poor (but makeable) slam and some bits and pieces England led 42-8. The rest of the match continued to be one way traffic and England went on to easy win.

Gerard Faulker maintained his 100% record in Camrose matches. John Armstrong and Graham Kirby established a new record for the most capped partnership by playing in this match and I doubt it will be their last! After sampling the marvellous atmosphere of the game at International level Richard and I hope it won't be our last either!



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Horton and Forrester lift new format Portland Pairs

By Maureen Dennison

THE Portland Pairs were once considered to be the national pairs championship with a qualifying round and national final.

Then, relying only on telephone links, it became a multi-centre one weekend event with match-pointing done across the field.

This year a new format was inaugurated — match-pointing and winners declared centre by centre and, after all enthusiasm had been dissipated by time, a final list published with hands re-scored over the whole field.

It is nice to see the scores within your centre but the flavour of the event is much diminished. Bob Rowlands, for instance, commented that surely it should be possible to have an overnight ranking list without too many problems, especially in these days of computers and linked terminals.

Another experiment this year was the introduction of heats at clubs which could guarantee sufficient tables and Leicester and Coventry took advantage of this.

The overall winners were Tony Forrester and Sally Horton at Leeds with nearly 65 per cent, and the runners up Margaret Armstrong and Mike Allen playing at Coventry. Scotland and Wales took the next seven places and your reporter with Rob Cliffe at London were 10th followed by Hazel Kime and Alan Kaye at Cambridge.

This hand pleased Mike Allen when at trick four he set his opponents an end-play problem which they did not solve (hands rotated for convenience.)

Dealer West. Love All.

Armstrong

♠ K10
♥ K642
♦ Q8
♣ A10876



♠ QJ862
♥ A85
♦ A1032
♣ 3

Allen

♠ A954
♥ 97
♦ K65
♣ KQ92

♠ 73
♥ QJ103
♦ J974
♣ J54

East had overcalled 1♠ so West led ♠7 against 3NT by South. Allen played ♠K, took two top clubs to strip East and continued with ♠10 to ♠J. If East now leads a low heart he sets up four red winners for the defence, but he cashed ♥A and continued hearts. Allen ducked the heart continuation and so had time to set up a diamond for this contract.

In the last set, this was one of our gifts, but Phil Thornton from Berks and Bucks, playing at Cambridge, earned a near top for himself by his sense of table presence.

Dealer North. E/W Game.

♠ Q1062
♥ Q6
♦ K9532
♣ Q9



♠ 753
♥ K10873
♦ AK3
♣ K103

♠ AK8
♥ AJ52
♦ QJ8
♣ AJ7

♠ J94
♥ 94
♦ 1064
♣ 86542

I opened 2NT, partner asked via 3♣. Baron and West doubled my 3♥ reply; partner smartly re-doubled and I scored 760 including 100 for insult. The defence helped Thornton in a different way.

West led ♥7 and ♥Q held the trick. When West took ♦A he wriggled and fretted in such a fashion that South thought it was because he had the ♠K too! So he cashed ♠A before running spades and diamonds — a Vienna coup — and West was squeezed out of his second trick.

This board in the second session was a hand that called both for careful play and defence. Bob Rowlands played 4♥ against the overnight leaders, Fletcher & Bligh.

Flood

♠ J9876
♥ A4
♦ A63
♣ 984

Fletcher

♠ Q2
♥ 97
♦ K10972
♣ AKJ10



Rowlands

♠ AK
♥ KQJ1065
♦ 5
♣ 7632

Bligh

♠ 10543
♥ 832
♦ QJ84
♣ Q5

West led ♠A but switched immediately to ♦K to ensure there was no entry for the long spades. Rowlands led a club from table to try for a club ruff but East, in with ♣Q, attacked trumps. There was one last chance for South. He cashed ♠A and K and found ♣Q doubleton with the short trumps so he could enjoy ♠J for his 10th trick. A model defence which deserved a better fate.

I leave you with a bidding problem which was solved by less than half the field.

Dealer North. Love all.

♠ KQ9753
♥ A
♦ 107
♣ KJ83



♠ J10
♥ J973
♦ J82
♣ Q752

♠ A4
♥ K106542
♦ AKQ53
♣ None

♠ 862
♥ Q8
♦ 964
♣ A10964

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| No | 1♣ | No | 2♥ |
| No | 2♣ | No | 3♠ |
| No | 3NT | No | 4♦ |
| No | ? | | |

There is some argument for 4♥, 4♠, 4NT or 5♣. Only those bidding 4♣ reached the top spot with partner raising to 6♣. A dozen played 6♥ without any chance and the remainder played various games. What would have been your choice?

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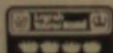
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ALAN MOULD reports on the first of 12 heats in Britain's history making £20,000 Grand Prix.

IN case anyone is unaware after all the publicity, the Grand Prix of Great Britain is a radical new departure for bridge in this Country.

Someone has at last found the sponsorship to run a tournament with really worthwhile prizes. Predictably this comes from the bridge entrepreneur Paul Hackett and is being run by Paul and Javed Khadem from their new club, Bridge World in Manchester.

The tournament consists of 12 heats of pairs competitions at venues dotted around the country with a guaranteed minimum of £1,000 in prizes at each including £500 for the winners and £200 for the leading non-expert pair.

Competitors can play in as many heats as they wish and their best five scores are counted towards their total. The score in any particular heat is worked out by a complex formula dependent upon the number of tables, number of heats and final position.

In this way the differences between various heats should, it is hoped, be eradicated. At the end of the heats the leading 16 experts and the leading 16 non-experts play in the final at Bridge-World with £20,000 in prize money at stake.

The final is an individual event with the experts and non-experts split into separate competitions, so the non-experts need not worry about the experts taking all the top places. Even the bottom placed player at the final is guaranteed £200.

It is not necessary to play in all the heats, or even the majority, to qualify for the final. Depending on the overall entry, competitors may well be able to qualify by playing in only two or three heats and doing well.

So, if sponsorship is essential to get bridge going in this country then players should appear in as many heats as they can to make the tournament a success.

The first heat took place at Bridge-World and was poorly attended with only 15 tables in play.

The leaders after one session were Howard Melbourne and Rick Bentley and at the end of the second session they were joined by Alan Mould and Anil Ruia. However, both pairs fell away in the third session and John Holland and Gary Hyett hit the front at just the right time — the end of the competition.

The most spectacular hand of the weekend occurred in the third session:

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Results

| | | Grand Prix out of 300 Points | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Gary Hyett & John Holland | 177.75 | 73.48 |
| 2 | Tony Sowter & Javed Khadem | 176.72 | 65.49 |
| 3 | Alan Mould & Anil Ruia | 173.54 | 59.07 |

Leading non-expert (winners of £200 prize): 7th Mark Halliwell & Mike Ardron 162.29, 42.43.

Leading mixed pair (free to any other Grand Prix tournament): Kath Nelson & Tom Middleton.

Leading women's pairs (free entry to any other Grand Prix tournament): Pam Stone & Sandra Fenton.

Session 3. Board 10. Dir: East. Vul: All

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| ♠ A | ♠ KQ10983 |
| ♥ 2 | ♥ AKQ87 |
| ♦ AJ9652 | ♦ Void |
| ♣ QJ752 | ♣ AK |

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| 3♦ | 2♣(i) |
| | 3♥ |
| 4♣ | 4♥ |
| 4♣(ii) | |

Not surprisingly, virtually nobody was able to stop in time on this hand. The usual auction started:

| | |
|----|----|
| 3♦ | 2♣ |
| 4♣ | 3♣ |

and ever onwards into the stratosphere.

As can be seen, even 6♣ is not great on a trump lead (though it is very good on anything else) and anything higher is appalling.

It seems to me that this is a good hand for playing Acol Twos as you should be able to reach the correct contract via:

(i) It is always best to open an Acol Two rather than 2C on big two suiters. It greatly facilitates the auction.

(ii) Worth no more than this as the hands obviously fit extremely poorly.

After this the small slam should be reached but the grand should not be contemplated.

We scored below average for beating 7NT by one trick. To me, the hand is a graphic illustration of why stiff honours should be devalued — they make communications between the hands so difficult. Hyett and Holland achieved +1100 on this board by doubling 7♣ and leading a heart. This effectively cut declarer off from this approximately 10 trick hand.

Now do you believe stiff honours are bad? If dummy had A x of spades the grand slam would be excellent (though it wouldn't have made this time as Holland has a trump trick).

Eight more teachers

ANOTHER eight players have qualified as teachers under the EBU Teacher's Association scheme.

They are Val Benson, St Anne's on Sea; June Booty, Richmond; John Evans, Gloucester; Shelagh Flett, Harrogate; Paul Haighton, Sudbury; Pat North, Hove; Maurice Rogers, Wellingborough; and Brian Wilson, Marlborough.

There are now around 650 teachers helping bridge newcomers and improvers under the EBUTA scheme, organised by Pat Husband (02406 5597).

Europa Cup final too hot!

THE 1987 Gold Cup winners were Britain's first ever representatives to reach the six nation final of the Philip Morris Europa Cup in Copenhagen, but were unplaced against strong competition.

The squad of Jeff Morris and John Hassett, Ted Reveley and Ralph Churney and Stephen Whittleton and Roy Dempster met opponents from the holders, Denmark, Austria, Sweden, Hungary and Belgium.

The winners, Austria, and the runners up, Sweden, both included four members of teams that won European honours in 1985 and 1987 and went on to be runners up and third respectively in the Bermuda Bowl of those years.

The Hungarian team won the 1987 Caransa leaving only Denmark and Belgium as unknown opponents.

Stephen Whittleton reports: "We were disadvantaged in never having played a board competitively against the strange systems our opponents were expected to be playing.

To offset this, Dempster and I had been



Britain's Europa Cup finalists — (from left) Ralph Churney, Ted Reveley, Stephen Whittleton, John Hassett, Jeff Morris and Roy Dempster

practising TRS (the brain-child of Tony Forrester and Steve Lodge) which had been so effective against the Swedes in Jamaica in 1987, intending to play it in addition to our normal methods.

Sweden were sufficiently worried by this that an appeal against its use was made on the grounds that we had submitted two convention cards (not on the grounds that it had been insufficiently explained as that would have ruled out the Austrians playing a method where an opening bid of 1♦ not vulnerable showing 0-11 HCP was allotted one line on their card).

The rationale that if it all fitted on one card it was allowed showed the legal aspect of bridge at its most ridiculous, at least to our team's eyes, but then we are biased.

"We did not play our best, but going into the last round the positions were 1 Austria 73.5, 2 Sweden 68, 3 GB and Hungary 61 and the rest nowhere. We needed a big win against the Swedes and for Austria to collapse.

No chance. The Austrians played magnificently against a tiring Danish team and in our match against the Swedes they did everything right — staying out of good games which were going off and bidding poor games which were undefeatable.

The Hungarians managed a good win over Belgium and so the final rankings were 1 Austria, 2 Sweden and 3 Hungary.

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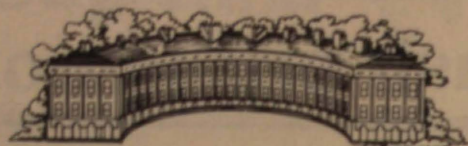


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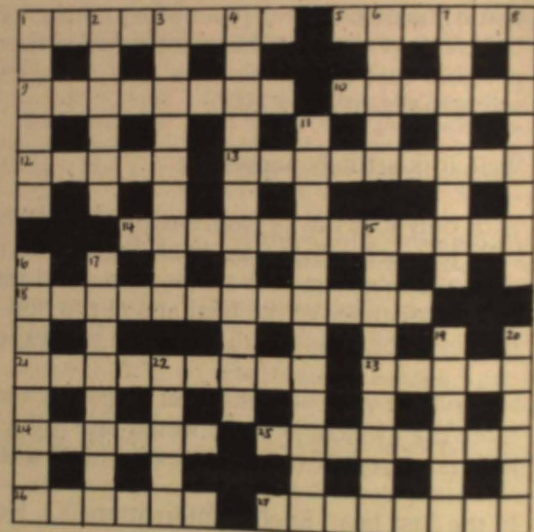
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- Close in around ear, nose and throat in a way that's not pronounced (8)
- Measure French drink for a stronger one (6)
- Alan's confused about his nose (5)
- Chosen in pipe and chosen again (9)
- Robots go mad before player manages the lights (12)
- No outcasts, and the bidding is secondary (3,2,3,4)
- Colourful hand for Douglas (9)
- Annoyance at just missing game (5)
- Game note for use in bath (6)
- Lady's maids when around major trouble (8)
- Last try — see, it's a mess (6)
- Little hares always beset by delays (8)

DOWN

- Jonathan misses the point, but finds somewhere to gamble (6)
- Enjoy a smack (6)
- Bare, or only lightly clad (9)
- Zero, if not a top (3,2,7)
- Arch beggar's plea, as written (5)
- Do they earn green points? (8)
- Shun Dior, making adjustments for the fairly full figure (8)
- Can be resolved into elements of French comedy character (black) (12)
- "Women, and —, and Bridge (Belloc) (9)
- Provide a complete team in heroic fashion (8)
- Unwell in no-one's state (8)
- Risqué, and loosely an attendant to knighthood (6)
- Oversuspicious and partly in opposition (6)
- Cobra keeps hidden in the undergrowth (5)

Juniors in Bulgaria

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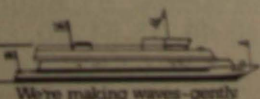
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READER'S WRITE...

Michael's wrong cue

THERE must be many pairs like us who are avid exponents of the Michael's cue bid. We use it at every opportunity as an excellent way to show two suits in one bid.

Playing Swiss Teams at Stratford this year, my partner held \spadesuit AJxxx \heartsuit AKxxx \clubsuit x. Over an opening bid of 1 \heartsuit , he overcalled 2 \heartsuit showing \clubsuit and a minor, followed by 3 \heartsuit by opener's partner and pass by me with \spadesuit Qxxx \heartsuit xx \diamond 10xxx \clubsuit Jxx.

Opener bid 4 \heartsuit and my partner paused for a few seconds wondering whether to take a pot shot at 4 \clubsuit or to double. He doubled and as I had no defence against hearts I bid 4 \clubsuit .

The director was called and opener asked to reserve his rights. The contract was made and the director recalled.

To our dismay the verdict went against us and we had to accept a score of +200 assuming opponents one down in 4 \heartsuit doubled. Their team mates bid and made 4 \clubsuit by a more orthodox auction. This one board cost us the match.

The moral to newcomers to congresses is to make sure you fully understand etiquette thoroughly. It was explained to

us that Michael's cue bid is really meant for weaker hands and a strong 2-suiter must double first then hope to get both suits bid at a higher level.

Another occasion for the director was when 1NT was opened and we were not allowed to look at the opponent's convention card to ascertain the point range, even when it was our turn to bid. It seems a volatile opponent is always waiting for an opportunity to intimidate less experienced players.

However, we are learning and intend to enjoy many more congresses.

Joan McKie
Dorking, Surrey

Players will appreciate Mrs McKie's tip. All sorts of complications can arise though if you misuse a bid, though Mrs McKie seems to have been hard done by on this hand.

It does pay to know the ground rules of any game and at least Mrs McKie and partner will be more wise at their next congress. Ed.

More letters on page 17

Last call

THANKS for publishing my letter requesting help in the compilation of a national directory (EB Feb). I am pleased to report an enthusiastic response and am grateful for all correspondence.

However, there are many gaps and would again urge through your columns for further information. Once complete, the directory should be available at a nominal fee and be a useful service to all players.

A.A. Cordery,
Chorley, Lancs

In praise of partners

Who forgive me my trespasses and do not go on ad infinitum about their own

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I am a senior citizen who is fortunate to have a partner who fulfils all the above specifications and on top of all that she has just presented me with a pair of gold ear-rings representing the four suits!

E.B.,
Cleveland

And long may you enjoy your bridge. Ed.

CURE FOR A 'KNOW IT ALL'

THERE are three kinds of bridge players — very good, not so good and "know it all".

Recently in a club, after our side bid 3NT and I made nine tricks, the opposition — "know it all" started telling his partner that if she had done this, or hadn't done that, they would have taken five tricks, (one down for me!).

When we checked the score card we found that at the four previous tables 3NT was bid making nine tricks each time. I asked the "know it all" why I should be the only loser in this situation and his answer was: "They should all have been down." Typical of that type of player.

I wonder if all clubs should try what we did once at a charity bridge competition. When anybody criticised their partner they had to pay a fine of 10p. A box circulated from table to table, we had a lot of fun and at the end there were a few pounds for charity.

T. Moszynski,
Oxford, Kent

The three-opponent problem

I WONDER if any bridge player has had the embarrassing situation of playing a competition against three opponents.

I have been playing with a lady partner for several years, but on occasions she gets eccentric and even once called me a bloody fool after I laid down my hand.

My story relates to the recent Charity Challenge Cup played at my club. At hand 10, after she stopped bidding at 5 hearts, I put her into 6 hearts which she played and made.

I thought she would be in a buoyant mood when hand 11 was played:

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| \spadesuit J73 | \spadesuit 1042 | \spadesuit 964 | \spadesuit 10986542 |
| \heartsuit 1042 | \heartsuit AJ62 | \heartsuit 964 | \heartsuit A85 |
| \diamond AJ62 | \diamond 964 | \diamond 10986542 | \diamond A85 |
| \clubsuit 964 | \clubsuit 10986542 | \clubsuit A85 | \clubsuit Void |
| \spadesuit A | \spadesuit KQ97 | \spadesuit Q843 | \spadesuit 10852 |
| \heartsuit KQ97 | \heartsuit Q843 | \heartsuit 10852 | \heartsuit KQ |
| \diamond Q843 | \diamond 10852 | \diamond KQ | \diamond J63 |
| \clubsuit 10852 | \clubsuit KQ | \clubsuit J63 | \clubsuit K10975 |
| | | | \clubsuit KQJ |

South opened with 1 \heartsuit . I was west and passed. North bid 2 \heartsuit and my partner, East, said 2 \clubsuit . South bid 3NT and I said 3NT just to tell her I had some diamonds.

North passed and partner passed with a void in diamonds. Our opponents collected 5 diamond tricks, 2 spades and 2 clubs.

My partner went to the new table and gloated how she left me to stew in 3NT, adding that I should have known her bid was an overcall.

Do other players have partners like this?

Anon.
Surrey
(Name withheld)

I hope not! Ed.

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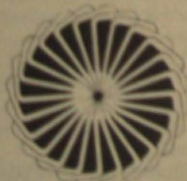
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READER'S WRITE...

Slavish obedience

READING the Problems Page in April *English Bridge* I was quite incensed at the reply to Mr Oberst's question.

Mr Oberst behaved in what I consider to be a totally proper and courteous manner towards an opponent who had clearly misheard, or rather not heard, a bid. To criticize his action in permitting the auction to re-start is outrageous.

Mr Endicott's response indicates what many of us suspect, that far too many tournament players have lost sight of the objective of bridge. It is a game and it is played for fun.

Although it is often stated that there is supposed to be no criticism of players when the director is called, surely common sense can prevail.

While I accept that there have to be rules for duplicate this is clearly a case where slavish obedience goes way over

Unpleasant behaviour

MY partner and I attended the Chester Bowl at the Westminster Hotel, Chester, and as usual went in the hope of an enjoyable day's duplicate.

But once again our day was spoiled by thoughtless and unpleasant behaviour by a minority of participants. There is a certain aggression from some individuals which is very undesirable.

Added to this, the smoking was excessive and even when smokers were asked to move their ashtrays the reply was sometimes to light another cigarette.

P. Falk,
Liverpool

The real problem is defining unpleasant and undesirable behaviour. It really depends on the receiver's perception of incidents. However, there is no excuse for unpleasantness and rudeness and it is up to an offended player to take the necessary action of calling the director and making a complaint. Ed.

...and smoking

OH dear! Another smoking complaint. Just back from the Chester Bowl at the Westminster Hotel, where we were given an option of choking to death by smoke or opening a window and freezing to death.

It would be splendid if we could adopt the method practised abroad. Smoking is not banned, but permission to smoke must be requested at each table as a smoker moves round the room.

If he should become desperate, he who lives dangerously could always have a quick puff in the loo while in dummy.

Yetta Mendick,
Liverpool

the top. All the players concerned were happy that the correct contract had been reached and that natural justice had been served.

There is no reason why any player should be penalised simply because a room happened to be noisy; neither does any fairminded player take advantage of that situation.

It is for this reason that so many bridge enthusiasts play in small friendly clubs rather than aspire to those of so-called higher standards.

L.D. Courts
Elstree, Herts

More results lists wanted

ANYONE who has suffered the frustration of having to jostle for position in a milling throng of contestants to inspect a results sheet or rankings list at a major event will surely support me in asking organisers to rethink their methods of communication to competitors.

It is clearly inadequate to display one or, if we're lucky, two lists at an event in which perhaps 200 people or more are taking part.

It has already been amply demonstrated how big screens and other devices can bring a level of professionalism to our top-level bridge occasions.

Even if other events' resources cannot stretch that far, it is surely not unreasonable to expect three or four print-outs or copies to be displayed at selected vantage points so that at least the crowds can be thinned down to an acceptable level?

Denis Russell
Bromley, Kent

Special Status?

HAVE the EBU afforded a special status to players from Worcestershire. In the last issue seven Worcestershire players were shown as being promoted to District Manager. How many Master Points do you need for this rank?

Mike Swanson
Runcorn, Cheshire

No extra points — just good eyesight when checking proofs! Ed.

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Cambridge win a trip to Paris

CAMBRIDGE qualified to represent England in the university section of the Entente Cordiale Trophy match against France in Paris on September 24 and 25 by winning the Portland Bowl.

They beat Oxford in the semi final and Southampton in the final. The open, ladies and junior England teams for this match will be selected next month.

The Portland Bowl is sponsored by the Portland Club and supported by Rocco Forte of THF, who provided the opulent Cafe Royal for the final.

British player Raymond Brock watched the match and selected this hand as a good example of knowing when to duck.

E/W dealer East.

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| ♠ J76 | ♠ AK83 |
| ♥ 92 | ♥ K5 |
| ♦ K432 | ♦ J9765 |
| ♣ K1065 | ♣ A4 |
| ♠ Q104 | ♠ 952 |
| ♥ Q1087 | ♥ AJ643 |
| ♦ AQ8 | ♦ 10 |
| ♣ Q72 | ♣ J983 |

East paid the price for opening an off-centre no-trump when he became declarer in 3NT after a Stayman sequence.

South found the good lead of the 9♣, an interior sequence, which ran to East's ace. The diamond was finessed and North won and had to guess where his partner's entry was for a further club play.

Reasoning that East had more cards in spades than hearts and was therefore more likely to hold the high spades he returned a heart. The club return defeated the contract.

In the other room West played 3NT unbeatable from his side. North did well to switch to a heart but he could have made it easier.

If South has an entry which he needs to defeat the contract, ducking the diamond for one round cannot give the contract and it has the advantage of allowing South to signal his entry.

Cambridge: W. Hawkins & A. Hsieh, K. Davis & E. Linfield, M. Colville & R. Silcock.

Southampton: S. Auchterlonie & G. Chama, J. Sherringham & I. Simpson.

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After dinner sessions, pairs and teams will end at approximately 11pm with prizes in all events. The Tournament Staff will again include Lawrence Gaunt and Ruth Gaunt, a guarantee of quick and accurate results: Jim Proctor and Tom Paton who's presence ensures efficient and friendly Tournament Direction.

Harold and resident international experts, Albert Dormer, Michael Walsh together with Peter Donavan, Bridge columnist of the Daily Mail will all help to make up partnerships in the afternoon sessions.

There will of course be full Christmas Fair and a special outing which will be arranged for Boxing Day morning. The price is £188 per person (inc VAT) for three nights and there is no single supplement.

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Latest on Laws & Ethics

THE April meeting of the EBU Council confirmed the following decisions of the Laws and Ethics Committee.

1. Drury has a restricted licence; Kenny will change from general licence to restricted licence with publication of the 1988 Year Book. The council asks the committee to consider a like arrangement for SNAP.

2. Pottage 2♣ overcall of 1NT, and a 2♦ overcall with similar meaning, both have a restricted licence and this will not be changed.

3. Tartan Twos have a restricted licence. *Note:* it may be helpful to point to the possibility of using Lucas Weak Twos which have a General Licence — see page 23 of 1987 Yellow Book. *Alternat-*

ively it is quite permissible under Blanket General Licence no.5 to play that 2♥/2♠ openers are dual meaning — EITHER an Acol-2 in the named suit OR a two-suiter including the named suite with 9-13 points (or the partnership may decide upon a higher 5-point range than this if it chooses).

Basis of directors' rulings

At the council meeting Len Handley quoted a recent experience as a member of an Appeals Committee and asked for comment.

In reply, the chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee, Grattan Endicott, said it was widespread practice in other countries to follow American guidelines, which is

where there is an irregularity the director does not make any value judgement at all, and where he cannot rule "by the book" he rules against the side whose action is questioned, leaving an appeals committee to make a value judgement if the players refer the matter to it.

The practice we adopt is different: we allow that a director may rule in favour of the "offending" side if the decision is so evident that the director does not believe one member of an appeals triumvirate will argue against his decision, and provided — where he is able to consult a colleague — neither of the directors in consultation has any reasonable doubt concerning the decision. We believe this represents a truer interpretation of the meaning of the laws. (Director's Guide 202.6).

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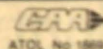
Avoiding the lonely hearts...

A PLAYER at the first Suffolk No Fear tournament called the director and whispered: "I have no Hearts." Told that was alright, she replied: "I did not think voids were allowed in duplicated."

Suffolk chairman Claude Stokes reports that 144 took part and more than half were playing their first duplicate.

Procedure in appeals committees

A member of an appeals committee should not express his views before hearing the full evidence, should not state them in the presence of the players, and should avoid "debating" with players at the hearing of an appeal. Where the chairman of an appeals committee observes that one of his colleagues has disclosed a premature opinion he should reconvene a fresh committee.



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Mike Swanson — player, national tournament director and organiser of Merseyside BC — also finds time to direct for holiday operators. He answers the likely questions first-timers ask.

HAVE you ever thought about going on a bridge holiday at home or abroad but decided against it for one reason or another.

If your answer is yes then the odds are that your decision was arrived for one or two very different reasons.

If you describe yourself as just a middle-of-the road player, who normally just plays in club duplicate, then you will probably have had worries about the standard of play and, as a result, you will have chosen a non-bridge holiday for fear of being enveloped in an over-competitive atmosphere.

The regular congress player, of course, has precisely the opposite fear, that of being surrounded by beginners who would spoil his enjoyment.

The truth, probably, is that most readers of "English Bridge" would thoroughly enjoy themselves on a bridge holiday and find any fears are really without foundation.

Firstly, the standard of play is very much that of a typical provincial club duplicate. Undoubtedly there will be some players who are just starting out and who are lacking in experience but, on the other hand, there will be the occasional Life Master.

However, the thing to remember is that everyone is on holiday and therefore they are determined to enjoy themselves, so the atmosphere tends to be friendly and tolerant.

The choice of bridge holidays abroad is widening every year, an indication of their ever increasing popularity, and the choice of holiday destinations is also on the increase.

As well as the popular destinations such as Spain, Greece, Malta and Yugoslavia, long-haul bridge holidays are beginning to become available and, for those who want the ultimate, bridge cruises aboard the Canberra are a very attractive proposition.

"Why go abroad to the sun and then spend all your time indoors playing in a bridge competition?" some people might ask. Well it's just not like that.

Many people prefer to laze in the sun or see the sights during the day and after dinner, play in an organised bridge competition.

For those who are really addicted to the game, many holidays offer occasional seminars in the day — short sessions of duplicate pairs most afternoons (usually late afternoon and only 18-boards), as well as the main sessions in the evenings. But none of it is compulsory.

Indeed, when there is glorious sunshine outside people will still attend a seminar

on slam bidding. I am convinced that if bridge sessions were organised to start at 3am half the players would troop in wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns!

A typical bridge holiday abroad will have a variety of competitions from straightforward duplicate pairs to mixed pairs, men's and ladies' pairs, Swiss and multiple teams, pivot teams, and even an individual where you can inflict yourself on a dozen different partners in a single session.

And, of course, there are prizes and trophies for those who meet with success. Many holidays offer the extra incentive of EBU master points as well.

Who goes on bridge holidays abroad? Well there is no typical bridge holiday person, although there are some who unfortunately are unable to go even if they wanted to, not that there is any discrimination.

It's just that bridge holidays are usually organised outside of the high season period to keep prices at a reasonable level, and so anyone who is tied to school holidays is unable to go.

Apart from that restriction, the clientele tends to cover the complete spectrum of bridge players, although it has to be said that the ladies heavily outnumber the men.

Sometimes it is the destination that is the driving force for some people rather than the bridge itself. Don Taylor is a keen member of my bridge club who was eager to go on a bridge holiday.

The only trouble was that his wife, Jean, did not play. Jean however was very keen to visit Israel, so when they discovered that I was going to be involved in a bridge holiday to Israel there was only one solution.

In the six weeks before the holiday Jean learned to play bridge from scratch and I am pleased to relate that they had a thoroughly enjoyable time. I was pleased to be able to present Jean with a special prize "For Valour" at the gala dinner on the final night. Since then she has been through a formal course on Acol with me and is now a regular attendee at the club.

At the other end of the spectrum Frank Littlewood was one of the last people I expected to see on a bridge holiday, since I as more used to playing against him in competitions such as the Spring Foursomes and the Gold Cup, with varying degrees of success.

However, Frank's wife Pat, by her own admission, is not such a high-powered player and they settled down to have a good time partnering each other as well as changing partners for some of the competitions.

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Britain
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At the table in Luxor, Egypt: Ismael Sidky (left), Bill Ridsdill (facing) and Jean Standish (right)

Indeed, I have found it refreshing how much time the better players, such as Frank, will spend helping those with less experience to improve their game.

Do you need to take a partner when you go on a bridge holiday? No. Most operators welcome singles and will always be able to organise partners. Many players who come as pairs will split up for different sessions, especially in the afternoons, when one partner may wish to stay in the sun while the other goes in search of Master Points.

The only disadvantage for single clients is that there may be a supplement payable for a single room.

One of the good things about being on a holiday with a theme is that you are among people with whom you have something in common and through the holiday you are far more likely to make friends than on a conventional package, especially since you are likely to be going on excursions together and meeting in cocktail parties as well as having regular encounters in the bridge room.

So at this stage let me assume that I have persuaded you that a bridge holiday abroad would be a good idea. How do you choose where to go and who to go with? There is a bewildering choice of venues, prices and operators.

Firstly I would suggest that you ask around at your club and see if any of your colleagues can offer recommendations since there is no doubt that you would feel happier if you had not just chosen "blind" from an advertisement.

If you don't see a venue that attracts you then any of the operators would be happy to put you on their mailing list for future holidays.

Some regular bridge holidaymakers tend to stick to the same operator. To others the destination is the most important factor, whereas there are those who follow a particular tournament director.

I confess I enjoy the job of tournament director on a bridge holiday even though it can be tremendously hard work. However, when I return home with a wonderful tan nobody ever believes that I have been doing anything other than sunbathing and

having a good time.

Running the competitions and presenting seminars is only a small aspect of the work. I also tend to have to fulfil the role of resident expert, so from breakfast until bed time I find myself being presented with hands from the previous session and having to offer an opinion on what to bid next or how to play the hand.

My only worry in offering my opinion is when both members of a partnership arrive together with a particular hand, look me in the eye and say: "What would you bid now?"

I know I am going to be in trouble whatever my answer and no doubt one of them will go away muttering: "If he bids like that no wonder he sticks to tournament directing!"

Still, there are occasions when the tournament director-cum-resident-expert does get to play. In Egypt recently I played one session with a lady who, five years earlier, I had taught as a beginner.

She was a little overawed at playing with her teacher and early in the session her nervousness displayed itself in what for me was a highly amusing fashion. On the first of a two-board round I opened 1♦, there was a 3♠ overcall, partner bid 3♥ and right-hand opponent bid 4♣.

Nobody noticed the insufficient bid except me and so I let it pass with a comment to partner that maybe she should bid a little higher in future.

On the very next hand I opened 1♥, there was a 2♦ overcall, partner bid 2♣ and buried her head in her hands, right-hand opponent bid 2♠ and I just dissolved into laughter.

On a recent journey back from a trip abroad I happened to be sitting in the front row of the aircraft with my wife opposite the chief stewardess, who was strapped in for the take-off.

She turned to us and exclaimed: "I've never experienced anything like this before. Half the passengers have complained they are too hot and the other half are too cold. Nobody seems to be in the right seat and those that are in the right place are busy swapping with others, and we haven't even taken off yet!"

I smiled and replied: "One hundred of your passengers are bridge players. I've had to cope with this for two weeks." At that moment I knew that at least one person appreciated that, despite my tan, I needed a rest to get over the holiday.

You may be thinking that bridge holidays sound like a good idea but you would like to try something a little less adventurous first. In that case a bridge week or weekend in Britain would seem to be the perfect solution.

However, if you thought the choice of bridge holidays abroad was bewildering then the choice at home has become truly overwhelming. Just a glance through this magazine reveals a tremendous variety of adverts, mainly for bridge weeks or weekends, where the accent is on playing, usually with Master Points at stake.

This is the ideal environment for the player who is keen to play more but who prefers the prospect of the more relaxed atmosphere of a residential bridge holiday than the cut and thrust of the big congress.

There are also plenty of holidays where the emphasis is on tuition, with specially set hands so that you can practice a particular aspect of the game. Although many of these holidays are advertised in "English Bridge" a number of operators tend to mail clubs direct since it is quite often those who have not yet joined the EBU who find this sort of holiday attractive.

It may be worthwhile looking at your club noticeboard or asking your club secretary to pass on details of anything suitable that might arrive in the post.

In addition, there are residential colleges which aim their courses at fairly inexperienced players and who just rely on their own mailing lists. Details of these courses can be obtained from Adult Residential Colleges Association, 19b De Montfort Street, Leicester LE1 7GE.

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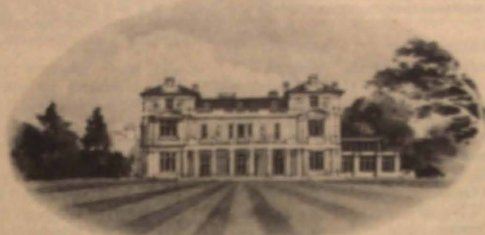
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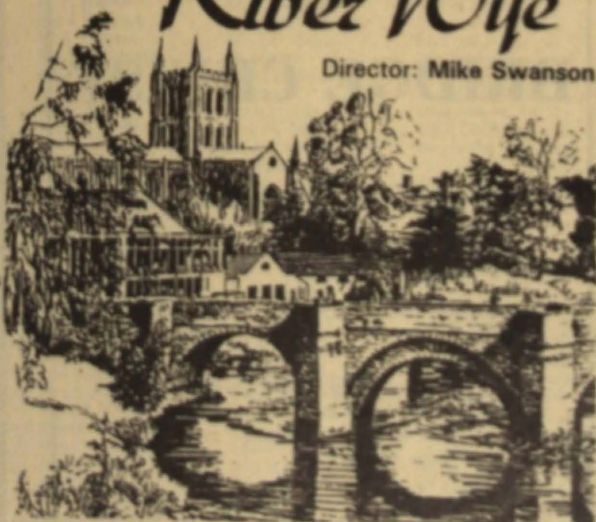
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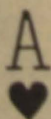
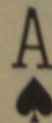
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Ron notches up four decades as county secretary

LIKE so many bridge players, Ron Allen started to play the game because some friends wanted to make up a four.

That was in 1939 when he was a master at Worcester Royal Grammar School. "I played other card games and knew these three played bridge. When they asked what I was doing the following Saturday night I knew what was coming."

That game launched Mr Allen's interest in the game and when enthusiasts in Worcestershire decided to form a county association nine years later he was the volunteer who became secretary ... as well as county tournament director.

That was in 1948 and this year Mr Allen notches up 40 years unbroken service and is easily the EBU's longest serving county secretary. "I'm 74 now and I suppose I shall continue for as long as members wish," he commented.

When Worcestershire became a county association there were about 60

EBU members but no clubs. Now the county has 12 clubs and around 320 members.

Mr Allen says membership has been steadily increasing throughout the past 10 years. "It's difficult to pinpoint a reason, but one might be that some of our competitions are not restricted to EBU members."

"Once they play and enjoy the thrust of competition I suppose they are tempted to join the EBU to enable them to play in other competitions."

Mr Allen, who has coupled the role of county tournament director throughout his 40 years' service, was at one time an "A" director and controlled Crockford and Tollemache finals, but nowadays he confines his activities to county and club events.

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Playing problem

Dummy poser

IS dummy a "player" within the meaning of law 64 if declarer revokes in his own hand on a trick won in dummy's hand? Or does Law 64A1 or 64A2 apply?

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Dummy's cards are not declarer's cards. He directs the play of dummy's cards, but it's his partner's hand. So if declarer revokes in his own hand on a trick won in dummy this is a case where the trick on which the revoke occurred was not won by the offending player. Law 64A2 applies.

ASC

Insufficient bid

PLEASE give an opinion on this interesting dispute which occurred during a pairs evening at a club.

The auction proceeded in an orderly manner to a bid of 4NT followed by a pass from the next person to call and then 4♣ to myself. I said insufficient bid.

The insufficient bidder asked me what I was going to do. I replied that he must call the director to get a ruling as to his options.

He said he was not going to call the director and it was up to me. I took the view that my partner and I had not been damaged so far and had no reason to call the director.

The insufficient bidder, an experienced player, said he did not know the rule and asked what was to be done.

Our partnership, with the agreement of offender's partner, said what he must have already known — that insufficient bid if made sufficient carried no penalty. He now bid 5♣.

Our partnership called the director. The director ruled that my partner and I were at fault for not having called him to the opponent's insufficient bid and then in his absence given direction.

I have discussed this with two well ranked Essex team players. One holds an

EBU teacher's certificate and the other is a director with over 10 years experience.

They cannot agree as to who, if anyone, should have been penalised. We have analysed the relevant rules without conclusion.

Clive Madge,
London

Law 10A denies players the right to waive penalties (the director has power to do it at a player's request); Law 9B1(a) insists that the director be called immediately attention is drawn to an irregularity; Law 9B2 forbids any player to do anything until the director had explained the relevant law.

So Mr Madge is no more sinning in these respects than the other three players at the table. All four failed to act as these laws require.

But Mr Madge and his partner are also in breach of Law 11A: being the "non-offending" side they have taken action (in stating the law incorrectly to opponents) before summoning the director — and they have possibly gained in consequence of subsequent action by this opponent in ignorance of the law.

The principle is that a non-offending side is not permitted to lead an offending side more deeply into the mire. In such circumstances the director is required to rule that they have forfeited this right to penalize the infraction.

If the director had been called at the right time he would have applied Law 27. He would have faced the necessity of determining whether 4♣ was a natural or a conventional bid.

If the former then Law 27B1 would have allowed a 5♣ bid to be substituted with no penalty — but with the possibility that he would later adjust the score if it turned out the 4♣ bid had conveyed information so substantial as to damage the non-offending side.

Had he decided the bid was conventional he would have applied Law 27B2 which, among other things, silences the 4NT bidder and allows the offender to bid or pass as he chooses; this would also apply in the case of the natural bid of 4♣ if the offender decided to do something other than bid 5♣.

As it was, the director should have allowed the player to substitute any sufficient bid (or a pass) in place of the insufficient 4♣ without penalty. Probably the player would elect to repeat his attempted bid of 5♥.

G.E.

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The Mother of Discipline's prescription

By David Bird

"Come on, come on," snapped the Mother of Discipline. "You're not thinking any more, you're just dithering."

"Yes, sorry, Reverend Mother," said the young Sister Carol. "Three no-trumps."

This was the deal.

Game All. Dealer South.

| | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| ♠ K94 | ♥ Q1043 | ♦ J85 | ♣ AQ2 |
| ♠ J83 | ♥ 85 | ♦ A74 | ♣ J10973 |
| ♠ A106 | ♥ K17 | ♦ KQ62 | ♣ 854 |

| South | West | North | East |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Sister Colleen | Sister Thomas | Sister Carol | Mother of Disc. |
| INT | No | 2♣ | No |
| 2♦ | No | 3NT | |

The jack of clubs was led against 3NT. Sister Colleen called for dummy's queen, but that lost to the king and East cleared the club suit. The defenders soon had four

clubs and two aces in the bag, putting the contract two down.

"I knew I wasn't worth 3NT," said a disappointed Sister Carol. "If I hadn't been hurried, we could have saved a few points by stopping in two."

"Don't be impertinent," said the Mother of Discipline. "3NT was a perfectly reasonable contract. Sister Colleen misplayed it, that's all."

"Yes," agreed Sister Thomas, with a severe twist of the lip. "The standard of cardplay from the novices is disgraceful nowadays. A sad relection on the tuition they receive."

"On the tuition?" said the Mother of Discipline. "What nonsense, I covered this situation only last week. These youngsters never bother to listen, that's the problem."

"How should I have played it, Reverend Mother?" enquired Sister Colleen.

"She still hasn't seen it!" exclaimed the Mother of Discipline. "Ace of clubs at trick one, of course. Even if you guess to knock out West's ace next, you're still all right. It goes ten of clubs, queen and king on the second round, and East has no club to return. The contract is cold."

You're being a bit modest, there, aren't you?" said Sister Thomas.

"Modest?" grunted the Mother of Discipline. "What do you mean?"

"Well, if she plays the ace at trick one,



you'd unblock the king, obviously. Declarer would probably play on hearts, the more solid of the red suits, next. You jump in with the ace and clear the clubs; the contract must go down."

"Do you think I don't realise that?" stormed the Mother of Discipline. "There's no point in muddling the heads of these youngsters with advanced points like that. The lesson to be learned is that the ace of clubs should be played, not the queen. You would never make a good teacher."

Pardon me for living, though Sister Thomas. Anyhow, wasn't it best to play a low club from dummy at trick one? An unblock from East wouldn't help then.

"I think I know an easy way to help you remember the best play in positions like this," said the Mother of Discipline, turning her granite-like features towards the young novice.

"That would be very helpful, Reverend Mother," replied Sister Colleen.

"Yes," continued the Mother of Discipline. "The best thing would be for you to copy out the full hand diagram and draw circles round the cards that should be played at trick one."

"Shall I put a circle round the king in the East hand, Reverend Mother?" queried Sister Colleen.

The Mother of Discipline gave an irritated wave of the hand.

"Just circle the cards that should be played by West and North," she replied. "Write it all out twenty times; that should be enough. You can bring it to my study tomorrow morning."

Playing problem

From facing page

if the 1 Club bid had been strong, e.g. Precision?

2. Playing Precision, is it permissible to play the Salisbury convention for three-bids? Reading the year book, I can see that Alder three-bids have a restricted licence, but Salisbury is not mentioned. However, Salisbury is in the Tournament Director's Guide but it is not clear if this is too restricted.

I am sure there are many EBU members who hope the L and E will quickly take action to clear up many of the uncertainties and ambiguities which appear to exist in current use of conventions.

Claude Stokes,
Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

1. No. Defences are licensed for use against specific openings only. Players should not want to use the same defence. Against a strong club, the objective on the first round is to be destructive; better hands can be developed after the club opener has rebid. Against a prepared club, it's more likely to be your hand and fewer bids can be dedicated to pre-emptive action.

2. Salisbury is covered by the restricted blanket licence for three level opening bids.

G.T.K.

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ESSEX

Essex Pairs — First time winners of the county championships were Stuart Nelson and Paul Nesbitt, with Bud Abbott and Rob Barker in second place.

This has been a successful season for Abbott and Barker, the county second team captain, playing with Gordon Johnstone and David Duffy they won a new county swiss teams, inaugurated in March in memory of George Curtis. Essex organised an open heat for the National Newcomers Pairs, and 31 pairs from classes, golf and squash clubs and small local bridge clubs took part. Winners were Roger Pygram and P. Collings.

The second Southend and area swiss teams, sponsored by R. Hair & Sons resulted in a win for Bob and Jill Hair, Bob Raynsford and Mrs Lois Quinn. **Clacton Congress** Organising Secretary, Claude Stokes, was able to put out a full sign last October and once again it was a sociable, well-run congress.

Winners of the Congress Pairs were Mrs Kathy Belsey and George Phipps, who play in South East Essex, and after a very tight and exciting finish,

winners of the Congress Teams by 1 VP were Claude Stokes, Philip Edwards, Bob Rowlands and Peter Cardiff.

KENT

Hunter Homines

1. P.J. Bailey, J. Sivayogan
2. J.R. Witlans, M. Kingsland

Fleming Femina

1. Mrs E. Thrush, Mrs M. Ashley
 2. Mrs A. Mills, Mrs J. De Smith
- Mixed Pairs (Dyer-Smith Cup)**
1. Mrs A. Mills, M. Griffiths
 2. Mrs J. Tyndale-Biscoe, Dr. R.G. Jones

Hunter Flitch

Mr. & Mrs R. D. Oakford
Wally Servante

The death has occurred of Wally Servante, the founder of Ashford Bridge Club, a long-serving member of KCBA committee and a most agreeable opponent at the table.

MANCHESTER

Women's Pairs

1. Mrs L. Page, Mrs H. Blank
2. Mrs P. Burrown, Mrs J. Roe
3. Mrs R. Goldenfield, Mrs E. Reese

CUMBRIA

Teams-Of-Four

K. Johnston, I. Rankin, A. Fisher, G. Surtees

Championship Pairs

K. Johnston, C.L. Smith

Swiss Teams

Mrs M. Bamford, Mrs M. Cooney, J. Etchells, Mrs H. Johnson

Pivot Teams

Mrs E. Anderson, K. Anderson, I. Reeves, E. Zivtins

County Simultaneous Pairs

Mr. and Mrs L. Michinson

Ladies Pairs

Mrs M. Bamford, Miss D. Heron

Mens Pairs

P. Porter, W. Thompson

Forthcoming event:

Green-leinted one-day Swiss Teams at Kendal Leisure Centre, Oct 2.

Organiser: M.J. Cooney, 9 Cartmel Drive, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 9PU (0229 55444)

YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire Simultaneous Pairs

1. C. Graburn & E. H. Pudsey

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Yorkshire Cup

1. M. Abrahams, M.H. Abrahams, C. Wald & J. Gershaw
2. Mr. & Mrs J. Gerrard & T.R. Betts & T.E. Bramley

Nelson Rose Bowl

1. Mrs J. Ayre, Mrs R.B. Jones, Mrs S. Flett & Mrs J. Gristwood
2. Mrs E. Hunter, Mrs E. Harrison, Mrs M. Armitage & Mrs J. Bragg

County Championship Pairs

1. Mrs M. Campbell & D.A. Rayner
 2. G.B. Dixon & J.D. Colley
 3. R. Forshaw & J. Cusworth
 4. F. Littlewood & P.D. Littlewood
 5. G. Jepson & K. Cornish
- These pairs qualify for the Corwen Trophy.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Joyce Cup

The final of Leicestershire's invitation pairs competition, directed by Douglas Russell, involved 20 pairs from Warwickshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Lincs and South Humberside, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Leicestershire

In recent years, the cup has often been won by invited pairs, notably from Worcestershire. However, on this occasion Leicestershire took the first five places.

1. J. Harriman, M. Mahoney
 2. Mrs M. Pote, D. Deane
 3. Mrs J. Wightman, S. Stokes
 4. A.N. Odams, J.D. Beattie
 5. Mrs J. Walker, Mrs I.Y. Krantz
- At half-time, these five pairs in different order headed the field, with Mrs Walker and Mrs Krantz the lead. Their chances of winning the trophy faded when Mrs Wightman and S. Stokes, bid, and made, a grand slam in hearts against them with these cards:

♠ AK, ♥ A10xx, ♦ AQx, ♣ AKxx
 ♠ x, ♥ Q96xxx, ♦ x, ♣ 109xxx

Declarer played for a singleton king of trumps and, with clubs breaking 2-2, the contract made for all the match points.

HEREFORD

Herefordshire is the latest newly-formed county association. Chairman is Albert Ashforth, vice-chairman John Baldwin, treasurer and membership secretary Brian Kingsley, events secretary Peter Bellamy, catering officer Daphne Whittaker, and county secretary Barbara Forryan. Details of fixtures can be obtained from Peter Bellamy, 15 Fayre Oaks Green, Hereford, (Hereford 273529).

The county subscription is £1 and dual members are welcomed.

SURREY

Surrey Mens' Pairs

1. A.J. Pryor and M.H. Pryor

2. M.R. Curtis and V. Card

Surrey Womens' Pairs (Aileen Filose)

1. Mrs J. Grant and Mrs M. Slevin

2. Mrs M. Krauth and Mrs Mary Edwards

Surrey Mens' Teams

1. W.J. Durden, P. Bentley, J. Scase, A. Pearce

2. N.L.J. Davies, M. Morton, G.A. Hart, E. Puffec

Surrey Ladies' Teams (The Thimble)

1. Mrs D. Wade, Mrs R. Fellows

2. Mrs S. Philip, Miss A. Roberts

2. Mrs M. Edwards, Mrs E. Phillips, Miss E. Pritchard, Mrs M. Lee

SOMERSET

Ladies Pairs Championship

1. Mrs J. Preddy & Mrs M. Hosken

2. Mrs E.M. Haley & Mrs L. Hammersley

3. Mrs V. Dunn & Mrs A. Taylor

County Pairs Championship

R.D. Drury and Mrs J. Booker

Swiss Teams Championship

D. Hamper, B. Dyde, M. Brady, A. Taylor.

CHANNEL ISLANDS

County Teams: Guernsey

W. Brooman, E. Gaudion, R. Plumley and J. Seymour

SUSSEX

Sussex Annual Saga Competition

This event for the over 60s attracted 227 pairs.

1. Mrs L. Barnacle & Mrs A. Hansen

2. Mrs J. Cave & Mrs M. McQuire

Flitch: Mr. & Mrs P. Trencham

Over 70's: Mrs M. Fish & Mrs V. Coram-Wright

The Dudley Hotel, Hove, held a mini congress in February, sponsored by local firms. Sandra Landy held a seminar on "doubles" and there was a duplicate pairs "Play with the experts."

Pairs:

1. P. Clinch & Bill Sherman

2. G. Smith & Mrs W. Tarrant

3. Mrs Judi Day & T. Pagan

N/E Mrs Lucas & Mrs Gershwin.

Swiss Teams:

1. J. Muir, Mr. & Mrs Moore & R. Spivey

2. B. Russell, Mr. K. Russell, T. Pagan & Mrs Judi Day.

St. Leonards Bridge Club Swiss Teams

1. R. Pengelly, R. Reardon, Mrs A. Thomson, Mrs R. Banister

2. Miss U. Bishop, D. Smerdon & P. Sugden

3. Mr. & Mrs R. Buddery, Mr. & Mrs D. Crouch

The event attracted 43 teams.

Spring Congress — Eastbourne

The Winter Gardens was provided free by Eastbourne Town Council.

Under 5000:

1. Mrs B. Jensen & Mrs M. Yoxall

2. Mrs N. Francis & I. Harrison

No Fear Pairs section winners: Mrs D. Chattey & Mrs C. Hills, J. Slade & J. Sturma

Pivot Teams:

1. J. Rowbotham, Mrs Rowbotham, Mrs Ryan & Mrs Batting

2. A. Jeffery, T. Bradley, W. Sherman & Mrs M. Watts

Mixed Pairs

1. Mr. & Mrs Manning

2. Mr. & Mrs F. North (Flitch)

Swiss Pairs

1. — M. Letts & A. Carrington, W. Sherman & A. Jeffery

Swiss Teams

1. J. Williams, Mrs B. Carr, N. Watts & N. Urban

2. Mr. & Mrs F. North, Mrs S. Landy & J. Elliott

HERTS

Championship Pairs Final

1. E. Charles & M. Robson

2. Mr. & Mrs D. Flockhart

3. N. Willis & Mrs L. Hodges, who are non-experts.

National Pairs

Bill Blackman and Mike Rawlings won the Regional Masters Pairs for the second time in three years.

DORSET

Grays Builders Merchants Men's Pairs Championship

1. P. Balfre & J. Green

2. A. Watson and R. Walker

3. J. Littlewood and L. Williams

Bradshaw's Garden Services Women's Pairs Championship

1. Mrs D. Philipps and Mrs A.R. Rycroft

2. Mrs B.B. Wight and Mrs A.P. Blooms

3. Mrs G. Clark and Mrs B. Dickinson

Wolfe, Oakley, Brown Men's Teams Championship

1. W.T. Udall, S. Dean, M.J. Hill-Hones, M.T. Pownall

2. F.J. Passmore, G.M. Pick, P.J. Edwards, P.P.P. Cheu

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JB Thompson (Solicitors) Women's Teams Championship

1. Mrs D. Philipps, Mrs A.R. Rycroft, Mrs V.B. Reynolds, Mrs J.B. Thompson
2. Miss D. Bulley, Mrs P. Savage, Mrs M. Singleton, Mrs E. Morris

BERKS & BUCKS

Mixed Pairs

1. Miss J. Cooper & J. Barr
2. Mrs C. Mueller & G. Horley

Committee Cup (Club Teams)

1. R. Avery, D. Perkins, B. Best, P. P. Thornton, (Slough).
2. Mrs D. Browne, I. Reissman, D. Goldsworthy, S. Roberts (Reading).

Davies Cup (Ladies Pairs)

1. Mrs C. Mueller & Mrs C. Humphreys
2. Mrs E. Jeronimidis & Miss J. Cooper

Advertiser Trophy (Mens Pairs)

1. D. Goldsworthy & S. Roberts
2. C. Northover & G. Fogg

DERBYSHIRE

Teams of Four Championship
(Eric White Cup).

1. A. Wells (J. Squibbs, P. Berry, E. Martin, Mr & Mrs D. Marshall.
2. E. White (C. Guildford, D. Smedley, V. Morris, Mr & Mrs M. Starkings.

Inter Club Swiss Teams

1. Alfreton A (J. Noble, D. Noakes, W. Booth & A. Dixon).
2. Rolls Royce A (D. Brooks, R. Hart, E. Lippit & N. Toon).

Coming Events

Buxton Congress, July 1-3
City of Derby Congress, September 3-4

Details from Tony Dixon, 64
Broadway, Swanwick, Derby, DE55
1AJ. (Ripley (0773) 605403).

Mixed Pairs Championship June 8.
Individual Championship July 6.
Mens & Ladies Pairs Championship
August 3.
All at Derby Bridge Club (7.00 p.m.).

NOTTS

County Pairs

D. Roberts and D. Kenward.
Notts have won the second division of
the Midlands Counties Dawes
Trophy Teams of Eight Championship:

The team was D. Burgess, G. Fullerton, D. Hayes, R. Kakad, Mrs G. McCormick, E. Nunn, J. Penny, K. Rodgers, G. Senior and Mrs L. Shillito.
Notts Congress at County Hall, West Bridgford, July 15-17. Phone (0602) 622910 day or (0602) 652815 evening for further details.

BEDS

County Pairs Final

1. D. Harris & J. Williams
2. M. Smith & H. Schiebert
3. H. Cook & Mrs Atkin.

County Mixed Pairs

1. Mr & Mrs G.F. Jordan
2. Mr & Mrs Loydell
3. Mr & Mrs Stairs

NORTHANTS

Broke Cup

Gupta, Brunsch, Raven, Poole. (Team Barrett).

Murchie-Lerner

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Division 2

Mr & Mrs Sobey, P. Rowlett, S. Few,

Kettering Trophy (teams for 4 for juniors)

Kettering (H. Williams, J. Hall, G. Hodges, G. Dolby).

County Fitch Heat:

1. Mr & Mrs B. Hitches
2. Mr & Mrs Porter

WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire Club Pairs

1 = Mrs D. Georgonic, R. Ugg and P. Edwards and M. Willoughby

County Simultaneous Pairs

1. N. Woosnam, A. Cochrane
2. P. Chapman, P. Heatherington
3. M. Gould, D. Weiner

Foster Cups

1. M. Allen, S. Green

Green Point Swiss Teams

Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Birmingham, Oct 2. Sponsored by Barclays Bank with £200 prizes. Details from: A. Lane, 241 High Street, Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, B95 5BG

MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE

Schools Competition

1. Bluecoat
2. St. Edwards

Chester Bowl

1. Mr & Mrs K. Warburton
2. Mr & Mrs J. Herbert

Consolation

1. G. Hall & A.F. Jones
2. P. Burrows & A. Kirkham

Merseyside Bridge League

1. R. Pitts & P. Broster
2. Mr & Dr. M. Swanson

Daten Swiss Teams

1. Dr. & Mrs D. Keen, D. Stevenson, B. Ewart

North West Charity Pairs 1988

263 pairs from 14 clubs competed in this simultaneous pairs event in aid of a local charity.

1. R. Goldenfield & S. Travers (Manchester)
2. A. Green & J. Edgeley (Manchester)
3. J. Arrowsmith & B. Bashford (Westminster Park)
4. Mr & Mrs T. J. Beach (Blundellsands)

Merseyside Bridge Club & School

Andrew Rose Bowl

Mr & Mrs G. McConkey

Club Swiss Teams

R. Harries, Z. Salib, M. Makeating, J. Bohm

Club Swiss Pairs

M. Hellyer & D. Cottman

Thursday Individual

J. Keighley

Tuesday Individual

1. Mrs A. Davies

Forthcoming events

2nd Summer Congress takes place at Christ's College, Woolton, Liverpool on July 15-17. Details: phone Erika Foster 0925-822873.

ISLE OF MAN

BBL 22nd International Congress is at the Palace Hotel & Casino, Douglas, Sept. 8-11. Details: 13 Chaucer Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 6LN.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Burry Cup (Ladies' Pairs)

Mrs H. Parker and Mrs R. Wissenden

Walter Jessop Cup (Mens Pairs)

J.P. Goodwin, J.D. Rue

Grant Thornton Cup

G. Lowe, D. Hope

Cotswold Cup

A. Kambites, J. Angseesing, G. Sadie, R. Chamberlain

Mr Michael Smyth

The death has occurred of Michael Smyth, a past president of the county bridge association and active in the organisation of the Cheltenham Bridge Club. He was a fine ambassador for bridge both in the county and at congresses and events around the county and as a person he was highly respected.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Championship Pairs

1. P. Fisher & D. Vandyke
2. Dr. & Mrs A.W.S. Williams

LONDON

The association's A.G.M. is at the Young Chelsea Club on June 6, 6.15 p.m.

Future events:

June 5: One Day Swiss Teams, Bishopgate Institute, contact Su Tick 01-736 8758

June 3: Epsom Worldwide Bridge Contest schools and universities heats, Ladbroke Hotel, Wembley, contact David Parry 01-882 3805

June 12, Fox Shammon "No Fear" Swiss Teams, Bishopgate Institute, contact Pam Hudfield, 01-568 3647

London Foursomes: Unal and Gillian Durmus, Su Tick, David Burn, Brian Callaghan and Rob Cliffe.

NORFOLK

Mills Knight Trophy (Mixed Pairs)

1. Mr. & Mrs D. Ingham
 2. Mr & Mrs L. Allwood
 3. D. Hitcham, Mrs J. Trett
- (Mr. & Mrs Allwood were also winners of the Broke Cup)

North Walsham Trophy (Swiss Teams)

1. M. Dignen, T. Melvin, N. Block, P. Eastwood
2. E. Evans-Jones, R. Amey, D. Newstead, T. Noble
3. Mr. & Mrs D. Dinsdale, Mr & Mrs M. Harnden

Barbara Dick-Cleland Trophy (No Fear Swiss Teams)

1. P. Symonds, Mrs V. Newby, M. Pennington, J. Almond
2. M. Snell, B. Jordan, M. Lange, P. Kirby
3. J. Kline, P. Bright, M. Wilson, B. Eastwood

E.B.U./N.C.B.A. Newcomers' Pairs

1. G. Chambers, Mrs J. Retter
2. D. Macro, M. Liversidge
3. D. Russ, J. Thickens

HAMPSHIRE & THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Pottage Cup (Green points)

1. Mrs P. Loader & Mrs M. Wilson
2. D. Lofts & R. Granville

Candlestick Trophy (Swiss Pairs)

2. I. Smith & J. Burkeman
2. M. Tuff & M. Edwards

Swiss Pairs

1. Mrs J. Gower & G. Reynolds
2. Mrs A. Hayfield & F. Esch

Garden Cities Trophy

Southsea Bridge Club beat Southampton-Sutherland in the county final and will represent HIWCBA in the regional final.

Forthcoming event

AGM and Wessex Trophy Swiss Teams, June 26.

LANCASHIRE

County Swiss Teams

1. Mr. J. Shenai and Mr. R. Franks (Manchester)
2. =P. Ashton and Z. Kollard (Blackpool) and R.W. Sharpe and R. Baldwin (Lancashire)
4. =Mr R.A.M. Allinson and Mr. H. Barker (Southport), Mr & Mrs G. McConkey

Non-Expert

Mr T. Smith and Mr. F. M. Reid (Todmorden).

Bury Swiss Congress Pairs

1. A. Baldwin and M. Anderson (Manchester)
2. Mrs M. Farr and Mr. J. Nugent (Bolton)
3. Messrs Ashton and Kollard (Blackpool)

Tournament news

One-Day Events

The first two Swiss Teams events to be tried in the one-day joint ventures with county associations, at Portsmouth and Wythenshawe, proved a great success.

It is clear that Swiss Teams are going to be at least as popular as one-day pairs, in the future. Starting with the 1989/90 season, counties are going to be given the opportunity of stage Swiss Pairs events as a further alternative.

Portsmouth

- 1 M.A.T. Smith, G. Ivett, R. Saba, W. Lowe (Wilts).
- 2 J.D. Baker, Dr. J.D. Moore, I.G. Smith, J.N. Burkeman (Hants & I.O.W.).
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. B.A. Claridge, A. Price, K.D. Harrap (Oxon & Hants & I.O.W.).

Wythenshawe

- 1 W.J. Holland, B.L. Ewart, G.W. Hyett, P. Watson (Manchester) and Mr. & Mrs. B.N. Goldenfield, A. Mould, H. Melbourne (Manchester).
- 2 Mrs. A. Dunne, H. Ingham, Mrs. & Mrs. M. Kenyon.

Four one-day Swiss Teams remain in the present season. Counties and contacts as follows:

Neba at Billingham, Mr. A. Deane (091-2811992)
Essex at Wanstead, Mrs. M. Curtis (01-504-3109)
Staffs at Stafford, Mr. A. Bloxham (08897-434)
Wilts at Salisbury, Mrs. E. Bartley (0980-22646)

1988 Easter Guardian Tournament

THE Park Lane Hotel was again packed with players throughout the Easter holiday, with more than 100 tables in play on each day.

The EBU Tournament Committee waited in vain for news from the European Bridge League regarding qualifying arrangements for the 1989 European Pairs Championship, but announced that assuming Britain had a similar quota to 1987, and that England had a similar allocation out of this, the first three eligible pairs in the Guardian Pairs Championship would qualify for the event. As British pairs managed to fill the first three places the qualifiers are:

- 1 R. Brinig, C. Simpson. (Mid-dlesex)
- 2 J.R. Willains, J. Murrell. (Kent)
- 3 D. Patterson, N. Rosen. (Kent)

Again subject to the above proviso, other qualifying pairs will be determined by the results of the

Swiss pairs Championship at the summer meeting in Brighton, and the Two-Stars Pairs championship at the Autumn Congress in Eastbourne.

Other main Guardian results:

Swiss Teams: A Flight winners: C. Outred, Mrs. V. Mitchell, W. Innes, J. Murdoch (Scotland); B Flight winners: S. Berg, B. Keppier, Q. Rehman, J. Berg. (Herts).

Swiss Pairs: 1 D. Sanders, Mrs. D. Sanders. (Scotland). 2 P.N. Lee, Mrs. P.N. Lee. (Surrey), 3 M. Tan, M. Ladbrook. (London/Middx).

Guardian Under-25 Pairs: Open: S.J. Souter and I. Pagan; Schools: A. Perry and T.G. Townsend.

Grand Masters Pairs:

- 1 Mrs. S. Horton and S. Lodge (Notts, Middx).
- 2 W.J. Holland and R.C. Ferrai (Manchester).
- 3 Miss M. Brunner and S.L. Egibtib (Manchester).

Life Masters Pairs

- 1 Dr. G. Haase and C. Simpson (Middx, London).
- 2 R.B. Palmer and J. Moskal (London).
- 3 P.N. Lee and Mrs P.N. Lee (Surrey).

National Masters

Pairs

- 1 N.L. McTaggart and B. Lumsden (North-East).
- 2 H. Dando and T.J. Squibb (North-East, Derbys).
- 3 R.J. Dowdeswell and J. March (Berks & Bucks).

Regional Masters

Pairs

- 1 M.H. Rawlins and W. Blackman (Herts).
- 2 S. Daniel and A. Hogg (Somerset).
- 3 D.A. Eddy and T.M. Melvin (Norfolk, Surrey).

Star Masters Pairs

- 1 E.J. Richdard and G.H. Clark (Warwicks).
- 2 Mrs. P.M. Poxon and P.J. Paron (Staffs).
- 3 H. Davis and J. Hind (Westmorland, Warwicks).

Forthcoming Events

WE apologize that the brochure and entry form for the second Guernsey Congress did not accompany our last issue.

It is printed in Guernsey by

the Tourist Board and failed to negotiate its hazardous journey to our Aylesbury mailing house in time for insertion. However, it is with this issue in plenty of time to book before November. Note that this year, non-residents are asked to book with the EBU Competitions department rather than CLBS.

Also included with the present issue are details and entry forms for the 1988 Brighton Summer Meeting (second time of asking) and for the 1988/89 Gold Cup and Veterans Pairs, two curtain-raisers to the new season.

The Veterans Pairs is the event previously sponsored by Saga Holidays. Saga have turned their attention towards events for their own members, but continue to work in close collaboration with the EBU, and have donated the Saga trophy to the Veterans Pairs in perpetuity.

It is our intention in future to utilise the larger, well-situated bridge clubs for the qualifying heats, rather than hotels.

Although heat-winners will no longer be offered free overnight accommodation at the final, we believe that the older age bracket of our members will find the event at least as enjoyable in its slightly restructured form.

On the entry form for the Gold Cup, captains are asked for the first time to state the county in which home matches from Rounds III to V will normally be played.

In future, in this and other knock-out events where matches are arranged privately, the normal location of home matches will be used to identify the team geographically, rather than the captain's address.

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For most teams the two things are the same, but difficulties have arisen in the past where a captain's address is not representative of the general location of his team.

The committee has agreed revised guidelines for the making of draws, which soon will be embodied in a computer program. The guidelines establish a random draw as the first priority, subject only to restrictions established by seeding and limitation on travelling.

When completing the entry form, please ensure that the necessary information is filled in, using the name of the relevant county association, rather than a town, district or region.

Our main competitions brochure for the 1988/89 season will be inserted with the August issue.



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EBU Trials 1988/89

Camrose Trophy

TRIALS for the 1989 Camrose Trophy will again be run in three stages, all for teams of four.

Exemptions and Preconditions

(i) The three pairs representing Great Britain in the Open category of the 1988 World Teams Olympiad, will all be eligible to represent England in the 1989 Camrose Trophy, without participating in the Trials.

(ii) Subject to the foregoing, selection for England teams in the 1989 Camrose Trophy will be limited to bona fide applicants to the Trials.

(iii) From those teams applying to play in the Trials, some will be exempted to the first stage of the Final Trial. To qualify for this exemption both pairs comprising the team must, in the partnerships put forward, have

(A) Won the 1988 Gold Cup, Crockfords or Spring Foursomes (North or South), or

(b) represented the EBU or BBL in the Open category of the most recent World Team Olympiad, Bermuda Bowl, European Championship or Camrose Trophy.

Camrose Pretrial

Teams will be selected in July from among a list of applicants, to participate in a Round Robin event at the Grand Hotel Birmingham, September 24 and 25. At least the winners and runners-up in the Pretrial will qualify for Stage 1 of the Final Trial.

Camrose Final Trial

The first stage will be a further Round Robin event, played at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on November 5 and 6. This will be open to teams qualified by performance in the Pretrial, or exempted to the Final Trial as described above. The leading four teams in the first stage will qualify for the second stage. The second stage, to be played at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club on November 12 and 13 will take the form of a double Round Robin event. The two pairs comprising the team winning the second stage will each be guaranteed selection for at least one match in the ensuing Camrose series.

Applications to compete in the Trials should be made by team captains on behalf of complete teams of four, so as to reach the Competitions Department of the EBU by July 1. Teams qualified for exemption to the Final Trial must nonetheless apply to compete. Individual pairs may apply, but their inclusion in the trial cannot be guaranteed.

Applications should be accompanied by details of current form as evidenced by major successes achieved as well as by Green Points won over the last two seasons. Unless teams have an exceptional claim for consideration on the strength of recent achievements, a prerequisite for application, though not necessarily for selection, should be the earnings of a minimum of 50 Green Points during the past two years, by at least three members of the team.

Please note that team captains

should include with their application a signed statement to the effect that all members of the team have agreed to play in the team.

Junior Camrose Trophy

The 1989 Junior Camrose Trophy is to be held in Northern Ireland next January 28 and 29.

This year, for the first time, selection of the England team for the event will be consequent upon Trials conducted jointly by the BBL and EBU. Details of the trials, and application procedures, were published on page 22 of our February issue.

Lady Milne Trophy

The EBU will again hold trials to assist selection of the England team for the 1989 event, to be played in Scotland next June. The Pretrial will be on February 4, and the Final Trial on March 11 and 12. Full details will be published in our October and December issues.

Non-Playing Captains

The EBU Selection Committee

has decided to re-instate its former practice of establishing a panel, from which non-playing captains will be selected for home internationals and friendly events in the 1988/89 season.

The panel will include those currently serving, but the committee does not wish to be limited to such and welcomes nominations from the membership, including self-nominations.

One difficulty in the past has been that those lacking first-hand experience of captaincy at international level have been offered their first chance in a reserve capacity, and this has proved to be an all-or-nothing affair (by definition, usually nothing!).

It is now proposed that the committee will have a small budget to ensure that the first-time reserve NPCs are able to attend at the union's expense, to observe and where possible assist the organisation of the event.

No criteria for nomination are laid down, but depth of experience in an administrative and playing capacity is an obvious advantage. Anyone interested in joining the panel should write to John Williams a EBU headquarters by the end of June.

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Lancashire continued

Teams

1. Mr. & Mrs Goldenfield (Manchester) and Mr. and Mrs Catlow (Blackburn)

2. Mrs D. Ferris and Messrs N. Crawford, G. Smith and P. Ackerman (Bury)

Preston Swiss Teams

1. Sellar, Robinson, Ardron and Purdy (Manchester)

2. Miss P. Smith and Miss M. Fazackerley, Mrs Proctor and Mr. A. Cutts

Lancaster Pairs (Sowerby Cup)

1. Mrs Winder and Miss Ratcliffe (Lancaster)

2. Mrs R. Wenig and J. Johnstone

Forthcoming events

Lancashire County Swiss Teams for the Bowden Trophy at Claremont Hotel, Blackpool, July 3. Contact Hector Barker 07048 76006.

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Southport Congress is now Nov. 4-6

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