

EAST WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

TOURNAMENT REPORT 2021/2022

Although our aim was to return to face to face bridge this year, this only proved possible in March 2022, so we continued to host our events online until then.

The events held by EWBA:-

Arthur James Bowl, April 2021

10 pairs entered this event which was held online. (Last year 19)

Winners: **Chris Rochelle and Simon Gottschalk**

Runner's up: **Peter Millar and Tim Barsby**

Winners of Beatus Cup: **William Parkinson and Guy Thomas**

Stan Berger pairs Sept 2021.

9 pairs entered the event, which was held online. (last year 12)

Winners: **Greg Howell and Richard Stevenson**

Runners up: **Gwynn Davis and Susan Ingham**

Patrick Jourdain Teams Sept 2021

5 teams entered this event, which was held online (Last year 8)

Winners: **Gwynn Davis, Susan Ingham, Fil Kurbalija and Di Kurbalija**

Runners up: **Mike Best, Steve Jarvis, Kevin Maddox and Tony Haworth**

EWBA Mixed Pairs, Dec 2021

10 pairs entered this event which was held online. (Last year 14)

Winners: **Gwynn Davis and Susan Ingham**

Runners up : **Mia Deschepper and Mike Best**

Teams of 8 heat for WBU

5 teams originally entered this heat which was held in Cardiff Bridge Club – our only face to face event this year. Unfortunately 2 teams withdrew, due to a Covid-19 infection amongst the players. From the 3 remaining participating teams:

Winners: **Cardiff White** Ceri Pierce , Mia Deschepper, Simon Gottschalk ,Chris Rochelle,Gilly Clench, David Birt, Steve Webb, Tim Barsby

Runners up : **Gwent**

We were the only area to hold a heat, so the WBU have decided to hold the final with open entry for any Club wishing to enter.

Victor Ludorum

This is awarded to the individual with the highest total score when the results of the four competitions – Arthur James Bowl, Mixed Pairs, Stan Berger and Patrick Jourdain – are combined.

Joint Winners: **Susan Ingham and Gwynn Davis**

EWBA Congresses

February 2022

A two-day congress, held online via Real Bridge.. One day Swiss pairs and one day Swiss Teams.

47 Pairs entered

Winners: **Tim Barsby and Steve Webb**
Runners up: **Rob Lawry and Ian Walsh**

24 Teams entered

Winners: **Adam Dunn, Dafydd Jones, Jake Dunn, Martin Jones, Julian Pottage and Tony Ratcliff**
Runners up: **Gwynn Davis and Susan Ingham, Peter Hodgson and Ileen Macregor**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

The continuing decrease in numbers entering EWBA events is disappointing. This appears to be inline with the more general fall in participation but I am now wondering what is the purpose of area events and congresses. The adoption of hosting bridge events online, forced on us by Covid-19, has affected the picture – with the numbers in our online congresses rising significantly. However the long term affect is difficult to predict.

Do EWBA members wish their ato to provide events and/or congresses? And if so, which ones will attract sufficient numbers to make them meaningful? I would welcome your views.

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