EAST WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

AGM 29th APRIL 2018

TOURNAMENT REPORT 2017/2018

The EWBA has held 6 competitions open only to EWBA members, 2 open congresses, one with WWBA, and this year has undertaken an increasing number of all Wales events.

Generally numbers of entrants for our competitions is decreasing. This applies throughout Wales, and to a varying degree across the UK (e.g. not in Ireland). The WBU is aware of this and is planning/has started to review all competitions.

In East Wales while those participating seem to enjoy our events, the current situation isn’t sustainable as it stands. We have already reluctantly decided not to hold the Welsh Foursomes again this coming year. However we are working with the WBU to try new things. The support of our members will be crucial in the future.

**EWBA members**

Arthur James Bowl, 2017

A two session pairs competition held at the Gwent Bridge Academy on the same day as the EWBA AGM. The Beatus Cup is awarded to the highest scoring pair below rank of Regional Master. The tournament Director was Gareth Evans.

Twenty five pairs participated.

Winners: **Gwynn Davis and Sue Ingham**

Runners up: **Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage**

Beatus Cup winners: **Tony Harris and John James**

Stan Berger pairs 2017

A two session pairs competition open to all EWBA members. This was held at Cardiff Bridge Club on 17th September 2017. The Tournament Director was Chris Rochelle. Twenty five pairs participated.

Winners: **Diane Kurbalija and Filip Kurbalija**

Runners up: **Geoff Evans and Trevor Towers**

Restricted Teams (previously known as the Julius Ernst Teams) 2017

A two session team competition open to players below the rank of Regional Master. This was held in Gwent Bridge Academy on 15th September 2017. The Tournament Director was William Parkinson. 6 teams participated.

Winners: **Mary Atkins, Ceri Mowat, Mike Clarke and Guy Thomas**

Runners up: **David Knight, Herrick Westcott, Joan Westcott and Sidney Nam**

Patrick Jourdain Teams 2017

A two session team competition open to all EWBA members. It took place at Gwent Bridge Academy on 15th October 2017. The tournament Director was Gareth Evans. Six teams participated.

Winners: **Ann Hirst, Mike Hirst, Diane Kurbalija and Filip Kurbalija**

Runners up: **Gwynn Davis, Sue Ingham, Liz Atkinson and Chris Rochelle**

EWBA Mixed Pairs, 2018

The Mixed pairs competition is open to all EWBA members. This was its second year – following very positive feedback after the first. It was held at Cardiff Bridge Club. The tournament Director was Gareth Evans. Eleven pairs participated.

Winners: **Marion Shewell and Brian Harden**

Runners up : **Simon Gottschalk and Liz Atkinson**

Restricted Pairs 2018

A one session competition for pairs below the rank of Regional Master. It was held in Rhiwbina Bridge Club on 26th April 2018. Thirty one pairs participated.

Winners: **Philip Ansell and Mary Morse**

Runners up: **Penney Saunders and Arthur Sylvester**

Victor Ludorum

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

Winners: **Gwynn Davis and Sue Ingham**

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**EWBA Congresses**

August 20167 – jointly with WWBA

A two day congress, one day Swiss pairs and one day Swiss Teams

Sixty five pairs entered

Winners Pairs: **Miles Cowling and Ron Davis**

Thirty three teams entered

Winners Teams: **Miles Cowling, Ron Davis, Chris Dixon and Rob Lawy**

February 2018

A two day Swiss teams congress. Twenty six teams participated.

Winners: **Diane Kurbalija, Filip Kurbalija, Daniel McIntosh and Patrick Shields**

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**WBU events**

Graded Masters.

This was due to be held this year but at the last minute was cancelled due to snow. However our entries were less than previously, and it is possible that it won’t be held next year

Welsh Foursomes

Held in the Lysaght’s Institute 23rd – 24th September 2017. Eighteen teams participated.

Winners: **Filip Kurbalija, Diane Kurbalija, Peter Goodman Jeremy Dhondy**

Runners up: **Gwynn Davis, Sue Ingham, Tony Campbell and Simon Brindle**

Teams of 8 heat.

5 teams entered for the EWBA heats and 3 teams qualified for the final to be held later in the year.

WBU Mixed pairs

This was open entry and due to be held in Mid Wales. However entries were few, and EWBA was asked if it could be held in Cardiff. Numbers increased (due to less travelling and encouragement) and the event was enjoyed.

As part of the WBU review of competitions it was decided to hold some events in local areas, and as a result EWBA will be hosting the Webber Cup next year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS**

**HUGE THANKS TO MIA DESCHEPPER, CO-ATO**

With very grateful thanks to those who have helped make these competitions a success, in particular

The tournament Directors – Chris Rochelle, William Parkinson, Gareth Evans, Jenny Vaughan, Ian Mitchell, Colin Simcox.

Board provision – David Davies, Cardiff, Gwent and Rhiwbina Clubs.

Catering – Teresa Goss, Mieke Deschepper, Steve Webb, Geoff Evans, Nalini Dewan.

The EWBA committee. Simon Gottschalk for organising the congresses

If I have omitted anyone, apologies.

Helen Houston, ATO