

# AROUND THE CONGRESSES

*I was delighted to receive quite a few contributions from congress-goers, this time. Their congress status ranges from brand new to very seasoned, and all suggest that congresses are really entertaining. So I have devoted a special section to them. I hope you enjoy reading about them. I did.*

## PORHCRAWL CONGRESS

Porthcawl has remained most like the old congresses in its variety of events. It must, surely, take a great deal more organising than any other Welsh congress (as attested by Irene Thomas in issue 87; glad she's had enough energy left to become a Grand Master).



*The large playing room at the Seabank Hotel hosted its first bridge congress 60 years ago. Did they put up the Christmas decorations specially early in celebration?*

It is really interesting to see the brochure of the first Porthcawl congress in 1951 on the WBU website. The town were obviously VERY keen to support the venture as there are thirty adverts in the brochure, and thanks are expressed to those of the town who donated trophies. There is a goodly number of events listed, and one of the free-time attractions is a talk on Canasta by none other than Terence Reese, who was also the Tournament Director.

The congress was run over five days, Wednesday and Thursday catering for ladies and those who did not work, building up, on the Friday, to the weekend championship events. Evening dress would have been worn

for the evening events. All so civilised and with a real sense of occasion.

Porthcawl still has a lot to offer bridge players of all standards.

## Results

Ladies' Pairs		%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Moore, Diana Jones	68.52
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Catherine Draper, Gilly Clench	60.76
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wendy Williams, Jane Brook	57.29

Men's Pairs		%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Adrian Thomas, Andrew Woodcock	68.83
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Hirst, Bernard Goldenfield	62.96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Westley, John Dakin	60.19

Mixed Pairs		%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Adrian Thomas, Aida Aris	66.67
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Williams, Rhona Goldenfield	66.03
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gilly Clench, Andrew Woodcock	63.89

Red Dragon Championship Pairs Final		%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Tedd, John Salisbury	90.35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Constable, Val Constable	89.29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Roderick, Mike Best	87.18

Little Dragon Consolation Pairs Final		%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Westley, John Dakin	65.71
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maria Budd, Malcolm Harris	59.62
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Disley, Roger Penton	58.01

Townsend Consolation Cup		%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Greenland, Aida Aris	67.95
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Morley, Jennifer Wardell	57.69
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackie Davies, Richard Harris	53.53

## Championship Teams Final

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Hirst, Patrick Jourdain, Tony Disley, Roger Penton	51 IMPs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bernard Goldenfield, Rhona Goldenfield, Alan Williams, Jim Luck	49 IMPs
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Jones, Mike Vail, David Carlisle, Adrian Thomas	33 IMPs

## Prince of Wales Consolation Teams

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Goodman, B J O'Brian, John Salisbury, Mike Tedd	63 IMPs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Keogh, Judy Brewer, Richard Brewer, Michael Kennedy	53 IMPs
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Catherine Draper, Gilly Clench, Andrew Woodcock, Gerald Tredinnick	37 IMPs



## Open Events winners

Friday afternoon Pairs: Jackie Davies, Richard Harris

Saturday Evening: Alan Biggs, Robert Mabley

Seagull Pivot Teams: Vida Halford, Glyn Williams, Linda Pinnock, Marjorie Morris

Sker Consolation Teams: Aidan Schofield, Sally Cairns, Beth Wennell, Barry Wennell

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