

# WBU Competition Review

## Contributions Welcomed

After the AGM at the end of May a review group was set up over the summer to look at possible improvements and changes to WBU competitions and events. This led to a number of changes to be introduced this year, e.g.

- no club heats for National Open Pairs, but area qualifiers scored across the field
- cancellation of the 2012 Graded Masters
- Cambria cup to have an all-play-all 4 team final
- stratifying competitions introducing split fields (e.g. at new congresses in Aberaeron and Fishguard) aimed at different ability levels
- continued encouragement of improvers/ novices to play in congresses & competitions
- club comparison weekday events

Other suggestions that were made will likely be introduced in future, e.g. Plate competitions

None of the above are intended to be “set in tablets of stone” – if they don't work they will be removed or amended.

The work in the summer was constrained by the imminence of the 2011-12 season, and it was recognised that more could be done for 2012-13. So another small competition review group has now been established which will meet over 3 months and then report to the WBU Management Committee on changes to be considered for following year's programme

This group *welcomes suggestions* from any WBU member for the group to consider. Please send your ideas for improvements to [adrianthomas2009@googlemail.com](mailto:adrianthomas2009@googlemail.com).

Ideas to be considered for 2012/2013 season should be received by the end of 2011. It would be helpful if contributions consider:

- a) who will benefit
- b) if there is a market, but
- c) very importantly: how new ideas, new schemes and different competitions would work efficiently. Thus it is essential to consider venues, number of directors, distances travelled, costs etc.

We have identified that one day events seem very popular, if somewhat localised, as many players do not want to be away for 2 days especially if high costs are involved.

In addition we would welcome any comments as to how the WBU Journal (which inter alia describes our events) could be improved – what information is really needed in it, what errors or omissions need correcting? Please send such comments to me or to [jeanhand15cc@talktalk.net](mailto:jeanhand15cc@talktalk.net) for Peter Hand, who has kindly agreed to look at this task for us.

Adrian Thomas, President. November 2011