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THIRD INTERNATIONAL TIDDLYWINKS CONGRESS

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The International Congress is now established as the most important event in winking circles, providing as it does an opportunity for winkers to meet and discuss matters concerning the game. The Second International Congress, held in 1963, saw the acceptance of a formal constitution for E.Tw.A., and the setting up of the International Federation of Tiddlywinks Associations. The Third International Congress was not responsible for any such basic decisions, but it did take what it is hoped will prove to be an important step in appointing among the Council members a publicity officer. There were also innovations made in the rules which are intended to bring a more positive approach to the game.

The Congress was due to open at 2.30p.m. on April 3rd, but as this was Boat Race day it was in fact 3.15 p.m. before some delegates, notably those from Oxford and Cambridge, could be called away from the television set. Altogether there were 39 delegates at Congress, 33 with voting rights: they represented a total of 20 clubs.

After Peter Downes had opened the Congress and the officers had given their reports discussion moved straight to the major topic of money, the need to improve E.Tw.A.'s financial position, and the related necessity of improving the public image of Tiddlywinks. Ideally, we must both get more people to play winks and make more people accept it as a serious game. To achieve these aims publicity is needed, but publicity of the sort associated with Internationals and the Silver Wink, not with student stunts, and if we are to promote big matches effectively and subsidise players travelling expenses, then we must have money.

In the early days of Tiddlywinks firms sometimes sponsored a team, giving publicity to winks and their product at the same time, but this is no longer felt to be practicable. Congress also realized that large sums cannot be raised by increasing the subscriptions to E.Tw.A., the increases which were made being only enough to cover running expenses.

Finally, although no real solution was found, Phil Villar proposed that a Publicity Officer be appointed, to be responsible for that branch of E.Tw.A.'s activities which covers the promotion of the game, correcting its image, and exploring ways of raising money. An article by Geoff Wilsher, who was elected to this office, appears on page 11 of this issue of WW.

Sunday morning saw the election of E.Tw.A. Council Members. The following were elected:

Hon. President:

Harry Secombe - re-elected. First elected for his part in the "immortal Goons match."

Hon. Vice-President: (in addition to Bill Steen) Peter Downes. A former Secretary and Captain of Cambridge U.Tw.C., Peter was Secretary-General of E.Tw.A. for three years and Chairman from 1963-1965. He teaches at Manchester G.S.

Chairman:

Guy Consterdine. Guy started to play winks in London in 1960, has been President of the University of London Union Winks Soc., and has playedfor England. For the past 2 years he has been Secretary-General of E.Tw.A. and editor of WW.

Vice-Chairman and Treasurer:

Stuart Clark. Stuart has been re-elected. A former

President of Bristol U.Tw.C., he has played for both England and Scotland at winks. He now plays for the Northern Nomads.

Secretary:

Patrick Bonham. Pat started playing winks in 1960, founded Queen Mary College Tw. C. and, with Guy Consterdine, founded Gradwink. He has captained England, and assisted with the last four editions of WW.

Six Council Members were then elected, among them being the Publicity Officer and the Editor of "The Winking World."

Publicity Oifficer:

Geoff Wilsher. Geoff used to play for Cambridge U.Tw.C. and has recently founded Aviawink.

Editor of WW:

Diane Jacks. Has played for England, and was Captain of the University of London Union Winks Soc.

Four other Council Members:

Allen Astles. Allen is a former English Junior Champion, and holds the World Speed Record. He is Secretary-General of the Welsh Tw.A.

John Breeze )
Charles Relle)
Both experienced and well-known winkers
from Cambridge.

Nigel Shepherd. Nigel has played for Altrincham G.S., Manchester University and the Northern Nomads. He is an important figure in Manchester winking circles.

Two elections remained, for Honorary Auditor and for Secretary-General of I.F.Tw.A.

Honorary Auditor:

Tony Herbert. An English International and Secretary of the London Tw. Council, Tony also has considerable experience of his College's finances.

Secretary-General of I.F.Tw.A.:

Nigel Shepherd. Also a Council Member of E.Tw.A.

Congress then went on to discuss problems connected with the rules; this led to several alterations being made, and as these came into force on May 1st, it was decided to send out E3, explaining the changes, while a new Rule Book was prepared.

Most of the changes were minor ones, but two were more important. One deals with base lines, which will now be drawn on the mats; the other alteration, in the scoring system, will, it is hoped, bring about a change in the attitude of players to the game. Congress felt that double-squop led to a negative approach, players trying not to lose rather than aiming to win, and that by giving an extra point to those who win by potting out, the new system should encourage an attacking game.

Convention in Manchester. It was also decided at Congress to hold a Fiddlywinks Convention in Manchester on 26th &27th March 1966. This will be a full week-end, with the semi-finals and the final of the Silver Wink and a three-cornered International to be played. No details have yet been arranged, but information will be sent to Clubs and members of F.Tw.A.

The Congress concluded with the Rev. Willis' Tiddlywinks Anthem rendered enthusiastically by all present, accompanied on the piano by Tony Sever, to the tune of "Men of Harlech."

#### POINTS ABOUT THE NEW RULES

Since the Congress there have been some misunderstandings about the Rules. In one game renorted by Allen Astles a large wink went off the table after failing to squop a pile near the edge of the mat. It was replaced a large wink's width in - which meant that it was on top of the pile it had missed. Can this be right?

Also the rule which says that a wink may be turned over unless it is squopping or squopped has been misunderstood. A wink not touching another may be turned..

## FINGLAND v SCOTLAND INTERNATIONAL - SCORES.

ENGLAND - SCOTLAND - 7th INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

March 20th 1965. Edinbirgh.

"I hat nae heard tell of a Tiddlywinks Natch here this e'ening. usually ha' a dance, an' it'll cost ye ten shillins a piece to get into that" So said a resplendent Edinburgh University Beadle, sheltering under the magnificent archaic portal of the Men's Union Building from the chill wind blowing off the nearby snow-covered hills.

However, at 7 p.m., it was apparent that the English team was assembling, and by about half-past it was complete, faced by a group of kilted, sporanned and squidgered Scots, seven from Aberdeen and a lone player from Edinburgh. The match began in the new Union Jiving Hall - polished floor, skeletal balcony, and seductive coloured lighting which played havoc with the tartans.

Games were played to a 25 minute time limit, and as always, tactics varied considerably between pair and pair, with some games played as pure double-squop, and some as almost pure pot-squop, but the general impression was that the Scotis were too short of tactical practice to make full use of their technical skill against the somewhat better matchplay balance of the English. Before the last round, when the play moved from the brilliant dance hall, England had reached the 56 point mark, and it was clear which way the Bowl would be going home.

The final score was impressive and consistent, with the first 24 point International scores on record. All credit must however go to the fighting spirit of the Scots - still forcing the England pairs to think and play some of their best winks in the last round. It is perhaps coincidental that at least two of the England team were consuming Guinness, and another, whiskey, during the play.

> 91글 The final score was: England Scotland

ENGLAND v WALES - 8th INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

April 21st 1965. Aberystwyth.

The Welsh winkers had virtually taken over Neuadd Rendal, a women's hall of residence in Aberystwyth, for the International, and the room in which the match was played was decorated with daffodils and a huge dragon. Organisation and publicity were excellent; the captains, Penny Gardner and Pat Bonham, were interviewed for Welsh television after the match, and during the play there were pauses to allow photographers from several regional newspapers to take pictures.

In spite of these distractions, there was some good play on both sides, and plenty to interest the numerous spectators. Outstanding in the English team were Mapley and Cooper, the Bancroft's-Altrincham pair; they were top scorers, although they had never played together before. In the first round Courtney and Bartholomew of Exeter lost an unbeaten match record which had survived the Silver Wink semi-final.

Top pair on the Welsh side were Morgan and Ford eith 15 points; it must be remembered that all the Welsh team comes from Aberystwyth, which is the only University team in Wales.

This was the last major match to be played under the old rules, and all the games were conventional double-squop, eith potting done only towards the end. No game was potted out, though several finished with many of the winks in the pot.

The Welsh team is to be congratulated not only on the high standard of their winks, which provided England with their toughest International opposition for some time, but also on the excellence of the organisation. This match really was entertaining to spectators, and provided just the sort of publicity winks needs to improve its image, ending as it did with a touch ofmagnificence when the Bombay Bowl was presented to the victorious English by the Mayor of Aberystwyth.

England.	Pat Bonham & Stuart Clark 13	
	Alan Cooper & Jon Mapley $\dots 22\frac{1}{2}$	
	David Walton & Tony Sever	
	Gerry Courtney & John Bartholomew15\frac{1}{2}	TOTAL 68\\
Wales	David Griffiths & Eifion Jones 11 5/6	Ũ
	Allen Astles & Penny Gardner 9	
	Allen Astles & Penny Gardner 9 Kay Spiller & David Wilkinson72	
	Bernard Ford & Huw Morgan	TOTAL 43\frac{1}{2}
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#### THE MARCHANT TROPHY

Cambridge U.Tw.C. 53. Bancroft's School 59

Cambridge. 8th May, 1965.

For the first time since the Marchant Trophy was presented in 1956, it has passed out of the hands of the University teams, and Bancroft's School has become the first junior club to win it. This is a fitting climax to the career of a team which has won the London League for the past two years, beating some of the best players in London, but is now to change greatly as present team members leave the school.

English international Jon Mapley was unable to go to Cambridge with Bancroft's, and the team included two players making their match debut. Although unused to playing on the floor, Bancroft's won the first round 18-10. Then Cambridge fought back to take the next two  $14\frac{1}{2}-13\frac{1}{2}$  and 15-13, but Bancroft's made certain of victory by winning the last  $14\frac{1}{2}-13\frac{1}{2}$ .

The strength of both sides lay in their top pairs. Fof Bancroft's, Mesher and Joseph won all four games, scoring 19 points, and the top Cambridge pairs Thomas and Ballantyne, with 20 points, and Breeze and Hoare, with 19%, lost only one game each. Although beaten by the top Cambridge pairs, Bancroft's third and fourth pairs were able to beat their opposite numbers, thus giving the team a more consistent score.

The difference in ability between the top and bottom pairs, and the closeness between thetop pairs is shown by the fact that although there were eight 6-ls, none was scored against a first or second pair on either side. All the games were conventional double-squop, with the only intentional potting done during the rounds; this was despite the recent changes in the rules. A few games were nearly potted out, and many were quite open until the last shot had been played.

Having won the Trophy from Cambridge, Bancroft's must now prepare to defend it against Oxford U.T.S., who have already sent a challenge. The match is to be played in October or early November, and as it brings together the holders of the two major Tiddlywinks trophies it promises to be an important feature of this season.

## SILVER WINK SEMI-FINALS and FINAL

Manchester. 20th March.

On a murky, miserable afternoon Oxford University met Manchester University over the winks mats in the semi-final of the 1964-65 British Universities' Championship for the Prince Philip Silver Wink. The other semi-final was supposed to be between Exeter and Aberdeen (the two most far-flung universities in Britain!) the latter having defeated the 1963-64 winners, Aberystwyth, two weeks earlier. Unfortunately Aberdeen were held up in Edinburgh, most of their players being involved in the Scotland v England International, and as both of the semi-finals and the final had to be completed on the same day, Exeter were granted a walk-over to the final.

In the semi-final which did take place, Oxford gained a lead of 6 points, which they increased to 12 in the second. By the end of the thirdround they had accumulated sufficient points to guarantee victory, so, as time was short, the match was terminated with Oxford winning by 54-30.

The final began shortly afterwards, and Oxford, well conditioned to the matsby now, again went straight into the lead. They led 18-10 after the first round, and 363-193 after the second. By the end of the third they were again in an invincible position, leading  $523-31\frac{1}{3}$ , so the match was brought to an end and Oxford had won the Silver Wink. They did not actually receive the trophy (presented by Norman Bardsley, then Secretary-General of I.F.Tw.A.) until the after-match dinner some time later, as Penny Gardner, Organiser of the 1964-65 Silver Wink, managed to get lost somewhere in the wilds of Wales with the precious trophy

Omford deserved to win because of their consistency, skilful squopping and sound strategy. They had gone through the whole season without being defeated, and to have achieved victories oved Cambridge, Manchester and Exeter in consecutive games clearly indicates that they were the strongest University team in 1964-65. Their all-round consistency has been mentioned, but in the semi-final and final one pair really did stand out, namely the second pair, P. Gelling and

R. Armswofth, who succeeded in winning all their games in both matches. Oxford would have annihilated Exeter in the final but for the glorious efforts of G. Courtney and J. Bartholomew, the Exeter Pair 1, who won all three games against Oxford, and are in fact unbeaten in inter-university matches. Both teams must be congratulated for their enthusiasm. (One Exeter pair travelled 1000 miles between them for  $4\frac{1}{3}$  points, or 0.00433 points per mile. If that is not enthusiasm, what is?) The Exeter team were not despondent after their defeat, enthusiasm, what is?) although they wished it to be made known that: "TV commitments at Plymouth prevented their President from being able to represent Exeter in the final." However, Exeter had fought well, although Oxford won convincingly to become the first team ever to win the Silver Wink more than once. (They were the first winners in 1960-61.) Even if the semi-finals and final were not as interesting as last year the 1964-65 Competition was a success in that it attracted 19 Universities and Colleges, a record number. This is a tribute to the hard work that Penny Cardner put into the competition.

In a first-round match not previously reported in "The Winking World" Aberdeen deat Dundee 75-37.

### THE SILVER WINK 1965-1966

The 1965-66 Competition is being organised by Peter Gelling, Secretary of Oxford U.T.S. All universities may enter, and are already included in a scheme drawn up by Martin O'Shea, ex-Secretary of the Scottish Tw.A. He has divided the British Iles into eight regions, and the first round draw is as follows:

- l. Londonderry v Belfast. Strathclyde v Glasgow.
- 2. Aberdeen v S. Andrew's. Dundee v Edinburgh. (Dundee)
- Birmingham v Warwick. Liverpool v Lancaster. 3. Keele v Manchester. (Manchester)
- Hull v Bradford. York v Durham. 4. Newcastle v Leeds. (York)
- Galway v Cork. U.C. Dublin v T.C. Dublin. Bangor v Aberystwyth. 5.
- Oxford v Cardiff. Exeter v Lampeter. Swansea v Bristol. (Bristol) 6.
- Leicester v Cambridge. Norwich v Colchester. Sheffield v Nottingham. 7.
- London v Reading. (Winners to play Canterbury) Brighton v Southampton.

It is hoped that groups 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 will assemble at the places named and play off all the matches at once, leaving just one side from that group. In groups 1, 5, and 7 this appears to be geographically impracticable. If anyone who thinks his team has a right to play but has not been included in the list, he can write to Peter Gelling at Wadham College, Oxford.

The entry fee for the Competition is 10/-, and cheques should be made payable to the National Playing Fields Association, and sent to Peter Gelling by Dec. 31st, 1965.

### SOUTHERN JUNIOR Tw. CHAMPIONSHIP of 1965

London. 2nd May.

There were 27 pairs competing in the second annual S.J.Tw.C., only a few more entries than last year, but this time all those who had entered actually took part. The players came from eight different schools, and there were six girls, though as usual they did not present a serious problem to their opponents, and were eliminated in the first round.

Pat Bonham, who had organised the competition, had arranged the draw in such a way that no two paors from the same school met until the third round, and in some cases well-known pairs were given a bye in the first round so that inexperienced players would not face almost certain defeat.

Because of the large number of competitors, the first round was played in two stages, but after that, it became easier to follow the progress of the competition, and as the better pairs gradually emerged, games tended to change from pot-squop to double-squop, and to run to the full time-limit.

By the 3rd round, there were two pairs from Ealing G.S. left, and three pairs each from Bancroft's and Tottenham C.S., a new game in London winks. In each case the newcomers were defeated by the more experienced players, and in the semifinals Mesher & Joseph (B) played Craven & Dunster (E) and Hammett & Precious (E) met Mapley & Hogg. There were two interesting games, both won by the Ealing pair, and Stephen Hammett and Phillip Precious won the all-Ealing final.

At the S.J.Tw.C., Jim King (Ealing) equaller the world accuracy record.

THE 1965 ENGLISH JUNIOR Tw. CHAMPIONSHIP

Birmingham. 10th July.

Nearly 90 pairs had taken part in the 1965 Regional Junior Championships at London and Manchester. Besides establishing the Northern and Southern Junior Champions, these act as qualifying rounds for the national championships, the semi-finalists going on to the E.J.Tw.C., organised this year by Allen Astles.

The North was represented by 4 pairs from Altrincham G.S., and the South by 2 pairs from Ealing G.S. and 2 from Bancroft's. So the cream of Britain's winking youth gathered to try to outwink and outsquidge one another. As before, the E.J.Tw.J. was a knockout championship, each round consisting of 3 games and each game having a 20 minute time-limit, plus 5 rounds.

The first round produced several interesting games. Masher and Joseph (B) fought back from 6-1 down at the end of the first game to defeat the experienced A.G.S. pair Atkinson & Wilkinson. Macher and logg (B) crushed the comparatively inexperienced A.G.S. pair Mackenzie and Cooke in two games. Hammett and Precious, the Southern Junior Champions, were defeated in two games by Williams and Greenwood (A.G.S.) but both games were extremely close, and it was only in the last few shots that the A.G.S.pair managed to pull ahead. Jones and Ireland, the surprise winners of the 1965 Northern Junior and the youngest pair in the E.J.Tw.C., maintained their reputation as giant-killers by defeating Craven and Dunster (E.G.S.) although they did lose the first game. Thus both Bancroft's and A.G.S.Tw.F. succeeded in getting two pairs into the semi-finals, but Ealing G.S. was completely eliminated.

The semi-finals began at approximately 4-OCp.m., and the draw produced two interesting Bancroft's v Altrincham tics. Mesher and Joseph played very well to become the first ever pair to defeat the Jones-Ireland partnership in junior winking championships, so Bancroft's had one pair through to the final. The other semi-final, between Williams & Greenwood and Mapley & Hogg, proved to be very close and exciting. Greenwood and Williams won the first game 5-2, but Mapley and Hogg won the second to gain an 8-6 lead with one game to play. When it seemed certain to be an all Bancroft's final, Williams succeeded in potting three winks in the last round, giving the A.G.S. pair victory 11-10.

Thus the final was to be a North versus South, Altrincham versus Bancroft's affair, and again it produced a very close match. Williams and Greenwood won the first game 6-1, but Mesher and Joseph fought back admirably in the second game to level the scores at 7 all. The third game was very close throughout, but it seemed that Williams and Greenwood had the edge. Even so, the very last shot of the match could have won the E.J.Tw.C. for Bancroft's. They did not succeed, so Altrincham G.S. held onto the title of English Junior Champions by the skin of their teeth, with Stephen Williams winning the Championship for the second year running, this time with Richard Greenwood.

THE VARSITY MATCH

Cambridge. 27th Feb., 1965

The Annual Varsity Match, which was also the quarter-final of the Silver Wink Championship, took place in the Lecture Rooms of Trinity College, Cambridge-starting a little late. Mats were laid on an unbelievably dirty floor and the first and second teams literally got down to it. Cambridge sported black tics, while Oxford were somewhat less formally attired.

At the halfway stage, Oxford seemed to be heading for an unexpectedly comfortable victory, built on an accuracy of squorping and potting that occasionally rose to the level of inspiration. Oxford reckoned without Cambridge determination, however, if they thought the match was over. Cambridge collected almost maximum points on the third round and the match was suddenly wide open again, with Oxford only two points in front. Rising almost as a man to this challenge, Oxford held on to win 61-51, a result specially gratifying to the Oxford team in general, considering recent Cambridge domination in the event. One member of the Oxford team, who scored only eight points, was inclined to think the result attributable only to divine intervention, but the rest of the team insist that a general tactical supremacy and all-round superiority of squidging were contributory causes of victory.

The Cambridge second VIII had little difficulty in overcoming their Oxford opposite numbers.

At a Press Conference on April Fools' Day, Mr Callaghan defended the Government's proposed amendments to the Squidger Tax. Asked by our reporter whether these might not prove detrimental to I.F.Tw.A.'s current export drive, the Chancellor smiled and said: "Yes, I'm sorry about it, and the Petrol Tax, and the Road Fund increase, and the higher National Insurance Contributions, and thehigher postal charges, and the Capital Gains Tax. But it's all part of our plan to keep prices down, you see."

I understand that the Government intends to legislate along the lines of the Clark Report, which denounces the last Government's scheme to graduate the tax according to Nett Weight of Squidger; instead, the Report recomends a Diameter Tax on the grounds that this will obviate tax-evasion by the owners of filed-down squidgers. It is likely that all squidgers will have to be franked and licensed.

There was marked reaction in the City to the Chancellor's statement. Four front-bench E.Tw.A. officials played a 30 minute game of double-squop in the centre of Westminster Bridge during the Friday-night rush-hour, and then went to 10 Downing Street to present a protest to the Prime Minister. Mrs Wilson, explaining her husband's absence, said that he had gone to Chequers for a State Squidge-Up, ahere, joined by Mr Brown, he was to have a series of games against Mr Wyatt and Mr Donnelly: "to decide once and for all the issue of Steel Nationalisation." On Saturday Afternoon the score stood at 77-77.

The venue for the match between the Anglo-Persian Oil Company and President Nasser's Invitation VIII has still not been decided. A spokesman for the company said: "Don't worry - it's in the pipeline."

#### THE WILLIS CUP

As reported in WW7, Bancroft's and Ealing G.S., the two school teams in the London League, each came too in their division, and so met in the final. It was Ealing's first season in the League, and Bancroft's second.

The match took place at University College on 16th March, and at first it seemed as though it would be an easy victory for Ealing, who took nearly maximum points in the first round; they were still ahead at the end of the second, but in the third Bancroft's played well and did not drop a point. This gave them victory, and they retained the Willis Cup which they also won in 1964.

This season there will be a third school tram joining the League - Tottenham G.S. It is expected that there will be about twolve teams playing in the League altogether.

#### WINKS IN MANCHESTER

Nigel Shepherd reports that the winks matches played in Manchester are still "friendlies". The situation is not right for a highly organised League, as there are the problems of transporting young schoolchildren, as many of them girs as boys, across a city not over well served by public transport. However, many of the clubs are as strong as ever, the girls going from strength to strength, and those clubs weakened by loss of members building up their position again. Noteable of course are the big four, Altrincham and Manchester boys and girls Grammar Schools, but there are others - Stockport, Cheadle Hulme, Bolton, Sale and Moseley Hall to name only a few.

Allen Astles reports that several clubs in the area are likely to form an Association to maintain the high standard of winks and at the same time to concentrate more on the social aspects of the game. Joint secretaries of the Altrinoham Tw. Association are:

Miss Janet Howat, 91 Wood Lane, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire. Miss Daphne Twiss, 21 Wainwright Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

#### MINKS IN WALES

Allen Astles, now Secretary-General of W.Tw.A., is hoping to see several new clubs in Wales this year, and eventually to Aold an all-Welsh Championship. He would be interested to hear from any Welsh winkers anywhere.

## THE FLYING DISC STANDARD CLASSIFICATION

Michael Halsey,

This system has been designed by Michael Halsey, President of the Flying Disc Tw.C., and it gives a standard of pure skill, without involving the tactics of match-play. It is a test in five parts, each scoring a maximum of 20 points, so that your total score is a simple percentage figure. Gaps between winks etc. are measured from the nearer edges. One attempt should be made at each shot unless otherwise stated.

SQUOPPING.

Small onto small wink: 2 attempts with  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " gap, and 2 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " gap. Large onto large wink: ditto.

Score: 2 for full squop, 1 if the squopped wink is freed by vertical pressure on the centre of the squopping wink (barely squopped).

Large wink to squop 2 samll winks:

a) Small winks touching, centre of all three in line, large wink at  $l^{\frac{1}{2}}$  gap

b) Small winks at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " gap, centre of large wink  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from centres of each small wink.

Score: 2 for both fully squopped: 12 for 1 fully, 1 barely: 1 for one fully or both barely;  $\frac{1}{2}$  for one barely squopped.

Total shots for (A) 1, 8 . Maximum score, 16. 2, 4. Maximum score, 4. Total for Section A:

POTTING. В.

The gam is between the bottom of the pot and thenearest edge of the wink or pile.

Large wink at gaps  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2", 4", 6", 8". Small wink ditto. Score:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  if the wink is potted in one shot;  $\frac{1}{2}$  if in two, the second being taken from where the wink landed.

Maximum score: 15. Total shots: 10,

Large wink half squopming another, 2" gap. Top wink to be potted: a) Top 2. wink furthest from pot. b) Top wink nearer pot. c) Top wink sideways on to pot.

d) Small wink vertically squopping another, 3" gap. Squopped wink to be potted. e) Small wink (nearer pot) 3 squopning another, 4" gap.

Squopped wink to be potted.

Score: l if successful. Total shots: 5. Maximum score: 5.

Total for Section B: 20.

PLACING. C:

- Large wink at ranges of 3', 2', 1', from target. Repeat with small wink. 1. Score. (R is your range for each shot.) If wink lands less than one-twelfth of R from the target, score 3: if between one-twelfth and one-sixth of R, score 2: if between one-sixth and one-third of R, Otherwise nil. score 1.
- Large wink half squopping another, 1' from target. Top wink to reach target. 2. a) Top wink nearer target. b) Top wink sideways on to target. Score a) l if within 3", otherwise nil
  b) l if within 4", otherwise nil.
  Total shots: 2. Maximum score: 2.

Total for Section C: 20.

DESQUOPPING. D.

a) Large winks.

b) Small winks.

- c) Large winks.
- d) Large winks.
- e) 1 large and 2 small winks.

Side views, actual size.

The object is to desquor the pile, separating the bottom and middle winks. Score: 3 for separating the bottom and middle winks. Subtract one if the top wink moves more than one inch. Subtract 1 if the bottom and middle winks are less than 4" apart. Subtract 2 if the top wink lands on the bottom wink. Add 1 if the middle wink moves more than 6" and the bottom less than 6".

Maximum score: 20 Total shots: 5.

Total for Section D: 20.

- $\mathbf{E}$ ETCETERA.
- 1. Pile edging. Starting with a small wink vertically squopping another, move the pile towardw a point 3" away in 10 shots or less. Score: 3 minus  $\frac{1}{2}$  per  $\frac{1}{2}$ " short of point. Nil if you lose the bottom wink. Maximum shots: 10. Maximum score: 3.
- Large wink to hit large wink at 6" and 9". Repeat with small 2. Bombing. winks. Score: 1 if successful. Total shots: 4. Maximum score: 4.
- 2 attempts at both (a) and (b). Pile jumping. a) In one shot jump a pile of two large winks, vertically squopping, onto a third large wink at  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gap.

b) Repeat (a) aith small winks and a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " gap.

Score: 1 if successful. Total shots: 4. Maximum score: 4.

- Pile splitting 4. Side views, actual size. a) Large winks, ½" gap.
  - - b) Small winks, one-eighth inch gap.

To play ton wink of pile onto other two. Score as Section A, (2). Total shots: 2. Maximum score: 4.

- 5. Edging out.
  - a) Large winks
  - b) Large winks To free the bottom wink, staying on the top wink. Score: 2 if successful. Total shots: 2. Maximum score: 4.
- Flight over the pot. Place two large winks on opposite sides of the pot, each at 1" gap from the pot. Play one so as to hit the other. Score: 1 if successful. Total shots; 1. Maximum score: 1. Total for section E: 20.

GRAND TOTAL: 100.

#### Standards:

90 or rver: Gold Squidger. 75 or over: Silver Squidger. 60 or over: First Class Squidger. 50 or over: Second Class Squidger. 40 or over: Third Class Squidger. 20 or over: Wooden Squidger. Under 20: Dreg!

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#### GUY CONSTERDINE

- by Pat Bonham.

Nearly 40 people from 20 winks clubs attended the 1965 Congress, compared with 20 from 8 clubs in 1963; "Winking World" in the same period progressed from little more than a news leaflet to a very entertaining journal eagerly sought by an ever-increasing readership. This is the measure of E.Tw.A.'s past Secretary (and new Chairman), Guy Consterdine, who at the Second Congress took on the forbidding task of being Editor and Secretary of E.Tw.A. simultaneously. Since coming into half of his job in April, I soon realised how much of his time he must have given to Winks and E.Tw.A.

Somewhere else in this edition of "WW" I am said to have "assisted with the last 4 editions of WW" ---- in fact, we would talk for hours on end about one little article or even a few sentences into the small hours, firstly in Guy's flat in Islington and later in Lee Green. This is why hardly any contributions Guy received through the post were actually printed in anything like the original! Now relieved from "Winking World", Guy and his wife Margaret are moving into their own house in Woking, Surrey.

#### TOO TABID\* AT TWENTY?

by Tony Herbert

In recent years, much attention has been given to the optimum degree of senility for the best performance in sundry diverse sports. Long have the selectors known that the only way in which England might retain the Ashes would be by the selection of a preadamite team; more recent is the discovery in America, South Africa and Australia that swimmers, much beyond the age of weaning, might just as well be thrown in the lake. Now the problem is being extended, and Tiddlywinks seems to be facing the possibility of an infant take-over.

The question which immediately comes to mind is whether or no there should be a division in the hitherto smooth continuum of junior and senior winkers, and where it might come.

In fact there are two divisions, that at the upper and of the infantile range, which need not concern us here (the infantile winkers are not to be found in E.Tw.A., I hope) and that rather fortuitously made by E.Tw.A. at the school-university junction. It cannot be said that all schools play in the same way, any more than it can be said that all university teams exhibit the same appearance, but there is a considerable body of players within the junior (E.Tw.A. definition) clubs who have much in common.

Two years ago, Bancroft's school entered the London League, being the first junior club to join. In their first season they won the competition, beating some of the strongest teams in London with apparent ease. Last season they were joined by Ealing Grammar School, who reached the final where they lost narrowly to the more experienced Bancroft's team; nevertheless some of their earlier games had provided much food for thought for the teams they beat.

Do these junior clubs play a radically different type of winks, or if not, then where lies their strength? Certainly their game does have a different quality from that of the older masters of the game, and the farther one goes down the scale of the old style teams, the greater the difference. This represents a sorry state of affairs for the senior clubs, for they have become a victim of their earlier prowess.

The one thing which the really good juniors have is a balance between tactics and physical skill in manipulating the winks to do what is required of them. It is in this balance that their success lies. Think for a moment how often you have seen a really good tactical move, played against good opposition, fail because one shot did not tell, and a squop was missed, or a wink just failed to scramble into the pot after a frantic, ill-played shot. Hard though it may be to admit this, it is true that all thetactics in the world will not win a game for a pair whocannot make the winks perform the necessary aerial manoeuvres and come to rest in the appropriate positions on the mat at the first attempt. In such a case, the junior team, whose tactics may lack the subtlety of their elder opponents, will be able to win in nearly every case, by knowing what they want to do and being able to do it.

To combat these fit young winkers, a natural product of the finger-snapping beat generation, the senior clubs need to invest in at least two pairs of really competent players, stable and reliable, but not of necessity brilliant, who can be trusted to keep up their end of the score against any opposition by simply knowing what they can do, and not trying the fancy when the plain will do. Sometimes distinctions are made between gentlemen and players, but it would seem that the schools may represent the last of the players in a world of tacticians, growing steadily more rheumatoid as they consider the stratagy of the game.

Let therefore the bulk of the E.Tw.A. members take it into their heads to be really competent, and let them improve their skill in later days. Most of those against whom I have played in the last four years have had a tactical knowledge quite adequate for the conditions of the modern game, but have been led astray by the finer points of the tactics, and have converted a possible 4-3 win to a 6-1 loss by playing a bad shot. With the new premium on potting out to gain a 7-0 victory, is it too much to hope that there will be a resurgence of the old aim to be a good player in the simple sense of the word?

\* Mr Herbert defines this as "being afflicted with a shaking condition of the limbs" - a fate suitable for consideration as Winkers Doom

A discussion of the political and economic effects of the most crucial decision of the 1965 Congress.

Diligent readers of E3 are probably wondering why E.Tw.A. needs a Publicity Officer, and what his duties are. The post was proposed by Phil Villar (alias Taunton Winkophile) as a solution to the deadlock reached on the first afternoom of the Congress. A discussion on how winks could be spread, and the image of the game improved, became a discussion about the general financial position of E.Tw.A., with a view to subsidising Internationals, and other important natches which involve long distance travel (e.g. 1965 Silver Wink semi-final, Aberdeen U. v Exeter U.) Eventually, when it was clear that no progress was being made, it was decided to make one of the six Council members a publicity officer, and let him worry about it for two years.

Thus the duties of the publicity officer include anything which will help to improve or correct the state of public opinion about the game. Methods of achieving these aims fall into three categories:

- a) Direct publicity, for Internationals, Congresses, etc, via the press, radio and television. At present it is mainly local papers, and regional radio and television programmes which show any interest: we hope to change this attitude, particularly for Internationals.
- b) Correction of erroneous references to tiddlywinks wherever they occur, and in particular in such works as The Guinness Book of Records, and various sporting reference books. I hope that no winker will ignore any disparaging remarks about the game which he may hear or read, although I advise you not to try putting Beach combor right!
- c) Approaches to any suitable bodies for financial support, for reasons giv n above. The Ministry of Sport is an obvious target here, but until we have a winker as Minister we cannot be sure of success. In view of the money poured into golf, motor racing and other sports, by the manufacturers of drinks, cigarettes, and so on, it seems quite reasonable to hope that the odd £50 could come our way - that's the theory, anyway; it hasn't been tried yet!

These, then, are the ideas being pursued at present. - If you have any other ideas, please let me know, and don't leave it until the next Congress and then complain because I haven't done anything. (My address is in 13, and also in WW7, under Aviawink.

Since the Congress we have received a reasonable amount of publicity, most of it favourable, as follows:

> A film of the Congress was shown on BBC TV (Midland Region). Guy Consterding was interviewed on Sports Session (radio) on a Saturday afternoon.

A film of the Wngland - Wales International was shown on BBC TV (Welsh Region) and was recently repeated on the National network. Four winkers from Aberdeen appeared on Scottish television. In a lighter vein, Tony Herbert and I appeared in a BBC 2 panel game, "Pick the "inner", and I was interviewed in "Late Night Line-up", again on BBC 2

Before anybody gets the wrong impression, I hasten to add that I do not claim credit for arranging these, except the last; I am merely reporting their occurrence.

Finally, an admission: none of the plans mentioned abovecan be as effective as the efforts of individual winkers. Presumably every player is interested in improving public opinion - nobody likes the pitying smile that invariably comes from a non-believer on first hearing that thegame is taken seriously! It is sheer cowardice to conceal your interest, or even to try and laugh it off. You must go into the attack and convert them! When you leave University or School, don't just regret the loss of happy hours on the mat, form a club: you'll be amazed how many people you thought were quite same will be keen to play! This applies particularly if you move to an area of low winking density where there may be an enormous number of potential players. I reckon that every winker can get 20 more players, and persuade 200 people that winks is not just a gimmick for idiots. Peter Downes must have done for more. With an estimated 2000 past and present winkers, that gives 400,000 enlightened souls! Then there will be a need for a Publicity Officer for category (a) duties only.

#### E.Tw.A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st August 1965.

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#### Notes on E.Tw.A. accounts.

- 1. Approximately £3 of 'stationery' is WW stock, and will be utilised in the production of future issues. Further there is much other stationery, letter headings, and a stapler in stock.
- 2. Commission received was for the 12 months ended 31st July 1964; a further years commission is now due, and should amount to approximately £3.
- 3. Only 28 Clubs were affiliated to E.Tw.A. for 1965, although WW was sent regularly to some 60 Clubs. This situation is far from satisfactory, representing as it does a double loss, on wasted WWs and lack of subscription income, and it must be remedied if E.Tw.A. is to raise its income to a level where its activities in financing International matches and contributing to N.P.F.A. come up to the promise of its stated objectives.
- 4. The surplus on 1965 is net, after charging the postage incurred in connection therewith.
- 5. The above sales of WWs 4 and 5 bring the net cost of these productions down to £3 7 and £2 8 6 respectively.
  - S.J. Clark Treasurer.

A.G. Herbert Auditor.

The University of Strathclyde beat the unofficial winking marathon record by having 4 people who winked continuously for 50 hours 30 minutes.

Aviawink claims to have the best team of married winke s - at least they can produce such a team, though they do not want to have to defend the claim.

John Breeze, an E.Tw.A. council Member, was married in Cambridge on July 31st to Sonia Healing.

#### EQUIPMENT.

The following equipment is available by post or telephone (LOU 3721/2) from the Official Manufacturers, MARCHANT GAMES LTD, LOUGHTON, FSSEX, ENGLAND:

Tiddlywinks sets, with Rules booklet, pot, winks & 4 squidgers......5/- each Tiddlywinks felt mats, 2 yards x 1 yard, post free............25/- each Rules booklets, entirely new edition incorporating Congress changes....3d ea.

Printed Tiddlywinks scorecards (produced by Guinness & Co.) will be found useful for recording matches; they come as a stiff folded white card (8x5" folded) pre-printed with headings & spaces for names, scores etc. They are available free from the Secretary of E.Tw.A., please send postage @  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. per card. Back numbers of "WN", E.Tw.A. publications & leaflets etc. and further copies of this issue of "Winking World", no.8, are also available from the Secretary.

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### Individual Members of E.Tw.A.

At the time of going to press, individual members are as follows:

Life Allen Astles, Norman Bardsley, Robert Bebbington, Patrick Bonham, Stuart Clark, Guy Consterdine, Alan Cooper, Michael Crick,

Colin Flood, Robin Glasscock, Michael Halsey, Tony Herbert, Diane Jacks, Gerald Kurtz, Roger M Govern, Charles M Leod, Martin O'Shea, J.B.Pick, Charles Relle, Nigel Shepherd,

David Walton, Keith Watson.

10 Years Phil Villar,

5 Years Roger Broomfield, Clive Maddock, John Rogers.

4 Years Jon Mapley.

21 Years Peter Laxton.

2 Years Lynda Goldman, Carole Hobson, Ann Isaacs, Daphne Twiss.

1 Year Paul Atkinson, Diane Baron, Stuart Bennett, Hazel Bernstein, John Breeze, Chris Emery, Karin Froebel, Terence Mitchell, Helen Moffett, R.C.Steele, Edith Waller, Malcolm Wilkinson,

Stephen Williams.

The Secretary of  $\mathbb{E}$ .Tw.A. will be pleased to supply the addresses of individual members of  $\mathbb{E}$ .Tw.A. upon reasonable request.

#### MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS.

"Membership will be of two kinds:

i) Club Affiliation: open to any club of at least 8 members.

ii) Individual Membership: open to anybody whether a member of a club or not. Members can join for a number of years or for life, and will receive a membership card. Members will receive all information concerning tiddly—winks published by E.Tw.A."

The above extract from the Constitution is not much of an incentive to join E.Tw.A.! But every club secretary should realise that although the material advantages affiliating to E.Tw.A. are admittedly not great (2 Winking Worlds, plus various duplicated and printed documents), his club's subscription is promoting the game of tiddlywinks, and improving its image. To put into action plans like Geoff Wilsher's (see article in this edition) E.Tw.A. needs money, and that money must come from the people who most benefit from E.Tw.A.'s activities — that is, the tiddlywinks players and clubs themselves. This year, 28 tiddlywinks clubs were affiliated to E.Tw.A., slightly more than in any previous year BUT nothing like enough, considering there are at least 100 clubs in the country. E.Tw.A. intends to make tiddlywinks a game which will no longer be frowned upon as a kids Christmas present or a students' prank. Will you help?

Club affiliation falls into two age groups; senior clubs (members over 18) at 10/-, and junior clubs (18 or under) at 5/-, per club per calendar year. A club subscription received on or after October 1st in any year applies until the end of the following year.

Individual membership fees are: 2/6 per year for any number of years, or 42/- for a life subscription.

Postal orders, cheques etc. should always be crossed and made payable to "The English Tiddlywinks Association". Membership applications may be sent to either the Secretary or Treasurer of the Association.

#### E.Tw.A. Publications 1965

Following the Congress in April, affiliated clubs and individual members received a leaflet "E3", giving a brief report on the Congress and elections and amendments to the International Rules. E3 wasn't sent to any unaffiliated clubs, in accordance with a decision taken by the delegates at the Congress. The next major mailing was to 74 unaffiliated clubs in September, and consisted of the reprinted E1, a questionnaire, a duplicated copy of the new Rules, and 2 letters — one long and informative, the other short and polite! This is the last major mailing operation to unaffiliated clubs; we simply cannot afford to keep sending "Winking World" to all known clubs, as was E.Tw.A.'s former policy. To bring this account up to date, affiliated clubs & members receiving this WW are being sent in the same envelope a new E1 and a new Rules booklet.

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ABBREVIATIONS. University, College, Grammar School, Association, Society, Technical, Technology, Training. \*=affiliated to E.Tw.A. 1965.

Careful readers of "Winking World" no.7 with good memories will recall to mind the postal sub-continental match planned between Bill Steen (former Sec-Gen of ETwA, and one of the founders of Tiddlywinks) in West Bengal and Keith (J.K.P.) Watson at Chittagong, East Pakistan. Bearing in mind the two countries are hardly friends, it surprises me that this game ever started! However, in an extraordinary letter that was sent to Pat Bonham by Air Mail from Chittagong on August 2nd and reached him on Sept 23rd (via ?) Keith calmly relates how his game is progressing. "When the game is finished we will let you know what our findings are (if any), One thing - there is no time limit, We have only reached round 6. Also either our play is bad or our marking deficient, because to date nothing has been squopped !.......Because of the humidity here I find that my pale blue winks are changing colour to a peculiar turquoise green. Do Marchant Games experiment? If so, could they try out the effects of different atmospheres on the colouring, composition and flight trajectory of winks? I feel this is an urgent and pressing problem, perhaps suitable for Ph.D." Later he goes on to regret that "the impact (of winks) has not been startling amongst the indigenous peoples" but "a number of Americans, mostly missionaries, have taken a liking and I hope we can get a league going".

Keith is teaching English under contract from the British Council in a government secondary school financed by the Army.

Geographically in the opposite direction for most readers, Dr. Robin Glasscock writes from the Queen's University of Belfast: "Winks here is still confined to the University students, past and present, and when exams rear their head people are apt to get their priorities in the wrong order! We hope to play Scotland in an international some time in the next winking year. Scotland (via Martin O'Shea) have challenged Ireland, and we hope the practical difficulties of us crossing the sea (finance and ship's motion) will not stop the match being played."

To complete the points of the compass, Martin, who has been at the forefront of Scottish winking for the last two years (based on Aberdeen) has now handed over the Secretary-Generalship of the Scottish Tiddlywinks Association to Lee Cousins, whose addresses are given below. Martin will be spending his next year in the South of France (doing what ?) and sent in a request for some Rule books in French! Post-Downes winkers perhaps don't realise that such things exist - they're a little out of date by now, but there are French Rule-books entitled "Les Regles Officielles du Tiddly."

Also from Martin comes the news that he and three other Aberdeen players (Miss Helen Mathers, Charles McLeod & Tain Brodie) did a short demonstration and interview on BBC-TV (Scotland) on Feb 15th 1965, a fact that does not appear to have been recorded in WW no.7.

It might be worth mentioning here that a new batch of Scottish team ties are on the market, and any former Scots international is elicible to wear one. They can be ordered from Lee Cousins.

McLeod, mentioned above, has recently become a life member of E.Tw.A. and even more recently left for Canada to do postgraduate work at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, where he hopes to spread the word.....

New Sec.-Gen of ScoTwA: LEE COUSINS Term: Students' Union, Broad Street, Aberdeen. Home: 134 Bingham Rd, Croydon, Surrey.