

EDITORIAL.

WinkingWorld now has a new editor, last year's secretary of Etwa. Since I have not had time to write the minutes of the 1981 A.G.M., I merely announce now that the new officers of Etwa are: Chairman, Jonathan Mapley; Secretary, Geoff Thorpe of 9 Sussex Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire, telephone 061-477-2640 ; Treasurer Alan Dean (from whom equipment is available and to whom subscriptions should be paid); Winking World editor, Charles Relle.

Dates to note are: January 30th and 31st, Cambridge Open Pairs Tournament. The Cambridge Dinner is on the evening of the 30th. Details from Liz Bertoya, Queens' College, Cambridge.

February 27th . Hampshire Open Pairs .
Entries to Mike Surrige, the Winks Club , Southampton University Students' Union, University Road, Highfield, Southampton. On the 28th there may be a handicap singles competition, also in Southampton, organised by Julius Mach. No details of this have reached me either as secretary of Etwa or as editor of Winking World. Julius's address is: 11 Wheatcroft Drive, West End Southampton.

March 13th. London Open Pairs Tournament:
this will be at Westfield College; London N.W.3, starting at 10.30 a.m. Details from Jonathan Mapley 2 Janmead Witham Essex.

This is my first attempt as editor to produce Winking World, and though I hope I will improve readers must bear with my deficiencies. You will find my typing erratic and my judgement of what will go on a page uncertain; also that much of this issue has been written by myself. You can of course remedy this by writing articles on any winking subject and sending them to me at 26 Canadian Avenue London S.E.6, and if you are wise you will do so. I have a long and excruciatingly boring article (written by myself!) which I shall not hesitate to publish in WW40 if I do not receive any other material. A propos of the contents of this issue, I must apologise to Cyril Edwards who wrote an article cryptically entitled 'The John Lennon Memorial Shot' which has not reached me from the previous editor. If it ever turns up I shall publish this. Meanwhile let go of your squidgers and take up your pens on any subject connected with winks -- matches, tactics, new shots, anything.

A quick look at 1981 shows good attendance at tournaments and smoother organisation of some of them, a highly successful American tour in terms of games played and friendships made or renewed, if not in results from our point of view, healthy numbers in most clubs, though Newts is declining except when it dines, and the shadow of '0' level hangs over LUSTS. Cambridge and Southampton seem to prosper, and Oxford appears to have 3 clubs, one with no secretary, one with no money, and one with a completely dormant secretary and £40 belonging to Cambridge. Perhaps this is one case in which amalgamation would make for efficiency. Let us hope that 1982 goes at least as well as 1981.

Alan Dean's address is 6 Birkland Drive Edwinstowe Nottinghamshire. Please pay your 1982 subscription to him as soon as you can if you have not already done so (ordinary members £3, students etc. £1).

Sets are still £1.50 and mats £5.50 plus postage. Orders to Alan Dean.

If you want to play against Oxford, write to Carew Satchwell at Worcester College Oxford.

Congratulations to Pam Knowles on the birth of Rebecca Ann .

Charles Relle on WINKS, DEMOCRACY AND THE RULES.

At the A.G. M. a screed entitled 'Winks and Democracy' was Circulated. Since it contains errors of fact and makes no attempt to do justice to the Rules Committee's intentions in conducting a poll of Etwa on unresolved matters concerned with the rules, it demands a reply.

First, it describes the E.G.M. held in Southampton last February as well attended. In fact nine persons, not all of whom were members of Etwa, attended this meeting. A simple majority of this meeting could consist of five, and if its decisions were considered binding, Etwa could have found itself shackled by decisions largely brought about by non-members. This situation does not seem to me to bring together winks and democracy. Further, this meeting, convened to discuss outstanding matters pertaining to the rules, insisted on discussing all the rules, or attempting to do so. Time ran out, the outstanding matters were scarcely discussed at all, and many decisions taken by the A.G.M., which was far more representative of Etwa as a whole, were reversed. This was most unfortunate, and the committee had to consider their responsibility to Etwa as a whole and to democracy itself. They also had to consider when and whether another E.G.M. would be possible, and the impending American tour. It would have been awkward to have to tell the Americans that we had no agreed body of rules. No date was available on which a further E.G.M. could be called, as the National Pairs weekend was unsuitable, so what were the Committee to do? They did not wish simply to publish a set of rules with no authority from Etwa, so they sorted out all outstanding matters, and invited members of Etwa to vote on them. The intention was to poll all members of Etwa, and if there were any omissions, they were the result of oversight, not deliberate. Here I must again take issue with 'Winks and Democracy', which strongly implies, though it does not state, that the Committee deliberately polled only a selection of members. This is a slur on the honesty of the committee and in particular of myself who conducted the poll. So the committee tried to get the views of Etwa on outstanding matters and it succeeded. This seems to me to be democratic. It is as well, nevertheless, that the 1981 A.G.M. endorsed the rules, so that no-one, however esoteric his view of democracy, can complain that they do not have democratic validity.

THE NATIONAL TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

This was played in Southampton on the last weekend in November, and drew together the most geographically diverse collection of winkers for some time. Geoff Thorpe came from Manchester, Messrs Edwards and Huish made the journey from Weston-super-Mare, and teams from Southampton (naturally), Cambridge, London and Oxford appeared. This tournament is the least serious in the calendar and much of the play was light-hearted. It was won by a team called the Four Gauche Men, the all left-handed combination of Brennan, Hull, Relle and Seaman. There was some criticism of the composition of this team as being too strong, but no other team wished to break up to admit any of its members. It would be interesting to hear people's views on the management of the teams of four tournament. It would be easy to make up teams of roughly equal strength from seeded lists of players, but this would have to be done in advance, and would involve the compulsory separation of people who might wish to play together. Would YOU prefer this? Write and let me know.

THE MARCHANT TROPHY

SEMI-FINAL: QUESH v. OLD BANCROFTIANS.

Yet another trophy has passed from the hands of a well-established holder. On the Saturday evening of the Singles Championship, Quesh played their semi-final against Old Bancroftians. Both teams were reshuffled from the quarter-finals and both ended up with only five players. Pam replaced Pam for Quesh, and after six years' retirement, John Mesher filled Dave Rose's slot in the Obwink team. It was left to each team to decide who played solo, and no-one was surprised at the choices. There were perhaps a few sighs of relief from their opponents when Quesh decided not to play Nigel and Keith together.

Quesh took the first round 12-9 by virtue of Alan's 5-2. The second round saw a big swing the other way, with Old Bancroftians getting the only two big scores of the match, 6 for Harvey and Dennis and 7 for Jon. So 7 & a third from the last round would be sufficient, and two of these were secured first by the O's. At one stage in the battle of the giants (Jonathan do you live in Lilliput? -Ed.), Alan had a big pile by the pot and Jon had one free wink. Guess where the free wink landed, what Alan didn't do, and how four more precious points accrued. Now Greg and John had to score one and a half points. Even with only five minutes to appreciate this fact, the task looked straightforward enough, and it was left to John to play a small red fractionally more off a large green than it was, in order to pot it in round five. Round four went slightly awry, and the wink was left sideways on to the pot, perfectly Bristolable, but pottable? The applause, and the scorecard, tell the story.

	DEAN	KNOWLES & FRASER	SEAMAN & BUDD
OPPOSS & ORROCK	2-5	2-5	6-1
HOGG & MESHER	2½-4½	4-3	3-4
MAPLEY	4-3	7-0	3-4

Round scores, Bancroftians first: 9-12; 15½-5½; 9-12. Total 33½-29½.

THE FINAL

This took place at 26 Canadian Avenue on 16th January 1982. Newts had unfortunately had a walk-over into the final, having been unable to arrange a match against Newts II.

Both teams started hesitantly and Newts had the better of the opening round by 15 points to 6. However, in the second round Old Bancroftians recovered most of the deficit, winning it 14-7. This took us to lunch time. Newts hoped to gain strength in the traditional manner by repairing to the pub, but in fact sustenance increased the power of their opponents, who took three 6-1s in round 3, leaving Newts too much to do in round 4. Straining after victory from improbable positions had its usual consequences and Old Bancroftians scored 15 points in the last round for a win by 53 to 31. On the day they were clearly the better team and deserved their win.

Scores: NEWTS
 RELLE & WISEMAN: 5½, 1½, 1, 1=9
 EDWARDS & VINCENT: 4, 4, 1, 1=10
 JEFFREYS & TOYE: 5½, 1½, 1, 4=12

OLD BANCROFTIANS
 MAPLEY & ROSE: 1½, 5½, 6, 6=19
 OPPOSS & ORROCK: 3, 5½, 6, 6=20½
 HOGG & JOSEPH: 1½, 3, 6, 3=13½

FORTY-FORTY CHARLES, OR AGE TO THE FORE.

The National Singles 1981.

The two major championships in 1981 were dominated by two players. Nigel Knowles and Charles Relle took their first Pairs championship in May, and Charles did the double in October by winning his first Singles, Nigel coming a point behind Dave Lockwood in third place. So the era of the quadragenarian has dawned.

The singles took place on the first and second floors of the Station Hotel, Hither Green, and many thanks are due to the landlord for providing fifteen Contiplas boards at his own expense and for giving us easy access even outside normal opening hours.

Because of the large entry of 26, it was decided to play the initial stages in three groups. We agonised at length over this, the alternative being to use Alan Dean's computerised Swiss system. This has advantages and disadvantages, and Alan need not feel that his work has been wasted, because we shall undoubtedly use the program at future tournaments. If numbers increase, and let's hope they do, Swiss will be the only system able to cope adequately with some events. Our only complaint this year, and a small one, is over players who leave it to the last minute to tell the organiser whether or not they will be playing. It doesn't matter too much in minor tournaments, but it does make life difficult in a major one, when so many players have to be catered for and time on the day is at a premium.

Twelve seeded players were spread through the groups, the qualifiers for the final being the top three finishers in each group, plus the highest scoring fourth player (points per game as the groups were unequal in size). This provided interest, and a lot of fluctuating hopes and fears as the last round of games commenced. Amazingly, if three games had had different scorelines, Messrs Lockwood, Edwards and, yes, Relle would not have qualified! It was hard on Duncan Budd, who had a deserved win over the new champion in the qualifying round, that Jon Mapley, who had already qualified, beat him 7-0, reducing his p.p.g. to 4.5, but this meant that another LUSTS player, Tony Brennan, scraped through on 4.57. It would have been rough justice had he not, as he had beaten Dave Lockwood! Nobody from Southampton was surprised when Mike Surridge qualified, and the other eight were as expected. We hope that Mary Davies and David Sharman of Cambridge (12½ points each), Bob Cartwright of Southampton (7 points) and Timothy Jeffreys (13 points), younger brother of Charles, enjoyed their first big tournament. It's great to see new faces and particularly encouraging that Cambridge has had so many new recruits this year. It's good also that half the entrants were at school, polytechnic or university.

The format for the final group was the same as last year's: 10 players, all play all. Re-seeding was done on the basis of p.p.g. from the qualifying groups, so that the games between the top contenders came at the end. Charles was in the lead for the first four rounds, after which he met Jon, who had fought back after a nervy start. Jon got a 6-1 revenge for his defeat of the previous day, and took a precarious lead. Lockwood put paid to that with a solid one-colour pot-out, but was promptly beaten 6-1 by Nigel, so with two rounds to go it was Relle 35, Knowles 34½, Mapley 32 Lockwood 31½.

Charles got the killer blow in round 8, a 7-0 against Keith Seaman. In a wild game, Charles tried to pot green and missed the third, and then yellow and missed the third! His remaining winks were chased all over the mat, as he attempted to pot one or other colour and Keith to squop him. After 18 minutes two more greens had gone in, the others were about 7 inches from the pot, widely separated, and a red was poised on a blue ready to put it wherever a green landed. Charles surprised himself by potting both the

greens, and then the four yellows, and Keith was outraged as much by Charles's zany tactics as by the result. Meanwhile Jon and Nigel were contriving a 4-3 which did neither of them any good, and Dave became Charles's only serious challenger by beating Alan 6-1. Charles's last game was against Dave, and he started, or should have if he could count, in the happy knowledge that he was British champion unless he lost $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ or worse and Jon or Nigel won 7-0, and further that he would be outright winner by avoiding a 6-1 defeat if the 7-0s failed to materialise. A tense game resulted in a 4-3 to Dave, and left Charles $3\frac{1}{2}$ points clear. Charles has always been one of the most skilful and flamboyant players. In this tournament he played a confident and generally disciplined game, perhaps for the first time in singles, and consistency on the Sunday made him champion at the expense of all the previous ones.

Of the other finalists, Cyril produced form that was a shadow of last year's: on the second day he won fewer than half his games. No doubt this pugnacious player will be back next year, possibly boosted by real ale! What of the champion of the last two years, Jonathan Mapley? In the qualifying round he seemed determined to average seven, and did average over six, despite an ominous 2-5 against Charles. Over the two days he had a higher average than anyone else, but in the final pool losses against Alan, Cyril and Dave set him back. In this section, Geoff Thorpe also qualified, beating Charles on the way, and improved both his placing and his final score as compared with last year. In the same section as Cyril, Nigel was undefeated, but in the final pool was unable to get big scores against the top players, except for his 6-1 against Lockwood. He seemed to be heading for the same score against Charles, who, however, managed in rounds to extricate and pot three greens for a 4-3 win. Joining Nigel and Cyril was Keith, a player with whom we associate close, tense games. But he was on the wrong end of two 0-7s this year, and four good sixes did not lift him above sixth place. The other section provided four finalists. Tony Brennan did enough to show that he will be a powerful force in years to come, as did Mike Surridge: congratulations to him on his 7-0 against Keith! Alan Dean, in winning the section and all his games, showed something of his old form. In the final he asserted he was playing badly, and though he had good wins, notably a 6-1 against Jon, they did not give him enough points to compensate for three losses. The enigmatic World Champion, Dave Lockwood, gained six places as against last year, finishing second. He lost only one game in the final pool, but only scored two sixes and was $3\frac{1}{2}$ points short at the end. IN fact high scores were hard to get in this year's final: there were three 7-0s as there were last year, but only 25 6-1s as compared with 35 last year. Generally it was a much closer tournament this year with 29 points separating first and tenth: last year it was $41\frac{1}{2}$. Will the trend continue next year with perhaps $16\frac{1}{2}$ between first and last? Come along and play: there should be a good finish!

The scores of the tournament are given on pages 6 and 7.

NATIONAL SINGLES 1981:SCORES

In all sections scores are printed: opponent's number; score, with the running total underneath.

QUALIFYING STAGE (qualifiers are underlined).

YELLOW SECTION.

	ROUNDS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1. <u>EDWARDS</u>	7;7 7	9;7 14	8;7 21	4;3 24	2;6 30	5;1 31	5;9 31	6;6 37	bye 37	<u>3rd</u>
2. LONG	8;5 5	bye 5	9;2 7	6;5 12	1;1 13	4;3 16	7;4 20	3;2 22	5;6 28	5th
3. <u>SEAMAN</u>	9;6 6	6;7 13	bye 13	7;6 19	5;6 25	1;6 31	4;2 33	2;5 38	8;4 42	<u>2nd</u>
4. <u>KNOWLES</u>	bye -	7;6 6	6;6 12	8;7 19	9;6 25	2;4 29	3;5 34	5;6 40	1;4 44	<u>1st</u>
5. <u>C. JEFFREYS</u>	6;3 3	8;6 9	7;7 16	9;6 22	3;1 23	bye 23	1;7 30	4;1 31	2;1 32	4th
6. BOYCE	5;4 4	3;0 4	4;1 5	2;2 7	7;6 13	8;5 18	bye 18	1;1 19	9;3 22	6th=
7. SHARMAN	1;0 0	4;1 1	5;0 1	3;1 2	6;1 3	9;2½ 5½	2;3 8½	8;4 12½	bye 12½	8th=
8. MARY DAVIES	2;2 2	5;1 3	1;0 3	4;0 3	bye 3	6;2 5	9;1½ 6½	7;3 9½	3;3 12½	8th=
9. PAM BUDD	3;1 1	1;0 1	2;5 6	5;1 7	5;1 8	7;4½ 12½	8;5½ 18	bye 18	6;4 22	6th=

WHITE SECTION

	ROUNDS								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1. <u>LOCKWOOD</u>	4;6 6	6;7 13	8;5½ 18½	2;2 20½	7;6 26½	3;2 28½	5;6 34½	<u>2nd</u>	
2. <u>DEAN</u>	8;4 4	4;6 10	7;6 16	1;5 21	3;5 26	5;7 33	6;6 39	<u>1st</u>	
3. <u>BRENNAN</u>	5;7 7	8;1 8	4;6 14	6;4 18	2;2 20	1;5 25	7;7 32	<u>4th</u>	
4. HULL	1;1 1	2;1 2	3;1 3	5;5 8	6;1 9	7;6 15	8;2 17	6th	
5. IRESON	3;0 0	7;5 5	6;5 10	4;2 12	8;1 13	2;0 13	1;1 14	7th	
6. JOSLAND	7;6 6	1;0 6	5;2 8	3;3 11	4;6 17	8;1 18	2;1 19	5th	
7. CARTWRIGHT	6;1 1	5;2 3	2;1 4	8;1 5	1;1 6	4;1 7	3;0 7	8th	
8. <u>SURRIDGE</u>	2;3 3	3;6 9	1;1½ 10½	7;6 16½	5;6 22½	6;6 28½	4;5 33½	<u>3rd</u>	

In the yellow section Cyril Edwards and Nigel Knowles played their match out of order, and the table does its best to take account of this.

BLUE SECTION
ROUNDS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1. <u>MAPLEY</u>	7;7 7	9;7 14	8;7 21	bye 21	2;2 23	3;6 29	5;6 35	6;7 42	4;7 49	<u>1st</u>
2. <u>RELLE</u>	8;6 6	bye 6	9;6 12	6;6 18	1;5 23	4;1 24	7;7 31	3;2 33	5;6 39	<u>2nd</u>
3. <u>THORPE</u>	9;7 7	6;6 13	bye 13	7;6 19	5;6 25	1;1 26	4;2 28	2;5 33	8;5 38	<u>3rd</u>
4. D. BUDD	bye -	7;6 6	6;4 10	8;3 13	9;6 19	2;6 25	3;5 30	5;6 36	1;0 36	4th
5. MESHER	6;3 3	8;5½ 8½	7;6 14½	9;4½ 19	3;1 20	bye 20	1;1 21	4;1 22	2;1 23	6th
6. INGLIS	5;4 4	3;1 5	4;3 8	2;1 9	7;7 16	8;3 19	bye 19	1;0 19	9;6 25	5th
7. JARMAN	1;0 0	4;1 1	5;1 2	3;1 3	6;0 3	9;4 7	2;0 7	8;2 9	bye 9	9th
8. FRASER	2;1 1	5;1½ 2½	1;0 2½	4;4 6½	bye 5½	6;4 10½	9;2½ 13	7;5 18	3;2 20	7th
9. T. JEFFREYS	3;0 0	1;0 0	2;1 1	5;2½ 3½	4;1 4½	7;3 7½	8;4½ 12	bye 12	6;1 13	8th

FINAL STAGE: THE LEADER IN EACH ROUND IS UNDERLINED.

	ROUNDS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1. <u>MAPLEY</u>	10;5 5	9;2 7	8;7 14	7;6 20	6;6 <u>26</u>	5;2 28	4;4 32	3;4 36	2;1 37	4th
2. DEAN	9;6 <u>6</u>	3;3 9	10;6 15	4;1 16	7;5½ 21½	8;5 26½	6;1 27½	5;1 28½	1;6 34½	5th
3. <u>KNOWLES</u>	8;6 <u>6</u>	2;4 10	6;3 13	9;5 18	10;5½ 23½	7;5 28½	5;6 34½	1;3 37½	4;3 40½	3rd
4. SEAMAN	5;2 2	8;6 8	7;0 8	2;6 14	9;6 20	10;6 26	1;3 29	6;0 29	3;4 33	6th
5. LOCKWOOD	4;5 5	7;5 10	9;5½ 15½	10;6 21½	8;4 25½	1;5 <u>30½</u>	3;1 31½	2;6 37½	6;4 41½	2nd
6. <u>RELLE</u>	7;6 <u>6</u>	10;6 <u>12</u>	3;4 <u>16</u>	8;6 <u>22</u>	1;1 23	9;6 29	2;6 <u>35</u>	4;7 <u>42</u>	5;3 <u>45</u>	1st
7. SURRIDGE	6;1 1	5;2 3	4;7 10	1;1 11	2;1½ 12½	3;2 14½	10;1 15½	9;2 17½	8;1½ 19	9th
8. THORPE	3;1 1	4;1 2	1;0 2	6;1 3	5;3 6	2;2 8	9;3 11	10;6 17	7;5½ 22½	8th
9. EDWARDS	2;1 1	1;5 6	5;1½ 7½	3;2 9½	4;1 10½	6;1 11½	8;4 15½	7;5 20½	10;6 26½	7th
10. BRENNAN	1;2 2	6;1 3	2;1 4	5;1 5	3;1½ 6½	4;1 7½	7;6 13½	8;1 14½	9;1 15½	10th