

2015 BEGINS SADLY WITH BRIDGE LOSING TWO FORMIDABLE PLAYERS

MALCOLM RYDER R.I.P

Malcolm from Galway, a National TD, Treasurer of the Western Region for many years, who will be remembered from his time playing with his mother, Maureen, who was President of the CBAI in 1969/70. The Ryders were a pair to be reckoned with and won many events over the years until Maureen's retirement from playing. Malcolm had begun to play again in National events in the last year or so.

HELEN CARROLL R.I.P

The death has occurred of Helen CARROLL (née Twomey Stillorgan, Dublin / Cork, and formerly of Magazine Road, Cork (peacefully) after a short illness in St. Vincent's University Hospital surrounded by her loving family. On behalf of the Region I convey our sincere sympathy to her loving husband and best friend Charles, daughters Yvonne (Perth) and Bryony, sons John and Bryan, daughters in-law Roisín and Ann-Marie, her seven adored grandchildren, cousins Mary, Linda, Rick, Sandra and Deirdre, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and a wide circle of friends. **She will be sadly missed, May she Rest in Peace**

ALL SIGN POSTS POINT YOU IN 'ONE DIRECTION' - 47th CORK BRIDGE CONGRESS Friday 16th to Sunday 18th JANUARY 2015
Maryborough Hotel & Spa Douglas, Cork T: 021 4365555
€ 9,500 IN PRIZES

CONGRESS SPECIAL RATE Two nights B & B + 1 dinner €145 per person sharing info@maryborough.ie
www.maryborough.com Tel: 021 4365555

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entries for the Congress competitions will close on Thursday 15th January, 2015. Prizes will be awarded on completion of competition.

A Tournament and Play Committee will be appointed at the Congress. The Congress committee wishes to thank the following Bridge Clubs for their assistance and support.

ENTRIES: Pearl O'Sullivan 086 0588593 e-mail corkbridgecongress@gmail.com - please specify Grade on entries. (Pre Entry to Major Competitions by Thursday 15th January 2015 0214374422 Entries for the **PRIZES - MIXED PAIRS** 1st 250 & Irish Examiner Trophy 2nd 130 3rd 100 Best Intermediate Pair - subject to entry.

CONGRESS TEAMS 1st 500 & Trophy 2nd €240 Best Area Master Team - subject to entry

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday January 16th 7.00 Mulled Wine Reception 7.15 Official Opening 7.30 (a) Mixed Pairs 10 (b) Novice Pairs 10 **PRE-ENTRY IS Required** by Thur. 15/01/15 7.30 Open Pairs 10

Saturday January 17th 1.30 (a) Congress Pairs 20 & (b) Inter. A Pairs 20 7.30 (c) Inter. B Pairs 20 **Pre-Entry Is Required** by Thur. 15/1/15 **1.30** Open Pairs 10 **7.30** Open Pairs 10

Sunday January 18th **11.00 (a)** Congress Team (extended session) (b) Intermediate Teams (**extended session**) per team **Pre-Entry is required** by Sat. 17/01/15 **12.00 Open Pairs 2.00 Open Pairs**

NOVICE PAIRS 1st Manus Molloy Trophy & Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize -subject to entry

INTERMEDIATE TEAMS 1st 500 & Dick Twomey Trophy 2nd 240 Best Intermediate B Team subject to entry

CONGRESS PAIRS OPEN PAIRS 1st 500 & Cork Silver Ring Trophy 2nd 300 3rd 200 Best Area Master - subject to entry Best Pair South Munster Region - Ballymaloe Trophy & Prize Sessional Prizes

INTERMEDIATE A PAIRS 1st 500 & Trophy 2nd 300 3rd 200 Best Intermediate A2 pair -subject to entry Best Pair South Munster Region Sessional Prizes

INTERMEDIATE BPAIRS 1st 500 & Bishopstown Credit Union Trophy 2nd 300 3rd 200 Best B2 pair – subject to entry Best Pair South Munster Region Sessional Prizes

Mitchell Movements 1st 80 N/S E/W 2nd 50 N/S E/W 11 + tables

Howell Movements 1st 80 2nd 50 3rd 30 8 + tables Pre entry not required for Open Pairs

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: MAJORS Diarmuid Reddan **OPEN PAIRS** Carmel Connolly

PATRONS: Fearghal O'Boyle President C.B.A.I. Patricia Carr President South Munster Region Congress President Eleanor Hipwell Secretary Pearl O'Sullivan Treasurer Evelyn Murphy. Presentation of Prizes on completion of competition

BRIDGE BY THE RIVER - FERMOY BRIDGE CLUB
STYLISH CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES Report: Fil Carson, PRO

The Annual Christmas Prizes Competition took place on Monday the 15th with two competitions of 10.5 and 11 tables; the Christmas Party and presentations took place on Thursday the 18th with excellent food prepared by Robert Butterworth and his helpers, stunning buffet of canapés and other delights was washed down with a choice of alcoholic or non-alcoholic mulled wine. A great night was had by all. Upstairs winners were.... Margaret Buckley & Mary Lyons, 2nd Betty Hegarty & Mary Crowley, 1st Gross Paddy Byrne & Matt O'Callaghan, 3rd Mary Thorp & Mary Lysaght, 2nd Gross Mary Hayes & Murt Kelleher, 4th Angela Bunyon & Marian Crowley, 3rd Gross Mary Mason & Eileen Ring, 5th Edith Bermingham & Kay O'Herlihy, 4th Gross Catherine Slattery & Phil Murphy, 6th John Morrison & Ann Barry **Downstairs winners were** Anne Mellerick & Eleanor Kent, 2nd Eileen Buttimer-Ryan & Margaret Barnes, 1st Gross Ted Long & Kay Clifford, 3rd Noreen Field & Rose Leahy, 2nd Gross Margaret Clement & Kieran Connolly, 4th Nora O'Driscoll & Aisling Kenneally, 3rd Gross Jim O'Reilly & Nora Kelleher, 5th Michael Gowan & Kay Thornhill, 4th Gross Eileen Kelleher & Bridie O'Donnell, 6th Marie Byrne & Marie Caplice. The President and Committee of Fermoy Bridge Club wish all the members a Happy New Year and look forward to play in 2015.



Downstairs Winners: Anne Mellerick, Nuala O'Neill President and Eleanor Kent

WIN FOR CORK BRIDGE CLUB MEMBERS WIN AT TRALEE CONGRESS

Many congratulations to Cian Holland, Mary Finn, John Russell and Tom McCarthy winners of Teams Event and to Oliver Olden and Verna Brownlow who were placed 3rd in Congress

TRALEE CONGRESS PAIRS 1 Cass O'Donnell & Martin Garvey 2 Tom Hardiman & Freddie Langford 3 Verna Brownlow & Olive Olden 4 Nicky Fitzgibbon & Margaret Fitzpatrick **Second Session:** Rita Cassidy & Gordon Lessells

CONGRESS TEAMS 1 Cian Holland, Mary Finn, John Russell, Tom McCarthy 2 Gordon Lessells, Rita Cassidy, Denis Sheehan, Kay Cussen 3 Maura Hand, Patsy Gibney, John O'Connor, Kelan O'Connor

OPEN PAIRS Section D Patsy Gibney & Maura Hand 2 Mary Coffey & Anne Hughes 2nd (after split tie) 2 Horst Rosler & Nicky Fitzgibbon John Murray & Vivienne Murray **Section E** Mary Carroll & Lil O'Brien 2 Imelda Desmond & Elah Kelleher Joan Howard-Williams & Anne Boyd **Section F** Vivienne Murray & John Murray 2 Mary O'Sullivan & Jerome Scanlon 3 Oonagh Lyons & Peggy Barry **SECTION G** Eileen Kelleher & Mary Leahy 2 Margaret Byrne & Bridie O'Sullivan 3 Cass O'Donnell & Martin Garvey 4 Vivienne Murray & John Murray **Best Novice** Eric Belyea & Dianne Belyea

ECATS BRIDGE EVENT in aid of the Ebola Crisis - that this year the Charity Pairs at the end of January will be to raise funds for the Ebola Crisis – the Disaster Emergency Committee has lodged an appeal to help with the crisis and more information can be found on the Ecats site The dates are Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and we will combine Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January 2015.

As is the norm, there are no master points, no prizes, not even a set entry fee. We offer you the chance to play the boards we can provide, enjoy the commentary and score using the Ecats Bridge pages so that your members can have a fun evening of bridge and all we ask is that you request donations and send them in to us. It is as simple as that. To get the hands just email Anna and tell her which day you want and I will send you a zip file with everything you need including instructions on how to send us the funds that you raise so that we can send a big cheque into DEC at the end of the event, For your information- Please note that Ecats have moved! Our new address is: Mill Cottage, Voy Stromness, Orkney KW16 3HX

BEGINNERS BRIDGE LESSONS The Mills Bridge Club Douglas: Beginners lessons: Monday 19th Jan 7.30 pm, **Play + Defence Course Monday** 19th Jan 10am, also 25th Feb 7.30pm, **Improvers Bidding Course Wednesday** 21st Jan 7.30 pm **Revision Back to Bridge Course** Thurs 22nd Jan 10 am www.millsbridge.com Mobile 086 8276699

CHARITY BRIDGE IN AID OF THE DEIRDRE O'REILLY FUND - a special thank you to the three Bandon Bridge clubs on the staging of this event, 21 Tables of players from all over the county supported. A cheque for the princely sum of €2,000 was recently presented to the administrators of the fund. Well done to all

REMINDER ON THE UPCOMING COMPETITIONS OF THE 2015 SEASON.... CEO PAUL PORTEOUS
National Championships for Mens' & Womens' Pairs & Teams coming up in the Westmanstown Sports & Social Club Open to Master & Intermediate A Grade players

The Revington Cup – Mens' Pairs and Jackson Cup – Womens' Pairs takes place on Saturday, 24th January 2015 starting at 1.30pm.

The Geraldine Trophy – Mens' Teams and McMenamin Bowl starts the following day, Sunday 25th January at 11.00 am Entries close on Thursday evening – 22nd January - at 5.00pm.

Please make sure that you have been entered in time. If you enter by email, you will receive an acknowledging reply. First entry listings will be on www.cbai.ie Monday 19th at 5pm

If you don't receive a reply – have another go – just in case! **Get Directions**

from http://www.gardaclub.ie/contact_us_map.html

Accommodation Locally Castleknock Hotel & Country Club, Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15 T (01)6406300 www.castleknockhotel.com/

Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown Church Road, Tyrrelstown, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 Tel No (01) 8275600 www.carltonhotelblanchardstown.com

Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley Tel No (01) 6258000 www.clariondublinaliffeyvalley.com

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown (beside Blanchardstown Shopping Centre) T (01) 8977777 www.cpireland.crowneplaza.com

National Open Teams Championship – open to Master & Intermediate A Players

Holmes Wilson Trophy – Radisson Hotel, Athlone 14 & 15 February 2015 – three sessions starting at 1.30 pm on Saturday 14th. Entries close 1 pm Thursday 12th February 2015. Space in the venue will limit the event to 100 teams so get your entry in early.

I understand that the Radisson Hotel in Athlone have very few (possibly no) rooms available. Follow the link below for alternative accommodation in Athlone <http://cbai.btmm-dev.com/competitions/Athlone.asp>

CAMROSE SERIES 2015

Our Camrose team of Rory Boland & Mark Moran, John Carroll & Tommy Garvey, Tom Hanlon & Hugh McGann with NPC Grainne Barton

Will be heading to Scotland this weekend to do battle for this season's Camrose Trophy They do battle again in Belfast 6 – 8th March – let's hope for another Camrose success! Watch on BBO over the weekend!

STEPHANIE ROCHE – IRISH SOCCER PLAYER – IN LINE FOR MAJOR AWARD

We all should try to support Stephanie Roche of Ireland whose great goal has been chosen by FIFA as one of THREE contenders for goal of the year. Winner will be decided **by Public vote** and announced in Zurich this weekend at the Ballon d'Or awards ceremony. You can vote for Stephanie by going to the FIFA site www.fifa.com and navigate to Puskas Award OR just click on the link below to bring you to the voting page where you can see a video of Stephanie's goal if you haven't already seen it on TV <http://www.fifa.com/ballon-dor/puskas-award/>

You can actually give her more than one vote by voting on any other device you have such as mobile phone, tablet as well as your desktop or laptop computer.

Please forward this to your friends if you would like to support Stephanie – who knows they may even support us in the future!

WEEKEND OF SOCIAL BRIDGE 5* MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL & Cloisters Spa, Killarney, Co. Kerry 30th January, 2015 – 1st February, 2015 JUST A FEW APARTMENTS AVAILABLE 2 B & B+2D Only €180 Single Supplement €30 per person per night Only 15 of single rooms available this year Complimentary Tea/Coffee throughout Bridge Sessions Bridge table money not included Reservations to be made ONLY through Hotel T: 064 66 23400 - For further information contact: Olive Rose T: 023 8844947 Email: oliverose@eircom.net

CLUB RESULTS

AVONDALE 5.1.15 Gross: 1 Kathleen Lynch and Enda Young 2 Caroleann Lane **Gross: 1** Kathleen Lynch and Enda Young 2 Caroleann Lane and Norah Cremin 3 Catherine Kearney and Maura Everard 4 Mary Sheehan and Jerry Cashman **Nett: 1** Kathleen Lynch and Enda Young 2 Eilish Barrett and Kay Ryan 3 Pat Kelly and Teresa Ahern 4 Caroleann Lane and Norah Cremin Norah Cremin

COLLINS BRIDGE CLUB 7.1.15 Room A 1 Deirdre O'Leary and Alice O'Brien 2 Mary Quinlan and Declan O'Brien 3 Carmel Connolly and Siobhán Joyce 4 Brian Madden and Andy Cole **Room B N/S** 1 Cormac and Eileen Lalor 2 David Sheehan and Ann Nolan **E/W** 1 Bernadette Burke and Rena Wood 2 Marie Lavelle and Marie Sheehan

CORK BRIDGE CLUB 5.1.15 Section A 1/2 Mon Hennessy and Breege Cosgrave 1/2 Brian O'Sullivan and Hugh Twomey 3 Deirdre O'Leary and Andy Cole 4 Kay Clement and John Russell 5 Tess Murphy and Marie Lavelle **Section B** 1 Sean Wanglin and Paul Hogan 2/3 Mairead Healy and Pearl O'Sullivan 2/3 Cal O'Donovan and Angela McCarthy 4/5 Grainne Murphy and Noel Manley 4/5 Marion Wallace and Rosemarie McSweeney

DOUGLAS 17.12.14pm 1 M Walsh and R Twomey 2 P Ahern and E O'Connell 1 T O'Sullivan and K O'Shea **18.12.14am** 1 B Murdoch and E Hickey 2 J Hayes and P O'Donovan **18.12.14pm** 1 D Murphy and T Hartnett 2 T Heavey and A Hodgins

FERMOY BRIDGE CLUB 18.12.14 (A) 1 Kay Thornhill and Noreen Field 2 Nora O'Sullivan and Eileen Kelleher **H/Cap** Michael Nelligan and Nuala O'Neill **(B)** 1 Kathleen Twomey and Kathleen Barry 2 Bernadette Moakley and Vanessa McCarthy **H/Cap** John Morrison and Ann Barry

LEE 15.12.14 Section A 1 Eileen Cashin and Noreen O'Sullivan 2 Ann and Mary Kingston 3 Brid Long and Catherine Daly **Section B** 1 Lil Hamill and Christine O'Brien 2 Helen Hennessy and Bridie Dineen 3 Ann Moore and Mary Crowley

MALLOW GOLF CLUB 17.12.14: 1 Peggy O Connor and Ann Lannon 2 Carmel Gleeson and Margaret O Shea 3 Pat Horgan and Ann Carroll 4 Jerry Daly and John Lynch **18.12.14:** 1 J O Connor and L Cunningham 2 Pg Horgan and N Buckley 3 C Browne and L O Meara 4 A Cassidy and R Sheehan 5 H Kelleher and M Collins

OLD SCHOOL, Middleton 7.1.15 Gross: 1 Mary O'Donovan and Teresa Ahern 2 Ann Keane and Norah Cremin 3 Eileen Irwin and Peggy Curtin 4 Pat Kelly and Maeve Cronin **Nett:** 1 Mary O'Donovan and Teresa Ahern 2 Ann Keane and Norah Cremin 3 Pat Kelly and Maeve Cronin 4 Eileen Irwin and Peggy Curtin

OWENABUE BRIDGE CLUB 7.1.15 : 1 Anne J. Duggan and Catherine Desmond 2 Mary Cleary and Laura Sheehan 3 Sheila Drinan and Riona Dunlea 4 Lil Kelly and Phil Williams

OWENACURRA BRIDGE CLUB – Christmas Dinner Prizes 16.12.14 Red Section: 1 Paddy Gallagher and Mary Walshe 2 Caroleanne Lane and Noreen O'Callaghan 3 Peg Adams and Mary Kelleher 4 Pat Clohosey and Patricia O'Sullivan 5 Paula McNamara and Geddy O'Mahony 6 Kathleen O'Riordan & Noreen Lucey 7 Maura Keohane and Nancy Dowd 8 Pat Melvin and Eileen Williams **Green Section:** 1 Joan O'Brien and Mary Morrison 2 Deirdre O'Brien and Mary O'Donovan 3 Eilish Barrett & Imelda Jeffery 4 Eileen Costine and Catherine White 5 Norah Cremin and Kay Ryan 6 Ann Daly and Lorna Cotter 7 Noreen Motherway and Jo McGrath 8 Lillian Harrington and June McCarthy

SCHULL 19.12.14 Gross/Nett: Martin and Lucy Anderson 2 Nick Addey and Frank Krawczyk 3 Caroline O'Regan and Lill Moberger

WILTON BRIDGE CLUB CHRISTMAS RESULTS 10.12.14 Section 1: 1 Breda Kelly and Fionnuala O'Callaghan 2 Oliver Duffy and Margaret Walsh 3 Ethna Pollock and Mary Kenny 4 Mary Coughlan and Deirdre Terry 5 Mary Kingston and Anne Kingston 6 Mary Hartnett and Mary F. Barrett 7 Mary M. Barrett and Rose Howard 8 Dermot Bohane and John Behan **Section 2:** 1 Breda O'Brien and Patsy Fitzgerald 2 Margaret Moran and Mary Murphy 3 Anne Twomey and Kathleen O'Connell 4 Anne Golden and Mary O'Neill 5 Anne Collins and Oliver Collins 6 Noreen Fox and Doreen O'Rourke 7 Eileen O'Keefe and Mary O'Mahony 8 Maura Aherne and Angela Synnott **Section 3:** 1 Margaret O'Shea and Mary Guerin 2 Kay O'Riordan and Anne O'Neill 3 Maeve McCarthy and Claire Bradley 4 Marie Barrett and Anne Foley 5 Norma Hurley and Noreen Buckley 6 Marie Allen and Mary Brophy 6 Rita Aston and Eileen Kiely 8 Dolores Cunningham and Frankie Bradley

YOUGHAL BAY BRIDGE CLUB 18.12.14: Competition A 1 Joe Higgins and Rory Boland 2 Geraldine Browne and Paula Cooper 3 John Buckley and Lourde Kenneally 4 Patricia McCarthy and Mary Beausang 5 Maurice Power and Cora Callaghan 6 Ita Beecher and Sheila O'Donnell **Competition B** 1 Eilish O'Sullivan and Anne Hallahan 2 Gerry Stack and Kitty Stack 3 Marie Gleeson and Mona Clancy 4 Kay Donnelly and Tommy Donnelly 5 Maura Flynn and Susan Ward 6 Eilish Cunningham and Mary Lupton **16.12.14:** 1 Joan Power and Mary Beausang 2 Sylvia Stack and Carmel Treacy 3 Geraldine Browne and Joan Murphy **15.12.14:** 1 Mary Gibbons and Mary Goggin 2 Liz Grace and Gertie Lupton 3 Noreen Cronin and Sheila Morehan 4 Patricia McCarthy and Kathleen Donnelly

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11-13 **WATERFORD CONGRESS** Tower Hotel Enquiries: Peggy Holden 087-7613549
Email [Event website](#)

16-18 **CORK CONGRESS** Maryborough Hotel and Spa Douglas Co. Cork

Entries: Pearl O'Sullivan on 086-0588593 Full programme of event next week