

**MICHAEL O CONNELL MEMORIAL TROPHY:**

- 1 Geoff Roberts and John O'Brien
- 2 Brian Madden and Ronnie O'Shaughnessy
- 3 Marie and Michael Lavelle

**NOVICE TROPHY:**

The Regional Novice Trophy competition was held at Cork Bridge Club last Sunday, where 16 pairs of Novices from clubs across the region competed for this year's Trophy, under the always excellent tournament direction of Carmel Connolly.

The 2016 winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Pat and Teresa Tirenán (Fermoy) 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Flood and Carmel Coleman (County Bridge Club Mallow) 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Donovan and Brian Lenihan (The Mills and Collins) **Best N2 pair:** Anne Marie Horgan and Gillian Morrissey (The Mills) - many congratulations to the winners and to all who took part.

**UPCOMING REGIONAL COMPETITIONS - Eleanor Hipwell Tournament Organiser**

**BARRY O'CONNELL TEAMS** - **Sunday 21st February** at Cork Bridge Club starting at 1.30pm - 2 sessions. This competition is a qualifier for the National Teams Final - Kelburne Cup - and is confined to Master and Intermediate A players. Entries may be submitted to me by Thurs 18th February.

**SPECSAVERS PAIRS**: I'm sure that you have all scheduled a date for your club qualifier for the Specsaver Pairs Final, which will take place Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. I should be grateful if you would let me have your club results by 31st March - please remember to include the winners' grades with your results.

**THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION INTERNATIONAL TRIALS 2016**

EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 201

Dates: 11<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 & 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 Venue Dublin

**Qualification** Each Player must have a minimum of 60 National Points or have won 25 in the past 3 years. The International Committee will consider written applications for exemption from players who do not meet these requirements.

**Entries** are invited from teams of four or six players. All players must have attained the age of 60 in the year 2016. Each player in a team of six must play at least half of the boards played by the team to qualify for an invitation to represent Ireland in this event.

The exact format of the trials will be announced after entries have been received Exemptions to a final stage may be granted on the basis of exceptional achievements at international level in recent years. Pairs seeking such an exemption must send a full written application to Mr Paul Porteous, Templeogue House, and Dublin 15 accompanying their entry detailed why they consider an exemption appropriate.

The winning team will be invited to represent Ireland. If a team of four qualify the third pair will be selected by the International Committee, after consulting the winning team, from the entrants for the trials. The NPC will be appointed by the International committee after consultation with the players

**Grants:** The IBU will pay a grant to each member of the team and the NPC. Entries in writing, accompanied by the entry fee of **€150 per player**, must

Be submitted to Paul Porteous, Templeogue House, Templeogue Road, Dublin 15 or Harold Curran 28 Laganvale Manor, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5BE no later than 19<sup>th</sup> **February 2016** Entries without the entrance fee will not be accepted

The International Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including time, dates and venue, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials and each player who enters is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

#### **CLUB RESULTS**

**AVONDALE 15.2.15:** 1 Carmel O'Leary and Neil Welch 2 Enda Young and Kathleen Lynch 3 Eileen Forrest and Mary Garvey 4 Eileen Costine and Olive Dennehy

**BALLINCOLLIG BRIDGE CLUB:** Wednesday 10.2.16: 1 Eileen Lehane and Nora McCarthy 2 Eileen T Murphy and Betty Holland 3 Dolly Cotter and Lelia O'Brien 4 Mary Egan and Clare Creedon. Best gross: Eileen Lehane and Nora McCarthy

**BANDON BRIDGE** Captain's Prize on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> results until next week.

**BANTRY BRIDGE CLUB 16.2.16 Nett:** 1 John Barry and Paddy O'Keeffe 2 Anne Courtney and Donal Courtney 3 Lucy Anderson and Martin Anderson **9.2.16 Nett:** 1 Ann Vaughan and Ursula Norris 2 Rose Tobin and Joe Tobin 3 Karen Cummins and Noel Walsh **2.2.16 Simultaneous Pairs Gross:** 1 Nick Addey and Ian Thomson 2 Noel Walsh and John O'Sullivan 3 Mary Connolly and Frank Krawczyk 4 Lucy Anderson and Martin Anderson **Nett:** Mary Connolly and Frank Krawczyk 2 Nick Addey and Ian Thomson 3 Noel Walsh and John O'Sullivan 4 John Barry and Paddy O Keeffe

**BLARNEY GOLF RESORT BRIDGE CLUB Thursday 11.2.16:** 1 Cathy Nolan and Teddy Vaughan 2 Richella Dowling and Anne O' Driscoll 3 Nuala Buckley and Jean Sayers. Best gross: Nuala Buckley and Jean Sayers

**BLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB Monday 1.2.16** 1 Breda O'Dwyer and Mary Russell, 2 Tom McGrath and Ann Holland 3 Theresa Fitzpatrick and Eileen Weldon, 4 Anne Curtin and Margaret Barry, 5 Pat Hayes and Ludlow Berkeley

**COBH 14.1.16:** 1 Evelyn Gatford and Jean Mac Dermott 2 Eileen Twomey and Anne Williams 3 Brendan O Reilly and Millie O Donovan 4 Mary Wallace and Marian Madigan 21.1.16: 1 Millie O Donovan and Brendan O Reilly 2 Des McKee and Mary McKechnie 3 Bernie Coleman and Angela Heffron 4 Shiela O Shea and Eileen Hayes **28.1.16(Commodore Cup)** 1 Ann Feeney and Shiela O Shea 2 Millie O Donovan and Brendan O Reilly 3 Greta Verwey and Marian Madigan 4 Rita Dennis and Mercy Murphy 4.2.16: 1 Mary Hennessy and Paddy Whitty 2 Eileen Hayes and Esther Doherty 3 Mary Rasmussen and Rose Cronin 4 Lana Murphy and Liz Leahy

**COLLINS BRIDGE CLUB 17.2.16: Room A** 1 Mary Quinlan and Alice O'Brien 2 Mary Cooke and Olive Neville 3 Millicent O'Donovan and Breege Cosgrave 4 Marie Sheehan and Liam Cotter **Room B N/S** 1 Alma McAdoo and Donal Murphy 2 Phyllis Fleming and Carmel Casey 3 Margaret Coughlan and Frances Kennedy 4 Paddy O'Brien and Jack Burke **E/W** 1. Pat and Lassie O'Connell 2 Teresa Farry and Catherine Moran 3 Breda Madden and Cormac Lalor 4 Ken and Madeline Gordon

**CORK BRIDGE CLUB - BLARNEY CUP:** 1 Dermot Cotter - Joe Higgins 2 John O'Brien - Geoff Roberts 3 Bill Cronin - Marie Lavelle - Kay Clement Best Area Master Marie Whyte - Lillian Ahern Session 1 Cian Holland - Tom McCarthy Session 2 Patsy O'Connell - Eileen O'Donovan **AD ASTRA CUP:** 1 Dan and Myra O'Neill 2 Carol O'Sullivan - Pat O'Sullivan 3 Brian O'Sullivan - Hugh

Twomey Session 1: Euna Leonard - Pat Nolan Session 2: Catherine Kelly - Mairead Healy MILLENNIUM CUP: Liam Cotter - Sheila McKiernan

**CURRAGHCROWLEY BRIDGE CLUB 10.2.16 Upper Section Nett:** 1 Carmel Murphy and Jane Ross 2 Marie Walsh and Mary Callanan 3 Helen Twomey and Joan O'Donovan  
Lower Section Nett: 1 Moira O'Sullivan & Deirdre Moloney 2 Ann Vaughan & Ursula Norris 3 Theresa Armstrong & Dermot Lucey

**DOUGLAS BRIDGE CENTRE (The Mills) 28.1.16AM** 1 P Coomey and M Fitzgerald 1 P O'Sullivan and V Murphy 2 M Lyne and R Nolan 1 W Daly and M O'Driscoll 2 M Lynch and A Barry-Murphy 1 Y Callahan and N Hosford

**DUNMANWAY BRIDGE CLUB 16.2.16 Nett:** 1 Freeda Creedon and Mary O'Leary 2 Harry Bailey and Mary Dineen 3 Kathleen Daly and Eileen Deasy

**FERMOY BRIDGE CLUB 4.2.16:** 1 Mary Thorp and Mary Lysaght 2 Vanessa McCarthy and Bernadette Moakley 3 Ita Dempsey and Ger Mason Gross: 1 Phil Murphy and Imelda Cullinan 2 Kathleen O'Connor and Mary Hayes **2.2.16** 1 Mary Thorp and Kay Gardner 2 Pat Tiernan & Mary Noonan **28.1.16 (A)** 1 Eileen Kelleher and Catherine Henchion 2 Phil Murphy and Mary Hayes 3 Mary Clancy and Murt Kelleher Nett: 1 Michael Gowen and Mary Lysaght (B) 1 Kathleen Twomey and Marian Baker 2 Pat and Theresa Tiernan

**KNOCKAVILLA BRIDGE CLUB:** 1 Mary O'Riordan Bernie Ryan 2 Dolly Cotter Rose McSweeney 3 Anna Cronin William Manning 4. Eileen O'Connor and Kathleen Moynihan

**MAYFIELD BRIDGE CLUB 4.2.16:** North/South 1 Ludlow & Marian Berkeley 2 Imelda Harrington and Mgt Kiely East/West 1 Eileen Dennehy and Teresa Farry 2 Deirdre Cronin and Nancy O'Mullane 11.2.16 North/South 1 Ludlow & Marian Berkeley 2 Kitty McDonnell/Mgt O'Sullivan East/West 1 Eileen Dennehy and Teresa Farry 2 Kay Leahy and Grace O'Brien

**MONTENOTTE BRIDGE CLUB 1.2.16:** 1 Mary Birmingham and Kay Larkin 2 Marian Berkeley and Monica O'Connell 3 Grace O'Brien and Ernest Stockley 4 Monica Hurley and Betty O'Riordan 8.2.16: 1 Marian Berkeley and Kay Larkin 2 Bina Brennan and Monica O'Connell 3 Canice Gabriel/Mary Hallissey 4= Eamonn McCarthy and Ernest Stockley 4= Monica Hurley and May Lynch

**NEWMARKET BRIDGE CLUB** Connie O'Callaghan Memorial Prize: 1 Mary O'Brien and Betty McCarthy 2 Jack Collins and Noreen O'Connell 3 Margaret O'Keefe and Patsy Walsh 4 Maura O'Riordan and Joan O'Connor 5 Con Collins and Eoin Fitzgerald. The Club wish to thank Newmarket Motors for their sponsorship of the prize

**MIDLETON BRIDGE CLUB 11.1.16 Nett:** 1 Rita Dennehy and Frances Morrissey 2 Anne Smithwick and Paula McNamara 3 Patricia O'Sullivan and Noreen Motherway

**OWENABUE BRIDGE CLUB 17.2.16:** 1 Judy Cahill and Ger Marnane 2 Ger Mulcahy and Cliona Lyons 3 Ann Barry and Noelle Nolan 4 Margaret O'Sullivan and Ann Fitzgerald

**OWENACURRA BRIDGE CLUB:** A very well supported Charity Night in aid of Midleton Hospital and Midleton Meals on Wheels was held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Our thanks to all those who came along and supported on the night or sent donations. Results-Red Section: 1 Benny & Nancy Dowd 2 Carmel O'Leary and Anne Fox 3 Phil Curran and Phil Ryan 4 Ita Birdthistle and Paula McNamara Green Section: 1 Catherine Kearney and Deirdre Hurst 2nd: Marguerite Fleming and Eileen Costine 3rd: Niall Welch & Seamus Beausang 4 Eilish Barrett and Kay Ryan

**SCHULL BRIDGE CLUB 11.2.16 Nett:** 1 Ann Vaughan and Noel Walsh 2 Karen Cummins and Frances O'Callaghan 3 Martin Anderson and Nick Addey 4 Rose and Joe Tobin

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**ST LUKES BRIDGE CLUB 9.2.16:** 1 Georgie Walsh and Breda Madden 2 Eleanor Twomey and Ursula Twomey 3 Cora Finn and Marie Wanglin 4 Peg Barry and Martha O'Kane

**WILTON BRIDGE CLUB 3.2.16 Section 1:** 1 Noreen Ryan and Mary Higgins 2 Mary Hartnett and Mary F Barrett 3 Eileen O'Donnell and Mary McCarthy 4 Breda Kelly and Fionnuala O'Callaghan **Section 2:** 1 Ann Golden and Norma Hurley 2 Bridette Fitzgerald and Emer Tynan 3 Mary O'Neill and Pearl Lucey 4 Anne Foley and Marie Barrett

**YOUGHAL BAY BRIDGE CLUB Monday 26.1.16:** S Stack and B Murphy 2 H Clarke and K Clarke 3 K Duffy and M O'Connell 4 L Kelly and M Murphy

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

##### **FEBRUARY**

**21 Barry O'Connell Teams - Sunday 21st February** at Cork Bridge Club at 1.30pm - 2 sessions. This competition is a qualifier for National Teams Final - Kelburne Cup - and is confined to Master & Intermediate A players. Entries may be submitted to Eleanor Hipwell T: 021 4870884 e: [eleanorhipwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eleanorhipwell@hotmail.com) by Thurs 18th February

##### **MARCH**

**9 RNLI BRIDGE MORNING** (Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March) **Bridge at 10.30am sharp**  
Soup and Sandwiches will be available in the Yacht Club Includes complimentary coffee from 10.00am Table money €10. All proceeds go to Crosshaven Lifeboat Raffle & RNLI Gifts on Sale. For further information please contact Janet Nairn 087-9270517 The RNLI is the charity that saves lives

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