

**THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION**  
**NOTICE OF INTEREST IN WORLD BRIDGE GAMES MIXED TEAMS 2016**

Wroclaw, Poland 3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The International Committee are requesting that teams interested in representing Ireland in the above event express their notice of interest to play as detailed below before midnight 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Depending on the interest received the International Committee will decide whether to select a team from the entries received or to run trials to select a team for this event as detailed below.

1. **Dates & Venue** - Notice of Interest to be submitted no later than **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016**. Venue for any trials to be decided after entries received.

**2. 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.

3. **Entries are invited from teams of four or six players**. In the event of their being trials, 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. Each pair on a team must consist of one male and one female.

4. The exact format of any trials being held will be announced after entries have been received. Please note however that any trials being held will be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 as this is the latest registration date for player names to be submitted to the WBF.

5. In the event of trials being held, the winning team will be selected to represent Ireland in the Mixed Teams event above. 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.

6. **Grants**. The IBU will pay the entry fee for the team. **No Grant will be paid towards accommodation or airfare.**

7. Entries in writing, must be submitted to Paul Porteous, Templeogue House, Templeogue Road, Dublin 15 ([paul@cbai.ie](mailto:paul@cbai.ie)) or Harold Curran 28 Laganvale Manor, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5BE. no later than **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016**.

8. The International Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements mentioned above, and to decide on all matters affecting this selection. Each team that expresses an interest to represent Ireland for this event agrees to abide fully with all of the items above and any further amendments made by the committee.

**REGIONAL RESULTS**

**Raymond O'Leary Trophy** played at Cork Bridge Club on Fri 11th March - 21 pairs

**Results:** 1 Evelyn Duke and Pat O'Mahony 2 Kay Clement and Bill Cronin 3 Moira Coughlan and Maura Lane.

**Munster Plate - kindly sponsored by the Evening Echo** played at Cork Bridge Club on Sunday 13th March - 18 Pairs

**Results:** 1 John O'Brien and Verna Brownlow 2 Paul Hogan and Christy Halligan 3 Marie Whyte and Mary Quinlan 1<sup>st</sup> Session: Marie Auchincloss and Alan Auchincloss 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Rose Howard and Mary Barrett; Best Intermediate A: Hugh Twomey and Brian O'Sullivan

#### **UPCOMING COMPETITION EVENTS**

**GALWAY BRIDGE CONGRESS Ardilaun Hotel Taylor's Hill  
25th - 28th of March 2016**

#### **CONGRESS PROGRAMME CONGRESS PROGRAMME**

**Friday 25th March, 2016** -7.15pm Official Opening by Mrs Freda Fitzgerald  
7.30pm Mixed Pairs (One Session, open to all grades. 7.30pm Open Pairs (All welcome, no pre-entry required. 7.30pm Novice Pairs (All Welcome, no pre-entry required. **Saturday 26th March, 2016** -1.30pm Congress Pairs (1st Session) 1.30pm Intermediate Pairs (1<sup>st</sup> Session - Players with less than 10 National Points) 1.30pm Open Pairs (All welcome, no pre-entry required 7.00pm Congress Pairs (2nd Session) 7.00pm Intermediate Pairs (2nd Session) 7.00pm Open Pairs (All welcome, no pre-entry required. 11.00pm Complimentary Supper **Sunday 27th March, 2016** 11.00pm Mass in Ardilaun Hotel 12.00pm President's Reception 2.30pm Open Pairs (All welcome, no pre-entry required. 7.30pm Swiss Pairs 7.30pm Open Pairs (All welcome, no pre-entry required **Monday, 28th March, 2016** 10.30am Congress Team of Four (1st Session) 10.30am Restricted Team of Four (1st Session - for players below 30 National Points. Entry Fee €20) 1.00pm Open Pairs (All welcome, no pre-entry required 1.15pm Congress Team of Four (2nd Session) 1.15pm Restricted Team of Four (2nd Session) 5.00pm Closing Ceremony with final Presentation of Prizes. 7.30pm Open Pairs (all welcome no pre-entry required. Entry Fee €10)

Accommodation: The Ardilaun Hotel, Taylors Hill, Galway City T: 091521433  
W: [www.theardilaunhotel.ie](http://www.theardilaunhotel.ie) Special Rates for Congress Guests: 2 nights B&B + 1 dinner €165pps 3 nights B&B + 1 dinner €225pps 4 nights B&B + 2 dinner €310pps

#### **REGIONAL EVENTS- Report Eleanor Hipwell Tournament Organiser**

**Sun 24th April:** The **Specsavers Pairs Final** will take place at Cork Bridge Club at 1.30pm. I'm sure that many of you will have already held your club qualifying round and I should be delighted if you can send the results to me by 31st March. Please remember to include your qualifying pairs' grades.

#### **CLUB RESULTS**

**AVONDALE 7.3.16:** 1 Eileen Costine and Olive Dennehy 2 Maureen Tuttle and Mairead Day 3 Rita Dennehy and Ita Lynch 4 Jean Cantrell and Mary Daunt  
**BALLINCOLLIG:** Wednesday 2 March: 1 Anne O'Connell and Lelia O'Brien 2 Eileen Lehane and Nora McCarthy 3 Marian Doherty and Adrienne O'Donovan 4 Betty Potter and Breda Curran. **Best gross:** Marian Doherty and Adrienne O'Donovan

**BALLINHASSIG BRIDGE CLUB** March 10.3.16: 1 Mary Griffin and Mary Crowley 2 Margaret Cashman and Jean Curtin 3 Mona O'Hanlon and Frances O'Halloran 4 Bernie Galvin and Joanna Gill

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**BALLYCOTTON BRIDGE CLUB 24.2.16** 1 Miriam Abernethy and Irene O`Sullivan 2 Ide O`Riordan and Rita Fitzpatrick 3 Anna Cunneen and Nora Kennedy 4 Kay F Cashman and Bridie O`Connor 5 Joyce MacHale and Anne O`Keefe

**BANDON BRIDGE CLUB Novice Section 8.3.2016 Top Five:** 1 Kathleen Buttimer and Sheila O'Sullivan 2 Geraldine & Philip Harrington 3 Mary Fitzgerald and Caroline O'Driscoll 4 Margaret Wilmot and Nollaig Murphy 5 Eileen Hurley and Noreen Morrissey Senior Section 1 Gerardine O`Driscoll and Rita McCarthy 2 Maria Farrell and Marie Walsh 3 Vera Hegarty and Dan Joe O`Leary 4 Helen Ryan and Ina O`Leary 5 Carol Galvin and Teresa Collins 6 Majella O`Callaghan and Helen Twomey 7 Mary Callanan and Rose O`Donovan

**BANTRY BRIDGE CLUB 15.3.16 Nett: 1** Lill Moeberger and Caroline O'Regan **2** Noel Walsh and John O'Sullivan 3 Margaret Burke and Ursula Norris **8.3.16**

**Nett:** 1 Paddy O Keefe and David O Brien 2 Mary Connolly and Frank Krawczyk 3 Lill Moeberger and Caroline O Regan 1.3.16 Nett: 1 John O'Sullivan and Noel Walsh 2 Anne Courtney and Donal Courtney 3 Pat Fegan and Mary Warner

**BLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB Monday 7.3.16:** 1 Nora Forbes and Siobhan Maher 2 Ann Kelliher and Nollaig O`Sullivan 3 Pat Hayes and Ludlow Berkeley 4 Theresa Fitzpatrick and Eileen Weldon 5 Beatrice Connolly and Claire Forrest 29.2.16: 1 Mairead Twomey and Mary O`Donoghue 2 Anna O`Driscoll and Breda McCrohan 3 Ann Henehan and Eileen McMahon 4 Rose Cotter and Teresa Murphy, 5 Julia Daly & Eugene Daly **22.2.16:** 1 Anne Healy and Ita Myles 2 Eileen Hennessy and David Laughton 3 Kay Sweeney and Joan Cleary 4 Nollaig O`Sullivan and Ann Kelliher 5 Tom McGrath and Ann Holland

**BLARNEY GOLF RESORT: Thursday 3 March:** 1 Nuala Buckley and Pauline Lane 2 Claire Bradley and Jean Sayers 3 Mary Cronin and Eleanor Hipwell **Best gross:** Nuala Buckley and Pauline Lane

**CLONAKILTY BRIDGE CLUB Clonakilty Cup winners (best gross)** Gerard O'Driscoll and Dan O'Leary Nett prizes 1 Catherine Murray and Kathleen O'Donovan 2 Anita Murray and Paula O'Sullivan 3 David Daly and Caoilfhionn Casey

**COLLINS BRIDGE CLUB Ronayne Cup 2016:** Declan O'Brien and Christy

Halligan **Sorensen Cup 2016:** Marie Whyte and Lillian Ahern **Scratch**

**Prize:** Betty Ronayne and Deirdre O'Driscoll 2 Siobhán Joyce and Phyllis Hogan 3 Eileen Kelleher and Bridie O'Donnell **Best 'B':** Tim Donovan and Larry Devaney 4 Edel Murphy and Mary Quinlan 5 Imelda Cullinan and Mary McCloskey 6 Phyllis Fleming and Noreen Grant **Session One:** Jean Hartnett and Peggy Manning **Session Two:** Liam Cotter and Charlie Gaffney

**CORK BRIDGE CLUB results CBC Monday 14th March**

**Section A N/S;** 1 Olive Neville and Mary McCloskey 2 Betty Ronayne and Patsy O'Connell 3/4 Anne Barry-Murphy and Tom Brophy 3/4 Marie Whyte and Evelyn Duke E/W: 1 Breege Cosgrave and Euna Leonard 2 Tom McCarthy and John Russell 3 Kay Clement and Margaret Walsh 4 Dan and Myra O'Neill Section B 1 Freddy Murphy and Anne Hegarty 2 Carol O'Sullivan and Pat O'Sullivan 3 Brian O'Sullivan and Hugh Twomey

**CURRAGHCROWLEY BRIDGE CLUB Carbery Group Team Of Four 2.3.16:** 1 Ann Vaughan, Ursula Norris, Jim & Maura O'Mahony 2 Marie Walsh, Mary Callanan, Essie Bowen and Rona Walsh 3 Carmel Murphy, Jane Ross, Mike & Kay Russell 4 Hugh & Caroline Rothwell, Nora Donovan and Bidy Bowen

**DOUGLAS SBRIDGE CENTRE (The Mills) 26.2.16PM** 1 M Lane and A Kingston 29.2.16AM 1 L Fitzgerald and M Watkins 29.2.16PM 1 A Brosnan and R O'Leary 2 H Callanan and M Wanglin 1 C Cullinane and P Hegarty 2 C O'Callaghan and D O'Donovan 1.3.16AM 1 P O'Sullivan and V Murphy 2 M O'Shaughnessy and H Gough 1 M Nash and B Nash 2 R O'Neill and R O'Driscoll 1.3.16PM 1 E O'Brien

and B O'Brien 2 R Walsh and A Hodgins 1 P Tobin and R Naughton 1 A McGrath and M Coleman 2.3.16AM 1 T Long and M Delaney 2 D Barrett and J O'Donoghue 1 P Casey and A O'Brien 2.3.16PM 1 J Burke and P Christopher 2 M Creedon and R Walsh 1 D Freeman and C Rena 1 C McCarthy and J McGrath 3.3.16AM 1 D Higgins and D Murphy 2 P Sheppard and J Lane 1 G Breen and T McNiece 2 G Morrissey and Am Horgan 3.3.16PM 1 S Tobin and R O'Donovan 2 E Hegarty and C O'Sullivan 1 S Lane and J Barrett 1 J Burke and D O'Donovan

**DUNMANWAY BRIDGE CLUB 15.3.16 Nett:** 1 Alma Murphy and Deirdre Moloney 2 Kay O'Sullivan and Patricia Long 3 Ann & Harry Bailey

**FERMOY BRIDGE CLUB 3.3.16:** (A) 1 Eileen Kelleher and Murt Kelleher 2 Kathleen O'Connor and Mary Hayes 3 Elizabeth Wales and Bridie Dorgan 1 Nett Dora Myers and Peggy McCarthy (B) 1 Mary Wall & Marie Hackett 2 Nora O'Driscoll & Marian Baker 3 Pat and Theresa Tiernan 1 Nett Greta Cooney and Margaret Mulkeen **7.3.16 Silver Salver** (Team of four) 1 Mary Hayes, Mary N O'Connor, Imelda Cullinan and Phil Murphy 2 Kathleen O'Keefe, Elizabeth Wales, Margaret Barnes and Eileen Buttimer Ryan 3 Eileen Fitzgerald, Marie Walsh, Kathleen Thornhill & Josie Drislane. **8.3.16:** 1 Martin Neville and Sonny O'Connell 2 Ger Mason & Mary Thorp 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Hurley and Eileen Kelleher **10.3.16:** 1 Mary Hayes and Mary P. O'Connor 2 Jim O'Reilly and Nora Kelleher 3 Bridie Dorgan and Kieran Connolly 1 Nett Mary Thorp and Mary Lysaght (B) 1 Nora O'Driscoll and Ita Dempsey 2 Josie Drislane and Eileen O'Sullivan **14.3.16:** 1 Jim O'Reilly and Catherine Henchion 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Thorp and Mary Lysaght 3 Carmel Crowley and Helen Lane Gross: 1 Gross Fil Carson and Catherine Slattery 2 Ted Long and Kay Clifford **15.3.16:** 1 Marian Crowley and Ann Mellerick 2 Nora O'Driscoll and Phil Murphy 3 Marie Byrne and Geraldine Appleby.

**KENMARE BRIDGE CLUB** Corn Neidin 13.3.16: 1 Horst Rosler & Marie O Sullivan 2 Mary O Sullivan and David C 3 Mary B O'Sullivan and Patrick Downing 15.3.16: 1 Helen Kingston and Steve Riefe 2 Harry Naaykens and Eileen Murphy **8.3.16:** 1 Lynn O Donnell and Maureen Harris 2 Johnny Moriarty and Maura Foley. 3 Joanne Naaykens and Kathleen O Shea

**KNOCKAVILLA BRIDGE CLUB 15.3.16:** 1 Dolly Cotter and Rose McSweeney 2 Edmund White and Mary Quilter 3 Roy Davies and Anne McCarthy 8.3.16: 1 Noreen Horgan and Veronica Kelleher 2 Pat Holland and Kathleen Kiely 3 Kay McCarthy and Dolly Keohane 4 Dolly Cotter and Bernie Ryan

**OLD SCHOOL BRIDGE CLUB 9.3.16 Nett:** 1 Anne Fuller and Mary McCarthy-Desmond 2 Mairead Day and Maureen Tuttle 3 June McCarthy and Maura Everard

**OWENABUE BRIDGE CLUB 9.3.16:** 1 Gay Delany and Bernard Toft 2 Patsy Hurley and Monica Cinnamond 3 Mary Cleary and Laura Sheehan 4 Mary O'Donovan and Mary O'Shea

**OWENACURRA BRIDGE CLUB 15.3.16:** 1 Best Nett: Stephen Cremin and June McCarthy 2 Best Gross: Sylvia Daley and Nora Kennedy 3 Next Nett: Doreen Dunne and Kathleen O'Shea 4 Next Gross: Patricia O'Sullivan & Noreen Motherway

**SCHULL BRIDGE CLUB Nett:** 1 Martin Anderson and Nick Addey 2 Rose & Joe Tobin 3 Barbara Doyle and Eileen Hurley 3.3.16 Nett: 1 Frank Krawczyk and Eileen Twomey 2 Rose & Joe Tobin 3 Margaret Burke and Ursula Norris 25.2.26 Nett: 1 Rose & Joe Tobin 2 Kathy Burton and Brian Vaughan 3 Margaret Burke and Ursula Norris

**ST LUKES** 1 March 1 Ursula Horgan and Frances Kennedy 2 Kathleen Twomey and Martha O'Kane 3 Margaret Murphy and Cora Finn

**WILTON 24.2.16 Section 1:** 1 Ethna Pollock and Mary Kenny 2 Mary Coughlan and Eileen Cahill 3 Mary Shanahan and Noelle Twomey = 4 Rose Howard and

Mary Barrett =4 Eithne O'Leary and Eithne Griffin Section 2: 1 Anne Flynn and Brenda Flynn 2 Doreen O'Rourke and Noreen Fox 3 Mary Kingston and Berna Moran =4 Marie Barrett and Anne Foley =4 Patsy Fitzgerald and Brid O'Brien

**YOUGHAL BAY BRIDGE CLUB Monday March 7.3.16:** 1 Gerry Stack and Maurice Power 2 Sylvia Stack and Michael Stack 3 Noreen Cronin and Phil Cronin 4 Breda Murphy and Margaret Kelleher **Tuesday 7.3.16 Sheila O'Byrne Cup** 1 Joan and Maurice Power Scratch: Brid & Kieran Groeger 3 Catherine Dineen and Susan Ward 4 Mary Kennedy and Denise Fitzgerald 5 Kate Hogan and Helen Waide 6 Noreen Cronin and Marie Hartnett

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

##### **APRIL**

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