

We near end of Winter Season Regional AGM 13<sup>th</sup> June in Cork Bridge Club 7.30pm (I will bring you up to speed later)

Summer Bridge continues in a number of clubs. Results/notices on website:  
[www.southmunsterbridgescene.com](http://www.southmunsterbridgescene.com)

Our regional players have distinguished themselves at International, National and Regional Level and we are very proud of them.

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The Echo sponsors the main Prize in our very popular Echo Pairs. John McHale affords us coverage in the Echo each week we thank him sincerely for his patience.

Specsavers sponsor Specsaver Pairs which is also an extremely competitive event competed for at club level and culminating in a regional final. We are most grateful to Mr Ian McCallum of Specsavers Midleton for this sponsorship.

Clubs throughout the region have been so busy running President's Prizes with the Echo being bombarded with photos and results.

Congratulations to both Wilton and Ballincollig Bridge Clubs on celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Region can boast having Officers at all levels with a passion for bridge and determination to pass it on to all. I take a little time to extol the virtues of the outgoing Officers - President Phyllis O'Regan was a busy lady this year, travelling highways and byways to attend events and presentation ceremonies. She added a sense of cohesion between the Cork & Kerry players which is important. Her name is also synonymous with the South of Ireland Bridge Congress. We thank Phyllis sincerely for the work she has done during her term of office and we look forward to continued 'Kingdom' participation in Regional events

Our ex-officio President - Moira Coughlan was certainly a household name in the personality stakes, akin to the Mona Lisa, she was always smiling. She believed in and practiced the ethics of the game. Fair play and encouraging words for beginners were essential components of her being - instilled in her by Frank & Marie, her parents who are the epitome of players 'who enjoy the game, the banter and pleasure it gives. As a certified Bridge Teacher Moira has passed these values on to her pupils - it certainly pays dividends, they are shining through.

A very warm welcome to President elect Linda O'Riordan (Western Area) I know she will be a great asset to the region and I look forward to working with her.

No words are adequate to describe the work done by Regional Secretary Maura Lane or Regional Tournament Director Carmel Connolly - these ladies do work above and beyond the call of duty!

Tournament Organiser Eleanor Hipwell makes sure the events run smoothly and John Whelehan Treasurer looks after the finances.

Thank you to all, continue to enjoy your game and have a great Summer.