



Dublin North Region October Newsletter

Welcome

Over the last number of years, the number of bridge players in our region has continued to grow. With over 27 clubs affiliated to the CBAI, and 2,000 members, the game of bridge continues to gain in popularity in the Dublin North Region.

Notwithstanding this, our Team in the Dublin North Region have been considering for some time how to address a range of issues, including growing and attracting a younger player base, improving the overall skill level, increasing participation & performance in competitive tournaments and of course, focusing on communication issues throughout the region.



Nearly 10% of the Irish bridge playing population is based in the Dublin North Region, ("DNR")

It is important that we improve all our communications and both recognise and publicise the excellent work being done at club, regional and of course national level, within the CBAI.

With a range of activities being undertaken by the DNR team, we've launched this newsletter to help us focus on improving communications and make sure all our member clubs get to hear what's happening in the bridge world.

As we're at an early stage in this endeavour, we'd welcome an ideas thoughts and views on what we should be covering and of course if you have any events or functions that you'd like us to feature.

Bridge Seminars

When Fearghal O'Boyle was recently elected as the CBAI President, he announced the theme for his presidency was to improve our play.



Fearghal O'Boyle
CBAI President

With this in mind, DNR is committed to running a number of seminars and work-shops, aimed at all levels of players.

The first of these was held last Saturday in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, home to Victory Bridge Club. Run by the excellent Thomas MacCormack, one of our leading players and teachers, the seminar was aimed at Masters and A players, and focused on *Competitive Bidding*.



Bridge Seminars (Cont)



We are most grateful to all who helped and in Particular Thomas for a really excellent, good humoured and enjoyable morning in Drumcondra.

Thomas Mac Cormack

The next set seminars to be held in the Malahide Regional Bridge Club and this time we will be targeting Intermediate B Players. However, anyone who feels that they might benefit from these seminars is most welcome.

The details of the seminars are as follows:

- 11th October (Competitive Bidding)
- 18th October (Transfers over NT) and
- 1st November (Weak Twos)

At only €10 per seminar, or €25 for all three, this promises to be an excellent opportunity to both enjoy and improve your bridge. For more details contact Mary Reid on [086\) 1010698](tel:0861010698) or by email at reid.maryb@gmail.com

Tournament Direction

Continuing on in this vein, the Dublin North Region will run a Workshop for Club Tournament Directors in Malahide Regional Bridge Club on Saturday 18th October. It will be geared for new (ish) committee members who need to run the weekly games. All attendees (in fact all bridge players) are advised to read The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007.

Morning Session 10.30 – 13.00

John Murray will deal with the Laws of Bridge covering the most common infringements and how to deal with them and also recommended Movements.

Afternoon Session 14.00 – 16.00

Norma Madden will cover Manual Scoring for teams and pairs - again aimed at people who are new to scoring - with emphasis on Averaging and passed out hands.

Cost €10 per session or €15 for both. To book call [087 2453782](tel:0872453782) or email secretary@dnrbridge.com

Duais an Uachtarain: 27th and 28th September - Clarion Hotel Sligo

As the new season kicks off, a quick reminder of the Duais and Uachtarain taking place at the end of the month. It promises to be a great weekend in Sligo and is open to all Master and Intermediate 'A' players.



This will be a 3-session pairs event starting at 1.30 pm on Saturday 27th Sept and finishing at 3 pm on Sunday 28th. All are welcome.

Novice and Intermediate 'B' players are invited to play in their own 1-session event on the Saturday evening at 7.30 pm.

Entries by email to info@cbaie.ie

And for those who are worried that proceeding might be too serious, the CBAI CEO, Paul Porteous, along with Fearghal have agreed to undertake the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise funds for charity - and that alone is worth going for !



European Bridge League

Back in June, Paul Porteous, the CBAI CEO was elected to the European Bridge League Executive Committee.



This coveted position was great news for Bridge in Ireland as we head into a new era with rising standards in play, administrative issues & technical matters.

We have just learnt that this week, Mary Kelly-Rogers, one of the most respected players in our region has been appointed by the EBL President, Yves Aubry, to the EBL Women's Committee for 2014-2018.



Well done to both Paul and Mary, it is well deserved and I know you'll all wish them the very best in these new roles.

Kirwan League

As the year kicks off, the Kirwan League starts to get back into gear. Starting shortly, we're trying to encourage more players and teams, particularly in the Novice and Masters sections.

Always an excellent competition, it provides many of your members with the opportunity to meet and visit other clubs and experience both the social and competitive side of the bridge world. We'd be most grateful if you could encourage your members to apply asap by downloading the form at <http://www.dnrbridge.com/downloads/files/KLap.p.pdf>. Closing date is 30th September, so please get the word out there.

Kirwan League (cont)

At this stage of the competition, clubs only need to name 4 players on each team, with a degree of flexibility for the substitutes.

These can be changed during the year, but ultimately, only 6 players can be utilised by the team over the duration of the League. Hopefully, we'll see a record entry this year.

Calendar

Over the next few months, there are a number of important events coming up.

October 2014

3-5 Drogheda Congress
10-12 Limerick Congress
18-19 Spiro/Coen
31-2/11 IBU Interprovincials

November 2014

3-7 IBU Simultaneous Pairs
7-9 Donegal Congress
14-16 Dundalk Congress
14-16 Lady Milne Trials
21-23 Kilkenny Congress
21-23 Kenmare Congress
21-23 Lady Milne Trials
29 DNR Regional Pairs

December 2014

5-7 Master Pairs

Education

Over the coming weeks, we hope to include a section here on all courses, classes etc which take place in Dublin.

If you know of any of these, please let us know and we make sure to publish these.



Dublin North Region Pairs

The DNR Pairs are coming up soon, so make sure your planning this now. This is open to all pairs who are members of a club in Dublin North Region.

Masters - Cummins Cup

Qualifier for the Davidson Cup, being held on 21st - 22nd March, 2015 in Athlone.

Intermediate As - Moran Cup

Qualifier for the Laird Cup, being held on 21st - 22nd March, 2015 in Athlone.

Novices & Intermediate Bs - Dillon Cup

Qualifier for the Civil Service Cup, being held on 21st - 22nd March, 2015 in Athlone.

This is scheduled for Saturday 29th November, 2014 at 10am Malahide Regional Bridge Club. To book online, log onto

- www.dnrbridge.com/styled/styled-25/contact-form-3/index.php

Alternatively call

- *Gerry McHugh on 086 264 2654*

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We'd love to have you follow us and give us feedback.. and please be patient, we're learning !



Dublin North Region Committee

Your committee is working hard to help and support all of the activities in the Region. Please feel free to contact any of us, if you feel we can assist or support your club in any way.

Our committee members are as follows:

Michael O'Keefe (Foxhall) *President*
Martin McMahon (C.R.C)
Mary Reid (Swords)
Kay McDonald (Raheny)
Teriona Rogan (Whitehall)
Liz Sherlock (St. Gabriel's)
Margaret Rowland (Whitehall)
Phil Brohoun (Malahide Regional)
Gerry McHugh (Foxhall)
Aidan Synnott (Glasnevin)
Norma Madden (Glasnevin)

We'd be especially interested in hearing what you'd like to see in our newsletter and how we can make it more interesting and relevant to you, your clubs and your members

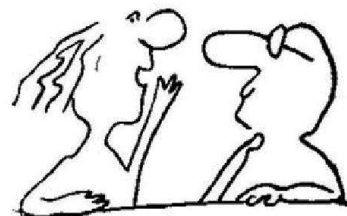
If you have any news, events or information please let me know and we'll publish it on line

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