



Leixlip Bridge Club News Bulletin

September 2015

I would like to start by thanking Marian McKay for choosing me as her vice president last year therefore giving me the honour of been president of Leixlip Bridge Club for 2015/16. I will at all times endeavour to uphold the high standards held by so many past presidents. We have a wonderful club and my wishes are to continue to keep it that way for all our members so as they can enjoy their bridge in a pleasant environment.

On behalf of the committee I wish to extend a warm welcome back to all our club members for the new bridge season and hope you all enjoyed the summer break. Unfortunately our hard working committee continued to work throughout the summer preparing our calendar of events and much more, some are outlined in this News Bulletin. My sincere thanks to them for their continued dedication and support.

Bridge is a wonderful game and I would like to remind members to be courteous to their partners and opponents at the bridge table. Good luck to all our members who are playing in the Cunningham Leagues, Regional and National Events in the coming year.

*Joan Murphy
President*

Membership

Affiliated membership this year is 125.

Breakdown as per diagram.	Morning & Evening	36
	Evening Only	61
Grades for 2015 are as follows:	Morning Only	28
Masters: -9 – A1: 7 – A2: 67	Total	125
B1: 21 – B2: 15 – B: 1- N1: 5		

Our membership is currently full; we have thirteen people on the waiting list, nine for the Tuesday morning section and four for the Thursday evening section.

Membership Fees remain the same this year: €25 for Evening only, €20 for morning only and €33 for both.

Please bring the exact money for bridge each evening, no Brown Coinage will be accepted, €2 & €1 only



27 Boards Movement



Last year's committee decided to run a 9 table 27 boards movement in the red section on a trial basis. This was to be run on the clock with a setting of 21 minutes per round. Consideration was given to the members who didn't want to play at this pace so a separate meaningful competition was run in the green section. The committee have decided to continue with this movement for the coming year and the format will remain the same.

Members wishing to play in this section are requested to be seated and ready to play at 7.30 sharp. Holding of tables is not permitted.

Please note:

If you commit to play in either sections you are requested to remain until the end of the session out of respect to other club members.

Health & Safety

In the interest of the safety of all club members please adhere to the following at all times:

- ◆ Be aware that cups of tea/coffee on tables need to be handled carefully and not left unattended.
- ◆ Do not put handbags or other items on the floor, this applies to ladies and gents.
- ◆ Be aware of others when moving from table to table.
- ◆ Make sure to lock your car and don't leave valuables in it or anything exposed that could lead to theft.



Please be aware that we have two club members trained in the use of the Defibrillator in the Parish Centre

Weekly Roster

Weekly rosters will be set up for the following:

1. Setting up the Room
2. Tidying up after Bridge
3. Moving the Boards in both Sections
4. Tournament Directors in both Sections

KEEP CALM AND PUT ON A HAPPY FACE

Please adhere to the following:

North/South are responsible for putting away tables

East/West are responsible for putting away cloths, table numbers etc.

Member are expected to put away their own chair

Text Alerts

Text alerts were introduced for the sole purpose of notifying club members of:

- ⇒ Upcoming Events
- ⇒ Changes in Events
- ⇒ Roster Duties
- ⇒ Other information which needs to be filtered through to members



Please **DO NOT REPLY TO TEXTS.**

If you need to respond please do so via any committee member. Mobile number supplied on Calendar of Events



**THE CONFINES OF THE PARISH CENTRE
ARE STRICTLY NON SMOKING AREAS**

THANK YOU FOR OBSERVING THIS NOTICE



Dundalk Congress

Please put this date in your diary and support the club Congress weekend away. It is a very social weekend where we get to play bridge in a

very friendly environment, meet with members of other clubs and enjoy some leisure time.

It also helps to build confidence and gain experience.

Special Deal Room Rates for Crowne Plaza 4* Hotel are as follows:

€89 per night for B/B Double Room

€79 per night for B/B Single Room

If we get a reasonable number attending the Congress the hotel will put on a Mini Bus from the station to the hotel free of charge.

Get your hotel bookings done on time so as you won't be disappointed.

Don't you just deserve a break before the Christmas shopping and cooking etc etc?

Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch proved to be very successful over the past two years and will continue this year. Details of cost and venue will be announced in due course and list distributed at both bridge sessions.

Christmas Night Out

After researching many venues our social committee came back to the overall committee with the deals available.



After a long discussion it was decided for value, service provided over the years and easy access for travel to go with the Springfield Hotel.

Summer Outing

Will also be held in the Springfield Hotel.

Please Note:

All club members are welcome to attend these outings.

Cunningham Leagues



The Leagues kick off this year with the opening match, first round on 18th Oct in Westmanstown Sports & Conference Centre.

Finals with Prize-Giving Celebrations will be on May 22nd.

For other dates and rounds plus Regional Events please see page 3 and check the website: www.mlrbidge.com

Good luck to all our Teams playing in the Leagues

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EAST OF IRELAND OPEN BRIDGE CONGRESS

will be held at

THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, DUNDALK
on 13th, 14th, and 15th November 2015

Main Congress Events

Mixed pairs	Friday 13th Nov. at 7.30p.m.
Congress Masters	Saturday 14th Nov. at 1.00 p.m.
Intermediate Pairs	Saturday 14th Nov. at 1.00 p.m.
Novice Pairs	Saturday 14th Nov. at 7.00p.m.
Congress Teams	Sunday 15th Nov. at 11.00a.m.
Intermediate B Pairs	Sunday 15th Nov. at 3.00p.m.
Open Pairs:	Fri. 7.30p.m.; Sat. 7.00p.m.; Sun. 3.00p.m.

For full details of events, sponsorship, please see the Congress web site at www.eastofirelandbridgecongress.com and/or the Congress brochure.

Entries to: Eileen McEntegart 042-9321643;
email: eileenmcentegart@eircom.net

Pre-entry is required for all events except Open Pairs.

Special weekend rates available
from the Crowne Plaza Hotel Tel: 042-9394923

A warm welcome awaits all participants !

Website

Our website is well and truly up and running thanks to the hard work of Bert McKay, it looks great and is very user friendly with lots of information uploaded on a regular basis.



We would encourage our members to check for updates on a regular basis. The members only login allows access to members only and cannot be accessed by outside users.

The committee have decided to upload Results of Major Competitions onto the website after each session. This decision was made so as members can check their results and any disputes arising can be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director in advance of Presentation of Prizes.

If you have any issues or problems around the website please contact our webmaster. Bert McKay 087-9220233

Mobile Phones



Mobiles phone should **NOT** be used at the bridge table or in the room. If you need to use your phone please do so outside the room.

Switch to silent mode during bridge Session.

Thank you for your cooperation



Club & Regional Events & Dates for your Calendar 2015/16



Club Review of Format of Major Competitions

Major Competition	Pat Hall Autumn Pairs	2 Sessions-Seeded	Play with partner on both nights
Major Competition	Christmas Competition	2 Sessions, Seeded, Individual	Play with partner 1st night, draw for partner on 2nd night
	Crehan Cup	Open to evening and morning members	1 Session
	CBAI CBAI Simultaneous	1 Session (Club & National Results)	
Major Competition	Paddy Reilly Spring Pairs	2 Sessions, Seeded	Play with partners on both nights
	Team of Four	1 Session	Draw for Teams
	Easter Competition	1 Session	Normal Night
Major Competition	President's Prize	2 Sessions	Individual Movement

Mid Leinster Region Events & Dates

Cunningham Leagues		Mid Leinster Region Events & Dates	
2015		2015	
Captains Meeting	16th October	Secretary's Meeting	18th September
Round 1	18th October	Novice & B Day	3rd October
Round 2	1st November	Regional Pairs	28th November
Round 3	13th December	2016	
2016		Regional President's Prize	30th January
Round 4	10th January	Regional Teams	TBC
Round 5	13th March	League Cup & Shield (New)	1st & 2nd April
Round 6	10th April	Regional 4Fun Teams	14th May
Round 7	8th May (Semi Finals/Playoffs)	Regional AGM	10th June

Presentation/Dinner/Finals Day/Open Pairs 22nd May

All the Events in the Mid Leinster Region will take place in Westmanstown Sports & Conference Centre .

To enter, you may apply through your club secretary or directly to MLR secretary, alternatively you may apply through the MLR website. Cunningham Leagues: Your Team Captain will receive an information pack at the Captains meeting on October 16th.

If you haven't played on a Team in the Leagues you are still eligible to play in the Open Pairs and attend the Celebration Dinner. Your Teams are always delighted with the support of their club members. You may enter for the Open Pairs through your club secretary or directly to the MLR secretary. We will keep you posted nearer the deadline for entry.



Calendar of Events 2015/16

Pat Hall Autumn Pairs	October 1st & 8th 2015
Christmas Competition	November 12th & 19th 2015
Dundalk Congress *	November 13th to 15th
Christmas Night Out *	December 10th 2015
Festive Night	December 17th 2015
Evening re-opening	January 7th 2016
Crehan Cup *	January 28th 2016
C.B.A.I Sim Pairs *	February 4th 2016
Charity Night	February 11th 2016
Paddy Reilly Spring Pairs	Feb 18th & 25th 2016
Easter Competition	March 10th 2016
Social Weekend *	March 11th to 13th 2016
Team of 4	March 31st 2016
Presidents Prize	April 21st & 28th 2016
Club Outing *	May 19th 2016
A.G.M *	May 26th 2016

Morning Calendar of Events

Autumn Pairs	October 6th & 13th 2015
Christmas Competition	November 17th & 24th '15
Christmas Lunch *	December 1st 2015
Christmas Night Out *	December 10th 2015
Re -opening	January 5th 2016
Crehan Cup *	January 28th 2016
Charity Morning	February 16th 2016
Easter Competition	March 8th & 15th 2016
Social Weekend *	March 11th to 13th 2016
Summer Competition	April 19th & 26th 2016
Club Outing *	May 19th 2016

Each member of the club will receive a pocket sized calendar of Events with contact details of committee members for 2015 / 16.

Events highlighted with a red asterisk are open to both sections of the club. *

Please note this also refers to social outings and Congress.

Leixlip Bridge Club 2015-2016

Committee 2015 - 2016

President	Joan Murphy	087 2960370
Vice-President/Texts	Olive Kenny	087 6142835
Ex-Officio	Marian McKay	087 7677548
Secretary	Jo O'Cleirigh	087 7558358
Asst. Secretary	Jo Bannon	087 9357098
Treasurer	Ann Dunleavy	087 6182066
Asst: Treasurer	June Gibney	087 7559276
Equipment Manager	Moira Hogan	086 6036777
Web/Comp Secretary	Bert McKay	087 9220233
Points Secretary	Rita Lacey	086 0610279
Stationery	Mary Whittle	086 8432039
Committee / Social	Dolores Farnan	087 2518306
Committee / Social	Joyce Deering	085 1589809
Matchmaker Evening	Deirdre Sweeney	086 3220819
Morning Rep	Angela Corrigan	087 7835130

Morning Committee 2015-2016

Chairperson	Angela Corrigan	087 7835130
Vice Chairperson	Dermot Lally	087 6596013
Ex-Officio	Brenda Sleator	087 6181733
Treasurer	Mary Whittle	086 8432039
Committee	Phil Devlin	085 1408198
Committee	Terry Coleman	086 8984696
Committee	Dominique Peart	086 8403849
Committee	Barbara Haslam	087 2466038
Committee	Mary Hargadon	087 9731405
Matchmaker	Patricia Hudson	01 6243448



Church of Our Lady's Nativity Leixlip New Car Parking Arrangements for 2015

There has been growing usage over the last number of years of the church car park as a Park and Ride facility for commuter travel from Leixlip. As there are only 129 spaces available this proved very inconvenient for parishioners and visitors attending the church on weekdays. This also caused huge problems at weekends for other church services such as funerals, weddings, first communions and confirmations. In order to combat this problem an agreement has been entered into with a management company to manage and regulate the operation of the church car park.

Proposed Charges are as follows:

- ⇒ Not more than €1 per hour, with a minimum charge of 50c
- ⇒ A daily parking ticket for €4 or a weekly ticket for €16, an annual permit may be issued at a cost not greater than €900.00
- ⇒ Charges will not apply before 10.30am and after 5.15 on weekdays

Evening members will not be subjected to any charge, morning members please be assured that our President is very actively taking up the situation on their behalf and will keep you all updated well in advance of the new arrangements coming into force