



LEIXLIP BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2020



Dear Members. Covid19 has taken a heavy toll on the normal everyday lives of people in towns and cities all over the world. As a result of that our Game of Bridge will continue to suffer from the very necessary requirements created by social distancing for the foreseeable future. Our first thoughts and best wishes must go to all of our members who have been badly affected by the lockdown which to a great extent was extremely difficult, but in particular for those who were asked to stay at home. All of you who have made the sacrifice in the best interest of the country should take a bow. You rose to the challenge magnificently. At this point in time, we are not aware of any of our members that might have contracted the Covid19 over this period. Our last bridge session for Evening and Morning was the 5th & 10th March respectively. Since then we have been on lockdown. All our events were either cancelled or postponed, so as far as the normal game of bridge is concerned nothing has happened. It has been a complete shut-down. This edition of the newsletter will try to update you as to where Leixlip Bridge Club stands in these troublesome times. The committee had a zoom meeting on Monday the 25th of May, at which a full agenda was the order of business. This included reports received from President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. Bert McKay the outgoing President thanked the Committee, and all the members of Leixlip Bridge Club for their support, and wished Olive Kenny the incoming President best wishes for her term in office. It was agreed by the outgoing committee members, that given the Covid19 restrictions on meetings, that they would be prepared to remain in their existing roles on the committee in a caretaker capacity until the club can have an Annual General Meeting. Date and time of such an AGM, will be notified to all members of Leixlip Bridge Club when its practicable. To all of our members who may have lost a relative or friend. Requiescat in pace.

Evening Calendar '19 '20

Autumn Pairs

Pat Hall Autumn Pairs 3rd & 10th Oct.

Winners: Rita Lacey, Tony Hughes.

Christmas Competition

The Christmas Competition took place on the 14th and 21st Nov. Draw for partners on the 2nd week.

Winner **Colm O'Reilly**

Kilkenny Congress.

This year the club travelled to the Hotel Kilkenny, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th November 2019.

Christmas Night Out December 12th

The Venue was the Springfield Hotel. We had 60 in attendance Dinner was served at 7.30pm sharp. Everyone enjoyed themselves. The problems we had in May '19 were sorted for this one. Thanks Deirdre. Looking forward to the Club getting back to the Springfield soon. Maybe this Christmas.

Festive Night Dec 19th

This was our fun night. We all had our favourite tippie with us and Joan Murphy's pavlovas went down a treat.

Club Re opened 2nd January '20

Crehan Cup

Winners **Anne Butler, Deirdre Sweeney**

Paddy Reilly Spring Pairs

Winners **Denis Bowes, Colm O'Reilly**

Weekend to the Galway Bay: Cancelled

Team of Four: Cancelled

Presidents Prize 2020: Postponed, but it is intended run at a later date if possible.

Congratulations ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Player of the Year : **Colm O'Reilly**

Most Improved "A": **Anne Marie Kelly**

Most Improved "B" **Michael Slator**

New Bridge Identity Numbers (NBID)

If members want to locate their New Bridge Identity Numbers. They are available on the Leixlip Website

www.bridgewebs.com/leixlip

Club Membership as affiliated '19 '20

We currently have 116 members between morning and evening sessions. The grading for the club as follows: Masters 13, A1-12, A2-64, B1-16, B2-9, N1-2. Congratulations to all of those who were promoted this year.

Weekly Prizes Payout: (Evening)

(1st €7) - (2nd €5) - (3rd €4) - (4th €4)

Calendars '19-'20

Once again thanks to Josephine O'Cleirigh for printing the calendars.

Text Alerting

Many Thanks to Joan Murphy who continues to do our text alerts. Members are being notified by text of particular situations that would require immediate attention.

Red and Green sections:

Remained as the format for the weekly bridge. Thanks to all for their cooperation.

Website:

Covid19 put all Bridge events on Hold but up to March we continued to keep the members up to date with news of our events, and Weekly Results.

Morning

Autumn Pairs

1st & 8th October '19

Winners: Mary Kelly, Mary Owens

Christmas Competition

19th & 26th Nov. '19

Winner: June Gibney

Christmas Lunch (Becketts Hotel)

10th of December.

Great time had by all

Christmas Night Out

December 12th Springfield Hotel

Morning Re-Opened 7th January '20

Easter Competition: Cancelled

Summer Competition: Cancelled

Morning Player of the Year: **Patricia Hudson**

Ongoing Issues

Constitution update:

Proposal from (AGM 2019) : An EGM was called on the 12th March, but cancelled due to covid19 restrictions. It is intended to re-schedule the EGM at a later date.

Mid Leinster Regional Events

Regional Pairs: Nov 30th Westmanstown.

1st Anne Butler, Mary Guinan (Leixlip)

Regional Fun Teams October 2019:

1st Overall. Leixlip Bert, Marian McKay
Luca Crone, Mary Donohoe, (Leixlip)

Duais an Uachtairain :

Best Area Master:

Rita Lacey, Tony Hughes

(Leixlip)

Cunningham Leagues

The Leagues Commenced on 10th November '19 in Westmanstown. Leixlip entered teams for Master (2), A1 (3). As the league tables currently stand with two matches remaining Leixlip teams are in contention but it's very close at the top. With regard to Covid19 restrictions, and in the event that we might get back to play bridge before the end of the year, it is hoped to complete the league campaign. Dates being mentioned to finalise the League all going well would be circ Oct-Nov-Dec. It has also been mentioned that a New League might commence in Jan 2021. A proposed calendar of dates for league matches has also been drafted, to commence from January 2021. Proposed dates for the Regional calendar have also been drafted All this depends on the restrictions that might be in place at the time.

Virtual Bridge - BBO Online

Well it has been said,

"As one door closes, another opens".

Technology has now filled the void that social distancing has created for the game of Bridge. The CBAI has informed its members that BBO Online is a platform on which Bridge Clubs can play.

The committee in Leixlip are actively considering the possibility of setting up a Virtual Bridge Club where members can play Bridge on their laptops, tablets, iPads etc. It's intended to canvas the members of the club to see what the interest might be so expect to be contacted in the near future. We will update you on this project.