

Dear CBAI Member,

As we come to the end of what has been another difficult season, let me first of all express the hope that your club has been able to get back to live bridge at this stage. Quite a number of clubs are back now, and while attendances were small to start with, some clubs are reporting substantial increases in recent weeks, and that games are becoming much more like they were before the dreadful pandemic hit us. Let's hope that progress will continue.

Secondly, please accept this email as formal notice of the upcoming **CBAI AGM, which will be held in the Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork, on Saturday 2 July at 2 p.m.** All members of the Association are entitled to attend. I hope to meet lots of you there and hear your views about what we need to do to ensure that bridge emerges from the pandemic in the best possible shape.

We are currently finalizing the calendar for next season, and hope to return to our normal schedule of live events after so much disruption in the past two years. Our Simultaneous Pairs events are always popular. We are planning to add a third week of Simultaneous Pairs next season, by participating in the Celtic Nations Sims, and competing with players from Scotland and Wales. So the Simultaneous Pairs weeks will be 7-11 November (IBU Sims), 5-9 December (Celtic Nations Sims), and 6-10 February (CBAI Sims).

Thanks again for your continued support for the CBAI. The past two years have been very tough for us all, but hopefully the 2022/23 season will represent a return to a bridge world more like the one we were used to pre-covid. And I look forward to meeting some of you at your upcoming regional AGMs.

Best wishes,

Dermot O'Brien
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