

# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**16TH JUNE 2019**



# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS.**

To be presented to members at the NIBU Annual General Meeting 2019

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## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**16<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

I cannot believe my first year as Chairman is already over. This has been one of the most exciting years for the NIBU due to the success of establishing Primary School Bridge. We are indebted to Norma Irwin and Norman Lacey for their tremendous efforts - there are now around 200 Primary School pupils learning to play bridge. By engaging with the youth the NIBU have created aspirational outcomes that will stand in good stead for the future of bridge in the Home Nations. This could not have been achieved without the team of enthusiastic teachers on this project. I would say confidently that the NIBU leads the way in Schools Bridge.

I am sorry that Greer Mackenzie has tendered his resignation as website manager after a lifetime service to the NIBU. His contribution over the years has been much appreciated and we look forward to his continued assistance to his successor. I would like to personally thank him for his continual help and support and there have been numerous times that I have been guided by his constructive advice.

The NIBU was kept to the fore in National Competitions. David Greenwood and Rex Anderson who had the tremendous achievement of back to back wins in the highly competitive Holmes Wilson teams event. Together with Paul Tranmer and Wayne Somerville they won the prestigious Egan Trophy representing the CBAI. County Tyrone won the All Ireland County Teams competition known as the Burke Trophy with team members William Dukelow, Dean Bradley, Bill Scott and Drew Lindsay. Many congratulations to the very popular winners and very well done. In the Camrose we had the excitement of Paul Tranmer and Wayne Somerville leading the Butler scores going into the last day of the Competition. We were delighted to welcome players from the CBAI who played in our Premier 1 League and to congratulate John Murchan and his team including the Irish Junior Internationals on winning the League.

On the International front our Senior team came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Europeans which qualified the team to travel to China to play in the World Championships D'Orsi Bowl in September. Our good wishes go with them and we will be eagerly following their progress.

I would like to thank the tournament committee who had their usual busy year with the promotion of events. I would encourage everyone to participate in all our NIBU competitions.

This year the NIBU had the honour of hosting both the Peggy Bayer and Junior Camrose Home Internationals. The event was organised by Helen Hall, International Match Manager ably assisted by Anne Hassan, Pat Johnston, Liz Scott and their team of Vugraph operators. The management logistics were world class and the other teams were very impressed with our attention to detail. As Chair I felt so proud of the NIBU.

I would like to thank all those who supported me during the past year; this includes the Officers and Council members and the members of the various sub committees. I would especially like to thank Anne Hassan, past Chair, who has been a pillar of support throughout. My thanks also for the continued reliable input of our Tournament Directors, particularly Alan Hill and Sandie Millership.

Every year at this time we think of those in our bridge community who are no longer with us or have lost loved ones. Sadly, the NIBU lost a good friend, competitive bridge player and past Chair of the Union, when Colm Duffy passed away this year. He played a big part in the promotion of Bridge and Golf in the Derry area. He helped bring to the city, and for a number of years sponsored, the NIBU Autumn Bridge Congress, now one of the best loved city venues for a congress in Ireland with excellent accommodation, shopping and restaurants. He will be missed by many.

All that remains now is one of the most important duties of the Chair - to select a successor. It is with great delight that I welcome Heather Hill as Vice Chair. Heather is well known and respected throughout the North and South of Ireland and the NIBU is very fortunate that she has accepted this role.

The NIBU has a sound base with committed volunteers who give freely of their time and we look forward to further advancement and success in the coming year.

Harold Curran

(Chairman NIBU)

## **Report of the Honorary Secretary 2018-19.**

### **Affiliation**

The number of affiliated clubs stands at 41. Brunswick, Downpatrick and Lisnaskea are no longer affiliated while Carrickfergus and Quoile have joined the Union. Clubs are reminded that the affiliation year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> each year with fees payable in November. New members may be added in throughout the year and the membership fee is still only £5.

### **Council**

There were five meetings of Council during the past season. I am delighted to report a significant improvement in the level of attendance at Council meetings. For the first time the incoming Council met immediately after the 2018 AGM in order that pressing business matters could be dealt with swiftly before the summer break.

### **Management Committee**

This committee is comprised of the Union's Officers and is chaired by the Honorary Treasurer. Its main remit is to report on financial matters and to make recommendations to Council. The committee met formally on three occasions but frequently meets on an informal basis from time to time.

### **Selection Committee**

The committee met on seven occasions having settled on Derryvolgie Bridge club as a venue and Friday mornings as the chosen time.

### **Tournament Committee**

The committee met on three occasions.

### **Laws & Ethics Committee**

The committee met on four occasions. On two occasions the committee set up an Appeals Panel to hear and rule on matters concerning Premier League teams.

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Sales of the annual **pocket diary** continue to be disappointing and club secretaries are asked to encourage their members to purchase one. The diary is now produced in joint form with the IBU and CBAI and so contains all the information needed for playing bridge anywhere in Ireland. It includes a full fixture list and details of all bridge clubs.

The Secretary receives a great deal of **E-mail correspondence** throughout the year. It is important that the initial correspondence carries a salutation so that the recipient knows who is expected to respond.

**Michael McFaul**

**Hon Secretary NIBU ([mjmcfaul@gmail.com](mailto:mjmcfaul@gmail.com))**

## **Report of the Honorary Competitions Secretary**

My thanks are due to the Tournament Committee, comprising H Hall, Anne Hassan, Ian Hamilton, David Leeman, B McDowell, M McFaul, K Hammond and B Ewart for all their hard work throughout the year. Special thanks to B Ewart who emailed everyone each month informing them of what competitions were on, where and when and for distributing flyers, David Leeman who kept/keeps an inventory of all our equipment, checking bidding box contents regularly and set up the tables for the Camrose match, Ian Hamilton for all his work as League Organiser and also for the work he puts in to organising the Leagues, the Interclub and Celtic Sims Competitions, never mind the other things he does for the Union. The TC met 3 times throughout the year.

To say that entries to the various competitions during 2018/19 are disappointing is an understatement; although numbers were slightly up in a few competitions overall the numbers were down. The Robb Cup (an Inter B competition) was organised by P Johnston & A Hassan and again I thank them. I extend my thanks and congratulations to all competition winners.

The Kelvin Cup and the Mackinnon Cup were both organised by Brian McDowell and I thank him for doing a grand job.

The Millership Cup was organised by Jeff Millership and again a grand job. The Premier 1 League was organised by Ian Hamilton and TD'd by myself. The Premier 2 League, Inter A and Inter B Leagues were organised by Ian Hamilton and TD'd by Ian Lindsay, thank you Ian. The Novice League did not take place this year.

As usual all our Interclub and Celtic Sims competitions were organised by Ian Hamilton and the amount of work Ian puts into this is phenomenal. Ian produces all the booklets, having analysed all the hands and this prevents him participating which is unfortunate. Thank you Ian for everything you do for the NIBU, you are, in my opinion undervalued.

We hosted the Junior Camrose match this year, organised by Helen Hall (International Match Manager) assisted by Anne Hassan, another successful event TD'd by Fearghal O'Boyle and Mairead Basquille. The Union received many plaudits at the end of the competition. The NIBU are the smallest Union, however we are the best organisers.

Brian McDowell, ably assisted by Tom McKeever, organised the NI Teams event in Portstewart and entries were up on last year, again my thanks Brian.

Anne Hassan is our Congress Organiser and has worked tirelessly for the NIBU for many years.

The TC has now finalised the diary, and we sincerely hope that our members will come out and play in the various competitions. Please come and enjoy competitive bridge and let us know what your thoughts are and how you think we can improve. You can email me at [lizscott@nibu.co.uk](mailto:lizscott@nibu.co.uk).

Harold Curran organised for a league match to be held at the football stadium, a super venue but too expensive for our small numbers.

Sandie Millership TD'd the Provincial Mixed Pairs for me in Enniskillen, and numerous other events. For some events she stood in at the last minute. Ken Hammond TD'd the North Down Inter A&B competition, Eric McNicholl TD'd the Novice section of the Gala Pairs. Alan Hill TD'd the Gala Pairs and numerous others competitions and I thank all of them for their time and commitment. Thank you does not seem enough for all the work they do. Please if you are a TD at your club think about assisting us with our competitions.

The NIBU need some more TDs to come forward. Alan Hill has run many classes on the rules etc and I hope some of those who attended his classes will volunteer to TD some of our competitions.

On a personal note, I have been very disappointed by the lack of interest in our competitions. Is this because we have lost our competitiveness or is it just a case of no new blood playing bridge? I do know that a few of our Grammar Schools hold classes so perhaps there is a future in bridge! Having said that, once our senior pupils move on to University alas bridge seems to be lost forever to them within our Province. At this stage I should thank Norma Irwin and her team for the amount of work being done in the primary schools in the Carrickfergus area. This we would like to roll out to other primary schools in the Province but it can only be done with your help. Again if you have the time to volunteer to help, please contact Norma. Volunteers are always welcome.

Can I also appeal to all those who come out to play bridge whether in a club or in a competition to bring their **litter** home or at least put it in the bin? It takes a long time to clear up after any competition, eg packing up the boards, computers and often the clothes, tables and bidding boxes. Please do your bit to help. Quite often after league matches Ian and myself have been there for another 45 minutes just tidying up, so your help would be much appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**THE LAST DAY OF ENTRY TO THE LEAGUES AND CUPS IS 1 SEPTEMBER.**

***Liz Scott***  
***(Hon Comp Sec) June 2019***



## **COMPETITIONS – 2018/2019**

Gala Pairs Inter A	Won by N Kelly & K Monks (12 tables - down 1.5)
Gala Pairs Inter B	Won by V Buttimer & H Browner (10 tables - down 2)
Gala Novice	Won by C Carabine & P Kinsella (5.5 tables - down 1.5)
Senior/Inter B	Won by D Greenwood & S Jeffries (5 tables – down 1)
Robb Cup	Won by C Stewart & A Milligan (8.5 tables – down 4.5)
Mid Ulster A/B	Won by T Horridge & T Whitten (11 tables – down 1)
Belfast Swiss Pairs	Won by I Hamilton & J Ferguson (8 tables – down 2)
NI Pairs	Won by I Hamilton & S Hall (9.5 tables – down 3)
Provincial Mixed Pairs	Won by K Hammond & S Millership (6.5 tables – up 1)
Intermediate Individual	Won by D McCaughan (8.5 tables – up 2.5)
NI Teams	Won by P McDaid, C McLoone, P Byrne & Z Kokat (10 teams–up 3)
North Down A/B	Won by R Coulter & J Forsythe (8 tables)
Louis Herbert	Won by M Stevenson & S Jones (8.5 tables)
Mid Ulster Pairs	Won by D Bradley & W Dukelow (9 tables – down 4)
Intermediate A/B Pairs	Won by J Forsythe R Coulter (13 tables – up 3.5)
North Down Pairs	Won by B Scott & R Morrow (5 tables – down 2)
Northern Pairs	Won by D Leeman & W <u>Dukelow</u> (20 tables – up 1)
Senior/Inter A	Won by E Lesage & K Irwin (6.5 tables – down 3.5)
Leagues:	Prem 1 J Murchan, T MacCormac, J Connolly, R Connolly
	Prem 2 M O'Kane, J Lavery, F O'Shea, M Coffey
	Inter A C Crockett, E Cummings, M Diamond S Fyfe, A Brennan, C Collier
	Inter B N Lacey, R Perrott, R Seaton, D Mulholland, C Smylie, Gavin Irvine
Millership Cup	Won by T McKeever, A Hassan, E Butterwick & B McCormick
Mackinnon Cup	Won by B Scott, K Hawtin, R Morrow, M Murray
Kelvin Cup	To be played in July

# HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

16<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

Our gross income has decreased by £4,686 in the year. This decrease is explained by no sponsorship for the congress thereby incurring a loss of £915 together with a fall in competition income and a small decrease in Interclub and Celtic Pairs income. The tournament committee continues to oversee the promotion of events but further efforts are required to encourage attendance at competitions. The Spring Congress was cancelled for 2019. Ian Hamilton deserves great praise for his continued work with the Interclub and Celtic Pairs which contributed £4,256 to net funds.

Competition expenses have decreased as entries are down. Our biggest expense is representative matches with both Peggy Bayer team and Junior Camrose being hosted by NIBU this year with consequent increase in costs. The cost of entry fee in respect of the Interprovincials competition increased due to more teams taking part.

Our expenditure for home international matches remains very competitive due to the continued efforts of Anne Hassan and Harold Curran with the support of La Mon Hotel.

A net deficit of (£1,461) was incurred for the year with our reserves decreasing from £54,600 to £53,139

NIBU receives a bequest of £2,000 from the Estate of Patrick Jourdain. This amount is specifically to be spent on Senior bridge and is being held in reserve for when we next host the Senior Teltscher Camrose.

We increased our Affiliation fee to the IBU to £2,500. The IBU have increased costs due to the success of Irish teams in International bridge with the Seniors qualifying to play in the World Championships in China in September..

During the year £1,157 was spent out of reserves on Junior Bridge. Expenditure on promotion of bridge in schools amounted to £747. Credit to Norman Lacey and Norma Irwin who are responsible for nearly 200 primary school children now learning bridge and many thanks to all the volunteers who help.

I would like to thank Alan Hill, Sandie Millership, Colin Jeffries, Michael McFaul, Norma Irwin, Eric McNicholl, Helen Cole, Wilson Hanna, Liz Scott, David Leeman, Anne Hassan and all the Club treasurers who lodge money for me.

If you have any queries, I can be reached at [annefitzpatrick@bakertillymm.co.uk](mailto:annefitzpatrick@bakertillymm.co.uk)

**Anne Fitzpatrick**

**N.I. BRIDGE UNION**  
**REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

**N.I. BRIDGE UNION**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

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## **N.I. BRIDGE UNION**

### **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

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<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Mr Ian Lindsay
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Mr Harold Curran
<b>HONORARY TREASURER:</b>	Mrs Anne Fitzpatrick
<b>HONORARY SECRETARY:</b>	Mr Michael McFaul
<b>HONORARY MASTER POINTS SECRETARY:</b>	Mr Ian Hamilton
<b>HONORARY COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:</b>	Mrs Liz Scott
<b>CONGRESS ORGANISER:</b>	Mrs Anne Hassan
<b>INTERNATIONAL MATCH MANAGER:</b>	Mrs Helen Hall
<b>WEBSITE MANAGER:</b>	Mr Greer MacKenzie
<b>MAGAZINE EDITOR:</b>	

#### **EXAMINING ACCOUNTANTS:**

PGR  
Chartered Accountants  
The Office Dock  
Unit 2 Channel Wharf  
21 Old Channel Road  
Belfast BT3 9DE

#### **SOLICITOR:**

**N.I. BRIDGE UNION**

**STATEMENT BY THE OFFICERS  
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

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We confirm that as officers we have met our duty in accordance with the constitution to:

- ensure that the Union has kept proper accounting records;
- prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Union as at 31 March 2019 and of its deficit for that period; and
- follow the applicable accounting policies, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements.

**ON BEHALF OF THE UNION:**

Anne Fitzpatrick.....  
Treasurer

Date...30<sup>th</sup> May 2019.....

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT  
TO THE OFFICERS OF N.I. BRIDGE UNION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

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We have reviewed the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 on pages 4 to 7. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and FRS102 Section 1A (Small Entities).

This report is made solely to the officers, as a body, in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the officers those matters that we have agreed to state to them in our engagement letter and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the organisation and the officers as a body for our work, for this report or the conclusions we have formed.

**Officers' responsibility**

As explained more fully in the Statement by the Officers set out on page 2, the officers are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

**Accountants' responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion based on our review of the financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400 (Revised), Engagements to review historical financial statements and ICAEW Technical Release TECH 09/13AAF Assurance review engagements on historical financial statements. ISRE 2400 also requires us to comply with the ICAEW Code of Ethics.

**Scope of the Assurance Review**

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We have performed additional procedures to those required under a compilation engagement. These primarily consist of making enquiries of management and others within the union, as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

**Conclusion**

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements have not been prepared:

- so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the union's affairs as at 31 March 2019, and of its deficit for the year then ended; and
- in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities.

P Greene  
PGR  
Chartered Accountants  
The Office Dock, Unit 2 Channel Wharf  
21 Old Channel Road      Belfast  
BT3 9DE

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019.....



**N.I. BRIDGE UNION**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

	Notes	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>31,900</b>	<b>33,429</b>
Expenditure		<u>33,557</u>	<u>30,382</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>		<b>(1,657)</b>	<b>3,047</b>
Other operating income		<u>34</u>	<u>84</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	2	<b>(1,623)</b>	<b>3,131</b>
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>162</u>	<u>108</u>
<b>SURPLUS(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>(1,461)</b>	<b>3,239</b>
Tax on interest receivable	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<b><u>(1,461)</u></b>	<b><u>3,239</u></b>



**N.I. BRIDGE UNION**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2019**

	Notes	31.3.19 £	£	31.3.18 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	4		5,329		6,689
Chain of office			575		575
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks		2,203		3,230	
Debtors	5	1,763		1,235	
Investments	6	11,000		11,000	
Cash at bank		<u>40,443</u>		<u>44,276</u>	
		55,409		59,741	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>3,114</u>		<u>8,188</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>52,295</u>		<u>51,553</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>58,199</u>		<u>58,817</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>					
Junior Bridge Reserve	8		3,060		4,217
Senior Bridge Reserve	8		2,000		
Profit and Loss Account	8		<u>53,139</u>		<u>54,600</u>
			<u>58,199</u>		<u>58,817</u>

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Treasurer on ...30<sup>th</sup> May 2019..... and were signed by:

Anne Fitzpatrick.....  
Mrs Anne Fitzpatrick (Treasurer)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities).

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment etc. - 10%-25% reducing balance

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

2. OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,361</u>	<u>1,769</u>

3. TAXATION

**Analysis of the tax charge**

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 31 March 2018.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment etc £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2018	32,439
Additions	-
At 31 March 2019	<u>32,439</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2018	25,749
Charge for year	<u>1,361</u>
At 31 March 2019	<u>27,110</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2019	<u>5,329</u>
At 31 March 2018	<u>6,689</u>

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
Other debtors	<u>1,763</u>	<u>1,235</u>

6. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
National Savings Income Bonds	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
Other creditors	<u>3,114</u>	<u>8,188</u>

8. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account	Senior Bridge Reserve £	Junior Bridge Reserve	Totals
At 1 April 2018	54,600		4,217	58,817
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u>(1,461)</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(1,157)</u>	<u>(618)</u>
At 31 March 2019	<u>53,139</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,060</u>	<u>58,199</u>

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	31.3.19		31.3.18	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	2,000		-	
Transfer from Junior Reserve	1,157		-	
Net Congress deficit	(915)		1,080	
Competitions	12,522		15,005	
Trials	2,520		1,620	
Affiliation fees	10,220		10,525	
Sale of stationery and requisites	140		459	
Interclub & Celtic Pairs	<u>4,256</u>		<u>4,740</u>	
		31,900		33,429
<b>Cost of sales</b>				
Opening stock	-		50	
Closing stock	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		-		50
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>		31,900		33,379
<b>Other income</b>				
Sundry receipts	34		84	
Ulster Bank Savings account interest	45		14	
National Savings Income Bond interest	<u>117</u>		<u>94</u>	
		196		192
		32,096		33,571
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Insurance	1,170		1,132	
Venue hire	1,035		1,325	
Competition expenses	8,136		10,752	
Printing, postage and stationery	862		1,587	
Representation matches expenses	12,804		9,903	
Affiliation fees	2,900		2,600	
Public relations	-		421	
Officers' expenses	614		-	
Coaching	40		-	
Sundry expenses	1,199		153	
Accountancy	600		600	
Schools bridge	747			
Bank charges	89		90	
Transfer to Senior Reserve	<u>2,000</u>		<u>-</u>	
		32,196		28,563
		(100)		5,008
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Depn of tables	207		231	
Depn of Duplimate Machine etc	800		1,066	
Computer equipment	<u>354</u>		<u>472</u>	
		1,361		1,769
<b>NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>		<u>(1,461)</u>		<u>3,239</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements





# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION



## Report of the Hon. Masterpoints Secretary 2018/19

Taking over from Robin Burns on the system devised by himself has proved something of a learning curve, and I am grateful to him for significant support during the season.

Thanks are also due to directors Alan Hill, Sandie Millership and others for kindly getting results posted and delivered to me so that the Masterpoints can be updated in timely fashion.

The same sentiments apply in equal measure to all the club secretaries and scorers who helped in getting club Masterpoints uploaded onto the system during the year.

The following 32 bridge clubs returned Masterpoints:-

Armagh	Ballymena	Bangor	Bann	Belfast Boat Club	City of Derry
Cookstown	Coleraine	Derry Ladies	Derryvolgie	Devenish	Downshire
Dromore	Dungiven	Foyle	Holywood	Iveagh	Kelvin/Malone
Killyleagh	Kilrea	Limavady	Lisburn City	Maghera	Merville
Newcastle	Portadown	Spa	St Josephs	St Michaels	Teconnaught
Windsor LTC	Warrenpoint				

There are now 1697 members on the NIBU database, a significant reduction on the 1804 last year. However, this is attributable in significant part to the weeding out and removal of members from no longer affiliated clubs and from Ulster Schools, many of whom were last at school two decades ago. Most clubs did see some decline in membership, but a few actually increased net membership.

The Grade breakdown is:-

Expert 79	Senior 132	Intermediate A 358	Intermediate B 1128
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The number of players in each Rank is:-

Premier Grand Master 3	Grand Master 10	Premier Life Master 7
Life Master 23	Premier National Master 13	National Master 14
Senior Provincial Master 17	Junior Provincial Master 24	Tournament Master 22
Master 230	County Master 344	Local Master 246
Club Master 350	Novice 387	

### Players of the year

#### **Intermediate B**

1<sup>st</sup> Brian Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> Patsy O'Kane

#### **Intermediate A**

1<sup>st</sup> Valerie Young

2<sup>nd</sup> Vivienne Linter

#### **Senior**

1<sup>st</sup> Ian Hamilton

2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Hall

### Billy Kelso Trophy

This year's joint winners were Ian Hamilton and Ian Lindsay

**Congratulations to all of the above**

**Ian Hamilton** Hon Masterpoints Secretary

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019



# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION



## RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### INTERMEDIATE B to INTERMEDIATE A

5226	J Forsythe	5363	R Coulter	3324	M Sandby-Thomas	2549	L McNamara
2795	M McCann	4404	P O'Kane	4461	E Woods	5119	J McDonnell
1926	S Stevenson	2029	B Moore	2339	T Horridge	3766	A Milligan
3898	I Cowan	4117	D Irwin	4172	J Mackie	4247	L Byrne
4330	J McCoy	4631	C Jeffries	4737	G McNamee	4766	A Bradley
4831	R Nicholas						

### INTERMEDIATE A to SENIOR

2342	A Murdock	4239	P Murdock	4349	B Ewart
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### SENIOR to EXPERT

None

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2019 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Masterpoints Secretary and received before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. An e-mailed appeal is acceptable.

Ian Hamilton

Hon Masterpoints Secretary

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# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## PROMOTIONS LIST      JUNE 2019

<b>1</b>	<b>Grand Master</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4* Tournament Master</b>
2400	P    Tranmer	1827	MH   Kelly
<b>2</b>	<b>Life Master</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Tournament Master</b>
1615	T    Sproule	1713	J    Gallagher
4004	D    Lindsay	<b>1</b>	<b>6* Master</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>National Master</b>	2216	S    Donaghy
1157	K    Hammond	<b>7</b>	<b>5* Master</b>
2827	E    Walmsley	1650	B    Foy
4222	R    Connolly	1989	B    Curran
4625	W    Somerville	3008	EA   Scott
<b>1</b>	<b>6* Senior Provincial Master</b>	3618	Y    Banks
3710	E    McNicholl	3619	B    Armstrong
<b>1</b>	<b>4* Senior Provincial Master</b>	3632	AL   Rooney
4436	ACM   O'Gallagher	3633	D    Rooney
<b>1</b>	<b>3* Senior Provincial Master</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4* Master</b>
2667	T    Young	2490	W    Perceval-Price
<b>1</b>	<b>Senior Provincial Master</b>	2902	M    Davidson
2806	H    Hall	3423	M    Sherrard
<b>1</b>	<b>5* Junior Provincial Master</b>	3635	H    Tranmer
4072	B    Sargent	3831	S    Barr
<b>1</b>	<b>4* Junior Provincial Master</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3* Master</b>
4745	N    Mullan	2342	A    Murdock
<b>2</b>	<b>3* Junior Provincial Master</b>	2749	M    Hempton
1828	J    Kuriacose	2824	JW   McBride
3834	P    Hamill	3384	M    Stevenson
<b>2</b>	<b>2* Junior Provincial Master</b>	3447	A    Mulholland
2148	J    McGonagle	3572	S    Egli
2436	RW   Johnston	3588	J.M   Redmond
<b>1</b>	<b>1* Junior Provincial Master</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2* Master</b>
1044	A    Hassan	2186	M    Diamond
<b>1</b>	<b>5* Tournament Master</b>	2519	S    Cheyne
4314	K    Hinds	3233	UM   Gordon



3281 RY Welsh  
 3911 D Thompson  
 4392 A Brennan  
 4457 K Cassidy  
 4632 A Cairns

## 22 1\* Master

1106 R Kilpatrick  
 1190 J Boyd  
 1278 V Linter  
 2036 D Bradley  
 2471 AL Baird  
 2518 P Hyland  
 2666 M Wolsey  
 2810 EM Pearson  
 3475 C Jones  
 3903 D Speedy  
 3985 K Higgins  
 4117 D Irwin  
 4260 S McNicholl  
 4404 P O'Kane  
 4443 A Kelleher  
 4540 G McCormick  
 4627 J Baker  
 4638 E Butterwick  
 4765 M Brady  
 4815 C Moorhead  
 4903 C Moorhead  
 5000 J McCormick

## 27 Advanced Master

1440 J Stewart  
 1926 S Stevenson  
 2029 B Moore  
 2339 T Horridge  
 2549 McNamara  
 2795 M McCann  
 3184 M Hamilton

3324 M Sandby-Thomas  
 3398 T McIntyre  
 3766 A Milligan  
 3898 I Cowan  
 3933 P Coull  
 4026 A McMinn  
 4063 I McCarthy  
 4074 T McKeamey  
 4172 J Mackie  
 4247 L Byrne  
 4316 C McAllister  
 4317 P McAllister  
 4330 J McCoy  
 4461 E Woods  
 4624 J Patterson  
 4631 C Jeffries  
 4737 G McNamee  
 4766 A Bradley  
 4831 R Nicholas  
 5119 J McDonnell

## 20 Master

1076 I Orr  
 1222 EI Finlay  
 1368 J Flynn  
 2200 R Cunningham  
 2962 M Peoples  
 3503 L Johnston  
 3586 B Davey  
 3982 V Von Hof  
 4176 R Sweetnam  
 4181 C McCarron  
 4254 B Irwin  
 4257 S Mullan  
 4292 C Hearty  
 4403 M O'Kane  
 4440 P Bready



4700 C Clegg  
 4718 H Hurley  
 4738 M McNamee  
 4764 B Coady Weekes  
 5265 C Stewart

### 33 *County Master*

1059 J Fox  
 1072 U McGowan  
 1109 M McCaughey  
 1110 G McMullan  
 1115 J Teague  
 1174 S Sherwood  
 1369 J Flynn  
 1481 J Logan  
 1976 A McKay  
 2106 P Ross  
 2193 S McDonagh  
 2396 B Cassidy  
 2399 M McDowell  
 2815 W Geary  
 3035 S Currie  
 3042 E Scott  
 3052 H Scott  
 3700 S McCann  
 3755 A McCreesh  
 3878 B Strain  
 4060 E Curran  
 4267 O O'Neill  
 4268 B O'Kane  
 4358 R McDonald  
 4437 K Acheson  
 4549 P McCorkell  
 4670 A McDowell  
 4749 E Murray  
 4793 O Boyle  
 5125 E Whittall

5228 J Forsythe  
 5278 L Homer  
 5363 R Coulter

### 83 *Local Master*

1363 C Harte  
 1787 R Curran  
 1886 T Pollen  
 1908 J O'Connor  
 2190 P McDowell  
 2232 M Moriarty  
 2826 N Bell  
 3029 A Kelly  
 3030 I McGinn  
 3038 D Stevenson  
 3058 J McKeown  
 3060 A Cassidy  
 3069 L Quinn  
 3076 P Flanagan  
 3086 J Donnelly  
 3095 E McKelvey  
 3098 J Patmore  
 3301 P McDaid  
 3403 I Hall  
 3462 E Coleman  
 3594 J Boucher  
 3602 K Harper  
 3833 M Chen  
 4008 R McKinley  
 4009 C Burrows  
 4037 J Henderson  
 4248 K Colgan  
 4252 D Hegarty  
 4256 M Mullan  
 4264 J McNicholl  
 4368 D Higgins  
 4389 C Hynes

4482 P Acheson  
 4581 A Jones  
 4607 J Condon  
 4660 M Tyson  
 4791 M Jamieson  
 4794 D McGuckian  
 4825 M Cormicain  
 4827 N Fitzmaurice  
 4931 P Aldred  
 4955 J Ferris  
 4975 E Knipe  
 4979 C McKay  
 4988 M Higgins  
 5007 S Rasmussen  
 5024 J Duggan  
 5028 G McAtamney  
 5033 G Booth  
 5054 M O'Neill  
 5113 C Beagon  
 5115 E Maynard  
 5120 M Armstrong  
 5121 RM Morrow  
 5122 E Armstrong  
 5134 G Morrison  
 5168 R McCullough  
 5173 A Currie  
 5185 F O'Shea  
 5194 P Brown  
 5212 D Mulholland  
 5252 C Mulholland  
 5279 B Miller  
 5292 D Quinn  
 5293 M McGarvey  
 5317 A Harper  
 5329 K McClintock  
 5330 M McFarland

5335 J Henderson  
 5339 W Alexander  
 5340 D Alexander  
 5396 D Williamson  
 5398 E Fitzsimons  
 5400 T Mackey  
 5419 M Gilmore  
 5420 J Gilmore  
 5440 P Currie  
 5451 D Cairns  
 5452 R Madill  
 5462 R MacNamara  
 5463 R Flanagan  
 5512 M O'Brien  
 5624 Z Kokot

# **97 Club Master**

1232 D Boyle  
 1877 T Falconer  
 2060 M Marjoram  
 2268 G McIvor  
 2389 A McCambridge  
 2448 C Forbes  
 3312 A McGovern  
 3607 D Bruce  
 3662 S Dale  
 3934 S Russell  
 3938 D Shields  
 4045 M Reid  
 4198 R Slavin  
 4334 R Lightowler  
 4647 R McQuaid  
 4792 M Johnston  
 4813 B McKenna  
 4958 K Hynes  
 4991 P McCaul  
 4996 G Conroy

5030	J	Shipman	5426	N	Lowry
5055	T	Berrells	5427	C	Harper
5095	S	Macleod	5429	J	Coulter
5112	M	Cairns	5430	R	Magee
5130	M	Giffin	5431	J	Elder
5131	M	O'Loan	5432	H	Crawford
5137	L	Stirling	5435	E	Nicholl
5138	J	Kerr	5437	S	Prenter
5148	R	Clarke	5441	A	Kerr
5165	G	Mulligan	5442	E	McEntee
5176	S	Glass	5444	H	Warnock
5186	J	Boyle	5449	H	Graham
5187	M	Boyle	5453	S	Sherrard
5196	M	Henry	5454	P	Braden
5259	D	Green	5455	J	Bartley
5260	J	Tomey	5471	P	Mercer
5261	M	Dales	5489	P	Nicol
5271	J	Collins	5490	S	Rainey
5274	M	Kearney	5498	J	McNally-West
5276	E	McCormick	5510	H	Taggart
5290	A	Kelly	5511	G	Taggart
5319	A	Kellet	5513	N	Cunningham
5332	A	Gallagher	5514	E	Hall
5343	J	Body	5520	K	Spencer
5350	A	McClellan	5529	E	Laing
5351	B	Reavy	5534	G	Harper
5352	V	Scott	5535	J	Reavey
5353	G	Glover	5547	J	McBride
5357	J	Knipe	5559	M	Crawford
5373	J	McCurry	5560	J	Gormley
5374	M	Porter	5581	D	Hay
5382	P	Johnston	5609	S	Burrell
5393	M	Keenan	5611	W	Burrell
5397	O	Woods	5613	A	Goodman
5405	A	McGonigle	5614	P	Hendrick
5421	V	McCreedy	5619	E	Muhlauer

5621	T	McNulty
5622	E	McQuilken
5641	E	Mulally
5647	L	Crawford
9001	C	Smylie

# Report of the Selection Committee 2018/ 2019

**The Selection Committee met on 7 occasions during the year.**

Selection was made for the following competitions:

**-Sonya Britton Trophy** Dublin, August 2018. Playing Captain- H. Curran.

The NIBU came second, 576 VP's to 383 VP's. The only winning Team was the Intermediate B team of R & J Coulter and S & C Jeffries.

**-Inter-provincials**, Cavan, November, 2018. Playing Captain- Anne Fitzpatrick.

Overall the Ulster Team finished in a poor 4th place.

The Intermediate Team finished 3rd in their group, with the Team of Crockett, Cummings, Fyffe and Damond finishing top overall.

If Ulster does not send a competitive Open Team, we will continue to consolidate 4th place.

**-Camrose Trophy**, Mold and Coventry, Jan and March 2019. NPC- I Lindsay.

The Team performed well, winning the Colonel Walshe trophy, the Ken Baxter Salver and the Causeway trophy. Paul Tranmer and Wayne Somerville doing exceptionally well in the overall cross-imp table.

**-Lady Milne**, Dublin April, 2019. NPC A. Hill. A disappointing trial of two and a half tables, with the selected Team finishing fifth in the event.

**-Senior Camrose Trophy**, Edinburgh, April, 2019. Playing Captain- I. Hamilton. The NIBU Team finished in 5th place.

**-Moylan Cup**. Dublin, April, 2019. In this 40 pairs event, the 8 NIBU Pairs were 20th or below.

I would like to thank the Playing and Non-Playing Captains for their hard work before and during each event.

My thanks to the other Selection Committee members for their help, cooperation and shared experience. Special mention to Nuala Mooney for her hard work with the Intermediates and Masters.

**Ken Hammond**

**Chair of Selection Committee**

## **REPORT of Chairman of Laws & Ethics Committee 2018 - 19**

1 The Law & Ethics Committee members appointed by Council on 03 June 2018 were Rex Anderson, John Ferguson, Shelagh McCaughan, and Alan Sharp.

2 The Committee met on 06 July 2018 at Kelvin Malone Bridge Club. Rex Anderson was elected as Chair.

The Committee recommended to Council

- 1 a change to the Constitution to permit the Union to ban players who had been banned by another national bridge organization in order to comply with the European Bridge League reciprocity provisions.
- 2 changes to the Disciplinary Code to provide that it was a disciplinary offence to fail to comply with screen regulations and to permit the Union to ban players who had been banned by another national bridge organisation.
- 3 the appointment by Council of a fifth member to the Committee

3 Acting under the provisions of clause 6 of its Terms of Reference which is to advise Council on systems, conventions and procedures in Union competitions, the Committee met on 06 August 2018 at Kelvin Malone Bridge Club with Ian Hamilton representing the Tournament Committee to discuss changes to the League and Cup Rules, Competition Rules and Systems and Conventions. Final drafts of all above documents were submitted to Council for approval in late August.

4 On 12 September 2018 Council

- [1] appointed Toni Sproule as a member of the Committee
- [2] approved the changes to the Disciplinary Code
- [3] approved the draft Cup Rules, Competition Rules and Systems and Conventions
- [4] approved the League Rules subject to changes to Rules 2.1.2 and 5.2.2

5 The Committee considered it regrettable that although drafts had been submitted to Council well before the Council meeting on 12 September, there was no feedback from Council members. Alterations were made ad hoc by Council without input from the Committee or the Tournament Committee

6 A Committee Appeal Panel considered an appeal against a ruling of the League Organiser that a playoff was required to determine which teams would play in Premier League Division 1 [the First Appeal]. The decision of the League Organiser was upheld.

7 The Committee agreed that the Standing Orders required amendment so that in future appeals the appellant and relevant parties should have the right to appear at a Committee Appeal Panel hearing.

8 The First Appeal was heard by an Appeal Panel consisting of conflicted members of the Committee in flat contradiction of Rule 1.3.2 of the League Rules. The Committee *recognizes* that the members hearing the appeal should be non-conflicted members. The Committee accepts that the decision made was void.

9 The Committee met on 15 February 2019 at Kelvin Malone Bridge Club to agree amendments to Standing Orders for ratification by Council and to appoint an Appeal Panel to hear an appeal against a ruling of the League Organiser that a Premier League team had played an ineligible player [the Second Appeal].

10 On 21 February 2019 the Committee Appeal Panel considered the Second Appeal and decided that as the ruling had been made by the League Organiser who was a conflicted person, the ruling was void. The outcome of the match was that the table result was restored as the correct result.

11 At the Council meeting held on 26 March 2019 Council approved the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders of the Committee.

12 At that March meeting Council also decided that the League Rules requiring that an appeal against a ruling of the Competitions Secretary must be made to the Laws & Ethics Committee did not need to be made to that Committee but could be dealt with by Council. Council then overruled a ruling of the Competitions Secretary and awarded a score of 10 VPs each to two Premiere League 1 teams. Council recognized that under the League Rules such a score could not be awarded. Council comprised conflicted members and by reason thereof the decision of Council is void on the same basis that a decision by a conflicted Appeal Panel [the First Appeal] was void and ruling by a conflicted League Organiser [the Second Appeal] was void.

13 Council has established a precedent that in future Council, after ignoring the Conflicts of Interest Policy, can apply the League Rules or any rules of the NIBU by refusing to apply the rules by either [a] failing to follow the procedures laid down in the rules or [b] imposing scores which cannot be awarded under the rules.

14 Unless Council recognizes that in future NIBU Rules must be applied there is no point in having an appeal to the Laws & Ethics Committee – an appeal can be made direct to Council.

15 On 26 March 2019 Council decided that the League Rules applicable for the 2018 – 2019 season were not the League Rules approved by Council on 12 September 2018 and that the League Rules 2017 – 2018 governed the 2018 – 2019 leagues.

16 On 27 March 2019 the Committee appointed an Appeal Panel to hear an appeal against a decision of the Competitions Secretary that a Premier League team had played an ineligible player and that the match result was amended [the Third Appeal].

17 On 03 April 2019 the Council Appeal Panel considered the appeal against the decision of the Committee Appeal Panel [the Second Appeal] and decided that the League Organiser had acted without fault; that in breach of the League Rules a league team had played a player not registered with the Union when the match was played; and that the penalty set out in the League Rules should not be applied.

18 On 12 April 2019 the Committee Appeal Panel considered the Third Appeal and decided that a league team had played an ineligible player and upheld the penalty imposed by the Competitions Secretary.

19 At the Council meeting held on 08 May 2019 Council, the Committee Appeal Panel decision having been appealed against, overruled the Committee Appeal Panel decision on the Third Appeal without appointing a Council Appeal Panel to hear the appeal.

The procedure used in Council was not the procedure used in the previous Council Appeal Panel hearing

20 During the year Council has

[a] implemented the Committee Appeal Panel decision in the First Appeal when that decision was void having been made by a conflicted League Organiser and a conflicted Appeal Panel

[b] appointed an Appeal Panel which upheld the Committee Appeal Panel decision in the Second Appeal but refused to impose the penalty prescribed by the League Rules

[c] over-ruled the decision of the Competitions Secretary that a penalty be imposed on a team which had played an ineligible player when that decision was not appealed against to the Committee or to Council

[d] over-ruled the decision of the Committee Appeal Panel in the Third Appeal that a penalty imposed under the League Rules on a team which had played an ineligible player without referring the appeal to a council appeal panel

21 The Committee met on 03 June to consider amendments to League Rules proposed by the Tournament Committee. Proposed amendments were referred back to the Tournament Committee.

22 A majority of LEC members considered it deplorable that Council had deliberately failed to follow the procedures and rules set out in the League Rules which had been approved by Council. All NIBU rules and procedures are ratified by Council. It is unfair to apply rules and procedures to some NIBU members and not to others. Those to whom the rules are applied are thereby unfairly discriminated against.

23 A majority of LEC members recommend that all members of Council should peruse the published rules and procedures which have been ratified by the Union and at the first Council meeting formally declare that Council decisions will be made in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and the published rules and procedures of the Union which have been ratified by Council.

**Rex Anderson**

**4th June 2019**



## **NIBU Youth Development Committee 2018 – 19**

The Youth Development Committee was formed by the NIBU in 2014.

**Chairperson** – Pat Johnston

**Committee members** – Diane Greenwood Norma Irwin Sandie Millership,

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### **Our Mission Statement**

To encourage and develop bridge for primary school students in Northern Ireland

To encourage and develop bridge for secondary school students in Northern Ireland

To retain and coach bridge to under 25s in Northern Ireland

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### **Peggy Bayer**

Conor Gallagher, Luke McGarvey, Xander Todd, Lucy O’Kane, Aileen Armstrong  
& Min-Seog Kim. NPC Sandie Millership

### **Junior Camrose**

Ridwan Farouki , John-William Carey, Ryan Lightowler, Craig Smylie, Gavin Irvine  
& Phil Martin. NPC Diane Greenwood

We had a very successful Peggy Bayer, Junior Camrose which was hosted by NIBU.  
Thanks to all who helped.

Thanks especially to Helen Hall her first International Match as Manager.

All the other Unions sang our praises and couldn’t believe we had all Junior Camrose  
Matches covered on BBO.

Diane and I continue to be part of the Irish Youth Committee and I must say it has been very  
rewarding.

We will be running a Summer Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> July in King’s Hospital Dublin. Only costing 50  
euros per person rest will be paid by the IBUYC.

Coaching will be offered by IBU throughout the year.

We will be running coaching in Derryvolgie over the Summer.

William Dukelow & Dean Bradley have agreed to help the prospective Junior Camrose with  
coaching on BBO

Thanks to Diane and Sandie our coaching will continue on BBO.

## **Northern Ireland Schools Bridge**

There are three secondary schools who have bridge clubs – Belfast Royal Academy (B.R.A.) Carrickfergus Grammar School (C.G.S.) Bangor Grammar School (B.G.S.)

Stuart Graham coaches in B.R.A.

John Reid & Norman Lacey coach in C.G.S.

Andrew Walker coaches in B.G.S.

They played in their Inter Schools C competitions and sent teams to the All Ireland Schools in Galway thanks to a donation from NIBU. School budgets are tight so this was much appreciated.

Coaching in schools & keeping the players who go off to University on board is an uphill struggle so anyone who could help in anyway would be much appreciated.

### **Primary School Bridge Project**

Norma Irwin & Norman Lacey have done sterling work organising this project.

#### **Timetabled in**

**Greenisland:** Wednesday and Thursday, 2 classes with 64 pupils. 8 tutors

**Eden:** Tuesday 1 class, 32 pupils taught in 2 groups. 2 tutors

**St. Mary's:** Monday 2 classes 64 pupils 4 tutors each tutor doing a double session.

#### **After School Club**

**Strandtown:** 22 pupils 4 tutors

Schools have appreciated the work we have done with the pupils and would like us to set up the lessons for Spring Term next year. Pupils have been receptive and some are showing potential, even at this early stage. We played Minibridge as an introduction but got as far as 1NT openers with balanced and unbalanced responses. A few groups reached suit openers. Tutors have all worked on a voluntary basis and they have enjoyed the experience with several offering their services for next year too.

**Saint Malachy's** College hope to start in September.

**Assumption Grammar, The High School** Ballynahinch, **St. Convilles, and St. Columcilles** Crossgar are all on board for September.

Two Primary schools in Portstewart/ Portrush are also on board for September

Downpatrick and Derry also hope to start primary schools in September.

All this takes a lot of organisation. So if you would like to help please contact Norma or Norman.

**Pat Johnston**  
**Chairperson**

**The NIBU Council has not yet read or  
officially accepted the reports  
contained in this booklet**

**The reports are the views and opinions  
of the various individuals and committees  
and not necessarily those of the Council**

