

# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**25TH JUNE 2017**

# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

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

To be presented to members at the NIBU Annual General Meeting 2017

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# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

## **2017 Annual General Meeting of the Executive Council**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**
- 4. Matters Arising**
- 5. To receive the report of:**
  - a. The Chairman**
  - b. The Honorary Secretary**
  - c. The Honorary Treasurer / Chair of Management Committee**
  - d. The Honorary Master Points Secretary**
  - e. The Honorary Competitions Secretary / Chair of Tournament Committee**
  - f. The Chair of the Selection Committee**
  - g. The Chair of the Law & Ethics Committee**
  - h. The Chair of the Youth Committee**
- 6. To receive and pass Financial Accounts if thought fit, for year ended 31 March 2017**
- 7. Chairman's address**
- 8. President's address**
- 9. To elect nominees to the office of:**
  - a. Vice-Chair**
  - b. Honorary Secretary**
  - c. Honorary Treasurer**
  - d. Honorary Competitions Secretary**
  - e. Honorary Master Points Secretary**
  - f. Honorary International Match Manager**
- 10. To elect twelve representatives of affiliated clubs to serve on the NIBU Council. These to include the Vice-Chair as ex officio.**
- 11. Presentation of trophies**
- 12. Any other business.**

**Michael McFaul**  
**Honorary Secretary**

## **Report of the Honorary Chair**

I have enjoyed my first year as chair although I would have liked to have had the time to visit more clubs. My personal life made time consuming and emotional demands on me with the birth of my twin grandchildren and the illness and death of my brother, all in New York.

There were other deaths here also that were sudden and shocked the bridge community, June Spears and Norma Perceival-Price who were willing assistants of the Tournament Committee, Cecil Richey former NIBU President and Chair and Ciara Burns, recent NIBU Chair and enthusiastic promoter of clubs and Intermediate Bridge.

Visiting clubs was a delightful experience and I cannot express deeply enough my gratitude for the warm welcome I received from the secretaries and club members. I hope to have more time for this pleasant task in the coming year.

The NIBU is made up of many parts and is complicated with a council, sub-committees and additional volunteers, numbering about 100 in total including the Secretaries of the Clubs of whom there are 41. Its function is basically to promote the game, assist and encourage affiliated clubs, provide competitions and ranking levels for members and select teams to represent our small country. The Club Secretaries play a vital role in liaising with the members on our behalf.

The clubs are the backbone of the Union and it is my passion to increase awareness and communication between the management and the clubs, to discover the needs of clubs and endeavour to satisfy those needs – all suggestions welcome.

There is a myth that a lot of money is spent on the international players representing our country. The players pay to play in trials, raising funds for the matches and those successful also pay their own hotel expenses. This year we hosted the Senior Camrose at no cost as it was generously sponsored by Ian Lindsay and Greer Mackenzie. I take this opportunity to thank all those who transported players to and from the airport and those who volunteer their services every year at international matches. At least 24 volunteers are needed at each of these weekends.

It is often said that our teams are not very successful at international level but we have to consider that Northern Ireland has a population of 1.8m compared with England 65m, Scotland 5.5m, ROI 4.5m and Wales 3m. I am very proud that we are able to compete at all at this level. There are four counties in England, each with a larger population than N Ireland.

Competition Bridge is vital to the success of our Union and I plead with you all to participate. Meeting new people and improving standards are the rewards.

To all those who attend competitions, presentation of prizes is now held immediately after the session due to improved technology in scoring and I ask, therefore, that all players remain until after the presentation to congratulate those who were successful. Sometimes it is sadly only the volunteers and the winners that are present.

I thank all those who supported me during the past year, especially the management committee, Anne Fitzpatrick, Liz Scott, Michael McFaul, Robin Burns and all of Council.

I also thank the sub-committees, Tournament, Selection, Laws & Ethics and Youth whose members worked tirelessly throughout the year.

The Youth Committee works in conjunction with the schools to organise coaching and selection of teams for national and international matches.

I thank our Tournament Directors – especially Alan Hill who gives freely of his time organising seminars for those wishing to improve their directing skills. Sandie Millership, also a Tournament Director, organises the congresses and with her vast experience in Junior international bridge, is a vital member of the Youth Committee.

I pay special tribute to Ian Hamilton who dedicates an enormous amount of his personal time to the Inter Club competition and other tasks.

I thank Derek Cannell for his excellent work as editor and producer of our magazine and am sorry to see him retire. I hope someone will volunteer to take up that challenge soon.

I look forward to the new season with hope and enthusiasm.

*Anne Hassan*

Hon Chair NIBU (hassan.anne@gmail.com)

## **Report of the Honorary Secretary**

This has been a relatively quiet year for the Union following a period of some turmoil surrounding administrative and constitutional issues.

At the 2016 AGM John Bergin handed the chairman's baton to Anne Hassan and Ian Lindsay took over as President from Ian Hamilton. The Officers were unchanged.

### **The Revised Constitution**

The 2016 Constitution was passed by members present. This resulted in the NIBU ruling Council being expanded to 18 – the President, Chairman, 4 Officers and 12 Councillors representing the affiliated clubs.

The adopted Constitution offered members a choice of voting entitlement at future General Meetings of the Union – either on the basis of 'one-member-one –vote' or 'delegates only'. Members voted to adopt the latter option – a decision that needed to be ratified at an EGM. For various reasons it was not possible to hold the EGM until it could be run concurrently with the 2017 AGM.

It will be a relief to many that there are no plans to propose any major changes to the 2016 Constitution. At the EGM it will be proposed that the 'delegates option' be adopted and also that the Youth Committee be promoted to the level of standing committee on a par with the other 3 e.g. Selection, Tournament, Laws & Ethics.

### **Council & Committees**

During the year immediately following the 2016 AGM, Council met on 6 occasions. The Tournament Committee met 3 times, Laws & Ethics Committee twice and the Selection Committee met 11 times. The Secretary attended all but 3 of the meetings.

The Management Committee, now under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Treasurer, met immediately before each Council meeting in order to review the Union's finances and prepare for the Council meeting to follow.

### **Affiliation**

The number of clubs affiliated to the Union remains unchanged at 41. During the year it became necessary to clarify the Union's policy on membership following a situation when it was found that a trial entrant was not currently a member of an affiliated club and thus, in theory ineligible to play. Since a member could find themselves in such a position through no fault of their own i.e. by having paid their club subscription but the club not having re-affiliated at the time, it was agreed that 'eligible' membership would include the previous year. So to clarify:

- The Bridge 'season' runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> and this is concurrent with the 'affiliation' year. Clubs may have a different cycle in respect of their own members' dues.

- Affiliation fees are requested in October and payable from November 1<sup>st</sup> for the current season
- Any club not paid up by February 1<sup>st</sup> is deemed to have dis-affiliated.
- To be a registered member, a player must join an affiliated club. There is no provision for individual membership of the NIBU.
- A club must pay on behalf of all their members whether or not any member belongs to more than one club.

### **Diary**

For the past season, the NIBU joined with the CBAI and IBU to produce a joint diary and fixture list. This change resulted in considerably more sales than before and it is planned to repeat it for 2017-18. Given the need for each jurisdiction to attract entrants to competitions all over Ireland, the change must be welcomed as one that makes forward planning much easier. The NIBU fixture list is designed as far as possible not to clash with important events elsewhere.

### **Correspondence**

The Union is sent publicity at regular intervals on bridge events being held nationwide and across Europe. Currently we are being invited to send a team to the 2018 Commonwealth Bridge event in Australia. A decision has yet to be made as to whether an official team can be entered but already a number of individuals have expressed an interest in being representatives.

### **Sadly....**

During the year we lost several members who had served the Union in previous years namely Cecil Richey, June Spiers, Norma Perceval-Price and Ciara Burns – the latter's untimely passing having stunned the wider bridge community in the week before the Spring Congress.

### **Finally**

As always, thanks must be expressed to all those who offer their services and continue to work tirelessly for the Union. Fellow officers Robin Burns, Liz Scott, Anne Fitzpatrick and Anne Hassan all give generously of their time beyond the call of duty while Brian McDowell, Sandie Millership, Alan Hill and their teams all manage to organise and direct events, congresses, internationals (even transporting visiting players from airports and train stations!). It must never be forgotten that all those who work in support of the Union, of ten in the face of difficult personal circumstances, do so as volunteers and without them, the Union simply could not function.

Michael McFaul

Hon Secretary NIBU (mjmcfaul@gmail.com)

## **Report of the Honorary Treasurer**

Our gross income has dropped by £1,778 in the year. This decrease is explained by the drop in attendances at congresses, other events and cancelled competitions due to lack of entries. The tournament committee continues to oversee the promotion of events but further efforts are required to reverse the decline in income. The Helm Cup has already been cancelled again in the coming year and attendances at the Spring Congress were very disappointing. Ian Hamilton deserves great praise for his continued work with the Interclub and Celtic Pairs which contributed £4,438 to net funds.

The decrease in competition income naturally generates a fall in expenses for the same. The NIBU had only one representative home match and no Peggy Bayer team was fielded in 2017 with consequent cost savings. A decision was made to fund the cost of entry fee in respect of the Interprovincials competition going forward. Congratulations to Ulster's Intermediate team who won the competition for the second time in a row.

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.

£1,000 bequest was received from the estate of Margot McClure and is included in sundry receipts.

A net surplus of £3,324 was achieved for the year with our reserves increasing from £48,037 to £51,631.

I would like to thank Alan Hill, Sandie Millership, Colin Jeffries, John Murchan, 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.

Any queries can be addressed to me at the email address below

*Anne Fitzpatrick*

Hon Treasurer NIBU (annefitzpatrick@bakertillymm.co.uk)



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BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	31.3.17 £	£	31.3.16 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	4		8,100		8,632
Chain of office			575		575
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks		50		100	
Debtors	5	1,362		665	
Investments	6	11,000		11,000	
Cash at bank		<u>36,210</u>		<u>35,755</u>	
		48,622		47,520	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>2,100</u>		<u>4,474</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>46,522</u>		<u>43,046</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>55,197</u>		<u>52,253</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>					
Junior Bridge Reserve	8		4,217		4,217
Profit and loss account	8		<u>50,980</u>		<u>48,036</u>
			<u>55,197</u>		<u>52,253</u>

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Treasurer on ..... and were signed by:

.....  
Mrs Anne Fitzpatrick (Treasurer)

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	31.3.17		31.3.16	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>				
Net Congress income	(142)		75	
Competitions	13,805		14,263	
Trials	2,410		2,950	
Affiliation fees	10,337		10,525	
Sale of stationery and requisites	384		235	
Interclub & Celtic Pairs	<u>4,438</u>		<u>4,962</u>	
		31,232		33,010
<b>Cost of sales</b>				
Opening stock	100		200	
Closing stock	<u>(50)</u>		<u>(100)</u>	
		<u>50</u>		<u>100</u>
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>		31,182		32,910
<b>Other income</b>				
Sundry receipts	1,210		525	
Ulster Bank Savings account interest	15		11	
National Savings Income Bond interest	<u>117</u>		<u>138</u>	
		<u>1,342</u>		<u>674</u>
		32,524		33,584
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Insurance	1,082		1,019	
Venue hire	1,515		1,564	
Competition expenses	8,332		8,320	
Printing, postage and stationery	914		1,297	
Representation matches expenses	7,858		8,205	
Affiliation fees	2,600		2,600	
Honoraria	3,400		3,400	
Public relations	196		399	
Officers' expenses	541		102	
Coaching	296		-	
Sundry expenses	500		172	
Accountancy	600		600	
Donation Chennai	-		1,500	
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(403)		(320)	
Bank charges	<u>90</u>		<u>88</u>	
		<u>27,521</u>		<u>28,946</u>
		5,003		4,638
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Depn of tables	253		280	
Depn of Duplimate Machine etc	1,177		1,091	
Computer equipment	<u>629</u>		<u>839</u>	
		<u>2,059</u>		<u>2,210</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<u>2,944</u>		<u>2,428</u>

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

### **June 2017**

I must begin by recording the unfortunate death of June Spiers in September 2016. June was invaluable to the Tournament Committee and did an awful lot of work for the NIBU in the 'background'. Following on from June's death, Barbara Ewart was invited to join the Tournament Committee and she is now doing much of the work done by June. My thanks are due to the Tournament Committee, comprising Anne Hassan, Ian Hamilton, David Leeman, Brian McDowell, Michael McFaul and Barbara Ewart for all their hard work. Special thanks to Barbara Ewart who emailed everyone every month informing them of what competitions were on and when, David Leeman who kept an inventory of all our equipment and checked bidding box contents regularly and Ian Hamilton for all his work on the Interclub competitions. The TC met 4 times throughout the year.

To say that entries to the various competitions during 2016/17 are disappointing, is an understatement. Due to lack of interest 5 competitions had to be cancelled; the Robb Cup (an Inter B competition), the Down & District Inter A/B Pairs, the Open Individual, and the Helm Cup. However, having said that, 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 Lindsay and TD'd by Sandie Millership, thank you Sandie.

The Premier 2 League, Inter A and Inter B Leagues were organised and TD'd by Ian Lindsay, thank you Ian.

The Novice League was organised and TD'd by Pat Johnston, thank you Pat.

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.

We hosted the Teltscher Trophy this year, organised by Brian McDowell and Anne Hassan, another successful event TD'd by Fearghal O'Boyle and Mairead Basquille. Unfortunately Anne was unable to attend at the event but her place was taken by Pat Johnston, another tireless worker for the Union.

Brian also organised the NI Teams event in Coleraine and this was a great success, again my thanks Brian.

Sandie Millership is our Congress Organiser and has worked tirelessly for the NIBU for many, many years.

It has been suggested that perhaps there are too many competitions and that we should archive some of them. The TC will look at this one later this month before finalising the diary, but please let us know what your thoughts are. You can email me at [lizscott@nibu.co.uk](mailto:lizscott@nibu.co.uk) .

There were a few complaints about the lack of heat in the Boat Club. This we have addressed with the help of H Curran and the Boat Club has agreed to make sure that there is heat in playing rooms in future.

Helen Cole. Helen TD'd intermediate competitions and the participants in the competitions asked if they could have Helen TD all of their competitions. Sandie Millership TD'd the Provincial Mixed Pairs for me in Enniskillen. Eric McNicholl TD'd the Novice section of the Gala Pairs. I thank all of them for their time and commitment.

Sandie Millership and Alan Hill TD'd most of our competitions this year and without them I have no idea where we would look for TDs. They are the backbone of TDs within the NIBU. Thank you both very much.

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.

Throughout the season 2016/2017 I have been able to visit some clubs in the Province with the help of our Chair with the hope of encouraging many more people to enjoy our competitions and also to let us know what they want the NIBU to do for them. Anne and I hope to continue to do this next season.

Let me express my thanks to the clubs visited for their warm welcome, it was a delight to visit you and perhaps I will do so again during the incoming bridge year.

Liz Scott

Hon Competitions Secretary ([lizscott@nibu.co.uk](mailto:lizscott@nibu.co.uk))

## **Competition Winners 2016-17**

<b>I Mixed Pairs</b>	<b>Won by D &amp; D Greenwood (5 tables)</b>
<b>Senior/Inter B</b>	<b>Won by N Mooney &amp; R Nicholas (7 tables)</b>
<b>Mr Monty</b>	<b>Won by J Boyd &amp; H McKee (8 tables)</b>
<b>East Down Teams</b>	<b>Won by R Morrow, Ed Andrew, B Scott &amp; W Somerville (11 teams)</b>
<b>Robb Cup</b>	<b>Competition Cancelled</b>
<b>Mid Ulster A/B</b>	<b>Won by J Crockett &amp; L Crockett (8.5 tables)</b>
<b>Belfast Swiss Pairs</b>	<b>Won by R Burns &amp; D Greenwood (9.5 tables)</b>
<b>Down District Inter A/B</b>	<b>Competition Cancelled (No entries)</b>
<b>NI Pairs</b>	<b>Won by K Hammond &amp; T Young (10.5 tables)</b>
<b>Provincial Mixed Pairs</b>	<b>Won by I Hamilton &amp; C O'Donnell (7.5 tables)</b>
<b>Intermediate Individual</b>	<b>Competition Cancelled (3 pairs entered)</b>
<b>NI Teams</b>	<b>Won by H Cole, T Currie, D Leeman &amp; K Ginn (13 teams)</b>
<b>East Down Pairs</b>	<b>Won by K Ginn &amp; D Leeman (11 tables)</b>
<b>North Down A/B</b>	<b>Won by B Ewart &amp; J Baird (4 tables)</b>
<b>Louis Herbert</b>	<b>Won by S &amp; J Millership (8.5 tables)</b>
<b>Mid Ulster Pairs</b>	<b>Won by M Murray &amp; E Andrew (13 tables)</b>
<b>Intermediate A/B Pairs</b>	<b>Won by R Nicholas &amp; J Young (8.5 tables)</b>

<b>North Down Pairs</b>	<b>Won by M McFaul &amp; N Cauwood (8 tables)</b>
<b>Northern Pairs</b>	<b>Won by E McNicholl &amp; S McNutt (21 tables)</b>
<b>Senior/Inter A</b>	<b>Won by T Sproule &amp; D Patterson (12.5 tables)</b>
<b>Open Individual</b>	<b>Competition Cancelled (2 pairs entered)</b>
<b>Inter Club Teams (HELM)</b>	<b>Competition Cancelled (3 Teams entered)</b>
<b>Gala Pairs</b>	<b>Inter A – G Jamison &amp; K Cassidy</b>
	<b>Inter B – J Young &amp; M Brady</b>
	<b>Novice – D Gilroy &amp; D Gilroy</b>
<b><u>Leagues:</u> Prem 1 –</b>	<b>ATR Anderson, D Greenwood, T Currie, P Tranmer</b>
<b>Prem 2 –</b>	<b>D Lindsay, M Brennan, R Blair, M Bleakley</b>
<b>Inter A –</b>	<b>P &amp; A Murdock, M Hogg, P Duggan, B Lawless</b>
<b>Inter B –</b>	<b>V Brann, J Forsythe, T McGarry, J McCormick</b>
<b>Novice –</b>	<b>P Cooley, C McAuley, A Overell, M Wilson</b>
<b><u>Cups</u> Kelvin Cup -</b>	<b>ATR Anderson, D Greenwood, T Currie, P Tranmer</b>
<b>Mackinnon Cup-</b>	<b>I Hamilton, S Hall, G Mackenzie, J Ferguson</b>
<b>Millership Cup-</b>	<b>A Hassan, T McKeever, E Butterwick, B McCormick</b>

***Liz Scott***

***(Hon Comp Sec)***

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## Report of the Hon. Master-Points Secretary 2016/17

Another year as Master Point Sec. has reached a successful conclusion. As usual, I would like to thank all the club secretaries, Alan Hill, Sandie Millership, Ian Lindsay and Ian Hamilton for efforts in getting all the results to me in a timely and efficient manner.

The following 30 bridge clubs returned master points:-

Armagh	Bangor	Bann	Boat Club	Brunswick	City of Derry
Coleraine	Cookstown	Derry Ladies	Derryvolgie	Devenish	Downshire
Dromore(Down)	Foyle	Holywood	K&M	Kilrea	Killyleagh
Merville	Portstewart	Newcastle	Portadown	Shandon	Strabane
Spa	St. Josephs	St. Michaels	Teconnaught	Warrenpoint	Windsor

There are now 1786 members on the NIBU database. The grade break up is:-

75 Expert Players
136 Senior Players
349 Intermediate 'A' Players
1226 Intermediate 'B' Players

While the number of players in the various ranks are as follows:-

Premier Grand Master	3	Grand Master	13
Premier Life Master	5	Life Master	25
Premier National Master	14	National Master	9
Senior Provincial Master	17	Junior Provincial Master	27
Tournament Master	20	Master	409
County Master	173	Local Master	206
Club Master	342	Unranked	523

### Players of the Year

#### Intermediate 'B'

1<sup>st</sup> Valerie Young  
2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Clegg

#### Intermediate 'A'

1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Ewart  
2<sup>nd</sup> Philsie Mulholland

#### Senior

1<sup>st</sup> David Greenwood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rex Anderson

### Billy Kelso Trophy

This year's winner is **Ian Hamilton**

Congratulations to all the above.

Robin Burns Hon.Master-Points Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

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RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

INTERMEDIATE 'B' to INTERMEDIATE 'A'

1106 R Kilpatrick	1131 S Irwin	1278 V Linter
2044 J Harbinson	2065 E Patterson	2883 V Young
3278 A Brown	3675 D Johnston	3987 B Adair
4540 G McCormick	3475 C Jones	3599 H Priestly
4074 T McKearney	4108 K McAuley	4311 B McCormick
4638 E Butterwick	4704 M James	4765 M Brady
4903 C Moorhead	5000 J McCormick	

INTERMEDIATE 'A' to SENIOR

4278 G Mulholland

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2017 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Master Points Secretary and received before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017. An e-mailed appeal is also acceptable.

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# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## PROMOTIONS LIST      JUNE 2017

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### **1      Premier Life Master**

1924   AJ   Sharp

### **3      National Master**

2802   T   Currie

2963   D   Friel

4126   A   Bergin

### **1      5\* Senior Provincial Master**

3710   E   McNicholl

### **2      3\* Senior Provincial Master**

1157   K   Hammond

4436   ACM   O'Gallagher

### **1      1\* Senior Provincial Master**

2667   T   Young

### **1      Senior Provincial Master**

4127   J   Bergin

### **2      4\* Junior Provincial Master**

1742   D   Gregg

2187   AH   Burns

### **1      1\* Junior Provincial Master**

1042   T   McKeever

### **1      1\* Tournament Master**

1708   P   Turkington

### **3      Tournament Master**

1051   A   Curran

1822   D   Doyle

1859   F   McDonald

### **1      6\* Master**

1641   E   Bryan

### **4      5\* Master**

1103   A   Killen

1797   S   McIvor

1941   K   McCay

2216   S   Donaghy

### **5      4\* Master**

1527   J   Gormley

2257   E   McQuilkin

2871   O   Cooke

3196   J   Forde

3618   Y   Banks

### **5      3\* Master**

1212   P   McAreavey

1517   M   Cooke

2328   M   Hogg

3831   S   Barr

3977   C   McCool

### **13      2\* Master**

1044   A   Hassan

1050   S   Cairns

1288   J   Rooney

1421   D   Malcolm

1511   P   Lyncheaun

2334   B   Lawless

2794   J   Hughes

3169   M   Rafferty

3392   D   Cannell

3414   M   McGaughey

3681   J   Baird

4034   WF   McCloskey

4349   B   Ewart

### **16      1\* Master**

1131   S   Irwin

1614   R   Brooks

1735   BA   Finey

2051   H   Johnston

2165 J Houston  
 2166 E Godfrey  
 2236 N McMahon  
 2723 I McQueen  
 2765 G Jamison  
 2799 EM O'Neill  
 3109 L Agar  
 3277 B Burnett  
 3282 PM Welsh  
 4122 T Whitten  
 4335 M Hamilton  
 4945 P Duggan

## 20 *Advanced Master*

1104 D Cahill  
 1106 R Kilpatrick  
 1166 C Mitchell  
 1278 V Linter  
 1312 K Pinkerton  
 1560 M Sayliss  
 2301 H Brown  
 2883 V Young  
 3278 A Brown  
 3480 G Henry  
 3599 H Priestly  
 3691 J Harrison  
 4099 L Higgins  
 4108 K McAuley  
 4540 G McCormick  
 4704 M James  
 4765 M Brady  
 4903 C Moorhead  
 4943 B Collins  
 5000 J McCormick

## 22 *Master*

1063 F Higgins  
 1290 C Boston

1330 M Horgan  
 2036 D Bradley  
 2058 M McNamee  
 2065 E Patterson  
 2146 M Corrigan  
 2339 T Horridge  
 3474 E Jones  
 3504 M Kelly  
 3905 U Cole  
 3923 S Leggett  
 3937 B Coull  
 4075 S Quinn  
 4135 B Johnston  
 4304 P Donnelly  
 4314 K Hinds  
 4624 J Patterson  
 4638 E Butterwick  
 4737 G McNamee  
 4759 S Jeffries  
 4831 R Nicholas

## 25 *County Master*

1146 L McCreery  
 1155 E Mulvenna  
 1368 J Flynn  
 1958 J Tinsley  
 2256 J McAnee  
 2340 D Davey  
 2653 P McCusker  
 2709 M O'Leary  
 2781 M Fitzpatrick  
 2881 J Stitt  
 3457 U O'Kane  
 3515 S McNeill  
 3645 M McLaughlin  
 3766 A Milligan  
 4149 J Conlon

4272 JL Boyd  
 4364 B McQuaid  
 4478 P Fitzpatrick  
 4577 D Gibbons  
 4585 B McAleavey  
 4657 J Hughes  
 4661 PJ Martin  
 4770 S Gillan  
 4832 F Thompson  
 4950 S Ward

**66 Local Master**

1027 M Hunt  
 1046 B Nicholl  
 1108 A Shane  
 1337 N Shields  
 1366 A Harte  
 1645 N Lynch  
 1838 P Hughes  
 2029 B Moore  
 2193 S McDonagh  
 2251 A Wallace  
 2281 M Carroll  
 2426 M Murray  
 2450 M Forbes  
 2478 H Lindsay  
 2493 G Singh  
 2912 I Montgomery  
 3018 T Corr  
 3020 F McKeown  
 3036 S Boswell  
 3052 H Scott  
 3056 M Lennon  
 3074 J Carleton  
 3080 A Guinn  
 3083 A Buckley  
 3194 A Stewart

3455 T Hughes  
 3648 U Fearon  
 3698 V Russell  
 3704 A McNiff  
 3731 W Curran  
 3750 M McFarland  
 3932 S Kane  
 3982 V VonHoff  
 3992 G Lunn  
 4077 H Cummings  
 4093 M Guerin  
 4107 M Maguire  
 4191 M Crawford  
 4326 M Gallagher  
 4438 L Carson  
 4439 P Blacker  
 4481 J Campbell  
 4493 D Woods  
 4639 A O'Rourke  
 4662 IM Martin  
 4688 M O'Connor  
 4838 D Houston  
 4891 M McHugh  
 4901 S McCarter  
 5018 P McEvoy  
 5093 C Jones  
 5096 D Breen  
 5099 L McCullagh  
 5100 A Clark  
 5102 S McCullagh  
 5125 E Whittall  
 5144 R Perrott  
 5149 L Hunter  
 5155 I Trotter  
 5219 C McAleavey  
 5249 E Nauyokaitis

5265 C Stewart  
 5269 A Johnston  
 5301 M Hegarty  
 5308 S McCullagh  
 5376 S McNutt

## **87 Club Master**

1035 J Moore  
 1139 I Rodgerston  
 1253 AE Stalker  
 1303 R Ross  
 1787 R Curran  
 1813 M Shaw  
 2219 S Heneghan  
 2244 R McCormack  
 3031 N Houston  
 3055 M O'Neill  
 3058 J McKeown  
 3075 J Knox  
 3079 J Sutherland  
 3087 K Leonard  
 3088 S Magee  
 3090 M McGarrity  
 3602 K Harper  
 3659 R Mulholland  
 3670 L Johnston  
 3833 M Chen  
 3920 A Cullen  
 3926 R McClean  
 3942 A Fitzpatrick  
 4372 A Atkins  
 4508 J McCosker  
 4690 J Watson  
 4732 D Morgan  
 4791 M Jamieson  
 4794 D McGuckian  
 4805 H White

4940 D McMahon  
 5073 J Collinson  
 5089 F Gilliland  
 5094 L Rainey  
 5107 E Lynch  
 5108 D McLoughlin  
 5111 L Piper  
 5113 C Beagon  
 5114 P Boylan  
 5121 RM Morrow  
 5134 G Morrison  
 5140 H Sproule  
 5153 M Deegan  
 5172 M McLaughlin  
 5173 A Currie  
 5174 C Taylor  
 5175 V Addy  
 5182 C Stewart  
 5194 P Brown  
 5205 B Boyd  
 5206 L McLaughlin  
 5216 P Fitzsimons  
 5225 A Beattie  
 5226 N Beattie  
 5236 A Kincade  
 5272 A Conaty  
 5275 M Collier  
 5277 M McGivern  
 5279 B Miller  
 5284 B Neeson  
 5285 B McLaughlin  
 5293 M McGarvey  
 5300 D Doherty  
 5302 M Hegarty  
 5309 C McDonald  
 5314 C Niven

5317	A	Harper
5323	R	Anthony
5325	M	Brown
5328	F	Maxwell
5329	K	McClintock
5330	M	McFarland
5335	J	Henderson
5338	N	McCoy
5339	W	Alexander
5340	D	Alexander
5349	J	Mullen
5356	V	Sterritt
5396	D	Williamson
5401	J	MacKay
5418	C	Fay
5419	M	Gilmore
5420	J	Gilmore
5422	C	McIlwaine
5423	O	Moore
5424	K	Powrie
5425	K	Bialowas

## **NIBU Selection Committee Annual Report 2016-17**

During the year teams have been selected for two Camrose matches, the Lady Milne series, the Junior Camrose, the Inter-provincials and the Teltscher Trophy. The 2017 North-South match has not yet been played and Teams are yet to be selected. Trials were held for the Camrose, Lady Milne and Senior Camrose. The NIBU was unable to field a team for the Peggy Bayer. The constituent players for all the above competitions and the results achieved are all on public record so I will be repeat them here.

The Selection Committee this year has had a somewhat turbulent time. Only a few weeks into its tenure Harold Curran stepped down as Chair although agreed to remain on the Committee. After due process was observed I replaced Harold as Chairman. The subsequent selection of the Team for the second Camrose weekend caused a considerable furore. I have no wish to add further fuel to that fire, suffice it to say that the Committee acted with what was considered to be in the best long term interests of the NIBU when the original selection was made. Council disagreed and overturned the selection, as it was their right so to do. End of story.

I am happy to report that the Committee completed a major revamp and expansion to the SC Reference Manual which is now with Council for their consideration. Once ratified, it will provide clear guidance to future Committees on best practice.

Finally I would like to offer my sincere thanks to my fellow Committee members and the NIBU Hon Sec., all of whom worked very hard to make the Committee a success. Many of them have been subjected to levels of vitriol that at best would be considered inappropriate and excessive. Selection is a complex, sensitive and difficult activity so I respectfully request that the NIBU membership remember that in future before starting to bay for blood.

*Paul Tranmer,*

Selection Committee Chairman.

## ***Laws and Ethics Committee***

### ***Chair Report 2016 - 2017***

The Laws & Ethics Committee members appointed by Council on 23rd June 2016 were – Alan Sharp [convenor], Rex Anderson, Ian Hamilton, Norma Irwin, Sheelagh McCaughan, Toni Sproule, Paul Tranmer and Elbha Walmsley.

Toni Sproule withdrew from the Committee prior to the first meeting.

The Committee met on 25th October 2016 when Rex Anderson was appointed as Chair and again on 18th January 2017. Agendas and minutes of the meetings are published on the NIBU website.

On 24th January 2017 the Committee forwarded to the Secretary of the NIBU the draft minutes of the January meeting together with the following documents for Council to consider and amend/approve as appropriate amendments to the following documents –

Terms of reference of the Committee

Standing Orders

Code of Conduct

Disciplinary procedures

League and Cup rules

Announcing and alerting guidelines

The Committee suggested that the amendments to League and Cup rules and announcing and alerting guidelines be referred by Council to the Tournament Committee before being considered by Council.

The Committee recommended that after approval by Council all the documents be published on the NIBU website.

At the Council meeting held on 1st February 2017 Council deferred consideration of the documents submitted by the Committee.

The Chair attended at the Council meeting held on 11th May 2017 at Corr's Corner to respond to the one query raised by Council members prior to that meeting. The Council meeting was inquorate and no business was transacted.

No appeals or matters within the current terms of reference have been dealt with by the Committee.

*Rex Anderson* [Chair]

## **Youth Development Committee**

### **Report of the Chair**

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

Chairperson - Diane Greenwood

#### **Committee members –**

Sandie Millership, Norma Irwin, Barbara Lomas & Pat Johnston.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

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

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

#### **Peggy Bayer**

A team was picked for the Peggy Bayer this year but owing to various commitments at least 3 of the 6 participants were unavailable.

It was decided not to send a team because of the lack of other eligible students.

#### **Junior Camrose**

Ridwan Farouki & John-William Carey, Lucy Kinnear & Phil Adams, Ryan Lightowler & Phil Adams.

NPC – Sandie Millarship

BBO training was undertaken for all.

#### **Northern Ireland School Bridge**

There are four secondary schools who have bridge clubs – Belfast Royal Academy (B.R.A.), Carrickfergus Grammar School (C.G.S.), Bangor Grammar School (B.G.S.), Coleraine Academical Institution (C.A.I.)

C.A.I didn't enter schools competitions as they only have novices but hopefully they will enter next year.

Rhys Evans coaches in C.A.I.

Barbara Lomas coach in B.R.A.

John Reid coaches in C.G.S.

Andrew Walker coaches in B.G.S.



### School Pairs Results

1st Ryan Christie & Bertie Parkinson

2nd Kenny Cloke & Joshua Boyd

Novices

1st Laura Colville & Xander Todd

2nd Daniel Alderdice & Cameron Kane

### School Team Results

Seniors

1st Tom Charlick & Mark Hamilton, Bertie Parkinson & Ryan Christie

2nd Conor Gallagher & Rachel Gamble, Joshua Boyd & Josh Mills

Novices

1st Emma McQuitty & Partner, Daniel Porter & Adam Hendry

### **Primary School Bridge**

Schools teaching at Strandtown Primary has not taken place this year but Norma Irwin will contact Victoria, Stranmillis, St Bride's & Fullerton re after school club being held in Derryvolgie Clubrooms

### Galway

Great year in Galway as usual for our entrants.

GOLD MEDAL (Gay Keaveney Trophy)

1st Molly O'Donnell & Lucy O'Kane

Roma Mulholland & Cameron McAughey

Silver Cup

3rd Alan Scott & Johnny Haywood, & Lauren Colville & Xander Todd

Online Coaching is to continue over the summer months.

Hopefully Stuart Graham will return in June to take over the running of the School Bridge.

*Diane Greenwood (Chair)*

## NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

Notice is given that an **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the Union will take place immediately following conclusion of the 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Notice**

That amendments to the 2016 Constitution be agreed as follows:

***That Clause 4.1. be replaced by the 'Alternative' Clause 4.1 providing for appointment of delegates by clubs with only delegates entitled to vote at a general meeting.***

***That Clause 5.2. be amended to include the 'Youth Committee' as a Standing Committee of the Union.***

*Michael McFaul*

Honorary Secretary.

### ***'Present' Clause 4.1***

#### **4.1 General Meetings**

These provisions shall apply to each general meeting of the Union

4.1.1 Each meeting of the Union shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

4.1.2 The Secretary shall e-mail the secretary of each affiliated club at least 14 days prior to a meeting of the Union, setting the time, date and venue of the meeting and sending the agenda and all accompanying papers in respect of the business to be transacted, including in the case of an AGM the report of each Officer, the annual accounts and balance sheet.

4.1.3 The agenda and all accompanying papers shall be posted on the Union website concurrently.

4.1.4 Each member of the Union shall be entitled to attend and address a meeting.

**4.1.5 Each member attending a meeting shall be entitled to one vote on any motion or resolution presented at a meeting.**

4.1.6 A meeting shall be deemed to be quorate when 25 or more members are present.

4.1.7 The draft minutes of a meeting of the Union shall be circulated within 28 days after a meeting of the Union.

## ***'Alternative' Clause 4.1***

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4.1.3 The agenda and all accompanying papers shall be posted on the Union website concurrently.

4.1.4 Each member of the Union shall be entitled to attend and address a meeting.

**4.1.5 Each affiliated club may appoint a delegate or delegates ('the delegates') to attend a general meeting. Only such delegates are entitled to vote at a general meeting.**

**4.1.6 Club secretaries shall notify the Secretary in writing of the names of each delegate of their respective club at least 7 days prior to a general meeting.**

**4.1.7 At a general meeting each delegate properly notified to the Secretary shall be entitled to one vote on each motion or resolution presented at a meeting.**

**4.1.8 The number of members of an affiliated club shall determine the number of delegates which the affiliated club shall be entitled to appoint as follows:-**

<b>Club membership</b>	<b>Number of delegates</b>
<b>1 - 40</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>41 - 70</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>71 - 100</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>101 - 130</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>131 - 160</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>161 and more</b>	<b>8</b>

4.1.9 A meeting shall be deemed to be quorate when 25 members or more are present.

4.1.10 If a meeting is found to be inquorate business shall cease to be transacted.

4.1.11 The draft minutes of a meeting of the Union shall be circulated within 28 days after a meeting of the Union.