

## Selection Committee Report June 2023

### SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Harold Curran(Chairperson), Nuala Mooney(Vice Chairperson), Ruth Connolly, John Lavery, Michael Stephenson, and Michael Coffey.

ULSTER TRIALS were held face-to-face over 2 weekends. 8 pairs entered although Covid robbed us of one pair on the second weekend. The First 3 pairs from the NIBU qualified for the Camrose Team provided they played for Ulster in the Inter Pros. This formula proved successful when Ulster Senior Team finished second overall losing out to a powerful Leinster Team. Our best result for years. The incoming SC might consider a change of venue for next season, such as Derry which would perhaps encourage more entries from the west of the Ulster.

LADY MILNE trials were reduced to one weekend due to a very disappointing entry of only 5 pairs from a diminishing pool of Lady International players. Unless there is an unexpected change in numbers this is a competition which the NIBU may well find itself having to withdraw from within a few years.

TELSCHER TROPHY TRIALS were held in February. over 1 weekend.A disappointing entry of five pairs. After team selection, we were unlucky to unavoidably lose one qualifying pair in the week prior to the competition. Our thanks to reserve pair Diane and David Greenwood for stepping in at the last minute.

MOYLAN TROPHY, a senior pairs event played annually in Malahide. The NIBU has a generous allocation of 9 places. 3 entries were received. There are many reasons for the poor entry such as recession, Covid, or a lack of interest from our top players. The six unfilled places were eagerly snapped up by the CBAI.

EGAN TROPHY is played by the 10 top teams in Ireland,3 from NIBU and 7 from CBAI. The three selected teams from the NIBU all fielded.

SONYA BRITTON TROPHY. This has not been played since 2019 but is now scheduled for August in the La Mon Hotel. The outgoing SC has selected the teams to allow players to forward plan holidays etc.

As Chairperson I would like to thank my colleagues for freely giving their time to serve on the SC. A special thanks to our Vice Chair, Nuala Mooney who has a more than significant knowledge of all NIBU players at all levels.Thanks to NIBU President John Murchan who was on hand for guidance and advice when required.

Harold Curran Chairperson SC