

Limerick Virtual Bridge Congress – Saturday Bulletin !!

Fri 9th October to Sunday 11th October 2020

We have had a great start to the weekend with 146 tables playing last night spread over 7 different tournaments.

When I posted the news online that we had 146 tables in play, someone remarked we will need a new venue next year ! Let's hope we are all back to real bridge by then.

Results can be found on www.fob.ie or <https://www.bridgewebs.com/driishresults/>

The winners of the events were as follows :-

Inter B Pairs :- PJ Garry & Jimmy Cooney
Ladies Pairs :- Sandra Newell & Noreen Pender
Mixed Pairs :- Trish Stack & Nicky Fitzgibbon
Novice Pairs :- Michael Doyle & Helena Murphy
Mens Pairs :- Dave Terry & Billy Ronan
Open Pairs :- Margaret Gillan & JJ Donlon
Fast Friday:- Eileen & Frank Davey

Today's Events in summary are as follows :-

Main Events

1.00pm & 5.00pm Congress MASTER SWISS IMP Pairs - \$10 BBO per person
NB – You are expected to play both sessions

1.00pm & 5.00pm Intermediate Swiss Pairs = \$10 BBO per person
NB – You are expected to play both sessions

Special Event SPEEDBALL Pairs @ 9.00pm \$3 BBO per person

Irish International Tom Hanlon will play with David Walsh (Camrose Captain in 2020) in this event. Tom & David have won the Master Pairs, Mens Pairs and a host of other National events between them. This is an opportunity for the regular bridge player to get to play against one of Ireland's best players or pairs ! The event is 5 x 3 brds or 8 x 2 boards (depending on numbers) and costs just 3 BBO\$. Its an opportunity not to be missed. Please note it is recommended that only Good Inter A's and Masters who have a good knowledge of BBO, play in this event as you are required to play FAST !!!

Open Pairs (7x3 Brds) - 4 Sessions – You can play in 1,2,3 or all 4

10.00 am 1.30pm 5.00pm 8.15pm

NB – Important Tips for the weekend for all events

- **If you have played already you are already unblocked for the rest of the weekend**
- **Please note the start times !!!**
- Please make sure you to register online at least 30 minutes before tournament start time – Goto All Tournaments and Search for Limerick
- When you are registering for your 1st event of the weekend, we would appreciate if you could register 90 minutes before the event, just to make sure we have your BBO name etc.
- If you are not registered on BBO in the correct event at least 15 mins before start time, there is no guarantee you will get to play
- If your BBO name is blocked Text Diarmuid 0868236618 with the following :- Your BBO name and your full name and you will be unblocked. Alternatively you can message the Tournament host CBAI 125478 or CBAI125476 and request to be unblocked.
- Entry fee for the Speedball is €3 BBO and for all other events it's \$5 BBO per session. Please note the entry fee for the 2 Session Intermediate Pairs & 2 Session Swiss Pairs on the Saturday will be taken when registering for the first session – so it is \$10 BBO per person. Please note you will NOT need to re-register for the 2nd session.
- The Entry Fee for the teams is a special rate of \$5 BBO and this covers the 2 session's
- Please read the instructions on the last page for how to enter the teams

Undo's :- Please note that Undo's will be switched on in this competition but the Director will only insist on an undo where the laws of bridge allow same in the real world. ie for a mechanical error in bidding and only before your partner has called. Any other request for an undo will be dependent on your opponent's allowing same. **Please note that in your settings you can set up your profile where it asks you to confirm all your bids, confirm all your cards or confirm both all your bids and all your cards. This will prevent mis-clicks. While slowing your actions a little bit, it certainly will prevent you mis-clicking bids or cards.**

Alerts – Please note all Non-natural bids are to be alerted (even over the level of 3NT) and on BBO you alert your own bids.

Schedule of Events (detailed Version)

Saturday 10th October

- 10.00am Open Pairs 21 boards (7x3 brds)
Standard :- This event is of Mixed Standard and is for all grades (7/8mins per brd)
- 1.00pm Congress Swiss Imp Pairs (Session 1 of 2) 1.00pm-4.15pm (5 x 6 boards)
Standard :- Mainly Master Players – Intermediate A's are welcome if they wish but the average standard will be Master or Better
- 1.00pm Intermediate Swiss MP Pairs (Session 1 of 2) 1.00pm – 4.00pm (6 x 4 boards)
Standard :- Intermediate Pairs only – Mainly Intermediate A's but Inter B's are welcome but we will only be allowing 7 minutes per board.
- 1.30pm Open Pairs 21 boards (7x3 brds)
Standard :- This event is of Mixed Standard and is for all grades (7/8mins per brd)
- 5.00pm Congress Swiss Imp Pairs (Session 2 of 2) 5.00pm – 7.50pm (4 x 6 boards)
- 5.00pm Intermediate MP Swiss Pairs (Session 2 of 2) 5.00pm – 7.45pm (6 x 4 boards)
- 5.00pm Open Pairs 21 boards (7x3 brds)
Standard :- This event is of Mixed Standard and is for all grades (7/8mins per brd)
- 8.15pm Open Pairs 21 boards (7x3 brds)
Standard :- This event is of Mixed Standard and is for all grades (7/8mins per brd)
- 9.00pm Speedball Pairs 15 Boards – 4 minutes per board !! Not for the faint hearted ☐
Standard :- This is a fun event and it's a new competition. It's speedball so 4 mins per board so little time for thinking. I would suggest Masters or competent Inter A's. When I say competent, I mean competent BBO users rather than Competent Bridge players – there won't be much time to think so fast decisions and fast clicking of cards are required.

Sunday 11th October

- 11.00am Master Swiss Teams 8 x 6 board matches (short break after 4 rounds)
(7 Mins per brd)
NB :- Please refer to Specific Team Entry Information on the last page of this document
Standard :- Mainly Master Players – Intermediate A's are welcome if they wish but the
average standard will be Master or Better
- 11.00am Intermediate Swiss Teams 8 x 6 Board Matches (short break after 4 rounds)
(7 Mins per brd)
NB :- Please refer to Specific Team Entry Information on the last page of this document
Standard :- Intermediate & Novices – Main standard will be Intermediate A's but we
welcome Intermediate B's & Novices
- 11.00am Open Pairs 21 boards (7x3 brds)
Standard :- This event is of Mixed Standard and is for all grades (7/8mins per brd)
- 2.00pm Open Pairs 21 boards (7x3 brds)
Standard :- This event is of Mixed Standard and is for all grades (7/8mins per brd)

E-Mail diarmuid.reddan@gmail.com with your entries – Please note we require the following :-

BBO Name & Full Name & Nbid (New Cbai Number) & Events you wish to play in

Please note On-line registration for all events closes 15 minutes before start time.

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Results

Friday 9th October			Table Count	
Novice Pairs	1st	Michael Doyle & Helena Murphy	Event	Total
	2nd	Margaret Delaney & Claire McSweeney		
	3rd	James & Margaret Munnelly		
			13	13
Inter B Pairs	1st	PJ Garry & Jimmy Cooney	Event	Total
	2nd	Pauric McKenna & Josephine Brady		
	3rd	Karen Prince & Wendy Buddin		
			34	47
Mixed Pairs	1st	Trish Stack & Nicky Fitzgibbon	Event	Total
	2nd	Adrian Thomas & Ceri Pierce		
	3rd	Clare & Alan Whiteford		
			18	65
Ladies Pairs	1st	Sandra Newell & Noreen Pender	Event	Total
	2nd	Katherine Lennon & Johanne Powell		
	3rd	Pearl O'Connell & Evelyn Murphy		
			31	96
Mens Pairs	1st	Dave Terry & Billy Ronan	Event	Total
	2nd	Mark Hill & Giles Ip		
	3rd	Donal Garvey & Pat Quinn		
			3	99
Open Pairs	1st	Margaret Gillan & JJ Donlon	Event	Total
	2nd	David Cope & Elizabeth Whelan		
	3rd	Maura Killackey & Carmel Murphy		
			19	118

Fast Open	1st	Eileen & Frank Davey	Event	Total
	2nd	Bernie & Joe Bissett	28	146
	3rd	Pat Dempsey & Melanie Hill		

Sunday Teams Competition

Please note Registration Opens at 8.00am

Please have your team Registered on-line before 10.30am

Teams Competitions Start at 11.00 am

Search for

Limerick Masters Swiss Teams

Or

Limerick Inter Swiss Teams

How to Register :-

Registering for teams is slightly different to pairs and there are two possibilities as follows :-

- a) The person organising the team (Player A) must log on under the old flash version of BBO, This is a link to the flash version:
<https://www.bridgebase.com/client/client.php>
(Please note this option is not available on mobile devices or ipads)
Once you are logged in the process is as follows :-
 - 1) Make sure all four members of your team, Players B,C&D are logged onto BBO
 - 2) Ask your teammates C & D to register as a pair for the event by searching for Limerick and selecting the correct teams Competition
 - 3) Make sure your teammates REMAIN ONLINE
 - 4) Now you, using the flash version, invite Player B to play
 - 5) After Player B accepts, you will now get a prompt to select teammates
 - 6) Once your teammates accept the invite, you will be entered
 - 7) Your team will now be registered

- b) If you do not have access to the flash version or if you are not able to do it you can still register as follows :-
NBNB – It's essential that all team members are logged into BBO before you start this option and please if you need to use this option, Please do it at least 1 hour before start time.
 - 1) Make sure all four members are logged into BBO and that they all have BBO \$'s
 - 2) Ask your teammates (Players C & D) to register as a pair for the event by searching for Limerick and select the relevant event. Make sure they stay online for the moment
 - 3) Now Contact the TDs "Diarmuid" by phone 0868236618 or Máiread 0879274448 or Fearghal 0862652871 and give your BBO Username and Password and they will log in as you and finalise the registration. (Please note the member contacting the TD must have BBO\$)
 - 4) He will do this by inviting your partner to join and will then ask your teammates to form a team

5) He will then text you back and You then log back in as yourself and you are registered