

BRIDGE

By OLIVE ROSE

WE WISH participants representing South Munster this coming weekend. The Best of luck in various competitions they are involved in.

Davidson Cup: Cian Holland/ Derek O'Gorman, Horst Rosler / Michael O'Shea and Jean Kelly/Betty Cotter

Laird Cup (Intermediate A): Pat Nolan and Patricia Carr, Margo Lynch /Eleanor Hipwell, Jack Grant / Pat O'Mahony and John O'Brien / John Russell

Civil Service Cup (Intermediate B): Declan O'Brien / Dymphna McDade, Therese Bradley/Fenella Begley Norma Cronin/ Triona Buckley, Hugh Twomey and Brian O'Sullivan, Dervilla Butler and Pearl O'Sullivan

Douglas Bridge Centre (The Mills)

Michael O'Connell Memorial Trophy - Novice Competition Winners: Dominic Barrett and Nuala Buckley.

Your next regional competitions/events

MARCH

25th NOVICE TROPHY - Cork Bridge Club 1.30pm - One Session Entries to Eleanor Hipwell Tel: 021 4870884 Email: eleanorhipwell@hotmail.com

30th RIORDAN CUP Cork Bridge Club 7.30pm - Open Entry

The Irish Bridge Union international trials 2012 for European Seniors Team Championship 12 - 23 June 2012

Trial Dates 30 March - 1 April 2012

Venue: Dublin. **Qualification:** Each Player must have a minimum of 30 national points or have won 15 in the past three years and be at least 60 years old in 2012.

The international committee will consider written applications for an exemption from players who do not meet the point requirement. Entries in writing, accompanied by the entry fee of

mitted to Mr Tomas Roche, 11 Talbot Downs Castleknock, Dublin 15 or Mr. Harold Curran 28 Laganvale Manor, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5BE. **NO LATER THAN 12 MARCH 2012.** Entries without the entrance fee will not be accepted

EVENING ECHO PAIRS FINAL

Results flowing in steadily, the momentum is growing - and it promises to be as good, if not better, than last year

MACROOM

6.3.12
1 Linda O'Riordan/Nellie White
2 Noreen Kelleher/Nellie Twomey
3 Carmel McSweeney/Mary O'Brien

NEWMARKET

1 Maura O'Riordan/Joan O'Connor
2 Noreen Burke/Noreen O'Connell
3 Jess McCauliffe/Mary Cahill

KINSALE

1 Mary Horgan/Brian O'Neill
2 Rona Curran/Susan Griffith
3 Teresa Casserly & Mary McCarthy
4 Sheila McCarthy/Norma Cronin



Grainne McManus, president of the Clonakilty Bridge Club presents the Clonakilty Cup to winners Martin Anderson and Nick Addey of Schull Bridge Club.

Cork players will be busy with cup action

BG1: Carolyn Duggan/Ciaran Costello
BG2: Colette Boland/Imelda McCarthy
Please note results from qualifying rounds are required by the end of March at the latest so that the competition may be graded fairly. The final will take place on Sunday the 22nd April at 1.30pm You may contact me on Tel: 023 8844947 or email: oliverose@eircom.net

CLUB RESULTS

AVONDALE 12.3.12 Gross: Emmy O'Shea/Geraldine McCarthy 2 Kathleen Lynch / Enda Young 3 Mary Troy / Monica Ahern Nett: Kathleen Lynch / Enda Young 2 Valerie Motherway /Kate Cuffe 3 Emmy O'Shea/ Geraldine McCarthy

BALLINCOLLIG 7.3.12 1 Ann Burke /Michael Carroll 2 Sheila McKiernan/Joan Stevenson 3 Eileen O'Neill/Eileen Lehane 4 Betty Pottar /Breda Curran Best Gross: Ann Burke/ Michael Carroll

BANTRY 13.3.12 Gross: 1 Karen Cummins/Breda O'Regan 2 Noel Walsh/John O'Sullivan 3 Lill Moeberger/Lucy Anderson Nett: 1 Karen Cummins/Breda O'Regan 2 Noel Walsh/John O'Sullivan 3 Lill Moeberger/Lucy Anderson

CLONAKILTY 15.3.12 1 Gerard O'Driscoll/Bernadette O'Reilly = 2nd Eithne Lordan/Paula O'Sullivan =2 Paul Mc Manus/Catherine Murray Best Gross: Gerard O'Driscoll/Bernadette O'Reilly Gross Prize: Ann O'Higgins/Andy Rockett

COLLINS 12.3.12 Room A 1 K Phil Murphy/Mary N O'Connor 2 Marie McGrath/Joan Smith 3 Ann Hogan/Larry Bracken Room B 1 Larry Devaney/John Hanlon 2 Roisin Clancy/Teresa Farry 3 Frances Kennedy/Hanna O'Sullivan

CORK BRIDGE CLUB 8.3.12 N/S 1 Alma McDoo/Clare Coholan 2 Pat Hinchy/Tadhg Harrington 3 Mary Burke/Maura Forde E/W 1 Pauline O'Hara/Therese O'Riordan 2 Russell and Pauline Williams 3 Brian and Carol CORK 12.3.12 Charity Night Section 1 N/S 1 Pat Barrett/Betty Ronayne 2 Evelyn C Murphy /Mon Hennessy 3 Breege Cosgrave/Aonghus O'Broin E/W 1 Patsy O'Connell/Maire Auchincloss 2/3 Linda O'Riordan/Nellie Whyte 2/3 Myra and Dan O'Neill Section 2 1 John O'Brien/John Russell 2 Pat O'Sullivan/Carol O'Sullivan

van 3 Mary Twomey/Brenda Turner O'Sullivan 15.3.12 1 Derry & Mary Healy 2 Mary White/Dymphna McDade 3 Frances Wilkinson/Regina O'Neill 4 Pauline & Russell Williams

CURRAGHCROWLEY 14.3.12 Upper Section 1 Nora Donovan /Hannah Kingston 2 Noreen Corcoran /Essie Bowen 3Aine Lynch /Marie Walsh 4 Kitty Cotter /Pat O'Donoghue Best Gross: Aine Lynch / Marie Walsh Lower Section 1Patty Mullaney /Ann O'Donovan 2 Caroline & Hugh Rothwell 3 Jerry & Margaret O'Flynn 4 Helen Twomey/Joan O'Donovan Best Gross: Jerry & Margaret O'Flynn

DOUGLAS BRIDGE CENTRE (The Mills) 12.3.12PM 1 C Ahern/E Foley 2 B Donovan/M Delaney 13.3.12AM Section 1 1 E O'Neill/B O'Sullivan 2 N Murphy/M Cronin Section 2 1 J Hayes/P O'Donovan 13.3.12PM Section 1 1 M Walsh/M Grace 2 B Murphy/N Trihy Section 2 1 A Mulcahy/E O'Dwyer 2 M O'Sullivan/A Hosford 14.3.12AM Section 1 1 J Cleary/H Bowman 2 Mgt McCarthy/S Power Section 2 1 C Kearney/M McLoughlin 2 B O'Neill/B O'Dwyer 14.3.12PM Section 1 1 M Roche/S Tobin 2 Em/El McCarthy Section 2 1 M Warren/C Murphy 15.3.12AM 1 M Roycroft/E Hickey 15.3.12PM Section 1 1 D/B O'Driscoll 2 J Creagh/A Lynch Section 2 1 S O'Keefe/J Kingston 16.3.12PM 1 J Kehoe/P Dennehy

DUNMANWAY 13.3.12 1 Alma Murphy/Deirdre Moloney 2 Jerry O'Flynn/Denis Cotter 3 Eileen Hurley/ Carmel Barnes 4 Maura Murray/Noreen Hurley Best Gross: Alma Murphy/Deirdre Moloney

FERMOY 13.2.12 Club Cup 1 M Thorp/A Barry 2 E Fitzgerald/M Mulkeen 3 N Greene/P O'Leary Gross: G Manley/M Cuffe Comp B: 1B O'Donnell/M Hayes 2 A Mellerick/E Kent 3 M Kenny/D Myers Gross: P Murphy/J O'Reilly 16.2.12 1 F Carson/E Fitzgerald 2 R Kinahan/M Thorp 20.2.12 Comp A 1E Wales/P Whelan 2 K Clifford/T Long 3 B Dorgan/Fr A Casey Gross: M Crowley/E Ring Comp B 1M O'Driscoll/N Carroll 2 G Manley/R Leahy 3 M Clement/E Kelleher 23.2.12 1 J Irwin/N Field 2 P McCarthy/E Kent HC: F Carson/G McCarthy Club Pairs 1J O'Reilly / N Kelleher 2 M O'Callaghan/P Byrne 3 P Murphy/C Slattery Session 1: I Cullinan /M Hayes Session 2: M

Kelleher/N Harris 27.2.12 Comp A: 1 N Noonan/B Moakley 2 G Manley/M Cuffe 3 K O'Connor/B Dorgan Gross: T Long/E Kelleher Comp B: 1 P McCarthy/E Ring 2 M Clement/P Murphy 3 J & M Moran Gross: P Geaney/J O'Reilly 1.3.12 Comp A 1 M Thorp/N Carroll 2 Sr Veronica/R Kinahan Comp B: 1 E Kelleher/P McCarthy, 2 E Wales/I Walsh 3 M N O'Connor/N Harris HC: Fr A Casey/C Haydon

KINSALE 13.3.12 Handicapped Results 1Mary Horgan/Brian O'Neill 2 Rona Curran/Susan Griffith 3 Teresa Casserly Mary McCarthy 4 Sheila McCarthy/Norma Cronin BG1: Carolyn Duggan/Ciaran Costello BG2 Colette Boland/Imelda McCarthy

LEE 12.3.12 Section A 1 Mai Higgins/Meta Collins Powell 2 Martha Brennan/Mary Maxwell 3 Helen Hennessy/Angela Lane Section B: 1 Ann Kingston/Noreen Buckley 2 Bridie Dineen/Sheila Kelleher 3 Joan Troy/Joan Lawlor.

MACROOM Echo Qualifier 6.3.12 1 Linda O'Riordan/Nellie White 2 Noreen Kelleher/Nellie Twomey 3 Carmel McSweeney/Mary O'Brien

MIDLETON 15.3.12 1 Dell Murphy/Patricia O'Sullivan 2 Ben & Nancy Dowd (Best Gross) 3 Noreen Motherway/Elizabeth Moore 4 Annette Thiney/Helen Sweeney

NEWMARKET Echo Qualifier 1 Maura O'Riordan/Joan O'Connor 2 Noreen Burke/Noreen O'Connell 3 Jess McCauliffe/Mary Cahill

OLD SCHOOL BRIDGE CENTRE 14.3.12 Gross: 1 Kay Mc Namara /Valerie Motherway 2 Eileen Irwin /Ann Keane 3 Dorothy Craven/Yvonne 4 Vera Fitzgerald/Mary O'Callaghan Nett: 1 Kay Mc Namara /Valerie Motherway 2 Vera Fitzgerald /Mary O'Callaghan 3 Tony O'Shea / Mary McCarthy 4 Avril Wallace/ Icair Mc Cabe

OWENABUE 3.12 1 Anne Caffrey/Laura Sheehan 2 Lil Kelly/Charlie O'Donnell 3 Patsy Hurley/Mary Rea 4 Angella O'Connell/Daphne Spillane

SCHULL 15.3.12 1 Frances O'Callaghan/Karen Cummins 2 Lill Moeberger/Frank Karwiczky 3 Noel Walsh/Eileen Twomey Best Gross: Frances O'Callaghan/Karen Cummins

SKIBBEREEN 15.3.12 Blue Section Gross: 1 Ann Bailey/Margaret O'Donovan 2 Ann DeMontfort & Henry DeMontfort 3Mary Cotter & Noel Cotter 4 Mary Dineen/Ann Price Nett: 1Ann Bailey/Margaret O'Donovan 2 Margaret

Carr/Jimmy O'Sullivan 3 Ruby Galbraith/Richard Smyth 4 Ann & Henry DeMontfort Yellow Section Gross: 1 Moyra Collins/Tommy Barry 2 Anna McCarthy/Mary O'Dwyer 3 Marie Connolly/Pat Connolly 4 Frances Barry/Bernie McCullagh Nett: 1 Frances Barry/Bernie McCullagh 2 Marion Nealon/Margaret Cadogan 3 Bob Whooley/Dermot O'Donovan 4 Mary O'Connor/Con McCarthy

WILTON 7.3.12 Section 1 1Ann Keating & Mary Twomey 2 Mary M Barrett /Noelle Twomey 3 Donal Cronin / Maura Lane Section 2 1Nell Walsh/Monica O'Shea 2 Phil Collins/Ann O'Neill 3 Mary Murphy/Ann Kingston 15.3.12 Section 1 1 Maureen Nott/Dermot Bohane 2 Eithne Pollock/Mary Kenny 3 Eithne O'Leary/Eithne Griffin Section 2 1 Pat O'Mahony/ Breda Connolly 2 Maeve McCarthy/Nell Walsh 3 Anne Foley/Marie Barrett

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

30th RIORDAN CUP Cork Bridge Club 7.30pm - Open Entry

APRIL

6-9 Galway Congress - Entries to Lynn Duffy 085 7435223

13-15 Lady Milne Trophy- Wales

14 Heritage Hotel Portlaoise

JJ Murphy Novice Pairs - 1.30pm

Lambert Cup (Pairs) - 1.30pm Open to Area Master & Intermediate A only

15 Cooper Cup (Teams) - 1.30pm Open to Area Master & Intermediate A only

Entries for above three competitions to CBAI Tel: 01 4929666 or email: info@cbaie

20 Raymond O'Leary Memorial Trophy Cork Bridge Club 7.30pm - Open Entry

Cheltenham experience Echoed in mind during parade

WHIP. Something you place repeatedly on a horse's hindquarters to make it go faster.

Bet. Something you place repeatedly on a horse's nose to make it go slower.

Murphy's Law states: 'If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong.'

It's no coincidence that an Irish name is attached to that dictum, nor to the commentary in relation to it known as O'Toole's Law: 'Murphy was an optimist'.

Betting dockets became confetti, walls were head-butted and tears were

shed, but that was all in a normal Cheltenham week spent in the vicinity of The Longshot.

What was not expected was the sting in the tale, or as the Italians would call it if they had a phrase for it "una brutta sorpresa nel finale".

After the disappointment of losing out controversially in the Queen Mother last Wednesday, jockey Andrew Lynch had it compounded by a whip ban, even though several of the strikes he administered to his horse came after they passed the finishing line.

Well, after a week where I had seven



runners-up and no winners backed, it felt like fate decided to hit me with a few excessive belts after the line on Saturday.

A text was received at 3.20pm, just as I was heading out the door to gaze on

my first Paddy's parade since I was a young fella (waving at people going down a street isn't really my thing; shouting at TVs is).

"Echo Bob favourite in 3.30," it read.

It didn't say where, but a quick search on the smartphone pointed me to Wexford.

For the next 11 minutes, while sitting in the back of a car, I tried to place the bet on the internet on my phone, as Echo Bob moved out from 4-1 to 7-1.

I managed to deposit €50 into my Paddy Power account, but when I eventually re-entered 3G coverage and

placed the bet again my phone told me the race had started.

My phone's time read 3.30pm.

All that was left to do was to text my buddy back and ask him to tell me when he won as I hadn't a cent down.

A minute later the text came back.

Some people considered me quite the patriot as I cried watching the St Patrick's Day parade make its way down the main street. Tíocfaidh mo lá.

Recommendation: I'm giving up backing horses. Right after I back Wicked Wench in the 4.20pm at Southwell today at 8-1.