

BRIDGE

By OLIVE ROSE

THE season is coming to an end and clubs will be having their Annual General Meetings prior to closing for the summer months.

The regional AGM takes place tonight at 7.30pm so lots of news for you next week.

I would like to thank all outgoing secretaries for their help and co-operation throughout the year and ask them to ensure that incoming secretaries continue the good work of sending results etc.

The last big event on the calendar takes place this weekend in the Walter Raleigh Hotel. It's the normal format — Gala Open Pairs (huge raffle) Programme: Friday Night: 7pm Wine Reception and Official Opening 7.30pm Novice Pairs 7.30pm (subject to numbers) Saturday: 1.30pm Congress Pairs (2 Sessions) 2pm & 7.30pm Open Pairs.

Entries to John Whelehan 021/4646705/ 087/9048341 email: jwwhelehan@gmail.com or kieran-groeger@mac.com.

The Walter Raleigh Hotel has very good weekend offers if anyone wants to stay plus discounted dining for bridge players. There are no team events as this is not a congress.

IBU ALL IRELAND PAIRS

(Master and Intermediate A) 1. Tomas Roche & Des Scannell 2. Colm O'Driscoll & Patricia Kelly 3. John Noonan & Carol-Ann Cummins 4. David Coyne and Brid Kirby.

SOUTH OF IRELAND CONGRESS KILLARNEY

Another successful and enjoyable congress for Killarney. Regional president Imelda Cullinan attends to official duties at the last Congress on the South Munster calendar and was rewarded with two wins.

RESULTS

CONGRESS PAIRS MAGNIER TROPHY 1 Bill Hirst & Pat Collins 2 B J O'Brien & Joe Higgins 3 Alan Bailey & Jette Bailey 4 Cian Holland & Pat Quinn 1st Session: Ted Reveley & Paul Casselle.

SWISS PAIRS 1 Tim Brierley & David Jones 2 Rhona Goldenfield & Cian Holland 3 Pat Collins & Bill Hirst.

MIXED PAIRS 1 Rhona Goldenfield & Ted Reveley 2 Maura Foley & Horst Rosler 3 Sue Ingham & Gwynn Davis.

MENS TEAMS 1 Pat Collins, Bill Hirst, Alan Williams, Ted Reveley 2 Jim Luck, Paul Casselle, Kevin Comer, Bernard Goldenfield 3 Cian Holland, Dermot Cotter, Angus Simpson, Tom McCarthy.

LADIES TEAMS 1 Kath Nelson, Irene Robinson, Joyce White, Babs Matthews 2 Phyllis O'Regan, Sue Ingham, Suzy Lawson, Jean Keen 3 Rhona Goldenfield, Mamie MacCormac, Celia Comrie, Antoinette McGee.

CONGRESS TEAMS 1 Dave Keen, Jean Keen, Randal Milne, Padraig O'Brian 2 David Jones, Suzy Lawson, Angus Simpson, Tim Brierley 3 Paul Casselle, Cian Holland, Mary Finn, Geoff Roberts.

MIXED TEAMS 1 B J O'Brien, Ted Reveley, Suzy Lawson, Tim Brierley 2 Michael McAuliffe, Mamie MacCormac, Paul Casselle, Cian Holland 3 Greer MacKenzie, Moyna MacKenzie, Alan Nelson, Kath Nelson.

Walter Raleigh event offers a great end to the season



Winners of the Tierney Trophy Intermediate B Teams Pearl O'Sullivan, Dervla Butler, Declan O'Brien and Carol O'Sullivan of Cork Bridge Club.

iffe, Mamie MacCormac, Paul Casselle, Cian Holland 3 Greer MacKenzie, Moyna MacKenzie, Alan Nelson, Kath Nelson.

OPEN PAIRS Saturday 12th 1 Maeve O'Sullivan & Eileen Murphy 2 Pat Fitzgerald & Finola Cremin 3 Miriam d'Arcy & Phyl Lynch Sunday Afternoon 1 Mike Higgins & Irene Robinson 2 Mike O'Reilly & Doc Lacey 3 Trish Stack & Nicky Fitzgibbon **Sunday Night** 1 Phil Morrissey & Paddy Morrissey 2 Maria O'Gorman & Mary O'Hanlon 3 Eileen Murphy & Patrick Downing 4 Monday Night 1 Dick Jordan & Deirdre McCormac 2 Michael O'Shea & Jan van-der-Roest 3 Phyllis O'Regan & Fr Moran **Tuesday Night N/S** 1 Carmel McSweeney & Mary O'Brien 2 Nellie White & Linda O'Riordan 3 Maura Kilduff & Rory Kilduff E/W 1 Mike O'Shea & Jan van-der-Roest 2 Marie O'Sullivan & Horst Rosler 3 Miriam d'Arcy & Phyl Lynch **Wednesday Night** 1 Brenda Moynihan & Joan Culloty 2 Sue O'Sullivan & Georgina Hughes 3 Harry Naaykens & Joanna Naaykens **Thursday Night** 1 Olive O'Connor & Vivienne Murray 2 Pat O'Sullivan & Frances Daly 3 Maureen Sayers & Therese Long **Friday Night** 1 Monica Grace & Phil Lynch 2 Eileen Murphy & Harry Naaykens 3 Phil McAreavey & Mary Harmon **Saturday Afternoon** 1 Phyllis O'Regan & Harry Milner 2 David Marshall & Donna Marshall 3 Mary Bowler & Rosemarie Gillespie **Saturday Night** 1 Mary Buckley & Eileen Kiely 2 Imelda Cullinan & Edel Murphy 3 Mairead Ni Dhubbda & Eileen Kelleher **Sunday Afternoon N/S** 1 David Marshall & Donna Marshall 2 Marjorie Barton & Rita Cassidy 3 Imelda Cullinan & Edel Murphy E/W Rita Riordan & Michael Riordan 2 Ger MacSweeney & Marjorie Barton 3 Maureen Dowling & Elsie Bannon.

CORN CAIRDIS 2012 CBAI -v- EBU (Friendship Cup) — Letterkenny No luck for the CBAI Team this year -Final Result CBAI 350 — EBU 369.

Regional website — apologies all we are having technical difficulties. Hopefully the problem will be resolved shortly.

SUMMER BRIDGE CORK BRIDGE CLUB each Wednesday and Friday at 7.30pm all welcome.

CURRAGHCROWLEY Ballineen Each Thursday at 7.30 beginning the first Tuesday in June.

BANDON GOLF Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon each Thursday at 7.30 beginning the first Tuesday in June If your club is running Summer Bridge please send on details so that I can include them in the Echo and the Website — call me on 023 8844947 or email me oliverose@eircom.net and I will include it on the list Once again I would remind you that we are hosting the 51st European bridge teams championship this year It will be held in the Citywest Hotel from June 12-20.

IRELAND NOVICE PLAYERS For novice those of you wishing to gain more experience throughout the summer months there will be a separate.

NOVICE ONLY SECTION at the Charity Night in Cork Bridge club from Wednesday 9th May, 7.30pm. All novices Welcome — further information from Patricia Carr Tel: 021 4372361 Email: pac1@eircom.net.

CLUB RESULTS

AVONDALE 14.5.12 Gross: 1 Aurley McMahon/Anne Clohessey 2 Maura Hayden/Mary Kelleher 3 Lorna Cotter/Kathleen Buckley 4 Kathleen Lynch/Enda Young Nett: 1 Lorna Cotter/Kathleen Buckley 2 Maura Hayden/Mary Kelleher 3 Kathleen Lynch/Enda Young 4 Aurley McMahon/Anne Clohessey.

BALLYCOTTON 9.5.12 1 Maureen O'Mahony/Patricia Morrison 2 Kate Cuffe/Billie Philpott 3 Daireen Foot/Mary Lawless **BLARNEY** 14.5.12 1 E O'Regan & Marie O'Mahony 2=A McGarry & F O'Riordan 2= Ita Myles & B Coleman.

CASTLE, BLARNEY 17.3.12 Individual Competition 1 Joan Cleary 2 Marian Nugent = 3 Theresa Fitzpatrick and Agnes O'Brien.

CLONAKILTY 17.5.12 1 Mary Dineen/Julie Beckett 2 Aida Cullinane/Ann Loughnan 3

Gretta Nyhan/Brigit Guest Gross Prize: Patricia O'Sullivan/Gerard O'Driscoll. End of season prizes this Thursday play to commence at 7.30 sharp **CORK** 10.5.12 1 Lillian Houlihan/Kitty Murphy 2 Mary White/Dymphna McDade 3 Derry/Mary Healy.

CURRAGHCROWLEY 16.5.12 Upper Section 1 Brain Vaughan/Margaret Burke 2 Noreen Corcoran/Rona Walsh 3 Mary Callanan/Maria Farrell 4 Eileen O'Donovan/Kathleen Daly Best Gross: Brian Vaughan/Margaret Burke Lower Section 1 Joe & Kathleen Kingston 2 Kitty Cotter/Eleanor Gallagher 3 Jerry O'Flynn/Jerry O'Mahony 4 Rosaire Kingston/Dave Daly Best Gross: Joe & Kathleen Kingston.

DOUGLAS 14.5.12PM 1 Section 1 I Riordan/G Ryan 2 Y Sheeran/A Keeshan Section 2 1 H Fagan/Rita 2 M O'Sullivan/Dermot 15.5.12AM Section 1 1 R Mulcahy/A Mulcahy 2 D Higgins/M O'Carroll Section 2 1 Mgt Goode/F O'Byrne 15.5.12PM Section 1 1 S Wanglin/P Hogan 2 D Forde/A Hogan Section 2 1 C Cudmore/EI Cudmore 16.5.12AM Section 1 1 M Madden/T Long 2 D Brogan/M Tobin Section 1 2 1 P O'Regan/K O'Brien 16.5.12PM Section 1 1 M/Mgt Murphy 2 H O'Donovan/P Higgins Section 2 1 M O'Reilly/H Mckeen 17.5.12AM 1 C Jones/B Fleming 1 S O'Flynn/M Coppinger 17.5.12PM Section 1 1 M Dorgan/M Kavanagh 2 M O'Driscoll/M O'Shaughnessy Section 2 1 J McCarthy/M O'Dwyer.

DUNMANWAY 15.5.12 1 Kay O'Sullivan/Mary McCarthy 2 Maura Murray/Noreen Hurley 3 Maureen McCarthy/Esther White 4 Eileen Hurley /Carmel Barnes Best Gross: Jerry O'Flynn/David O'Brien.

FERMOY President's Prize (Mrs Carmel Crowley) 1 Susan Hennessy/Helen O'Driscoll 2 E Fitzgerald/J Irwin 3 J Crowley/B Dorgan 4 A O'Grady/M O'Driscoll Gross: 1 N Harris/M Kelleher 2 M Burke/J O'Mahony 2.4.12 Comp A: 1 N Field/E Kelleher 2 C Crowley/E Ring 3 M N O'Connor/P Geaney Gross: B Hegarty/M Barnes Comp B: 1 M Thorp/J Drislane 2 K Thornhill/J Kent 5.5.12 1 J O'Reilly/N Kelleher 2 M Hayes/M N O'Connor 3 P Murphy/E Kelle-

her HC R Kinahan/A Barry 9.4.12 1M Clement/E Kelleher 2 1 J O'Reilly/T long 2 N & E Kelleher 3 E Wales/M Slattery HC: 1 J Drislane/P Lyons 2 J & M Moran 19.4.12 1 C Slattery/E Kelleher 2 N Harris/N Kelleher 3 E Ring /B Hegarty HC: F Carson/N Carroll 23.4.12 1 C Crowley & P Byrne 2 G Mc Carthy/F Carson 3 P McCarthy/B Hegarty Gross: J O'Reilly/P Murphy 26.4.12 1 M Clement/E Ring 2 B Dorgan/B Hegarty 3 P Murphy C Slattery HC: 1 J Moran/ M Neligan 2 N Burke/J Drislane 30.4.12 1M Lysaght /J Moran 2 H Lane/C Crowley 3 B Dorgan/M Mason Gross: M Crowley/B Hegarty President's Prize, Tuesday Morning Bridge is now suspended for the Summer.

KINSALE 15.5.12 N/S 1 Rosita Hellstern/Brid Fitzgibbon 2 Teresa Casserly/Noelle Hosford BG: John & Neanon Gullery E/W 1 Sheila Gimblett/Catherine Nester 2 John O'Connell/Mary Cummins BG: Cally O'Donovan/Mary McCarthy 8.5.12 N/S 1 David Brogan/Gerry Palmer 2 Michael Cronin/Ciaran Costello BG: Fran McCarthy/Carmel Murphy E/W 1 Mary Horgan/Brian O'Neill 2 Rona Curran/Susan Griffith BG: Carolyn Duggan/Mary Cummins.

LEE 2.5.12 1 John Durcan & Masie Higgins 2 Tess O'Hara /Margaret Murray 9 & 14.5.12 1 Phil Haugh/Kay Nolan 2 Mary Lewis/Ita Rattray 3 Kitty Dillon /Ann Kingston 4 Mercy Foley/Bridie Dineen.

MAYFIELD 3.5.12 1 Ludlow Berkeley/Finbarr Triggs 2 Ernest Stockley/Marian Berkeley 3 Deirdre Cronin/Angela Dorney 4 Gretta O'Connell/Eileen O'Leary 5 Betsy Finn/Monica O'Connell.

MIDDLETON 10.5.12 1 John Murphy/Noreen Lucey 2 Aurlie McMahon/Mary Walsh 3 Tom Guerin/Anne Smithwick 4 Annette Thinney/Helen Sweeney.

OLD SCHOOL BRIDGE CENTRE, Middleton 7.5.12 Presidents Prize Nett: 1 Enda Young/Joan Lawlor 2 Mary Keohane/Gretta Nash 3 Irene O'Sullivan/Ann Keane 4 Rose Hurley/Avril Hitchmough Gross: 1 Irene O'Sullivan/Ann Keane 2 Enda Young/Joan Lawlor 3 Mary Keohane/ Gretta Nash 4 Rose Hurley/Avril Hitchmough Ballymaloe Day 14.5.12 1 Adrienne Sheehan/Kathleen Lynch 2 Valerie Metherway/Yvonne Madigan 3 Judy Keohane/Kay Cashman 4 Joyce McHale/Angela Fleming 5 Irene O'Sullivan/Margaret O'Connor.

OWENABUE 16.5.12 1 Claire Powell/Freddy Murphy 2 Angela O'Connell / Daphne Spillane 3 Kathleen O'Driscoll / Liz Quinlan 4 Ina Beale/Phillis Skehan.

SCHULL 17.5.12 President's (Mary Warner) Prize — Nett: Josie O Driscoll/Lucy Anderson 2 Karen Cummins/Margaret McAllister Best Gross: Ian Thompson/Brian Vaughan 3 Ann Vaughan/Noel Walsh 4 Martin Anderson/Nick Addey 5 Rose & Joe Tobin Gross: 1 Ian Thompson/Brian Vaughan 2 Martin Anderson/Nick Addey 3 Ann Vaughan/Noel Walsh.

SKIBBEREEN 18.5.12 Blue Section Gross: 1 Eva & Karl Hollmann =2 Ann Bailey/Margaret O'Donovan =2 Carmel O'Sullivan/Ann Williams 4 Ann DeMontfort/Henry DeMontfort Nett: 1 Marie McAdams/Sandy McAdams 2 Carmel O'Sullivan/Ann William 3 Eileen Whoolley/Nancy O'Shea 4 Margaret Carr/Jimmy O'Sullivan Yellow Section Gross: 1 Moyra Collins/Tommy Barry =2 Mary Cotter/Noel Cotter =2 Jim Collins/Charlie Poillot 4 Noreen Lucey/Patricia Murphy Nett: 1 Jim Collins/Charlie Poillot 2 Mary O'Connor/Marian Nealson 3 Noreen Lucey/Patricia Murphy 4 Mary O'Driscoll/Eliz O'Sullivan.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 1 Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs 9 4Fun Teams Event Templeogue JULY 7 National AGM July Ballina Congress.

Long-term investment can light up punters' faces

OUT of the many volleys of abuse that are hurled this way, the most vitriolic and saliva-forming do not, as you might surmise, come when we tip a dud, rather it is when we tip a long longshot.

That is, we recommend something that will not happen until quite a patch of time has been covered.

In the previous week, bystanders have assailed me for advising on a Katie Taylor and Usain Bolt double in the Olympics, for offering odds on book awards (in which we have tipped winners in the past) and also, astoundingly, for a bet that clicked on Owen Hargreaves, who failed to start a game for the whole season with Man City.

"Why would anyone in their right mind back that?"

"Because he was 10-1 and it was

likely he'd never start?"

"And sure you'd forget you had the bet on by that time!"

"So did you back it?"

"I did on my... *dialogue enters a stream of foul language with the only printable words being: course, of, flamingo, useless, before, after, demented and balmpot"

You can't blame people for wanting a quick turn on their buck, yet there is something far more satisfying about tipping a winner far in the distant future. It's a bit like a long putt. It might only be for a double bogey, but a 50-foot curling monster will often be as likely to be fist-pumped as a tiddler for a birdie.

Last New Year, I entered an annual sports predictor contest for a Laois soccer club, in which we had to predict



the outcome of 40 sporting events throughout the year.

My progress thus far has been far from inspiring and took a further blow when the Philadelphia Flyers were dumped out of the Stanley Cup.

There is, however, something convenient about getting all your predictions out of the way on January 1, and you appreciate that quite a bit more when you have to write four tipster columns

per week.

The internet take things that step further, in the shape of the website www.longbets.org.

On this site you can wager a minimum of \$200 on events far into the future, but their result must not be revealed for at least two years.

Among the bets already struck on the site include "At least one human alive in the year 2000 will still be alive in 2150," which someone named Peter Schwarz's great-great-great grandkids will hope to collect \$2,000 on.

Actor Ted Danson won that same amount betting against the US men's soccer team winning the World Cup before the Boston Red Sox won the World Series in 2002.

My favourite bet struck is one predict-

ing that the LongBets website will no longer be online in 11 years.

There are some interesting open bets available for you to match, my favourites being: "China will lay an ownership claim on the moon by 2030," "By the end of the 2016 Olympic Games, swimmer Michael Phelps will be convicted for doping at the 2008 Olympic Games" and "By January 21, 2016, Facebook will not have the largest market share of social network users who log in at least once per day."

Recommendation: PaddyPower are offering odds on what Facebook's share price will be a year after they started trading. It is presently at \$38 and I fancy that the closing share price on Friday, May 17, 2013 will be below \$40, which you can back at 13-8.