

# LADY MILNE TROPHY 2019

## C.B.A.I.

### **Valarie Burke-Moran & Ann O'Connell**

Valarie is a career wife and mother to three boys, Tony, Kenneth & Bobby. She had intended to be a neuro-surgeon but meeting her husband, Tony, as a blind date at her Debs Ball changed all that. She would have loved to have been involved in the French Resistance during the Second World War, had she been around, but besides that life revolves around chocolate and her family!

Twenty five years ago after moving to Australia with her family and knowing nobody else, Ann immersed herself in the game of bridge. It soon became her saviour and she has continued to play this wonderful game ever since. Ann has recently retired from teaching Maths and Chemistry, allowing her more time to play lots and lots more bridge. She also likes to travel and hill walk and has climbed Carrauntoohil and Snowden, but best of all she has walked the Inca Trail into Machu Picchu.

### **Louise Mitchell & Maureen Pattinson**

Louise who is originally from Galway, now lives in Limerick where she works as an Auditor with Revenue. In her spare time she does tax exams & plays Bridge. Louise loves to travel. She is one of the few Irish ladies who have also played in the Camrose, winning her first cap in 2013 when she played with Lucy Phelan. This will be Louise's 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady Milne. She has also represented Ireland in the European Championships in Budapest 2016 & Ostend 2018 and the World Championships in Wroclaw 2016.

Maureen lives in Ennis with her husband Bob (also a bridge player). She has a daughter and a son and two lovely grandchildren Kate and James. She works in Limerick as a Quality Engineer and loves the variety of her job. This will be Maureen's 5<sup>th</sup> Lady Milne, having played in Dundee, Limerick, Edinburgh & Belfast in the past. She has also represented Ireland in the European Championships in Malmo 2004 and in Ostend 2018, and the World Bridge Olympiad in Istanbul 2004. In her spare time, she is a keen gardener.

### **Dolores Gilliland & Lucy Phelan**

Dolores started to play bridge in Pretoria, South Africa in 1997 and has been hooked ever since. While living in South Africa, she had the privilege of meeting Nelson Mandela. She is an intensive care nurse and resuscitation instructor with three children and likes to travel (do they mix?) Her hobbies are competitive running and yoga.

Lucy is making just her third appearance in the Lady Milne this year, although she has the distinction of being one of the few Irish ladies who have also played in the Camrose (2013) and is a seasoned campaigner at home and abroad representing Ireland in Budapest & Wroclaw in 2016. Lucy has won many Irish national titles, most recently the double of CBAI ladies pairs and teams playing with two different partners (Dolores and Anna Onishuk). She brings her husband (John) out to play every so often as well - (when he promises to behave).

### **Diarmuid Reddan NPC**

Diarmuid works an Insurance Broker in his real job. He has represented Ireland in the Camrose in the past and was NPC to the CBAI team in the Camrose series in 2018. When he is not playing Bridge, he is usually directing at some competition or other around the country.

Diarmuid is looking forward to the weekend and is delighted to be working with such a nice mix of players.