

LADY MILNE TROPHY 2019

IRELAND

Hilary McDonagh & Gilda Pender

Hilary is a psychology lecturer, bridge teacher and worked for the CBAI at National Headquarters before retiring to Ballaghaderreen to raise her family and become a neuroscientist. She has represented Ireland since Junior level and played in numerous European ladies events. She has played with Rebecca O’Keeffe, Anne-Marie Horan and Teresa, and now enjoys her established partnership with Gilda.

Gilda works in the Financial Services sector with qualifications in Change Management, Technology and Accounting. Gilda is mother to two great teenagers, Kelly and Daniel, neither of whom has the remotest interest in bridge. Gilda has previously played in Lady Milne events with her sister, Noreen.

Emer Joyce & Kathleen Vaughan

Emer is a successful solicitor practising in Clifden, Co Galway. She played with Clare Pippet for a number of years claiming a number of major competitions and narrowly missed making the national team with her; she rectified that with Joan, sharing in many of her outings. She has also played on Lady Milne teams with Jeannie Fitzgerald on two occasions.

Kathleen – “I am still working 9 - 5, 5 days a week for my sins, as a Financial Controller. However I love my job and enjoy it most days! Hate getting up early in the morning and don’t like to engage in any conversation for at least an hour after waking up. Out playing bridge most nights, don’t know what my neighbours think I get up to!!

I have 3 beautiful grandchildren who get a look in when I am not playing bridge but this year not getting a lot of time with them, this bridge is addictive I’m afraid .

I could say I like hill walking and run marathons but I don’t think you would believe me. Don’t ask me to cook either, usually burn it! I am at the age where I don’t need to impress and am happy in my own skin”

Joan Kenny & Teresa Rigney

Joan is a retired Maths teacher from Ballinrobe who is now hooked on BBO. She would be very happy to “pull a pint” for any visitors to Galway in the family licensed premises – thus doing her bit for the returning diaspora! Joan has played on seven previous Lady Milne teams, once with Brid Kirby, twice with Emer Joyce and four occasions with Teresa, and on numerous European & World Championship teams.

Teresa has “hung up her boots” after a long career as a teacher of Mathematics at a Dublin Secondary school for young ladies. With retirement has come a greater facility to relax, so detention for those who don’t know their system is no longer on the cards! She is a recent convert to things technical, like BBO, where she lets her husband Enda (or anyone else within range) do the setting up for her.

Teresa has played on six previous Lady Milne teams – once with Maureen Pattinson, twice with Heidi Lillis and four times with Joan. She has also played on a Camrose team with the late Jill Kulchycky – one of only 2 ladies pairs involved in the Camrose in modern times; she also played with Jill in the European Championships in Croatia in 2014.

Peter Pigot NPC

Peter has played on numerous Camrose and Open teams in the past with various partners. He is a full time Bridge Professional and was Irish Ladies team Captain at the 2018 Europeans in Ostend.