

LADY MILNE TROPHY 2019

NORTHERN IRELAND

Norma Irwin and Sheila Sharkey

This will be Norma's 12th Lady Milne event and her 2nd playing with Sheila. Bridge still takes up a large part of her life, teaching, directing and serving on NIBU council. She has set up a project this year to introduce Bridge to Primary school pupils and has approximately 160 pupils learning bridge and 20 tutors working for the project voluntarily. However she manages to get out on the golf course a few times each week. She enjoys travelling with her husband, especially their annual visit to NZ to see their son and family, where they play bridge and have made many friends across the table! she reads a lot and plays 'on-line' Scrabble, which can be almost as addictive as bridge!

This is Sheila's 2nd Lady Milne playing with Norma. She has played most of her competitive bridge in England where she lived for 38 years. Having been taught by a leading English International player, Ena Dixon Green, she became an EBUTA Professional teacher and taught in the West Midlands for many years. She is now retired and living back home. She enjoys bridge, book club, walking and cooking.

Dymphna Friel and Toni Sproule

Dymphna is a retired Civil Servant. Married to John she has two daughters and two grandchildren. She enjoys cooking and baking and the downside - eating. This is her 7th time playing in the Lady Milne and 5th with Toni.

Toni is enthusiastically anticipating another LM weekend. In general it is a welcome chance to meet new faces as well as renewing acquaintances with somewhat older more familiar ones. In particular, it is a fascinating opportunity to admire some wonderfully clever nail varnish artistry beneath the flap when bidding.

Anne Fitzpatrick and Mary Kelly-Rogers

Anne is a partner in an accountancy firm in Belfast. She is Hon. Treasurer of the NIBU and the IBU. She is very much looking forward to playing with Mary in their first Lady Milne together,

Mary's working life was as a Computer Analyst/Programmer in the exciting software development years of the 70s and 80s and then she took up Bridge! Her work since then has been as a volunteer for the game, quickly finding herself helping a Bridge enthusiast write one of Ireland's first scoring programs. Mary has been President of both the CBAI and IBU and currently is a member of the EBL Women's Committee. She is very proud to be representing the NIBU in the Lady Milne as she is at heart a 'Fermanagh Girl'!

Alan Hill NPC

Alan, a retired University Lecturer, has been NPC of the Lady Milne team several times in the last few years. However, his association with Home Internationals goes back many years to the days of 'Referees' and he has much experience over the years as a TD (recently attending successfully the EBL TD course in Antalya). He was Jt. Hon. Sec. of the IBU for several years and has been President of both the NIBU and the IBU. He enjoys reading – mostly thrillers – gardening and watching cricket and rugby.