

Youth Development Report February 2015

Peggy Bayer & Junior Camrose

As a result of online trials & coaching sessions teams have been selected:

Peggy Bayer

Ryan Lightowler & Melissa Antonio

Victoria Frame & Pooja Sridhar

Craig Smylie & Aaron Wilson

NPC Sandie Millership

Junior Camrose

Luke Taylor & Phil Adams

Jordan Atchison & Andrew Clegg

Ridwan Farouki & John-William Carey

NPC Diane Greenwood

Online trials took place on 21st November. There were a few the date didn't suit and they were keen to play. To accommodate them it was arranged that they could play on BBO another night.

Two coaching sessions were held:

18th/19th October – topics - Stayman, transfers & opening leads

28th December – topics - 4th suit forcing, defending against Multi, discards & signalling.

Topics were covered then there was supervised play of hands. Senior bridge plays came along to play with the pupils.

There is coaching on a weekly bases on BBO on a Wednesday night. Diane runs a Tourney for them with Sandie's help. She then goes through the hands & e-mails them her comments on each hand.

All organised for PB & JC. Luke travelling with the South as it is easier for him from Galway. 8 going from here & 4 travelling from England & Scotland.

Off course training goes on in the schools. Diane goes to BRA & Carrick Grammar. Sandie & Jeff Millarship go to Glenlola.

It is hoped that we will start as soon as the PB & JC are over the coaching etc. for next year. Some of this year's Peggy Bayer team will not be eligible next year so need to start coaching the novice players.

Letter has been sent out to all the parents of children who are in the school bridge clubs asking for permission from the parents or responsible adult for the NIBU & IBU to contact them directly with information re coaching/competitions and travel arrangements.

Letter to be sent to clubs as opposed schools regarding the possibility of a "bridge" person with school contacts to help start to develop a link between the school and the bridge club.