

NIBU Youth Development Committee 2017 – 18

The Youth Development Committee was formed by the NIBU in 2014.

Chairperson – Pat Johnston

Committee members – Sandie Millership, Norma Irwin, Diane Greenwood, Barbara Lomas & Rosemary Kilpatrick.

Our Mission Statement

To encourage and develop bridge for primary school students in Northern Ireland.

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To retain and coach bridge to under 25s in Northern Ireland.

Peggy Bayer

Molly O'Donnell, Lucy O'Kane, Conor Gallagher, Luke McGarvey, Xander Todd & Lauren Conville

NPC Sandie Millership

Junior Camrose

Ridwan Farouki , John-William Carey, Ryan Lightowler, Craig Smylie, Gavin Irvine & Phil Adams.

NPC Wayne Sommerville

BBO training was undertaken for all.

Whitehouse Junior Invitational Amsterdam

Two Northern Ireland pairs and one southern pairs were selected to represent Ireland

Ridwan Farouki & John William Carey

Ryan Lightowler & Craig Smylie

Sheila Walshe & Ariane Kane

NPC Diane Greenwood

BBO training undertaken for all.

European Youth Pairs Games.

Three pairs selected to play

Gavin Irvine & Ryan Lightowler

Mollie O'Donnell & Lucy O'Kane

Conor Gallagher & Luke McGarvey

Unfortunately one pair are unable to accept the selection.

NPC Sandie Millership

Training will be ongoing.

Good luck to them all.

Diane and I have been part of the Irish Youth Committee this year and I must say it has been very rewarding as we were able to put forward pairs for selection for the different events.

Next year trials will be held 1st weekend in September in Dublin and all selection will be done on a bases of these trials. So all our youth need to enter regardless of their ability.

Coaching will be offered by IBU throughout the year.

Our coaching will continue on BBO thanks to Diane & Sandie.

Northern Ireland School Bridge

There are three secondary schools who have bridge clubs – Belfast Royal Academy (B.R.A.), Carrickfergus Grammar School (C.G.S.), Bangor Grammar School (B.G.S.)

Stuart Graham coaches in B.R.A.

John Reid coaches in C.G.S.

Andrew Walker coaches in B.G.S.

Coaching in schools & keeping the players who go off to University on board is an uphill struggle so anyone who could help in anyway would be much appreciated.

Primary School Bridge

Four local primary/prep schools were approached re “after school” Bridge club.

They would be interested if we went into the schools but not if we arranged the club in other premises, e.g. Derryvolgie Bridge Club.

Pat Johnston

Chairperson