

# CBAI

## **Louise Mitchell & Lucy Phelan - John Phelan & Diarmuid Reddan**

This match is a first "Cap" for Louise & Lucy and Diarmuid & John. They play together very regularly as a team in England, Scotland & Wales and are most considerate of the finances of the CBAI, requiring just the two double rooms (Lucy & John – Louise & Diarmuid)!!

Both pairs have been knocking on the door for some time now and have reaped their reward this season.

Diarmuid is also a renowned National Tournament Director, who knows the rules backwards and forwards – so don't try anything!

## **Ranald Milne**

A gentleman from England who relocated to Ireland some years ago, Ranald has played internationally with the late Joe MacHale and, with B J, was part of the CBAI Camrose team that first won the Trophy in the 1999-2000 season. Ranald now makes his living teaching bridge.

## **B J O'Brien**

A legend in his own lifetime – B J has done everything, won almost everything, is known to everyone, and lives his life to the full. His poor wife, Colleen!

He has just married off the first of his two sons, Paul and has another, David, on his hands if anyone is interested. BTW they take after their mother!

BJ, who retired very early from a financial institution due to ill health, now volunteers for any and all positions that come up – most recently acting as NPC for the CBAI Peggy Bayer team that travelled to Manchester and performed so much better than any previous counterparts.

## **Gay Keaveney (NPC)**

Gay is a Doctor of Chemistry in GMIT and is the holder of the highest number of Irish National Points (equivalent of Gold Points). He has played international bridge in many European and World Events with the late Paddy Walsh and more recently with Rory Timlin. He achieved European Grand Master level in 1999. He too was part of the CBAI Camrose winning team in 2000.

Besides being a top class player, Gay has given generously of his time over many years to the promotion of Bridge at Schools level, organising and running annual Pairs & Teams competitions. He recently retired from that activity and was awarded the CBAI President's Award for 2011-2012 for that unselfish contribution to Bridge.

Gay has very recently joined the ranks of those eligible to play in the Seniors Camrose event and we expect to see him as a regular on the CBAI teams over the coming years! Happy Birthday, Gay!