**CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND –**

**WHY JOIN?**

The CBAI is the official regulator for the game of bridge in Ireland. What benefits does membership of the CBAI provide?

We offer:

* A **group insurance scheme** that provides public liability cover for clubs at a fraction of the price of a standalone policy;
* A **national grading system** (“masterpoints”) to ensure that players compete against their peers in terms of experience and ability in competitions;
* A full calendar of **national and regional competitions**, across all grades;
* More **social bridge events** (“congresses”) where you can spend downtime with players from all over the country and make friendships that will last a lifetime;
* **Training for Bridge Teachers and Tournament Directors**, to ensure that the game continues to thrive;
* For teachers, **welcome packs for students** to help them to get started in the game;
* For clubs, **guidelines to help you run your club** effectively, and a free club starter pack to help you get up and running;
* A **shop selling all the essential stationery and supplies** that your club will need (with a 20% discount to clubs on most standard items), as well as bridge tables, books, and technology (such as BridgeMates and dealing machines);
* A **regional committee to provide support** and information at local level;
* A **website and an annual online newsletter** to keep you up to date with everything that is happening in the Irish bridge world.

In addition, you and your club will have an input into how the game you love is run here in Ireland.

All for a modest price, currently €12.50 per member per annum. We keep the paperwork to the minimum; the only key requirements are that the club supplies us annually at the start of the season with an up-to-date list of their members, and at the end of the season with a list of the masterpoints earned in the club by each member during the season.

If your club would like to join the CBAI, please give us a call on (01) 4929666 and we can chat through the sign-up process with you. It’s very simple!

And if you’re a bridge player and would like to join a CBAI club, call us on the same number and we will do our best to refer you to a suitable club in terms of geography and playing standard.