Friday 30th April 2027

7.15pm Welcome address
by: Helen Hall
President Northern Region

OFFICIAL OPENING
by: George Ryan
President Bridge Ireland

7.30pm Congress Pairs
(First Session)

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CIARA BURNS
INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

7.30pm Intermediate A
(First Session)
Baker Tilly Trophy

7.30pm Intermediate B
(First Session)
MacKenzie Trophy



Ciara Burns 1972 - 2017

Saturday 1st May 2027

1.00pm Congress Pairs
(Second Session)

1.00pm Intermediate A
(Second Session)

1.00pm Intermediate B
(Second Session)

CIARA BURNS
NOVICE PAIRS
1.00pm Novice Pairs
(One Session)
Hamilton Trophy

1.00pm Open Pairs
7.00pm Open Pairs
(One Session each)

7.00pm Congress Teams
(First Session)

7.00pm Intermediate Teams
(First Session)

10.45pm Presentation of prizes followed with live music and bar



Sunday 2nd May 2027

Address by Helen Hall
President Northern Region

11.00am Congress Teams
(Second Session)

11.00am Intermediate Teams
(Second Session)

11.00am Open pairs
(One Session)

Followed by
Presentation of prizes &
closing address by
George Ryan
President Bridge Ireland

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Entry

Entry fees in Sterling

Congress pairs £25 per person
(National Point Event)

Intermediate pairs £25 per person

Congress teams £25p per person
(National Point Event)

Novice pairs entry fee
£10per person

Open pairs entry fee
£10per person

Online Entry System

or

Fearghal O'Boyle
00 353 86 2652871
www.fob.ie

Please state the exact grade when submitting entry

Rules & Conditions of Entry

The Congress Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason and to resolve any issues during the Congress. All events are played under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge as promulgated by Bridge Ireland, which require all entrants to be members of affiliated clubs (or of other national bridge federations). Bridge Ireland membership numbers must be supplied with entries. Appeals arising from competition results must be lodged within 30 minutes of results being posted. Only one prize per pair/team will be awarded per competition.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

"I am delighted to invite all bridge players to be a part of the special Amalgamation Congress, celebrating the creation of a 32-county body for bridge throughout the island of Ireland. This Congress gives all Irish bridge players and guests from overseas the opportunity to celebrate the amalgamation, to meet old and new friends and make new ones and to play bridge in a lovely setting for the weekend. The Europa Hotel is perfectly located in the heart of Belfast close to all shops and amenities. The Hotel is within easy walking distance of both bus and train services and very conveniently located for each of Belfast's two airports.
I look forward to welcoming all bridge players to the Europa Hotel for the Inaugural Bridge Ireland Amalgamation Congress.
It promises to be an event not to be missed".

George Ryan,
President, Bridge Ireland



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Bridge Ireland would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who stepped up to volunteer over this Bridge Congress weekend. Putting on an event of this scale requires a huge amount of effort, generosity of time, dedication and enthusiasm to make the entire weekend a success.

Harold Curran
Chairperson

ACCOMMODATION



Europa Hotel
Belfast City Centre
SPECIAL BRIDGE WEEKEND RATE
Double Room B&B £155.00 **per night**
Single Room B&B £135.00 **per night**
Book rooms early to avoid disappointment:
res@eur.hastingshotels.com
Quote code ID: 1308642

NOTE:
Europa Hotel is situated in BELFAST CITY CENTRE a 2 minute walk from Grand Central Station Bus & Train Terminal
G. N. Car Park special rate is £14 per day

STARTING TIMES

All events will commence punctually. All players are requested to take their places at least **ten minutes** before the starting time shown on the programme. Entries for open pairs are requested to fill up one section at a time.
In the Major Competitions at this Congress **ALL** players must be registered for Master Points. Please have NBID number available for Congress.
Only persons affiliated to recognised Bridge Associations are eligible to receive prizes.



BRIDGE IRELAND

CELEBRATING THE AMALGAMATION OF BRIDGE IN IRELAND

WITH THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CONGRESS AT EUROPA HOTEL BELFAST

30th April - 2nd May 2027
(National Point Event)



George Ryan
President Bridge Ireland