

## Tournament Director's Report

Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer 2024 (Belfast) 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February

### **Venue:**

Playing conditions were perfect – 4 good sized rooms allowing for Open and Closed rooms in both competitions. Perfect lighting and plenty of water stations.

### **Preparation:**

Match Manager Helen Hall had both playing areas all setup well in advance of the event. Well done also to Anne Hassan (Hospitaliy), Liz Scott (VuGraph), Sandie Millership and CBAI (Dealing), Mairéad Basquille and Ian Hamilton (TDs) and BGB secretariat working away in the background.

### **VuGraph:**

Two Junior Camrose matches were on RealBridge for each of the 10 rounds and the delay was down to 7 minutes – which seemed to suit the NPCs much better than the 30 minute delay.

### **General:**

As expected these young players are excellent ambassadors for the game and their friendship and mutual respect for each other should give us great hope that the game of Bridge will survive. The Speedball organised by Sandie Millership was well received and gave players a chance to further mingle with other players, captains, staff and parents.

There were a small number of routine rulings and a few 'late finish' penalties in the first 3 or 4 rounds.

Going forward – has BGB ever considered shortening the Junior format so as to finish early Sunday afternoon thereby removing the need for students to take time off school with the further advantage being a reduction in costs to BGB?

Well done NIBU.

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