



JUNIOR CAMROSE & PEGGY BAYER 2020

Report by the Non Playing Captains Gilly and Meike

The Junior Camrose this weekend was another roaring success, despite the results. The Newport venue and accommodation were excellent and it all ran very smoothly culminating in a super meal at the Pierre Bistrot. The Junior team's results were disappointing, mainly because each pair had a good match, proving it was possible for them to do well. Sadly it always coincided with their teammates having a bad match, although it all came together for the second match against Northern Ireland, which they won. Both countries were obviously outclassed and the WBU is committed to change this, by introducing more training and funding them to enter more competitions. The new students, who have only been learning the game since October, were absolutely amazing. Many were apprehensive about sending them and it certainly took courage for them to agree to play, but any fears were ill-founded because of the astonishing outcome. They have left smiling and full of enthusiasm inspired by what they have seen and are determined to improve ready for next year. Finally, they had such a positive attitude to their continuing defeats, by ignoring the minus columns completely and simply aiming to beat their previous scores. Whoops of delight for 3Spadesx Tick! – and numerous other little triumphs. The other countries were incredibly supportive and kind and the atmosphere has to be seen to be believed. It is how bridge should be played whatever the age and a credit to all the Juniors for their spirit and courtesy whilst still playing competitively and to the best of their ability. The future of the game is safe in their hands.