



**The 2020  
Camrose Trophy  
Second Weekend**



**La Mon Hotel & Country Club  
Castlereagh, Belfast  
6 – 8 March 2020**



# **2020 Camrose Trophy**

## **hosted by**

### **The Northern Ireland Bridge Union**

#### **Welcome to Northern Ireland**

Bridge Great Britain and the Northern Ireland Bridge Union extend to all a warm welcome to the second weekend of the 2020 Camrose Trophy.

The venue is the La Mon Hotel and Country Club, a superb family owned 4 Star Hotel located 15 minutes from Belfast city centre yet nestled away in the countryside. There is a Vugraph theatre for spectators to watch the action live whilst listening to expert and instructive commentary.

#### **Officials**

Match Manager	Helen Hall
Assistant Match Manager	Anne Hassan
Director in Charge	Fearghal O'Boyle
Scorer	Mairead Basquille
BBO Director	Helen Hall

#### **BBO Operation Team**

Liz Scott (Organiser), Ken Hammond, Joan Baird, Barbara Ewart, Helen Cole, Sandie Millership, Ian Hamilton, Diana Patterson, Anne Fitzpatrick, Peter Goodman and Aoife Goodman.

#### **Refreshments**

Refreshments for players and officials will be served in the Milford Suite at the following times:

Friday	17:30 Buffet Meal
Saturday	14:30 Light Lunch
	20:30 Dinner
Sunday	14:30 Light Lunch
	20:30 Reception and Dinner

# 2020 CAMROSE TROPHY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY		TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3
<b>Friday</b>	17.00	<b>Captains' Meeting</b>		
	17.30	<b>Buffet Dinner</b>		
<b>Match 1A</b>	19.00–21.10	Ireland v Scotland	England v Wales	N Ireland v NIBU
<b>Match 1B</b>	21.25–23.35	Ireland v Scotland	England v Wales	N Ireland v NIBU
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>Match 2A</b>	10.00–12.10	Scotland v England	Wales v N Ireland	NIBU v Ireland
<b>Match 2B</b>	12.25–14.35	Scotland v England	Wales v N Ireland	NIBU v Ireland
		<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>Match 3A</b>	15.20–17.30	Ireland v England	NIBU v Wales	Scotland v N Ireland
<b>Match 3B</b>	17.45–19.55	Ireland v England	NIBU v Wales	Scotland v N Ireland
	20.30	<b>Buffet Meal</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>Match 4A</b>	10.00–12.10	N Ireland v Ireland	Scotland v Wales	England v NIBU
<b>Match 4B</b>	12.25–14.35	N Ireland v Ireland	Scotland v Wales	England v NIBU
		<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>Match 5A</b>	15.20–17.30	NIBU v Scotland	England v N Ireland	Wales v Ireland
<b>Match 5B</b>	17.45–19.55	NIBU v Scotland	England v N Ireland	Wales v Ireland
	20.30	<b>Reception &amp; prize-giving dinner</b>		

The team printed first in the schedule sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match.

In the first stanza, the Captain of the second-named team nominates his pairs first; in the second stanza the first-named Captain nominates first.

## **The Camrose Trophy**

### **Format**

The Camrose Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, by rotation, by the country hosting the final weekend. In 2020 Northern Ireland fields two teams, one as "Northern Ireland" the other as "NIBU".

Five head-to-head matches of 32 boards, in 16-board stanzas, the two teams from Northern Ireland play against each other in the first match of each weekend.

Teams consist of a maximum of 6 players. The team printed first in the schedule sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match.

Seating rights alternate between the two teams. In the first stanza the Captain of the second-named team nominates his/her pairs first; in the second stanza the first-named Captain nominates first.

Line-ups must be submitted at least five minutes before a stanza is due to begin.

### **Systems and Conventions**

The Camrose Trophy is considered to be a "Category 1" event as defined within the World Bridge Federation Systems Policy.

### **Public presentation**

In any one session, three matches are in progress. The play in each match is broadcast live on the internet via Bridgebase Online and selected matches are shown in the Vugraph Theatre.

The other option for spectators is to watch live in the Open Room. Spectators are subject to the regulations set out below. Entry to the Closed Room is prohibited.

### **Smoking and Alcohol**

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hotel. In addition the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave his mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Spectators in the Vugraph theatre are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off.

## **Regulations for Open Room Spectators**

You may watch the players live in the Open Room provided you observe the following rules:

- A spectator may not enter the Open Room while play is in progress. This also applies even if a match has started before the advertised starting time.
- If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress, he may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
- During play in the Open Room spectators must refrain from mannerisms or remarks and must not converse with a player or display any reaction to bidding or play.
- Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of one player only.
- A spectator should be seated behind a single player and may not get up to walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
- Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the BBO operator covering the internet match.
- Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
- The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
- Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter the Closed Room.

# The Teams



## Northern Ireland

*Rex Anderson & David Greenwood; Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay;  
Paul Tranmer & Wayne Somerville; Playing Captain Ian Lindsay*

### **Rex Anderson & David Greenwood**

**Rex** is a retired solicitor living in Coleraine and is currently writing a history of the NIBU. His Camrose career commenced in 1969 when he played with his father. Rex holds the record for Camrose caps having been capped 112 times. In 2015 he played on the Irish Senior Team which reached the quarter finals in the D'Orsi Bowl in Chennai.

**David** is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on a number of occasions and has played in 5 Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex has been the bedrock of the N Ireland Camrose team for many years. He is the only member of the team to have won the Camrose (albeit playing for England at the time!)

### **Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay**

**Ian** Hamilton is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. He loves cricket, being Fixture Secretary for his club, and baseball, following the Chicago Cubs. He spends much of his time on NIBU business, being Masterpoints Secretary, organising the NIBU leagues and NIBU Simultaneous Pairs competitions. He has a number of Camrose caps with several partners, including his brother, plus several more in the Teltscher. It his first Camrose with Ian Lindsay.

**Ian** Lindsay has represented the NIBU with six different partners. He is a retired chartered accountant who now acts as Treasurer for six charities connected with music, the visual arts, health and the disabled. Ian is a past Secretary, Chairman, Selector, and Congress Organiser, of the NIBU a past President of the Irish Bridge Union and the examining accountant of BGB.

### **Paul Tranmer & Wayne Sommerville**

**Paul** is a retired IT Project Manager. He now spends most of his time playing as much bridge, poker and backgammon as possible. He also plays golf although his playing partners and any spectators might disagree. He's also known to have the occasional punt on the geegees. As a youngster his bridge was a little wild but as a mature player he only goes for 1400 about twice a season.

**Wayne**

Wayne is currently working as a customer service advisor in Bangor. He is the relative newcomer to the team having made his Camrose debut in 2017, but at just 30 years old, he will have plenty of time to catch up. He has also represented Northern Ireland and Ireland on a number of occasions as a junior with various partners. In his spare time, he enjoys programming and playing pool.





## **NIBU**

*William Dukelow & Dean Bradley; Michael Coffey & Fergal O'Shea;  
Michael McFaul & Michael O'Kane; NPC Harold Curran*

### **William Dukelow & Dean Bradley**

William is a civil servant currently working in the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency on preparations for the 2021 Census. This will be his first Camrose cap. Outside bridge William's passions include travelling to the south-west of France, gardening and cooking. The NPC patiently awaits an invite to sample the latter.

**Dean** is an IT consultant, living in Co Down and working in Belfast. He is a relative newcomer to bridge and this is Dean's first Camrose Cap. He is married with three children, all still living at home (including his wife Amy). Dean is also a keen cyclist and likes to get out on his bike when he's not playing bridge.

### **Michael Coffey & Fergal O'Shea**

**Michael** is a Senior Business Analyst with AIB Group, working in Dublin. He has a keen interest in Golf, Rugby, Gaelic Football and Choral Music. He claims to be the only Kerryman to represent Northern Ireland in both the Camrose & Teltscher (or any other sport), which he has done several times with John Lavery. He was also a member of the NIBU Team which finished a very credible 4th in the inaugural Commonwealth Games. This is his first Camrose appearance with Fergal O'Shea (a Corkonian).

**Fergal** is a Software Developer for a large financial multinational, based in Belfast. He took up bridge while at UCC in 1991, learning the game for around 10 years. He then took a break from the game for over a decade, to help raise 2 children. He recently took up the game again, forming a regular partnership with Michael Coffey. This is his Camrose debut.

## **Michael McFaul & Michael O'Kane**

**Michael McFaul** is a retired Chief Librarian and present Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union. He writes a monthly column for the Irish Bridge Journal to which he has contributed many humorous articles over the last 40 years. Michael has played on the team that represented Northern Ireland at the 2014 Commonwealth Bridge event and has acted as NPC for the 2017 Teltscher team.

**Michael O'Kane** is a retired solicitor from Downpatrick with a keen interest in horseracing. He says he is a past everything in the NIBU but has now opted for an easier life. He has played in the Camrose on a number of occasions.

## **NPC Harold Curran**

Harold graduated from the University of Life and in doing so has acquired a healthy appetite for opposing authority of any kind. He began to compete in bridge during his mid-twenties and enjoyed six very successful years before stopping to spend time with his family and grow his business. Twenty-five years later he came back to the table and thoroughly enjoys indulging his bridge obsession!

The highlight of his bridge career so far has been representing Ireland at the World Championships in 2016 in Poland.

Harold is married with four children and nine grandchildren. As a keen yachtsman who enjoys racing he is delighted that his grandchildren are now learning to sail.

He is currently Chairperson of the NIBU and Vice President of the IBU, having been Joint Honorary Secretary for ten years. During this tenure in office he organised the EBL NBO Officers' Seminar 2018.

A successful campaign led by Harold has resulted in Belfast hosting the forthcoming 7th EBL TD Workshop 2020. It is hoped that in the long term this will showcase Belfast as the venue for future European Championships or World Championships. Harold received an

Ambassador Award from Visit Belfast in recognition of his work to promote Belfast as a world class venue for international bridge competitions.

This is Harold's first time as NPC and he is really excited to be part of the team.



## **Wales**

*John Salisbury & Tim Rees; Adam Dunn & Dafydd Jones;  
Gary Jones & Paul Lamford; NPC Mike Tedd*

### **John Salisbury & Tim Rees**

**John** played his first Camrose match for Wales against Scotland in 1974 in his home town of Wrexham. Since then John has represented Wales in the Junior Camrose, Camrose, Seniors Camrose, European Open and Seniors and Commonwealth Nations, when Wales (including John, Tim, Gary and Mike) won the Gold Medal. He also won a bronze medal representing Great Britain in the Mixed Teams in the Common Market Championships. It is somewhat unusual that in all that time and in all those events John has only had four partners – Jessie Newton, Robert Upton, Mike Tedd and for the past three seasons Tim Rees. He has also undertaken some of the most thankless tasks in bridge - Chairman of the WBU's Selectors and NPC. John has also found time to have a career in Social Services and a family.

**Tim** has represented Wales in over forty Camrose weekends and in a number of European Championships in partnership with Filip Kurbalija, including being playing captain in 2008 in Pau. Tim topped the EBU's Gold Point rankings for most of the 2000s. He has won the majority of the major UK domestic competitions including the Gold Cup twice, Crockfords and the Spring Fours. Tim is a former chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee of the EBU and still serves on the committee. Tim is starting to retire from his role in road research at TRL studying ways to make our roads work better.

John and Tim formed a partnership to play in the 2017 Welsh Premier League which they duly won and played in both 2018 Camrose weekends. In 2018 they earned selection for both 2019 Camrose weekends by finishing top of the Premier League cross imp standings. This year they have again qualified by winning the Premier League and this is their 6th Camrose weekend together. They also played in the 2019 Teltscher trophy.

### **Adam Dunn & Dafydd Jones**

**Adam** grew up in Tywyn, mid-Wales and first played for the Welsh juniors in 1992. He comes from a bridge playing family. His dad (Philip) teaches and runs bridge holidays, middle brother (Jake) also plays for Wales (he played in the first weekend of this Camrose) and youngest brother (Dan) teaches at the Andrew Robson Bridge Club. After 8 years at junior level, he partnered Peter Goodman in the Open team for 4 years. They played in 8 Camrose matches, as well as a European Open, Olympiad and Commonwealth (winning the Silver medal in 2002). Adam played very little bridge from 2006 (when kids arrived on the scene) until recently rekindling his partnership with Dafydd Jones. Adam works in Executive Search, specialising in Management Consultancy, and lives on the Hampshire coast with his wife, Diz, and children, Charlie, Poppy and Clover.

**Dafydd** grew up in London and first played for the Welsh juniors in 1994. He played with Jake Dunn for many years before graduating to play with his dad, Gary, in the Open team, in 2001, then retiring at the European Championships in 2012 after the birth of his first child. Honours for Wales include a Silver medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Championships and being part of the only Welsh team to win the Camrose (so far!), he has also won the Spring 4's in an all Welsh team. Dafydd has now restarted his international career with Adam (Jake's brother) having played together in teams for many years. He is also playing on a Welsh team in the other room to his dad for the first time. Dafydd works as an Accountant in Finance and lives in Ealing with his wife, Tessa, and two boys Geraint and Henry.

### **Gary Jones & Paul Lamford**

**Gary**, with his son Dafydd, represented Wales in the Camrose home internationals fourteen times between 2001 and 2011, including the first Welsh series victory in 2011. He also played with Dafydd in the 2010 European Championships in Ostend, the 2012 Europeans in Dublin and in the 2002 inaugural Commonwealth Nations Championship held in Manchester, where they won the silver medal, and the NEC Bridge Festival in Yokohama in 2003. During this period he also played in the 2004 Senior Olympiad in Istanbul and the 2006 Senior Europeans in Warsaw, both with Jim Luck.

Since 2013 Gary has represented Wales at eight further Camrose weekends in partnership with Tim Rees, Paul Denning and Paul Lamford. He has played in four further Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne (2006), Delhi (2010), Glasgow (winning the Gold medal in 2014) and the Gold Coast (2018). He also represented Wales in the 2016 European Championships, with the late Patrick Jourdain, and four times in the Teltscher Trophy (Senior Camrose), thrice with Patrick and once with Paul Lamford.

**Paul** mainly played chess for many years, competing for Wales in four Olympiads and other internationals. Bridge and backgammon gradually replaced chess, and the former is now his game of choice, partly because his wife Stefanie Rohan also plays and has represented England Women. Bridge successes have been few and far between, with the Chairman's Cup in Sweden in 2014 in partnership with Dave Kendrick being the most notable, with the Monte Carlo Pairs and Singapore Pairs the most exotic.

In 2016, despite unexpected opposition from England, Paul transferred his allegiance from England to his country of birth, Wales, and he has won the Welsh Premier League twice and played for Wales in the Camrose, Senior Camrose, Europeans, and Commonwealth Championship. Away from the bridge table, he compiles sports odds, designs computer games, and enjoys travel, classical music (and Stefanie's concerts), and all sport, particularly horse-racing and football, games and puzzles. He has written a dozen books on games, including a couple on bridge, and has also provided puzzles for The Times, Radio 4 and Reader's Digest.

### **Mike Tedd NPC**

**Mike** had many bridge successes some decades ago, and played in numerous Camrose matches, with John Marek and Patrick Jourdain. He then stayed away from bridge for about 20 years while career and family took over.

With retirement looming, Mike returned to the serious game in partnership with John Salisbury. They have played many Camrose and Teltscher weekends together and have played in the Welsh Open or Seniors teams in six European Championships. In 2014 John and Mike were part of the Welsh team that took the gold medals in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship. He has acted as playing and non-playing captain for various Welsh teams over the years.

Mike Tedd has retired from Aberystwyth University where he was Professor of Computer Science and, for a period, Vice-Principal.



## Ireland

*Tom Hanlon & Hugh McGann; Nick FitzGibbon & Adam Mesbur; Grainne Barton & John Carroll; NPC David Walsh*

### **Tom Hanlon & Hugh McGann**

Born in 1967, **Tom** has been playing bridge since 1981. Long-time partner of Hugh McGann. In 1994 he moved straight from the Irish Junior Team to the Irish Open Team. In 2004 he became Ireland's youngest Grand Master and in 2006 was part of the Irish team which won silver at the European Championships and semi-finalist in the 2012 world Olympiad. All-time leading Irish master point holder. He has more than 50 National titles under his belt and has won the Camrose (7 times) and the Lederer (twice), the Gold Cup and Crockfords. Winner of the Copenhagen invitational, 3 times (in a row) runner up in the springs 4s. Runner up in Cavendish teams. Partner of Cedric Lorenzini in the Street team in US Nationals and Zaleski team in French Premier League. When not playing bridge Tom is fond of the odd game of poker.

**Hugh**, from Fermoy in Co. Cork, now lives in North Yorkshire and works in Leeds as a doctor specialising in infectious diseases. He formed a partnership with Tom Hanlon in 1991 and won a silver medal in the E.U. Junior Pairs in 1993. He has shared Tom's recent successes with the Irish Open Team. Hugh reached Grand Master rank in 2008.

With Tom, Hugh was part of the European Team that took part in the first two stagings of the Warren Buffett Cup. Europe beat USA in September 2008 in Louisville, Kentucky having lost in Dublin in 2006.

## **Nick FitzGibbon & Adam Mesbur**

**Nick** is the first of the growing circle of Grand Masters in Irish bridge. His international bridge career predates his partnership with Adam, as he played on the Irish Open Team in the Miami Olympiad in 1972 finishing in 12<sup>th</sup> position. Since then he has played with Adam in numerous European Championships and Opens, Olympiads, World Mind Games, Bermuda Bowls and World Pairs / Rosenblum Teams. Together they have gained silver and bronze in the Europeans, won the Cavendish Trophy and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in a number of European Open and transnational events with current team Hugh, Tom, John, and also Tommy Garvey. They would have more medals if results properly reflected cheating teams. With another current team member Grainne, playing with Pat Walshe and Kathryn FitzGibbon, he won silver in the EU Championships Mixed Teams in Ostende 1989. Now retired from telecoms, he helps his daughter Nicola with her showjumping career. She also has represented Ireland in European Championships in her sport.

In 2005 **Adam** established a French based commercial property fund for Irish investors. He has managed the fund since then. He is married to Noelette with two adult children He has had a long-standing partnership with Nick. This was put on hold for about 10 years while both played active roles in bringing up their children.

Playing with Nick, Adam won a Silver medal in the Junior European Championships in 1974. They also finished third in the European Teams in Lausanne in 1979. More recently they were part of the Irish team that won the Silver Medal in Warsaw in 2006 and in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the World Teams Championships in Lille in August 2012. Most recently they finished 5<sup>th</sup>, playing with the Texas Aces, in the 15<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Open Team in Orlando in 2018. He and Nick are World International Masters and the highest ranked WBF Irish players.

## **Grainne Barton & John Carroll**

**Grainne**, herself an international medal-winner and former Lady Milne player, has been in the job of NPC with this team for some little time now! She guided them to major success in Monaco in October 2013 when they were narrowly beaten in the final of the Cavendish Teams, leaving the greats of world bridge playing in the "Plate"!! Since then, she has captained the team in many events across Europe – including winning the Camrose!

This year, the playing role with the team was thrust upon her and of course she has the most even-tempered partner for this adventure in John. This is Grainne's first Camrose playing cap.

**John** is a Research & Development Manager with a software house based in Dublin. With regular partner, Tommy Garvey, he has won a number of caps for Ireland on the European stage, and was on the Irish team that finished in Silver Medal Position in Warsaw in 2006 and in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the World Teams Championships in Lille in August 2012.

If this wasn't enough to be busy with, he and his wife Ann Marie, also an international player, have two boys to keep out of trouble!!

## **DAVID WALSH (NPC)**

**David** hails from Galway. This is his first time to act as NPC in the Camrose – the desire to get his own hands on the cards may well be too much for him to cope with as he has numerous playing caps under his belt.

David and his wife, Orla, have now 4 children to watch over.

He started playing bridge almost 20 years ago as most of his family were very keen players. Cards as an alternative to study, well, there was always going to be one winner.

He is self-employed with a computer shop in Galway for close to 20 years. An avid sports fan with a particular interest in hurling, rugby and football, he knows Connacht will provide reasons for celebration again this year!.





## **Scotland**

*Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin; Phil Stephens & Frazer Morgan; Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder; NPC Anne Symons*

### **Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin**

**Stephen** and **Sam** formed a partnership ten years ago and have played six Camroses together and they were on the winning team for the Commonwealth's transnational teams in Glasgow. This year they will be playing in the open Europeans together in Madeira. Stephen is a regular BBO operator and a classically trained pianist but more recently has been teaching English to students from across Europe.

**Sam** has played in the Scottish women's team since 2008 with five Lady Milne wins and narrowly losing to France in the semi-final of the World Bridge Games in 2016. She is Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling where she is developing a new research field on the Sociology of Mind-Sports. The Keep Bridge Alive work has recently been renamed "Bridge: A MindSport for All" (BAMSA). The research includes papers in progress on the benefits of bridge, emotions and bridge, dynamics and interactions of the mind-sport.

### **Phil Stephens & Frazer Morgan**

**Philip** (33) played for the Scottish juniors and on and off for the Open team. When not playing bridge he works as a quantitative developer in London.

**Frazer** (30) has been playing for the Scottish open team, on and off, for the past decade – following and alongside his time in the junior team. He struggles to count to 13 cards and 9 in no trumps – but is usually very confident it is not his round. He works as an Investment Actuary in London.

### **Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder**

**Paul** has been playing bridge for around 30 years having learnt at school growing up in the south west of England. He has represented Scotland in the European Championships, Commonwealth Games and Camrose, with his first cap in 2013. Paul and Jun's partnership was established a few years ago with the pair first representing Scotland in the 2017 Camrose. This will be their second Camrose, having also represented Scotland at the European Championships in 2018. Paul lives in Edinburgh and away from the table he works as an innovation consultant for the UK branch of a global consultancy and enjoys hiking and running, when not nursing an injury.

**Jun** has been playing bridge for over 70% of his life, including several appearances for the Scottish junior team and a handful on the Open team - most recently in the European Championships in 2018. It is his 2nd Camrose appearance playing with Paul. A partnership of c.5 years, Jun's role is akin to that of a wrist spinner: rattling through some boards when faced with a fine for a slow over rate. When not playing bridge (this proportion of his life has increased since graduating), he is an actuarial consultant in the exciting world of pensions.

### **Anne Symons NPC**

Anne has been a regular member of the Scottish Ladies team for a number of years, playing in Lady Milnes, Europeans and Olympiads. She has also been part of the only women's pair to play in the Camrose for Scotland. Her Bridge highlight (so far) was playing in the Venice Cup in China this year. She still works part time as a pharmacist and enjoys classes at the gym when she has the time, which isn't very often, especially since becoming a grandma- she much prefers spending time with wee Harrison!



## England

*Cameron Small & Jon Cooke; Peter Taylor & John Cox;  
Ben Norton & Mike Bell; NPC Peter Hasenson*

### **Cameron Small & Jon Cooke**

**Cameron** has played in the Camrose twice before for the EBU team, winning last year with Jon Cooke. This is his first chance to play for England in an open capacity. Outside of bridge, Cameron is managing director of one of the largest global American banks financial markets division.

**Jon** has played in the Camrose twice before, both times for the EBU team, theoretically England's second team, but both times winning. He lives in Cambridge with his wife and two children.

### **Peter Taylor & John Cox**

**Peter** learnt to play bridge in the family home – in particular he remembers playing with an old friend of his parents called Henry who insisted on a strong no-trump, five-card majors and a phony club. Peter thought “surely that system will never catch-on”.

He started to play competitive duplicate bridge in his 20s (having been a chess player previously), and had the good fortune in partnership with Neil Rosen to reach the semi-finals of the Gold Cup and win the Tollemache with Kent. But then (just as he was getting good as a friend remarked on his return to the game) he gave it all up to return to chess. Why? Mostly due to pressure at work - Peter went to work for an investment bank and the opportunities for playing club bridge every night of the week vanished. Chess by contrast is a game you play mostly at weekends.

Peter returned to competitive bridge after a hiatus of almost 20 years after realizing that he could go no further in chess. It took some time to recover his former skill levels – but since returning he has won the Swiss Pairs (twice) at the EBU London Easter congress, together with being on the winning team for both of the major London leagues – the London Super League and the TGRs Super League. He made his international debut in the winning EBU team in the 2019 Camrose partnering John Cox.

Peter still works part time in the finance sector, he now lives in London rather than Kent, and enjoys the fact that he can walk home from his local bridge club (the Young Chelsea) – you will often find him up late talking bridge into the small hours on Wednesday and Friday nights.

**John** is a London solicitor who dabbled in the game in the late 1980's, reaching the level best described by Martin Hoffman as 'players young and old toiling away in trials, to whom I know I could give ten yards start in a hundred'. He then abandoned the game for other pursuits, even stooping so low as to obtain an International Master title in chess, before returning and resuming the above toil in 2016. He was in the winning EBU Camrose team in 2019.

### **Ben Norton & Mike Bell**

**Ben** says "I was born in Nottingham in 1997, but after spending the first nine years of my life there I went on to live in London, Grantham and now Loughborough, where I studied at Loughborough Grammar School. I now write up Bridge hands for a living for the website Vu-Bridge.

I first became interested in cards while playing whist with my grandparents (although after making the progression to bridge they wouldn't follow suit, so I'm the only one in my family who plays). I learnt how to play in my first and second years at LGS, and then developed at my local club – Loughborough Bridge Club and at school during lunchtimes.

**Mike**, 35, was introduced to the game at Reading School. He initially didn't show much talent for card-play and may have lost interest in the game had he not found, in schoolmate Joe Mela, a partner willing to put up with his system experimentation. Within six weeks of Mike's first duplicate, they had tried playing three different 1NT opening ranges and four different meanings for a 2D opening! At the under-20 trials the next year they were introduced to Michael Byrne, at the time one of England's top under-25s. Mike benefited greatly from the squad system, and four years on, he and Michael formed a partnership.

### **Peter Hasenson NPC**

**Peter** is 54 and lives in North London where he works as an independent property consultant advising clients on the high-end residential markets of North and Central London. He is the Chairman of Middlesex County Bridge Association, an EBU Shareholder and has previously served two terms as a member of the EBU's Selection Committee. A member of the International Bridge Press Association, Peter was the editor of the 2004 British Bridge Almanack and has had photographs published widely by World, Zonal, National, County and miscellaneous other bridge organisations. Peter has won various County and National events including the EBU National Pairs in 2016.

An enthusiastic Arsenal FC fan, Peter wishes for England to forever retain the Ashes. He is the father of Sophie, 20 and Jacob, 18.

# MATCH RECORD

	<b>N I</b>	<b>NIBU</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>NI</b>							
<b>NIBU</b>							
<b>England</b>							
<b>Scotland</b>							
<b>Ireland</b>							
<b>Wales</b>							

## International Match Point Scale

Points difference	IMPs
0 - 10	= 0
20 - 40	= 1
50 - 80	= 2
90 - 120	= 3
130 - 160	= 4
170 - 210	= 5
220 - 260	= 6
270 - 310	= 7
320 - 360	= 8
370 - 420	= 9
430 - 490	= 10
500 - 590	= 11
600 - 740	= 12

Points difference	IMPs
750 - 890	= 13
900 - 1090	= 14
1100 - 1290	= 15
1300 - 1490	= 16
1500 - 1740	= 17
1750 - 1990	= 18
2000 - 2240	= 19
2250 - 2490	= 20
2500 - 2990	= 21
3000 - 3490	= 22
3500 - 3990	= 23
4000 and above	= 24