



**The 2024
Junior Camrose
and
Peggy Bayer Trophies**



**La Mon Hotel & Country Club
Castlereagh, Belfast
16-18 February 2024**



**2019 Junior Camrose
and
Peggy Bayer Trophies
presented by
The Northern Ireland Bridge Union**

Welcome to Northern Ireland

Bridge Great Britain and the Northern Ireland Bridge Union extend a warm welcome to all those partaking in the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies 2024.

The venue is the La Mon Hotel and Country Club, a superb 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
Assistant Tournament Directors	Mairead Basquille and Ian Hamilton
Vugraph Manager	Liz Scott

Vugraph Operation Team

Liz Scott (Organiser), Ken Hammond, Colin Jeffries, Joan Baird, Brian Mullan, Ian Lindsay, Stuart Graham and Michael McFaul

Refreshments

Refreshments for players and officials are at the following times:

Friday	17:30 Buffet Meal	Milford Suite
Saturday	14:30 Light Lunch	Riverview Suite
	20:30 Dinner	Milford Suite
Sunday	14:30 Light Lunch	Milford Suite
	20:30 Dinner and Closing Ceremony,	Milford Suite

JUNIOR CAMROSE PLAYING SCHEDULE

Table 1

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FRIDAY 16 th				
	17.30	Buffet meal – Milford Suite		
Match 1	19.00–21.10	Wales v England	N Ireland v Ireland	Scotland v SBU
Match 2	21.25–23.35	Scotland v Wales	England v N Ireland	Ireland v SBU
SATURDAY 17 th				
Match 3	10.00–12.10	N Ireland v Scotland	Ireland v England	Wales v SBU
Match 4	12.25–14.35	Ireland v Wales	England v N Scotland	N Ireland v SBU
	Lunch – Milford Suite			
Match 5	15.20–17.30	Wales v N Ireland	Scotland v Ireland	England v SBU
Match 6	17.45–19.55	England v Wales	Ireland v N Ireland	SBU v Scotland
	20.30	Dinner – Milford Suite		
SUNDAY 18 th				
Match 7	10.00–12.10	Wales v Scotland	N Ireland v England	SBU v Ireland
Match 8	12.25–14.35	Scotland v N Ireland	England v Ireland	SBU v Wales
	Lunch – Milford Suite			
Match 9	15.20–17.30	Wales v Ireland	Scotland v England	SBU v N Ireland
Match 10	17.45–19.55	N Ireland v Wales	Ireland v Scotland	SBU v England
	20.30	Dinner & Closing Ceremony – Milford Suite		

PEGGY BAYER PLAYING SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY 16th				
	17.30	Buffet meal – Milford Suite		
Match 1	19.00–21.10	Ireland v Wales	England v Scotland	N Ireland v NIBU
Match 2	21.25–23.35	N Ireland v Ireland	Wales v England	Scotland v NIBU
SATURDAY 17th				
Match 4	12.25–14.35	Scotland v Ireland	Wales v N Ireland	England v NIBU
	Lunch – Milford Suite			
Match 5	15.20–17.30	Ireland v England	N Ireland v Scotland	Wales v NIBU
Match 6	17.45–19.55	Wales v Ireland	Scotland v England	NIBU v N Ireland
	20.30	Dinner – Milford Suite		
SUNDAY 18th				
Match 7	10.00–12.10	Ireland v N Ireland	England v Wales	NIBU v Scotland
Match 8	12.25–14.35	N Ireland v England	Wales v Scotland	NIBU v Ireland
	Lunch – Milford Suite			
Match 9	15.20–17.30	Ireland v Scotland	N Ireland v Wales	NIBU v England
Match 10	17.45–19.55	England v Ireland	Scotland v N Ireland	NIBU v Wales
	20.30	Dinner & Closing Ceremony – Milford Suite		

JUNIOR CAMROSE AND BEGGY BAYER TROPHIES

Junior Camrose Format

The Junior Camrose Trophy, comprising 6 teams, is contested between England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. All the participants are under the age of 26 years. For 2024 Scotland is providing the 6th team, named SBU.

Each team plays 2 matches against each other team. Each match comprises 16 boards.

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.

The captain of the second-named team nominates his/her pairs first in each match.

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

Peggy Bayer Format

The Peggy Bayer Trophy, comprising 6 teams, is contested between England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. All the participants are under the age of 21 years. For 2024 Northern Ireland is providing the 6th team, named NIBU.

Each team plays 2 matches against each other team. Each match comprises 16 boards.

Systems and Conventions

The Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies are considered to be “Category 3” events as defined within the World Bridge Federation Systems Policy. Therefore Brown Sticker and Highly Unusual Methods are not permitted.

Public Presentation

In any one session, six matches are in progress, three in the Junior Camrose event and three in the Peggy Bayer event. It is only the Junior Camrose matches that are broadcast to the public via RealBridge. In these matches, only two tables will be broadcast.

Selected matches will be 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.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

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

1. No spectator may enter the Open Room while play is in progress. (Please note that this applies even if a match has started before the advertised time).
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of 1 player only.
5. He/she should be seated behind that player and may not walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
6. Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the computer operator covering the internet match.
7. Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity/mistake nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
8. The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
9. Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter the Closed Room.
10. Spectator facilities in the Open Room are limited.

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.

THE TEAMS



Northern Ireland - Junior Camrose

Aileen Armstrong & Andrew Newbold

Lucy O'Kane & Xander Todd

NPC Wayne Somerville



Aileen Armstrong is a 20-year-old 2nd year medical student at Dundee, which is fairly similar to being a 1st year medic but with more lectures about professionalism and weirder timetables that still somehow consist of majority 9am starts. She plays flute and has been bribed into being orchestra convener for one year. She has played bridge for 7 years.



Andrew Newbold enjoys playing RPGs on his PC or Switch, with a cat on his lap despite being allergic. His work involving pensions had the unintended consequence of making him age, so this is his final Junior Camrose.

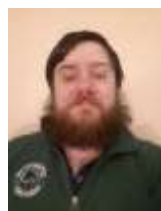
Say hello (and goodbye!) if you play him this year.



Lucy O'Kane is in her first year studying medicine, after studying biochemistry at university.



Xander Todd is currently finishing up his final year at Queens University studying computer science. Other than bridge Xander sometimes plays guitar (very badly) as well as playing volleyball with the Queens 3rds team. Xander predicts that this will definitely be one of THE Junior Camrose's of all time.



Wayne Somerville (NPC) works as a customer service advisor in Bangor. In terms of Bridge, he represented Northern Ireland and the Irish Bridge Union in various Junior events from 2006-2014 and has 10 caps in the open Camrose. More locally, he has won Premier1 twice, the Kelvin Cup (open knockout) three times, the Northern Ireland teams three times and the IBU Egan Trophy once. Wayne is a member of the junior coaching team for Ni and regularly helps

coaching for the Irish Bridge Union.



Northern Ireland - Peggy Bayer

Kaj Taylor & Adam Hendry

Eleanor Murphy & Wictoria Anuszewski

Tiffany Chow & Coner Burnett

NPC Sandie Millership



Wiktoria Anuszewski - I am 16 years old and I've been playing bridge for over a year now. This is my first ever competition and I also like to spend my time training Ju Jitsu. I am now a black belt after training for it for 5 years.



Conor Burnett - I've been doing scouts since I was 6 and volunteer at beavers and cubs regularly, I go to B.R.A and I've been playing bridge for 5 years and this is my first official competition.



Tiffany Chow is 19 years old in her final year of A-levels and has dreams of becoming a pathologist. She has been playing bridge for 5 years and hobbies consist of watching crime documentaries, walking her two dogs and having her patience tested by her two sisters. This is her first Peggy Bayer.



Adam Hendry is an 18 year old law student and has been playing bridge since the start of secondary school. He is now a retired boxer who enjoys the odd hand of bridge and the life as an inconsistent gym goer This will be his 3rd year playing in Peggy Bayer and hopes to improve his bridge playing skills this year.



Eleanor Murphy is 15 years old and in her 4th year at BRA. This is her first Peggy Bayer! She has been playing bridge for 5 years, after being taught by her Nana.



Kaj Taylor - Hi, I'm Kaj and I'm currently an undergraduate student reading mathematics at Queen's. This will be my second Peggy Bayer and 8th year trying to play bridge, safe to say I'm excited to see if I can improve on my card play. In my spare time I play guitar & watch too many movies for my own good. An Avid Criminal Minds fan, its no surprise my discards are a crime in and of themselves.



Sandie Millership (NPC) is a retired Pharmacist living in Bangor with husband, Jeff. Sandie has been involved in Junior bridge for more years than she cares to remember. She loves watching the youngster's enthusiasm for the game but also gives thanks for permanent hair colours which disguise the grey hair watching them produces. She has captained the Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer teams many times and also captained & played on the Lady Milne team on a number of occasions. She played in the inaugural Senior Camrose (yes, she is that old 😊) and she captained the Teltscher team for the 1st time last year.



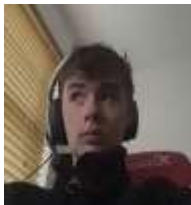
NIBU - Peggy Bayer

Grace Nelson & Mitchell Brown

Caleb Hazely & Marc Campbell

Joshua Soeters & Corey Millar

NPC Diane Greenwood



Mitchell Brown – is in his Fifth Year at Carrickfergus Grammar and as been playing bridge for 3 years steadily. Outside bridge he is a football player (an strong Arsenal fan at that) and also enjoys bandminton and debating.



Marc Campbell is a 5th year student at Carrickfergus Grammar School who has been playing bridge for over 4 years. He likes chess, mountain biking and playing his PlayStation. This will be his first Peggy Bayer.



Caleb Hazely is in year twelve finishing his GCSEs in Carrickfergus Grammar School, Caleb has been playing bridge for two and a half years and wants to continue to play bridge even after he plans on leaving school at the end of this year and joining the Royal Marines Commando he is currently a youth assembly member (a YAM) and is heavily involved in music in school and outside of school and enjoys things like chess bridge Warhammer and has many other hobbies and interests



Corey Millar is 16 years old. He has been a Scout for around 6 years and loves annoying other like-minded people with similar interests. He has been playing Bridge for around 4 years since Year 8. He is always looking forward to playing with new people and improving his skills with other gamers.



Grace Nelson is in her fifth year at Carrickfergus Grammar School she started playing bridge just over a year ago and she is loving it. This is her first Peggy Bayer, and she is looking forward to learning more about bridge and meeting new people. Outside of bridge Grace likes to play badminton and go out with friends.



Joshua Soeters is in year 12 at school and has been playing Bridge since he was in year 8 through the school Bridge Club. Through school he also plays rugby for the First 15 and he enjoys swimming every Monday for a swim club in Carrick. He is really looking forward to playing in the competition in February.



Diane Greenwood (NPC) is married to David, an ex EBU international player and was previously married to Brian Senior, also an EBU international player. She learnt to play bridge at grammar school in Northern Ireland and has represented Ireland at Ladies International level on many occasions and also Northern Ireland in the Home International series with many different partners. Diane has had many interesting jobs including working for 21 years for Ulster Television, water surveyor, teacher in South Africa and of course EBU teaching course qualified bridge teacher. In her spare time (not much of it) Diane enjoys working as a gardening volunteer at her local park, Antrim Castle Gardens. She is treasurer of this group and they recently were awarded the Queen's Award for Volunteers.



ENGLAND - Junior Camrose

Daniel Winter & Liam Sanderson

Andy Cope & Jack Ronayne

Imogen La Chapelle & Liz Gahan

NPC Michael Byrne



Andy Cope has been playing bridge since 2012 and now, at the age of 20, he doesn't look a day older. You used to easily spot Andy because he was inseparable from his much taller twin: a 2-litre bottle of Coke. What did change with age was his realization he preferred a different kind of buzz from his drinks, so he's traded the 2-litre Coke for a 2-metre bridge partner.

His love of a twin, however, has never lessened. Andy's finest moment of his career came in the 2023 World Youth Team Championships where he psyched a Strong NT in... oh, never mind, you've all heard the story. If not, please ask him what happened because he loves recounting it. After all, the most important lesson to be learned is that when you go for 1100 trying to qualify for the Quarter Finals, you should never be allowed to forget it. Andy's other hobbies include playing hockey, tennis, and counting Liverpool's Premier League titles on his finger. Now in his second year studying the economics of how many tickets to Trent Bridge he can afford, Andy has set his sights on the great and noble profession of accounting. Somebody will have to teach him to count past 12.

Meet **Jack Ronayne**. He has currently signed his life away working in forensic consulting. By day, he's regretting his life choices. By night, he's just trying to fill his 80 hour week quota. His secret to success? Not available yet, it'll probably be in some questionable Bridgewinners Article, along with other useless information like: "Why did you start playing" and "What's your favourite type of squeeze". Away from the table, he indulges in all things wine. However, he isn't quite the internet sensation as the Prime Mutton, if you know, you know. He's aiming to get his first win in the Junior Camrose, so maybe, he'll try not to get a slow play fine.



Liz Gahan. Other than a short hiatus during covid, Liz is a long-standing member of the England Junior Squad. We'll never know if the reason Liz came back to bridge after covid was due to her bridge playing U26 boyfriend or the beauty of the game itself - we like to think it's the latter. She last played in Northern Ireland at the Peggy Bayer 5 years ago and her biography back

then mainly consisted of jokes about her becoming a spy. To prove her loyalty to the omniscient Michael Byrne, she has since done everything in her power to make that request come true and is now a private investigator. Again, we like to think that's purely because of her dedication to getting an England selection but I'm sure there's some less important reasons in there too. Either way, she is always a valuable member of the team, both at and away from the table, and is sure to do her best to make others smile.



Imogen La Chapelle grew up in Norfolk where she currently lives studying Medicine at UEA. She is therefore the dedicated doctor on the team. In this role, she has assisted with many of the teams drunk antics over the years. This year, Imi has managed to conveniently break her leg so will have to step down from her role for this event. When she is not playing bridge or studying, Imi is playing netball. She claims that her position is goal defence... let's just hope we some of that defence at the table.



Daniel Winter and Liam Sanderson

Daniel is 23, and has failed to submit a pen portrait in time, so we are recycling the one that was used when he was 16. Daniel Winter is 16 (no longer true) and still lives in Wakefield (now in London), for reason or reasons unknown. (that bit is still true). He has just started A-levels, which are probably in Maths and Sciences as most bridge playing boys are. (I think he passed these because he has a degree from Cambridge). Since last year he has given up hiking across the moors and his favourite meal is no longer carrot stew, preferring to get his teeth into some meaty contracts of 3NT instead. (This was a lie at the time, but is probably true by now).

Liam also failed to submit a pen portrait in time, which is why he is now going to be ridiculed beyond mercy. Liam lives in London with his girlfriend Liz, who is also his team-mate in the Junior Camrose. I asked Liz what Liam's best contribution was around the house, she just laughed at me. Then I asked Daniel what Liam's best skill was as a bridge player and he just started crying. On balance I feel this weekend might not go as smoothly as I once hoped, but on the plus side I am sure he will have a very smart suit to wear at the final banquet.



Michael Byrne is the long suffering NPC of the England Juniors who has endured so much agony watching his team over the years that he has not become completely immune to all the crazy bids they can possibly think of. Michael runs training weekends for the squad and rather than give them tricky hands where they have to try and make contracts that bear some resemblance to the game of bridge, he prefers to test them by setting them hands where they are declarer in a doubled 4-2 fit at the three level, and have to try and get out for just 800, rather than the 1100 that awaits them if they play it badly.

Michael also plays for the England Open and Mixed teams and will be heading to Denmark this summer for the European Championships for a well-earned break from the Juniors.



ENGLAND – Peggy Bayer

Charlotte Bedford & Lucy Norman

Thibault Crosnier & David Sargent

Tom Furness & Henry Rose

NPC Ewa Wieczorek



Lottie Bedford first started playing bridge aged 12 at her local club with her dad, but soon she got so obsessed with the game she was playing multiple times a day, even staying up late to play in ACBL games online. Lottie has famously impressed many World Champions with not only her excellent play but also her stellar restraint, even more remarkable for a junior. Lottie stunned Zia into agreement by passing a quantitative bid on 21 points (having opened 2NT) because she had only 1 ace! Outside Bridge, Lottie enjoys sport, and particularly netball where she plays goal shooter for the local club in the Berkshire League, Div 1. She also plays cricket for the local Falkland Cricket Club, as well as playing both sports competitively for school. She is currently taking her first year of A-levels doing Chemistry, Physics and Maths.



Lucy Norman. Do not be afraid of the tall, long necked creature at the bridge table, for that is not a giraffe but, in fact, Lucy Norman. When not eating leaves from the tops of trees, Lucy is using her height to turn 50-50 guesses into 100% certainties. After all, playing double dummy isn't difficult when you can see all the cards. Lucy's laid back manner and her dry sense of humour hides her extreme intellect and excellent card playing ability. However, for someone so intelligent, Lucy struggles with even the most basic of times tables, such as 6×7 (it's 42 Lucy, you can stop struggling). Despite this, Lucy chose maths, further maths, physics and computer science for A levels, and hopes to study maths at university. Lucy's loveable, satirical sense of humour is always a welcome addition to any bridge team, along with the fact she might actually be a good player or something.



A wild **David Sargent** can only ever be spotted on isolated bike-race-loving islands or in a Five Guys. He loves to game force with 2D over 1C and to mock the general public. When he's not making jokes which could lose him multiple full ride scholarships, David likes re-watching Interstellar to verify that the plot hasn't

changed and spends far too much time caring for his clash of clans base. He tries his best to adhere to every shower-avoider stereotype, currently taking a curated selection of the nerdiest A level subjects. His other hobbies include dropping singleton kings offside, finessing for overtricks in teams, and wishing he were a real Frenchie. His dream is to become an actual Sergeant but first he will study Astrophysics at uni. Regardless, rest assured David will always bring a humorous and relaxed atmosphere to the bridge table.



Thibault Crosnier. There is a spy among the ranks of the English Bridge team, and he is as French as his name suggests. Hailing from the City of Metz, growing up so close to the German border clearly had an effect on Thibault, as there is no one who will go into The Tank more than our French Friend. Thibault moved to England just in time to start year 5 and started learning bridge in

year 7 at a lunchtime club after being inspired to learn how to play from his grandparents. Thibault is a dynamic player who can pick apart even the most difficult problems in the bidding and play. A steady bidder, Thibault won't overcall or bid a weak two on less than 2 of the top 3 honours (the 10, 9 and 8). Thibault aims to study computer science at university and brings the same calm and composure required to dedicate your university years to such a subject, to the bridge table.



Tom "finesse" Furness is a firm believer in the element of surprise. This can be seen in his gameplay, referred to by many as "outlandish" and "creative". Over the years, Tom has become proficient at underleading Aces at every opportunity he gets (albeit to varying degrees of success) and installing false hope into

declarers by ducking failing finesses. But don't be fooled by how Tom seems to pick his cards out without looking - his card play can also be bewildering in its precision. His bidding has been known to confuddle all at the table, never selecting the call which may appeal to most.



Henry Rose is studying Russian and Classics at Oxford University, and can be identified at the bridge table by the large collection of facial expressions he sometimes employs, along with hypocritical complaints about the state of preempting in the modern game. Henry is the eldest and most experienced English player in the Peggy Bayer this year, having learned at school at the tender age of

10 (despite this, his greatest bridge achievement is being the only member of the team to have played bridge on a bridge).



Ewa Wieczorek (NPC), [pronounced (but not spelt) “Ev – a”] is NPCing her first Peggy Bayer and looks forward to adding a new trophy to her Ewa growing collection. If you Ewa find yourself in need of a motivational team talk, Ewa is the person to go to. She has nEwa played in the Peggy Bayer, nor participated in a Junior

Camrose in Belfast and is thrilled to add another destination to her bridge travel guide. Ewa is also keen on Ewa puns so you should take Ewa-ry opportunity to make them when you talk with her. Ewa has represented England in the European Championships 2022 and continues to play top level international bridge. Away from the table, Ewa is fond of squirrels, rock climbing and is finishing a PhD in Computational Chemistry at Oxford.



SCOTLAND - Junior Camrose

Antone Huang & Prajjwal
Kajatan Granops & Jamie Day
NPC Laura Middleton

Antone Huang currently studying at Edinburgh University. He plays bridge at the New Melville bridge club and has represented Scotland at the U26 Europeans playing with Prajjwal.



Prajjwal. I'm Prajjwal, currently studying Economics and Mathematics at the University of Glasgow. As I get ready for my first Junior Camrose, the fact that I've made it here should tell you – I play my cards right ;)



Kajatan Granops is a 21-year-old Computer Science and Mathematics student at the University of Edinburgh. Is late for everything and has to resort to magic tricks, as is the case with most of his "unconventional" bridge plays, as well as this pen portrait. Talks WAY too much. Outside of bridge, enjoys playing water polo, wild swimming all year round, cycling, running, watching F1, cooking Italian or Polish food, and most importantly: annoying everyone around him.



Jamie Day is a computer science and maths student at the University of Edinburgh, and also knows how to play bridge, although sometimes his partners may disagree. He has competed in the Peggy Bayer three times before, although this will be his first Camrose. The largest competition he's ever competed in was the European Teams, from which he returned with a wooden spoon, a grand sense of accomplishment, and Covid. He looks forward to competing this February in the great city of Belfast.



Laura Middleton NPC

I am very much looking forward to my first outing as NPC for the Junior Camrose and am lucky to be working with a very talented group of players. I have taught bridge for many years at all levels from mini bridge in schools to adults. A few outings playing in the Lady Milne means I have the experience of these wonderful home nation events. I hope all the players have a competitive but fun weekend.



Scotland – Peggy Bayer

Kevin Ren & Alexander Duncan

Niamh Reid, Rachel YU & Isla Jamieson

NPC Danny Hamilton



Kevin Ren hasn't been up to much and has nothing new to report compared to last year. As a Medical student he wishes there's a way to increase his brain's storage by a few million terabytes. He still believes the gym is useless just because he swims 4-5 times a week in the Uni team. But to be fair, standing at a whopping height of 7 foot (if you add on his tallest platform trainers and a foot in height,)

keeping himself lean is probably the best look otherwise would look like a swollen meatball. A string of noise complaints found their way to him several weekends in a row for practicing his violin at midday, when most people were still hungover and trying to sleep. That's just Uni, nothing more to say. As for Man United this season, no comment.



Alexander Duncan is a 2nd year geography student at the University of Edinburgh meaning that he has lots of free time to do anything but studying. He often spends his time playing football manager where he has logged 20 days on the game at time of writing (extremely likely to have increased by the time of the tournament).

He also plays American Football for the university in an effort to touch some grass where he has become a key part of the bench warming squad. It has also become his mission since learning about Kevin's self-appointed captaincy to make his time at the tournament as stressful as possible. He will also ensure that Kevin hears all about Manchester United's inevitable loss to Luton Town during the tournament.



Rachel Yu is in her 4th year at secondary school. When she's not playing bridge, she likes to worry about baby violin prodigies, baby maths prodigies, baby figure skating prodigies. In her spare time, she likes to read sad books, re-watch *Brooklyn 99* even though she knows all the dialogue off by heart, and wholeheartedly relates to Winnie-the-Pooh in the Christopher Robin movie.



Niamh Reid is a 15 year old student at the High School of Glasgow. As *Renée Rapp's* number one fan, life can get a bit hectic but she'll always have time to consume new media and make it her whole life for two weeks.

She started playing bridge in 2020 but that means nothing because any break of more than a month means she remembers nothing. When she's not thinking of truly terrible puns to name group chats or Instagram captions, she's wearing her triceratops onesie or she's taking (also truly terrible) pictures for her 'spam' Instagram that has WAY too many people on it.



"Hi, I am **Isla Jamieson** from the High School of Glasgow, currently in S4 and 15 years old.

I was first introduced to bridge in 2019 when we were forced to abandon our maths classes to play mini-bridge with Dr Hamilton and after a two year break from Covid I finally learnt how to play proper bridge. Although my bridge playing leaves much to be desired, my ability to count to 13 is even worse which often leads me to making large errors and causing my teammates to lose matches, but as I am the only one not in top set maths I can easily be forgiven for my stupidity when doing simple addition".



Danny Hamilton (NPC). "This is my fourth time captaining a Peggy Bayer team and first time travelling overseas. I teach Maths at Secondary School in Glasgow where many of the Scotland Juniors began their bridge journey. I also look after the school newspaper, general knowledge team, basketball and philosophy clubs. Since last year I've done a bit more cycling and given up learning German. I like a cappuccino every morning at 10 am,

ideally with a fruit scone".



SBU - Junior Camrose

Tasmin Munro & Rufus Behr

Lydia Foale, Harry Stuart & John Russell

NPC Alisdair McLeod



Tamsin Munro, originally from Aberdeen, has joined all of the other Oxbridge rejects at St Andrews studying Computer Science. Their dissertation this year is creating a bridge AI (and no, this is in no way an excuse to play more bridge “for research”). They were originally introduced to bridge by their grandad and cousin, in order to help their cousin learn. This backfired spectacularly with Tamsin picking up the hobby and their cousin dropping it because “it’s too competitive”. Of course with their background in Taekwon-do no one will say that this was Tamsin’s doing (at least not to their face). Other than bridge, Tamsin enjoys cross-stitch and crochet, giving them the hobbies of an old lady and the patience to methodically destroy anyone who calls them that. Here’s hoping they turn that attitude towards the opponents this year...



Rufus Behr, when we said “we want you to follow in the footsteps of the great Scottish Bridge players”, we were speaking figuratively; we didn’t mean you had to move to the US! To be fair who can blame him? A promising career in Boston awaits and he has a perfect excuse for not replying to Alisdair’s emails. Something about he has sent them; it just hasn’t arrived in my dimension because of the time difference. Alisdair doesn’t believe this, for the same reason he doesn’t believe Rufus when he says that he’s definitely not going to cash the honour in the wrong hand this time. Rufus is building up his bridge experience, having made it to Veldhoven a year after first being invited to play there, for the European Youth Pairs. He’s good at Maths, which is handy, because otherwise I’d need a calculator to add up the IMPs... in the minus column. I’m not saying Rufus isn’t fully committed to a weekend of bridge; I’m just saying the first question he asked me was: “who’s bringing the chess set this time?”



John Russell is back and maintaining his remarkable tradition of playing with a different (new) partner every single year. But even that wasn't enough for John this time; oh no, he's coming with not one, but TWO new partners! His partner of last year couldn't make it because of work commitments; this is absolutely nothing to do with John's bidding. John likes to bid on every hand, you see. You may be wondering how he's able to do that without

lying about the strength of his hand. The answer is remarkably simple – he makes his *bid before* he counts his points; that way, he's technically not lying! To his credit, John has at least learned that if you're going to land yourself in some ridiculous contracts, you better have the card play technique to back it up, and was this ever more evident than the final match last year? A thin slam (to put it mildly!) against England rolled in after his deceptive duck had the desired effect. Cue hysterics from his team-mate in the Vugraph room, who didn't know the match was already won. His NPC will claim some of the credit, having found a way to keep John in check (see below).



Lydia Foale has experienced problems in the past getting to grips with her partner's system, so we have "solved" that problem this year by giving her two partners who don't really have one. Learning what John's bids mean will be of little benefit if he doesn't have what he's meant to have anyway, and it doesn't really matter what she bids when Harry's on the other side of

the table, because he'll just decide what the right contract is and then bid it. She still lives in Amsterdam, meaning that more than half of the SBU team live outside of the UK. Hopefully her experience with the Dutch bridge scene will stand her in good stead. This will be Lydia's final Junior Camrose, and she's determined to go out on a high. She has not specified exactly what would or would not meet the criteria for that.



This is **Harry Stuart**'s first Junior Camrose, having played on the Peggy Bayer team for the previous few years. When he's not playing Bridge, he's into rugby, so well done BGB and the NIBU for managing to get this event on a weekend when the Six Nations isn't on! If anyone is bereft of a spectator sport, get yourself into the open room when Harry and John are partnering each other in there – something tells me that'll be worth watching. Hopefully, Harry has learned by now that he doesn't

need to make all the decisions himself – this is a hangover from U21 partners who kept passing forcing bids. Trust me Harry, there is NO chance John is passing! Harry also doesn't believe in using the Double card for any reason, and thinks they should be banned from any game he's involved in. Given some of the contracts he's likely to get into this weekend, his NPC supports this motion.



This is **Alisdair McLeod**'s fourth time as NPC of a Junior Camrose team, and his second as NPC of the SBU (as opposed to "Scotland") team. He's sure there are better candidates than him (that's why he gave Laura the Scotland team!), but he must be doing something right. He will bring to the table his unique blend of tactics, education, encouragement and motivation to the SBU team. He can neither confirm nor deny threatening to throw John out of a window if he didn't get his

act together at last year's Junior Camrose. All we know is that *whatever* he said in the car park ahead of the final round against England, it worked. Away from the table, that book he's been banging on about is still no nearer to completion, because of the various demands on his time – not helped by his (wonderful) wife's (not-unreasonable) insistence that one of those demands actually pays him. So, he's trying to market himself as a chess coach, since nobody in their right mind would pay him for bridge lessons. (Aforementioned wife may or may not have edited this).



WALES - Junior Camrose

Sophie Akers & Iolo Williams

Joseph Bentley & James Brindle

Emilia Cadden & Milan Malecki (Floating Pair)

NPC Soozy Nesom



Joseph Bently, Jo. Found on a Welsh hillside at the tender age of 4, subsisting only on Maryland cookies and the kindness of ewes who kept him hidden from The Evil Farmer, Jo has led a fairly normal life.

Once he was discovered however, Jo had to be shipped off and sent to the finest card-play academy in rural south Wales where he was taught the essential skills like being an all-around nice guy sometimes I reckon. Jo's only bad habit (in my experience) is that he eats away at your bidding box until only 3NT is left and you must bid it every hand. I am yet to discover what he gets up to outside of playing bridge. My leading theory is that he is a husk, puppetted by the spirits of those who I have wronged come back to teach me to believe in myself in a comedy/drama that will challenge my views on the structure of society from a broadly liberal and identity-focused position, directed by Greta Gerwig.



James Brindle – returning to the Camrose this year for the second time, retaining the title of the tallest ever bridge player, with his height being somewhere under 8ft 1. James is a philosophy student from Wales, and hence is an expert at entertaining a humorous back and forth on any topic, please, do try. Jame's dog, Pippin,

encourages him to steal comically large lettuces from Farmer Maggot's crop, despite Farmer Maggots disdain for this practice, so please leave your comically large lettuces at home as a precautionary procedure. As a self proclaimed convention connoisseur, he spends his time concocting the most convoluted bid configurations this side of the Caspian Sea in an attempt to corrupt his partners into confounding the opponents into giving him cards. Despite this, James is a pleasant presence on the other side of the table, always smiling, even as we write -1100 on our cards.



Sophie Akers – Bridge player, Scientist, Hogmother. Sophie can do it all. With a degree of some description from Cardiff university she has the world at her fingertips so it's no wonder she chooses to spend her free time following rules about pieces of paper, what fun!

I too, having had knowledge of the makeup of our universe bestowed upon me by experts in my field would spend time playing a card game rather than doing proper science and saving the world from huge hyper-evolved mutant hamsters which is what I assume chemists get up to on their day job. It is also possible she has a degree in some kind of biology, in which case, I refer you to my mutant hamsters' point. With a hint of seriousness though, Sophie is very nice and if you are mean she will set her hedgehog on you which would probably hurt.



Iolo Williams is a child. Literally. He is so young that he wasn't even born when the Bee Movie came out. This is his first ever Junior Camrose, and his first ever multi-day tournament, but we know he will do great (although please be nice to him). In between playing BBO on the school computers, Iolo is currently studying for his GCSEs. Iolo can be considered diverse (as he is the only one that doesn't come from Cardiff), despite his age he does lots of stuff that isn't school or bridge. I have heard he plays the drums but I don't know how good he is so maybe check before you invite him to play in your band. Alongside Jo, Iolo makes up the other 50% of the Welsh speaking members of our Junior Camrose team.



Milan Malecki – Scholar, tea enthusiast, appreciator of fine plants, what is there that Milan cannot do? Well, if you've ever played a match of bridge with him, you'll know its think quickly. Yes, if you ever plan to play with Milan, I'd say set up around a good three hours ahead of time, not to be able to play many matches mind you, simply just because you will use at least half of that time during bidding, and the other half if you dare let him play declarer. You see, Milan's mind is like that of a tortoise, slow, but steady, and whilst others will race to try to finish fast and lose, he will very slowly manage his way to the finish, every time.



Emilia Cadden- Growing up in Germany, the UK and the US, Emilia has been here, there and everywhere, and seen many astounding things - such as American high schools built like prisons. Stumbling across the Cardiff bridge club still surprised her. Who would've thought the ancient

art of bridge, outlined in many historic texts (like the scrolls of Agatha Christie, detailing the life of a Miss Jane Marple), was still alive and being taught? Goes to show that even with all this experience, there is always more to learn. Especially about bidding, I've been told. Studying Japanese, Emilia is well acquainted with trying to communicate without knowing a language fluently. When she doesn't know a word - or what to bid - she just improvises and says/does the next most logical thing. Sadly, her partner will probably misinterpret this and they will end up in a contract they absolutely do not want to be in. Very much like the rental contract with their landlords. When Emilia isn't playing bridge... jk, she's always playing bridge. But occasionally you might find her trying to convince people she has other hobbies - by playing the piano approximately once per month.



Soozy (NPC) – Soozy is like if you took an image of an economics student's personality, inverted it, and then put it in a person but they still studied economics for some reason. As the oldest member of the Welsh junior crew at somewhere between 26 and 63, Soozy is

withered and crumbling. But due to recent budget cutbacks as a part of the chancellors No-Fun scheme, she's the best we've got. That said she has done a rather good job making sure we have more than 4 players this year for which we are thankful. Also, she has a PhD I think which is intimidating and will hopefully give us the psychological edge when she hits our opponents over their heads with a 500 page document.



WALES – Peggy Bayer

James Williams & Jack Baxter

Sarah King

Emilia Cadden & MilanMalecki (Floating Pair)

NPC Soozy Nesom



Sarah King– is approximately 6939 days old, although her mental age has been estimated as anywhere between 2 and 200 years. She is studying Psychology at Cardiff University, but this is really just a placeholder until she can pursue professionally her true passion of ghost hunting. She joined Cardiff Bridge Club thinking it was a group of architecture enthusiasts (shout out to the Clifton Suspension Bridge), and by the time she realised it was actually some kind of complicated card game she felt too awkward to leave. Her style of playing is similar to that of a child playing Monopoly, making up the rules as they fit her with a misguided hope that everything will work out in her favour. I would advise against being nasty to her, as she has been known to summon the ghost of Sigmund Freud to deeply psychoanalyse her opponent until they are a blubbering wreck (allegedly).



James Williams is a computer science student who's sure to learn a lot once he starts attending lectures. Born about a week ago as the chosen one to vanquish the forces of evil he decided he'd rather someone else do it. Having fled from his mentor Cornelias the Vengeful and stolen what seems to be the most popular name James has started a new life playing bridge. Whenever he's not playing bridge James likes to indulge in his many hobbies which include atomic croquet, juggling kittens and hunting the poor. He also tends to disappear during a full moon but claims the disappearing livestock are entirely unrelated.



Jack Baxter– Computer scientist, Bridge player and presumably something else too. His inner machinations are an enigma to me, which can seemingly only be expressed through the most perplexing of bids. Besides this, Jack is a very nice guy - save for when he strikes fear into my heart by eating whole apple cores. I imagine the reason for this is to build up a Cyanide immunity for the next time he miscounts his points and I try to poison him. I have also been baffled by the idea of a Computer Science student who doesn't drink any caffeine. The concept of this is frightening and often has me awake at night, but there is still hope to correct this after playing 10 hours of Bridge in a day.



Ireland - Junior Camrose

Matthew O'Farrell & Luca Crone

Denise Walsh & Leah Finnegan

Sheila Walsh

NPC John Phelan



Luca Crone, Púca Luca, can be best described as an enigmatic shapeshifter, often hailed as the Edward Cullen of DCU. Just like his sparkly doppelgänger, this heartthrob is completely devoted to his one love, Bridge. Luca's approach to bridge is somewhat reminiscent of one's approach to love: a burning passion coupled with epic charm. Although his bad boy reputation precedes him, this is not how he wants to be remembered. Remarkably, studying risqué mathematics and co-founding a university bridge club was not enough to soften his peers' perception of him... just too mch rizz.



Matthew O'Farrell It is impossible for one to fully analyse and discuss Matthew 'AJ' O'Farrell. AJ lives a secretive life, not unveiling much about himself. Such confidential matters include:

- What AJ stands for
- His Spotify wrapped
- What festivities transpired throughout his college Erasmus.

Although very little is known about Mr O'Farrell or his prosopography, what is known is his immense skills in the realm of contract bridge. His declarer play surpasses the common rules of bridge. He has been recorded to make 15 tricks a number of times. He will undoubtedly strike fear, awe and most likely sexual tension into any screen mate.



Denise Walsh has been a busy bee trying to establish various business ventures, the most promising being remote control wheelbarrows. Having failed to secure any investors in her creative endeavours, it's our suspicion that she'll use the weekend to network and get her feet off the ground. So don't be surprised if our bootstrapping girly asks you to make a small loan of a million dollars. Stressed from her outlandish brainstorming, Denise decided to take a trip to Nice to blow off some steam. On her travels, she discovered her new favourite foods: frog's legs and snails #escar-woah! So, if you spot a snail anytime over the weekend, please help her retrieve her dinner.



Leah Finnegan always says that she lives life according to two rules: Live. Laugh. Love. (Leah was never good at maths). This year, Leah decided to seek refuge from the harrowing kip that is UCD and move to Porto, home of “The most beautiful McDonalds in the world”. Although Leah’s tastes are quite singular, she enjoys McDonald’s for its variety. Speaking of beef... there is some tension on the Irish Junior Camrose team.

This is particularly unfortunate because Leah happens to be a vegetarian. We are hoping that Leah and her arch-nemesis will acknowledge their mistakes and meet each other halfway. However, we fear the worst as it’s still quite raw
#reconciliation=pending

Sheila Walsh



Sheila is the most senior member of the JC team but looks the youngest (well...acts the youngest). Writing a bio about Sheila is quite hard because she’s just not that interesting. The highlight of Sheila’s year was joining culchie club, otherwise known as Macra na Feirme. You may be wondering, what exactly would a group of farmers do for fun...?

Mostly bowling, drama workshops and cheeky nights out in coppers (but that’s not the kind of club Sheila frequents *wink* *wink*) When she isn’t bowling, she’s either cutting onions or garnering disapproving glares from neighbours for her “nifty” driving.



John Phelan (NPC)

John is a Grand Master and multiple Irish National Champion with several international appearances to his name. Many of his successes, both in life and in bridge, have come in partnership with his wife, Lucy. Both John and Lucy are also bridge teachers, and in recent years John has acted as both Non-Playing Captain and mentor to some of the Irish

juniors.



Ireland - Peggy Bayer

Tom Gorey & Isabel Burke

Eve Connell & Kiara Flanagan

David Hoyne & Bence Ordsz

NPC Margaret Murphy

Klara Flanagan



Klara Flanagan has no idea what's going on. She originally joined her school's bridge club because she thought she'd get to play uno and snap, and now look what's happened. Klara's bridge playing style is distinguished by her inability to count the points in her hand. She's trying her best, okay??

Klara also enjoys playing other card games, her absolute favourite being 52-card pickup. Her favourite pastime is watching trashy reality TV show competitions and quoting from them on a daily basis.

Eve Connell



Hello, my name is Eve Connell, I am 16 years old and I am from Navan in County Meath. I started playing bridge with my family during the Covid lockdown. When live bridge returned, I joined Royal Tara Bridge club and I play there every Friday night with my Dad. I love bridge and I would encourage other young people to take it up. It is a great distraction from the stress of exams and school work, although, sometimes, according to my

mother, it can be too much of a distraction ☺ When not playing bridge, I like to play hockey, listen to music and go to the cinema. I also enjoy drumming, crochet and baking.

Isabel Burke



Hello fellow bridge players, I'm Isabel. Bridge is my third favourite card game, a close contender to hearts and snap. For snap, I have the reflexes of a hawk - using my acrylics to scare off my rivals. My declarer play needs to be very strong due to a partner who shall remain nameless (name beginning with 'T' and ending with 'om') who quite frequently places me in dire contracts. I first started bridge upon hearing of the famous lady

magnet Amir on the Israeli U26 team. I thought I'd like to meet this gent. I would say that I'm a timid bidder most of the time but have joined the "sketchy weak 2 gang" where I upgrade my hand to a weak 2 bid holding absolute rubbish. On my bridge journey, the effectiveness of my somewhat strange 2NT opening showing EXACTLY 20 points has been proven on many occasions. The most memorable time being during the European Youth Team Championships when Sheila and I reached a small diamond slam stemming solely from our efficient bidding system.



Tom Gorey

Hello unfortunate reader. I am Tom (not to be confused with Marion). Occasionally, I play bridge. -800 is a relatively frequent score I have to write down, hopefully throughout the next 3 days, I can keep that down to a frequent -500. My spirit animal is the yellow mongoose, this is reflected in my bidding, for further elaboration, feel free to approach me at the table. Bridge is not the only card game I (attempt) to

play. I am a great hearts player, once reducing an opponent to tears at the table, they were reduced to an inconsolable mess upon seeing the spade queen being delivered to their hand for a second time. I am somewhat of a magician in the realm of declarer play. Give me a cold 10 tricks, I will make 7. Give me AQ in a suit across from xxx, I will play for the drop then say sorry p, I guess my line was wrong. My bidding is equally magical. Isabel was once raised by me, and upon seeing the 7 and 2 of trumps as my support she triumphantly exclaimed 'you've put down worse', this is unfortunately true.



David Hoyne

This is David Hoyne; like a shopping trolley with a wonky wheel, he never knows in what direction he's going during the bidding. Jokes aside, this is his third Peggy Bayer appearance and he has been playing bridge for about 6 years now. He was taught by Margaret Murphy, one of the incredible bridge teachers in Ireland and one of the NPC's

with us for this competition. The aspect of bridge he loves the most is the whooshing sound that slam contacts make as they fly by him. Also it's a frequent occurrence for him to sit there waiting for his turn to bid only to realise that it's actually been his turn to bid for the last minute, so this is a friendly reminder to tell you all that it's okay to tell him that it's his turn to bid if he looks like he's in deep thought. Finally we wish you all the best of luck and we hope that you all have fun this weekend.



Bence (Ben) Orocz

Bence, or Ben, is as Irish as it gets. He was born in Hungary and that's where he learnt bridge from his maths teacher, originally because he lost a bet. But he has been playing since for the better part of the last 2 years, so who really won the bet? He moved to Ireland during the summer of 2023, and with a bit of luck quickly got in contact with the Irish junior team. The way he plays bridge is interesting to say the least,

since he sometimes bids based on "How funny" a bid is, and only then counts his actual points. Outside of bridge, he spends his free time playing and watching football, running, listening to music and thinking about that one applied maths task he wasn't able to do last Wednesday.



Margaret Murphy (NPC)

Margaret, the crown jewel of the CBAI is the glue of the Irish junior gang. Only a lady as formidable as Margaret would be capable of keeping these juniors in line. Having settled in Kilkenny, she knows exactly when to get her claws out and stick her teeth in.

Contrary to popular belief, Margaret is NOT a Kilkenny native.

She is actually unfortunate enough to come from Cavan (Kyah-vun) ... but we all have our problems. However, our Margaret is not one to succumb to stereotypes. No, no. You will never catch Margaret peeling oranges in any pockets nor will any tea bags be found on her washing line.

VP SCALE (32 BOARDS)

IMPs	VPs
0	10.00 - 10.00
1	10.22 - 9.78
2	10.44 - 9.56
3	10.65 - 9.35
4	10.86 - 9.14
5	11.07 - 8.93
6	11.27 - 8.73
7	11.47 - 8.53
8	11.67 - 8.33
9	11.86 - 8.14
10	12.05 - 7.95
11	12.24 - 7.76
12	12.42 - 7.58
13	12.60 - 7.40
14	12.78 - 7.22
15	12.95 - 7.05
16	13.12 - 6.88
17	13.29 - 6.71
18	13.46 - 6.54
19	13.62 - 6.38
20	13.78 - 6.22
21	13.94 - 6.06
22	14.09 - 5.91
23	14.24 - 5.76
24	14.39 - 5.61
25	14.54 - 5.46
26	14.68 - 5.32
27	14.82 - 5.18
28	14.96 - 5.04

IMPs	VPs
29	15.10 - 4.90
30	15.24 - 4.76
31	15.37 - 4.63
32	15.50 - 4.50
33	15.63 - 4.37
34	15.76 - 4.24
35	15.88 - 4.12
36	16.00 - 4.00
37	16.12 - 3.88
38	16.24 - 3.76
39	16.35 - 3.65
40	16.46 - 3.54
41	16.57 - 3.43
42	16.68 - 3.32
43	16.79 - 3.21
44	16.90 - 3.10
45	17.01 - 2.99
46	17.11 - 2.89
47	17.21 - 2.79
48	17.31 - 2.69
49	17.41 - 2.59
50	17.51 - 2.49
51	17.60 - 2.40
52	17.69 - 2.31
53	17.78 - 2.22
54	17.87 - 2.13
55	17.96 - 2.04
56	18.05 - 1.95
57	18.13 - 1.87

IMPs	VPs
58	18.21 - 1.79
59	18.29 - 1.71
60	18.37 - 1.63
61	18.45 - 1.55
62	18.53 - 1.47
63	18.61 - 1.39
64	18.69 - 1.31
65	18.76 - 1.24
66	18.83 - 1.17
67	18.90 - 1.10
68	18.97 - 1.03
69	19.04 - 0.96
70	19.11 - 0.89
71	19.18 - 0.82
72	19.25 - 0.75
73	19.32 - 0.68
74	19.38 - 0.62
75	19.44 - 0.56
76	19.50 - 0.50
77	19.56 - 0.44
78	19.62 - 0.38
79	19.68 - 0.32
80	19.74 - 0.26
81	19.80 - 0.20
82	19.85 - 0.15
83	19.90 - 0.10
84	19.95 - 0.05

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