



Camrose 2026: Weekend 2



6th – 8th March 2026
Holiday Inn
The Coldra Newport NP18 2YG



Welcome to Newport

Bridge Great Britain and the Welsh Bridge Union extend to all a warm welcome to the second Camrose weekend, 2026.

The Holiday Inn boasts excellent conference facilities, and also has a heated indoor pool and a fitness centre.

Open Room: Tintern Suite

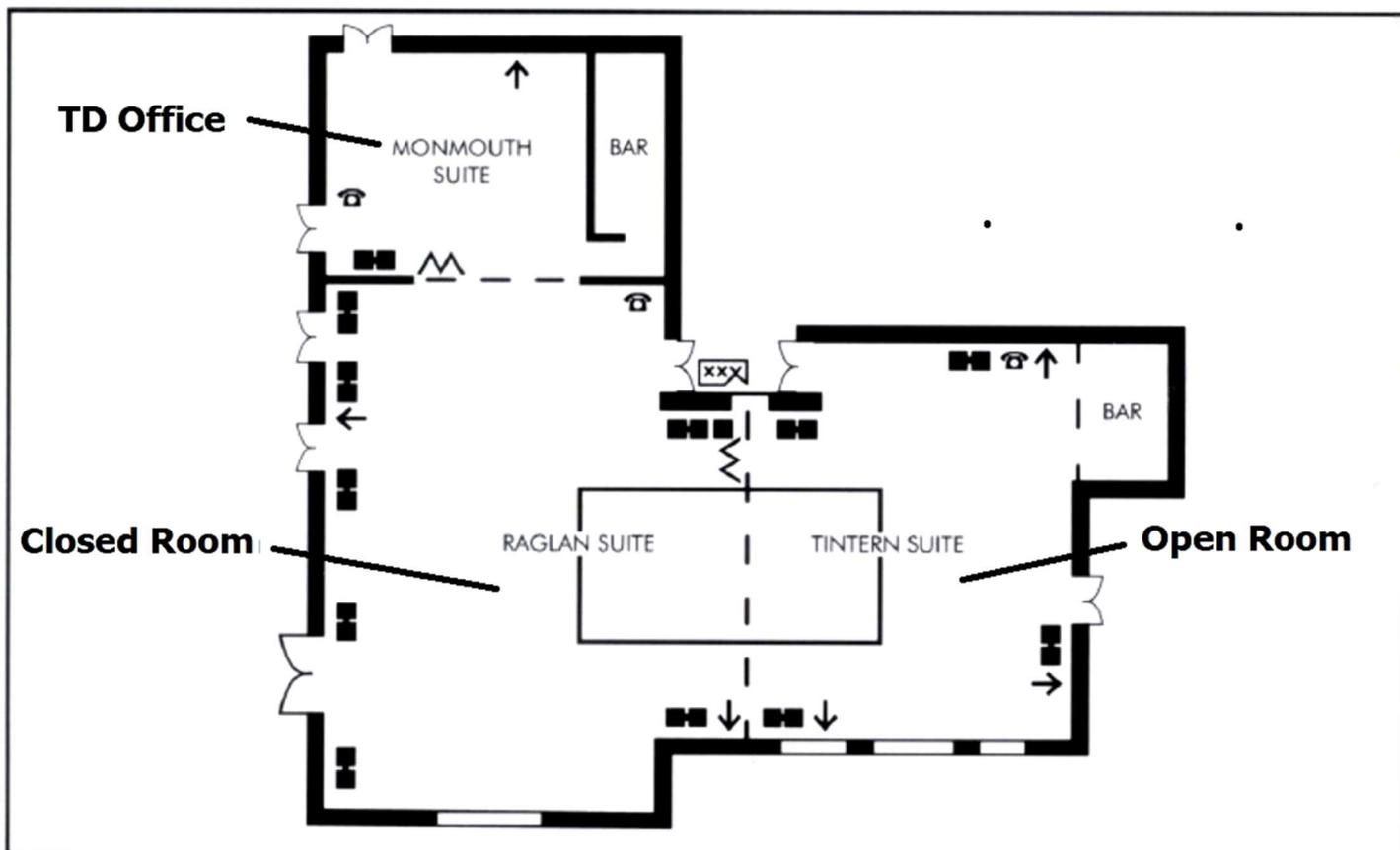
Closed Room: Raglan Suite

Tournament Director's office: Monmouth Suite

Spectators are welcome to use the bar, where a table has been reserved to ensure that space is available.

Full details and results may be found at

www.welshbridgeunion.org



THE STAFF

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| Match Manager: | Ceri Pierce |
| Vugraph Manager: | Jo Bentley |
| Chief Tournament Director: | Sarah Amos |
| Assistant Tournament Director: | Peter Randall |
| BGB Secretary: | Sandra Claridge |
| Helpers: | Too many to mention, but thank you all |

REFRESHMENTS

For players and officials, meal timings are as follows:

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| Friday: | Dinner 5.30 pm (hotel restaurant) |
| Saturday: | Lunch 2.35 pm |
| | Dinner 8.00 pm (hotel restaurant) |
| Sunday: | Lunch 2.35 pm |
| | Dinner 8.30 pm (hotel restaurant) |

FORMAT

The Camrose Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, by rotation, by the country hosting the event. In 2026 Wales fields two teams, one as Wales, the other as WBU.

- Five head-to-head matches of 32 boards, in 16-board stanzas
- The two teams from Wales play each other in the first match
- 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 first; in the second stanza the first-named Captain nominates first.

SPECTATORS

In any one session, three matches are in progress. As many matches as possible will be broadcast via RealBridge. Spectators may also watch live in the Open Room, subject to the regulations set out below.

It is the duty of the match manager to make spectators aware of their responsibilities. During play in the Open Room they 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. They should be seated behind that player and may not get up to walk round the table, or seek to look at the cards of any other player. Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake, nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.

Non-playing members of a team are not allowed to watch their team-mates.

A player is responsible for the actions of any spectator associated with her (as distinct from a spectator casually at the table by her presence there).

The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.

Closed Room

Entry to the Closed Room is restricted to:

- the Tournament Director
- the Match Manager
- participants assigned to play in the Closed Room
- personnel needed to ensure the smooth running of the match
- hotel staff for the provision of refreshments etc.
- a maximum of two accredited journalists, who must remain in the Closed Room for the duration of the session

Smoking & Mobile Phone Regulations

Smoking is not permitted in the hotel. Alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas. No player may leave the playing area before completion of play in a session in order to consume alcohol.

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 her mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Any player, captain, or coach breaching these regulations will cause the team to be fined 2VPs. This penalty is automatic. Persistent violation will result in the player's being prohibited from playing and/or the team official's being barred from the playing area. The Director in Charge may, at her discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Draw

Team A: Republic of Ireland
Team B: Scotland
Team C: WBU
Team D: England
Team E: Wales
Team F: Northern Ireland



Schedule

| Friday | | | | Dinner |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 17.30 | | | | |
| 19.00 – 21.10 | F v A | D v B | E v C | |
| 21.25 – 23.25 | F v A | D v B | E v C | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| 10.00 – 12.10 | A v D | B v E | C v F | |
| 12.25 – 14.35 | A v D | B v E | C v F | |
| Lunch | | | | |
| 15.20 – 17.30 | F v D | C v B | A v E | |
| 17.45 – 19.55 | F v D | C v B | A v E | |
| 20.00 | | | | Dinner |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 10.00 – 12.10 | E v F | A v B | D v C | |
| 12.25 – 14.35 | E v F | A v B | D v C | |
| Lunch | | | | |
| 15.20 – 17.30 | C v A | D v E | B v F | |
| 17.45 – 19.55 | C v A | D v E | B v F | |
| 20.45 | | | | Dinner |

VP SCALE (32 BOARDS)

| IMPs | VPs | | IMPs | VPs | | IMPs | VPs |
|-----------|---------------|--|-----------|--------------|--|-----------|--------------|
| 0 | 10.00 - 10.00 | | 29 | 15.10 - 4.90 | | 58 | 18.21 - 1.79 |
| 1 | 10.22 - 9.78 | | 30 | 15.24 - 4.76 | | 59 | 18.29 - 1.71 |
| 2 | 10.44 - 9.56 | | 31 | 15.37 - 4.63 | | 60 | 18.37 - 1.63 |
| 3 | 10.65 - 9.35 | | 32 | 15.50 - 4.50 | | 61 | 18.45 - 1.55 |
| 4 | 10.86 - 9.14 | | 33 | 15.63 - 4.37 | | 62 | 18.53 - 1.47 |
| 5 | 11.07 - 8.93 | | 34 | 15.76 - 4.24 | | 63 | 18.61 - 1.39 |
| 6 | 11.27 - 8.73 | | 35 | 15.88 - 4.12 | | 64 | 18.69 - 1.31 |
| 7 | 11.47 - 8.53 | | 36 | 16.00 - 4.00 | | 65 | 18.76 - 1.24 |
| 8 | 11.67 - 8.33 | | 37 | 16.12 - 3.88 | | 66 | 18.83 - 1.17 |
| 9 | 11.86 - 8.14 | | 38 | 16.24 - 3.76 | | 67 | 18.90 - 1.10 |
| 10 | 12.05 - 7.95 | | 39 | 16.35 - 3.65 | | 68 | 18.97 - 1.03 |
| 11 | 12.24 - 7.76 | | 40 | 16.46 - 3.54 | | 69 | 19.04 - 0.96 |
| 12 | 12.42 - 7.58 | | 41 | 16.57 - 3.43 | | 70 | 19.11 - 0.89 |
| 13 | 12.60 - 7.40 | | 42 | 16.68 - 3.32 | | 71 | 19.18 - 0.82 |
| 14 | 12.78 - 7.22 | | 43 | 16.79 - 3.21 | | 72 | 19.25 - 0.75 |
| 15 | 12.95 - 7.05 | | 44 | 16.90 - 3.10 | | 73 | 19.32 - 0.68 |
| 16 | 13.12 - 6.88 | | 45 | 17.01 - 2.99 | | 74 | 19.38 - 0.62 |
| 17 | 13.29 - 6.71 | | 46 | 17.11 - 2.89 | | 75 | 19.44 - 0.56 |
| 18 | 13.46 - 6.54 | | 47 | 17.21 - 2.79 | | 76 | 19.50 - 0.50 |
| 19 | 13.62 - 6.38 | | 48 | 17.31 - 2.69 | | 77 | 19.56 - 0.44 |
| 20 | 13.78 - 6.22 | | 49 | 17.41 - 2.59 | | 78 | 19.62 - 0.38 |
| 21 | 13.94 - 6.06 | | 50 | 17.51 - 2.49 | | 79 | 19.68 - 0.32 |
| 22 | 14.09 - 5.91 | | 51 | 17.60 - 2.40 | | 80 | 19.74 - 0.26 |
| 23 | 14.24 - 5.76 | | 52 | 17.69 - 2.31 | | 81 | 19.80 - 0.20 |
| 24 | 14.39 - 5.61 | | 53 | 17.78 - 2.22 | | 82 | 19.85 - 0.15 |
| 25 | 14.54 - 5.46 | | 54 | 17.87 - 2.13 | | 83 | 19.90 - 0.10 |
| 26 | 14.68 - 5.32 | | 55 | 17.96 - 2.04 | | 84 | 19.95 - 0.05 |
| 27 | 14.82 - 5.18 | | 56 | 18.05 - 1.95 | | | |
| 28 | 14.96 - 5.04 | | 57 | 18.13 - 1.87 | | | |

IMP SCALE

| +/- | IMPs | +/- | IMPs | +/- | IMPs | +/- | IMPs |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 0 - 10 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 20 - 40 | 1 | 270 - 310 | 7 | 750 - 890 | 13 | 2000 - 2240 | 19 |
| 50 - 80 | 2 | 320 - 360 | 8 | 900 - 1090 | 14 | 2250 - 2490 | 20 |
| 90 - 120 | 3 | 370 - 420 | 9 | 1100 - 1290 | 15 | 2500 - 2990 | 21 |
| 130 - 160 | 4 | 430 - 490 | 10 | 1300 - 1490 | 16 | 3000 - 3490 | 22 |
| 170 - 210 | 5 | 500 - 590 | 11 | 1500 - 1740 | 17 | 3500 - 3990 | 23 |
| 220 - 260 | 6 | 600 - 740 | 12 | 1750 - 1990 | 18 | 4000+ | 24 |

The TEAMS



Mark Moran & John Carroll
Adam Mesbur & Nick FitzGibbon
Karel de Raeymaeker & Anna Onishuk
NPC Grainne Barton



Roy Bennett & Harry Smith
Iain Sime & Derek Diamond
Gints Freimanis & Derek Sanders
NPC Liz McGowan



Gary Jones & Paul Lamford
Mia Deschepper & Tim Rees
Andrea Knox & Martin Garvey
NPC Simon Edwards



Janet de Botton & Artur Malinowski
Espen Erichsen & Simon Cope
Tony Forrester & Peter Crouch
NPC Peter Hasenson



Julian Pottage & Tony Ratcliff
Steve Auchterlonie & Andy Hughes
Adam Dunn & Dafydd Jones
NPC Tony Disley



Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay
David Greenwood & Diane Greenwood
Rex Anderson & Wayne Somerville
PC Ian Lindsay

Republic of Ireland

Mark Moran & John Carroll

Mark, originally from Offaly, represented Ireland at junior level, but for a long period after that bridge took something of a back seat to a very successful business career. On returning to the game more seriously, it didn't take him long to re-establish himself, being part of the 2005 Camrose winning team in partnership with Peter Pigot. Playing initially with Rory Boland and more recently with John Carroll, he has been a regular on the Irish panel since 2013, and has been part of many successful teams, winning the Camrose in 2015 and 2017, as well as the Gold Cup in 2020, and the Spring Fours in 2025. He has also been non-playing captain of several Irish teams, including the first Irish team to win the Camrose in 2000.



John is an executive in the software industry, based in Dublin, and is part of an Irish bridge dynasty, with both his mother and his wife having represented Ireland internationally. He has been a member of the Irish team for the best part of two decades, and was part of the European silver medal winning team in 2006, the fourth-placed team in the World Teams championships in 2012. He has won multiple Camrose and Lederer trophies, and recently added the Gold Cup and the Spring Fours to his CV.



Adam Mesbur & Nick FitzGibbon

Adam is retired from a number of senior positions in the world of finance. His partnership with Nick FitzGibbon dates back to the early 70s, and established them as one of the leading pairs in Europe. Their many achievements include multiple victories in the Camrose, silver in the Junior European Teams in 1974, bronze in the European Teams in 1979, silver in the Common Market Pairs in 1980, silver in the European Teams in 2006, a fourth-place finish in the World Teams championships in 2012, and a victory in the Senior Pairs at the 2013 European Open in their first ever senior event.



Nick's international bridge success actually predates his partnership with Adam in that he played on the Irish Open Team in the Miami Olympiad in 1972, finishing in twelfth position. Along with the international achievements listed above, Nick and Adam have won all the major Irish national championships, most of them on multiple occasions.



Karel de Raeymaeker & Anna Onishuk

Karel has won all the major Irish national titles, many of them with Anna Onishuk, and has represented Ireland on several previous occasions including Camrose appearances in 2010, with Anna, and 2023 (CBAI team) with Peter Pigot, and the Irish Mixed Team at the European Championships in 2024. A teacher by profession, Karel has been involved in junior bridge for many years, and has devoted countless hours to young players in his role as very popular and dedicated coach to the Irish juniors.



Anna, originally from Russia, has lived in Ireland for 28 years and works as an IT Consultant. She started playing bridge in Russia, and continued in Ireland after a two-year break. She has won numerous national titles, Open, Women's and Mixed, and played in the Irish Mixed team at the European Championships in 2019 and 2024. She is the only woman to have represented the CBAI in both Camrose and Lady Milne in the same season (2010) in the modern era.



Gráinne Barton NPC

Gráinne has been the NPC of this Irish Team for more than ten years now, guiding them to many successes, including in the Camrose. The team are always quick to acknowledge the key role that Gráinne's organisation and motivation plays in their success. Perhaps less well known is that her playing credentials are also impeccable – she is an international medal-winner in her own right, and has represented Ireland in both the Camrose and the Lady Milne.



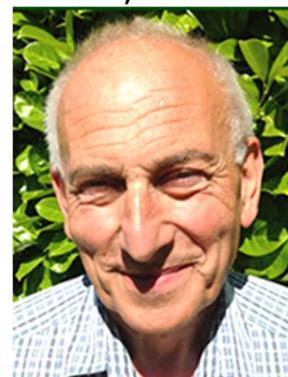
Scotland

Roy Bennett & Harry Smith

Roy is a retired biology teacher who lives in Falkirk with his wife, Barbara. He is by far the most punctual member of the team, normally arriving two hours ahead of anybody else, so was naturally the first to provide his own pen portrait: "You can call me anything you like, except late for meals..." He is Roy to his friends (or enemies), better known as John Maclaren's Mad Doctor. As usual he'll be the oldest player in all the teams and would be even if this was the Seniors. He has been playing for 65 years and says he is still making the same mistakes he made at the beginning; he even invents new ones frequently. He has had a plethora of Camrose partners over the years but says the current one, while not the most successful, is the most pleasant. He is looking forward to this one and hopes to do better than he and Harry did last time.



Harry is a retired actuary, and lives with his wife, Alison, in Scone. His daughter lives in Broughty Ferry and his twin sons in Idaho and Rio de Janeiro respectively. This is only Harry's second Camrose appearance, but he has played many times in the Senior event, including the very first Teltscher in 2008, and the last time Scotland won, in 2022. He has played in three European Championships (Seniors). The 2013 World Championships in Bali started a new career for him, when he and Alex Adamson collaborated in the writing of *Scotland's Senior Moment*, published in 2014. He and Alex have since produced three further books injecting humour as well as thorough hand analysis into the game with *If I Only Had A Heart* (2016), *Bridge Over the Rainbow* (2019) and *Double, Double, Toil and Trouble* (2020).



Derek Diamond & Iain Sime

Derek first played at school when he was watching four classmates play rubber bridge. When one was called away, Derek volunteered to sit in. He reckoned "I can do better than this and I don't even know how to play" (some things never change). Derek played in the first ever Junior Camrose in 1971 and now has the distinction of having played for Scotland's Open team in his 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. He has had many successes in Scottish events, but his favourite bridge is in international competitions. He was part of the Scottish Senior team that won bronze in 2012, Scotland's only medal in a European Championship; they went



on to reach the quarter final of the d'Orsi Bowl in Bali. He has won the Camrose twice, and gold and bronze in the Commonwealth Games.

Iain is a retired Chartered Tax Advisor from Edinburgh. He is married to Linda, who caught the bridge bug nearly twelve years ago and now plays nearly as often as he does. Iain's Scotland debut was in 2004 when he played with Derek Sanders. He later played for eight consecutive years with John Matheson, missing only one weekend in that time. His best international results were achieved with John Murdoch in the aforementioned Scottish Senior team of 2012 when Derek was a team-mate. In 2023 Iain formed a new partnership with Derek. They played in the 2024 Camrose and won the Scottish National League and Cup double in 2025. (Derek celebrated his 80th birthday by winning the Scottish Cup Final.)



Gints Freimanis & Derek Sanders

Gints has been playing bridge internationally since 2011, first as a junior for his home country of Latvia until 2014, before debuting for Scotland in 2016. He has played in several European and World Championships as well as participating in Home International tournaments as both a player and as an NPC. Gints lives in Edinburgh and works as an analytics consultant. In his spare time, Gints keeps up with events related to commercial aviation and, unlike most, he is a big fan of Ryanair and is always happy to discuss it. When time permits, Gints also watches F1 races and follows news in that space.



Derek was born in Kingston, Jamaica. A long experience of bridge started in Fiji in 1980 when he represented the islands in a friendly against Ron Klinger's team, who were visiting Suva on a cruise ship. He has played 11 Camroses, a few European championships and a couple of Commonwealth games. Employed by the City of Edinburgh's adult education programme, Derek runs the bridge classes and also has a small live and online bridge club.



www.bridgewebs.com/dereksanders

Liz McGowan NPC

Liz is a retired teacher who lives with her family in Edinburgh. Bridge has dominated her life since the 1970s – it might have happened sooner if the 1960s bridge scene at Edinburgh University had not been located in the Men's Union. She has considerable experience of captaincy, particularly of Youth teams. She hopes to get the hang of it some day, maybe even this weekend?



WBU

Gary Jones & Paul Lamford

Gary Jones has been a regular in Welsh Camrose, Senior Camrose, Open and Senior European, and Commonwealth teams over the past 23 years. He partnered his son, Dafydd, for 11 years but more recently has played with Tim Rees, Paul Denning, the late Patrick Jourdain and Paul Lamford. Gary has had many successes in both international and national competitions, including gold (2014) and silver medals (2002) in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, Wales's first Camrose win in 2011, the Teltscher Trophy in 2025, the Spring Foursomes in 2010, the Brighton Four Stars in 2012 and the Tollemache in 2013 and 2014. Gary has been retired for over twenty years and can frequently be spotted hacking his way around a West London golf course.



Paul, from Carmarthen, played chess for many years, including in four Olympiads (it was an advantage to be Welsh because he wouldn't have been selected for England). Bridge and backgammon gradually replaced chess, and bridge is now his game of choice; his life partner, Stefanie Rohan, also plays (she has represented England). Bridge successes have been few, the Chairman's Cup in Sweden (2014) being the most prestigious. More recently Paul has played with Gary Jones; they were top pair in the 2020 Camrose, won the Teltscher in 2025 and have played for Wales in the last three Europeans with decreasing success. They play in the Welsh Online league and have won the last seven, with teammates John Salisbury, Mike Tedd, Julian Pottage and Tony Ratcliff, with whom they have also won the Welsh Premier League.



Mia Deschepper & Tim Rees

Mia started playing bridge 10 years ago and was quickly hooked. She was lucky to find much better players to help her improve. She has represented Wales in the last six Lady Milnes with Ceri Pierce, and this year will try her luck with Susan Ingham. She has also played in the Camrose, the European Mixed Teams and the World Mixed Teams with Adrian Thomas and Richard Plackett. Her latest victim is Tim Rees, who is trying hard to drill some of his extensive knowledge and experience through a rather thick skull. Away from the bridge table, Mia loves reading, hiking and learning something new.



This is Tim's first Camrose match with Mia, who is his fifth Camrose partner after Peter Goodman, the late Filip Kurbalija, Gary Jones and John Salisbury. 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 Spring Fours, and also the Welsh and Scottish Cups. Tim is a former chairman of the Laws & Ethics Committee of the EBU and still serves on the committee. He is approaching retirement from his role in road research at TRL, studying ways to make our roads work better.

Andrea Knox & Martin Garvey

Andrea is a Solicitor and Licensed Insolvency Practitioner who plays bridge to relax. She moved 20+ years ago from London to Llandudno and where she rebuilt a derelict farmhouse overlooking the Irish Sea and Snowdonia. She lives with Martin and their three collies. She is current President of the WBU and an EBED Trustee. Andrea has played three Lady Milnes and one Camrose (WBU team). In her spare time she co-organises the Llanbrynion Congress, and competes against Martin at pool, golf, Wordle, Scrabble and pretty much everything else. Her two children have, disappointingly, no interest in bridge, but finally her eldest grandson Ruairi (11) has shown the good sense to learn.



Martin was born in England to Irish parents and has also lived in Scotland. He has represented Scotland (World Pairs), for England (Camrose win), and now Wales, so just needs an Irish cap to complete the set. He played park football in Wimbledon with three competitive brothers, and Irish card games with the family, hence his love of bridge and AFC Wimbledon FC. He met Andrea at an Isle of Man Congress and the rest is history. Nowadays he plays mainly with Andrea, in Irish congresses and ACBL Nationals; best result to date 5th in the 2024 Rockwell Mixed Pairs. They play an innovative system of Martin's devising, so watch out for the alert cards flying around this weekend.



Simon Edwards NPC

Simon was born and bred in North Wales but has lived in the West Midlands with his wife Lisa and Moose the cat since 2014. Between them they have four children and four grandchildren. His father, mother, and two sisters all played at various stages of their lives (his grandmother, mother, and older sister all played Lady Milne). He was initially reluctant to take up bridge, mainly because no one ever looked as if they were enjoying it, but at around 20 his Mum paid him to take lessons, and he was hooked. For the next 30 years he was very active on the Welsh bridge scene, and in Merseyside & Cheshire. He played in several Junior Camroses. Outside of bridge, he is a lifelong Liverpool FC fan, has a passion for electro-dance music (although that passion is decreasing with age) and loves to travel with his wife, Indonesia and the USA being their most frequent destinations.



England

Janet de Botton & Artur Malinowski

Janet has been playing for almost 20 years and has won all the major English tournaments at least once. She is often asked by her 'friends' if she played (m)any of the boards, despite winning two European bronze medals in Mixed Teams in a team of four. She is joint columnist of the Spectator bridge column, where she can wreak a bitter revenge on the trolls. She can also thank all the players who have been incredibly kind and supportive of which this Camrose team is most certainly an example.



Artur was born in Poland, moved to Norway, and then to England where he is now a full-time bridge professional. He won silver at the 2007 European Pairs in Antalya and again with the England Open team at the World Mind Sport Games in Beijing in 2008. He has two bronze medals in the European Mixed Teams, and has won Crockfords and the Gold Cup. Artur's involvement with the game started by chance: he read a bridge book with a football friend when he was 17, and hasn't stopped learning and playing since. He worked for the Norwegian Bridge Federation, and for a while was the editor of the national bridge magazine - a welcome change from the odd jobs he had to do for a few years after leaving Poland with very little money, and proof that an ear for languages helps in all walks of life. Artur is fairly fluent in seven languages and sports a proud Polish accent in all of them. He was part of the European Open Team in 2018 and Bermuda Bowl team in 2019.



Espen Erichsen & Simon Cope

Espen began his bridge career in the Norwegian army. He was selected for the Norwegian junior team, winning the European Junior Championship in 1996 and then taking second in the World Junior Championship in 1997. Later successes include winning the European Mixed Teams in 2005 with his wife, Helen. He lives in Tunbridge Wells with his family. This is his eighth Camrose selection. Espen has won the Premier League five times, Spring Fours twice and Gold Cup once. He has also won eight Norwegian championships as well as the 2023 European Winter Games and an American National title in 2019. Away from bridge Espen loves tennis and golf. He is partnering Simon Cope in the Camrose for the first time, and looks forward to showing him proper Norwegian Bidding.



Simon, from Mill Hill in North-West London, plays bridge full time and has even survived a tournament debut with his wife Lucy, who had been playing for less than a year at the time. He has won all of the UK domestic events, and three national titles in the United States. He is hoping to be able to take advantage of Norwegian bidding methods by being dealt a lot of singletons and voids. Away from Bridge, he enjoys crime dramas and hacking his way around a golf course infrequently.



Tony Forrester & Peter Crouch

Tony won the European Youth Team Championship in 1978 and the European Team Championship in 1991, the latter in partnership with Andrew Robson, with whom he played for seven years. The pair also won the Cap Gemini and the Sunday Times-Macallan, and reunited in 2014 to win bronze at the European Championships (later upgraded to silver after the disqualification of the Israeli team). They achieved a fourth-place finish at the 2015 Bermuda Bowl. Playing for Rita Shugart's team in 1998 he and Andrew were the first Britons to win the Reisinger; the same squad retained the trophy the following year. Tony has won the Gold Cup a record 14 times, has a record 46 caps for England in the Camrose, and in 2017 he and David Kendrick became the first English players to win the Junior Camrose, Camrose, and Senior Camrose. Tony was bridge columnist for the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph from 1993 to 2024.



Peter lives just south of London with his wife Sara, two grown up children and his five-year-old grandson Theo. He retired from his day job at the start of Covid and now spends his time playing and coaching bridge, playing bad golf and helping to look after his grandson.



Peter Hasenson NPC

Peter lives in North London and works as a property consultant in North-West and Central London. He is the past Chairman of Middlesex County Bridge Association and previously served a term on the EBU Laws & Ethics Committee, and two terms on the Selection Committee. He was for many years an EBU Shareholder. A member of the International Bridge Press Association, Peter was the editor of the 2004 British Bridge Almanack and has had photographs widely published by World, Zonal, National and County bridge organisations as well as by the Daily Telegraph. Peter has won various County and National events including the EBU National Pairs in 2016.



Wales

Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage

Tony lives in Barry and works as a Group Finance Manager in Cardiff. He has led the all-time Master Point List in Wales for over 20 years, and was in the team that won the Gold Medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Championships in Glasgow, beating the holders India. Tony's bridge partner since 2005 has been Julian Pottage. They have won a number of domestic events recently, including several Welsh National (Geoff Evans) Online Leagues. He and Julian have been regulars for Wales in the Camrose and European Championships over the past few years. In his spare time, Tony dabbles with selling on eBay and fruit-and-vegetable gardening.



Julian lives with his family in Porthcawl. He is Bridge Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph, and the host of the Bridge Questions Forum for Bernard Magee Bridge. He contributes to several bridge magazines at home and abroad, and has written over 25 books on the game. Julian's other business interests are dog breeding (golden retrievers) and stock photography (mainly landscapes and general scenes). Julian is also an avid genealogist, managing DNA results for several of his relatives.



Steve Auchterlonie & Andy Hughes

Steve was born in Barry and spent his early years there. Having moved around the UK he currently lives in Kent with his partner Kerry. He started playing bridge in lunch hours at secondary school, and continued at Bristol and Southampton universities. He has now been playing for over 40 years. Apart from bridge he enjoys fellwalking and travelling. He works part time for the Civil Service.



Andy lives in Brecon with his wife Roz and Loki the lurcher. They have three children, all grown up, and three grandchildren. He started playing bridge at University in Southampton and has also played for 40+ years. In the time he has to spare from playing bridge and walking the dog, he tries very hard to play golf. At home he enjoys cooking and the odd (or more) glass of wine. He is a lifelong follower of Southampton Football Club.



Adam Dunn & Dafydd Jones

Adam grew up in Tywyn, mid-Wales in a bridge playing family (brother Jake also plays in the Welsh team and father Philip is a popular face on the bridge scene). He first played for Wales in 1992 and after regularly playing for both the junior and open teams he gave up bridge in 2006. He returned in 2019 to partner Dafydd Jones, and this will be their 6th Camrose together. Adam works in executive search [*that's headhunting to the rest of us. Ed.*] and lives on the Hampshire coast with his wife, Diz, and three unruly teenagers, Charlie, Poppy and Clover.



Dafydd grew up in West London and has played for Wales since 1994, first in the Junior team with Adam's brother, Jake; and then from 2001 to 2012 in the Open team with his own father, Gary. After a break of seven years he returned to partner Adam in 2019. Dafydd is the CFO at a boutique [*that's small to the rest of us. Ed.*] investment management firm and lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife, Tessa, and children Geraint and Henry..



Tony Disley NPC

Tony has represented Wales in Junior and Open Camrose, and was in the winning Teltscher team in 2011. He has NPC-ed the Lady Milne team, but this is his first time with the more difficult characters. He and his Irish wife Emer recently downsized and moved to Porthcawl to be close to their golf club. As well as playing golf for Wales, he has selected Welsh and Great British teams and refereed in numerous top Amateur and Professional events, including the Open five times. He has two children and four granddaughters, none of whom play bridge, sadly.



Northern Ireland

Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay

Ian Hamilton is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. As well as bridge he enjoys cricket, being Fixture Secretary for his club and a League Secretary in the Northern Cricket Union. He must be one of very few people holding both British and Irish passports to have found himself deported from the Republic of Ireland: his paperwork was deemed inadequate during Covid. Ian spends a good deal of his time working for the NIBU, running simultaneous pairs, managing the masterpoint system. He has won every major NIBU trophy at least once. Ian has played with a number of partners in both the Teltscher and the Camrose over 25 years, and represented Ireland in the European Seniors in 2024 with this weekend's partner.



Ian Lindsay has represented Northern Ireland with five different partners, and played for Ireland in the European Seniors in Herning, Denmark, in 2024, with his partner this weekend. 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 is currently the examining accountant of BGB.



Diane Greenwood & David Greenwood

Diane learned to play bridge in grammar school in Northern Ireland, and has represented Ireland in Women's Teams on many occasions. She has also represented Northern Ireland in the Home International series many times – she reckons with more than fifty different partners. As a bridge instructor Diane has travelled on cruises to Antarctica and the Falklands and sailed down the Amazon. She has had several other interesting jobs all over the world, including 21 years at Ulster Television, water surveyor, teaching in South Africa, volunteering in a chimpanzee sanctuary in Zambia, and working as a penguin policewoman (guarding penguins) on a bridge cruise.



David is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on many occasions and has already played in five Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex Anderson formed the bedrock of the Northern 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).



Rex Anderson & Wayne Somerville

Rex is a retired solicitor living in Coleraine. He first played Camrose for Northern Ireland in 1969 and has played regularly since, to the extent that he holds the outright record for Camrose caps. His book celebrating the lack of success of Northern Ireland teams in the Camrose Trophy matches from 1937 to 2021, *A Worm's Eye View* is available as an e-book or softback on Amazon. In 2015, Rex played in the Irish Senior Team that reached the quarter-finals in the D'Orsi Bowl in Chennai, India.



Wayne is currently studying for an HND in Computing, Software and Games Development in Bangor, where he lives. He has been a regular in the Camrose since his debut in 2017, although this will be his first outing with Rex. Wayne is involved in coaching juniors for Northern Ireland, having 'retired' as a junior himself in 2014. When away from the bridge table he can be found listening to symphonic metal, playing pool or online chess, and doing logic puzzles.



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