

IRELAND

John Carroll

John is a Research & Development Manager with a software house based in Dublin. With Tommy, 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 that finished in 4th position in the World Teams Championships in Lille in August 2012. Adam & Nick were also on that successful team.

If this wasn't enough to be busy with, he and his wife Ann Marie, also an international player, have two boys under the age of six!

Tommy Garvey

Tommy was introduced to Bridge by his father, Donal. Tommy works in London as an actuary, returning home to raid for trophies every so often.

He and John made their international debut in Italy at the European Championships in Montecatini in 1997 and in doing so, achieved a distinction shared by only one other family in Irish bridge – the O'Connells from Cork, who until Tommy and Donal appeared, were the only father and son to play on the Irish team together. Tommy and his wife, Kit, are the proud parents of two boys – under three!!

Adam Mesbur

Adam is married to Noelette with two children now in their early twenties. He managed to take an extremely early retirement from IIB Bank, Dublin and he is now the director of a Luxembourg property company.

He has had a long-standing partnership with Nick FitzGibbon. This was put on hold in 1991 after Killarney but the partnership has resumed since Salsomaggiore in 2002. With Nick, he took a Silver Medal in the Junior European Teams Championships in 1974, bronze in the 1979 European Teams in Lausanne and a Silver medal in the Common Market Pairs of 1980.

Nick Fitzgibbon

Nick's international Bridge Career predates his partnership with Adam in that he played on the Irish Open Team in the Miami Olympiad in 1972, finishing in 12th position. He has played in 9 European Championships, 7 Olympiads and 3 World Pairs / Rosenblum Teams.

His life revolves around the showjumping career of his daughter Nicola, where he is required to drive the transport!!

Micheal O'Briain

Micheal is an actuary working for the Irish Health Insurance regulator. His international career began in 1972 when he played with his brother Pdraig in the Junior European Championships in Delft. He has had a long standing international partnership with Donal Garvey. He resumed his international partnership with Pdraig in 2004 as part of the winning CBAI Camrose team. Golf is another of Micheal's sporting interests where he plays off a handicap of 7

Pdraig O'Briain

Pdraig, a systems analyst, started his international playing career with Micheal and has played in many internationals with Tomas Roche, Thomas MacCormac and most recently with Peter Pigot in the 2004 European Championships in Malmo.

Pdraig has many titles to his name, but more importantly, is a relatively recent (very young) grandfather!!

Michael McGloughlin (NPC)

Michael was also on that Junior team that captured the Silver Medal in 1974 with Adam & Nick and has gone on to play on representative teams internationally with Gay Keaveney and the late Sean Reilly. He has also played on the CBAI Senior Camrose team with Sean O'Lubaigh – a real test!

Michael is married to Heidi Lillis, herself an international player and together they have many National titles.

This is not Michael's first NPC posting, and he brings much experience to enable him to withstand pressure from any quarter!

Derek O'Gorman (Deputy NPC)

Derek very kindly stepped in as NPC for this season's first weekend in Belfast when Michael was forced to withdraw due to illness. He learned a lot in Belfast, particularly about time!

Derek is a Senior Engineer with Cork County Council living in Cork city. His early International playing experience was with Hugh McGann, with whom he played in the World Pairs in Geneva.