

TEAM - IRELAND

John Carroll

John is a Research & Development Manager with a software house based in Dublin. With his regular partner, Tommy Garvey, he has won a number of caps for Ireland on the European and World stage, winning a Silver Medal in Warsaw in 2006.

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

Tommy Garvey

Tommy was introduced to Bridge almost 20 years ago, 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 is married to Kit and they recently increased their family to three with the addition of baby Tristan.

Tom Hanlon

Born 1967 and originally from Rochfortbridge, Co. Westmeath, Tom (aka "Kinder"), now living in Dublin, has been playing bridge since 1981. In 2004 he became Ireland's youngest Grand Master. Kinder moved straight from the Irish Junior Team to the Irish Open Team in 1994, following which he regularly represented Ireland in International events. When not playing bridge Tom is fond of the odd game of poker!

Dr Hugh McGann

Also born in 1967 (but older than Tom) from Fermoy, Co. Cork now living in Leeds, Hugh works as a doctor in Leeds General Hospital. He formed a partnership with Tom Hanlon in 1991 and won a silver medal in the E.U. Junior Pairs in 1993. He has shared Tom's recent successes with the Irish Open Team. Hugh reached Grand Master rank in 2008.

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

BJ O'Brien

A modern medical miracle, BJ has been through the mill in recent years, but appears to be over the worst of it. He is now retired – very early – and doing his best to wind up his wife Colleen and two grown-up sons. He has gone through more partners than he cares to remember, but in contrast to other notables, they are all still playing bridge!

BJ has won numerous National titles, been on a few Irish teams in European Championships and was on a Camrose winning team in 2005.

Peter Pigot

Peter, with Mark Moran, was on the Camrose winning side from 2006. Peter has won numerous National titles and played in the Malmo European Championships with Pdraig O'Briain.

Peter's father, also Peter, was the most prominent player of his era, regularly representing Ireland during the sixties and seventies with some success, winning a bronze medal at the Lausanne Europeans in 1979. Peter's mother, Allie, was herself a very fine player who also represented Ireland.

Peter is the proprietor/director of a Tech Manufacturing company in Dublin and is also a very fine golfer.

Dr David Jackson (NPC)

David is a statistician who collaborated with Ron Klinger on the production of a new book, 'Better Balanced Bridge', which has revolutionised the old theory of the Milton Work Point Count. This was been published in 'The Master Bridge' series in March 2010 with a foreword by Eric Kokish, and I have no doubt that David has some copies in his car – which can be personalised at no extra charge!