

SCOTLAND



Patrick Home

As a young man, Patrick was unsure of which direction to follow career-wise, and decided to go to Canada for 6 months to broaden his horizons. The first thing he did was discover Bridge, and played with a good crowd who taught him the game, which he continued to play throughout his career, including 26 years with American Express in Canada and the USA.

He retired in 1992 and returned to Scotland where he has indulged his two passions, Bridge and Golf, and continues to enjoy both.



Finlay Marshall

Finlay plays with Patrick Home. Finlay is a retired actuary who worked in a private practice. He has won most of Scottish Bridge's principal events, his highlight being his captaining his team to three successive Scottish Cup wins back in the 1990s. He first represented his country in 1986. He has also contributed to the administration of Scottish bridge, and was the President of the Scottish Bridge Union in 1981/82. When not playing bridge he plays golf and the bagpipes.



Alex Adamson

Alex has played for Scotland in the Camrose, the World Bridge Games (formerly Olympiad) and will be playing in European Championships this summer, if they happen. He has captained the Scottish junior and Open teams, but has had most success with the Women's team - the highlight being the Venice Cup in Wuhan in 2019.

He works for a public body in the heritage sector and in his spare time writes about bridge and history.



Derek Sanders

Derek has a long experience at bridge and his first competitive bridge encounter was when he played for Fiji in a friendly against Ron Klinger’s team who were visiting Suva on a cruise ship in 1980. He teaches bridge for The City of Edinburgh council adult education programme and has played 11 Camroses.

Sam Punch and Stephen Peterkin



Samantha Punch

Sam has played in the Scottish women’s team since 2008 and is Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling where she is leading several research projects on the Sociology of Bridge. *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) has had two academic papers recently published and a new website is about to be launched (bridgemindsport.org). You are all invited to participate in the virtual BAMSA conference 28 June-1 July 2021 bringing together academics, practitioners and policy makers in the bridge world to discuss the opportunities and challenges of the new bridge normal. Contact bamsa@stir.ac.uk for more info.



Stephen Peterkin

Stephen and Sam formed a partnership 11 years ago and have played six Camroses together and they were on the winning team for the Commonwealth’s transnational teams in Glasgow. This year they hope to play in the open Europeans together in Madeira (Covid permitting). Stephen is a regular BBO operator and a classically trained pianist but more recently was teaching English to students from across Europe until Covid hit.



Anne Symons NPC

Anne has been a regular member of the women’s team for many years, and has also represented Scotland in Camrose and Mixed Teams. She still works as a pharmacist 2-3 days a week but looks forward to retiring in a few months’ time. She has had some experience of captancy at Camrose, Junior and Senior levels and is getting better at containing her excitement while watching her team play online.