

# WALES



## Adam Dunn

Adam grew up in Tywyn, mid-Wales and first played for the Welsh juniors in 1992. After 8 years at junior level, he partnered Peter Goodman in the Open team, playing in 8 Camrose matches, a European Open, Olympiad and Commonwealth (winning Silver in 2002). Adam played very little bridge from 2006 (when kids arrived on the scene) until rekindling his partnership with Dafydd Jones last year. Adam works in Executive Search, specialising in Management Consultancy, and lives on the Hampshire coast with his wife, Diz, and children, Charlie, Poppy and Clover.



## Dafydd Jones

Dafydd grew up in London and first played for the Welsh juniors in 1994. He played with Jake Dunn for many years before graduating to play with his Dad, Gary, in the Open team, in 2001, then semi retiring at the European Championships in 2012 after the birth of his first child. Honours for Wales include a Silver medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Championships and being part of the only Welsh team to win the Camrose (so far!), he has also won the Spring 4's in an all Welsh team. Dafydd has now restarted his international career with Adam (Jake's brother) having played together in teams for many years. This will be their second Camrose together. Dafydd works as an Accountant in Finance and lives in Ealing with his wife, Tessa, and two boys Geraint and Henry.



## Adrian Thomas

David Burn on one of his pre-covid visits to Wales worked out that if you rearrange letters in my name, you come up with I AM A SAD NORTH - hence my BBO name- and it also seemed apt for life in 2020.

On the wish list for 2021 are front teeth, completing Wainwrights, cycling from North to South of France- postponed in 2020 and seeing people live.

Otherwise by this time next year I might even get used to "Realbridge" - currently one of few that don't seem to like it- Welsh captain allegedly being another one.

Bridge wise this is Tony and my international debut together- I might even catch up with the great Jourdain as to how many Camrose partners I get through - Tony is my 7th, so some way to go - and I can't even get in the Seniors' team yet!!



### **Tony Disley**

This is Tony's first Camrose almost 50 years after his first Junior Camrose and almost 10 years since his Teltscher debut when Wales won the trophy. He has been partnering Adrian for just over a year so little of their bridge has been face to face.

Tony took early retirement from Investment Management in 2011. Much of his time is devoted to Golf Administration, previously a Selector and Captain of teams he now referees at both Professional and Elite Amateur level. His own game has become sadly deficient but having ordered new irons and receiving a book on conquering the yips as an Xmas gift he is looking forward to the reopening of the course with pathetic optimism.



### **Tony Ratcliff**

The partnership of Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage formed soon after Julian moved to Porthcawl in 2005. In recent years they have won a number of domestic events, including the Welsh Premier League in both 2018 and 2019, the Camrose trial in 2020 and the Welsh Cup in 2018 and 2020. They played together in the 2016 European Championships in Budapest and in the 2019 and 2020 Camrose.

Tony lives in Barry and works as an Accountant for a group of Companies in Cardiff.

He leads the all-time Master Point List in Wales and was part of the team that brought home the Gold Medal for Wales in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Championships in Glasgow.

In his spare time, Tony enjoys reselling Art and collectables. He also enjoys growing fruit and vegetables.



### **Julian Pottage**

Julian is Bridge Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph and until recently was Associate Editor of BRIDGE, published by Mr Bridge. He contributes to other bridge magazines, at home and abroad, and has written over 25 books on the game. He is also the host of the Bridge Questions Forum for Bernard Magee Bridge. 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. Neither his wife nor his children play bridge, although both of his parents were keen players.



**Simon Richards (NPC)**

I am Maltese by birth (although not by Passport) and my parents moved back to England when I was six months old; I have never been back to Malta since then. I moved to Wales in 1985.

I am a microbiologist by degree but have been the Director of my own management consultancy company providing consultancy on quality assurance and regulatory affairs matters, specifically to the medical device sector. I set up the company over 10 years ago, although retirement may not be far away.

This is my first job as NPC of the Wales Camrose team although I have had over 25 years' experience in herding cats (otherwise known as the NPC of the various Wales Juniors teams), so this should be a doddle! I have played in nine Camrose weekends for either Wales or the WBU with various partners, the last two of which were in the 2019 series when I partnered my son Jonathan over both weekends - the BGB archives are incorrect in this respect. I also played for the Wales Open team in the last two European events in Budapest and Ostend.