

**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND  
JUNIOR CAMROSE TEAM**



**Sam Connolly**

Sam is from Dublin and was looking forward to his first Peggy Bayer appearance ... but he now finds himself unexpectedly playing in the Junior Camrose instead. Sam's Dad taught him bridge as a lockdown project and he loves the game. Apart from bridge, Sam's favourite hobbies are rugby, chess, and mountain biking



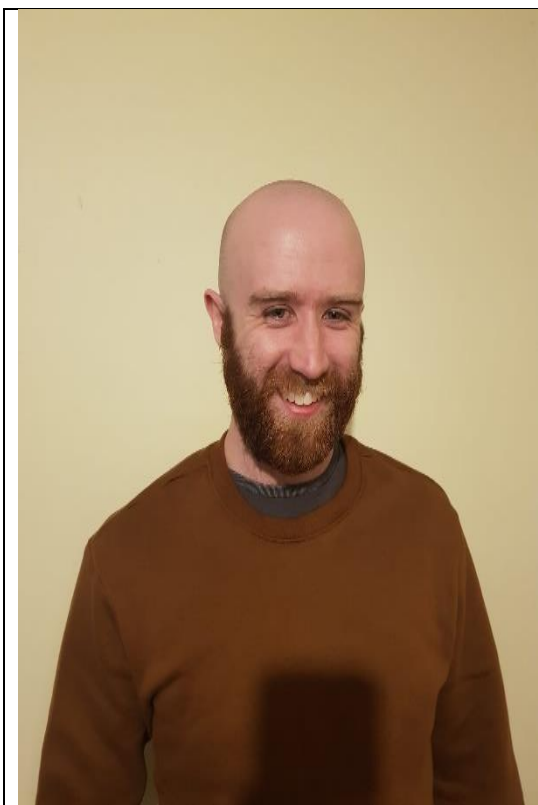
**David Hoyne**

David is from Kilkenny, and, like his partner Sam, he was expecting to make his first Peggy Bayer appearance ... but he now finds himself unexpectedly thrust into the Junior Camrose instead. Like Tom Gorey on the Irish Peggy Bayer team, David learned bridge in school from legendary teacher and Irish bridge icon, Margaret Murphy.



**Jarlath McDonnell**

Jarlath began learning bridge in 2013 under the tutelage of Thomas Mac Cormac. After first representing Ireland in Berghausen 2014 he went on to compete in Liepaya Samorin and Melsomvik in the European Youth Bridge Championships. Jarlath also participated in the Team Ireland youth improvement camps in Atlanta Georgia and Las Vegas Nevada. In 2019 Jarlath stepped back from bridge to focus on college work - graduating a Scholar with a Gold Medal in Dentistry from Trinity College in 2021. Jarlath now is looking forward to returning to bridge competitions - as lockdowns finally end! Jarlath is currently working as a Junior House Officer in the Dublin Dental Hospital and enjoys choir, board games and reading in his spare time.



### **Jason Doyle**

Jason has had an on again off again relationship with bridge since the age of 15, sometimes due to school and college, sometimes due to the lack of a regular partner (ironically). When starting off, Jason played in Irish School competitions... for a school he didn't attend because he learnt from his uncle who was teaching at every school but his! A graduate of Applied Psychology, with no clue how to apply it, Jason wishes to pursue a master's in music therapy after taking a year to "find himself" after his plans to travel were ruined because of Covid. When he's not taking care of his new puppy, Jason work with his uncle (yes that same uncle) helping him teach bridge online and tournament direct on BBO and running admin for his website. Though Jason may seem serious at the table, he wants nothing more than for everyone to have the craic at and away from the table!

**Isabel Burke and Billy Stenson will appear as substitutes for the team.**



### **NPC Karel De Raeymaeker**

Karel is an Irish grandmaster (the highest ranking within the Irish bridge structure). He has won countless national titles, and has represented Ireland at open level. Karel has been involved in junior bridge for many years, and has devoted countless hours to young players in his role as very popular coach to the Irish juniors.