

**REPUBLIC OF
IRELAND
PEGGY BAYER
TEAM**



Tom Gorey

This is Tom's second Peggy Bayer appearance. Tom is in transition year in Kilkenny and started learning bridge in school when our renowned teacher Margaret Murphy came in on Wednesdays to teach the game. Outside of bridge he likes football and reading. Tom likes bridge because of how competitive it is and how you can learn something new on every board.



Adam Murphy

Adam is playing in the Peggy Bayer for the third year running. He has been playing bridge for more than 5 minutes and has played in 2112 competitions, give or take a few thousand. Aside from playing bridge, Adam mainly enjoys music, whether it be playing (mainly guitar, but also bass, drums and keyboard from time to time) or listening (usually rock and metal; in particular stuff that's heavy, energetic and/or complex, like Metallica, Rush and Pink Floyd – each of which he could talk about for hours). Other interests include video games and watching football.



Luca Crone

Luca may have mastered his poker face at the table. But don't let that fool you, as anyone that knows him will tell you he tends to enjoy playing bridge like poker. Some say Luca has an optimistic outlook on life (particularly when it comes to bidding slams) as once he gets an inkling he is determined no matter what! And while Luca isn't playing bridge he is either reading one of his infamous collection of bridge books or teaching bridge to his new-found proteges at college. This is Luca's third Peggy Bayer cap.



Matthew O'Farrell

Matthew is back for his third shot at the Peggy Bayer this year, aiming at a first win. He hopes all his hours wasted on BBO over lockdown will help this cause. Away from the bridge table he enjoys watching sport and procrastinating over whether or not he should start studying for his exams; he is studying Commerce in UCD.



Isabel Burke

Isabel is sixteen years of age and began playing bridge almost three years ago. She lives in Galway, and her favourite subjects in school are maths and chemistry and she hopes to study pharmacy in college. She often smuggles bridge books in between her school books when she is supposed to be studying! This was to be Isabel's third appearance on the Junior Camrose team, but circumstances have seen her switch to the Peggy Bayer squad apart from a brief substitute role in the older age group.



John Phelan, NPC

The pride of Waterford, John has won most of the major Irish championships, often in partnership with his wife Lucy. As a pair, they have won the Spiro Cup twice, the IBU Pairs and the Moylan once, and have featured on four Coen Trophy winning teams. A friendly and engaging couple, they are generally very popular opponents - and would be a lot more popular if you could even occasionally manage to get a good score against them! In addition, John has made a big contribution to the development of future bridge players, both as a teacher and as a mentor to some of our promising juniors.