



## **PRESS RELEASE – IRISH BRIDGE UNION**

### **IRISH BRIDGE TEAM TO COMPETE IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MOROCCO, 20 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**All Irish eyes are currently focused on our women’s soccer team playing in their first world cup finals, but another Irish team will shortly be representing us on the world stage too.**

**The Irish Bridge Team qualified from last year’s European Championships for a place in the upcoming World Championships (for the “Bermuda Bowl”) to be held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 20 August to 2 September 2023. This is the second time that Ireland has qualified for the “world cup” of bridge.**

**Irish Bridge Union PRO Dermot O’Brien notes that:  
“We are sending a very experienced and well-regarded team to Morocco, and hopes are high for a good performance. Five of the six-person playing squad have previously won European silver medals, and all have a great track record of achievement at the highest level.”**

**The squad is John Carroll, Tommy Garvey, Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, Adam Mesbur, and Mark Moran, accompanied by Non-Playing Captain Gráinne Barton, and Coach Nick FitzGibbon, and all Irish bridge players will be cheering them on in Marrakech.**

**Team captain Gráinne Barton says:**

**“The team has been practicing hard for these World Championships ever since qualification last summer, and we are going into the tournament in good form. It’ll be a huge challenge, of course, with all the top teams in the world present, several of them made up of full-time bridge professionals. And the Championships will be a test of endurance as well as skill, with thirteen days of multiple matches requiring the highest level of concentration at all times. Thanks very much to all the Irish bridge players for their support for the team. We’ll be doing our very best to make you proud of us.”**



**Gráinne Barton**

**The Irish Bridge Union is the 32-county body responsible for sending teams to international bridge competitions.**

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