

The 2024 Lady Milne Trophy

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2024 Lady Milne Trophy

The Contract Bridge Association of Ireland extends a very warm welcome to all the teams participating in the 2024 Lady Milne Trophy.

Officials:

Match Manager	Dermot O'Brien
Assistant Match Managers	Fran Ronan/Siobhan Canty/Eimir Beirne
Director in Charge	Fearghal O'Boyle
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RealBridge Broadcasting Team

Eamon Galligan (Organiser) and a cast of volunteers. Thanks also to Shireen Mohandes and Andy Bowles of RealBridge.

Refreshments

Refreshments for players and officials will be served in the Mornington Restaurant at the following times:

Friday	17:30 Buffet Meal
Saturday	14:35 Light Lunch 20:30 Dinner
Sunday	14:35 Light Lunch 20:00 Reception and Dinner (sit down 20:30)

The Lady Milne Trophy

A Brief History



The Lady Milne Trophy began life in 1934 as the Ladies' Team Championship of the National Bridge Association run by Hubert Phillips. Then in 1950 it became the trophy for the Ladies' Home Internationals, with entry limited to one team from each country (previously, entry was open to many teams).

The event is now played over one weekend for women's teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. Since 2009, the host nation has added a second team, under the name of the federation, to make an even six. This team can win the trophy, and indeed an English Bridge Union team did so in 2010. Teams play a head-to-head match of 32 boards against each of the other five. In 2011, for the first time in 62 years, the series ended in a tie, the trophy being shared by England and Scotland. The regulations were subsequently amended to make a tie less likely.

England has won outright on 52 occasions (including the EBU win in 2010), and is the defending champion. Scotland has won outright 15 times, Wales 4 times, and Northern Ireland twice. The Republic of Ireland, which joined the series in 1998, has yet to win. The hosts are hoping that, after a narrow and painful defeat last year, this year might be the time to break the duck!

Team Home Rooms for Weekend

Team	Room
England	Whitewood 2 (ground floor)
Wales	Whitewood 3 (ground floor)
CBAI	Bellview 1 (first floor)
Ireland	Bellview 2 (first floor)
Scotland	Blackcastle 1 (first floor)
Northern Ireland	Blackcastle 2 (first floor)
TDs/Organisers	Blackcastle 3 (first floor)
NPCs/Vugraph	Dunsany Room (first floor)
Tea/Coffee	Newgrange (ground floor)
Lunch/Dinner	Mornington Restaurant (ground floor)

2024 LADY MILNE TROPHY MATCH SCHEDULE

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Match Schedule				
		Table 1	Table 2	Table 3
FRIDAY				
17:30		Dinner		
19:00-21.10	Match 1A	N Ireland v Scotland	Ireland v CBAI	Wales v England
21:25-23:35	Match 1B	N Ireland v Scotland	Ireland v CBAI	Wales v England
SATURDAY				
10.00 - 12.10	Match 2A	England v Ireland	Wales v N Ireland	Scotland v CBAI
12.25 - 14.35	Match 2B	England v Ireland	Wales v N Ireland	Scotland v CBAI
14:35		Lunch		
15:20-17:30	Match 3A	CBAI v England	Scotland v Wales	Ireland v N Ireland
17:45-19:55	Match 3B	CBAI v England	Scotland v Wales	Ireland v N Ireland
20:30		Dinner		
SUNDAY				
10.00 - 12.10	Match 4A	Wales v Ireland	England v Scotland	CBAI v N Ireland
12.25 - 14.35	Match 4B	Wales v Ireland	England v Scotland	CBAI v N Ireland
14:35		Lunch		
15:20-17:30	Match 5A	Scotland v Ireland	CBAI v Wales	N Ireland v England
17:45-19:55	Match 5B	Scotland v Ireland	CBAI v Wales	N Ireland v England
20:30		Reception & Dinner		

Each team has its own room and seats its N/S Pair there throughout. The E/W Pairs move to the room of their opponents for each match. In the first stanza, the captain of the second-named team nominates their line-up first; in the second stanza the first-named captain nominates first.

THE LADY MILNE TROPHY

Format

The Lady Milne Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, in rotation, by the country hosting the event. In 2024 Ireland fields two teams, one as “Ireland” the other as “CBAI”.

The competition sees five head-to-head matches of 32 boards in 16-board stanzas, the two teams from Ireland playing against each other in the first match.

Teams consist of a maximum of six players. Seating rights alternate between the two teams. In the first stanza the captain of the second-named team nominates their line-up first; in the second stanza the first-named captain nominates first.

Public Presentation

In any one session, three matches are in progress. The play in each match is broadcast on the internet via RealBridge. Entry to the Closed Room is prohibited. The Closed Rooms will be clearly marked on the doors to each room.

Smoking and Alcohol

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hotel. In addition the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave her mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Spectators in the Vugraph theatre are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

You may watch the players live in the Open Room (Open Rooms will be clearly marked on the doors of each room) provided you observe the following rules:

- A spectator may not enter the Open Room while play is in progress. This also applies even if a match has started before the advertised starting time.
- If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress, they may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
- During play in the Open Room spectators must refrain from mannerisms or remarks and must not converse with a player or display any reaction to bidding or play.
- Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of one player only.
- A spectator should be seated behind a single player and may not get up to walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
- Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the BBO operator covering the match on the internet.
- Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
- The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
- Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter the Closed Room.



Northern Ireland

*Anne Fitzpatrick & Mary Kelly-Rogers
Clare Watson & Heather Hill
Sandie Millership & Anne Hassan
NPC Helen Hall*

Anne Fitzpatrick & Mary Kelly-Rogers



Anne has recently retired as a partner of an accountancy firm in Belfast. She is Honorary Treasurer of the NIBU and the IBU. She is very much looking forward to playing with Mary in their fourth Lady Milne together. When not at the bridge table Anne enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, travelling and line dancing.



Mary is a long-time supporter of Women's Bridge and is delighted to play Women's teams on the NIBU team for Lady Milne. She is looking forward to playing to playing with one of her very best friends, Anne Fitzpatrick, believing that friendship through competition really does work! Her support for women playing Bridge started in 2009 when she was instrumental in the forming of a Women's sub-Committee of the CBAI. In 2014 she was invited to the EBL Women's Committee, and she now serves on WBF Women's Committee.

Clare Watson & Heather Hill



Clare worked in education but has been happily retired for many years. Bridge has been very important to her over the years providing enjoyment, friends, and occasional success. Clare has played on the Lady Milne team with 5 different partners, not all at the same time of course. With her current partner Heather, Clare is delighted to have the opportunity to play again in the Lady Milne. She enjoys walking, reading, keeping fit and as many holidays as possible.



Heather is a retired Maths teacher who still works for her local exam board both as reviser and team leader for A level maths. Her other interests include travel - in particular to Boise Idaho and Newcastle upon Tyne to spend time with children and grandchildren. She also enjoys cruising, city breaks in Europe and has just returned from a great trip to India. Walking, yoga and cryptic crosswords are among her other non-bridge activities. She has played both Lady Milne and the Teltscher Trophy a number of times with Clare which she really enjoys. She is a past Chairman of the NIBU and is currently Vice-President of the IBU.

Sandie Millership & Anne Hassan



Sandie is a retired Pharmacist living in Bangor. Anne is Sandie's 5th partner in the Lady Milne and her 4th in four years (not sure if that is good or bad 😊). Sandie has been involved in junior bridge for more years than she cares to remember. She loves watching the youngsters' enthusiasm for the game but also gives thanks for permanent hair colours which disguise the grey hair that watching them produces. She has captained the junior teams many times and has also captained the Lady Milne team on a number of occasions and the Teltscher team last year. She also played in the inaugural Senior Camrose with her late husband, Jeff (yes, she is that old 😊).



Anne is a retired teacher and mother to four children and ten grandchildren and has enjoyed bridge at club and local competition level for many years. This is her second time to participate in the Lady Milne event. Most of her bridge years were dedicated to the administrative and organisational side of game – holding posts of Secretary, Chair and Congress Organiser of the NIBU, and recently teaching bridge in primary schools. Anne is passionate about bridge and its ability to change the lives of the people who have discovered and enjoy it especially at club level. Other hobbies include watercolour painting, gardening and a wee glass of wine!

Helen Hall (NPC)



Helen is a retired business owner who started her own software company in 1990. Helen is a qualified bridge teacher who has represented Northern Ireland in the Lady Milne on previous occasions.

As International Match Manager and Webmaster, she devotes many hours to the NIBU. She is very much looking forward to being NPC of Team Northern Ireland.



Ireland

***Joan Kenny & Jeannie Fitzgerald
Teresa Rigney & Siobhan Part
Gilda Pender & Hilary Dowling-Long
McDonagh
NPC Paul Porteous***

Joan Kenny & Jeannie Fitzgerald



Joan is a retired Maths teacher from Ballinrobe, County Mayo, who would still be very happy to “pull a pint” for any visitors to Galway in the family licensed premises – thus doing her bit for the returning diaspora! Joan is a veteran of many previous Lady Milne teams, the majority in partnership with Teresa Rigney, and twice previously with this year’s partner, and has also played on numerous European and World Championship teams.



Jeannie, living in Ennis, County Clare, is involved in technology research and development, having completed a PhD in computer science as a mature student in the University of Limerick. She has won many representative caps in the Lady Milne, and at European and World level. She and Joan have featured in the Lady Milne twice previously, and represented Ireland in the European National Teams Championship in Madeira in 2022.

Teresa Rigney & Siobhan Part



Teresa is retired after a long career as a teacher of Mathematics at a Dublin secondary school for young ladies. With retirement has come a greater facility to relax, so detention for those who don’t know their system is no longer on the cards! Teresa has won multiple national championships, and has represented Ireland on numerous occasions in the Lady Milne and in European and World Championship teams. She too was part of the European National Teams Championship team in Madeira.



Siobhan is from Kildare, just outside Dublin, and works as a nurse in a large Dublin teaching hospital. She learned to play bridge in school and played for three years before taking a break. She returned to bridge seriously just over ten years ago and has played with Teresa Rigney & BJ O'Brien since, learning good habits (mostly – certainly from Teresa!), and progressing rapidly through the ranks. This is Siobhan's third Lady Milne outing.

Gilda Pender & Hilary Dowling-Long McDonagh



Gilda is an IT Project Manager, and has the distinction of having been admiral of her own fleet – of ATMs!! This is Gilda's sixth Lady Milne outing, having previously played with her sister, Noreen, with Rebecca O'Keeffe, and with this year's partner. Gilda was also part of the European National Teams Championship team in Madeira.



Hilary is a psychology lecturer, bridge teacher and worked for the CBAI at National Headquarters before retiring to Ballaghaderreen to raise her family. She has represented Ireland extensively at junior level and at numerous European ladies events. She achieved great success with Rebecca O'Keeffe winning every Irish women's title and many open honours, and then developed a strong partnership with Anne-Marie Horan with whom she played on three Lady Milne teams. She and Gilda have played in two European Championships.

Paul Porteous (NPC)



Paul is the former CEO of the CBAI, a position he held for the best part of thirty years. Since retirement, he has enjoyed travelling and working on his garden, but continues to be very involved in the Irish bridge scene. Paul has represented Ireland on Junior (long, long ago!) and Mixed Teams at European events, and last year made his first Senior international appearance in the Teltscher Trophy. He is an experienced NPC, having performed that role on Lady Milne and Irish Women's Teams at European level and with both Open & Senior teams at home internationals.



CBAI

***Kathleen Vaughan & Noreen Pender
Anna Carr & Margaret Farren
Louise Mitchell & Lucy Phelan
NPC Huey Daly***

Kathleen Vaughan & Noreen Pender



Kathleen: Age: Forever young at heart;
Family: Grandmother to six lively troublemakers, ranging from tiny tots to pre-teen pranksters
Work: Clocks in three days a week, keeping a balance between work and grandchild cuddles;
Hobbies: self-proclaimed golfing goofball, still chasing that elusive hole-in-one, but sending more balls to the

rough than the fairway;

Bridge: To me, bridge isn't just a game – it's a way of life and a chance to forge lifetime friendships. I'm grateful to the friends I've made at the bridge table ... at least the ones that still talk to me after my terrible bids.



Noreen returned to bridge after a break and has played previously for Ireland in the Lady Milne with her sister, Gilda – in action this weekend on the Irish team. They come from a card-playing family headed by granny Nora Pender. Nora was renowned at her local club for her practical approach to bidding, including on one occasion passing her partner's 2C opening; holding 0 HCPs and seven clubs, she scored a complete top. When not playing cards, Noreen is busy getting students through the tough Leaving Certificate Maths syllabus.

Anna Carr & Margaret Farren



Anna is a specialist nurse with the Irish Mental Health Services. She comes from a card-playing home, where both her mother and father played bridge. Her partner Margaret returned to bridge after covid, and they have been very successful (twice winning the Irish National Women's Pairs) and have racked up a lot of miles travelling from their homes in Donegal, since then. She is looking forward to her first Lady Milne appearance.



Margaret returned to bridge during covid after a considerable break. Like her partner, this is Margaret's first appearance in the Lady Milne. She comes from a card playing family (every game except bridge) and remembers many nights looking over her mother's shoulder longing to be in the middle of the action.

Margaret was introduced to bridge by her local bridge club and appreciates all the volunteers who supported the club by giving lessons. When not playing cards Margaret works in the Civil Service.

Louise Mitchell & Lucy Phelan



Louise recently returned to her native Galway after a 15-year stint in Limerick, with her bridge-playing TD husband in tow. Outside her day job, as an auditor with Revenue, free time is spent mainly at the bridge table or planning her next holiday! One of the few Irish women to have played in the Camrose series, winning her first cap in 2013 with partner Lucy Phelan, Louise has

represented Ireland in the European and World Championships on both women's and mixed teams, and is looking forward to European and World championships later this year. This is Louise's third Lady Milne appearance.



The pride of Waterford, **Lucy** has won most of the Irish national titles, many of them in partnership with her husband, John. Together, they have represented the CBAI in the Camrose Trophy, while Lucy has played for Ireland in the Lady Milne on several occasions, and they have travelled to various open championships, where they have represented Ireland with some distinction. In

addition, Lucy is a well-known and popular bridge teacher.

Huey Daly (NPC)



Huey took up bridge fourteen years ago, and it is now a big part of his life. Aside from playing, he teaches extensively and is one of Ireland's leading Tournament Directors. This is his first outing as NPC, and he is looking forward to the challenge. When he is away from the bridge table, Huey likes to play golf.



Wales

Ceri Pierce & Mia Deschepper
Jo Copping & Joan Marray
Gilly Clench & Suzi Lawson
NPC Maggie Pierce

Ceri Pierce & Mia Deschepper



Ceri was horrified to realise at the weekend that she had been playing bridge for over 30 years (although that did include a 15-year break). She had not realised how old she was. She has played in numerous Lady Milne events since the 90s, this being her 5th with her partner Mia. Ceri is an IT consultant for a well-known company in Belfast, lives in Somerset (but is actually Welsh) and

has three grown up children, Nick, Pete and Abbie who have all now flown her nest but come back from time to time with huge bags of washing. When not playing bridge she can usually be found in an Indian restaurant.



Mia started playing bridge 8 years ago and was quickly hooked. She was so lucky to find much better players who helped her to develop. She has now represented Wales in the last four Lady Milnes with Ceri Pierce, in the European Mixed Teams with Adrian Thomas and Richard Plackett, and in the World Championships Mixed Teams also with Richard. Away from the bridge table, Mia is interested in just about anything bar

watching sports, beach holidays, or fine dining.

Jo Copping & Joan Marray



Jo was born and bred in Brecon, but her childhood was spent mostly in East Africa going to school in Zanzibar, Nairobi and Kampala before coming back to Brecon to finish her schooling. After training and working in London for 7 years the Brecon Beacons drew her home to stay!



Joan started playing bridge over 30 years ago when her youngest son started school and a friend asked her to go to bridge lessons on Friday afternoons. The friend lasted 5 lessons and Joan was addicted – and will be forever grateful. Having played a few years ago with two other partners she is making a second consecutive LM appearance with Jo.

Gilly Clench & Suzi Lawson



Like many players these days, **Gilly** has played in the Lady Milne for more years than she cares to remember and is going for the Guinness book of records on the number of different partners. Previous partners have left the country, died, no longer play and have even been banned – she's not sure whether she has contributed to any of this! Few bridge accolades to shout about, but she enjoys every workshop activity you can name (though nothing sporty - apart from cycling like mad). When she was president of the WBU last year, Gilly pushed for entry requirements to be changed nationally for eligibility, which has allowed her partner Suzi to play for the first time as she has Welsh grandparents.



This is **Suzy's** first ever appearance at the Lady Milne, as she lives in Bristol and wasn't allowed to play for Wales previously, only having Welsh grandparents, as noted above. She is renowned throughout the bridge community for having the longest hair and for sitting rather like a hobbit at the table, with knee positions that many of us can only dream about. She works in transport and her hobbies are playing bridge and cooking.

Maggie Pierce (NPC)



Maggie has played with several partners over very many years, with two previous successes (1988 with Jill Casey - now Reitz - and 2015 with Gilly). She has now managed to retire gracefully and is enjoying her new role. Having played once in the Teltscher she has almost fulfilled her ambition to play at every level. Sadly she does not meet the junior eligibility criteria. She took

early retirement many years ago (from IT support in Education) in order to concentrate on the important things in life: playing golf (badly); cooking for and entertaining old bridge players, her kitchen is regarded as a watering hole, except they don't drink water; and travelling. She is the founder member of the Beulah Road Crossword Team. And as a teenage Wrexham supporter she is loving their new world-wide fame.



Scotland

Samantha Punch & Anne Symons

Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker

Sheila Adamson & Abi Milne

NPC Brian Short

Samantha Punch & Anne Symons



Sam has played in the Scottish women's team since 2008, winning the Lady Milne seven times. Sam is Professor of Sociology researching the Sociology of MindSport. The project Bridge: A MindSport for All (BAMSA) has eight published papers which can be found in the research section of the BAMSA

website www.bridgemindsport.org. Her book, 'Bridge at the Top: Behind the Screens', based on interviews with top UK and US players, recently won the IBPA Book of the Year award. You can follow BAMSA on Facebook or Twitter @bridgemindsport. If you would like to support BAMSA's new bridge, youth and schools project you can donate via the University of Stirling: www.stir.ac.uk/carddonate or via the Keep Bridge Alive Crowdfunder page

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/u5c0e5e7810869>



Anne is a retired Pharmacist who, with her husband Andrew, recently moved to Perthshire for grandparenting duties, which keeps her busy. She has been a regular member of the Scottish Women's Team for the last 25 years and has played all over the world in Europeans, Olympiads, World Bridge Games and even the Venice Cup, which was a highlight.

She has six Lady Milne wins to her credit, and was also part of the first women's pair to represent Scotland in the Camrose. She still finds time for other interests; choir, tap dancing and teaching bridge, to name a few.

Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker



Liz is Scotland's only World and European Grand Master, thanks to a purple patch when she played for Great Britain before the home nations were granted separate status. She won two European Women's Championships playing with Heather Dhondy; and the inaugural World Transnational Teams playing with some great Icelanders she and Heather picked up in the bar.

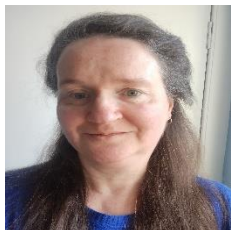
She has also won 2 silver medals at World Team Olympiads playing with Sandra Penfold. She has played in a record 37 Lady Milnes, winning 11 of them, also 7 Camrose series and 6 Teltcher Trophies. Liz is a bridge teacher and journalist, heavily involved with bridge administration in Scotland and she is currently the SBU representative on BGB.



Fiona has played for Scotland in the women's team on many occasions, and this will be her 21st Lady Milne, winning on 6 occasions. She has played in the Scottish women's team in seven European Championships, and four Olympiads/World Games. With several others in this team she reached the semi-final of the World Games in Wroclaw in 2016 and the Venice Cup in

Wuhan in 2019. She returned to face-to-face bridge after 2 years, at the SBU Peebles congress teams in March 2022, and this was quickly followed by another Scottish cap at the Venice Cup in Salsomaggiore for which the team had only three weeks' notice; they nevertheless produced a top half finish. She is a chartered accountant working in Edinburgh, and enjoys travelling, theatre-going and walking, and is also displaying considerable skills at fantasy football.

Sheila Adamson & Abi Milne



Sheila has been a frequent member of the Scottish Women's Team since 2004, originally playing with Anne Symons and more recently Abi Milne. In that time she has won six Lady Milne events. She has also played in 8 European Championships and World Bridge Games. Sheila's job involves quality assurance in transnational education, which means working with very nice people

and attending a lot of committees. She used to spend a lot of time in airports; now she spends a lot of time on Microsoft Teams.



Abi is a recent addition to the women's scene, having left the ranks of the Juniors in 2018 in an attempt to emulate the better-known members of the Scotland ranks. As it so happened, she managed to do so at the first attempt with her current partner Sheila, and was therefore part of the winning Lady Milne team on her debut. At that time she was still playing under her maiden name, so celebrated shortly after by adopting the Milne name by marrying Jake. Abi has a very good temperament for the game, so don't try to ruffle her at the table. You will just be wasting your time! She is a systems analyst by day, keen writer by night and now an accomplished bridge player in the space between.

Brian Short (NPC)



Brian played bridge for Great Britain on three occasions before Scotland got international autonomy, with long-time partner Sandy Duncan. He has played in 55 Camrose weekends with five different partners, winning on three occasions. He has also played 7 times in the senior Camrose and has made multiple European and Olympiad appearances in Open, Senior and Mixed events. He has captained or coached the Scottish women's team on 16 occasions. At least he thinks it is 16. "My mind is a bit numb now", he explained recently, declining to offer a view on why it was numb. He won the Gold Cup in 2006 and has multiple wins in every major Scottish event, including Scotland's premier teams' competition (the Scottish Cup) which he has won on 15 occasions. Two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren keep him busy and as elder son lives in Melbourne and younger son in Switzerland, Kate and he have plenty of excuse to travel.



England

*Anne Rosen & Nevena Senior
Sally Brock & Maggie Knottenbelt
Sally Anoykatis & Venetia Anoyrkatis
NPC Heather Dhondy*

Anne Rosen & Nevena Senior



Anne learnt to play bridge in her teens in Edinburgh in the 1980s, where she played for the Scottish Junior team and won the Ladies teams, before moving south aged 22. After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant Anne moved to London to be with her now husband, Neil Rosen. Away from the table Anne works for the Bank of England but is now looking forward to retiring as soon as she can. Over the years Anne has had considerable success in national competitions including the Pachabo, Tollemache, Hubert Phillips and NICKO. Internationally Anne has played representative bridge with Val Curran, Gillian Fawcett, Catherine Draper, Catherine Seale, Sarah Bell, and Nevena Senior. Anne was also part of the team that won the Mind Sport Games in Beijing in 2008. This is Anne's 10th Lady Milne and 3rd playing with Nevena.

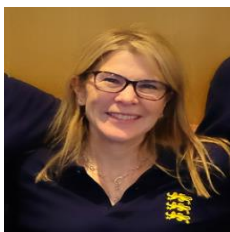


I started playing bridge during my final year at University, and my first husband introduced me to the game. I teach and play bridge both on line and face-to-face the latter in London at Andrew Robson's BC, Wimbledon BC and the Acol club. I've won multiple medals from European and World Championships, representing Bulgaria, Great Britain and England. My best achievements are winning the European Ladies Pairs for Bulgaria in 1987, winning the European Women's Teams for England in 2012 and 2016 and winning the World Bridge Games in 2008 and 2012 again for England. In my free time I like reading, doing crosswords, going to the gym and cooking.

Sally Brock & Maggie Knottenbelt



Back in the day (1979 to be precise) I played in my first European Championship, with Sandra Landy, which we won. And we won again in 1981 and also the Venice Cup that year. Between then and now I have played in and won a lot of women's and domestic open events, including another five world championships. The most recent was the world women's teams in partnership with Fiona Brown in 2018. Nowadays I make my living mostly by professional bridge of one sort or another: writing (I am the columnist for the Sunday Times), playing and teaching online – trying to share my passion (obsession maybe!) for the game with others!



I was taught to play bridge by my parents at aged 11 and played a lot of rubber bridge at university. I then had a career as a management consultant and also two sons, so bridge took a back foot in my life for many years. Just before covid I found my way back to Andrew Robson and my bridge passion was reignited. I became an American National Champion in 2021 playing with Heather Dhondy and won a bronze medal at the World Open Transnationals in Marrakesh partnering Michael Byrne. I am excited to be partnering Sally Brock in my first Lady Milne. Later in the year I will be playing in the mixed European Championships again partnering Michael and with Heather on the team. I have just moved to Italy with my husband and I am planning on checking out the Italian bridge scene, as opposed to our current obsession with the Italian food scene!

Sally Anoyrkatis & Venetia Anoyrkatis



It was great to have played in the Lady Milne with my daughter, Venetia, last year, we really enjoyed the weekend and we were delighted to have qualified again this year. Being able to share these experiences with your teenager is pretty special.



I'm 17 years old and come from a bridge playing family now living in Devon. Life is pretty busy with college, part time job and friends/fun, as well as bridge. I really enjoyed playing in the Lady Milne for the first time last year, and it was great to be part of the winning team, especially after such a close end result. I was very happy to have qualified with my Mum again this year and

fingers crossed we make it 2 wins on the trot.

Heather Dhondy (NPC)



Heather was born in London in 1966. She lives in Dorset with her husband, Jeremy. Heather is a professional bridge player, teacher and writer. The highlights of Heather's international career occurred in 2008 and 2012 at the Mind Sports Games in Beijing and Lille where the England women won the Gold medal. She was also part of the winning England Women's team in

the 2012 and 2016 European Championships, and Great Britain's winning team in the 1997, 1999 and 2001 European Championships. Heather won the Silver medal in the Venice Cup in Bali in 2013 and European Championships in 2014, won the Bronze medal in the Venice Cup in 2015 and the Olympiad in Istanbul in 2004, and won the World Mixed Teams in Rhodes in 1996. In addition, she has won a record 13 Lady Milne trophies; eight of them partnering Sally Anoyrkatis, and five in partnership with Nicola Smith.

VP SCALE (32 BOARDS)

IMPs	VPs		IMPs	VPs		IMPs	VPs
0	10.00 - 10.00		29	15.10 - 4.90		58	18.21 - 1.79
1	10.22 - 9.78		30	15.24 - 4.76		59	18.29 - 1.71
2	10.44 - 9.56		31	15.37 - 4.63		60	18.37 - 1.63
3	10.65 - 9.35		32	15.50 - 4.50		61	18.45 - 1.55
4	10.86 - 9.14		33	15.63 - 4.37		62	18.53 - 1.47
5	11.07 - 8.93		34	15.76 - 4.24		63	18.61 - 1.39
6	11.27 - 8.73		35	15.88 - 4.12		64	18.69 - 1.31
7	11.47 - 8.53		36	16.00 - 4.00		65	18.76 - 1.24
8	11.67 - 8.33		37	16.12 - 3.88		66	18.83 - 1.17
9	11.86 - 8.14		38	16.24 - 3.76		67	18.90 - 1.10
10	12.05 - 7.95		39	16.35 - 3.65		68	18.97 - 1.03
11	12.24 - 7.76		40	16.46 - 3.54		69	19.04 - 0.96
12	12.42 - 7.58		41	16.57 - 3.43		70	19.11 - 0.89
13	12.60 - 7.40		42	16.68 - 3.32		71	19.18 - 0.82
14	12.78 - 7.22		43	16.79 - 3.21		72	19.25 - 0.75
15	12.95 - 7.05		44	16.90 - 3.10		73	19.32 - 0.68
16	13.12 - 6.88		45	17.01 - 2.99		74	19.38 - 0.62
17	13.29 - 6.71		46	17.11 - 2.89		75	19.44 - 0.56
18	13.46 - 6.54		47	17.21 - 2.79		76	19.50 - 0.50
19	13.62 - 6.38		48	17.31 - 2.69		77	19.56 - 0.44
20	13.78 - 6.22		49	17.41 - 2.59		78	19.62 - 0.38
21	13.94 - 6.06		50	17.51 - 2.49		79	19.68 - 0.32
22	14.09 - 5.91		51	17.60 - 2.40		80	19.74 - 0.26
23	14.24 - 5.76		52	17.69 - 2.31		81	19.80 - 0.20
24	14.39 - 5.61		53	17.78 - 2.22		82	19.85 - 0.15
25	14.54 - 5.46		54	17.87 - 2.13		83	19.90 - 0.10
26	14.68 - 5.32		55	17.96 - 2.04		84	19.95 - 0.05
27	14.82 - 5.18		56	18.05 - 1.95			
28	14.96 - 5.04		57	18.13 - 1.87			

International Match Point Scale

Points difference	IMPs
0 - 10	= 0
20 - 40	= 1
50 - 80	= 2
90 - 120	= 3
130 - 160	= 4
170 - 210	= 5
220 - 260	= 6
270 - 310	= 7
320 - 360	= 8
370 - 420	= 9
430 - 490	= 10
500 - 590	= 11
600 - 740	= 12

Points difference	IMPs
750 - 890	= 13
900 - 1090	= 14
1100 - 1290	= 15
1300 - 1490	= 16
1500 - 1740	= 17
1750 - 1990	= 18
2000 - 2240	= 19
2250 - 2490	= 20
2500 - 2990	= 21
3000 - 3490	= 22
3500 - 3990	= 23
4000 and above	= 24