

Teltscher Trophy 2025

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2025 Teltscher Trophy

The Contract Bridge Association of Ireland extends a very warm welcome to all the teams participating in the 2025 Teltscher Trophy.

Officials:

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Director in Charge

Fearghal O'Boyle

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Mairéad Basquille, Alan Hill

RealBridge Broadcasting Team

A cast of volunteers. Thanks also to the RealBridge team.

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)

Tea/coffee/pastries will be available in the Newgrange Room on the ground floor in the break (12 noon) between the morning and afternoon stanzas on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Teltscher Trophy



The first Senior Home International Championship was played in Oxford over the weekend of 30 May to 1 June 2008. The national teams of the five home countries were joined by a Patron's team led by Bernard Teltscher, who agreed to support the event for its first five-year cycle, and commissioned the silver trophy. After some years the Patron's team was replaced by a second team representing the host nation, as is the case in the other home international events.

Teltscher, who died in 2020, was a well-known player and patron of bridge, and played at a good enough standard to win the Lederer Trophy (three times), the Spring Fours, and the Hubert Philips. He came to England as a teenager just before the outbreak of the Second World War, and studied at both University College, London and Trinity College, Cambridge. He represented Cambridge, successfully, in the first varsity bridge match to be played after World War II.

On graduation, he joined the family firm of wine importers, which was eventually sold. Bernard retained a number of properties previously owned by the firm, and had a second career in the property field. He played a lot of rubber bridge in his early days, but graduated quickly to duplicate, and partnered some of the greats of British bridge, including John Collings, Irving Rose, Willie Coyle, and, his favourite partner of all, Tony Priday.

The first running of the Teltscher Trophy was won by England, which has had seven subsequent victories, and is the defending champion. Scotland has won it five times, Ireland three times, and Wales once. Northern Ireland has yet to win the competition, but will be trying hard to break their duck this weekend.

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)
Relaxation	Newgrange (ground floor)
Lunch/Dinner	Mornington Restaurant (ground floor)

2025 TELTSCHER TROPHY MATCH SCHEDULE

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

Format

The Teltscher Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, in rotation, by the country hosting the event. In 2025 Ireland thus fields two teams, one as “Ireland” the other as “CBAI”.

The competition consists of five head-to-head matches of 32 boards in two 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. 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 must be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave their 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 any of the Open Rooms (Open Rooms will be clearly marked on the doors of each room) provided you observe the following rules:

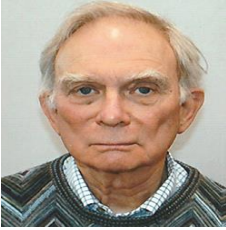
- A spectator may not enter the Open Room while play is in progress. This also applies even if a match has started before the advertised starting time.
- If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress, they may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
- During 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 Vugraph 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 any of the Closed Rooms.



Northern Ireland

Ian Lindsay (PC) & Robin Burns
Michael McFaul & Michael O’Kane
Diane Greenwood & David Greenwood

Ian Lindsay (PC) & Robin Burns



Ian is a retired accountant who now acts as Treasurer for several charities connected with music, the visual arts, health, and the disabled. He has devoted a great deal of his time to bridge administration and is a past Secretary, Chairman, Congress Organiser, and President of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union, and a past President of the Irish Bridge Union.

Ian has represented Northern Ireland at Camrose level on many occasions, and played in the Irish Senior Team at the European Championships in Denmark in 2024.



Robin is a retired civil servant, having worked within the computer section of Northern Ireland Civil Service for thirty years writing software programs for payroll, human resources, and financial systems. On the bridge front he used his software skills to create a masterpoint system for the NIBU.

His bridge career started forty years ago in 1986 and he has won approximately thirty caps in three different partnerships during this time. He has played with Ian Lindsay for at least twenty years.

Robin loves his daily walks with his partner’s collie dog “Tillie” and as she is more photogenic than he, Robin has instructed us to include her photo here instead of “boring old Robin”. A large amount of his remaining time is spent trying to speak French. Along the way he has acquired a ‘language buddy’ a French person who wants to improve their English, making it a most enjoyable two-way process.

Michael McFaul & Michael O’Kane



Michael is a retired Chief Librarian and serves as the Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union. He is also well known for the (mainly humorous) articles that he has contributed to various Irish bridge periodicals over the last forty years.

Michael has been selected as player and NPC for several Northern Ireland Camrose and Teltscher teams. His proudest moment in bridge was playing on the team that beat England 18-2 in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.



Michael was born in Derry in 1940, and began playing bridge during his time at Queen’s University. He settled in Downpatrick where he practised as a solicitor until his retirement in 2005. He continues to play bridge, and was very grateful for the support of the bridge community following his wife Flora's death. He has captained the NI Camrose team on several occasions,

and captained and played on the last Ulster team to win the last Inter-provincials. Now in his dotage, he enjoys sudoku and reading, and having the odd pint with his friends.

Diane Greenwood & David Greenwood



Diane has played in both the Camrose and Lady Milne Trophies on many occasions, and has represented Ireland in multiple European and World Championships. As a bridge instructor she has travelled on cruises to Antarctica and the Falklands, and sailed down the Amazon. As well as bridge and animals, the other main love in her life is gardening, and she grows her own

plants and vegetables and does voluntary work at Antrim Castle Gardens. Her group there was recently awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. Diane is the current Chairperson of the NIBU.



David is a retired financial adviser, and lives just outside Belfast with his wife Diane, his partner this weekend, and with whom he has played in five Camrose matches. He first played Camrose in 1980 for England, and, as a result, is the only Northern Ireland player to have won that Trophy. His most notable bridge partnership is that with Rex Anderson; together they have won everything

worth winning in Ireland, and played in numerous World and European championships



Ireland

BJ O'Brien & Ranald Milne
Micheál Ó Briain & Pádraig Ó Briain
Peter Goodman & Terry Walsh
NPC Derek O'Gorman

BJ O'Brien & Ranald Milne



BJ is one of the great characters of Irish bridge. Well-known for his willingness to play anywhere, anytime, with anyone, lockdown provided him with a wealth of new outlets – amongst them the Welsh league, the Gloucestershire league, the Scottish league, the Northern Ireland league, and the Polish Seniors International.

BJ has won all the major national championships, and has represented Ireland at both Open and Senior levels, including at the D'Orsi Bowl (senior world championships) in China in 2019. He has won the Teltcher in the past as both player and NPC.



Ranald is originally from England, but moved to Dublin for work reasons in the 1980s, and quickly established himself on the local bridge scene. His most notable partnerships have been with Joe MacHale initially, and BJ O'Brien latterly. Ranald has won all the major national competitions, and has represented Ireland at both Open and Senior levels, including at the D'Orsi

Bowl (senior world championships) in China in 2019.

He was previously a very well-regarded bridge teacher, inspiring great devotion and loyalty among his large body of students, until he retired when he and Catherine left Dublin a few years ago for the greener pastures of county Clare. Ranald has represented Munster since then and one of his most enjoyable results was in 2023 when Munster won the Interprovincial championship for only the sixth time since 1952. He was also a member of the Teltcher winning team in 2021.

Micheál Ó Briain & Pádraig Ó Briain



Micheál Micheal has retired after a career as an actuary in the insurance industry. He lives in Dublin with his wife Marie. Amongst other activities they mind their children's dogs and cat on a regular basis! He plays golf frequently but unfortunately not as well as he would like! His first international cap was in the Junior European championships in Delft in 1972 partnering his brother Pádraig. He has since represented Ireland on many occasions at Junior, Open and more recently Senior levels in the Camrose, Teltscher, European and World events and has been part of winning teams in the Camrose and Teltscher. Bridge has brought him to many interesting places including Turku Finland, Beijing, Chennai India, and Wuhan just prior to the outbreak of covid there!



Pádraig is retired from half a lifetime wrestling with computers. His international bridge career began in 1972 when he played with his brother Micheál in the Junior European Championships in Delft. He played in a number of European Open Team championships with Tomás Roche and Peter Pigot as well as Micheál. The brothers played on the first Irish team to win the Camrose in the current format 2005, and have two previous Teltscher wins under their belts.

Peter Goodman & Terry Walsh



Peter is a former Camrose winner with Wales, now living in Dublin with his wife Aoife, also a keen bridge player. He has won numerous Irish national titles and his other successes include the Spring Fours, Crockfords, Tollemache, Brighton Four Star wins. He has won the Teltscher in the past both as player and NPC.



Terry, a career Civil Servant, worked as a systems analyst within the computer section of the Department of Finance before moving to the Public Expenditure division, working on Government budgets and Departmental expenditure. He is retired, living opposite Christchurch Cathedral and enjoying the amenities of

Dublin city centre with his wife Bríd, also a keen bridge player. He and Peter played in the Teltscher winning team in 2021.

Derek O’Gorman (NPC)



Derek is a retired HR Director. He played with Hugh McGann in his early international career, and in many national and international events with Terry Walsh over the last 25 years, including in the European Open Championships a number of years ago. More recently, Derek has played with Peter Pigot Jnr, including a European Open Teams Championship.

Derek is also an experienced NPC having captained the Irish Senior Team in several European and World Championships, and several Teltscher Trophies including one win.



CBAI

*Gay Keaveney & Enda Glynn
Donal Garvey & Pat Quinn
Paul Porteous & Fred Barry
NPC Joan Kenny*

Gay Keaveney & Enda Glynn



Gay started playing bridge in his second year in university towards the end of 1971, having been taught how to play during the summer by his first cousin Des Scully (who played Camrose for the NIBU). In Galway university another cousin Arthur Kavanagh (Irish international) helped to give classes to students wanting to play the game. Gay is a multiple national champion, and has played in every international tournament with many partners including Paddy Walsh, Rory Timlin, Michael McGloughlin, Enda Glynn, Pauline Maguire, and Teresa Rigney. He was a member of the first Irish team to win the Camrose in 2000, and has a previous Teltscher win to his name.



Enda is a native of Lahinch and an Honorary Life member of Lahinch Golf Club. He wrote the Centenary History of Lahinch Golf Club in 1992. At his peak he played off a 2 handicap for many years, but claims the revised handicapping system is beyond his comprehension. He has played in the Teltscher Trophy several times before with both Gay Keaveney and Paul Scannell. Enda also had great success in partnership with Joan Kenny, a long-standing member of the Lady Milne team (and his NPC this weekend).

Donal Garvey & Pat Quinn



Donal, originally from Millstreet in Cork, is a statistician by profession and until his retirement was Director of the Irish Government's Central Statistics Office. A multiple national champion, he has represented Ireland in many European and World Championships. In conjunction with his son, Tommy, Donal forms the only father-and-son Grand Master pairing in Irish bridge.



Pat was born and bred in Clarecastle, just outside Ennis, where he still lives. He came from a strong card-playing family, and his earliest recollection of cards is being told by his parents to sit in as a fourth for a game of solo, "and don't make any mistakes!" From these beginnings, he has gone on to achieve great success in the game. He has won many major titles, most of them with his partner this weekend, but also with Des Houlihan, Cian Holland, and Pat Liston. This is his third Teltcher appearance.

Paul Porteous & Fred Barry



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 and Mixed Teams at European events, and this is his third Senior international appearance. He is also 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.



Fred has been playing bridge on and off since he was in university, and his notable (?) achievements include a winning streak with his Teltcher partner Paul in the Galway Congresses in the late 1970s. He has one previous Teltcher cap. He graduated as a Civil Engineer, and lived and worked on four continents over the following decades. He now lives in Dublin with Elaine, also a keen bridge player.

Joan Kenny (NPC)



Joan is a retired Maths teacher from Headford, County Galway. Joan is a multiple national champion who has represented Ireland in the Lady Milne Trophy, and on numerous European and World Championship teams. She is looking forward to her first weekend in the (hopefully much less stressful) NPC role.



Wales

Adrian Thomas & Andy Hughes
Gary Jones & Paul Lamford
Diane Kurbalija & Paul Denning
NPC Andrea Knox

Adrian Thomas & Andy Hughes

Now living in wilds of North Wales my main hobbies have become “cycling for softies” (long distance cycling with bags carried for you) and walking. Having not played much competitively for a number of years - you realise online doesn't really count when you return to the green baize - this will be my first ever Teltscher appearance as well as an international debut with Andy.



I have also been encouraged back into running bridge holidays, enticed by winter sun abroad. At one recent holiday a participant burst into tears on seeing my dummy. I am hoping Andy is made of sterner stuff.

I also enjoy encouraging improvers to improve as part of WBU mentoring “scheme” and from interested people on bridge holidays - unfortunately there is nobody helping me get any better, only trying to update me with modern improvements in bidding methods for me to get wrong.



Andy lives in Brecon, Mid Wales with his wife Roz and Loki the lurcher. They have three grown up children and three grandchildren. He started playing bridge whilst at University in Southampton and has now played for 40+ years.

In his spare time apart from playing bridge and walking the dog, Andy tries very hard to play golf. At home he enjoys cooking and the odd (or more) glass of wine. He is a lifelong follower of Southampton Football Club.

Gary Jones & Paul Lamford



Gary has been a regular in Welsh Camrose, Senior Camrose, Open and Senior European, and Commonwealth teams over the past twenty-three years. He partnered his son, Dafydd, for eleven years but more recently has partnered Tim Rees, Paul Denning, the late Patrick Jourdain and Paul Lamford.

Gary has many successes in both international and national competitions, including winning gold (2014) and silver medals (2002) in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, being a member of the first Welsh team to win the Camrose in 2011, winning the Spring Foursomes in 2010, Brighton Four Stars in 2012 and the Tollemache in 2013 and 2014. Gary is retired and can frequently be spotted hacking his way around a West London golf course.

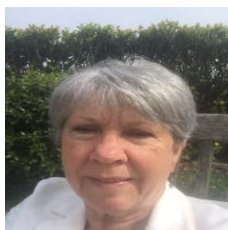


Paul was born in Carmarthen and mainly played chess for many years, competing in four Olympiads and other team events in some exotic places; he says that it was an advantage to be Welsh as he would not have been selected for England.

Bridge and backgammon gradually replaced chess, and the former is now his game of choice, partly because his partner at the table and in life, Stefanie Rohan, also plays and has represented England Women.

From time to time he returns to backgammon, which Stefanie also plays, and he won the British Championship a couple of times and the 4 Nations Trophy for Wales in 2021. Paul also dabbles with poker and reached the final stages of the World Series a few years ago.

Diane Kurbalija & Paul Denning



Diane has represented Wales on many occasions over the years, in Open, Mixed, Women's and Senior internationals, many of them with her much loved, greatly missed late husband, Filip. More recently, she has played with Paul Denning in Mixed and Senior Internationals. Paul and Diane were part of the Welsh team which won the Inaugural British Isles Trophy 2025.

At the moment, Diane spends most of her time sorting out her new house and garden and providing food and drink for her many family members whose ages range from 2 years (little Libby) to 94 years (lovely mum).



Over the years **Paul** has represented Wales in numerous Camrose weekends and European Championships and this will be his fifth Teltscher weekend, his third with Diane. Paul has worked for what is now EDF Energy for many years, but is now down to just one day a week. He sees it more as a hobby that gets him out of the house one day a week rather than a real job. He's looking forward to catching up with some old friends over the weekend.

Andrea Knox (NPC)



Andrea is an ex-City Solicitor and Licensed Insolvency Practitioner who runs a niche commercial law firm and plays bridge 'to relax'. She escaped London 20+ years ago and moved to the Great Orme in Llandudno where she rebuilt a derelict farmhouse overlooking the Irish Sea and the Snowdonia mountain range. She lives there with her husband Martin Garvey (whom she met through bridge) and their 3 naughty collies Blarney, Dave, and Basil. She is the current President of the Welsh Bridge Union and Co-President of the LlanBrighton Bridge Union. She has represented Wales in three Lady Milnes and plays in most ACBL Nationals these days, her best result coming fifth in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs in 2024 in Louisville with Martin. In her limited spare time, she competes with Martin at bridge and against him on their home pool table, at golf, Wordle, Scrabble and everything else and tries in vain to interest her three grandsons in playing bridge rather than supporting Man United.



Scotland

*Paul Maiolani & Jim McMenemy
Barnet Shenkin & Brian Spears
David Shenkin & Cameron McLatchie
NPC Finlay Marshall*

Paul Maiolani & Jim McMenemy



Paul's bridge journey began at university in the mid 70's where he was fortunate to form a long-lasting partnership with Iain Macintyre whom he played with in the 1982 Junior Camrose.

He qualified in Dentistry from Glasgow University and has been married to Elizabeth for 43 years: they have two children and one grandchild. Other hobbies include chess, clay pigeon shooting and a passion for motorcycling, a legacy of his student days. He is also a member of Rotary International giving him the opportunity to be involved in many local and international projects.



Jim took up bridge while studying Electronics at Glasgow University.

He created and captained what became the most successful 8-man university team, Gilmorehill. His first international representation was with Brian Spears in the European Pairs in Paris (where he played against Omar Shariff in the final (much to the delight of my wife Penny!), and again in Salsomaggiore, Italy.

In 1980 Jim started his own electronic manufacturing company on the Isle of Bute and built it into a 120 people international supplier. In 1988 he took to building houses (34 in total) and came back to serious bridge in the millennium. Other interests include golf, supporting Celtic, and he recently acquired a farm near Dunlop, East Ayrshire.

Barnet Shenkin & Brian Spears



Barnet first played in the Camrose in 1972 and was part of Scotland's winning run in the seventies.

He had a very successful partnership, winning the Sunday Times invitational and Gold Cup, with Michael Rosenberg who moved to USA becoming a multiple World Champion. Barnet followed Michael to USA and played and coached there professionally for 25 years.

He has written two books "Playing with the Bridge Legends" and recently "Heroes Icons and Scandals", stories of famous players and insight into both old and new scandals. He has returned to Scotland with his wife Maggie, also a keen bridge player.



Brian has played bridge all his adult life and has been lucky enough to play with some very strong players. One of his favourite partners and a very close friend was John Murdoch, who sadly recently passed away. He has now formed a partnership with Barnet Shenkin, after taking a few years away from the game.

Along with bridge, he is an enthusiastic poker player and his main other passion is supporting the green and white football team in Glasgow.

David Shenkin & Cameron McLatchie



David is still working full-time as a business consultant - --at least when he is not playing bridge or golf.

He started playing bridge at the age of 13 when he was taught how to play the game by his father, who was a Scottish internationalist bridge player, and therefore has been playing for over 60 years.

He represented Scotland in the Junior Camrose 6 times winning 4 times a record only surpassed by his cousin Barnet who won 5 times. Two of those victories were in partnership with Cameron McLatchie. He played for the British Junior team in European Youths Championships in Copenhagen in 1974 winning a bronze medal. After a long break from top class bridge he represented Scotland (with Cameron McLatchie) in the 2022 Teltscher Trophy where they were part of the winning team.

He has been married for over fifty years with a very understanding wife and when not playing bridge, golf or working they are kept busy by their five grandchildren.



Cameron was a very keen bridge player at Glasgow University in the late 1960s. He played for the Scottish Junior team on three occasions in the Junior Camrose in the early 1970s.

Bridge then took a back seat for almost fifty years as he had to work for a living. After retiring to Jersey in 2017 to enjoy golf and gardening, he played some local bridge, but then everything changed when Covid came along and the game moved on-line. Resurrecting a life-long partnership with David Shenkin, they were selected for the Teltscher Trophy in 2022. They were also included in the Scottish Senior team for the recent World Bridge games in Argentina.

Finlay Marshall (NPC)



Finlay is a retired actuary who worked in a private practice. He has won most of the major Scottish bridge events, his highlight being captaining his team to three successive Scottish Cup wins back in the 1990s. He first represented Scotland in 1986. In addition he has played in various Senior International events, as well as acting as Scotland's NPC in both the Camrose Series and the

Lady Milne Trophy. He has also contributed to the administration of Scottish bridge, and was the President of the Scottish Bridge Union in 1981/82.



England

Patrick Shields & Richard Chamberlain
Paul Barden & Jonathan Mestel
Steve Green & Roger Bryant
NPC David Jones

Patrick Shields & Richard Chamberlain



Patrick started playing bridge at school in Scotland but only got fully hooked when at university in Cardiff, where he learned from, and started playing with, the Welsh national team. He moved from there to live in Cheltenham and over the decades when he got married and raised two daughters, he was heavily involved in Gloucestershire bridge (most often as Chief TD), while retaining his links with Wales. He has represented Wales in the Home Internationals (as junior, open, and senior), and in European Championships – but has since switched to represent England twice in the Teltscher Trophy. He joined the EBU Board just as the pandemic happened, and was fortunate to be already plugged into online bridge at that time. As a result, he became heavily engaged in helping Gloucestershire players move to playing online, as well as playing more bridge himself every week than he ever did in a month before. He is now in his fifth year on the EBU Board and is heavily involved in the planning on the development and competition fronts.



Richard is retired from a career in the computer industry and having taught mathematics in a sixth-form college. Although Richard lives in an Oxfordshire village under the Uffington White Horse, he has been a regular representing Cheltenham & Gloucestershire for over 40 years. This has included victories in the Tollemache, Pachabo, and Garden Cities. Outside of bridge, Richard is a regular golfer whose handicap is now rising (alarming) steeply. He is also a keen hillwalker having nearly completed the Munros of Scotland and has a particular fondness for the mountains of Norway. Richard compiles numerical and word crosswords under the pseudonym “Hedgehog” and in the summer can be found umpiring in the Cherwell Cricket League. This is his third appearance in the Teltscher Trophy.

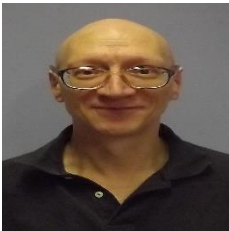
Paul Barden & Jonathan Mestel



Paul took up competitive bridge as a postgraduate student, mainly in partnership with Jonathan Mestel. They had the good fortune to win the first EBU event we entered; the 1988 Corwen Trophy. Paul developed a parallel interest in double-dummy solving and composition, and wrote a program which did its best at double-dummy analysis with the computing power then

available. That proved to have been time well spent when a bridge friend invited him to apply for a job as a quant in the City - the interviewers were more impressed by the program than by Paul's academic qualifications. Work took centre stage for a while, and Paul also added young children to his portfolio. But in 2011 his wife was diagnosed with cancer so he left work to make the most of the last year of her life.

He thanks Jon Cooke for getting him back to bridge, at their local club in Cambridge, and Paul returned to the Corwen with him and won it again. Paul has also represented England in the Camrose Series.



Jonathan learned bridge while at school and played at what is now Manchester Bridge Club. He played infrequently at university, concentrating more on chess and, very occasionally, Mathematics. He is a grandmaster in both chess and chess-problem solving, and has successfully represented England in both. Although he hardly plays chess any more, he reckons he is still better

at it than at bridge. But chess can be quite unforgiving - it's as if you do something stupid on board one, and for the next ten boards are repeatedly pseudo-squeezed as a penance. Also, at bridge it's much easier to persuade yourself you're better than you really are.

Jonathan is a professor in applied mathematics at Imperial College London, with a particular interest in fluid dynamics. There are many important applications of this field, but he approaches academic research somewhat as a game, and prefers to work on problems he finds fun.

He was represented England in the Camrose Series, and has won the Crockfords, the Hubert Philips, and the Tollemache.

Steve Green & Roger Bryant



Steve was a lucky Cockney, getting into a grammar school just before they disbanded. Graduating from the chess club to the less organised bridge crowd, encouraged by enthusiastic teachers who played for a few pennies a hundred in their homes. Wouldn't happen these days!

He entered the Gold Cup for the first time and drew the previous year's winners including Shenkin & Rosenberg. Got absolutely smashed. Two years later and again drew the previous year's winners. Steve had a lift with Joe Amsbury up to Coventry for the match, with Nardin & Lodge on the back seat. Steve won this time, so the journey back was a little tense.

Steve studied maths and stats at Warwick University and has lived in Warwickshire ever since with his family. He is now retired after a career in Sales & Marketing, largely for food brands.

He recently completed a 3-year stint as Vice-Chair of the now defunct Laws & Ethics Committee, with particular focus on combating the scourge of on-line cheating. Thankfully, cases became much rarer.



Roger learnt Bridge by accident. When isolated and bored due to childhood illness, he phoned Devon County Library and asked them for a couple of books, perhaps a very difficult foreign language and another challenging item. Next day, he got his hands on Greek for the Traveller, and Teach Yourself Contract Bridge, and was immediately hooked by both.

Roger moved to the Midlands for work, and has always managed to fit in some bridge, though not an awful lot during a busy career in technology. He has played with very many different partners, who have helped him win several national titles over the years.

His tech background led him to recognise early on the great opportunity presented by online bridge, and he pioneered the broadcasting of English events on BBO VuGraph. Despite the affinity with online bridge, Roger was delighted when face-to-face bridge re-emerged, observing that, as the Greeks say, "you lose your friends if you never get to be with them anymore".

David Jones (NPC)



David has been playing bridge since his mid-twenties and now qualifies as a senior. His long-term partnerships have been with Trevor Ward, Chris Dixon, and Marc Smith, and he has captained the Senior England team in a number of Camroses as well as the World Championship in China in 2019 where the team won the silver medal. At the table he has won a number of national English and Welsh events. David recently acquired a half share in a bridge club in Bristol which is principally sociable in its ambit. Away from bridge he does quite a bit of long-haul travel and plans to visit New Zealand again later this year. He also follows cricket closely and enjoys visits to watch Gloucestershire play although it can be a rather wearing experience.

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