

# **The 2026 Camrose Trophy (Weekend 1)**

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# 2026 Camrose Trophy, Weekend 1

The Contract Bridge Association of Ireland extends a very warm welcome to all the teams participating in The Camrose Trophy, Weekend 1.

## Officials

Match Manager	Dermot O'Brien
Director in Charge	Fearghal O'Boyle
Assistant Directors	Mairéad Basquille, Alan Hill

## RealBridge Broadcasting Team

A cast of volunteers, with thanks to Shireen Mohandes and Andy Bowles (RealBridge) for their assistance.

## Refreshments

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

Friday	17:30 Buffet Dinner
Saturday	14:35 Light Lunch
	20:30 Buffet Dinner
Sunday	14:35 Light Lunch
	20:30 Buffet Dinner

# **The Camrose Trophy**

## **A Brief History**



The Home International Bridge Tournament for England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (then called the Irish Free State) was launched in 1937. Lord Camrose, at that time proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, donated the trophy in 1938. The original trophy has been lost but a replacement is competed for annually.

The 1939 series was not completed due to war. The Camrose re-started in 1946. The 2026 series will be the 82<sup>nd</sup> (the 1939 series was incomplete and is excluded from records) which makes the Camrose the most-played international bridge series in the world. The European Championships which began in 1932 has recently only been played in alternate years.

The South of Ireland dropped out in 1951 but re-joined as the Republic of Ireland in December 1998. The format from then until 2005 was head-to-head matches played over five weekends, with a different country sitting out each weekend, as in the former Five Nations Rugby Championship. Each weekend was divided into three stanzas of 30 boards victory-pointed separately.

From January 2005 the format was changed to match the Lady Milne but over two weekends. All five countries met at the same venue playing a full round robin each weekend with two matches in play at a time and one country sitting out each stanza. The Republic of Ireland won the first match under the new format in 2005. The sit-out combined with six-player teams meant some players sat out half the weekend. This led to calls for a sixth team to be added and this was implemented for the first time in January 2007. The sixth team was called "The Holders" which meant the Federation winning in 2006 fielded two teams in 2007. The Holders (by chance, the same six players who represented Republic of Ireland throughout 2006) won again for the Republic of Ireland. Hence, the Republic of Ireland again fielded two teams in 2008. This time the trophy went to England who thereby would have two teams in 2009, when by chance England was host for the second weekend.

The representation of the sixth team was amended so that nowadays the host for the second weekend fields two teams on both weekends. One team is called by the name of the country and the other by the name of the Federation (e.g. England and EBU, Republic of Ireland and CBAI etc).

The victors over 81 years are as follows:

- England 58 times with 2 wins for the EBU in 2009 and 2019;
- Scotland 12 times with most recent win in 1998;
- England and Scotland have drawn three times in 1961, 1972 and 1973;
- The Republic of Ireland 7 times with most recent win in 2017;
- Wales once in 2011;
- Northern Ireland has yet to win the trophy.

England are the holders, and are attempting to win the trophy for the seventh consecutive time. Indeed, the streak would be even longer if the EBU's win in 2019 is also attributed to England. The last non-English victory was in 2017 (Republic of Ireland).

## **Team Home Rooms for Weekend 1**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>Whitewood 2 (ground floor)</b>
<b>Wales</b>	<b>Whitewood 3 (ground floor)</b>
<b>WBU</b>	<b>Bellview 1 (first floor)</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Bellview 2 (first floor)</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Blackcastle 1 (first floor)</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>Blackcastle 2 (first floor)</b>
<b>TDs/Organisers</b>	<b>Blackcastle 3 (first floor)</b>
<b>NPCs/Vugraph</b>	<b>Dunsany Room (first floor)</b>

# 2026 CAMROSE TROPHY

## MATCH SCHEDULE WEEKEND 1

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.

2026 CAMROSE TROPHY - WEEKEND 1				
Match Schedule				
FRIDAY				
17:30		Dinner		
19:00-21.10	Match 1A	England v N Ireland	WBU v Wales	Scotland v Ireland
21:25-23:35	Match 1B	England v N Ireland	WBU v Wales	Scotland v Ireland
SATURDAY				
10.00 - 12.10	Match 2A	Ireland v WBU	Scotland v England	N Ireland v Wales
12.25 - 14.35	Match 2B	Ireland v WBU	Scotland v England	N Ireland v Wales
14:35		Lunch		
15:20-17:30	Match 3A	Wales v Ireland	N Ireland v Scotland	WBU v England
17:45-19:55	Match 3B	Wales v Ireland	N Ireland v Scotland	WBU v England
20:30		Dinner		
SUNDAY				
10.00 - 12.10	Match 4A	Scotland v WBU	Ireland v N Ireland	Wales v England
12.25 - 14.35	Match 4B	Scotland v WBU	Ireland v N Ireland	Wales v England
14:35		Lunch		
15:20-17:30	Match 5A	N Ireland v WBU	Wales v Scotland	England v Ireland
17:45-19:55	Match 5B	N Ireland v WBU	Wales v Scotland	England v Ireland
20:30		Dinner		

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 CAMROSE TROPHY**

### **Format**

The Camrose Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, in rotation, by the country hosting the final weekend. In 2026 Wales fields two teams, one as “Wales” the other as “WBU”.

Each weekend sees five head-to-head matches of 32 boards in 16-board stanzas, the two teams from Wales 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 his 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

*Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay (PC)*  
*Rex Anderson & Wayne Somerville*  
*Diane & David Greenwood*

### Ian Hamilton and Ian Lindsay



**Ian Hamilton** is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. As well as bridge he enjoys cricket being Fixture Secretary for his club and a League Secretary in the Northern Cricket Union. He must be one of very few people holding both British and Irish passports to find himself deported from the Republic of Ireland – his paperwork was deemed inadequate during covid!

Ian spends a good deal of his time in work for the NIBU – running simultaneous pairs, managing the masterpoint system, and has won every major NIBU trophy at least once. He has played with a number of partners in both the Teltscher and the Camrose over 25 years, and represented Ireland in the European Seniors in 2024 with this weekend's partner.



**Ian Lindsay** has represented Northern Ireland with five different partners, and played for Ireland in the European Seniors in Herning, Denmark, in 2024, with his partner this weekend. He is a retired chartered accountant who now acts as Treasurer for six charities connected with music, the visual arts, health and the disabled. Ian is a past Secretary, Chairman, Selector, and Congress Organiser of the NIBU, a past President of the Irish Bridge Union and is currently the examining accountant of BGB.

### Diane & David Greenwood



**Diane** learned to play bridge in grammar school in Northern Ireland, and has represented Ireland in Women's Teams on many occasions. She has also represented Northern Ireland in the home international series many times – she reckons with more than fifty different partners in all. As a bridge instructor Diane has travelled on cruises to Antarctica and The Falklands, sailed down the Amazon, among many other places. She has had several other

interesting jobs all over the world, including working for 21 years in Ulster Television, as a water surveyor, teaching in South Africa, volunteering in a chimpanzee sanctuary in Zambia, and working as a penguin policewoman (guarding penguins) on one of the many bridge cruises she has worked on.



**David** is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on many occasions and has already played in 5 Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex Anderson formed the bedrock of the Northern Ireland Camrose team for many years. He is the only member of the team to have won the Camrose (albeit playing for England at the time!)

## Rex Anderson & Wayne Somerville



**Rex** is a retired solicitor living in Coleraine. He first played Camrose for Northern Ireland in 1969 and has played regularly since then, to the extent that he holds the record for Camrose caps for any of the home nations. His book celebrating the lack of success of Northern Ireland teams in the Camrose Trophy matches from 1937 to 2021, entitled "*A Worm's Eye View*" is available as an e-book or softback on Amazon. In 2015, Rex played on the Irish Senior Team which reached the quarter-finals in the D'Orsi Bowl in Chennai, India.



**Wayne** is currently studying for an HND in Computing, Software, and Games Development in Bangor, where he lives. He has been a regular in the Camrose since his debut in 2017, although this will be his first Camrose outing with Rex. Wayne is also involved in coaching juniors for Northern Ireland, having "retired" as a junior himself in 2014. When away from the bridge table, he can be found listening to symphonic metal, playing pool or online chess, and doing logic puzzles.



## Ireland

*Mark Moran & John Carroll*  
*Tom Hanlon & Conor Boland*  
*Adam Mesbur & Nick FitzGibbon*  
*NPC Gráinne Barton*

### Mark Moran & John Carroll



**Mark**, originally from Offaly, represented Ireland at junior level, but for a long period after that bridge took something of a back seat to a very successful business career. On returning to the game more seriously, it didn't take him long to re-establish himself, being part of the 2005 Camrose winning team in partnership with Peter Pigot. Playing initially with Rory Boland and more recently with John Carroll, he has been a regular on the Irish panel since 2013, and has been part of many successful teams, winning the Camrose in 2015 and 2017, as well as the Gold Cup in 2020, and the Spring Fours in 2025. He has also been non-playing captain of several Irish teams, including the first Irish team to win the Camrose in 2000.



**John** is an executive in the software industry, based in Dublin, and is part of an Irish bridge dynasty, with both his mother and his wife having represented us internationally. He has been a member of the Irish team for the best part of two decades, and was part of the European silver medal winning team in 2006, the fourth-placed team in the World Teams championships in 2012. He has won multiple Camrose and Lederer trophies, and recently added the Gold Cup and the Spring Fours to his CV.

### Tom Hanlon & Conor Boland



**Tom**, originally from Rochfortbridge, Co Westmeath, but based in Dublin, Tom (aka "Kinder" – you can ask him where he got the nickname) has been a fixture on Irish bridge teams for three decades, moving straight from the Junior to the Open team in 1994. Now a full-time bridge professional, he plays, and wins, extensively in Europe and the USA. Aside from more than 50 national championships, Tom is a multiple winner of both the Camrose and the Lederer, and a European Team silver medallist in 2006, Tom is also a successful high-stakes poker player.

**Conor** is a former junior international who has become a feature of the Irish Open Team in the last few years, playing in several Camrose events and both the European Opens and the Word Bridge Games. He also has a home international title under his belt, however, having been a member of Ireland's (only) Peggy Bayer winning team in 2016. In partnership firstly with Karel De Raeymaeker, and then with his partner this weekend, he has won several national titles in the past few years, and was part of the Spring Fours winning team earlier this year. Conor recently embarked on a career in the world of accounting and taxation ... but has already decided to take a sabbatical!



### **Adam Mesbur & Nick FitzGibbon**



**Adam** is retired from a number of senior positions in the world of finance. His partnership with Nick FitzGibbon dates back to the early 70s, and established them as one of the leading pairs in Europe. Their many achievements include multiple victories in the Camrose, silver in the Junior European Teams in 1974, bronze in the European Teams in 1979, silver in the Common Market Pairs in 1980, silver in the European Teams in 2006, a fourth-place finish in the World Teams championships in 2012, and a victory in the Senior Pairs at the 2013 European Open in their first ever senior event.



**Nick's** international bridge success actually predates his partnership with Adam in that he played on the Irish Open Team in the Miami Olympiad in 1972, finishing in twelfth position. Along with the international achievements listed above, Nick and Adam have won all the major Irish national championships, most of them on multiple occasions.

### **Gráinne Barton NPC**

**Gráinne** has been the NPC of this Irish Team for the best part of ten years now, guiding them to many successes, including in the Camrose. The team are always quick to acknowledge the key role that Gráinne's organisation and motivation plays in their success. Perhaps less well known is that her playing credentials are also impeccable – she is an international medal-winner in her own right, and has represented Ireland in both the Camrose and the Lady Milne.





## Wales

*Julian Pottage & Tony Ratcliff  
Andy Hughes & Steve Auchterlonie  
Paddy Murphy & Mark Roderick  
NPC Tony Disley*

### **Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage**

The partnership of Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage formed soon after Julian moved to Porthcawl in 2005. In recent years they have won a number of domestic events, including the Welsh Premier League, the Welsh Cup, the Welsh National Pairs, the Welsh Camrose Trial and the last three Geoff Evans online leagues. Internationally, they played together in the 2016 European Championships in Budapest and in the 2022 European Championships in Madeira, in the Camrose for each of the last four years and in the 2021 European Bridge League qualifier.



**Tony** lives in Barry and works as a Group Finance Manager in Cardiff. He has led the all-time Master Point List in Wales for more than 20 years, and was part of the team that won the Gold Medal for Wales in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Championships in Glasgow. In his spare time, Tony spends time selling collectibles on eBay and also enjoys gardening.



**Julian** lives with his family in Porthcawl. He is Bridge Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph and is the host of the Bridge Questions Forum for Bernard Magee Bridge. He contributes to several bridge magazines, at home and abroad, and has written over 25 books on the game. Julian's other business interests are dog breeding (golden retrievers) and stock photography (mainly landscapes and general scenes). Julian is also an avid genealogist, managing DNA results for several of his relatives.

### **Andy Hughes & Steve Auchterlonie**



**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 at University in Southampton and has now played for 40+ years. Andy was also a member of Wales' 2025 Teltscher Trophy winning team. In his spare time apart from 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 FC.

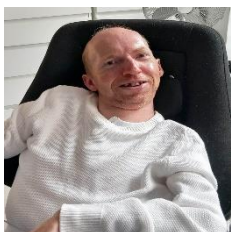


**Steve** was born and spent his early years in Barry. Having moved around the UK, he currently lives in Kent with his partner, Kerry. He started playing bridge in lunch hours at secondary school, and this continued when at Bristol and Southampton universities. He has now been playing for over 40 years. Apart from playing bridge, Steve enjoys fellwalking and travelling. He works part time for the civil service.

## **Paddy Murphy & Mark Roderick**



**Paddy** lives in beautiful North Wales and is now retired, but still researches as an Emeritus Professor at Bangor University, with research interests in the natural compounds found in daffodils. He has been President of the WBU on two occasions, and continues to help with the running of bridge in North Wales in his role as Chairman of the NWBA. When not causing trouble in the lab or playing cards, Paddy's time is spent trying to revive his failing snooker abilities or selling tat on eBay. This is his fifth Camrose appearance.

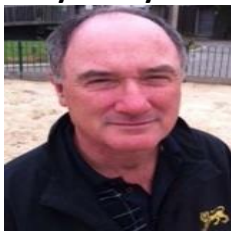


**Mark** started playing bridge at 16 and has represented Wales multiple times at every level. His partnership with Paddy has been running for several years now, and this weekend Paddy will be his third Camrose partner.

For the past five years Mark has been coaching the Welsh juniors, which he finds very rewarding, although it has meant that he now has considerably less hair than he did five years ago!

Away from bridge, Mark plays the Paralympic sport of boccia, at which he has been Welsh champion in three of the last four years. He came fourth in the recent UK Boccia Championships is working towards a place in the British Paralympic squad.

## **Tony Disley NPC**



**Tony** has represented Wales in Junior and Open Camrose and was in a winning Teltscher Trophy team. He has previously served as NPC of the Lady Milne team, but this is his first captaincy outing with the more difficult characters!

He and his Irish wife Emer have recently downsized, and have moved to Porthcawl, thus being close to their golf club. Golf has been an important element of his life. As well as playing for

Wales, he has selected Welsh and Great British teams and refereed in numerous top events, both amateur and professional, including The Open on five occasions. He and Emer have two children and four granddaughters, none of whom, sadly, play bridge.





## WBU

*Gary Jones & Paul Lamford  
Martin Garvey & Andrea Knox  
Liz Commins & David Stevenson  
NPC Simon Edwards*

### **Gary Jones & Paul Lamford**

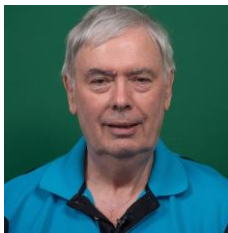
Gary Jones and Paul Lamford are making their first appearance on Irish soil since their tremendous final set in the 2025 Teltscher Trophy snatched the title for Wales first from the Irish team and then from the CBAI team, so they are assured of a very warm welcome!



**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.

Paul also dabbles with poker and reached the final stages of the World Series a few years ago. His most prestigious bridge victory is probably the Chairman's Cup in Sweden in 2014.

## Martin Garvey & Andrea Knox



**Martin** was born in England to Irish parents and, having lived in England and Scotland, now lives in Wales. He has also played bridge for Scotland (in a World Pairs), for England (winning a Camrose), and now for Wales. He just needs an Irish cap to complete the set!

He grew up in Wimbledon, playing park football with three competitive brothers, and Irish card games with the family, leading to a love of bridge and of Wimbledon FC (now AFC Wimbledon FC). He first met his wife Andrea at an Isle of Man Bridge Congress ... and the rest is history. Martin's bridge these days is mainly with Andrea, often in Ireland's friendly congresses and a few times a year at ACBL Nationals, their best result to date coming fifth in the 2024 Rockwell Mixed Pairs in Louisville. They play an innovative system of Martin's devising, so watch out for the alert cards flying around this weekend.

**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 Martin and their three collies Blarney (friendliest), Dave (smartest), and Basil (naughtiest).

She is the current President of the Welsh Bridge Union, an EBED Trustee, has represented Wales in three Lady Milnes, and was NPC of the victorious 2025 Teltscher team. In her limited spare time, she competes against Martin on their home pool table, at golf, Wordle, Scrabble and pretty much everything else. Whilst her three children are a great disappointment bridge-wise (having no interest whatsoever), finally her eldest grandson Ruairi (11) has shown the good sense to learn – negated somewhat by his supporting of Manchester United.

## Liz Commins & David Stevenson

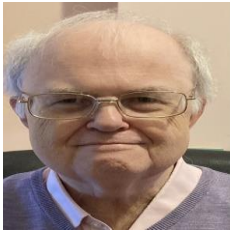


**Liz** is making her Camrose debut, but has six appearances in the Lady Milne, including winning the title in 2015.

She has lived in North Wales, in various locations, all her life, and now resides there with her husband Peter and their two cats Tilly and Buster.

Apart from playing bridge, Liz enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also loves to travel, and regularly visits countries far and wide, often to play in a bridge event.





**David** has been playing bridge since school, and has been involved in organising it since his university days.

While there have been many successes, probably the two he recalls most fondly are winning the EBU Northern Foursomes (sadly no longer being played) and losing the final of the BGB Gold Cup. His favourite recent success was winning (with Liz Commins) the only two ACBL knockout events ever held outside

North America, both in Dublin, making him an ACBL Life Master.

On the organisational side, David is a National Tournament Director in Wales and England, a European Tournament Director, and a member of the ACBL's National Appeals Committee. He has played, directed, and adjudicated appeals in many countries, and ran his own Simultaneous Pairs events for more than thirty years, including supporting the Hillsborough appeal.

### **Simon Edwards NPC**



**Simon** was born and bred in North Wales but moved to the West Midlands in 2014, where he now lives with his wife Lisa and Moose the cat. Between them, he and Lisa have four grown-up children and four grandchildren.

He was brought up in a bridge-playing family (father, mother, and two sisters all playing at various stages of their lives), and, although he loved playing cards, he was initially reluctant to take

up bridge, mainly because non-one ever looked like they were enjoying it! But at around 20, his Mum paid him to take lessons at the local club, and from there, he was hooked.

For the next thirty years he was very active on the Welsh bridge scene, and in Merseyside & Cheshire. Although he did play for Wales in several Junior Camroses, he acknowledges that the females in the family have been more successful, with his grandmother, mother, and older sister all representing Wales in the Lady Milne. Outside of bridge, he is a lifelong Liverpool FC fan, has a passion for electro-dance music (although he has found that passion decreasing with age!) and loves to travel with his wife, with Indonesia and the USA their most frequent destinations. To the right, you can see his alter-ego, Smiley Headwards.





## Scotland

*Barnet Shenkin & Brian Spears  
Derek Sanders & Gints Freimanis  
Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder  
NPC Mike Ash*

### 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 passed away not too long ago. 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.

### Derek Sanders & Gints Freimanis



**Derek** was born in Kingston, Jamaica. A long experience of bridge started in Fiji when he represented the islands in a friendly against Ron Klinger's team who were visiting Suva on a cruise ship in 1980. He has played 11 Camroses, a few European championships and a couple of Commonwealth games. Employed by The City of Edinburgh council adult education programme, runs the bridge classes and also has a small live and online bridge

club. [www.bridgewebs.com/dereksanders](http://www.bridgewebs.com/dereksanders)



**Gints** has been playing bridge internationally since 2011, first as a junior for his home country of Latvia up until 2014, before debuting for Scotland in 2016. He has played in several European and World Championships as well as participating in Home International tournaments as both a player and as an NPC. Gints lives in Edinburgh and works as an analytics consultant. In his spare time, Gints keeps up with events related to commercial

aviation and, unlike most, he is a big fan of Ryanair and is always happy to discuss it. When time permits, Gints also watches F1 races and follows news in that space.

### **Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder**



**Paul** and Jun have several Camrose caps and an outing at the European Championships since debuting as a partnership at the Camrose in 2017. Paul's first Camrose was in 2013 with Brian Spears, Jun's in 2015 with Phil Morrison.

Paul grew up in Somerset where he started learning bridge as an older teenager. After a bridge pause for study and work, on moving to Scotland in 2001, Paul took up

playing again. He has won major national competitions with different partners, including the Scottish Cup three times. Away from bridge you might spot Paul in the mist at the top of a hill as he tries to get round all the Munros with his partner.



**Jun** grew up in Aberdeen where he learned to play bridge as a junior. After studying maths at the University of Edinburgh, he moved into actuarial consulting, advising Trustees and sponsors of pensions schemes, splitting his time between Edinburgh and London. Jun's favourite sports are running (participating) and sumo (watching).

### **Mike Ash (NPC)**



**Mike** is retired. His work background was in management in a range of public sector organisations. Most recently he was non-executive director of NHS Lothian for nine years. He has played bridge since university days and he has represented Scotland at various international events over the last 20 years. He was president of the SBU from 2012 to 2014 and Chairman of Melville Bridge Club 2016-2018.

Mike has recently completed a Masters' degree researching governance in the NHS. From 2023 to 2025 he was SBU Director of international Performance but he has now completely retired from any formal role in bridge or public life.



## England

*Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden*

*Neil Rosen & John Atthey*

*Alan Mould & John Holland*

*NPC Michael Byrne*

### Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden



**Graham** was introduced to bridge by his father who was a keen county player. This initial interest was developed at university and following early retirement twenty years ago he has more time to play and do some teaching. Domestically he has won the all the major teams competitions including two Gold Cups, three Spring Foursomes, four Premier Leagues and Crockfords. Success in foreign climes have included wins in the now sadly defunct

Gold Coast Congress in Australia and wins in pairs tournament with Paul and Jason Hackett in Saudia Arabia and Spain respectively. This is his ninth Camrose appearance. He has also picked up a silver medal in the European Champions Cup and two bronzes in European Mixed teams and represented England in a World Bridge Games.



**Frances** started playing bridge seriously at Cambridge University where she won the Portland Bowl, the Junior Camrose and gained a silver medal in the first European Universities Championship. Since then she has won many UK events, including multiple Camrose trophies and the Premier League, Gold Cup and Spring Foursomes twice each. She played with Graham in the Open team for the Mind Sports games in Wroclaw in 2016 and she and

Graham are now regulars on the English mixed team. Frances is also vice-chair of the EBU's regulation committee, a member of the EBU Board and regularly hears appeals. Frances is retiring from full-time employment as a Group Treasurer in April and is looking forward to a more relaxed lifestyle involving more travel, eating, drinking and bridge.

## Neil Rosen & John Atthey

Neil has won many of Britain's major events, including the Gold Cup and the Spring Foursomes, several times. He has also won the previous incarnation of the Premier League, and has represented England on many occasions.



Neil is married to Anne, herself an English Ladies International. They have two children – Nikki and Andrew. They live in North London where Neil owned and managed a full-time bridge club; the Ace of Clubs, now just an online club with limited teaching

sadly...

Neil has played in the Camrose previously with Phil King, Peter Crouch Martin Jones and this weekend's partner, John Atthey.

**John** grew up in Gloucestershire, and was taught to play bridge



at the age of ten by a family friend. He played with his father in local events before a successful junior career (Peggy Bayer, Junior Camrose, four Junior Europeans). He has been fairly successful in the open game, winning the Brighton Swiss Pairs, the Tollemache and Pachabo

twice each. This is his fourth Camrose cap with Neil Rosen. Away from the table, he works as an accountant in London and in his

spare time enjoys watching films and sport and learning how to cook.

## Alan Mould & John Holland



**Alan** retired from a career in education ten years ago. He was taught bridge at the age of five by his older brothers and has got little better since. He cannot in any way match the achievements of his illustrious partner but has managed a dozen or so Camrose appearances, a couple of Teltscher Trophy appearances and has won a silver and a bronze at world senior level. Several UK trophies have constantly eluded him through incompetence such

as the Spring Fours and Crockfords, but he has managed two Gold Cups and wins in a few other national events.



**John** was born in 1950 in Burnley, Lancashire, and now lives in Stockport. He is a bridge professional and WBF Senior Grand Master. In 2017 he was a member of the inaugural class of the European Bridge League's Hall of Fame.

John is a full-time professional bridge player. In 1981, he won his first national title, and went on to represent Great Britain in the Mixed Teams at the European Common Market Championships.

Since then John's achievements include wins in the Rand Cup, the D'Orsi Bowl, and the European Senior Championships, as well as multiple appearances in both the Camrose and the Senior Camrose, and many national titles.

### **Michael Byrne (NPC)**



**Michael** was born in Manchester and aside from a few brief years living in the south as a teenager he has lived there his whole life. He teaches and plays bridge full time, as well as writing a regular column in the English Bridge Union magazine. Away from the bridge table Michael enjoys cooking, watching films, bouldering and quizzing, competing every week in the South Manchester Quiz league.

After a successful career as a Junior International he took over running the England U-20 squad and captained the team to two bronze medals at the European Championships and two silver medals at the World Championships, still the only ever world medals an England junior team has won. He subsequently became squad leader for the U-26s who he has taken to the World Championships, and in 2024 he was presented with the EBU Silver award in recognition of his many years' devotion to the junior squad and successes with them.

As a player he has won nearly every major tournament in England, and has appeared in the England open team many times, including reaching the quarter finals of the Bermuda Bowl.

**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