



Teltscher Trophy 2023



19th – 21st May 2023
Holiday Inn
The Coldra Newport NP18 2YG



Welcome to Newport

Bridge Great Britain and the Welsh Bridge Union extend to all a warm welcome to the 2023 Teltcher Trophy.

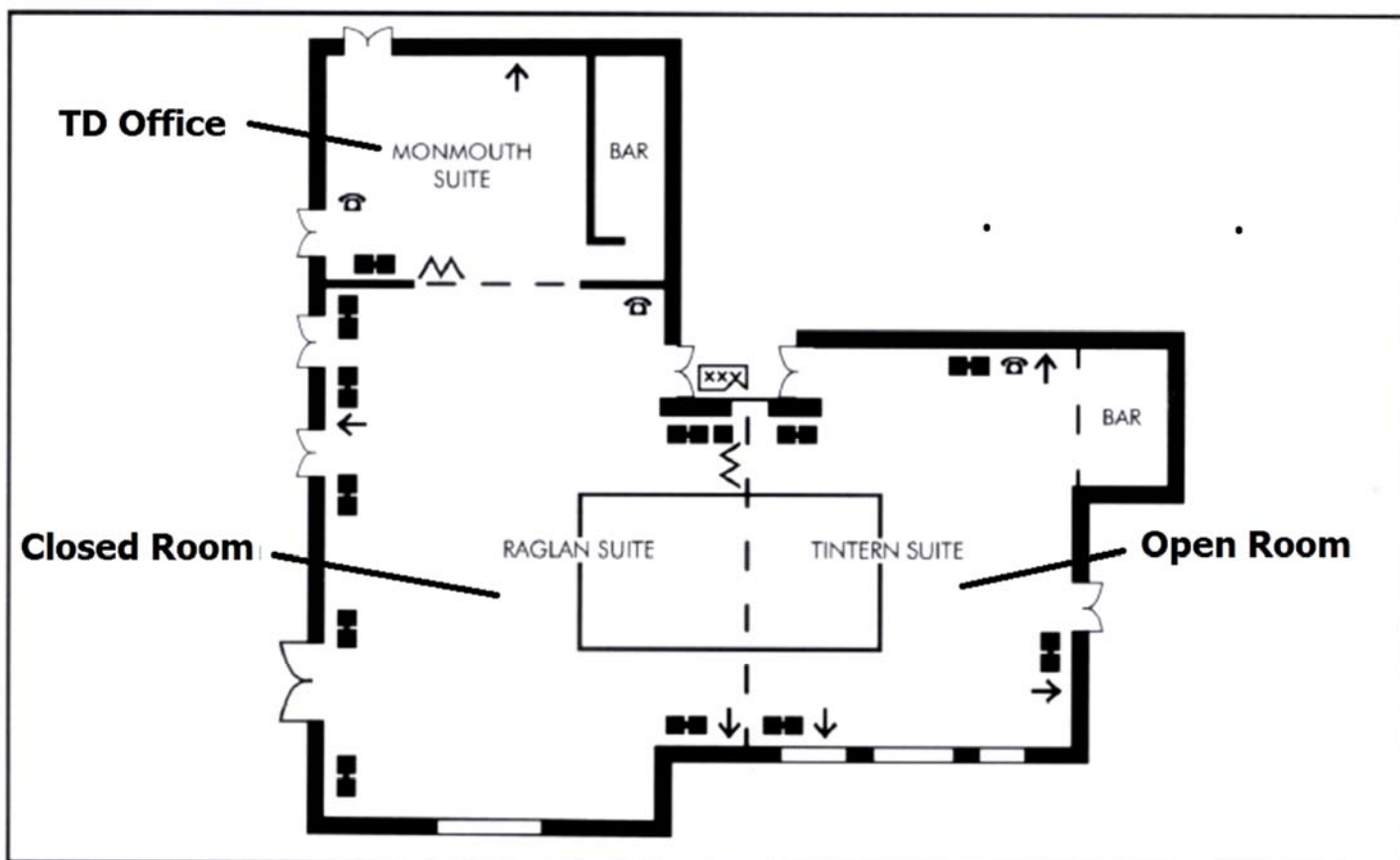
The Holiday Inn boasts excellent conference facilities, and also has a heated indoor pool and a fitness centre.

Open Room:	Tintern Suite
Closed Room:	Raglan Suite
Tournament Director's office:	Monmouth Suite

Spectators are welcome to use the bar, where a table has been reserved to ensure that space is available.

Full details and results may be found at

www.welshbridgeunion.org



THE STAFF

Match Manager:	Ceri Pierce
Vugraph Manager:	Mia Deschepper
Chief Tournament Director:	Sarah Amos
Assistant Tournament Director:	James Vickers
BGB Secretary:	Sandra Claridge
Helpers:	Too many to mention, but thank you all

REFRESHMENTS

For players and officials, meal timings are as follows:-

Friday:	Dinner 5.30 pm (hotel restaurant)
Saturday:	Lunch 2.35 pm Dinner 8.00 pm (hotel restaurant)
Sunday:	Lunch 2.35 pm Gala dinner 8.30 pm (Tintern Suite)

FORMAT

The Teltscher Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, by rotation, by the country hosting the event. In 2023 Wales fields two teams, one as Wales the other as WBU.

- Five head-to-head matches of 32 boards, in 16-board stanzas
- The two teams from Wales play each other in the first match
- Teams consist of a maximum of 6 players
- The team printed first in the schedule sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match
- Seating rights alternate between the two teams. In the first stanza the Captain of the second-named team nominates first; in the second stanza the first-named Captain nominates first.

SPECTATORS

In any one session, three matches are in progress. As many matches as possible will be broadcast via RealBridge. Spectators may also watch live in the Open Room, subject to the regulations set out below.

It is the duty of the match manager to make spectators aware of their responsibilities. During play in the Open Room they 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. They should be seated behind that player and may not get up to walk round the table, or seek to look at the cards of any other player. Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake, nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.

Non-playing members of a team are not allowed to watch their team-mates.

A player is responsible for the actions of any spectator associated with her (as distinct from a spectator casually at the table by her presence there).

The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.

Closed Room

Entry to the Closed Room is restricted to:

- the Tournament Director
- the Match Manager
- participants assigned to play in the Closed Room
- personnel needed to ensure the smooth running of the match
- hotel staff for the provision of refreshments etc.
- a maximum of two accredited journalists, who must remain in the Closed Room for the duration of the session .

Smoking & Mobile Phone Regulations

Smoking is not permitted in the hotel. Alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas. No player may leave the playing area before completion of play in a session in order to consume alcohol.

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. Any player, captain, or coach breaching these regulations will cause the team to be fined 2VPs. This penalty is automatic. Persistent violation will result in the player's being prohibited from playing and/or the team official's being barred from the playing area. The Director in Charge may, at her discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Draw

Team A:	England
Team B:	Northern Ireland
Team C:	WBU
Team D:	Republic of Ireland
Team E:	Wales
Team F:	Scotland



Schedule

Friday					Dinner
17.30					
19.00 – 21.10	D v F	C v E	B v A		
21.25 – 23.25	D v F	C v E	B v A		
Saturday					Dinner
10.00 – 12.10	A v C	B v D	F v E		
12.25 – 14.35	A v C	B v D	F v E		
Lunch					
15.20 – 17.30	E v A	F v B	C v D		
17.45 – 19.55	E v A	F v B	C v D		
20.00				Dinner	
Sunday					
10.00 – 12.10	B v C	A v F	E v D		
12.25 – 14.35	B v C	A v F	E v D		
Lunch					
15.20 – 17.30	F v C	E v B	D v A		
17.45 – 19.55	F v C	E v B	D v A	Closing dinner	
20.30					

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			

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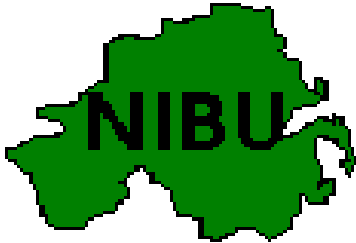
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50 - 80	2	320 - 360	8	900 - 1090	14	2250 - 2490	20
90 - 120	3	370 - 420	9	1100 - 1290	15	2500 - 2990	21
130 - 160	4	430 - 490	10	1300 - 1490	16	3000 - 3490	22
170 - 210	5	500 - 590	11	1500 - 1740	17	3500 - 3990	23
220 - 260	6	600 - 740	12	1750 - 1990	18	4000+	24

The TEAMS



Barry Myers & Sally Brock
Dave Robinson & Tony Sowter
Roger Bryant & Stephen Green

NPC David Jones



Hastings Campbell & Ian Hamilton
Mick Coffey & Michael O'Kane
Heather Hill & Clare Watson

NPC Sandie Millership



Gilly Clench & Dave Birt
Simon Gottschalk & Chris Rochelle
Steve Jarvis & Nick Forrest

NPC Simon Richards



Joan Kenny & Teresa Rigney
Fred Barry & Paul Porteous
David Dunne & Michael McAuliffe

NPC Peter Goodman



Paul Denning & Diane Kurbalija
John Salisbury & Tim Rees
Gary Jones & Paul Lamford

PC Paul Denning



Robert Clow & Derrick Peden
John Hamilton & Paul Maiolani
Brian Short & Alan Goodman

NPC Anne Symons

England

Sally Brock & Barry Myers

Sally and Barry first hooked up in 2010, a couple of years after Sally's husband Raymond died. Since then they have won several national events and failed to win the Gold Cup final three times.

They have also represented England together in the Camrose and in the European and World Mixed Teams. This is their first go at the Teltscher as a pair, though they won in different partnerships in 2016. When not playing bridge, Sally is semi-retired, plodding along with online bridge coaching and writing her weekly column in The Sunday Times, while Barry is fully retired, enjoying daily bike rides and putting together delicious meals. They also like to travel, often in combination with bridge events, in Europe, Asia and beyond.



Dave Robinson

Dave started playing bridge at school but not competitively until his early 30s. He has learnt from every partner, and also from beginners who occasionally stumble on solutions the rest of us were trained to regard as heresy. Dave worked in public service and tried to bring the same values to work as he does to bridge (which is possibly why he was offered early retirement). Since retiring he has volunteered with vulnerable adults and run a cooking club for people with mental health issues. He was married for almost 40 years to Felicity, a psychotherapist. He says any bridge skill at is probably owing to his being the son of refugees: feeling like an outsider but learning in consequence to think independently. He thanks Tony for his help in developing bidding skills and tolerance to occasional cries of pain.



Tony Sowter

Tony was the result of a VJ-Day celebration. After reading Maths & Economics at Nottingham he lectured in Economics, subsequently changing to a 50-year career in Business Interruption claims, mainly against the insurance companies. In 1973, in Cardiff, the EBU were so surprised at the trials success of two unknowns from Nottingham that they provided a very strong team: Priday/Rodrigue and the Sharples brothers. The same year Tony married Sally, the mother of his son Ben and also playing this weekend (he emphasise that she was very young at the time). Tony has run a bridge magazine, written and edited books, and played in a lot of international events. He was surprised to be asked to write the tutorial for the Californian version of Omar Sharif's bridge video: he spent three days in Omar's apartment in Paris and it was an absolute joy to hear one of the great film stars of the 1960s read the words he had written.



Roger Bryant

Roger learnt bridge by accident, while isolated by childhood illness and desperately bored. He asked Devon County Library for a very difficult foreign language and another challenging book. Next day he got Greek for the Traveller and Teach Yourself Contract Bridge. A few months later he was reading Reese on Play concealed inside something by Chaucer about a hencoop. Unfortunately one of his teachers, the tallest man west of Cerne Abbas and affectionately known as Giraffe, was galloping by on the veldt outside and happened to look in through the window (Roger had missed a safety play). Having moved to the Midlands for work he managed to fit in some bridge during a career in high tech, winning several national titles over the years. Roger pioneered English events on BBO VuGraph, quick to realise what a boon it was to the game. His greatest hope is that we don't get too carried away by the convenience of online bridge: to quote the Greeks, you lose your friends if you never get to be with them any more.



Stephen Green

Stephen was a lucky Cockney who got into grammar school just before they were disbanded. He graduated from chess to bridge, encouraged by teachers who took pupils' pocket money at a few pennies a hundred. He entered the Gold Cup, drew the previous year's winners including Shenkin & Rosenberg, and got absolutely smashed; two years later he again drew the previous year's winners and travelled up to Coventry with Joe Amsbury, Nardin and Lodge. They won; the journey back was a little tense; but he was hooked. At Warwick University he was part of a fairly strong group of players. Roger is retired from sales & marketing, and these days enjoys playing in the Polish Premier League, which has an attractive pyramid-style format and seemingly fewer system regulations. He hopes to contribute in his new role on the Laws & Ethics committee, particularly once the current challenge of discouraging cheating subsides.



NPC David S Jones

David has captained the England Senior team on a number of occasions most notably at the Europeans in Ostend in 2018 and then the World Championship in Wuhan in 2019 where the team secured a silver medal. He has also been coach to the England Open team. At the table he has won a number of English and Welsh national teams and pairs events, with longstanding partnerships with Trevor Ward, Chris Dixon and Marc Smith. Away from bridge he is an avid cricket fan and supporter of his local county Gloucestershire through both the lean and not quite so lean times.



Northern Ireland

Hastings Campbell

Hastings has tried lecturing but found getting other people to work for him in various property ventures, including his estate agency, more lucrative. His main other interests are cricket and champagne. He first met Ian Hamilton on a train to the Brighton Congress, both listening to the cricket. He has several caps in the Teltscher with Ian and others, plus many Camrose caps, predominantly with Greer Mackenzie. He has played for, and captained, Ireland in the Europeans.



Ian Hamilton

Ian is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. He loves cricket, being Fixture Secretary for his club, also running a League; and baseball, following the Chicago Cubs. He spends much of his time on NIBU business, being Masterpoints Secretary, and organising the Simultaneous Pairs competitions. He has a number of Camrose caps with several partners, including his brother, plus several more in the Teltscher with Hastings Campbell and Howard Kent-Webster. He claims to be the only living person to have won every NIBU Cup at least once.



Michael Coffey

Michael recently retired after 47 years with AIB Group where he spent most of his career in IT: he saw the evolution of the PC from the original 286 to the current virtual cloud. A native of Kenmare, Co. Kerry, he studied at Trinity College Dublin and has a master's degree from the University of Ulster. He moved to Northern Ireland in the late 1970s where he became interested in bridge thanks to former colleague Aiden Fitzgerald (R.I.P.). He claims to be the only Kerryman to represent Northern Ireland in the Teltscher - or any other sport - which he has on numerous occasions mainly with John Lavery (The Bishop). This is his first time with Michael O'Kane, which will be a roller-coaster since they have no established bidding arrangements. Michael is also a keen golfer and a member of Belvoir Park golf club, Belfast.



Michael O'Kane

Born in Derry in 1940, Michael 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 co



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.

Heather Hill

Heather is a retired Maths teacher who still works for her local exam board as both reviser and team leader for A-level maths. Her other interests include travel: to Boise, Idaho and to Newcastle-upon-Tyne to spend time with grandchildren; and cruising and city breaks in Europe. She also enjoys walking, yoga and cryptic crosswords. She has played Lady Milne a number of times with Clare and this is their second Teltscher Trophy.



Clare Watson

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 five different partners (not all at the same time). With her current partner Heather, Clare is delighted to have the opportunity of playing in the Teltscher. She enjoys walking, reading, keeping fit and as many holidays as possible.



Sandie Millership

Sandie is a retired pharmacist living in Bangor [*not the one in Wales. Ed.*] with husband, Jeff, and Miniature Schnauzer, Pepper. She has captained the Women and the Juniors many times but this is her first outing captaining the Seniors. All she needs to complete her portfolio is to captain the Camrose team 😊. She also has the distinction of playing in the very first Teltscher match alongside her husband and the inimitable Michael O'Kane and his wife Flora.



WBU

Gilly Clench

This is Gilly's third appearance with her long-suffering partner Dave. Her more usual position is faffing about in the Lady Milne, though she was pleased to be in the winning team in 2015. Too many hobbies to cite, but hurdles and kite surfing are no longer amongst them. Funnily enough they never were 😊.



David Birt

This is David's fifth appearance in the Teltscher, and his third with Gilly; but his first before a home crowd. He has won most of Wales's premier competitions. His fondest bridge memory is of 1998 when a Cardiff team took on the Saarbrücken home club and some French from Nantes over a very long weekend. The team included fondly-remembered luminaries Patrick Jourdain, Mike Hirst and Filip Kurbjalia, plus Maggie Pierce and John Glubb. Cardiff comfortably won the drinking and cake-eating (PDJ was in his element). David still has the certificate for winning the pairs with Hirst, but remembers only that the ceiling in the playing-room (a.k.a. the bar) was so low that Mike hit his head every time he stood. David is a chartered surveyor, now a consultant to a firm in Cowbridge where he lives with Anne, who also enjoys the game. Two married daughters show no interest, but David has hopes that the four grandchildren might be persuaded. David and Gilly have played together for many years; their mantra is that bridge is to be enjoyed.



Simon Gottschalk

While at university Simon invented the SPECTRUM CLUB bidding system which sadly failed to gain popularity. More productively, he spent the next 40 years working in IT, starting like so many at ICL and then running his own software development company. Simon's bridge career progressed via the Young Chelsea to Cardiff Bridge Club. Recently Simon has been delivering the EBTA teaching courses for Cardiff Bridge club and is active in Welsh bridge administration. Simon still likes systems and gadgets, and in this quest for complexity Chris Rochelle has been an unsuspecting accomplice for the last decade.



Chris Rochelle

Chris, originally from the West Midlands, moved to Cardiff in the early 1980s, which is when he took up bridge. He has had several positions in the WBU including Area Tournament Organiser and Chairman of Selectors for several years. His success in bridge is



limited to Welsh teams events, winning the National Teams of Eight, Porthcawl and East Wales congress teams. This is his third appearance in the competition and his second with Simon.

Away from bridge he is a metallurgist who worked for a metal-finishing company, mainly for the aerospace industry. He lives in Cardiff with his partner Patricia; they have two grand-daughters.

Steve Jarvis

Steve moved to Wales in 1982 and started playing competitive bridge with Nick Forrest. He has played for Mid and West Wales in a number of Perry Shield tournaments, for Wales against China and Ireland, and in the Welsh Teltscher team in 2012 and 2018. A retired teacher, Steve is a keen walker and ornithologist and is Secretary of St Davids City Golf Club and Chair of the West Wales Bridge Association.



Nick Forrest

Nick was born in Carmarthen and went to school in Cardigan. He learned to play bridge with a schoolfriend called Peter Czernieski who turned out to be a very fine bridge-player. Nick played bridge for Edinburgh University and represented Staffordshire while working for ICL. After he returned to Wales in 1970 bridge took a back seat until the early 80s when Steve Jarvis moved to Cardigan; they played regularly until Nick moved to Dorset in 1999. They represented Wales in friendlies against China and Ireland, as well as both Mid and West Wales in the Perry Shield. Nick played in the Senior Camrose in 2018.



NPC Simon Richards

Simon is Maltese by birth (though not by passport). His parents moved back to England when he was six months old and he has never been back to Malta since. He moved to Wales in 1985. He is a microbiologist but for the past 12 years has been the Director of his own management consultancy, providing consultancy on quality assurance and regulatory affairs, specifically to the medical device sector. Retirement is not too far away. This is his first job as NPC of the WBU Teltscher team, although he has over 25 years' experience of herding cats (otherwise known as the Welsh Juniors), so this should be a doddle. He has played in nine Camrose weekends for either Wales or the WBU with various partners, the last two in 2019 with his son Jonathan (over both weekends - the BGB archives are incorrect in this respect). He also played in the Wales Open team in Budapest and Ostend.



Ireland

Joan Kenny

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 has also played on numerous European and World Championship teams.



Teresa Rigney

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 many 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 (in partnership with Diane Greenwood).



Fred Barry

Fred has been playing bridge on and off since he was in university, and his notable (?) achievements include a winning streak with his Teltscher partner Paul in the Galway Congresses in the late 1970s. This is his first international outing. 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.



Paul Porteous

Paul is the recently retired 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. He is an experienced NPC, having performed that role in the Lady Milne – most recently with both Joan Kenny and Teresa Rigney in the team - and Irish Women's Teams at European level and with both Open & Senior teams at home internationals.



David Dunne

David is a recently retired accountant living in Dublin with his wife Sheila, whom he met playing bridge. He started playing in the late 1980s and played for some time before taking a 15-year break. He has been very active since he restarted in early 2012. David has achieved wins and high placings in Irish major competitions over the years. His interests include listening to music, travelling and generally getting plenty of exercise. David is a FIDE chess master and former Irish chess champion, representing Ireland on numerous occasions many years ago. This is his first time in the Teltscher Trophy; he was also pleased to make his first appearance in the Camrose recently.



Michael McAuliffe

Michael McAuliffe has been playing bridge for over 40 years, though by his own estimation it's only in more recent times that he has got to grips with the joys and challenges of the game. At national level he has won the National Men's Teams, the IBU All-Ireland Teams and the National Mixed Teams. He made his international debut in the Mixed at last year's European Championships in Madeira, but this is his first outing in the Home Internationals. His 30-year + working life was as a weather forecaster at Met Éireann, Ireland's meteorological service, but he now enjoys retirement on the outskirts of Dublin, close to the Wicklow mountains (great hillwalking). He is also a keen choral singer and one of his most memorable experiences was as part of a huge international choir backing Pavarotti and others in a mammoth performance of Verdi's Requiem in the Arena di Verona in 1990.



NPC Peter Goodman

Peter is a former Camrose winner with Wales and Senior Camrose winner with Ireland, now living in Dublin with his Irish wife, Aoife. Peter has won numerous Irish and Welsh National titles and his major raids across the border in England include the Spring Foursomes, Crockfords and the Tollemache, each exactly twice.



Wales

Paul Denning (Playing Captain)

Since his debut in 1978 at the tender age of 22 years old Paul has played numerous Camrose weekends and European Championships. Last year he may have produced a first in being a player in the first Camrose weekend, an NPC in the second Camrose weekend and then an NPC in the Lady Milne. He's looking forward to catching up with some old friends over the weekend.



Diane Kurbalija

Diane's first game of bridge was nearly 50 years ago, with her much-loved and greatly missed late husband, Filip. After the duplicate evening at Kent University she declared, "I'm not doing that again - boring." Let's say it wasn't the last time she got it wrong, because she has played thousands of events since then, most of them with Fil: no one could say that was boring. She has won all the major Welsh events, some multiple times; and has represented Wales in the Lady Milne (won twice), Camrose and Teltscher trophies, as well as in the European Women's, Open and Seniors. Diane is pleased to be playing again with long-time friend and team-mate, Paul. Diane's life plans include a move back to North Staffordshire where she intends to help out with her 20 great-nephews and -nieces (still counting) and to provide her adult relatives with plenty of good food and drink.



John Salisbury

John Salisbury played his first Camrose match against Scotland in 1974 in his home town of Wrexham. Since then he has represented Wales in the Junior Camrose, Camrose, Senior Camrose, European Open and Seniors and Commonwealth Nations, when Wales won the gold medal. He also won a bronze for Great Britain in the Mixed Teams at the Common Market Championships. It is perhaps unusual that in all that time John has had only had four partners: Jessie Newton, Robert Upton, Mike Tedd, and for the past four seasons Tim Rees. He has also undertaken the most thankless tasks in bridge: Chairman of Selectors and NPC. John has also found time to have a career in Social Services and a family.



Tim Rees

Tim has represented Wales in over 40 Camrose weekends and several European Championships, in partnership with Peter Goodman, Filip Kurbalija and Gary Jones. This is Tim's 7th Home



International weekend playing with John. Tim topped the EBU's Gold Point rankings for most of the 2000s. He has won the majority of the major UK domestic competitions, including the Gold Cup twice, Crockfords and Spring Fours, and also the Welsh and Scottish Cups. Tim is a former chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee of the EBU and still serves on the committee. He is approaching retirement from road research at TRL, studying ways to make our roads work better.

Gary Jones

Gary Jones has been a regular in Welsh Camrose, Senior Camrose, Open and Senior European, and Commonwealth teams over the past 23 years. He partnered his son Dafydd for 11 years but has more recently played with Tim Rees, Paul Denning, the late Patrick Jourdain and Paul Lamford. Gary has had 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 has been retired for over twenty years and can frequently be spotted hacking his way around a West London golf course.



Paul Lamford

Paul learnt to play bridge at Haverfordwest Grammar School and recalls passing an Acol 2♣ in his first duplicate (getting a top, of course). After that he mainly played chess, competing in four Olympiads: it was an advantage to be Welsh since he would not have been selected for England. Bridge and backgammon gradually took over, and the former is now his game (or mindsport) of choice, partly because his wife Stefanie also plays – she has played for the England Women's team. Paul has won the British backgammon championship a couple of times. His best result at bridge was winning the Chairman's Cup in Orebro in 2015, mainly because he had excellent teammates. Soon after, he transferred to Wales and has played in the European Championships, Camrose and Senior Camrose, mainly with Gary Jones. They have also won the Welsh Premier League and Welsh Cup a few times. Away from the bridge table Paul designs computer games and enjoys travel, classical music and sport, particularly horse-racing and football, games and puzzles. He has written a dozen books on games, including a couple on bridge, and has also provided puzzles for The Times and Radio 4.



Scotland

Robert Clow

Robert first played bridge when he was eight – his parents were keen players - and remembers sitting in for his mother and doubling a freely-bid 4♠ contract because he held the ace and king (they made 11 tricks). Over the years he has played infrequently because of time/life constraints. In the early 2000s he joined the Edinburgh's Melville club and tried to unlearn all the bad habits he had picked up over the years. He now plays a couple of times a week, and also enjoys kibitzing the never-ending tournaments on BBO. He is married to Frances, another bridge-player (so she understands his affliction). He lives in Glasgow and enjoys cooking and helping his wife in the garden. He keeps fit by cycling, swimming and exercising at the local gym.



Derrick Peden

Derrick has been playing bridge for 50 years and has represented Scotland once at the Europeans and once before in the Seniors. With his long-suffering wife Jane he has a son and a daughter.



John Hamilton

John played in his teens with his avid bridge-player parents, but didn't really start again until the early 1980s. Raised on a farm, he attended Dollar Academy and then worked for 30 years for the Royal Bank of Scotland. When he took early retirement at 50, he and his wife Muriel bought a guesthouse in Edinburgh which they owned for 12 years. He and Muriel have two children and three grandchildren. Always a keen sportsman, during the 1960s he played badminton at County level and almost managed to get an Under-21 cap for Scotland. Other sports include bowls, golf, squash and tennis. When he turned 60 his sole ambition was to try and represent Scotland in the Senior Camrose, and somehow at the age of 79 he has achieved it.



Paul Maiolani

Paul's bridge journey began at school in the mid-70s, and he was fortunate at University to form a long-lasting partnership with Iain MacIntyre: they competed in the 1982 Junior Camrose. He qualified as a dentist from Glasgow University and worked for 35 years mainly in General Practice as a Principal and vocational trainer. He has been married to Elizabeth for 40 years and has two children and one grandchild. When not playing bridge he helps run the local chess club. Other hobbies include clay pigeon shooting and motorcycles, a fondness for which he has retained from his student days. Paul has also been a member of



Rotary International for over 15 years, giving him the opportunity to be involved in local and international projects.

Brian Short

Brian played for Great Britain with long-time partner Sandy Duncan on three occasions before Scotland got international autonomy. He has played in 58 Camrose weekends with five different partners and had three series wins. He has also played six times in the senior Camrose, winning in 2013, and has made multiple European and Olympiad appearances in Open, Senior and Mixed events. He won the Gold Cup in 2006 and has won every major Scottish event, including Scotland's premier teams competition (Scottish Cup) which he has won 14 times. Two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren keep him busy and since his sons live in Melbourne and Switzerland, he and Kate have plenty of excuse to travel.



Alan Goodman

Alan has played in several Camrose, Teltscher and European events. Although he's meant to have retired, he has always spent a lot of time in various charity ventures, the current one being chair of the SBU board. In these difficult post Covid days this has been quite a challenge, but he is delighted to be back playing live bridge once again. Alan is married with three grown-up daughters and one grandson. His spare time is taken up playing golf and following the resurgent Newcastle United.









NPC Anne Symons

Anne is a retired pharmacist who, with her husband Andrew, recently moved to Perthshire for grandparenting duties, which keep 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 several 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.



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