



Camrose 2024: Weekend 1



5th – 7th January 2024
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 first Camrose weekend of 2024.

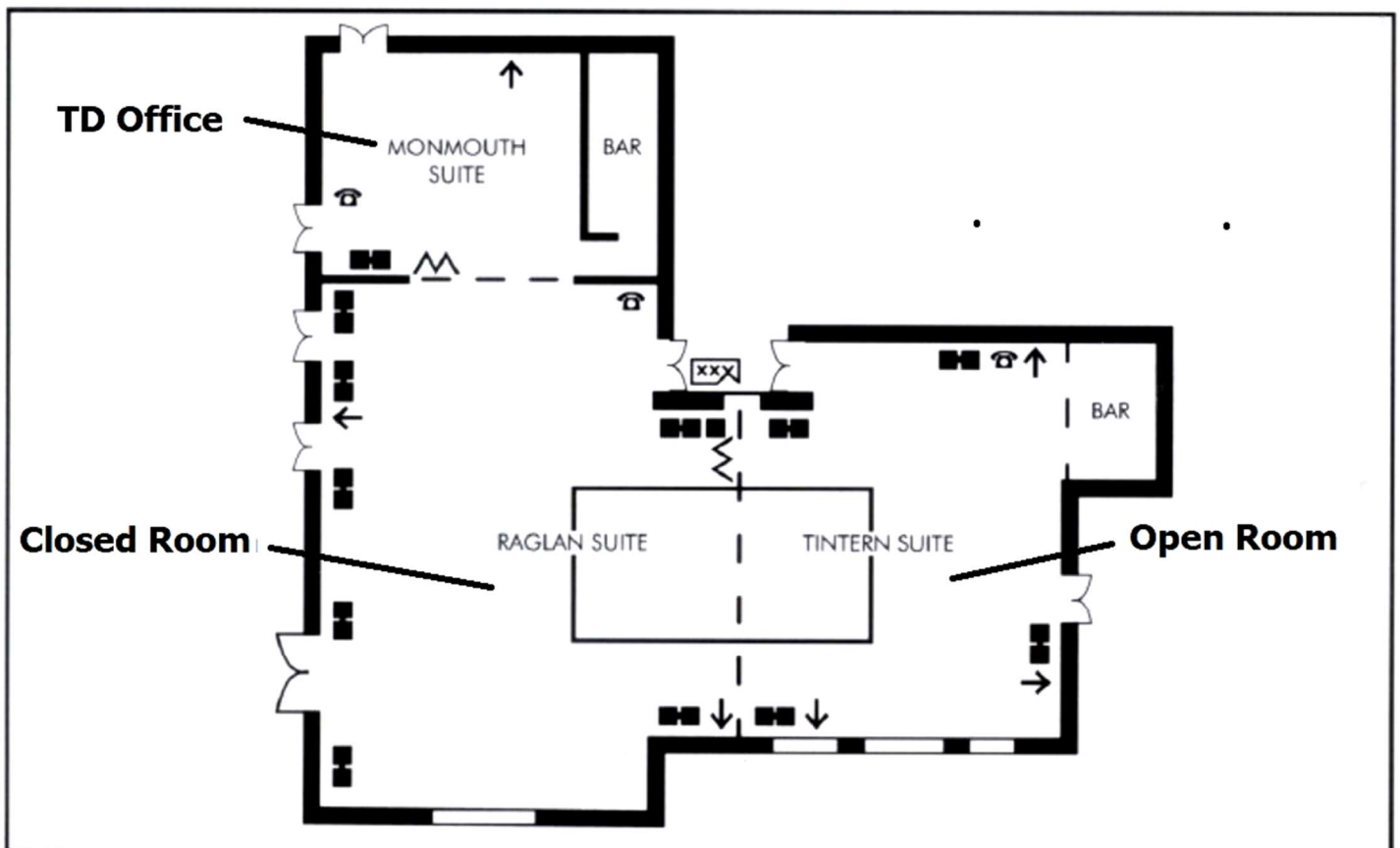
The Holiday Inn boasts excellent conference facilities, and also has a heated indoor pool and a fitness centre.

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:	Paul Cunningham
Chief Tournament Director:	Fearghal O'Boyle
Assistant Tournament Director:	Liz Atkinson
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 Dinner 8.30 pm (hotel restaurant)

FORMAT

The Camrose Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, by rotation, by the country hosting the event. In 2024 England fields two teams, one as England, the other as EBU.

- Five head-to-head matches of 32 boards, in 16-board stanzas
- The two teams from England 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:	Wales
Team B:	Republic of Ireland
Team C:	EBU
Team D:	Scotland
Team E:	England
Team F:	Northern Ireland



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					
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		
20.30					Dinner

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			

IMP SCALE

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0 - 10	0						
20 - 40	1	270 - 310	7	750 - 890	13	2000 - 2240	19
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



Julian Pottage & Tony Ratcliff
Tim Rees & John Salisbury
Dafydd Jones & Adam Dunn

NPC Paul Denning



Mark Moran & John Carroll
Tom Hanlon & Conor Boland
Ciarán Coyne & David Walsh

NPC Grainne Barton



Maggie Knottenbelt & Ben Handley-Pritchard
Michael Byrne & Kieran Dyke
Tom Townsend



Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin
Alex Wilkinson & Douglas Piper
Iain Sime & Derek Diamond

NPC Anne Symons



John Atthey & Neil Rosen
Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden
Chris Jagger & Derek Patterson

NPC David Burn



Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay
Sam Hall & Hastings Campbell
David Greenwood & Rex Anderson

NPC Michael McFaul

Wales

Julian Pottage & Tony Ratcliff

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.

Tim Rees & John Salisbury

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 seventh Camrose weekend with John. Tim topped the EBU's Gold Point rankings for most of the 2000s, and has won most 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 EBU Laws and Ethics Committee and still serves on the committee. He is approaching retirement from his role in road research at TRL, studying ways to make our roads work better.



John played his first Camrose 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 medal representing Great Britain in the Mixed Teams in the Common Market Championships. It is curious that in all that time and in all those events John has only had four partners – Jessie Newton, Robert Upton, Mike Tedd and for the past three seasons Tim. He has also undertaken some of the most thankless tasks in bridge: Chairman of the WBU Selectors and NPC. John also found time to have a career in Social Services.



Dafydd Jones & Adam Dunn

Dafydd grew up in West London and has played for Wales since 1994, first in the Junior team with Adam's brother, Jake, and then in the Open team with his father, Gary, until 2012. After a break of seven years he returned to the team in 2019 to partner Adam. This will be their third Camrose playing together. Dafydd is



currently Chief Finance Officer at a boutique investment management firm and lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife Tessa and their children Geraint and Henry.

Adam grew up in Tywyn, Mid Wales, and first played for the Welsh Juniors in 1992. After eight years as a junior, he then partnered Peter Goodman in the Open team before giving up bridge in 2006 (when kids arrived on the scene). This will be his 13th Camrose appearance. Adam works in executive search [*that's headhunting to the rest of us. Ed.*], specialising in Management Consultancy, and lives on the Hampshire coast with his wife Diz and their children Charlie, Poppy and Clover.



Paul Denning NPC

Since his debut in 1978 at the tender age of 22 years old Paul has played numerous Camrose weekends and European Championships. In 2021 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 again this weekend.



Republic of Ireland

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. 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, and 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 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 made his senior debut in last year's Camrose and has become an integral part of the open squad. He already has a home international title under his belt, having been a member of Ireland's (only) Peggy Bayer-winning team in 2016. In partnership with Karel De Raeymaeker, he has won several national titles in the past few years. Recently



graduated from Dublin City University, Conor has embarked on a career in the world of accounting and taxation, and is currently living in Paris.

Ciarán Coyne & David Walsh

Ciarán lives in Cork with his wife Cynthia and their three sons. He is now a lecturer in Computer Science after many years working in technology roles in industry. He has several previous Camrose appearances with David Walsh as well as with Donal MacAonghusa and Peter Goodman, and also played with Donal in the European Championships. In addition, he has served as NPC of both the IBU Open and CBAI Camrose Teams. In his free time, he enjoys supporting his sons' sports teams, and playing golf.



David hails from Galway and is part of a well-known Irish bridge family. He took up bridge properly while in college, along with several other card games! Married to Orla, they have four children, which keeps them both very busy. This is his ninth Camrose appearance, partnering Ciarán on most occasions; he has also served as NPC. He has a keen interest in sports, with hurling and rugby to the fore.



Gráinne Barton NPC

Gráinne has been the NPC of this Irish Team for more than 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.



EBU

Maggie Knottenbelt & Ben Handley-Pritchard



Maggie is making her England debut in the Camrose this year, and is enjoying representing her country so much she has decided to play in the Lady Milne as well. Like Kieran, she is originally from Australia, but moved back across the waters many years ago to gain a physics degree from Oxford. After a wide and varied career she now gives bridge her main attention, and it is her favourite hobby and the one she spends the most time on, (just ahead of explaining to people how to pronounce her surname - it's a hard K). Maggie has already won a bronze medal at the World Transnational Teams in Morocco this year, and is determined to win many more championships, starting with the Camrose.

Ben Handley-Pritchard is an EBU National Master yet spends most of his time in Croatia with his wife where his team currently leads the Croatian National A-league. Since leaving the junior scene at the turn of the century he has won both the 2019 LMBA teams and the 2022 Premier League 2nd division in a team of four with three professional players. Ben cannot wait to make his first Camrose appearance and his first visit to Newport.

Michael Byrne & Kieran Dyke



Michael is a full time bridge teacher from Manchester who has played in many Camrose matches before, although never in Newport. He has played for both the England and the EBU team winning on several occasions. He is more famous for being squad leader and NPC of the England Junior team, and has won two bronze medals at the European Championships and two Silver medals at the World Championships. As a resident of Manchester many of his team-mates do think he lives in another country, but he is always on hand to remind them that not only it is part of England, it is also the best part.

Kieran Dyke hails from the sunny land of down under, and having won every bridge competition the Southern hemisphere has to offer he turned his attention to the Northern one and moved to England with his wife Lynn in 2013. As a player he has won a bronze medal in the European Open and reached the quarter finals of the Bermuda Bowl (for England). He divides his life between London and Oxfordshire, and has played hours and hours of computer games, although it's unclear whether he is better at them than at bridge.

Tom Townsend

Tom Townsend, 52, lives in Shepherd's Bush with Ewa Kater, their 14-year-old son Max, and their Labrador puppy Gotham. Tom plays professionally and is Daily and Sunday Telegraph bridge columnist. This weekend will be his debut as an EBU player; Ben Handley-Pritchard will be his fifth Camrose partner. They came third in the transnational world championships last year, and second in the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Atlanta.



Scotland

Sam Punch & Stephen Peterkin

Stephen and Sam formed a partnership 14 years ago and were on the winning team at the Commonwealth Transnational Teams in Glasgow. This is their ninth Camrose together. Stephen is a regular BBO operator, a classically trained pianist and a BAMSA 'volunteer'. Stephen and Sam won the Alan Truscott Award and the Lazard Sportsmanship award for being part of Team Scotland when there was a boycott at the European Qualifiers in 2021. Sam has played in the Scottish Women's team since 2008, winning seven Lady Milnes. She is establishing Mindsport Studies as a new academic field and leads the project - Bridge: A MindSport for All (BAMSA). BAMSA has published 11 academic papers so far (see <https://bridgemindsport.org/>) and is starting a new four-year project on school and youth bridge. Her book, Bridge at the Top: Behind the Screens, based on interviews with top USA and UK players, won the 2021 IBPA Book of the Year award. She also won the IBPA Personality of the Year award 2021 for her BAMSA work.



Alex Wilkinson & Douglas Piper

Alex was Scotland's youngest ever Camrose player when he played with dad Tony in 2006. Since then he has played several times with different partners. One of these was Douglas Piper, a partnership which has been resurrected for this year. Alex has also played in three European Open Championships and countless Junior teams, winning the Junior Camrose in 2010 and 2012. Alex was previously in academia, but has been working for the Civil Service for the past six years, which is how long his break from Bridge has been. He is looking forward to playing with Douglas ("it ain't boring") again.



Douglas is married with a delightful 21-year-old daughter and a charming wife. A former youthful player who in the dim and distant past won the Gold Cup and Camrose, Douglas is now very old and his main concern this weekend will be following suit a feat he's unlikely to achieve.



Iain Sime & Derek Diamond

Iain is a retired Chartered Tax Advisor from Edinburgh. He is married to Linda who caught the bridge bug nearly ten years ago and now plays nearly as often as Iain. This weekend marks the 20th anniversary of Iain's Scotland debut when he played with Derek Sanders. The opposing Irish team (it was head-to-head matches in 2004) included Ciaran Coyne, also a debutant, who is



playing this weekend. Iain has a lot of Camrose experience, mostly partnering John Matheson. They played for eight consecutive years, missing only one weekend in that time. Iain's best international results were achieved with John Murdoch in the Scottish Senior team. They won a bronze medal in the 2012 European Championships, Scotland's only medal in a European teams championship. They then went on to reach the Quarter Final of the d'Orsi Bowl in Bali. This year, Iain has formed a new partnership with Derek Diamond who was part of that team.

Derek has been one of the best known Scottish players for fifty years. Since playing in the first Junior Camrose in 1971, Derek has played international bridge in every decade since the 1970s with about twelve different partners. Does that make him a good partner or a bad partner? He has many successes in Scottish events, but his favourite bridge is in international competitions. As well as being part of the successful Scottish Senior team of 2012/13, Derek has won the Camrose twice, and gold and bronze medals in the Commonwealth Games. Derek first played at school when he was watching four class-mates play rubber bridge. When one was called away, Derek volunteered to sit in. He reckoned "I can do better than this and I don't even know how to play." Some things never change



Anne Symons NPC

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



England

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 second Camrose cap with Neil Rosen. Away from the table, he works at Canary Wharf as an accountant, and in his spare time enjoys watching films and sport and learning how to cook.



Neil Rosen

The old man of the team, Neil has been toiling away in the Camrose for over 30 years. He has been full-time in bridge for the whole period, primarily running his own club (now online only - sadly not the same feeling or buzz at all). Neil's wife Anne is a top class player in her own right but their two children have actively avoided the dreaded bridge. Neil and John have been playing for about four years and this is their second Camrose together. Rather to his surprise Neil has become a relatively successful author, his book *5 card Majors and all that* still high on bridge sales lists (available from the usual online retailer).



Graham Osborne

Graham retired from city trading 18 years ago, and now spends his time travelling the world and attending to his wine collection, along with bridge teaching when time allows. His national successes include the Gold Cup twice, the Spring Foursomes three times, the Premier League three times, Crockfords once, the Four Stars teams at Brighton twice and the Hubert Phillips Bowl four times. He has won the Camrose three times and represented England in an Olympiad. Other international successes include two bronze medals in the European Mixed Team, 2nd place in the prestigious NEC tournament in Japan, a win in the Gold Coast Congress teams and a silver medal in the European Champions Cup.



Frances Hinden

Frances is Group Treasurer at Shell and is nearing 30 years at the company. She started playing bridge seriously at Cambridge University where she played in the Junior Camrose. Since then she has won various titles, including the Camrose, Gold Cup and Spring Foursomes twice each. Frances also has a keen interest in the Laws and chairs Appeals Committees. Outside bridge and work, Frances enjoys



travelling, eating, drinking and classical music. This is Frances's sixth Camrose with Graham, but her first without her husband Jeffrey on the team.

Chris Jagger

Chris lives in Cambridge with his wife Cath and 11 year old son, Tim. Chris lectured in mathematics before training as an accountant for Deloitte, spending many years running their national training programmes. Since 2018 he has been freelancing in various areas, including being a bursar for a small research institute, teaching maths, playing bridge and leading guided tours of Cambridge. Chris has won most of the national events, and represented England at the 2019 Bermuda Bowl, where they got to the quarter finals. He is also keen on travel (just back from Ghana) and music, and may be espied going for a morning run or swim if the opportunity presents.



Derek Patterson

Derek lives in Kent and has been running Chislehurst Bridge Club for 30 years (recently, online). His involvement in the game includes teaching online and in Blackheath as well as occasionally playing competitively. In addition, he has been the NPC for England's Women's team. As a younger man he spent much of his spare time playing energetic sports including football and tennis, but has since come to his senses. These days, he relaxes by playing the guitar or a few holes of golf. He has retained a fascination with certain areas of mathematics and science and has been persuaded to participate in projects in these fields from time to time. While in certain circles, Derek has developed a reputation for enjoying soup and potatoes, undoubtedly his favourite pastime is that of listening to or playing music, especially with friends.



David Burn NPC

David was born in Bulawayo, in what was then Rhodesia, and moved to London in his early teens. After taking early retirement from his IT career he became a fixture in the national teams of the 2000s, playing in seven Camrose matches, one European Championship and one World Olympiad; and coached Britain to silver in the Bermuda Bowl (1987) and victory in the European championships (1991). He has coached the highly successful England Women's team over recent years, picking up numerous medals including gold in the 2016 European Championships and silver in the 2013 and 2017 Venice Cups. He is a popular bridge journalist, writing his own columns and ghost writing for more famous people. His other interests include reading, classical music, going to the theatre, and enjoying beer and curry. He lives in London with his wife, Frances, and a cat called Christopher Marlowe.



Northern Ireland

Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay

Ian H is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. As well as bridge he enjoys cricket (he is Fixture Secretary for his club, and a League Secretary in the Northern Cricket Union). He has watched England home and away in all Test countries bar Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. He is also keen on baseball, and follows Ulster Rugby. Ian spends a lot of time running NIBU simultaneous pairs, along with other NIBU duties, and has played with a number of partners in both the Teltscher and Camrose over 25 years. This is his fifth Camrose weekend with Ian Lindsay.



Ian L has represented the NIBU with five different partners. He is a retired chartered accountant who now acts as Treasurer for six charities connected with music, the visual arts, health and disabled people. Ian is a past Secretary, Chairman, Selector, and Congress Organiser of the NIBU, a past President of the Irish Bridge Union and the examining accountant of BGB.



Sam Hall & Hastings Campbell

Sam is a retired ENT surgeon who returned to Camrose a few years ago after a 30 year exile. His partner is unchanged as is most of their system.



Hastings is a retired university lecturer who also manages a large property portfolio. He has represented Northern Ireland in the Camrose Trophy for over 40 years, playing with Sam Hall, Brian Senior & Greer MacKenzie. He has both represented and captained Ireland in the European Championships. In common with his partner Sam, his passion is cricket.



David Greenwood & Rex Anderson

David is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on a number of occasions, and has played in eight Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex has been 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, a solicitor who retired in 2010, first played in the Camrose in 1969 partnering his father. He is returning to the fray after a two-year gap, unable to sustain going cold turkey any longer. His book about the performance of Northern Ireland in the Camrose, aptly titled 'A Worm's Eye View', is available from the usual online retailer. His advice - gained from bitter experience - to budding authors is that few readers are interested in purchasing a book about failure. When compiling information about the history of the NIBU in the Camrose, Rex has become convinced that Albert Einstein was correct when he said – *"Only two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity. And I'm not sure about the universe."*









Michael McFaul NPC

Michael has been Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union since 2013. He has been writing [mostly humorous] articles and anecdotes for Irish Bridge press since the late 1970s. Michael has been NPC of the Camrose and Teltscher teams on numerous occasions, as well as playing in both events. His proudest moment was playing in the team that beat England 18-2 in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.



SCORECARD

			Wales	RoI	EBU	Scotland	England	NI	Total VP
Wales		IMPs							
		VPs							
Republic of Ireland		IMPs							
		VPs							
EBU		IMPs							
		VPs							
Scotland		IMPs							
		VPs							
England		IMPs							
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Northern Ireland		IMPs							
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