

Camrose 2017 biographies – Scotland

Mike ASH introduces the Scotland team – most of whom qualified for this Camrose by winning the 2016 National League.

Mike was SBU President 2012-2014 and has captained many Camrose teams. He has played in both Camrose and Telscher events as well as 3 successive Europeans with 3 different partners. He claims to be retired but spends a lot of his time as a non-executive director for the NHS – “someone has to do it!”

Alex ADAMSON has been playing bridge for 35 years, and played for Scotland and Britain as a junior. This is his first Camrose, though he played for Scotland in the World Bridge Games. He works as a programme manager at Historic Environment Scotland, occasionally getting to write history books. In his spare time he is a bridge writer. Alex has been playing with Mike McGinley for two years.

Mike MCGINLEY learnt bridge at school in Glasgow over 40 years ago, and played Junior Camrose in the 1970s. This is his 2nd Camrose cap, the first being with Steve Male in 2012. He has recently retired, having been an accountant for most of his working life, and now plans to do even more reading [so little time, so many books]. One whimsical ambition is to witness a 4-card ending, with dummy holding the same card in four suits!

Jun NAKAMARU-PINDER has been playing bridge for 14 years, but still plays for Scotland as a junior - most recently winning the Under 26 European Mixed Pairs. He first represented Scotland at Open level at 17, but this is his first appearance in the 1st weekend of the Camrose. Having now graduated with a Masters degree in Maths, he works as an actuarial consultant in London.

Paul BARTON has been playing bridge for around 25 years with a couple of breaks. He has played for Scotland in a European Championships and this is his 4th Camrose - his first with Jun, having established their partnership early in 2016. He works as an innovation consultant in Edinburgh.

Sandy DUNCAN first played international bridge as a junior in 1969(!) and since then he has collected 26 Camrose ‘caps’ as well as a bronze medal as part of the British team in the Common Market Championships. In 1996 he went to work in the USA but he now plays regularly in Scotland, captaining Camrose and other international teams over the last 7 years. This is his first Camrose as a player since returning to Scotland.

Jim HAY was first capped in the early 1990s, playing twice with John Simpson. He returned to bridge in 2010 to play in a European and a World championship, both times with juniors who have since played several times for Scotland. He lives in Aberdeen where he indulges his other main interest by selling fishing tackle for a local firm. He now plays with Sandy Duncan as all the juniors feel his bidding is too erratic for them!