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The 2018 Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies



**Holiday Inn
Coventry
16th-18th February**



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*presented by
the English Bridge Union*

Welcome to Coventry

Bridge Great Britain and the English Bridge Union extend to all a warm welcome to the 2018 Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Hinckley Road, Coventry.

Refreshments

For all the players and officials, meal times are as follows:-

Friday - Dinner at 18.30

Saturday - Lunch at 13.50, dinner at 20.00

Sunday - Lunch at 13.50, dinner and closing ceremony at 20.00.

Junior Camrose Timings

Friday	18.00	Captains' meeting		
	19.30-21.15	A v D	E v B	C v F
	21.35-23.20	C v A	D v E	B v F
Saturday	10.00-11.45	E v C	B v D	A v F
	12.05-13.50	B v A	D v C	E v F
		Lunch		
	14.30-16.15	A v E	C v B	D v F
	16.35-18.20	D v A	B v E	F v C
	20.00	Dinner		
Sunday	10.00-11.45	A v C	E v D	F v B
	12.05-13.50	C v E	D v B	F v A
		Lunch		
	14.30-16.15	A v B	C v D	F v E
	16.35-18.20	E v A	B v C	F v D
	20.00	Dinner & closing ceremony		

Draw

Team A	Ireland
Team B	Scotland
Team C	England
Team D	N. Ireland
Team E	Wales
Team F	EBU Juniors

Peggy Bayer Timings

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	19.30-21.15	A v D	C v B
Saturday	10.00-11.45	A v C	B v D
	12.05-13.50	B v A	D v C
		Lunch	
	14.30-16.15	D v A	B v C
	16.35-18.20	C v A	D v B
	20.00	Dinner	
Sunday	10.00-11.45	A v B	C v D
	12.05-13.50	A v D	B v C
		Lunch	
	14.30-16.15	A v C	B v D
	16.35-18.20	A v B	C v D
	20.00	Dinner & closing ceremony	

Only four teams are participating in the Peggy Bayer: the schedule has been adjusted to nine matches by omitting the last session on Friday. Each team shall play three matches against each other team. Seating rights alternate for the first two matches, and for the third match they will be decided by a blind line-up.

Draw

Team A	Ireland
Team B	Scotland
Team C	England
Team D	N. Ireland

The Teams

England



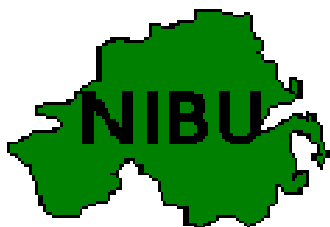
Junior Camrose

Yvonne Wiseman & Alex Birchall
Kyle Lam & Toby Nonnenmacher
Ben Norton & Shahzaad Natt
NPC: Paul Barden

Peggy Bayer

Kripa Panchagnula & Harry
Madden
Sam Anoyrkatis & Theo
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NPC: Michael Byrne

Northern Ireland



Junior Camrose

John-William Carey & Ridwan
Farouki
Gavin Irvine & Phil Adams
Ryan Lightowler & Craig Smylie
NPC: Wayne Somerville

Peggy Bayer

Conor Gallagher & Luke McGarvey
Molly O'Donnell & Lucy Kane
Xander Todd & Lauren Colville
NPC: Sandie Millership

Ireland



Junior Camrose

Nathan Doyle & John Connolly
Stephen Barr & Michael Donnelly
Laurence Childs & Arran Bolger
NPC: Thomas MacCormac

Peggy Bayer

Sheila Walsh & Ariane Kane
Denise Walsh & Leah Finnegan
Joseph Carthy & Conor Farrell
NPC: Margaret Murphy

Scotland



Junior Camrose

Liam O'Brien & Ronan Valentine
Stewart Pinkerton & Gints
Freimanis
Glen Falconer & Botond Hajdara
NPC: Liz McGowan

Peggy Bayer

Christopher Docherty & Gideon
Green
Adam Tobias & Wan-Hew Tran
John Russell & David Tobias
NPC: Jim Hay

Wales



Junior Camrose

Sarah Greener & Jason He
Jonny Richards & Stephen Loat

NPC: Paddy Murphy

EBU Juniors



Junior Camrose

Siyu Ren & Laura Covill
Michael Alishaw & Stephen
Kennedy
Liam Sanderson & Daniel Winter
NPC: Harry Anoyrkatis

Profiles of the players are on pages 10 - 21.

Officials

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EBU Vugraph Team

Thank you to volunteer Bridgebase Online commentators and operators, whose services are much appreciated!

The Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies Format

The Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies comprise six teams in the Junior Camrose and four teams in the Peggy Bayer. The Junior Camrose will be played with screens. Two or three complete round robins of 12 board matches will be played over the weekend, with IMP scoring converted to VPs according to the WBF published scale for 12 board matches.

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.

For the first two round robins, seating rights alternate between the two teams: the Captain of the second-named team nominates his pairs first. In the Peggy Bayer, seating for the third round robin will be determined by a blind line-up.

Line-ups must be submitted at least five minutes before a stanza is due to begin.

Systems and Conventions

The Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies are considered to be "Category 3" events as defined within the WBF Systems Policy. Therefore Brown Sticker and Highly Unusual Methods are not permitted.

Public presentation

In any one session, five matches are in progress - three in the Junior Camrose, two in the Peggy Bayer. Both tables of one of these matches will be shown on Bridge Base Online, which will be displayed in the Vugraph room.

The other option for spectators is to watch live in the Open Room. Spectators are subject to the regulations set out below. Entry to the Closed Room is prohibited.

The Chief Tournament Director will decide which matches will be shown on Vugraph, and will aim to provide a balance of exposure to

each of the countries.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

You may watch the players live in the Open Room provided you observe the following rules:

1. No spectator may enter the Open Room while play is in progress. (Please note that this applies even if a match has started before the advertised time).
2. If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress he may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
3. 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.
4. Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of one player only.
5. 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.
6. Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the computer operator covering the internet match.
7. Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake, nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
8. The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
9. Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter either of the Closed Rooms.

Spectator facilities in the Open Room are limited.

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

Please note that mobile phones, pagers or other electronic equipment may not be brought into the playing areas. Spectators in the BBO Vugraph theatre are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off.

Player profiles



ENGLAND

Junior Camrose

Yvonne Wiseman & Alex Birchall

Yvonne Wiseman, 25, was born in Oxford to bridge playing parents. She grew up in Scotland and represented them for 10 years in the Junior and Women's teams before switching to the English side. She studied Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh and now works as an environmental chemist for a company in Stockholm, analysing metal contaminants in soil and water. Yvonne speaks fluent Swedish and her hobbies include swimming, painting and reading.

Alexandra Birchall is 24 years old and lives in Crawley. She currently works as a Senior Product Manager for Danbury Mint, sourcing, marketing and analysing results for collectables and jewellery. In particular, she focuses on running the company's digital marketing.

Although she first learned bridge aged 11, through junior lessons at the Manchester Bridge Club, she didn't start playing more regularly until her second year at Cambridge University, where she studied Natural Sciences. Since then, she has played several European youth pairs events, plus a European youth teams event, winning a bronze medal with the U26 Women's team. She will also play on the England Women's team in the Lady Milne in April. When not playing bridge, she enjoys rock climbing and camping.

Kyle Lam & Toby Nonnenmacher

Kyle Lam, 24 is a qualified doctor, which is pretty terrifying for all who know him. He specialises in carving up patients and contracts alike. Unlike some other bridge playing doctors, he frequently has a clear throat and rarely coughs at the table. Kyle has played in 2 Peggy Bayers and 2 Junior Camrose events prior to this one, with a 100% record. This is his last year of junior bridge, and therefore his last opportunity to mess that up.

Kyle hopes one day to give up banalities of medicine and become a full time bridge journalist - his true passion. To date, his monthly articles in English Bridge Magazine have won him three literary prizes. Kyle's bridge playing philosophy is to never underbid to grand slams. Kyle has greatly enjoyed his time playing junior bridge, and is very happy to have made so many young bridge playing friends. Now that he is leaving the junior game, he will be changing his name by deed poll to Kyle Sheep.

Toby Nonnenmacher is 24 years old and, having managed to eradicate all associations with Ireland and Germany, will be representing England on this occasion. He is currently studying for a PhD in Astrology. His interest in the subject started at a young age when he stumbled across his future role model, Mystic Meg's paper on the correlation between Venus' trajectory and the emotional frailties of giant pandas in South Sudan.

Though his studies leave him little time, Toby enjoys playing complex systems which no-one really understands but apparently involves intricate tray placements and orientation based plays. This competition marks Toby's 5th Junior Camrose, and if his team win, he will have won the competition in every region (Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England) without a loss in a JC or PB. Toby has recently taken up Mongolian throat singing as well as Cobra charming (Mumbai technique) and will be keen to give a demonstration if anyone is interested.

Ben Norton & Shahzaad Natt

Ben is twenty years old and live in Leicestershire. He has been trying to play bridge for around eight years now and is yet to reach a level of consistently good performance, which is what he strives for. After all, bridge is a game of mistakes!

NPC: Paul Barden

Paul first took up bridge as a post graduate student but then work and family life intervened. He returned to the game a few years ago. Paul has represented England in the Camrose and also as NPC to the England U16's in Tromso, and more recently the U26 team in the Junior Channel Trophy.

Peggy Bayer

Kripa Panchagnula & Harry Madden

Kripa Panchagnula is the old man of the team, being a veteran of representing his country. He first "took the blue" (which I can assure you is a lot better than "taking the black", only really bad players get sent to the Nights Watch) in December 2015 helping his country win the Channel trophy, and has gone from strength to strength since, being part of the team that won a bronze medal in the European Championships last summer in Slovakia. He is at Cambridge university studying Maths or Physics probably, but mostly he just plays bridge.

His partner is Harry Madden who is a refugee from a place called "Derby". Not quite in the North, not quite in the Midlands - Harry is never sure where he fits into life, much like a vegetarian who occasionally enjoys a ham sandwich and is shunned by both communities as a consequence. Harry is noted for his striking trainers and his coke addiction, (just to be clear that is the drink and NOTHING ELSE) consuming as he does between 6 and 12 cans a day.

This is Harry's second Peggy Bayer, but the first one went so badly we're not going to mention it. He hopes to exorcise his demons from the previous event, and exercise his brain at the bridge table.

Sam Anoyrkatis & Theo Anoyrkatis

Making their England debut just a few months ago are brothers Sam and Theo Anoyrkatis. Sam at 17, is the older of the two, and can be seen wearing shorts and luminous green crocs. He claims not to feel the cold and his recent visit to Manchester attests to this where he not only failed to wear socks but also bring a coat, somewhat extreme given that it was the middle of December and snowing at the time.

His younger brother Theo is the junior member of the team, has recently escaped the U16s. In an effort to get back on the team (where the bridge is of a much easier standard) he does everything he can to convince everyone he is younger than he actually is, asking questions that are so foolish in nature you can't believe he doesn't know the answer to them. His cheeky grin and ever changing hairstyle bring a sense of high fashion to the U20 team, although in fairness most things are considered high fashion when compared to his brother.

Jack Ronayne & Theo Gillis

Jack is 17 and lives in London. He is in his final year at Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, where he won the schools' cup for three consecutive years between 2014 and 2016.

Jack first became interested in bridge after reading *The Cardturner* by Louis Sachar. He was lucky enough to live minutes from the Acol in West Hampstead and also has an excellent bridge club at school, allowing him to learn and improve. Jack joined the England U20 squad in 2014, and became part of the inaugural England U16 team, coming fourth in the 2015 European Championships. Jack is hoping to study Economics at university and confesses to being a total sports junkie!

His partner Theo Gillis is making his international debut in this event and hopes to survive both the weekend and his partner. Theo is a learned player whose aim in bridge is to overtake his father, and to become good at the game. Theo is another Londoner who finds it remarkable that bridge events are staged anywhere other than the nations capital, his efforts to get to Coventry by taking the London underground were thwarted when the tunnels didn't reach past Hertfordshire.

He hopes that his budding international bridge career will take him to foreign places such as the Amazon rainforest, Great Wall of China and somewhere called "The North of England" a wondrous and magical place that he has read about in books but never seen up close.

NPC: Michael Byrne

They are captained by Michael Byrne, a bridge player whose claim to fame is finishing second in nearly everything. The Peggy Bayer, the Gold Cup, the Tollemache, the European Trials are just some of the things he has failed to win, however he has vowed that the Peggy Bayer Trophy is returning home with him regardless of the result since it looks nice on his sideboard. The other interesting statistic is that whilst he is the England U21s "most successful captain" winning 8 Peggy Bayers he is also England U21s least successful captain losing 3 of them.



NORTHERN IRELAND

Junior Camrose

John-William Carey & Ridwan Farouki

John William Carey 24 - "Live the life you love, love the life you live." Looking for adventure. Swipe left if you don't like multi 2s. Premium LOTR facts available on request

John William is an Oxford graduate, a lover of fine kiwifruits, and a man of the people. He has infiltrated the corporate world by taking a job with market research company Ipsos MORI, which he is slowly undermining through the use of fabulously bright work shirts. His role of saboteur has yet to substantively damage any capitalist octopuses, but we live in hope. You go get em, John William.

My name is Ridwan, King of Bridge; Look on my Slams, ye Mighty, and despair!

Ridwan turned 23 back in December and feels this could be Northern Ireland's year. Not in his wildest dreams did he ever think that he would be attending his 4th tournament but then again Ridwan knows all too well that the call of Bridge will be irresistible as long as he lives - there would be a huge blank space in his life without it. Besides, bad blood with past opponents means there are scores to settle. Sure, his play sometimes gets him into trouble and his style has been criticised, but he has shaken off the negativity, changed a few things and is glad to be back together with everyone for another Junior Camrose.

Gavin Irvine & Phil Adams

Gavin Irvine is a PhD chemistry student at Queen's University Belfast having graduated from St Andrews University in June 2017. This is his 2nd year competing in the Junior Camrose and he has played for NI, Ireland and Scotland in national and international events. Outside of bridge Gavin is a keen runner and has completed 8 marathons to date and is aiming to complete an Ironman triathlon in October 2019.

Phil Adams is 22 years old and has recently accumulated £50k in student debt in exchange for a piece of paper that says he knows what Physics is. He doesn't. Phil has recently moved to London to work in finance, where his hobbies include complaining about the price of pints, playing the guitar, and playing pool. He also occasionally plays bridge, and this will be his 5th Junior Camrose.

Ryan Lightowler & Craig Smylie

Ryan Lightowler is a 2nd-year student at Durham University studying maths but that's boring. Onto the good stuff, his hobbies include card game like Texas hold 'em, gin rummy and of course, Uno. He likes long walks on the beach and is ready to find love again so if you see the handsome bachelor, don't be afraid, he'll paint you or even show you an interpretive dance. Some of his other hobbies. As for bridge, it's okay, I guess.

Craig Smylie is currently a third-year student in Queens reading 'Actuarial Sciences'. Only he really knows what you can do with that after university! In his spare time, he enjoys clubbing and Lambrini. His favourite music is techno and he dreams of one day making it into Bergain in Berlin where he has failed to make it in on 5 separate occasions. Occasionally he

plays bridge.

NPC: Wayne Somerville

Wayne is a former veteran in the junior's scene having represented both Northern Ireland and Ireland on numerous occasions; Wayne is currently working as a customer service advisor in Bangor. He has recently graduated in the bridge scene and made his Camrose debut this year. When not playing bridge, he enjoys playing chess and backgammon, programming and listening to symphonic metal and EDM music.

Peggy Bayer

Conor Gallagher & Luke McGarvey

Conor is 17, in L6 at Belfast Royal Academy studying English Language, Computer Science and Business studies. He has achieved major colours at B.R.A. for bridge and plays as a hockey goalie.

Luke is 17 and in his last year before university and studies Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computing. He has been playing bridge for 4 years. Apart from bridge he also enjoys playing hockey.

Molly O'Donnell & Lucy Kane

Molly O'Donnell is in her 6th year at Belfast Royal Academy and she still doesn't have a clue what she wants to do in the future. This will be her 2nd appearance in Peggy Bayer and she is really looking forward to it.

Lucy is 17 and has been playing bridge for nearly 3 years. Lucy studies chemistry, biology, physics and maths for her A levels and aside from playing bridge, Lucy enjoys playing the piano.

Xander Todd & Lauren Colville

Xander Todd is 16; it is his second year studying GCSE's. He's in 5th year at Belfast Royal Academy. He wants to go on to do double mathematics, physics, SSD + one more a level that he's not sure about. He's very excited for playing in his 1st Peggy Bayer.

Lauren Colville is 16 and has been playing bridge for about three years. She is currently studying maths, physics, technology and design and business studies at AS level with the hope of someday becoming an electrical engineer. This will be her first appearance in Peggy Bayer and she is rather excited about it. Apart from bridge she enjoys horse riding and spending time with her friends.

NPC: Sandie Millership

Sandie has played for Northern Ireland in the Lady Milne and also in the inaugural Seniors Camrose (now rechristened the Teltscher Trophy). She has been involved in Junior Bridge for some time and loves the enthusiasm that the young people bring to the game although some of their bidding is turning her hair grey.



IRELAND

Junior Camrose

Nathan Doyle & John Connolly

Nathan is a true Irish veteran. This poor guy has been through it all. Manchester, Wroclaw in 2013, and Chris..... Porthcawl in 2015. Once quoted as saying "I just want to eat junk food and play bridge" he'll be having plenty of both at this event. Fresh off his semi-pro debut in America, his confidence surely is at an all-time low. Claiming to be a highly technical player, our computers have calculated he'll take no less than six 0% lines this weekend.

Having spent the summer playing ACBL competitions and having daily 2am DMC's with an older shirtless man, John is prepped for this event and for life. If you're to stand any chance you'll have to slip this man some whiskey and there's a small chance he'll spend the weekend asleep in the back of Stephen's car without playing a board. He studies commerce in UCD.

Stephen Barr & Michael Donnelly

Having missed last year's event to "find himself", resident bad boy Barr will certainly be cited several times for abusive comments at this event. Under his jersey he'll be wearing a garment he will insist be called a "partner beater". He's currently working in SIG in Dublin where he's undoubtedly stealing your gran's pension.

Err he became new Michael.

Young Mick's found himself in a cycle.

Of disease and bridge memes.

And hands x-3

But he maintains his presence is vital.

Laurence Childs & Arran Bolger

On debut, the aptly named Laurence says this is the first thing he's been truly excited about since his tap dancing recital at the age of 8. When asked about Blackwood he replied "I prefer mahogany". When pushed for what no trump he plays he retorted "I don't discuss politics at the bridge table". He frequently describes his hands in an emotive fashion e.g. "Well my trumps weren't the best but they had great character and the Jack had a hungry look in his eyes so I thought I'd give him a shot". He is currently working in Brussels.

Arran 'Ghost' Bolger comes out of hibernation once more to don the green cape. He's a quintessential Junior Camrose player in that he'll play horrendously all weekend but make a spicy 7NTx to secure 3rd place for Ireland in the final match. Beware his lustful stare, he's sure to strut his stuff at the disco.

NPC: Thomas MacCormac

Another veteran with Irish Junior Bridge, Thomas has himself played at international level, without any major success as yet, but he can hope for better results in the future, both for himself and his team!

Peggy Bayer

Sheila Walsh & Ariane Kane

Sheila is Denise's younger sister who also plays bridge occasionally!

Ariane Kane is your typical townie, her pre-game ritual consists of her eating steak while listening to classics like "An Dreoilín." If she's away from the bridge table, you can be certain that she's with her man, Conor Murray. COYBIG

Denise Walsh & Leah Finnegan

Denise plays bridge occasionally.

Occasionally, bridge plays Leah.

Joseph Carthy & Conor Farrell

Joseph's friends call him Rachel because of his tendency to be inseparable from his girlfriend who unsurprisingly is called Rachel (I know what you're thinking and the answer is yes, he does have a girlfriend and No, she's not imaginary). Joseph has been playing bridge for as long as he has been faking a Wexford accent, which is a long time. However JOEking aside, Joseph is a keen athlete and has excelled across a large variety of sports most noticeably in athletics where he broke the Irish U21s record time for the marathon completing it in an astounding 2 hours and 21 minutes. Quick on the track and quick to draw trumps, he has a great feeling about this year's Peggy Bayer team.

Conor is a vegan. He is 19 years old and, did I mention, a vegan. His main hobbies are rugby and bridge. Conor has been playing rugby for about 13 years now and is not afraid to show off his muscles with XS t-shirts. He is told he is a ladies' man and I guess bridge has taught him "to play my cards just right". Conor and Rachel have competed in a good few bridge competitions over the years and also spent the summer volunteering in Kenya in an AIDS orphanage. Conor is hoping to have a good Peggy Bayer and bring home a positive result - even though he has to travel back to Dublin early for a VERY important rugby match

NPC: Margaret Murphy

Margaret from Kilkenny has been encouraging young players to become involved with bridge for more years than she cares to remember!



SCOTLAND

Junior Camrose

Liam O'Brien & Ronan Valentine

Liam is our Quiet Man. He learned bridge in Montrose along with Ronan and has partnered him ever since. Which has given him many excellent opportunities to improve his card play. Their first outing to foreign parts, Tromso in 2015, made them realise that there was a lot to learn, and they have set about learning it with enthusiasm, rather to their Captain's concern. Whilst his partner has been reading about Sound Bidding, Liam was given a book on

how to handle Wild Pre-empts. Probably good books for each partner, but only one has actually been taking the lessons on board - you are invited to guess which. Apart from Bridge Liam enjoys running, tennis and pool.

Ronan is the Team Spokesperson (his interview in Tromso went viral in Montrose). He is a third year English student at the University of Stirling and one of the genuine Scottish players on the team. He recently read G.C.H. Fox's 1954 classic, 'Sound Bidding at Contract', which has transformed his views on the game. His team-mates have noticed. Gints and Stewart have respectively said "I need to learn how to bid like you!" and "I've never seen sounder pre-empts, especially non vulnerable!" His partner Liam wholeheartedly agrees with these views. This is Ronan's second Junior Camrose and having not won a Peggy Bayer or Junior Camrose in three attempts he's hoping to see the old cliché revised: fourth time lucky.

Stewart Pinkerton & Gints Freimanis

A recent Mathematics Graduate from St Andrews University, Stewart is our most experienced Scottish player. He has played in 4 Junior European Championships, Albena in 2011, Wroclaw in 2013, Tromso in 2015 and Samorin in 2017. The rest of the team view him as the System Geek, specialising in Forgetting which System he is playing. For him Gazzilli is a beautiful wild flower. Well-known for his speed of play, he has recently taken up occasional thinking, a worrying development. (The suggestion that his ambition in most tournaments is to spend more time in the bar than at the table is unsubstantiated tittle-tattle.) He particularly enjoys hustling at the pool table.

Gints is our Latvian player. He is in the 5th year of an MSC in Statistics with work placement at Glasgow University. In addition to his main hobby, Bridge, he enjoys volleyball and some other sports. While playing for Latvia in Albena in 2011 he qualified for the 2012 World Youth Bridge Team Championships. He won the 2015 Jurmala Invitational Pairs tournament in Riga (59 pairs from 10 countries). Successes in Scotland include winning the Winter Swiss teams 2016 and 2018, and a very good effort in this year's Scottish Open trials (the last two together with Stewart, Ronan and Liam). He has been quite successful at getting partner to declare dreadful contracts and going down in bullet-proof contracts after taking spectacular lines.

Glen Falconer & Botond Hajdara

Glen is our token Highlander. He hails from Fort William, and is in his final semester studying Maths at St Andrews University. This is his first Junior Camrose but he has represented Scotland at the Peggy Bayer in 2016, the European Pairs in Latvia in 2016 and, most recently, with Botond at the White House Junior International in the Netherlands in 2017. His other main hobby is playing musical instruments of which he has many: various kinds of saxophone, piano, guitar, trumpet etc. He plays in a funk fusion band in St Andrews and enjoys playing lots of swing music in various other groups. During the summer months he works on the Jacobite Steam Train. The journey is known for its incredible views and made even more famous by Harry Potter.

Our representative from Hungary. Botond completed an MA in Mathematics and Russian at the University of St Andrews, and is currently on a one-year teacher training course in Bristol. He hopes to return to Scotland, his second home and true 'bridge home' since he

came to the UK in 2013, to work in a Secondary school. This is his second outing for Scotland at the Junior Camrose. He and Glen have been playing together for some time, and hope to remain a long-term partnership. Having a couple of miles between them this year has felt like an obstacle at times, but they have also benefited from it. 'Roughly speaking our strategy has been me bidding contracts and him making them combined with him bidding contracts and me not making them. Following some advice from our mentors, we have recently started experimenting with letting our opponents play some contracts. In his limited free time, Botond enjoys reading, playing football and badminton and continuing a journey on the bumpy road towards becoming an "acceptable" cook.

NPC: Liz McGowan

Liz has acted as Junior Captain to various teams for over 30 years, but it does not take long to list her successes in the role. The strongest part of her game is an ability to quote the National Bard:

'Still thou art blest, compared wi' me!
The present only toucheth thee:
But och! I backward cast my e'e
On prospects drear!
And forward, tho' I canna see,
I guess, an' fear."

Peggy Bayer

Christopher Docherty & Gideon Green

Adam Tobias & Wan-Hew Tran

John Russell & David Tobias

The Scottish Peggy Bayer team is once again made up of representatives from Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow, where bridge features largely thanks to the efforts of John di Mambro and Ronald Gaffin. The single exception is John Russell from Aberdeen, who is equally keen but perhaps singing from a different System Sheet.

NPC: Jim Hay

Captain Jim Hay, likewise from Aberdeen, partnered Les Steel early in his career, which may explain a lot. Relatively inexperienced in the role, we still expect him to make his presence felt."



WALES

Junior Camrose

Sarah Greener & Jason He

Sarah is from the West, just past what can be considered as Welsh civilisation. If you don't know Sarah she is likely to be the one with an empty plate, standing next to the kitchen with several chefs panicking around her. The reason - her diet! Sarah does not eat meat, fish, gluten, dairy, wheat, nuts and pretty much anything else that is normal. Despite this Sarah

has spent the last couple of years traveling Asia and Oceania, not really sure how she hasn't starved but we are grateful as number are getting low in Welsh junior bridge. Sarah has European Teams experience representing Wales in 2015 in Tromso, Norway. Sarah is on her 3rd Partner now in the junior cycle, she claims it's because they are all now too old but we haven't ever seen them play bridge again. Good luck Jason! In Sarah's free time she enjoys collecting snow globes. I am reliably informed that Sarah has over 1,500 snow globes - I'm not quite sure how they can be different but I'm sure if you ask she will be happy to talk you through them all.

Jason has appeared in the Junior Camrose twice previously. He works in Lloyds Banking Group as an analyst in Cardiff. Currently, Jason is recovering from Jaw Surgery and thus unable to speak properly and having to eat soups all day!

Jonny Richards & Stephen Loat

Jonny is from South Wales and is a veteran of the junior game. He first represented Wales in 2007 as an annoying child and well..... is still an annoying child. He quickly developed the nickname of the Cardiff Carver; 1) due to his diet of any type of meat and 2) for the way at which he took his carvery knife to any cold contract. Playing bridge at school wasn't enough for Jonny to tell his "friends" so he decided to take up the other common sport of Water Polo. Having acquired a horse that later drowned in a tragic game against Swindon Dolphins Jonny moved on to referee the sport. Jonny is heading out to Oostende in June to NPC the Junior geriatrics in the Europeans, as it is Jonny's last year of Junior Internationals he hopes this experience will help him understand how the game of bridge is actually played. He looked forward to spending time with the England Peggy Bayer NPC Michael Byrne until an unfortunate 12 boards left Michael with other plans this summer.

Stephen is the youngest of the team at about 14 years old. He has represented Wales on 4 occasions making his debut in the Junior European Pairs in 2014, still aged about 14. Stephen was brought up in a field in Mid Wales just past the big mountains. He is currently studying "History of Pubs" at the University of Warwick and when he finally grows up wishes to be 15! Stephen loves to play ultimate Frisbee and despite being 5'3 has represented the Mid Wales County in the Welsh Inter County Championships.

NPC: Paddy Murphy



EBU Juniors

Junior Camrose

Siyu Ren & Laura Covill

Siyu has learnt how to count since she was very young, and hopes one day even to become good at it in bridge. When not eating, watching dramas or going to the gym, in her spare time she is studying for a degree in Advanced Hacking.

Laura has been playing bridge for almost 14 years, and hopes to one day even become good at it. When not drinking tea, knitting or checking the waiting list for hip replacements, in her

spare time she is studying for a masters degree in Advanced Pest Control.

Michael Alishaw & Stephen Kennedy

Michael made his international debut in the 2011 Peggy Bayer armed with the Weak NT. Since then, he has discarded the childish weak NT and now favours the far superior 9-11 1NT. Nowadays, he plays most of his bridge with Stephen Kennedy. His peers greatly respect him for this fact. Outside of bridge, Michel enjoys his two primary passions: sleeping and not being awake.

Stephen first joined the junior England squad in late 2013, wet behind the ears from a home education. Socialising was a struggle at first, but over time, his incredible fashion sense won over his peers.

After graduating from the U20s, he formed a partnership with Michael Alishaw, and under his influence, evolved into a top-level bidding theorist. His most prominent convention being the "Stephen defence to 1NT" where double shows 7 cards in the majors or 6 cards in the minors. He currently plays the "Crocs" bidding system, so named because it has a lot of holes in it. His interests outside playing bridge include: reading about bridge, watching bridge, writing about bridge, talking about bridge, and obsessing over the colour yellow.

Liam Sanderson & Daniel Winter

Dan, better known as 'Big Dan', at 17, is the youngest player to represent England in the Junior Camrose this year. That said, he towers over the rest of the team at a respectable 6"3 to 6"5 depending on the size of his afro at any point in time. Apparently the EBU had to produce new screens to combat this issue. He has the honour of playing with Liam, with whom, he has won a European bronze medal, the Channel Trophy and, of course, the Peggy Bayer. He hopes to add the Junior Camrose to his ever-growing collection.

Aside from bridge, he is an avid collector of snow globes that he likes to shake before going into a tough match. He is (more was) a keen rugby player having realised card games (apart from Texas Hold'em) were more his bag.

Liam is 18 years old and attends Westminster school. His main hobby excluding bridge is arranging high profile right wing speakers for the well subscribed Westminster conservative club, a society which he is president of, through popular vote (somehow). Last week he hosted Sir Michael Fallon, Liam tells me it didn't go down well with the lefties. Liam also claims to be centre right which often causes friction with his corbynite partner, Daniel, a self respecting Yorkshireman.

Little Liam has represented England multiple times before at U16 and U21 level and has been playing with Daniel for nearly three years, winning a bronze at the last European championships (with Daniel's help). This was very fortunate for Liam, as his mother and step father (also internationals) would have disowned him if he didn't come home with a medal. Liam dreams of becoming a bridge professional after completing a degree in the US. Other than partnering Daniel, he also partners Theo Gillis, who goes to the same school. This is Liam's first experience at U26 level and he is very much looking forward to the experience, and hopes to bring home some silverware.

NPC Harry Anoyrkatis

Harry has represented England at Junior level and was part of the team that won the Junior Camrose in 1990! Harry and his wife, Sally, have taught their four children to play bridge and as a result are never short of a partner or team mates.

JUNIOR CAMROSE & PEGGY BAYER PREVIOUS WINNERS

Year	City	Host Nation	Winning Country and players present this weekend	
			U20	U25
2017	Dublin	Rep of Ireland	England K. Panchagnula	England B. Norton, K. Lam T. Nonnenmacher, L. Sanderson, D. Winter Y. Wiseman
2016	Edinburgh	Scotland	Ireland J. Conally, M. Donally	England M. Alishaw, B. Letts, FC Illingworth, T. Nonnenmacher S. Shah
2015	Bridgend	Wales	England FC Illingworth, B. Norton, N. Dean, S. Kennedy	England M. Alishaw, T. Nonnenmacher T. Paske, J. Paul, S. Shah
2014	Belfast	Northern Ireland	England FC Illingworth, B. Norton	England M. Alishaw, K. Lam, T. Paske, G. Robertson, S. Shah
2013	Manchester	England	England FC Illingworth, M Alishaw, K. Lam, T. Nonnenmacher	England T. Paske, G. Robertson, S. Shah
2012	Dublin	Rep of Ireland	England FC Illingworth, K Lam, S Shah	Scotland F Morgan, P Morrison

2011	Ayr	Scotland	England S Shah, B Letts, T Nonnenmacher, M Alishaw	England T. Paske, G. Robertson
2010	Bridgend	Wales	Scotland Y Wiseman R. Wiseman J. Pinder S. Pinkerton.	Scotland F. Morrison, P. Morgan
2009	Belfast	Northern Ireland	England D. McIntosh, T. Paske, G. Robertson	England M. Bell
2008	Manchester	England	Scotland Y. Wiseman, R. Wiseman F. Morgan, P. Morrison	England M. Bell
2007	Limerick	Rep of Ireland	England D. McIntosh, T. Paske	England
2006	Edinburgh	Scotland	England S. Shah	England M Byrne
2005	Bridgend	Wales	England S. Shah	England T. Slater, D. Happer
2004	Cork	Rep of Ireland	England	England M Byrne
2003	Belfast	Northern Ireland	England	England
2002	West Bromwich	England	England	England M. Byrne, D. Gold
2001	Edinburgh	Scotland	England M. Byrne	England

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

Victory Point Scale

VP Scale (12 boards):

IMPs		VPs
0-1	=	15 - 15
2-6	=	16 - 14
7-9	=	17 - 13
10-12	=	18 - 12
13-16	=	19 - 11
17-20	=	20 - 10
21-24	=	21 - 9
25-28	=	22 - 8

IMPs		VPs
29-32	=	23 - 7
33-36	=	24 - 6
37-40	=	25 - 5
41-45	=	25 - 4
46-50	=	25 - 3
51-55	=	25 - 2
56-61	=	25 - 1
62 or more	=	25 - 0



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