



ENGLAND JUNIORS WIN TWO NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

England were utterly dominant in both the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies in Manchester at the weekend, winning all eighteen matches - twelve of them by the maximum amount.

The two trophies are played annually by the home nations of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Since 1979 England has dominated the Junior Camrose, tying with Scotland in 1998 but winning every year since except 2010 in Porthcawl when Scotland won both age groups (in the Juniors overtaking the Republic of Ireland by a single point in the final round) and 2012.

England has won most of Peggy Bayer trophies, though Scotland won in 1990, 1995, 1997 and 2010. Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (who joined in January 1999) have yet to win.

Sally Bugden, Chairman of the English Bridge Union, said: "We are thrilled and proud that our junior players have done so well in this important home nations event. Congratulations to all the teams involved."

The England teams were:

Junior Camrose:

Tom Paske & Graeme Robertson
Shivam Shah & Basil Letts
Dan McIntosh & Sarah O'Connor
Non Playing Captain: David Gold

Peggy Bayer:

Freddie Illingworth & Kyle Lam
Toby Nonnenmacher & Michael Alishaw
Rhys Munden & Ben Norton
Non Playing Captain: Michael Byrne

What is Bridge?

Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Further information on the EBU and bridge can be found on the Media section of our website, please view: <http://tinyurl.com/cmyl52z>

Who Plays Bridge?

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, tennis legend Martina Navratilova, actor Omar Sharif and the world's top investor, Warren Buffett...to name just four. In this country an estimated 300,000 people play bridge regularly in hundreds of clubs in cities, towns and villages up and down the land.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union was formed on 23 May 1936 and is a non-profit making membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/media/pressresources.htm>