



# JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE



## Chancellors Conference Centre Manchester 16-17 February 2008



The English Bridge Union and the Manchester Contract Bridge Association would like to invite all local Manchester schools, colleges and universities to *try out some bridge*, as well as watching our England junior players!

### About the Weekend

Over the weekend of 16 - 17 February, two exciting and well known home international junior bridge tournaments will be taking place: the **Junior Camrose** (under 25s) and the **Peggy Bayer** (under 20s) Trophies.

The two tournaments are played each year between England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and the teams will play two rounds of matches against the other four teams. Each match will consist of 12 boards.

These occasions are a great opportunity for young players to experience international bridge. A competitive but friendly rivalry is to be expected.

### Advantages to the game of bridge

Primarily, bridge is an excellent social game and can be played by everyone –players can meet new people, make new friends and learn the game through the many bridge clubs around the country.

Secondly, bridge has been proven to be a very good mind sport and each game played will offer a unique challenge of problems and solutions. Every single deal is different, every deal poses a new problem and taunts the players to find the solution! It's frustrating when a player doesn't rise to the challenge, but tremendous when they are successful – whether through finding a great technical play, by outwitting their opponents, or by co-operating really well to achieve success with their partner.



**Marge Simpson** – *"Which part of the morning paper are you reading Homer?"*

**Homer Simpson** – *"The bridge column... [laughing] Oh, that south – you never know what he'll do next".*

### Who plays bridge?

Certainly not Homer, but bridge is prominent throughout the celebrity and political world: Omar Sharif to the rock band, Radiohead and Winston Churchill to Damon Albarn!

From nine year-olds to ninety year-olds - all different people and ages are fascinated by the game. Bridge is a rapidly growing pastime with ever more individuals enjoying what the game has to offer.

In these days of electronic entertainment, including television with its computer games and videos, more and more people are returning to board and card games as families see the value of learning and playing together in a more social, interactive environment.

For more information on Bridge, please visit the English Bridge Union website at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk)



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The tournaments are taking place at Chancellors Hotel & Conference Centre, Chancellors Way, Moseley Road, Manchester, M14 6NN

## Come and watch

We hope that many local young people will be able to attend and support all the teams. Some local Manchester players are involved and it's a great opportunity to see other young people play bridge!

Watching will be very easy. The Chancellors Conference Centre has a large comfortable lecture theatre where there will be a presentation with hands projected on a large screen with video coverage and commentary. Visitors will be welcome to come for as long or as briefly as they like.

It is also possible to watch play at the table but there are some restrictions to ensure fair play and security.

School teachers and potential young players are particularly encouraged to come along and meet bridge teachers and find out about the ways that the English Bridge Union can support teaching and lessons.

## Educational advantages

The study commissioned by the EBU at St. Paul 's School in Manchester clearly shows a positive development of the young people involved. This study concentrated more on social skill development, rather than improvements of a purely academic nature. Experience shows that bridge teaches:

### Sorting into groups

### Aids to numeracy

### Probability

### Deduction

### Rule following

### Developing Strategy

### Team Building

### Mental capacity



## Opening times

### Saturday 16th February

11am - 4pm

### Sunday 17th February

11am - 4pm

Play will mostly be continuous but there will be short breaks between matches.

Please visit:

[www.ebu.co.uk/youth/juniorcamrose2008.htm](http://www.ebu.co.uk/youth/juniorcamrose2008.htm)

for more information contact Matt@ebu.co.uk or 01296 317 215 or please contact Jeff Morris on 0161 445 3712.

### England Junior Camrose Trophy team

Mike Bell / Alex Morris

Dave Cropper / Steve Raine

Fiona Brown / Susan Stockdale

Reserves: Ian Angus / James Rogers

NPC: Steve Eginton

### England Peggy Bayer Trophy team

James Paul / Graeme Robertson

Liz Roberts / Jennie Marvin

Tom Rainforth / James Thrower

NPC: Michael Byrne

