

Teltscher Trophy 2026

hosted by the

English Bridge Union

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Cambridge Belfry Hotel & Spa

Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6BW

2026 Teltscher Trophy

The English Bridge Union welcomes all the teams participating in the 2026 Teltscher Trophy.

Officials:

Match Manager	Peter Grice
Director in Charge	Jonathan Lillycrop
Assistant Director	Rachel Lillycrop

RealBridge Broadcasting Team

A cast of volunteers. Thanks also to the RealBridge team.

Refreshments

Refreshments for players and officials will be served at the following times:

Friday	17:30 Buffet Meal
Saturday	14:35 Light Lunch 20:30 Dinner
Sunday	14:35 Light Lunch 20:00 Reception and Dinner (sit down 20:30)

The Teltscher Trophy



The first Senior Home International Championship was played in Oxford over the weekend of 30 May to 1 June 2008. The national teams of the five home countries were joined by a Patron's team led by Bernard Teltscher, who agreed to support the event for its first five-year cycle, and commissioned the silver trophy. After some years the Patron's team was replaced by a second team representing the host nation, as is the case in the other home international events.

Teltscher, who died in 2020, was a well-known player and patron of bridge, and played at a good enough standard to win the Lederer Trophy (three times), the Spring Fours, and the Hubert Philips. He came to England as a teenager just before the outbreak of the Second World War, and studied at both University College, London and Trinity College, Cambridge. He represented Cambridge, successfully, in the first varsity bridge match to be played after World War II.

On graduation, he joined the family firm of wine importers, which was eventually sold. Bernard retained a number of properties previously owned by the firm, and had a second career in the property field. He played a lot of rubber bridge in his early days, but graduated quickly to duplicate, and partnered some of the greats of British bridge, including John Collings, Irving Rose, Willie Coyle, and his favourite partner of all, Tony Priday.

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Match Schedule				
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FRIDAY				
17:30	Dinner			
19:00-21:10	Match 1A	Wales v Ireland	England v EBU	N Ireland v Scotland
21:25-23:35	Match 1B	Wales v Ireland	England v EBU	N Ireland v Scotland
SATURDAY				
10:00–12:10	Match 2A	Scotland v England	N Ireland v Wales	Ireland v EBU
12:25 – 14:35	Match 2B	Scotland v England	N Ireland v Wales	Ireland v EBU
14:35	Lunch			
15:20-17:30	Match 3A	EBU v Scotland	Ireland v N Ireland	England v Wales
17:45-19:55	Match 3B	EBU v Scotland	Ireland v N Ireland	England v Wales
20:30	Dinner			

SUNDAY

10:00 – 12:10	Match 4A	N Ireland v England	Scotland v Ireland	EBU v Wales
12:25 – 14:35	Match 4B	N Ireland v England	Scotland v Ireland	EBU v Wales
14:35	Lunch			
15:20-17:30	Match 5A	Ireland v England	EBU v N Ireland	Wales v Scotland
17:45-19:55	Match 5B	Ireland v England	EBU v N Ireland	Wales v Scotland
20:00	Reception & Dinner (sit down at 20:30)			

THE TELTSCHER TROPHY

Format

The Teltscher Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, in rotation, by the country hosting the event. In 2026 England thus fields two teams, one as “England” the other as “EBU”.

The competition consists of five head-to-head matches of 32 boards, played in two 16-board stanzas, the two teams from England play each other in the first match.

Teams consist of a maximum of six players. Seating rights alternate between the two teams. In the first stanza the captain of the second-named team nominates their line-up first; in the second stanza the first-named captain nominates first.

Public Presentation

In any one session, three matches are in progress. The play in each match may be broadcast on the internet *via* RealBridge. Entry to the Closed Room area is prohibited. Closed Room areas will be clearly marked.

Smoking and Alcohol

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hotel. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing areas and must be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave their mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Spectators in the Vugraph theatre are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

You may watch the players live in the Open Room area (please consult a TD or Match Manager if in doubt) provided you observe the following rules:

- A spectator may not enter the Open Room area while play is in progress. This also applies even if a match has started before the advertised starting time.
- If a spectator leaves the Open Room area while play is in progress, they may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
- During play in the Open Room area spectators 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.
- A spectator should be seated behind a single player and may not get up to walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
- Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the Vugraph operator covering the match on the internet.
- Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake nor speak on any question except at the request of the Director.
- The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
- Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter any of the Closed Room area.



Scotland

Brian Short & Alan Goodman [System Card](#)

Derek Diamond & Iain Sime [System Card](#)

Paul Maiolani & Jim McMenemy [System Card](#)

NPC: Mike Ash

Brian Short & Alan Goodman



Brian played bridge for Great Britain on 3 occasions, before Scotland got international autonomy, with long-time partner Sandy Duncan. He has played in 56 Camrose weekends with five different partners and he has had series wins on three occasions. This is his 7th appearance in the Senior Camrose, which he has also won previously, and he has made multiple appearances in European and Olympiad Open, Senior and mixed events.

He has been NPC of the Scottish womens' team on nearly 20 occasions an experience that he gallantly describes as "most enjoyable".

He won the Gold Cup in 2006 and has multiple wins in every major Scottish event, including Scotland's premier teams competition (the Scottish Cup) which he has won on 15 occasions.

Brian has two sons, a daughter and 6 grandchildren who keep him busy. As one son lives in Australia and another in Switzerland, Kate and he have plenty of excuse to travel.



Alan is a retired actuary, married with 3 grown up daughters and two grandchildren. He has played in several Camrose, Telscher and European events and captained all the Scotland teams over a number of years.

During his supposed retirement he has chaired a Scottish charity, captained his local golf club and recently retired as chair of the SBU Board. His spare time is taken up playing golf and being continually frustrated following his beloved Newcastle United.

Derek Diamond & Iain Sime



Derek first played bridge at school when he was watching four classmates 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).

Derek played in the first ever Junior Camrose in 1971 and now has the distinction of having played for Scotland's Open team in his 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. He has had many successes in

Scottish events, and he was a member of the Scottish Senior team that won a bronze medal in 2012, Scotland's only medal in a European Teams Championship. The team went on to reach the quarter final of the D'Orsi Bowl in Bali. He has won the Camrose twice and has gold and bronze medals from the two Commonwealth Games.



Iain is a retired chartered tax advisor from Edinburgh. He is married to Linda, who caught the bridge bug nearly twelve years ago and now plays nearly as often as he does.

He played for eight consecutive years with John Matheson, missing only one Camrose weekend in that time. His best international results were

achieved with John Murdoch in the Scottish Senior team of 2012, when Derek was a team-mate, and twice winning the Teltscher Trophy (2012 and 2018).

In 2023 Iain and Derek formed a new partnership and they have played in the 2024 Camrose and won the Scottish National League and Cup double in 2025. (Derek celebrated his 80th birthday by winning the Scottish Cup Final).

Paul Maiolani & Jim McMenemy



Paul's bridge journey began at university in the mid 70's, where he was fortunate to form a long lasting partnership with Iain Macintyre. They played together in the 1982 Junior Camrose. This is his second appearance, with Jim, in the Teltscher. Paul qualified in Dentistry from Glasgow University and has been married to Elizabeth for 44 years. They have two children and one grandchild. His hobbies include chess clay pigeon shooting and a passion for motorcycling - a legacy of his student days. He is also a member of Rotary International

giving him the opportunity to be involved in many local and international projects.



Jim learned bridge at Glasgow University . His first international representation was in the 1977 European Pairs in Paris (where he played against Omar Shariff in the Final - much to the delight of his wife, Penny, who was kibitzing!) and again in 1979 in Salsomaggiore.

He started his own electronic manufacturing company on the Isle of Bute in 1980 and built it into a 120 people international supplier. In 1988 he took to building houses (34 in total) and came back to serious bridge in the millennium. Jim's other interests include golf, supporting Celtic, and running his farm near Dunlop, Ayrshire.

NPC: Mike Ash



Mike is now fully retired, having had a background of management in a range of public sector organisations and serving on several public oversight bodies. Most recently he has been a non-executive director of NHS Lothian for 9 years and been a member of the Accounts Commission for Scotland. During the Covid period he completed a Masters' degree researching governance in the NHS. He has played bridge since university days and he has represented Scotland at various international events over the last 20 years, including playing in the

Camrose and European Open teams with four different partners and being part of a winning Teltscher team, playing with Liz McGowan. Before that he had represented Great Britain in many international events – his first was in Biarritz in 1982.

Mike was president of the Scottish Bridge Union from 2012 to 2014 and then on the Board of the newly reformed SBU. He was Director of Performance and Selection for the SBU from 2023 to 2025.

This is his seventh time captaining Scotland – so far, without an event win.



Northern Ireland

Ian Hamilton & Hastings Campbell [System Card](#)

Michael Coffey (PC) & John Lavery [System Card](#)

Harold Curran & Anne Fitzpatrick [System Card](#)

Ian Hamilton & Hastings Campbell



Ian is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. As well as bridge he enjoys cricket, being 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. He spends a lot of time running NIBU simultaneous pairs, has other NIBU duties, plus has played with a number of partners in both the Teltscher and Camrose over 25 years. He finally made it onto an

Ireland Senior team in June 2024, playing in Denmark with Ian Lindsay.



Hastings is a retired University lecturer who also manages a large property portfolio Estate Agent specialising in Student accommodation in Belfast. He has represented Northern Ireland in the Camrose for over 40 years with a number of different partners. Hastings takes his bridge very seriously as long as it doesn't interfere with his true passion, cricket.

Michael Coffey (PC) & John Lavery



Michael, who has agreed to be this year's Playing Captain, retired from AIB Group after 48 years service where he spent most of his career in IT. A native of Kilgarvan County Kerry, he moved to Northern Ireland in the late 1970's where he became interested in the game of Bridge thanks to a former bank colleague Aiden Fitzgerald. He claims to be the only "Kerryman" to represent Northern Ireland in the Camrose & Teltcher which he has done on numerous occasions with John Lavery (The Bishop) and more recently with his current partner

Fergal O'Shea (A Corkonian). Michael is also a keen Golfer and has an avid interest in all sports, Gaelic Football and Rugby to mention a few.



John, who now claims to be the elder statesman of Northern Ireland, has represented Northern Ireland on numerous occasions in both The Camrose and Teltscher all with long time bridge partner Michael. Since retirement he has spent His time looking after His two favourite Paddy's - (his passion for whiskey and Bookmaker both Paddy Power.) He doesn't tell who gets the most attention.

Harold Curran & Anne Fitzpatrick



Harold is a retired businessman living in Belfast and is currently President of the NIBU and Joint Honorary Secretary of the IBU.

He has played for Ireland in the World Championships in 2016 and this is third time representing Northern Ireland in the Teltscher. No longer sailing with big boats he now races model yachts for fun.



Anne is a retired accountant living in Belfast and is currently Treasurer for both NIBU and IBU. She has played previously in the Teltscher with Harold and also represented Northern Ireland a number times in the Lady Milne.

When not playing bridge, she enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren and traveling.



England

Alan Mould & John Holland [System Card](#)

John Pemberton & Richard Creamer [System Card](#)

Kay Preddy & Norman Selway [System Card](#)

NPC: David Jones

Alan Mould & John Holland



Alan was taught bridge when he was five, by his two (much older) brothers. He continued playing at his secondary school (King Edward VI Grammar School - the most famous ex pupil being a certain W. Shakespeare) and at Stratford-upon-Avon bridge club until he left for Manchester to study for a degree in Mathematics.

Domestically, Alan has won two Gold Cups, the National Pairs, the Pachabo five times, the

Tollemache twice and the Corwen Trophy twice. Some events continue to elude him, notably Crockfords and the Spring Fours. Locally he has won every Manchester event multiple times with the exception of the Mixed Pairs, which he finally won during lockdown with Irene Davies, then Chair of the Manchester Bridge Association.

20 years ago Alan married his long-standing partner (in the non-bridge sense). Monica plays no bridge at all, a fact that both of them are daily grateful for. Alan is now retired, but worked in education for all of his career, in further education, university and then finally for two educational institutions. Other hobbies include many other games of high complexity, eating out, cooking and the theatre. He is also the carer for his wife, who has been ill with ME/CFS for over 35 years.



William **John** Holland was born in 1950 in Burnley, Lancashire now of Stockport, England. He is a bridge professional and WBF Senior Grand Master. In 2017 he was a member of the inaugural class of the European Bridge League's Hall of Fame.

John attended Harrogate Grammar School and then Manchester University. After leaving University, John worked as a purchaser and office manager for over twenty years and afterwards worked as a computer

programmer. After a small stint as a programmer, he became a full-time professional bridge player.

Represented England in two European Teams championships in 2006 and 2008, partnering John Armstrong, and four Senior European Teams championships in 2010 2012 2014 - where he won the gold medal - and 2016, partnering Gunnar Hallberg and Brian Senior. In 2015 he was part of the England team which reached the quarterfinals of the D'Orsi Trophy at the World Bridge Championships.

Nine Camrose caps (partnering Boris Ewart, John Armstrong, Michelle Brunner (four with Michelle), Gunner Hallberg and Ben Green). Five Senior Camrose caps (partner Gunnar Hallberg and Norman Selway), plus three appearances for the Patron's team.

Many national wins including the Gold Cup in 2015, Crockfords Cup in 2000; Six Hubert Phillips Bowl; and National Swiss Teams in 1985/1992/2003/2012 and National Point-a-Board Teams in 2014.

John has also won the Sunder Telegraph Salver, for most Master Points achieved in a calendar year in 2009, 2012 2013 2014 2015 and 2017. He is third on the all-time list of Master Point scorers.

At county level he has won virtually every event in the Manchester area and is a member of the Manchester Bridge Club. John married Michelle Brunner in 2008. He recently won the 2011 Keri Klinger Memorial Award - the pressure play award with Michelle (posthumously).

John Pemberton & Richard Creamer



John is an enthusiastic long-time member of Young Chelsea who has achieved modest successes at club and occasionally London County level over the years. With a little more time available, he is now focused on studying the game anew. He was a member of the winning London Tollemache team in 2025 and qualified to play for England in the Teltscher Trophy in 2026. He is enjoying the game more than ever.



Richard first learned to play bridge on family holidays to the Essex coast. We sometimes had to retreat to the beach hut, where we got the cards out, to a backdrop of a whistling kettle. Then, when I started work in the civil service, I found a couple of games going on in rooms either side of me. Lunchtimes of course. I joined in – and became embroiled for nearly all my working life in work-based leagues, and tournaments with workmates.

My work focus was primarily on IT project and programme management, mostly in the public sector. And I retired at 60 to dabble in passions including landscaping gardens in my children's respective new houses, a bit of woodcraft, and playing bridge more than ever.

My favourite bridge memory is bidding 7 spades against Zia/Robson in the Lederer in 2002, with Zia on lead. He held his hand up for the 20 or so spectators to see, and the room was agog. He chose the right lead – and in a funny way I think I was rooting for him to do so.

Kay Preddy & Norman Selway



Kay was born in Somerset, the fourth of five children in 1959. Kay is married to Norman Selway and lives in Kent. They have two children, Louise and James. Louise is a keen bridge player. Kay forged her career in financial services to whom she advised and assisted in making large changes. Kay first played bridge at University. She has represented Great Britain and England in Women's, Mixed and Seniors.



Norman learnt bridge at the age of 14 and was taught mainly by a player called Paul Gordon, whose better half Fritzi was half of the best women's pair of all time. He played mostly high-stake rubber bridge with the likes of John Collings, an ailing Jonathan Cansino, an embryonic Zia Mahmood, Paul Hackett and Geoffrey Breskal, amongst many others! It didn't do much for Norman's bidding in that company, but his card play became very sound – it had to be! When

he converted to duplicate, he won all the major competitions more than once, with the exception of the Gold Cup, which he is hoping to add very soon.

David Jones (NPC)



David has been playing bridge since his mid-twenties and now qualifies as a senior. His long-term partnerships have been with Trevor Ward, Chris Dixon, and Marc Smith, and he has captained the Senior England team in a number of Camroses as well as the World Championship in China in 2019 where the team won the silver medal. At the table he has won a number of national English and Welsh events. David recently acquired a half share in a bridge club in

Bristol which is principally sociable in its ambit.

Away from bridge he does quite a bit of long-haul travel and plans to visit New Zealand. He also follows cricket closely and enjoys visits to watch Gloucestershire play although it can be a rather wearing experience.



Wales

Paul Denning(PC) & Tim Rees [System Card](#)

Gary Jones & Paul Lamford [System Card](#)

Liz Commins & David Stevenson [System Card](#)

Paul Denning(PC) & Tim Rees



Over the years **Paul** has represented Wales in numerous Camrose weekends and European Championships and this will be his seventh Teltscher weekend. His first with Tim. Paul has worked for what is now EDF Energy for many years, but is now down to just one day a week. He sees it more as a hobby that gets him out of the house one day a week rather than a real job, but he will finally be retiring in

June. He's looking forward to catching up with some old friends over the weekend.



Tim has represented Wales in over forty Camrose weekends and many European Championships. He has also played several Senior Camrose weekends with John Salisbury. This is Tim's first match in partnership with Paul Denning. Tim topped the EBU's Gold Point rankings for most of the 2000s. He 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 Laws and Ethics Committee of the EBU and still serves on the Regulation committee. He is approaching

retirement from his role in road research at TRL, studying ways to make our roads work better.

Gary Jones & Paul Lamford



Gary has been a regular in Welsh Camrose, Senior Camrose, Open and Senior European, and Commonwealth teams over the past twenty-three years. He partnered his son, Dafydd, for eleven years but more recently has partnered Tim Rees, Paul Denning, the late Patrick Jourdain and Paul Lamford.

Gary has many successes in both international and national competitions, including winning gold (2014) and silver medals (2002) in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, being a member of the first Welsh team to win the Camrose in 2011, winning the Spring Foursomes in 2010, Brighton Four Stars in 2012 and the Tollemache in 2013 and 2014. Gary is retired and can frequently be spotted hacking his way around a West London golf course.



Paul was born in Carmarthen and mainly played chess for many years, competing in four Olympiads and other team events in some exotic places; he says that it was an advantage to be Welsh as he would not have been selected for England.

Bridge and backgammon gradually replaced chess, and the former is now his game of choice, partly because his partner at the table and in life, Stefanie Rohan, also plays and has represented England Women. From time to time he returns to backgammon, which Stefanie also plays, and he won the British Championship a couple of times and the 4 Nations Trophy for Wales in 2021. Paul also dabbles with poker and reached the final stages of the World Series a few years ago.

Liz Commins & David Stevenson



Liz learned to play bridge at the age of 16 in work during lunchtime breaks. She played club bridge initially and managed to play occasionally when she was raising her family and running the family business. Once the family had left home and the business was sold, she found herself with a lot more time and began to play bridge at a competitive level after a lot of training. She managed to win events in Wales, England and Ireland and has represented

Wales 7 times in the Lady Milne which includes 1 win. She has had 1 appearance in the Camrose; this is her first appearance in the Teltscher. She enjoys travel and travels widely to various Bridge events.



David has been playing bridge since school and has helped in organizing bridge since university. While there have been many successes, probably the two he looks at most fondly are winning the EBU Northern Foursomes (sadly no longer being played) and losing the final of the BGB Gold Cup. His favorite recent success was to win (with Liz Commins) the only two ACBL knockout events ever held outside North America, both in Dublin, making him an ACBL Life Master. On the organizational

side, he is a National Tournament Director in Wales and England, a European Tournament Director, and a member of the ACBL's National Appeals Committee. He has played, directed and sat on appeals in many countries. He ran his own Simultaneous Pairs for thirty+ years including supporting the Hillsborough appeal.



EBU

Paul Barden* & Jonathan Mestel* System Card

Patrick Shields* & Richard Chamberlain* System Card

Rob Lawy* & Stefan Lindfors* System Card

**** All players are Joint Playing Captain****

Paul Barden & Jonathan Mestel



Paul took up competitive bridge as a postgraduate student, mainly in partnership with Jonathan Mestel. We had the good fortune to win the first EBU event we entered; the 1988 Corwen Trophy. I developed a parallel interest in double-dummy solving and composition and wrote a program which did its best at double-dummy analysis with the computing power then available. That proved to have been a useful way to have spent my time when

a bridge friend, Chris Chambers, invited me to apply for a job as a quant in the City - my interviewers were more impressed by the program than by my academic qualifications.

I spent the next decade playing mainly the game of finance, though I made the coffee breaks more interesting by hiring all the mathematically inclined bridge players I could attract. And for this millennium I added young children to my portfolio. But in 2011 my wife was diagnosed with cancer, so I left work to make the most of the last year of her life.

It was Jon Cooke who got me playing bridge again, at our local club in Cambridge. My childcare responsibilities make it difficult to play as much as I'd like, but I do have plenty of time to think about the game. It seems to me that while practice and experience are important, it's quality rather than quantity which matters. My advice to myself is to strive to play my best every time I sit down at the table.



Jonathan learned bridge while at school and used to play at what is now Manchester Bridge Club. I remember Paul Hackett opening a weak 2S against me, which struck my tender years as a new-fangled, dangerous and devious ploy.

I played infrequently at university, concentrating more on chess and, very occasionally, Mathematics. I am a grandmaster in both chess and chess-problem solving and have successfully represented England in

both. Although I hardly play chess anymore, I'm still objectively better at it than at bridge. But chess can be quite unforgiving - it's as if you do something stupid on board one, and for the next ten boards are repeatedly pseudo-squeezed as a penance. Also, at bridge it's much easier to persuade yourself you're better than you really are - I think most of us do that. Eventually, without partners and unlucky layouts to blame, I was forced to accept my limitations on the chessboard.

My day-to-day work is similar. I'm a professor in applied mathematics at Imperial College London, with a particular interest in fluid dynamics. There are many important applications of this field, but I approach academic research somewhat as a game and prefer to work on problems I find fun.

As my chess-playing diminished, bridge expanded to fill the gap. I play regularly with Cath Jagger and Paul Barden, but they left me for younger children. Finally, for anyone who knew me some years ago, I should mention that all my hair fell out for no obvious nor serious reason - neither my bidding nor partner's dummies are responsible. Few would argue with that last statement.

Patrick Shields & Richard Chamberlain



Patrick started playing bridge at school in Scotland but only got fully hooked when at university in Cardiff, where he learned from, and started playing with, the Welsh national team. He moved from there to live in Cheltenham and over the decades when he got married and raised two daughters, he was heavily involved in Gloucestershire bridge (most often as Chief TD), while retaining his links with Wales. He has represented Wales in the Home

Internationals (as junior, open and senior), and in European Championships – but has since switched to represent England twice in the Teltscher Trophy. He has been engaged in training of experienced players since around 2005, and pre-pandemic led the (small scale) schools bridge happening in Cheltenham then. He took over the Chair of the Midlands Counties Working Group in 2019, and still holds that job. He joined the EBU Board just as the pandemic happened and was fortunate to be already plugged into online bridge at that time. As a result, he became heavily engaged in helping Gloucestershire players move to playing online. He served for six years on the EBU Board (ending November 2025), being involved primarily on strategy and competition fronts. He also teaches at Cheltenham Bridge Club and runs a U3A MiniBridge group.



Richard is retired from a career in the computer industry and having taught mathematics in a sixth-form college. Although Richard lives in an Oxfordshire village under the Uffington White Horse, he has been representing Cheltenham & Gloucestershire for over 40 years. This has included victories in Tollemache, Pachabo, and Garden Cities. Outside bridge, Richard is a regular golfer whose handicap is now rising (alarmingly) steeply. He is a

keen hillwalker having nearly completed the Munros of Scotland and has a particular fondness for the mountains of Norway. Richard compiles numerical and word crosswords under the pseudonym “Hedgehog” and in the summer can be found umpiring in the Cherwell Cricket League. This is his fourth appearance in the Teltscher Trophy.

Rob Lawy & Stefan Lindfors



I have combined my love of the game with my career at Exeter University. I have won the Grand Masters Pairs twice, and the Silver Plate, reached the final of the Spring 4s and won numerous congresses including the Welsh Fours, the Seniors Pairs and Senior Teams. My most recent success was the EBU midweek congress.



Stefan comes from Sweden and has lived in Plymouth since 2001. He started playing when turning 15 and became a Swedish Grand Master before leaving for the UK at the tender age of 40. Now a Premier Grand Master in UK. Best bridge result by far was runners up in Spring Fours 2021. Played with Rob Lawy and teammates were Gunnar Hallberg/Simon Hult and Dave Robinson/Tony Sowter.



Ireland

BJ O'Brien & Ranald Milne [System Card](#)

Peter Goodman & Terry Walsh [System Card](#)

Donal Garvey & Pat Quinn [System Card](#)

NPC: Derek O'Gorman

BJ O'Brien & Ranald Milne



BJ is one of the great characters of Irish bridge. Well-known for his willingness to play anywhere, anytime, with anyone, lockdown provided him with a wealth of new outlets – amongst them the Welsh league, the Gloucestershire league, the Scottish league, the Northern Ireland league, the Polish Seniors International, and many more. BJ has won all the major national championships, and has represented Ireland at both Open and Senior levels, including at the D'Orsi Bowl (senior world championships) in China in 2019. He has won the Teltscher in the past as both player and NPC.



Ranald is originally from England but moved to Dublin for work reasons in the 1980s, and quickly established himself on the local bridge scene. His most notable partnerships have been with Joe MacHale initially, and BJ O'Brien latterly. Ranald has won all the major national competitions, and has represented Ireland at both Open and Senior levels, including at the D'Orsi Bowl (senior world championships) in China in 2019.

He was previously a very well-regarded bridge teacher, until he left Dublin a few years ago for the greener

pastures of county Clare. Ranald has represented Munster since then and one of his most enjoyable results was in 2023 when Munster won the Interprovincial championship for only the sixth time since 1952. He was also a member of the Teltscher winning team in 202

Peter Goodman & Terry Walsh



Peter is a former Camrose winner with Wales, now living in Dublin with his wife Aoife, also a keen bridge player. He has won numerous Irish national titles and his other successes include the Spring Fours, Crockfords, Tollemache, Brighton Four Star wins. He has won the Teltscher in the past both as player and NPC.



Terry, a career Civil Servant, worked as a systems analyst within the computer section of the Department of Finance before moving to the Public Expenditure division, working on Government budgets and Departmental expenditure. He is retired, living opposite Christchurch Cathedral and enjoying the amenities of Dublin city centre with his wife Bríd, also a keen bridge player. He and Peter played in the Teltscher winning team in 2021.

Donal Garvey & Pat Quinn



Donal, originally from Millstreet in Cork, is a statistician by profession and until his retirement was Director of the Irish Government's Central Statistics Office. A multiple national champion, he has represented Ireland in many European and World Championships. In conjunction with his son, Tommy, Donal forms the only father-and-son Grand Master pairing in Irish bridge.



Pat was born and bred in Clarecastle, just outside Ennis, where he still lives. He came from a strong card-playing family, and his earliest recollection of cards is being told by his parents to sit in as a fourth for a game of solo, "and don't make any mistakes!" From these beginnings, he has gone on to achieve great success in the game. He has won many major titles, most of them with his partner this weekend, but also with Des Houlihan, Cian Holland, and Pat Liston. This is his fourth Teltscher appearance.

Derek O'Gorman (NPC)



Derek is a retired HR Director. He played with Hugh McGann in his early international career, and in many national and international events with Terry Walsh over the last 25 years, including in the European Open Championships a number of years ago. More recently, Derek has played with Peter Pigot Jnr, including a European Open Teams Championship. Derek is also an experienced NPC having captained the Irish Senior Team in several European and World Championships, and several Teltscher Trophies including one win.

Officials:

Match Manager:

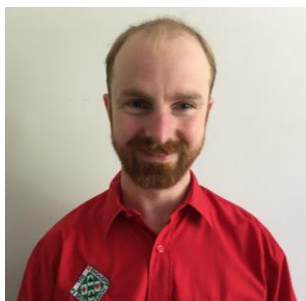


Peter Grice

Peter spent many years in academic chemistry research learning how to make things like frog toxin, Ivermectin and the complex carbohydrates that festoon the outside of cells. Later moving to research administration and running some analytical services (NMR). Peter's bridge pathway was not unusual: learn to play at university; give it up for many years; learn again and become a TD. Peter once won a prize at the Scarborough Swiss Pairs (2nd in C Strat). He joined EBU L&EC in 2022 and is now member of the Regulation Committee. Present occupations: cat

servant, budding baker and occasional drone pilot.

Director in Charge:



Jonathan Lillycrop

I started playing bridge with my family when I was 13 and immediately loved the game. Much of my time at university was spent playing bridge (with a sideline of a computer science degree) and while there I played in my first congresses. After university I got a job in London and became a regular at the Young Chelsea. Gordon Rainsford who at the time was the manager of the Young Chelsea inspired me to get in to directing and I took the club course at Brighton in 2008 and then the county course in 2010. Directing busy Friday nights at the Young Chelsea

gave me valuable experience and I joined the panel as a trainee in 2011. Since then I have moved up through the ranks and am now a National TD.

I spent 12 years working for a bank in IT Infrastructure, firstly in London and later in Wroclaw, Poland. On my return to England, I decided to follow my passion for bridge and started working for the EBU as their Club Liaison Officer.

Assistant Director:

Rachel Lillycrop

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		

International Match Point Scale

Points difference			IMPs		Points difference			IMPs	
0	-	10	=	0	750	-	890	=	13
20	-	40	=	1	900	-	1090	=	14
50	-	80	=	2	1100	-	1290	=	15
90	-	120	=	3	1300	-	1490	=	16
130	-	160	=	4	1500	-	1740	=	17
170	-	210	=	5	1750	-	1990	=	18
220	-	260	=	6	2000	-	2240	=	19
270	-	310	=	7	2250	-	2490	=	20
320	-	360	=	8	2500	-	2990	=	21
370	-	420	=	9	3000	-	3490	=	22
430	-	490	=	10	3500	-	3990	=	23
500	-	590	=	11	4000 and above			=	24
600	-	740	=	12					