



PRESS RELEASE

England hosting junior international bridge on 16 – 17 February 2008 in Manchester

Two of the most famous and exciting junior events of the British Isles - the Junior Camrose (under 25s) and Peggy Bayer (under 20s) Trophies will be taking place on 16 - 17 February 2008 at Chancellors Conference Centre, Manchester, hosted by the Manchester Bridge Association. The two events are played each year between England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The teams will play two rounds of matches against the other four teams. Each match will consist of 12 boards.

England Junior Camrose Trophy team:

Mike Bell / Alex Morris
Dave Cropper / Steve Raine
Fiona Brown / Susan Stockdale
Reserves: Ian Angus / James Rogers

England Peggy Bayer Trophy team:

James Paul / Graeme Robertson
Liz Roberts / Jennie Marvin
Tom Rainforth / James Thrower

Last year saw possibly the most exciting finish to the competitions ever. In the Junior Camrose England led for the majority of the competition but slipped up at the end in the match against Scotland, but a good recovery in the final match saw them bring the trophy home. Whilst, in the Peggy Bayer, the Scottish team came out all guns blazing and looked unstoppable at half time. In the penultimate match they faced England, who had managed to find some form after a troubling start, and England were convincing victors, to take the trophy south of the border.

As such, the 2008 matches will be very exciting and a competitive but friendly rivalry is to be expected.

The English Bridge Union and the MCBA would like to invite anyone who is interested in the game to come along, watch and try some bridge – whether it is your first time or seventh time. A number of “Introduction to bridge” leaflets will be available for spectators to take home and read. More information on this event can be found, by clicking [here](#). There will also be an opportunity for press and media to interview the England team. Please see below.

For further information on this press release, bridge or the English Bridge Union please contact Matt Betts, Communications Officer on 01296 317 220 or 07948 268 734.

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Notes to editors:

Interviews

There will be an opportunity for press and media to interview the England team on the afternoon of Friday 15 February 2008. Please contact Matt Betts on 07948 268 734 for further information.

Press resources

Please click [here](#) for press/media resource materials – including information on bridge, the English Bridge Union and some bridge trivia.

About Bridge

Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world; for over 100 years, people of all types and from all walks of life have been fascinated by the game. It is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain, with around 300,000 people playing on a regular basis. 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. Please [click here](#) for more information on bridge.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union Limited (EBU) is a 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: www.ebu.co.uk

