

# **The Scottish Bridge Union**

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# Foreword

Glasgow University. To most people, this would bring up the thought of education. But, to me, it conjures up memories of The Bridge Room, where I would go every day. I was supposed to be studying law, but instead I was studying bridge. Not surprisingly, I never got through my first year of law. But I did “graduate” as a bridge player. It was there I got my first real competitive experience. I met a few luminaries there; Colin Weir (who seemed to live there); George Cuthbertson (of whom everyone was terrified); Gerald Haase (who became my first serious bridge partner); and Victor Silverstone (who made an occasional cameo appearance).

Scottish bridge had some great characters in those days. Of course, there was the unforgettable Albert Benjamin, who rarely played anymore. Scotland’s top pair at that time was Willie Coyle and the aforementioned Victor Silverstone. Then there was Sam Leckie and Victor Goldberg, who had a volatile partnership. The bridge was not especially volatile, but their interaction was. And there was George Cuthbertson and Barnet Shenkin.

Of course, I am only mentioning the Glasgow contingent. The East coast had John MacLaren, Hugh Kelsey, Tom Culbertson and Ian Morrison, to name but a few. It’s fun remembering I played against all these guys – when I started I was rather in awe of them.

Eventually, I formed a partnership with Barnet, and we had a fair bit of success.

Scottish players were always measured against the top English players. The British Trials were the most pressured events I played in. We never actually beat the Rose, Sheehan, Flint, Priday, Rodrigue crowd, but we came very close. It was fun to win the Camrose a couple of times.

We did represent Britain in the European Championships in 1977. Nowadays, it is easier for Scots to achieve that, because they send their own team (as do Wales and Ireland, too) which I think is nice. It is excellent experience – a real chance to learn.

Maybe one day I’ll return to Scotland and play for the Saltire again!

I offer my best wishes to the SBU and its members in all their future endeavours.



Michael Rosenberg

# Introduction

This book will be a definitive record of the first 75 years of Contract Bridge in Scotland. Liz McGowan has collected and collated a vast amount of hard facts and anecdotes in its preparation. I hope it has been a labour of love which will be appreciated by all of our members both now and in the future.

Looking back at the book produced to mark our Golden Jubilee in 1983 I see that the introduction expressed a hope for increased numbers entering our Easter Pairs. This competition had been first run to celebrate our 25th year as a Council and had proved so popular it has been held in clubs ever since. Unfortunately that has proved to be wishful thinking as in common with many of our competitions numbers have decreased in recent years.

There are a few bright spots appearing fortunately. With players willing to pay a bit more we have secured venues which are much more comfortable and this improvement in playing conditions has started to attract more entries. The junior section is getting stronger with most districts teaching mini-bridge in several primary schools and training for older children being organised in several areas. All this cumulated in our anniversary year with the youngsters winning the Peggy Bayer and coming a very close second to England in the Junior Camrose. These youngsters give us great hopes for the future of Scottish Bridge. Hopefully when we are celebrating our Centenary we will be taking note of their achievements on the full international scene.



Fiona Abbott (President)

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The English Bridge Union allowed me access to their Library, and let me borrow some of their rare old books (which I shall return!)

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The players who have contributed information and anecdotes are too numerous to mention individually. This book is dedicated to you all. I have tried to clear the material with as many of you as possible. Where I have failed, or got things wrong, I apologise sincerely. Please tell me about the errors, and send any additional material for whoever may produce a similar volume for the 100th anniversary.

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Liz McGowan

# The Formation of a Union

## Beginnings

**The first form of bridge, Auction, developed from whist in the late nineteenth century. It was very much the ‘in’ thing, played largely by non-working classes. In 1925 Harold Vanderbilt invented Contract Bridge, which quickly swept Auction aside. By 1928 Contract Bridge was immensely popular throughout Britain.**

Auction Bridge lingered in Edinburgh, where the Atholl Bridge Club reigned. Early in 1930 an Edinburgh Auction Bridge League was formed: each team consisted of six pairs. The league was dominated by the Morningside Junior Unionists, who won three years in a row before announcing in 1934 that they would switch to Contract.

The early bridge organisations in Britain were promoted by private individuals. The British Bridge League (BBL) was founded in 1931 by A E Manning-Foster, bridge correspondent of *The Times*. It had branches throughout Britain, including Edinburgh (local secretary Alice Mackenzie); and Glasgow (local secretary Mr Llewellyn Williams, secretary of the Buchanan Club). Mr Williams died in 1933 at the age of 36, and was replaced by Mr Chalmers Anderson.

In 1933, Ely Culbertson, the great self-publicist, arrived in London to contest the Schwab Trophy for an annual bridge contest between Great Britain and the USA. The first match, held at Selfridges, allowed Culbertson to seize the limelight. He also ran a Teachers’ Convention, doubtless with the aim of promoting his books, from 25-27 July. Of the 35 participants listed in the *British Bridge World* (BBW) seven were ladies from Scotland, mostly from Glasgow, where Contract Bridge had really caught on. After the match Culbertson travelled around Britain with his wife Josephine. During his two-day sojourn in Scotland he found time to drop in at the offices of the *Glasgow Herald* to give his compliments and ensure coverage in that newspaper.

In the November 1933 *British Bridge World* the BBL complimented its Scottish representatives on introducing Duplicate Bridge to centres where it was not yet known. “The teams of the Glasgow District have borne the brunt of the missionary work, travelling widely in their visits, and carting with them the paraphernalia necessary for the matches. The Central Highlands, the North East, Galloway in the South, the Island of Bute in the West – all are now in the thick of friendly competitive bridge. Travelling difficulties,

of course, make it impossible for all these to meet each other, and the clearing house of Scottish Bridge is provided by Glasgow, which plays them all, thus affording some basis of comparison. The Glasgow League teams and the Buchanan Bridge club have between them over 100 fixtures for the ensuing season. Whatever the future of Duplicate elsewhere, it has come to stay in Scotland.”

In October 1933 an 80-board match between the Buchanan Club and a touring team from the British Bridge World (Mr B C Westall, Lt-Col H M Beasley, Dr Fenwick and Mr Ewart Kempson) was widely publicised in the press.

## The Scottish Bridge Union

The idea of a National Union of Bridge clubs was mooted late in 1933. A preliminary meeting was held on 27 November in Edinburgh, where those present resolved to proceed with the formation of a Union. Representatives from all bridge clubs in Scotland were invited to a further meeting at the Bath Hotel, Glasgow on 9 December. There were delegates from 18 clubs in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and letters of support from Dumfries, Aberdeen, Ayr and Dunfermline.

It was unanimously agreed to form an organisation to control the affairs of the game of bridge in Scotland, such as the running of district tournaments, national championships, and tests with a view to selecting the best possible representative teams. “Broadly speaking, the Scottish Bridge Union will be conducted on the lines of the Scottish Rugby Union, and will be a union of clubs, not individuals. For this purpose any group of individuals, however small, who habitually play together, would constitute a club entitled to join the Union.”

Dr W G MacDonald, Glasgow, was elected president of the SBU; Dr Tom Drummond, Greenock; Mr F Grant Tait, Edinburgh; Dr George MacPhee, Aberdeen, and Dr Bowman Edgar, Dumfries, vice-presidents; while Mr Leonard A Elgood, secretary of the Scottish Cricket Union, was appointed honorary secretary and treasurer. The meeting further decided to elect a General Council to consist of these office-bearers and the following additional representatives from districts: North 1; South 1; East 3; and West 4. The office-bearers were empowered to call meetings in their respective districts to elect these representatives, and to appoint district committees.

Dr MacDonald announced that “the *Glasgow Evening News* has offered to present a cup for contract bridge, which will be known as the Scottish Cup. It will be open for competition by teams of four from all parts of Scotland.”

Subsequent meetings in the Four Districts led to the formation of the first General Council of the Scottish Bridge Union:

*Hon President:* Dr W G MacDonald

*West District:* Dr Tom Drummond (vice-president), Mrs Arend, George Beveridge, Peter Duff, Clement Ellis

*East District:* Mr F Grant Tait (vice-president), Ronald McCurdie, Bill Brown, Malcolm Mackenzie

*North District:* Dr George MacPhee (vice-president), Dr McDiarmid

*South District:* Dr Bowman Edgar (vice-president), Lt-Col Byrne

*Hon Secretary and Treasurer:* Mr Leonard A Elgood, CA, 46 Abbey Drive, Glasgow W4.

In addition, each district elected a local executive committee to manage its affairs.

Malcolm Mackenzie recalled that the original Council consisted almost entirely of men in their sixties or seventies, with himself, aged 26, and Bill Brown, 24. Five of the Council were Doctors.

By the end of 1934, the SBU announced an auspicious start in the *British Bridge World*: 60 clubs from all parts of the country had joined the Union, and 102 teams had entered the Scottish Cup in its first year. One year later the Union boasted well over 100 clubs. At the start of the new season in 1934 there were 52 affiliated clubs in the West and 14 in the East. By the end of the 1936-37 season there were 155 affiliated clubs, still with a preponderance from the West.

Apart from Scottish Cup matches, the new organisation was slow to make its mark in the East. “The coming season is sure to show a marked advance in bridge in Edinburgh. The standard as a whole improved immensely during the past year, and that improvement has been largely due to the activities of the British Bridge League, under whose auspices up till now the majority of the big matches and tournaments have been played. Last season, however, the Scottish Bridge Union was formed, and while by no means idle during the first few months of its existence, it has so far been mainly concerned with forming itself into a sufficiently live body to exercise the functions of controlling and organising bridge in Scotland. In

the East it has done little more than appoint officials.” (*Edinburgh Evening News* 18/7/1934)

In 1934 the SBU organised a Mammoth match between Edinburgh and Glasgow in an attempt to popularise Duplicate Bridge: there were 20 tables at each venue and the result was a resounding win for the more experienced Glasgow players by over 32,000. “The Union regarded the match as a missionary effort, and as such it was an undoubted success. It served to introduce Duplicate Contract to a great many players in the East who had no previous experience of the game, and it whetted the appetite for more.” (*EEN*, 14/10/1934).

This was a one-off event, but the tradition of inter-club and inter-city matches continued until the War.

## Early Controversy: Professionalism

“A resolution aimed at excluding professionalism was discussed at the first meeting of the General Council of the Scottish Bridge Union held in Glasgow on 17th February 1935.

Dr Tom Drummond, of Greenock, put forward the resolution that all professional bridge teachers and assistants, managers of bridge clubs, and bridge journalists who were remunerated for their services, should be excluded from holding any official position in the Union. He stated that professionalism had always been a difficult proposition to overcome in any Union of amateur clubs, but he hoped that some steps could be taken to prevent professionalism from creeping in to what they all wished to be a Union run on strictly amateur lines. The resolution was adopted and approved in part.” (*Scotsman* 19/3/34).

This resolution remained part of the Constitution and prevented Albert Benjamin from holding any official position within the SBU. The constitution was revised in 1974: now teachers and journalists could hold office, but managers of bridge clubs and officials of the Union were still excluded till the 1980s.

## The Second World War

Although bridge players had tried to ignore international politics, the Union had to curtail its activities when War broke out.

On 7 November 1939 *The Scotsman* announced that “international matches and the usual league games have been suspended by the Scottish Bridge Union for the duration of the war.” Organising national competitions was out of the question, but bridge continued in the clubs. “At no time during the period of hostilities did the Scottish Bridge Union cease



to function, but to cut down travelling emphasis was laid on District competitions and teams of four were substituted for teams of eight.” When League matches could be run they donated the princely sum of 4/- to the Red Cross. By April 1945 there was more activity. Exhibition matches were arranged between an Edinburgh team (Jimmy Todd, Johnny Hastie, Tommy and Margaret Porteous) and a Glasgow team captained by Isobel Davidson (David Skinner, Clement Ellis, Stanley Nicolson).

The September 1946 issue of the *Contract Bridge Journal* carried a report by Albert Benjamin: “Last season was the half-way stage in the return to pre-war standards. National and District competitions were revived, though they fell short of the 1939 numbers. A new District, Central, was formed. The recent AGM was well attended. The main debate centred around the procedure of international team selection. After a prolonged discussion the meeting upheld the viewpoint of the executive and refused to sanction any alteration to the constitution.” The West District League for teams of eight was re-formed with 56 teams, and the East District League had 3 Divisions.

By 1949 there were six Districts: the Ayrshire League had existed before the War, and the formation of Central District provided the impetus to seek separate representation on the Council. There were over 200 clubs, and two new events in addition to the Scottish Cup and Scottish Women’s Cup – the Edward Rayne Trophy and the National Pairs, with a trophy donated by ‘*The Scotsman*’.

## Going it alone

Scotland made its mark in bridge with a series of Camrose wins in the 60s and 70s, and Louis Shenkin, one of our representatives to the British Bridge League, began a campaign for separate recognition. He made a good case:

“Scottish prestige in British and European Bridge circles has never been higher. Scottish players became British champions when they won the Camrose Trophy in 1964, and held it in 1965. In 1964 a Scottish team was invited to represent Great Britain in international competitions in Belgium, and the players came high on the prize list. Three Scottish Pairs were invited to play in the British Trials in 1965. This year Sam Leckie and Victor Goldberg were included in the British team which went to Amsterdam for the World Championship Pairs, and finished with credit.

“From two teams in 1949 in the Gold Cup tournament, Scottish enthusiasm increased the entry this year to 32

teams, of whom the two finalists went to Harrogate to be included in the last eight. But in this tournament results have been disappointing as, so far, only one team has reached the final, and two or three the final stages.

“There is a growing enthusiasm for bridge among students and young people generally. A coaching scheme to add to the panel of players with international potential would be welcomed. The writer, who is captaining the British team in Warsaw this year, is going to press strongly at executive meetings of the European Bridge League for Scotland’s right to enter Scottish teams in European Championships in the future.” (SBU Competition Brochure, 1966)

Any such ideas were scotched when the English Bridge Union vetoed separate recognition. Towards the end of the 80s the idea re-emerged. The existing set-up, where the members of the Union were clubs, was unsuitable for a National Bridge Organisation. “Last year the SBU Council sent a delegate to a seminar in Amsterdam, hosted by the European Bridge League, on the promotion of bridge. It was confirmed that Scotland is the only major bridge playing country in the world that does not have individual membership. It became apparent that individual membership was an important factor in the development of bridge in these other countries...” (Editorial, Competition Brochure 1989)

In 1989 Council introduced a new category of Individual Member. This was open to members of clubs affiliated to the Union, who would pay an annual fee of £6; others could become Direct members for £10. Individual Membership entitled players to a £1 reduction in their entry to the Scottish Cup, and either the Women’s or Men’s Teams, as well as their personal copy of the Competition Brochure and an SBU quarterly magazine. Disappointingly, just over 100 players took out Individual Membership in the first year.

In 1991 an Individual Members Pairs, the Farquharson Trophy, was introduced as an additional carrot, and numbers rose gradually to around 400. In 1994 Council decided that compulsory individual membership was required. They examined the possibility of a two-tier system, with Members and Competition Members, the latter to pay more, but this idea was not popular. In 1997 an Extraordinary General Meeting amended the constitution: the SBU became a Union of affiliated clubs, with individual members. Each member of a club in the Union was required to join the Scottish Bridge Union. The membership fee of £2 per annum was deliberately low. There was considerable opposition to the principle involved, and Scots are famously careful with their money.

The Scottish Bridge Union assured its new members that the income from membership fees would not be used to fund international teams, a promise it has kept: international teams are funded from assets transferred from the now defunct British Bridge League. Some of the money was earmarked for membership of the EBL and WBF; the rest is spent on improved Tournament Direction; Education; and the Scottish Bridge Union magazine.

The first Membership Secretary was the then Secretary, Tom Workman. In 1992 he handed over to Richard Jarvis. Liz McGowan took over in 1994 and oversaw the early stages of compulsory Individual Membership. Since 2002 the Membership Secretary has been Bill Richardson.

When the EBL was first approached about separate representation for Scotland, England and Wales it rejected the idea out of hand. So it came as a bit of a surprise to Russell McClymont when he, Gerrard Faulkner and Peter Stocken met with the EBL in Malta in June 1999 and that body accepted separate representation. Lobbying from the English Bridge Union and our representatives on the BBL had its effect. Scotland became a separate National Bridge Organisation on 1st January 2000. England, Scotland and Wales could now send separate teams to European Bridge League events. The decision was ratified by the WBF shortly thereafter, and Scotland sent its first national teams to the WBF Olympiad in Maastricht in September 2000.

This meant the dissolution of the British Bridge League, and the division of its assets between England, Scotland and Wales. Scotland inherited two BBL Congresses at Peebles, in July and December, and its share of the profits from the Simultaneous Pairs that had been the principle fund-raiser for the BBL. A new body, Bridge Great Britain, was formed to run British events – the Camrose series, the Gold Cup, and the aforementioned Simultaneous Pairs, now organised by Anna Gudge from her headquarters in Sudbury. These major changes had to be brought into effect in just six months.

## The European Junior Championships, 1978

This was the most important and challenging event ever run by the SBU. It was made possible by a large grant from the National Bank of Dubai.

“The venue is Stirling University on the 10th to 18th June 1978, and will be a test of skill, not only of the teams participating, but of the administrative abilities

of our Scottish Council representatives and the staff assigned to this task. It is of course a considerable honour for Scotland to be given the opportunity to host such an event, and again we are fortunate to have such a high-powered committee as Charlie Bowman (recently elected Vice-Chairman, BBL), Sol Barnett and Ian Morrison already working on the preliminary planning.” (Peter Spence, Competition Brochure 1977)

In fact the dates were changed by the European Bridge League to 26 August to 2 September. The anticipated entry was 22 teams, 19 arrived. “This includes a team from the UK in which we have two representatives, Michael Rosenberg and Richard Benstead. I understand they were the outstanding pair in the recent Cutty Sark (Junior Camrose) event and with that sort of form there is an air of confidence in the British camp that the championship will be ours.” (Sol Barnett, Competition Brochure 1978)

The Championship went smoothly enough, thanks to the organising committee, the unequalled efforts of Morag Malcolm, and a tireless volunteer force. And Great Britain won.



**The winning British team. Left to right: Richard Benstead, Richard Glanville, Tony Forrester, Mike Nardin, Keith Stanley (npc), Steve Lodge, Patrick Jourdain (vugraph commentator). Unfortunately Michael Rosenberg is missing.**

## Tournament Direction

The SBU, as a strictly amateur organisation, in its early days relied on self-taught tournament directors and the handing down of knowledge. By the late seventies this was seen to be unsatisfactory. In his President's Foreword to the 1978 Competition Brochure Alan Bishop drew attention to the need for a more professional approach. “A soundly-based system of instruction for tournament directors would add greatly to the pleasure of all competitors in Scotland by increasing the assurance and quality of those playing in them that decisions were fair and consistent.”

The Scottish Bridge Union has always relied on the EBU for inspiration and advice, without necessarily agreeing with everything they do. Scottish clubs were

issued with the 1979 yearbook of the Laws and Ethics Committee of the English Bridge Union – “The SBU Council is considering how much of this should apply here.” Harold Franklin was invited North to run a training weekend, and appeals were made for new, interested TDs to make themselves available for training. One such volunteer was **Russell McClymont**: these are his reminiscences.

“My directing career began when I volunteered to run the South District Congress in Gatehouse-of-Fleet in March 1981, confident that I could at least make it a more punctual event than it had been the previous year, and that any rulings that might be required could be given after reference to the Law book. My only qualifications were a “Silver” Diploma in bridge teaching from the EBU gained in 1977, and a working knowledge of arbitration procedures as a member of the Secretary of State for Scotland’s Panel of Agricultural Arbiters. The Congress was not without hairy moments, but apparently all bases were sufficiently covered to impress Charlie Bowman, and SBU President Jim Allison. I was invited as a rookie director to Peebles the following October. I must have shown the necessary temperament to survive this hectic pace, because the next invitation was to the first European Directors’ week long course and exam in Amsterdam in January 1982. When the dust had settled five people returned to the British Isles with Diplomas in tournament directing from the European Bridge League: Max Bavin at EBU headquarters, Mike Green in London, Derek Stokes in Dublin, Joe O’Donaghue in Belfast and myself in Newton Stewart. The bonhomie was memorable, especially a few late sessions over a pint with Max, without whose experience and good advice I probably wouldn’t have emerged with a pass.

Established as a regular at Peebles for both October and July, I took over as Congress Manager when Peter Spence retired in October 84. The events were still scored by hand until Andrew Barnes arrived in 1986, having successfully scored the West District Congress that June. I particularly enjoyed the ten year period after Andrew joined the Peebles team, which took the Congress from hand scoring and dealing to computer scoring, computer dealing and machine duplicating for all its competitions by October 95. I am also delighted that the Congress is still developing, and that the present team have moved on to further automation with Bridgemates.

My next outing was to the World Junior Championships in Nottingham University in 1989,

where I was scoring office manager with Jim Procter as chief scorer. This was still hand scored, with special recording slips which were pasted onto A3 master sheets for photocopying. The system was devised by Wim Wagner who took a close interest in the presentation and distribution of the records. It was the style of these sheets that I copied when I wrote the recording program used for Camrose and Lady Milne matches, and Gold Cup finals for 14 years from about 1993, till they were broadcast on the internet and the records derived from the Bridge-base files.

I refereed my first Camrose match, Scotland v Northern Ireland in 1989 at Dumfries, and have covered many similar matches since, including the first match broadcast from Britain on the internet by Margaret Pemble: the Scotland v. CBAI match, also from Dumfries, in January 2002.

I worked south of the border for the first time at the inaugural Gold Cup Congress at Harrogate in June 88 and subsequently appeared regularly at BBL congresses at Harrogate, Buxton, Douglas & Llangollen in June, February, September & November each year, eventually becoming chief TD at all of them before retiring to become BBL President in 99. Llangollen particularly was a family affair, as Anne (*Russell’s wife*) scored the lower sub-field in the Royal Hotel, while I scored the leading teams in the Hand. She then brought her diskette along to merge and de-merge the subfields between each session. So far as I am aware mine is the only Swiss teams scoring program that had this capability. Llangollen also provided my biggest nightmare. Arriving on the Thursday evening we were informed that the key to the store cupboard would not be delivered till the following morning. When we did get in, around 9.30 am, it was to find that the roof had been leaking for some time. The boards were sodden, and the cards so swollen that each hand of the four hundred and fifty boards we needed that evening had to be extracted with a penknife or screwdriver. The empty boards were hung out round an industrial heater to dry for a couple of hours before they could be restored with new cards.

My only European outing as a director was at the EEC championships in Portugal in April 93. (This was my first experience of duplicated boards prepared on the Duplimate, and the last time the cards were transferred into wallets by hand). By the time I had persuaded the SBU Council to buy one at the June Council meeting, a new model had been introduced which filled the special boards automatically. The first Duplimate in Britain, the SBU machine, began work at the Swiss

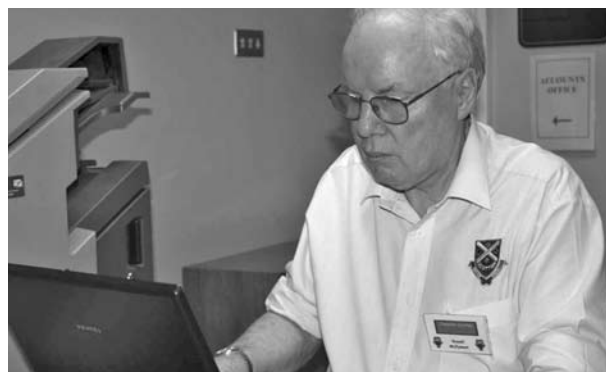


Pairs at the Isle of Man Congress in September 93, before appearing at Peebles that October. 1997 brought the Junior European Championships in Cardiff University, a particularly happy event sharing the office with Paul Porteous. Paul was in charge of production of the daily bulletin and I responsible for the scoring. The Welsh hospitality, run by Maggie Pierce, was particularly impressive, coping effortlessly with all the teams, including some newly independent countries from Eastern Europe. One team arrived in time for round two, having driven a Fiat 124, that could have had trouble with an MOT test, all the way to Cardiff from somewhere near Ukraine, having survived a 48- hour bureaucratic delay at the Belorussian-Polish border. Another memorable moment occurred when I was asked down to the dealing room to authorize the fitting of a necessary spare part to the Scottish Duplimate. When I arrived around 11.30 pm all three available dealing machines were on the table in pieces, and two thousand boards were required at 10.00 a.m. the next morning. But it wasn't my problem—so I could sleep soundly.

During the late nineties Anne and I joined the “Guest Entertainment Crew” at P&O, cruising the North Atlantic, the Med., the Black Sea and the Baltic as the scoring and directing end of Freddie North's long standing operation with them. In 1999 we did the Malta National Championships, a ten day tournament, when David and Marlyn Jones were double booked. I returned there later in the summer to the European Championships, but this time with Gerrard Faulkner and Peter Stocken, only to attend the series of meetings which dissolved the BBL, and led to separate representation in Europe for England, Wales and Scotland. Now I can only be found at Dumfries—back at the South District where it all began. (Though I am still asked to do chairman of appeals from time to time—most recently at the Lady Milne in Dundee last April.)

Taking a unique look back at twenty plus years running bridge all over Britain and beyond, there are two moments which leave me feeling quite staggered, and others could usefully ensure that they don't happen to them. One occurred about six weeks before I was to run the 130 table job at Harrogate for the first time as Chief TD. I rang up Anna Gudge the BBL secretary, and asked her “What is the procedure for sorting out the stationery and equipment for this event. Do you want me to send you a formal requisition, or do we just make up a list as we talk about it over the phone.” To which she replied, “You're the first TD that's ever asked

me that!” To find that some people could be so casual as to turn up on the day without checking that all they needed was likely to be present, I found difficult to believe. The other nasty moment was when I sat down in Cardiff to score the Junior European. I switched on the spanking new desk-top computer and saw Windows 95 **for the very first time**. Prior to that, most bridge scoring programs had been written for DOS, and Windows 3.x hadn't really changed much, so I had a tentative introduction to Excel, and a new program, prepared in it, that still bore the unnerving default title “Project 1”. In fact it ground away reasonably well until the final day, when it gave us the last round match results, but overloaded and died for ever when asked to print the championship ranking order. A good test for the nerves! But we made it to the dinner.



Russell (still hard at work) at the 2006 Junior Camrose in Edinburgh.

When Russell retired as Chief Tournament Director the post was taken by Eric Steel (President No 45). John Wilson became Technical Director. With Jim Wilcox he organised a series of Tournament Director Training courses which have been, and continue to be, very successful. Scottish Tournament Directors are now properly accredited, and look well in their uniform. We are grateful to the English Bridge Union for its inspiration and support in this area. Now that Eric has retired John is our Chief TD, ably supported by Iain Ross and a large pool of qualified directors.



John at Peebles.

## Education

Anyone can teach bridge – and through the years many have volunteered for, or been coerced into, teaching. The Scottish Bridge Union had no official teaching policy until the 1980s, when it was becoming clear that our Junior teams were outclassed by England. The Union announced a series of seminars for Junior players. These proved very successful, under the guidance of Bill Mitchell and Morag Malcolm, with help from many of our leading players. The following year coaching for the ladies team was added.

The Mitchell/Malcolm partnership decided to branch out and run Coaching weekends for the Club player who wished to improve his game; their first weekend was a sell-out, and a second had to be arranged. These Coaching weekends continued till 1991.

When it became necessary to sell the idea of individual membership to its players, the SBU made Education one of the main items in its manifesto. An SBU teaching course would be produced and provided to teachers free of charge with the proviso that they undertook to teach the Standard System, thus allowing players an easier transfer into the clubs, and ensuring that anyone moving to a different part of the country could rely on continuity. A meeting of teachers decided the basic method: Acol with a Weak No-trump.

At around the same time the English Bridge Union inaugurated *Bridge for All* and the SBU was fortunate to be able to share its ideas. An even greater debt is owed to the Nederlandse Bridge Bond. They produced a very successful teaching course in the 1980s, and Liz McGowan, the Education Convener, based the structure of the lessons on their series “*Van Start tot Finish*”. The Lessons consist of Teachers Notes, Examples, Hands to Play, Handouts and Quizzes, and have been a popular success.

In 1998 Morag Malcolm organised the first of her “Learners and Improvers Congresses” at Turnberry. The first weekend was a sell-out, but the accommodation was less than ideal, and the event moved to Cumbernauld, then Barony Castle near Peebles. It has become known as “Morag Malcolm’s Bridge Weekend” though unfortunately Morag is now too infirm to attend in person. Susan Aitchison was the organising force behind the scenes, but she has left the country to run a school in Ethiopia. June Morrison, the new organiser, will run the 8th Learners and Improvers Weekend in North Queensferry in March 2009.

## The Scottish Bridge Union Magazine

With the introduction of Individual Membership came the carrot: a quarterly magazine to be sent to each individual member. The first editor was David Frew, the obvious choice with his journalistic background. He named it “SBUNews” and gathered articles from anyone willing to contribute without fee. The magazine reported on events past, and advertised events future. The Readers’ Letters and Master Point Promotion lists have remained a constant, as have profiles of various personalities on the Scottish scene. But there were difficulties in getting the material to the printers, and in 1992 David handed over the editorship to Alasdair Forbes.

Alasdair worked very hard, attending every Camrose match at his own expense to write a report. He was responsible for many new features, in particular the Bidding Panel in 1994, at the urging of Iain Sime. With Charles Outred he assembled a fine panel of expert players, and organised sponsorship from Peebles Hydro. Marks and Comments remains one of the more popular features. The magazine was now printed quite cheaply at Stirling University, but it had no priority there, and problems with typesetting often led to a late appearance.

In August 1999, having completed his year in office as President, David Perry took over as editor. He made few changes, but managed, on the whole, to get the magazine out on time. Having written a Presidential Diary, and worked with Alasdair for the previous year, he knew the problems involved. His idea was to make the magazine a ‘people’s’ publication, with less emphasis on the expert, and he was careful to cover District News as well as national events.

In 2002 Archie Bouverie became the editor. He had ambitious ideas to increase circulation and so make the publication attractive to advertisers, but could not persuade the Council to take risks with the members’ money. He made himself responsible for the actual production, photocopying and finishing the magazine in his home. After two years of hard labour, where he attracted a lot of new contributors, Archie felt he could not afford to devote so much of his time to Scottish Bridge on a voluntary basis. He resigned as editor, but remained associated with the magazine as publisher. For two years he worked in tandem with the new editor, Jim Patrick. During this time years he achieved what has proved impossible since he resigned: he produced the magazine on time.

In 2005 Archie found the business management too much, and Council found itself saddled with equipment it no longer needed. It was decided to take the magazine to a printer, and the President, Liz McGowan, attempted to solve the logistical problems by taking the magazine photocopier over for the educational work. Her failure to achieve a satisfactory deal resulted in a turbulent AGM which ultimately forgave her failings as a business manager, but introduced much-needed financial controls.

Jim Patrick has worked extremely hard to put his personal stamp on the publication, changing its name

## Bridge On Television

Bridge is not much covered on television. There was a programme before the Second World War, and in 1938 Alice Mackenzie and her team appeared for just one board, which Alice played in 4♥ with an overtrick. The entire team had to don the canary yellow that was then required for a good image.

In the 1980s Jeremy Flint succeeded in producing a series of programmes, one of which featured a pair from Glasgow. Betty Bell remembers:

### Grand Slam - 1983

“A Teams of Four competition for less experienced players was sponsored by Sobranie, the tobacco company, in 1983. There were two Scottish heats in the Spring of 1983 – the Glasgow heat was won by Peggy Donaldson playing with Betty Bell, and John Donaldson playing with Sandy Wilson. The other Scottish heat was won by Ian Hunter, Richard Jarvis, Peter Taylor and Mike Green.

The Final of 14 Teams – two Scottish teams, one Welsh and eleven English – was held in the Park Lane Hotel, London, over a Saturday and Sunday in June. The Glasgow team flew down on the first shuttle to be met with the news that the format had changed and that the first eight teams in the Final would be invited to take part in a TV program called *Grand Slam*. As a result of the changed format there were 10 rounds, playing 90 boards in all! By some miracle, the Glasgow team finished in

to “*Scottish Bridge News*” and raising its profile with top quality contributions from Scotland’s leading players. He would like it to be issued to all members, but there are doubts about the practicality of such an endeavour, and considerable opposition to the costs involved. It is unfortunate for Jim that, in spite of the effort he puts into assembling the magazine on time, the return to a commercial printer has been accompanied by delays in production.

The future of the magazine is currently the focus of debate within the Union.

the first eight and qualified for the *Grand Slam*. The Donaldsons were going abroad on holiday when the programme was to be filmed, but Sandy Wilson and Betty Bell agreed to go forward to play although they normally only played social bridge together. The format was that two expert pairs, Jane and Tony Priday; and Victor Mollo and Irving Rose, were paired up with the “rabbits” in turn to form teams of four. Seven nine-board matches were played in London over a weekend. The hands were extremely difficult for us and our first match of nine boards took an hour and a half to play. Wilson and Bell with the Pridays managed to win the first match, but did not progress beyond the semi-final. Later in the summer, we were invited back to Bristol to televise the matches, interviews etc.

The producer was Peter Bazalgette, now famous for introducing the less intellectual ‘Big Brother’ to our screens. Jeremy Flint was the presenter – good humoured, urbane and never dismissive of our bridge standard. The programme was screened in the Autumn of 1983 on BBC2 – eight, half hour episodes.

Both Sandy and I learned from Mollo and, in particular, Rose who were generous with their “free” time to discuss the hands etc.”

A later series for beginners was produced by Zia Mahmood, with Dermot Coyle, a photogenic Scottish Junior, as one of the participants.

# The Presidents

## 1 Dr W G MacDonald 1933-36



The guiding spirit behind the formation of the Scottish Bridge Union, Dr MacDonald appeared to the young Bill Brown, another founder member, to be “a wonderful crippled old gentleman”. He must have been around 60 at the time.

“The success of the Scottish Bridge Union in all its activities is in a very large measure due to Dr W G MacDonald, its founder and first honorary president.” (*BBW* June 1935)

“The Scottish Bridge Union is going from strength to strength. Dr MacDonald, the first president, has done a very great deal to get the Union on its feet, and all bridge players in Scotland owe him a deep debt of gratitude. He has now given way to Surgeon-Commander Drummond of Greenock, who has all the enthusiasm necessary to carry on the good work.” (*EEN*, 2/9/36). Later that year the Council of the Union presented Dr MacDonald with a silver cigarette case, inscribed: “To Dr W G MacDonald, first president of the Scottish Bridge Union, from SBU Council colleagues in appreciation of his exceptional and wholehearted work for Scottish Bridge.” (*BBW* December 1936)

## 2 Dr Tom Drummond 1936-37

Dr Drummond, from Greenock, was also a founder member of the Union. He was npc of the Scottish team for their first Camrose match against England in 1937. He held dual degrees in medicine and dentistry. As a member of the Clyde Division of the RNVR he was called up in 1939 for war service as an assistant medical officer at the Royal Marine Barracks in Plymouth, where he served under Marjorie Moncrieff’s father. She remembers him playing in Plymouth Bridge Club for two months before he was called to action. “A most charming and tactful companion. Drummond was promoted to Surgeon-Captain and served with distinction in South Africa. He visited us in Devon in 1952, and sadly died not long after. He was a wonderful ambassador for bridge and Scotland in general.”

## 3 Ronald McCurdie 1937-38

Mr McCurdie, from Dunfermline, was the first President from the East. He was npc of the Camrose team for two matches in 1937, against Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland’s first win), and in 1938 against Eire. After this game Johnny Hastie paid an unusual tribute: “It would be out of place for me to criticise the team in which I was playing, but I do wish to pay a tribute to one member of the team who had a ‘perfect match’ – Mr McCurdie. He handled his team perfectly, and was the personification of kindness and encouragement. The members of the Scottish team, and Scottish bridge in general, owe him a deep debt of gratitude.”

## 4 Henry Rowan 1938-39

Mr Rowan was also President of the Buchanan Bridge Club in Glasgow. When it was founded in 1932 it met in premises generously provided by Rowan’s department store before moving to its present location in 1934. Mr Rowan acted as npc to the Scottish Camrose team for four matches in 1938 and 1939, chalking up one win against Wales. When he won the Men’s Teams at the 1939 Congress he was announced as “a popular winner in his presidential year”. His wife won the Women’s Teams in its second year, 1937.

## 5 William ‘WG’ Manson 1939-43

WG Manson held the post of President for a record four years. He was also a founder member and first president of the Melville Bridge Club in Edinburgh. He won the Scottish Cup in its second year, 1935. He played in Alice Mackenzie’s team before the War, and was a stalwart supporter of national and BBL competitions. He was the designated driver. “Next week Mr Manson’s team makes yet another journey to Newcastle, where, incidentally, he will be able to collect the remains of his car. It broke down last week, and three weary bridge players had to present themselves at a Newcastle hotel with no more luggage than 32 boards and the same number of packs of cards.” (*EEN*, 28/2/1939)

## 6 Clement Ellis 1944-46 (No 19 of 75)

“During the latter stages of the war Clement Ellis was the guiding spirit. His long services, technical and administrative, to Scottish Bridge have no doubt received the tacit appreciation of players, and now that Mr Ellis has demitted office it is to be hoped that



his connection with the SBU will not be completely severed. The new President is a popular choice. Mr MacKerrow has done much to maintain Scottish interest in the BBL, and has been honoured by being elected Vice-President of that body.” (Albert Benjamin, *CBJ* September 1946)

## 7 Bill MacKerrow 1946-47

“Learned his bridge at Edinburgh University and polished it at Oxford. A player of meticulous accuracy. At duplicate he characteristically counts his cards face down, as every player should, but doesn’t. One of the first of the local contract bridge ‘lights’ and, although dimmed a little since he lost his original partner, who was ‘hot stuff’ he still shows no signs of being put out.” (*EEN*, 30/1/35)

Mr MacKerrow was Deputy Headmaster of George Heriot’s school in Edinburgh. “An utterly charming man”. (Donald Denoon)

## 8 David Skinner 1947-48 (No 69 of 75)

## 9 James P Edmond 1948-49



Mr Edmond was elected to the SBU Council in 1940. He was a delegate to the British Bridge League, and helped considerably in putting Scotland on the bridge map. His term of office included the staging of the Gold Cup Final for

the first time in Scotland. When he retired from professional life in 1952 he was invited to become the Congress Manager. He was President of the Buchanan Bridge Club from 1955-58.

Remembered chiefly for the Edmond Memorial Trophy, donated by his family in 1957 for the Consolation Pairs at the National Congress. His wife won the Women’s Teams in 1949.

## 10 Johnny Hastie 1949-50 (No 27 of 75)

## 11 Robert Gray 1950-51



Bert Gray (1907-99) lived in Paisley. He studied mathematics at Glasgow University, and became a teacher in the 1930s. “A considerable bridge player, a superlative problem composer, and he clearly enjoys his after-dinner

stories. But then, so also do his audiences.” (*CBJ*, Dec 1950)

“A natural genius at games, both indoor and out. The composition of chess, bridge, and mathematical problems comes very easily, as did football, tennis and other manly sports until a few years ago. Comparatively recently he has taken up bowls, and has already won a championship at Priorscroft Bowling Club, Paisley.” (*BM*, Aug 1951)

He came to excel at bowls in his later years, and was also an accomplished pianist, entertaining his friends by playing Scott Joplin music into his 90s, in spite of increasing deafness. His love of bridge shines through his articles and problems, and he was also a popular teacher, as Morag Malcolm, among others, remembers.

He wrote articles for the American *Bridge World* for over 40 years, and a compilation: “The Best of Robert Gray” was published by that magazine: There was so much good material that it later published “The Best of Robert Gray: Book 2”. He was npc of the Scottish Camrose team for 10 matches from 1946 to 1952, winning 5 of them.

## 12 Tommy Porteous 1951-52

When Tommy played with his wife, Margaret, there was rarely a dull moment. Tommy was the quieter half of the partnership, but on the rare occasions when Margaret calmed down he knew exactly how to wind her up again. Between 1946 and 1951 they played 7 Camrose matches, winning two of them. They won the Scottish Cup twice, and the first ever National Pairs in 1946. Tommy became an invalid, and had to retire from competitive bridge for some time before his death in 1968.

## 13 G B W Muir 1952-53

## 14 Nigel Ross 1953-54

Nigel Ross was a fine bridge player. He partnered Jean Macnair in her first four Camrose matches in 1948-49, winning one of them. He also won the



Scottish Cup with her in 1947. He was convener of the committee responsible for the production of the first SBU Annual Competition Brochure in 1949.

### 15 Johnny Walker 1954-55



Johnny Walker captained the Scottish Camrose team for six matches from 1950 - 1953. He steered his team to two wins and one tied match. "He never tries to bounce, but let nobody try to bounce him; anyone who does is riding

for a fall. Johnny Walker switches his pairs without ruffling any one of them. He is an excellent host and an excellent administrator." (*BM*, March 1954)

### 16 Jack Watson 1955-56

Jack was a lawyer. He captained the Camrose team in 1956 for one match, a tie with Northern Ireland. As match manager of the match against England in the Carlton Bridge Club in 1954 he was in charge of hospitality: at that time this involved generous tots of whisky somewhere out of the public gaze.

One hopeful visitor, waiting to be invited to the hospitality room, was quite put out when Jack excused himself, claiming an appointment with Johnny Walker. This turned out not to be a precursor of the famous 'Yes, Minister' sketch; the visitor recovered his equanimity when he discovered the name of the then President, Jack's predecessor in office. Jack is commemorated in the Watson Trophy, presented to the East District for its Congress Teams of Four. He died in 1986.

### 17 Jim Fergusson 1956-57

Jim acted as npc to the Scottish Camrose team for one match against Wales in 1955-56. After his presidency he had some success in national tournaments, playing with Bobby Allan: he won the Scottish Cup in 1959 with Hugh Fraser and John Stevenson, and the Rayne Cup in the same year with Ronald Manson and Jean Macnair. His wife must have been a good player also: she won the Scottish Women's Cup in two successive years, 1962 and 1963, and is presumed to have represented Scotland in the Lady Milne in these two years.

### 18 George Purves 1957-58

George worked as a solicitor in Edinburgh. He was

npc for the Scottish Camrose team for two matches in 1954-55. George won the Scottish Cup in 1935, its second year, with WG Manson, Ronald Manson and Alice Mackenzie.

### 19 Sandy Garven 1958-59

The first President to come from a District other than West or East, Sandy Garven and his wife Trixie were well-known figures on the Scottish bridge scene. Sandy was the manager of a stone quarry, and dominated Loreburn Bridge Club and the South District, before, during, and after the war. He was a good businessman and a good organizer, and he encouraged his members to experiment with modern systems and to take part in national events.

### 20 Hugh Kennedy 1959-60

Hugh was well known throughout the British bridge scene. He captained the British Women's team in the 1957 European Championships in Vienna: the team finished 2nd of 12 teams. He also acted as npc to the Scottish Camrose team for 4 matches from 1956 to 1959, winning two of them. He donated the Kennedy Trophy, the Ranked Masters Pairs event for players up to the rank of Local Master.

### 21 Bill Johnston 1960-61

Bill was the first President from North District. For many years he organised bridge in the North with his wife Agnes, the secretary, and a delegate to the SBU Council for 13 years. She was also a fine player: she won the Women's Cup twice, and is known to have represented Scotland in the Lady Milne in 1971, and presumed to have done so also in 1961. Bill and Agnes won the Rayne Cup together in 1958 with Freda Hayes and May Wilkie. Bill acted as npc to the Scottish Camrose for the match against Wales in 1959. Like his predecessor, he is remembered for the Trophy he donated, the Johnston District Masters Pairs.

### 22 Don Mercer 1961-62

Another doctor, but not a medical one. Don's presidency was delayed, as he waited for the South and North Districts to have their turn. It was traditional to serve for only two years as District Chairman, and he volunteered to stand aside, suggesting that it might be inappropriate for an Englishman to be President. His Committee backed

him, allowing him to stand down for a year, then return to office so that he could become President.

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### 23 Lachy McLean 1962-63

A well-known figure in the West, Lachy acted as npc to the Scottish Camrose team in the 1949 match against Wales.

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### 24 Jack Robertson 1963-64



Jack had the distinction of being President in the year that Scotland beat England in the Camrose series and went on to win the trophy for the first time. "Mr Robertson spent twenty years in Dundee, and did much towards

organising competitive bridge in and around the city. He is an honorary member of Dundee Bridge Club, and the members subscribed for a trophy, the Robertson Salver, for which they play annually. An enthusiastic player, Jack Robertson has had in his day a fair measure of success at rugby, tennis, badminton and golf. He now lives in Edinburgh, and does a little gardening in between sessions of bridge at the Carlton and Melville Clubs. He says his greatest claim to distinction is that his wife Phil has preserved a most amicable bridge partnership with him over a period of 30 years." (*BM*, Feb 1964)

Phil Robertson represented Scotland in the Lady Milne Trophy in 1969, with Margaret Chalmers.

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### 25 Louis Shenkin 1964-65 (No 66 of 75)

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### 26 Charlie Bowman 1965-66 (No 9 of 75)

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### 27 Robert Frischmann 1966-67

"Dr Robert Frischmann, hails from Vienna where he graduated as Doctor of Law. He left Vienna at the end of 1938, lived for two years in London, and came to Scotland in 1940 with the intention of having a look around and staying for a year or two. He is still in Scotland, settled near Glasgow, and does not regret it. He is interested in classical music and reading and took up bridge in this country only. Although a keen enough player himself, for

him bridge is relaxation, an enjoyable game where he wants the ethics observed to the last dot. His sense of humour and courteous manner have made him many friends and he has helped for many years in the organisation and running of the game in Scotland." (*BM*, Feb 1967)

Bob Frischmann is remembered for the Junior Pairs Trophy which bears his name.

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### 28 John MacLaren 1967-68 (No 42 of 75)

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### 29 Alex MacWilliam 1968-69

Alex was also President of the Scottish Scrap Federation (as in scrap metal) and the Scottish Bowling Union. "...a quietly spoken gentleman whose sole object in life appears to be to put far more into any organisation that he could possibly hope to get out of it. A fine example of the canny Scot, Alex and his Newcastle-born wife Tot, are always there or thereabouts when the result sheets are finalised. A kind and patient person, he spends more time playing, watching or talking bridge at his clubs, the Buchanan and Hamilton, than he does anywhere else. Whether at club level, or at National Congresses, he prefers to stay firmly in the background and would gladly mow the lawns at Turnberry rather than make a speech. ...Having at one time or another held every position open to him in the SBU, he served for a number of years, prior to becoming President, on the Scottish Selection Committee and is one of the people responsible for raising Scotland from the wooden spoon category to a very competent team which now causes considerable embarrassment to the English pairs." (*BM*, Jul 1969)

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### 30 John Miller 1969-70

"John Miller was born a son of the manse in Yetholm in the Borders, and has spent his working life in the investment field of life assurance in Edinburgh. A keen golfer whose handicap for many years was one, and is still in single figures. Although a family man with one son and two daughters, John Miller has managed over the years to devote a good deal of time and energy to bridge administration, both in the Eastern District and the SBU Council, where his capacity for hard work has been utilised. Incidentally, John's one small boast is that his favourite partner is his wife, Marian." (*BM*,

Aug 1970) The Millers won the Easter Pairs in its second year, 1959. John was Secretary of the East District on and off from 1961-1977. He acted as Match Manager for Camrose matches and the visit of the Omar Sharif Circus in 1973.

### 31 Stanley Cameron 1970-71

Stanley joined the Council in 1965. When he completed his year as Past President in 1972 he was co-opted to the SBU Council alongside Charlie Bowman and Louis Shenkin, for services of special value. When Cyril Breene became ill his job as Secretary/Treasurer was split: Morag Malcolm became secretary, and Stanley took over as Treasurer. In 1978 he resigned from Council, passing the post of Treasurer to Carl Dickel.

### 32 Nicol McLaren 1971-72

Nicol was a jovial stalwart of Falkirk Bridge Club. He was President in the year that Scotland was first invited to take part in the bridge event at the Celtic festival in Lorient in Brittany. The trip was so enjoyable that Scottish teams (John Murdoch, Ross Woodburn, Bridie Power, Jack Paterson, Ken Baxter and many more) continued to attend the event for over 20 years. Nicol died in 1989.

### 33 Bobby Muir 1972-73

Bobby was the author of a series of entertaining articles in the SBU Competition Handbook entitled "The Doll". They would probably be considered too politically incorrect for modern day consumption. It was during his term of office that Cutty Sark Whisky donated the Salver that has come to be known as the 'President's Prize'. He was the first to award it, to Sandy Duncan and Brian Short.

### 34 Margaret Porteous 1973-74

Margaret, the first Lady President, was the only wife to follow her husband in the post (Tommy Porteous was the 12th President). She learned her bridge in the family house in Ayr before moving to Edinburgh after her marriage. She was a leading light of the Carlton Bridge Club, and organised a Carlton Ladies Congress in St Andrews, where she lived in her later years. Her successes with Tommy are listed above. Margaret also played with her sister, Isobel Davidson. They won the Scottish Women's Cup seven times and represented Scotland five times in the Lady Milne Trophy, winning in 1950, the first time it was played as

an international event. Bill Brown quotes her as describing herself as "a bloody bitch at the bridge table"; he described her as "a wonderful person".

Margaret died in 1978.

### 35 Henry Simmonds 1974-75

Henry had a brief career on Council, becoming a delegate in 1972, Vice-President in 1973, and President in 1974. He was unfortunately unwell during most of his presidential year. Margaret Porteous, in her role as Past President, proved an able substitute at many events.

### 36 Ian Morrison 1975-76 (No 53 of 75)

### 37 Norman Summers 1976-77

Norman Summers (1911-98) was born in Newcastle. He married his wife, Lily, and moved to Glasgow in 1939. He was a keen member of the St Mungo Bridge Club, where he organised tournaments and taught bridge. When the St Mungo and New Kenmure combined he became joint chairman of the Glasgow Bridge Centre. He served on the West Committee for ten years. Latterly he was an enthusiastic member of the bridge committee of the Glasgow Maccabi Club, still running tournaments till the end of his life. He arranged several charity bridge events, gladly giving of his time and expertise.

### 38 Peter Spence 1977-78



Peter was born in Ayrshire in 1913, but spent his childhood on the Perthshire estate of Lord and Lady Forteviot. There he learned to guddle for trout, fish for salmon, and shoot. On leaving school he joined the army as a private, rising to the rank

of major. He served throughout the Second World War, marrying Mary during a four-day embarkation leave, prior to an undisclosed posting. He had three children, Joy, Jim and Valerie. While in the forces he acquired an educational qualification that was the equivalent of an ordinary degree, and enabled him to become a teacher after just one year in training college. In Carnoustie High School he made up the timetables and always tried to ensure that he had no teaching commitments on Friday afternoons and Monday mornings so that he could spend



long weekends, at the Gleneagles (later Peebles) Congresses.

His love of bridge began in the army mess, where he watched people playing and was asked if he would like to join in. He declined, but immediately went in search of a book; after many hours of study and watching he felt competent to play; once started he just couldn't stop. He was a very loyal member of Dundee Bridge Club, where he taught bridge and edited the monthly newsletter, *The Grand Slam*, from 1983-1994. Peter charged his readers £1 per year, not because the money was needed, but because he enjoyed the personal contact involved in collecting subscriptions and distributing the magazine.

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### **39 Sol Barnett 1978-79** **(No 3 of 75)**

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### **40 Alan Bishop 1979-80**



A high-ranking civil servant, who, immediately after his retirement, was appointed HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland. During his term in office he contacted secondary schools throughout

Scotland in search of teams for the Scottish Schools Championship, and achieved a then record entry of over 20 teams. He had a long and successful partnership with Andrew McLeish. They were notorious for using 'Stayman' points rather than the more popular Milton Work, so that determining the range of their opening 1NT took rather longer than normal. Alan was a member of the team that won the Gold Cup in 1981.

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### **41 Jim Allison 1980-81**

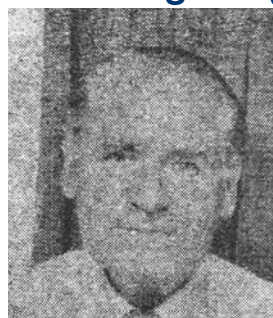


Jim ran the Rothesay Congress, which became quite notorious as a dating agency. He joined the Council in 1969 and worked assiduously until he completed his term of office as Past President in 1982.

### **42 Finlay Marshall 1981-82** **(No 48 of 75)**

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### **43 George Hay 1982-83**



George was a chiropodist. The second President from South District, he was a delegate to the SBU Council for 17 years, the longest-serving delegate from a District where four years is the norm.

George was President in the Golden Jubilee Year, which was marked by the production of a Gold booklet with articles from as many authors as Morag Malcolm could persuade to contribute. George's second wife **Babette** won the Women's Pairs in 1982 with Anne Gray.

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### **44 Chrissie Harrison 1983-84**



The second Lady President, Chrissie (1915-2007) brought her unique brand of charm and hospitality to the post. Most visitors to a Scottish Congress will remember a lady with a whisky glass in her hand, small in stature

but enormous in personality. Chrissie was the youngest daughter of John K McDonald, one of the founder members of the Buchanan Bridge Club. He introduced her and her sisters Jenny and Ellen, to the 'new game' that was all the rage. Chrissie did not play much till her own children grew up, but later joined the Buchanan, since her husband was often away. She won the Scottish Women's Cup in 1975, and, with her daughter Jill Arthur, the Fairlie Pairs in 1982. Her eldest sister, **Jenny McDonald**, played with their grandfather at Congresses, and when he died the sisters formed a regular partnership. The family – Chrissie, Jenny, Jill and Jimmie Arthur – won the second Dubai teams in 1977, in a star-studded field.

**45 Eric Steel 1984-85**

Eric came to bridge through playing Auction with his family. Later, at Aberdeen University, he graduated to Contract, where he was one of the

founders of the University bridge club. He joined the Northern Arts Club in 1950, and has acted as Committee member, card convener, President, and now Treasurer without a break for the past 50 years. Eric was a member of the SBU Council for 23 years from 1974-97. He convened many events, and was Chief Tournament Director and Congress Manager. In 1998 he was made Honorary Life President of North District. He was awarded the President's Prize in 2006 for his long years of tireless service. He retired from the endless grind of transporting equipment, deploying staff and duplimating boards in 2007, and was made an honorary member of the SBU at the 2008 AGM. In his acceptance speech he claimed to have been 'a good player in his day, a competent Tournament Director, and a hard worker, but not a public speaker'. He recalled a school prize-giving in 1939 where prizes were dispensed it seemed, to everybody but him. At the very end his name was called as 'best all-rounder'.

He met his wife **Jenny** at the Palais de Danse in 1951, and they were married in 1953, a strong marriage that has stood the test of time and bridge partnership. They won the Rayne Cup, and the Bowman Life Masters Pairs in two successive seasons. Jenny won the Scottish Women's Cup twice, and was twice selected for the Scottish Lady Milne team with Margaret Alexander. She became a Grand Master in November 2002. Her support for Eric in his many tasks has been invaluable, and she makes no secret of her pride in the bridge achievements of their son Les.

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**46 Bill Mitchell 1985-86**  
**(No 50 of 75)**
**47 Tom Marshall 1986-87**

Tom joined the Council in 1982. He lived in Cumbernauld, and was largely associated with the Edwin Berry Trophy when it was held in the Tryst Centre in that town.

**48 Iris Bukowska 1987-88**

The third Lady President, from Central District, married a Polish bridge player to acquire her unusual name. Iris was one of our hardest-working Tournament Directors. When she retired in 1993 Jenny Taggart wrote a

poem in her honour:

*"She taught us when directing match point pairs  
That she meant every single word she said  
And pity help the temperamental players  
Who messed with "she who has to be obeyed".  
She ruled the roost like Mrs Margaret Thatcher  
Bossing all the male TDs about  
Not one of them could ever even match her  
When she said "move" one moved without a doubt  
When she decided there would be no smoking  
Then no more smoking there would surely be  
But then she added – and she was not joking  
"This rule applies to all – even to me."*

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**49 Jimmie Arthur 1988-89**  
**(No 2 of 75)**
**50 Cameron Farquharson 1989-90**

Cameron is a very successful bar manager, who started his career in the Glenman's Tavern in Fife. His wife Thelma felt cut off from friends and family over the water, so he sold the Tavern, moved back to Bathgate, and bought Clark's Bar in

Edinburgh, a very successful landmark known as a



'drinkers' bar.' One evening he dropped into another famous establishment, Bennett's Bar, and discovered the owner was thinking of selling the family concern, but reluctant to see it taken over by a chain. Cameron made him a cash offer of a quarter of a million on the spot, and ran it successfully till he felt it was time to retire. After selling Bennett's he was approached by the owners of the Roseburn Bar in Murrayfield, his last undertaking. A non-drinker himself, Cameron has a lethally generous pouring hand. He and Thelma learned their bridge in Bathgate, where he is still a member. Health problems mean they are rarely seen now, but Cameron still plays occasionally in Falkirk.

### **51 Marion Hill 1990-91 (No 28 of 75)**

### **52 Richard Jarvis 1991-92**



Richard was born in Norwich in 1936, and graduated from Cambridge University with a doctorate in fluid dynamics. In 1962 he became a lecturer in mathematics at Queen's College in the University of St Andrews, later the

University of Dundee. In his youth he was interested in most sports, especially hockey, cricket and golf. He learned bridge from a friend at school, but did not become hooked on duplicate till he joined Dundee Bridge Club in 1977. He has an impressive list of national wins: three Rayne Cups; the National Pairs in 1983 with Richard Benstead; the Men's Teams in 1986; the Bowman Life Masters Pairs in 1999; and the Spence InterDistrict Pairs in 1991 with Roger Fletcher and again in 2008 with Ian Hunter. He became a Grand Master in 2001. Richard has served on various selection Committees, and acted as npc for two Camrose matches, coincidentally both against Northern Ireland. He also tried his hand at captaining the ladies team in 2003.

### **53 Donald Falconer 1992-93**

Donald is a member of Falkirk Bridge Club. His main interest lay in Tournament Direction, but he could play a little too. He won the National Pairs in 1989 with Dee Harley.

### **54 Bill Clow 1993-94**



Bill was Treasurer of the SBU for ten years from 1983 till he became President in 1993. He enjoys playing bridge abroad, notably at the European Mixed Championships in Bellaria in 2001, where he

represented Scotland with his wife Mollie. He was one of the first winners of the Scottish Cup Plate in 2002, and donated the trophy for the event.

### **55 Russell McClymont 1994-95**

A sheep farmer from Newton Stewart, Russell was the first Ayrshire President. He came from a card-playing family and developed his bridge skills at George Watson's College in Edinburgh. There was great enthusiasm for bridge in his boarding house, and he was soon called upon to make up a four. He joined Newton Stewart Bridge Club in 1958, and became a member of the Ayrshire District Committee in the seventies.

Russell was the SBU's first Chief Tournament Director. He was awarded the President's Prize in 1992 for his efforts to improve the standard of Tournament Direction in Scotland. After serving his term as Past President he was co-opted to Council in 1997: this honour lasted just one year, till the practice of co-option was abolished in 1998.

In 1996 he sold his farm and moved into Newton Stewart itself. He retired as Chief TD when diagnosed with skin cancer, from which he has happily made a full recovery. He developed some early computer scoring programmes, notably the scoring program for Camrose matches and the Gold Cup. His design for producing play records was superseded in the Camrose by the advent of BBO in 2006, but he still attends the Gold Cup Congress to score the semi-finals.

Russell remains a popular and much respected figure in Scottish Bridge. As such he was appointed to the Committee of Wise Men who investigated the SBU photocopier problem in 2006, and would be a first choice if a disciplinary panel were ever required. His wife Anne is constantly by his side, keeping him in order. Their son Donald features in the Chapter on Junior players.

## 56 Roy Bennett 1995-96 (No 6 of 75)

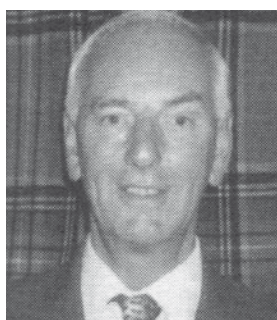
## 57 Tom Workman 1996-97



Tom lives in Paisley with his wife Catherine. His eldest son David went into partnership with him in a Computer Training and Consultancy Agency. Tom took over from Morag Malcolm as Secretary of the SBU in 1984, and was

responsible for several major changes. Thanks to him Council Meetings are now always held at a central venue rather than travelling around the bridge clubs. He oversaw the transition to Individual Membership. Tom took a great interest in bridge administration, becoming a delegate to the BBL, and President of that body in 1993. He was one of the first Presidents to travel abroad to major Championships.

## 58 Jim Cunningham 1997-98



Jim took up bridge in 1970, while working as a quantity surveyor in Cupar. He and his workmates enjoyed a lunchtime game of tennis on the nearby courts, till suddenly they were asked to pay for the privilege.

In true Scottish fashion they looked around for a cheaper pastime. One of them knew a little about bridge, and they taught themselves the game. When he moved to Dundee he joined Dundee Bridge Club, where he soon became, and remains, a Director. The Dundee BC monthly newsletter, "*The Grand Slam*" was inaugurated in 1947, and produced by various editors till 1973. Peter Spence revived it in 1983 and edited it for 12 years. After a two year gap Jim took over in March 1996, and he produced his 150th issue in August 2008.

Jim is modest about his achievements at the table, but admits to winning the Shenkin (Masters Individual) in 1983. As President, he represented Scotland in the Officials team for the inaugural *An Cupa Cairdeas* match against the Republic of Ireland in September 1997. He was partnered by

the one and only John MacLaren, and his proudest moment came several years later, when 'Big John' reminisced that it had been one of the most enjoyable experiences of his bridge life.

Jim is one of the world's workers, an experienced Tournament Director and a constant presence at Congresses, where he is accompanied by his helpmate and non-bridge-playing wife, Marjory.

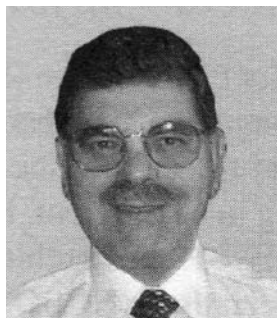
## 59 David Perry 1998-99



David is a retired research chemist. Born in Radstock, Somerset, he started work at the age of 17 as a Junior Scientist at the National Coal Board's Research Establishment near Cheltenham. Lunch hours were spent playing

Solo Whist, pontoon, brag – all sorts of card games, including bridge. Three years later he went to Exeter University to study chemistry, where he found himself instantly in the bridge team and bought his first bridge book, "Bridge is an Easy Game" by Iain McLeod, which introduced him to the novel idea of using a system. He enjoyed being a student: he stayed on at Exeter for three years to get a PhD in Physical Chemistry, then spent a year at the University of Oregon, and three more years at Leeds University doing post-graduate research. After ten years as a student it was time to look for gainful employment. He joined the Distillers Company Research Laboratories in Menstrie in 1969. His research into various aspects of whisky production and maturation involved the sampling, nosing and tasting of many malt whiskies - a tough job but someone had to do it! On arriving in Scotland he started to play bridge again, first in Dollar, then Stirling Union. As Vice-President of the SBU he chaired the Tournament Committee, and was responsible for introducing seeding in the Scottish Cup, and national semi-finals in the National Pairs. David was editor of the *Scottish Bridge News* from 1999-2002. He convened the Bobby Allan Simultaneous Pairs for 14 years with smooth efficiency. He claims that his bridge achievements are modest, but he won the National Swiss Pairs two years in succession and the Diamond Trophy, all with Simon Muir. His other interests include hill walking, bird watching, following the England cricket team (sad), and buying and selling things on e-bay.

## 60 Peter Cohen 1999-00



Peter comes from London, where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He met his wife, Helena, while working on an audit in Glasgow. Bridge was in Helena's family blood (her uncle was the Scottish international

Harry Cohen, and she was taught the game by her cousins, Irving Rose and Jackie Ross) but Peter had no knowledge of the game. Whenever they went out to dinner with Helena's family the conversation turned to bridge, and although the subject was changed on request it always returned to the main topic of interest. Peter and Helena realised that if they were ever to talk over dinner they would have to take up bridge: "It has brought us a lifetime of enjoyment, trips to exotic places, and great memories of playing against the world's best, such as Belladonna and Garozzo, and Omar Sharif. We still play, and are still talking to one another."

Peter was unfortunate in having to chair the 2000 AGM, featuring the contentious vote of no confidence in the selection committee, but performed the role with great tact and skill. He has been involved in organisation at various levels, and is now the SBU's hard-working Congress Manager. With Helena's assistance he has run three annual Congresses at Peebles since 2003 and will manage the SBU's first Overseas Congress in May 2009.

## 61 Jim Wilcox 2000-01



Jim started to play bridge regularly in 1972 when he was a founder member of Ayr Caledonian Bridge Club. In 1993 he was appointed Treasurer of the Scottish Bridge Union, a post he held till he became President. He combined the

roles of Secretary and Treasurer for one year, 1996-97, when Tom Workman was President. After his Presidential year he became Secretary of the Union till 2003. His accountancy training served him well in these posts, which he performed meticulously but always with good humour. He retired from Council in 2003, but still performs various odd jobs on request.

Jim is interested in all aspects of bridge administration. He attended a European Bridge League Tournament Directors Course in Milan in 1996, and was the second Scottish candidate to attain a pass mark. He directs at many Congresses, and also runs Hilton Bridge Breaks, which he has made successful by his careful preparation and unfailing good humour.

He plays mostly with his wife, Pat, favouring the Precision Club method they were originally taught.

## 62 Pat Wilson 2001-02



Pat comes from a bridge-playing family: her mother and aunt ran duplicate at the golf club in Blyth, Northumberland where Pat was brought up. She learned "Asking club, strong NT and 4C for aces". When she married Les in the late

1950s they moved to Dunfermline and joined the bridge club there. There were fewer competitions then, and many eight-table 'friendly' matches against other clubs, particularly the 'Hillfoot villages'. This was before convention cards: one couple told them: "I play Culbertson, my partner plays Acol, and we meet somewhere in the middle!"

Pat particularly remembers the East Congress at North Berwick "when the brochure came out you had to put in an entry by the following day or you didn't get in! Now we are spoilt for choice."

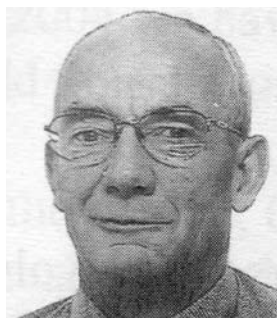
Pat was born on a Saturday, and has always been secretary of her club, or sat on the committee, or been tournament director. She has taught bridge in Stirling for many years – it was through her classes that Sam Punch got involved with bridge. Before moving to Stirling she was Vice Chairman of NEBA, and on arrival she was greeted with the words "We hear you are a worker" – there was a mutual acquaintance in Newcastle.

Pat took over the Presidency at a difficult time, and performed her duties with grace and impartiality.

Les and Pat play together in marital harmony. They won the Helen Walton Mixed Teams in 2007 with Anne Ritchie and Alan Shepherd.

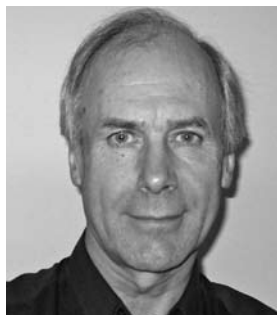
## 63 Ken Baxter 2002-03 (No 4 of 75)



**64 Alastair McFadzean 2003-04**

A livestock farmer from the Dumfries area, Alistair became the third South District President after relatively short service on Council. He comes from a card-playing family, and took up bridge in his youth in the 1940s.

He was thrown in at the deep end of bridge politics when the English Bridge Union proposed to alter the distribution of Bridge Great Britain assets so that they would eventually receive 80% of the profit from the BGB Simultaneous Pairs, leaving just 10% each for Wales and Scotland. Alastair attended a meeting with the EBU board in Manchester which laid the groundwork for their change of heart in 2006: the EBU has settled for 60%, leaving 20% each for Scotland and Wales, the main source of funding for our international teams.

**65 David Merriman 2004-05**

David joined the Council in 2000. He is a hard worker for both the West District and Scotland. Since relinquishing office he has taken on the job of SBU webmaster, a job he performs with exemplary enthusiasm. He plays

with his wife Heather, who teaches bridge in the Buchanan Bridge Club, and has taken her turn as West District Education Officer.

**66 Liz McGowan 2005-06  
(No 39 of 75)**

Beryl is the first President to serve a two-year term since Clement Ellis at the end of the Second World War. After some infighting between East and West during the previous presidency neither District offered a suitable

candidate, and Beryl was the most experienced

delegate from the other Districts. Council recognised her commitment and hard work by asking her to continue for a second term.

Beryl is a dentist, who became interested in bridge after playing other card games at home. Basically self-taught, she joined Dundee Bridge Club in 1974. She has become an enthusiastic teacher, and has been Central District Education Officer since the post was introduced in 1997. She went to the World Championships in Verona in 2006 to play in the Mixed Pairs with Allan Gordon, then secretary of Central District. That partnership won the Diamond Senior Pairs in 2007-08, and Beryl has also won the Spence Cup in 1998 with Tom Parker.

**68 Fiona Abbott 2008-09**

Fiona does not remember learning bridge, but she



remembers playing at the RAF Club in Gibraltar, where her husband was stationed. There were no boards or wallets, and cards were transported from table to table in HMSO envelopes. She moved to Ayrshire in 1977,

where she joined Troon Bridge Club, and soon became involved in bridge administration. Fiona is a qualified Tournament Director, and took over as Master Point Secretary when Moira McVeigh retired in 2000. This, in addition to an earlier spell on Council as an Ayrshire delegate, gave her the experience on Council that qualified her to become President in our anniversary year, only the third Ayrshire representative to hold the office (largely because the Ayrshire Constitution does not allow anyone to serve more than four consecutive years on Council). A keen golfer, Fiona is a member of the Ladies Club, Troon.

**67 Beryl Campbell 2006-08**

# The Secretaries

## Leonard A Elgood 1933-37

The first secretary brought a wealth of experience as secretary of the Scottish Cricket Union. He was largely responsible for the original Constitution, based on that of the SCU.

## Harold Walker 1937-1946

Harold took over as Secretary when Leonard Elgood found the job too much to combine with his other responsibilities, and held the Union together through the War years. Robert Gray recalled attending his first Council Meeting in 1946: four representatives from the West travelled to Edinburgh by train. "Cards were produced – which was not surprising. What was surprising was that the game was Solo Whist. Perhaps it was more suitable than bridge for a ninety minute train journey, perhaps it was just for a change, but I think the real reason was that the Honorary Secretary Harold Walker was a Solo Whist expert."

## Harry Kershaw 1946-1949

Harry was the bridge correspondent for the *Daily Record*, and as such a professional.

He could act as secretary of the Union, but not be a delegate. He stood out in the crowd of bridge players because he had only one arm – he was one of the first players to use a card-holder.

## Carl Dickel 1949-55

Secretary/Treasurer of the Scottish Bridge Union, and its West District, from 1949-1955, Carl treasures a silver cigarette case engraved: "SBU and SBUWD To C E Dickel, Secretary and Treasurer 1949-1955 With Gratitude and Good Wishes"

In 1996 Carl was made an honorary Life Member of the Scottish Bridge Union.

"The other home countries can (and do) look with no little envy on the workings of the Scottish Bridge Union. Its members show an enthusiasm for organised duplicate bridge that none of the other Unions can match – the Scottish Cup, for example, attracts an entry over twice the size of that attracted by the EBU teams-of-four championship and, what is more, more than twice the size of that attracted by the Gold Cup. Seasoned international players know that a Camrose match in Scotland is always assured of the maximum degree of public

interest. The main architect of this successful state of affairs is the honorary secretary and treasurer, Carl Edward Dickel.

Carl Dickel took over in 1949 from a predecessor with a particularly high record of efficient service, Harry Kershaw. There can be no higher tribute to his work than to say that in the past three years the organisation has gone from strength to strength. In a sense this is not surprising, for CED brought to his new office the combination of a keen and active interest in bridge and the professional qualifications for such a post. He is a partner in a well-known firm of chartered accountants. A member of the famous Buchanan Bridge Club, he plays most of his bridge at the Kingswood Club (men only), which is his local centre. His team of local boys reached the semi-final of the Scottish Cup a couple of years ago. His monthly article, 'Over the Border' is always pithily written and full of interest, not only to Scottish readers, but to all bridge lovers."

(*CBJ*, March 52)

Carl won the inaugural BBL Cup in 1978; the inaugural Men's Pairs in 1980; and the Jesner Masters Pairs in 1969. He played one Camrose match with Bill Mitchell against Wales in 1968, which Scotland won.

Apart from his monthly article for the "*Contract Bridge Journal*" which covered Scottish bridge news, Carl was bridge correspondent of the '*Glasgow Herald*' from 1958-1998.

He wrote a weekly column, often featuring his personal protagonist, MacTavish. He remained responsible for *The Herald's* excellent results service even after the column was syndicated. His journalism was well thought of: in 1984 he received the Sobranie Award for Bridge Writer of the Year



Carl receives his award from Rixi Markus.



from Rixi Markus. He published "Green Baize Knavery" a compilation of his articles, in 1999, and has written another book: "The Curse of the Nine of Diamonds" – but lacks the energy to publish it!

### **Charles J Edmond 1955-60**

The son of President No 9, James P Edmond, Charles took over from Carl Dickel in 1955. His wife was simultaneously appointed Assistant Secretary. Unfortunately little is known about this period in SBU history.

### **Cyril Breene 1960-75**

Cyril combined the jobs of Secretary of the Scottish Bridge Union, and of the West District. He was responsible for the production and publication of the Competition Brochure in 1960, and its continued publication and expansion for the next 15 years. Cyril died suddenly in January 1976, and the SBU commemorated his efforts with the Cyril Breene Trophy, a new competition for Women's Pairs.

He was ably assisted by his wife Ruth, and her contribution was recognised when they were made joint Secretary/Treasurer in 1973. Ruth continued as secretary of the West District till the end of the 1978. She won the Scottish Women's Cup in 1967 and represented Scotland in the Lady Milne that year. She died in 1995.

### **Morag Malcolm 1975-84 (No 45 of 75)**

Morag took over at short notice when Cyril Breene became ill, on a temporary basis which lasted for 8 years.

### **Tom Workman 1984-2001**

Tom took over as Secretary of the SBU when Morag retired due to ill-health. At the same time he became Secretary of the West District. He had little experience of Council, which meant he brought a fresh mind to its affairs. He became the 57th President in 1996-97, then returned to the Secretaryship till 2000, when he handed over to Jim Wilcox. He remained secretary of the West District till 2005, when Horst Kopleck took over.

### **Jim Wilcox 1996-97; 2001-03**

Jim added the role of Secretary to that of Treasurer for one year during Tom Workman's Presidency,

then took over from Tom for two years till he retired from Council.

### **David Liggat 2003- (No 36 of 75 )**

The current incumbent is the most illustrious player to hold the post. He has made a point of attending delegate meetings of both the WBF and the EBL while representing Scotland abroad. Another secretarial duty was to appear live on Canadian local radio to give an explanation of why the nine of diamonds is known as the Curse of Scotland.

### **The Treasurers**

Until 1975 the posts of Secretary and Treasurer were conjoined. When Morag Malcolm took over as Secretary at short notice on the death of Cyril Breene she declined to fill both jobs. Stanley Cameron (President No 31) acted as Treasurer till 1979, when he handed over to Carl Dickel. Bill Clow (President No 54) took over in 1983, and continued for ten years till he became President. Jim Wilcox (President No 61) was treasurer till he in turn became President.

### **Tim Wickens**

The current Treasurer took over in 2000. Tim is an accountant from Tyneside, now living in Fortrose, North of Inverness. The distance he has to travel does not deter him from playing in National events. He won the Men's Pairs in 2003, and the Stirling Pairs in 2008, both with Kim Fryer. As a boy, he was a keen chess player and he is an ex Scottish international postal chess player. He taught bridge for several years in the local secondary school alongside his wife Ann, but the school management gave little priority to the class and it is now defunct.



Winning the Highland District Congress Teams 2008. Ken & Rita MacDonald, Stewart MacDonald and Tim Wickens.

# The Trophies and their Winners

## The Scottish Cup (Daily Record Cup)

This is our oldest and most prestigious trophy. At the inaugural meeting of the Scottish Bridge Union Dr MacDonald announced that the *Daily Record* had presented a Cup for a national teams of four competition.

“The newly formed Scottish Bridge Union has now made final arrangements for the Scottish Bridge Cup competition. This competition is for teams of four players, to be entered in the name of a captain, which takes the form of duplicate contract bridge matches, and is on the knock-out principle. It is open to all players who are members of clubs in the Union. Any group of four or more individuals may form themselves into a club and join the Union. The earlier rounds will be of 32 boards, played in duplicate, but this number may be increased by the committee in later rounds. Each round will be drawn separately and the committee will, as far as is possible and equitable, arrange the draw in local groups, particularly in the earlier rounds, to avoid unnecessary travelling on the part of competitors” (*Scotsman*: 29/3/34)

In the first year, 1934, 102 teams entered, rising to 132 in 1937. The War disrupted entries: in 1950 there were just 73 teams, but the numbers grew to 122 in 1979. More recently, as alternative events proliferate, the competition has lost its mass appeal: in 2007 just 49 teams entered. In the mid-1950s match pointed scoring was introduced from the quarter-finals onwards; earlier rounds continued to be scored by aggregate until 1965.

The first final was held on June 30, 1934 in the Central Hotel, Glasgow, over 48 boards. “At the conclusion of the match the cup was handed over to Mr C Stewart by Dr W G MacDonald, President of the Scottish Bridge Union, replicas being given to each member of the team.” (*BBW*). Subsequent Finals were held in Glasgow in May, 100 boards

played over two days. Opponents were changed after 24 boards, 50 boards and 76 boards.



The 1950 Final. The players are Jean Macnair, Albert Benjamin, Ronald Manson and Archie Winetrobe. Also seated at the table are James Edmond and Bob Gray, and Stanley Cameron and Carl Dickel are in the audience. That year Jean also reached the Final of the Women's Cup, compelling the SBU to change its policy of playing both Finals on the same day.

In 1968 the number of boards was reduced to 64, four segments of 16, so that the final could be played in a single day. It was quite a formal occasion, with the players treated to a dinner at the end of play. Cost-cutting has since reduced the dinner to a free lunch, and the venue was chosen for the convenience of the finalists, but in 2006, when the final was first broadcast live on the internet, it was moved to Dundee for technical reasons. The 2007 Final was watched by nearly 1,000 spectators on BBO.

In the early days there was no seeding, but matches were arranged within Districts to avoid excessive travelling. Later the draw was an open one, with zoning for the Highland District only: one Highland team qualified for the last 8. Seeding came and went, with accompanying controversy. 1980 saw a brief experiment with teams of up to 6 players, with play along Gold Cup lines, in segments of eight boards if desired. The traditional team of four returned in 1983 as a result of special pleading by Bill Mitchell, who wanted to “give the event back to the people”.



Victor Goldberg's first win in 1949 James Edmond presents the trophy to Abie Needleman, Victor, Sam Bergson and Morris Strang



The 2008 winners. Jack Paterson, Liz McGowan, John Matheson and Brian Short

1933-34	Charles Stewart, Willie Baxter, John Baird, Bertie Cruickshank (Edinburgh)
1934-35	Ronald Manson, Alice Mackenzie, William (WG) Manson, George Purves (Edinburgh)
1935-36	Harold Clark, Dr A A F Peel, Mrs H Clark, Mrs J Neville (Glasgow)
1936-37	Judy Golombok (later Benjamin), Albert Benjamin, Harry ('Ginger') Leighton, Louis Mitchell (Glasgow)
1937-38	J Tidd, M G Thomson, Ralph Ashcroft, E Whitworth (Ardrossan)
1938-39	Stanley Nicolson, Clement Ellis, Peter Duff, G M Carmichael (Glasgow)
1940-45	<i>no competition</i>
1945-46	Stanley Nicolson, Clement Ellis, Peter Duff, G Bryce (Glasgow)
1946-47	Tommy & Margaret Porteous, Jean Macnair, Nigel Ross (Edinburgh)
1947-48	Alex Evsovitch, Barney Picovsky, Ralph Marks, Danny Kaplan (Glasgow)
1948-49	Sam Bergson, Victor Goldberg, Morris Strang, Abie Needleman (Glasgow)
1949-50	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin (Glasgow)
1950-51	Harry Cohen, Louis Rose, Sammy Stein, Archie Winetrobe (Glasgow)
1951-52	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin (Glasgow)
1952-53	Harry Cohen, Louis Rose, Sammy Stein, Archie Winetrobe (Glasgow)
1953-54	Tommy & Margaret Porteous, May Hunter, Tom Lamb (Edinburgh)
1954-55	David Skinner, Isobel Davidson, Peter Duff, E S Carswell
1955-56	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin
1956-57	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin
1957-58	Harry Cohen, Louis Rose, Sammy Stein, Archie Winetrobe
1958-59	Hugh Fraser, John Stevenson, Jim Fergusson, Bobby Allan
1959-60	Archie Winetrobe, Sammy Stein, Sam Leckie, Walter Linderman
1960-61	Bob Forbes, John MacLaren, Victor Goldberg, George Jesner
1961-62	Len & Louis Shenkin, Joe Gerber, David Landa
1962-63	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Victor Goldberg, Sam Leckie
1963-64	George Jesner, John MacLaren, Sol & Harry Barnett
1964-65	Billy Gray, Jack Porter, Robert Inglis, Ian Tarbet (Dundee)
1965-66	Victor Goldberg, Sam Leckie, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone
1966-67	Victor Goldberg, Sam Leckie, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone
1967-68	Tom Culbertson, Hugh Kelsey, Jean Macnair, Ronald Manson
1968-69	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, John Matheson, Jack Paterson
1969-70	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, John Matheson, Jack Paterson
1970-71	Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone
1971-72	Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone
1972-73	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, John Matheson, Jack Paterson
1973-74	Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone, Victor Goldberg, Patrick Jourdain
1974-75	Tom Lamb, Bill Monteith, Albert Benjamin, Jimmy Baird
1975-76	Willie Coyle, John Matheson, Victor Goldberg, Patrick Jourdain
1976-77	Albert Benjamin, George Jesner, David Finestone, Martin Jacobs
1977-78	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1978-79	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1979-80	George Cuthbertson, Gerald Haase, Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin
1980-81	George Cuthbertson, Gerald Haase, Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin
1981-82	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1982-83	George Cuthbertson, Gerald Haase, Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin, Willie Coyle, Derek Diamond
1983-84	David Liggat, David Frew, Jim Patrick, Martin White
1984-85	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1985-86	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, Hugh Kelsey, John McMonagle
1986-87	Charles Outred, Vi Mitchell (Outred), Ian Howie, John Murdoch
1987-88	Charles Outred, Vi Mitchell (Outred), Ian Howie, John Murdoch
1988-89	Roy Bennett, Les Steel, Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson
1989-90	Charles Outred, John Murdoch, Victor Goldberg, Vi Mitchell (Outred)
1990-91	David Liggat, David Frew, John Matheson, Jim Patrick

## THE TROPHIES AND THEIR WINNERS

1991-92	David Liggat, David Frew, Sandy Duncan, John Matheson
1992-93	Victor Goldberg, John Matheson, Barnet Shenkin, Les Steel
1993-94	Victor Goldberg, John Matheson, Barnet & Maggie Shenkin
1994-95	Charles & Vi Outred, Ian Crorie, James McGeorge
1995-96	John Murdoch, Dave Walker, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
1996-97	John Matheson, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Les Steel, Brian Short
1997-98	David Liggat, David Frew, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
1998-99	David Liggat, David Frew, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
1999-00	David Liggat, David Frew, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
2000-01	Malcolm Cuthbertson, John Matheson, Tommy Garvey, Les Steel
2001-02	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper
2002-03	Charles & Vi Outred, Derek Diamond, Brian Spears
2003-04	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Jack Paterson, Brian Short
2004-05	Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall, John Murdoch, Douglas Piper
2005-06	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker, James McGeorge, Les Steel
2006-07	John Matheson, Liz McGowan, Jack Paterson, Brian Short
2007-08	John Matheson, Liz McGowan, Jack Paterson, Brian Short

### Most Wins

15	Victor Goldberg	49; 61; 63; 66; 67; 71; 72; 74; 76; 80; 81; 83; 90; 93; 94	45 year spread
12	John Matheson	69; 70; 73; 76; 91; 92; 93; 94; 97; 01; 07; 08	39 year spread
9	John MacLaren	61; 64; 69; 70; 73; 78; 79; 82; 85	24 year spread
8	Albert Benjamin	37; 50; 52; 56; 57; 63; 75; 77	40 year spread
	Brian Short	78; 79; 82; 85; 97; 04; 07; 08	30 year spread
7	Willie Coyle	66; 67; 71; 72; 74; 76; 83	17 year spread
	Jack Paterson	69; 70; 73; 89; 04; 07; 08	39 year spread
	Barnet Shenkin	71; 72; 80; 81; 83; 93; 94	23 year spread
6	Sandy Duncan	78; 79; 82; 85; 92; 02	24 year spread
	David Frew	84; 91; 92; 98; 99; 00	16 year spread
	David Liggat	84; 91; 92; 98; 99; 00	16 year spread
	Louis Mitchell	37; 50; 52; 56; 57; 63	26 year spread

5	Tom Culbertson	68; 78; 79; 82; 85	Bill Innes	96; 98; 99; 00; 05
	Finlay Marshall	96; 98; 99; 00; 05	John Murdoch	87; 88; 90; 96; 05
	Charles Outred	87; 88; 90; 95; 03	Vi Outred	87; 88; 90; 95; 03
	Len Shenkin	50; 52; 56; 57; 62	Louis Shenkin	50; 52; 56; 57; 62
	Victor Silverstone	66; 67; 71; 72; 74	Les Steel	89; 93; 97; 01; 06
4	Sam Leckie	60; 63; 66; 67	Liz McGowan	02; 04; 07; 08
	Sammy Stein	51; 53; 58; 60	Archie Winetrobe	51; 53; 58; 60

3	Ken Baxter	89; 02; 04	Harry Cohen	51; 53; 58	George Cuthbertson	80; 81; 83
	Malcolm Cuthbertson	97; 01; 06	Peter Duff	39; 46; 55	Gerald Haase	80; 81; 83
	George Jesner	61; 64; 77	Ian Morrison	69; 70; 73	Louis Rose	51; 53; 58
2	Roy Bennett	86; 89	Derek Diamond	83; 03	Clement Ellis	39; 46
	Ian Howie	87; 88	Patrick Jourdain	74; 76	Hugh Kelsey	68; 86
	Tom Lamb	54; 75	James McGeorge	95; 06	Jean Macnair	47; 68
	Ronald Manson	35; 68	Stanley Nicolson	39; 46	Jim Patrick	84; 91
	Douglas Piper	02; 05	Margaret Porteous	47; 54	Tommy Porteous	47; 54
	Dave Walker	96; 06				



The Scottish Cup has been played for 69 times. It has been won almost exclusively by teams from the central belt: the only exception was the 1965 win by a Dundee team. More than half the wins have been recorded by the 22 players who have won the Cup 5 times or more. Of the 107 names recorded on the Trophy, 51 have won more than once. Only 11 women have their names on the trophy, with just 22 wins between them.

The team of Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin won the Trophy 4 times, as did Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan and Brian Short. Three consecutive wins have been recorded only once, by David Liggat, David Frew, Bill Innes and Finlay Marshall, a feat which earned them the President's Prize in 2000.

In 2001, in an attempt to encourage more entries, the Scottish Bridge Union introduced a Plate competition for teams eliminated in their first match. Bill Clow, one of the first winners, donated a Trophy.

## Scottish Cup Plate Winners (Bill Clow Cup)

2001-02	Bill Clow, Alan Mill, John Donaldson, Jim Jordan
2002-03	Jimmie Arthur, Willie Coyle, Jill Arthur, Sheila Macdonald
2003-04	John Dick, Sam Malkani, Stuart McCreadie, Gordon Smith
2004-05	Iain Sime, Patrick Home, John MacLaren, Derek Sanders
2005-06	John Dick, Sam Malkani, Stuart McCreadie, Gordon Smith
2006-07	Roy Bennett, David Liggat, Harry Smith, Alex Adamson, Jimmie Arthur (posthumously)
2007-08	Catherine Gerrard, Sam Punch, Veronica Guy, Moray Jeffrey

## Scottish Women's Cup (The Bulletin Cup)

The Scottish Bridge Union's second national competition was announced in January 1936: a Women's Teams of Four for a trophy donated by the '*Glasgow Bulletin*'. It was to be run on the same knockout lines as the Scottish Cup, but with matches of 24 boards rather than 32. 65 teams entered in the first year, but this dropped to 52 in 1938-39, probably because the event required too much travelling.

After the war the early rounds were increased to 32 boards, and the aggregate scoring changed to international match points alongside the Scottish Cup. In 1963 the SBU announced that entries would be zoned: any District with at least 4 entries was guaranteed a place in the quarter-finals; Districts with fewer entries would join up with a neighbouring District. Entries continued to drop, and in 1970, under the convenership of Bob Sutherland, it was changed to a weekend event at Dunblane Hydro. Initially it was still run as a knockout teams, with subsidiary events for those eliminated, but the following season the format was amended to avoid byes. Teams were divided into groups for Multiple teams in the early stages, after which the leading teams became involved in knockout matches. Teams eliminated from the main event competed for the Beatrice Craig Cup, run as a Multiple teams. In 1974 Charlie Bowman moved the event to the Station Hotel, Perth, where it has been held ever since, to varying degrees of dissatisfaction among the players. The format was changed to a simple Swiss teams, 12x 9-board matches, and the event reduced to two days, omitting the Friday sessions. This proved popular, and numbers grew to over 70 teams, but have fallen since, to just 40 teams in 2008.

From 1950 till 1974 the winners of the Scottish Women's Cup were automatically selected to represent Scotland in the Lady Milne Trophy. The team of four could choose a third pair if they wished. In 1974 this privilege came to an end with the introduction of Women's Trials.



Tom Drummond presents the Trophy to the first winners



## THE TROPHIES AND THEIR WINNERS

1935-36	Helen Hadfield, Mrs A Beverley Currie, Mrs M D Duncan, Mrs E C W Arend
1936-37	Mrs J L Turpie, Mrs H B Rowan, Mrs J R Langmuir, Mrs W M Knox
1937-38	Catherine French, Jean Macnair, May Hunter, Edith Bergh
1938-39	Judy Golombok (later Benjamin), Maisie Rose, Isobel Davidson, Mrs A G Holmes
1939-45	<i>No competition</i>
1945-46	Mrs J L Turpie, Isobel Davidson, Mrs T Burnside, Evelyn Smith
1946-47	Alice Mackenzie, Margaret Porteous, Jean Macnair, Hylida Bell
1947-48	Mrs I R (JL) Turpie, Mrs J R Langmuir, Mrs T Burnside, Evelyn Smith
1948-49	Mrs J R Hendry Mrs J P Edmond, Mrs A S Roxburgh, Mrs A B Hepburn
1949-50	Margaret Porteous, Isobel Davidson, Faie Irvine, Ella Donaldson
1950-51	Mildred MacPhee, Helen Laird, Jean Stuart, Agnes Scott
1951-52	Mrs W B Jack, Miss A McKay, Mrs G Bannerman, Mrs E Hunter
1952-53	Freda Hayes, Mrs W Holden, May Wilkie, Ann Harkins
1953-54	Mrs A L Ellsworth, Mrs K Alexander, Mrs J Carlisle, Mrs A Reid
1954-55	Mrs G Dowdall, Mrs B French, Mrs M Bell, Mrs R Henderson
1955-56	Mrs A L Ellsworth, Mrs K Alexander, Mrs J Carlisle, Mrs A Reid
1956-57	Mrs F McCarroll, Mrs M Fleming, Mrs J A Rennie, Mrs J Stewart
1957-58	Margaret Porteous, Isobel Davidson, Jean Macnair, Evelyn Smith
1958-59	Margaret Porteous, Isobel Davidson, Jean Macnair, Evelyn Smith
1959-60	Judy Benjamin, Bessie Elston, Mrs A Jacobs, Flora Jacobs (later Frischmann)
1960-61	Agnes Johnston, Ann Harkins, May Wilkie, Bess McIntosh
1961-62	Mrs J W Fergusson, Mrs J B Mowat, Mrs K C Barr, Mrs H Thompson
1962-63	Mrs J W Fergusson, Mrs J B Mowat, Mrs K C Barr, Mrs H Thompson
1963-64	Evelyn Smith, Mrs M D Stevenson, Mrs M C Beaton, Miss M Horgan
1964-65	Betty Grant, Janette Scott, Jenny Fulton, Nan Mathew (Glenrothes)
1965-66	Evelyn Smith, Mrs M D Stevenson, Mrs M C Beaton, Miss M Horgan
1966-67	Bessie Dalziell, Mrs A Jacobs, Ruth Breene, Bessie Elston
1967-68	Jean Macnair, Judy Benjamin, Isobel Davidson, Margaret Porteous
1968-69	Jean Macnair, Judy Benjamin, Isobel Davidson, Margaret Porteous
1969-70	Rena Currie, Anne Glen, Helen Craig, Edie Fisher
1971	Isobel Davidson, Margaret Porteous, Judy Benjamin, Agnes Johnston
1972	Marjorie Moncrieff, Margaret Haldane, Betty Millet, Eileen Drever.
1973	Sheila McCreath, Margaret Will, Rena Currie, Anne Glen
1974	Judy Benjamin, Jean Macnair, Bessie Dalziell, Flora Frischmann
1975	Jill Arthur, Pam Kissen, Marion Hill, Chrissie Harrison
1976	Bess McIntosh, Margaret Alexander, Margaret Kidd, May Wilkie
1977	Jean Nicoll, Muriel Robertson, Ruby Martyn, Mary Orr
1978	Jean Nicoll, Muriel Robertson, Ruby Martyn, Mary Orr
1979	Margaret Gall, Margaret Alexander, Margaret Kidd, Mae Mitchell (now Middleton)
1980	Mary Gibb, Helen McIntosh, Joan Bibby, Jenny Steel.
1981	Ruby Martyn, Mary Orr, Muriel Robertson, Christine Young
1982	Moir McVeigh, Christine Sutherland, Ruth Woodburn, Linda Good
1983	Eileen Caldwell, Toby Fineman, Vi Mitchell (Outred), Bridie Power
1984	Morag Malcolm, Pam Kissen, Joyce Benson, Barbara Kay
1985	Joan Bibby, Jenny Steel, Margaret Allan, Kathy Copley,
1986	Marion Hill, Jennifer Monachan, Sheila Macdonald, Muriel Robertson
1987	Morag Malcolm, Liz McGowan, Jennifer Monachan, Barbara Kay
1988	Edith Lawrie, Anne Lawrie (Rosen), Phoebe Bennett, Robina Brown
1989	Morag Malcolm, Marion Hill, Barbara Kay, Joyce Benson
1990	Vi Mitchell (Outred), Bridie Power, Liz McGowan, Sandra Penfold
1991	Vi Mitchell (Outred), Bridie Power, Liz McGowan, Sandra Penfold
1992	Frances Murphy, Elma Munro, Sheila Macdonald, Muriel Robertson

1993	Chrissie Duthie, Hazel Mackenzie, Linda Watt, Edith Peters
1994	Sheila Macdonald, Muriel Robertson, Joyce Benson, Barbara Kay
1995	Vi Outred, Catherine Gerrard, Liz McGowan, Sandra Penfold
1996	Eileen Caldwell, Bridie Power, Maida Grant, Alex Onions
1997	Sheila Macdonald, Muriel Robertson, Joyce Benson, Barbara Kay
1998	Sheila Macdonald, Muriel Robertson, Joyce Benson, Barbara Kay
1999	Veronica Guy, Carolyn Peploe, Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker
2000	Vi Outred, Sandra Penfold, Catherine Gerrard, Liz Muir
2001	Margaret Alexander, Margaret Gall, Nancy Miller, Muriel Robertson
2002	Sandra Rabbits, Elizabeth McGuire, Sadie Craig, Emily Garden
2003	Vi Outred, Sandra Penfold, Catherine Gerrard, Liz Muir
2004	Vi Outred, Sandra Penfold, Catherine Gerrard, Liz Muir
2005	Shiena Lang, Eva Bone, Anne Griffiths, Moira McGregor
2006	Eileen Caldwell, Bridie Power, Maida Grant, Sheila Macdonald
2007	Vi Outred, Sandra Penfold, Catherine Gerrard, Liz Muir
2008	Morag Beaton, Janet Rixon, Margaret Alexander, Nancy Miller

## Most Wins

9	Muriel Robertson	77; 78; 81; 86; 92; 94; 97; 98; 01	24 year spread
8	Isobel Davidson	39; 46; 50; 58; 59; 68; 69; 71	32 year spread
	Vi Outred	83; 90; 91; 95; 00; 03; 04; 07	24 year spread
7	Jean Macnair	38; 47; 58; 59; 68; 69; 74	36 year spread
	Sandra Penfold	90; 91; 95; 00; 03; 04; 07	17 year spread
	Margaret Porteous	47; 50; 58; 59; 68; 69; 71	24 year spread
6	Judy Benjamin	39; 60; 68; 69; 71; 74	35 year spread
	Barbara Kay	84; 87; 89; 94; 97; 98	14 year spread
	Sheila Macdonald	86; 92; 94; 97; 98; 06	20 year spread
	Evelyn Smith	46; 48; 58; 59; 64; 66	20 year spread

5	Joyce Benson	84; 89; 94; 97; 98	Catherine Gerrard	95; 00; 03; 04; 07
	Liz McGowan	87; 90; 91; 95; 99	Bridie Power	83; 90; 91; 96; 06
4	Margaret Alexander	76; 79; 01; 08	Liz Muir	00; 03; 04; 07

3	Eileen Caldwell	83; 96; 06	Marion Hill	75; 86; 89	Morag Malcolm	84; 87; 89
	Ruby Martyn	77; 78; 81	Mary Orr	77; 78; 81	Mrs J L Turpie	37; 46; 48
	May Wilkie	53; 61; 76				
2	Mrs K Alexander	54; 56	Mrs KC Barr	62; 63	Mrs MCB Eaton	64; 66
	Joan Bibby	80; 85	Mrs T Burnside	46; 48	Mrs J Carlisle	54; 56
	Rena Currie	70; 73	Bessie Dalziell	67; 74	Mrs A L Ellsworth	54; 56
	Bessie Elston	60; 67	Mrs JW Fergusson	62; 63	Flora Frischmann	60; 74
	Margaret Gall	79; 01	Anne Glen	70; 73	Maida Grant	96; 06
	Ann Harkins	53; 61	Miss M Horgan	64; 66	Mrs A Jacobs	60; 67
	Margaret Kidd	76; 79	Agnes Johnston	61; 71	Pam Kissen	75; 84
	Mrs JR Langmuir	37; 48	Bess McIntosh	61; 76	Nancy Miller	01; 08
	Jennifer Monachan	86; 87	Mrs B Mowat	62; 63	Jean Nicholl	77; 78
	Mrs A Reid	54; 56	Jenny Steel	80; 85	Mrs MD Stevenson	64; 66
	Mrs H Thompson	62; 63				

The Scottish Women's Teams consistently attracts a larger entry than the Whitelaw, its English counterpart. It has been played 67 times, with 87 single winners out of 268. Although most frequently won by teams from the central belt, there is a fair representation from other Districts, notably the North. Sandra Penfold of England is one of the most frequent winners, along with Liz Muir. Although many Scottish women players have travelled South to play in the Whitelaw, we cannot boast equal success: Liz McGowan has won it

three times, Fiona McQuaker once.



Whitelaw winners 1997. Liz and Fiona with Jacqui Tobias and Lizzie Godfrey

## Beatrice Craig Trophy

This was donated in 1971 for the winners of the Subsidiary Competition: now presented to the runners-up.

1970	Kath Fyfe, J Shearer, R Anderson, M Wilson
1971	Mona Leach, Margaret Gall, Margaret Kidd, Nancy Miller
1972	Mona Leach, Margaret Gall, Margaret Kidd, May Wilkie
1973	Isobel Davidson, Margaret Porteous, Judy Benjamin, Agnes Johnston
1974	H Houghton, M Liddell, Janie Milligan, Binah Peyton-Brown
1975	Kath Fyfe, Mrs E V Findlay, Margaret Niven, Isobel Traill
1976	Iris Bukowska, Beatrice Copson, Isobel Davidson, Margaret Porteous
1977	Shelagh Bruce, Liz McGowan, Rena Currie, Anne Glen
1978	Iris Bukowska, Beatrice Copson, Marjorie Moncrieff, Margaret Haldane
1979	Mrs E V Findlay, Ruth McInroy, Dorothy Cameron, Nancy Miller
1980	Morag Malcolm, Pam Kissen, Rena Currie, Anne Glen
1981	Mrs D Lintott, Mrs H Mackenzie, Sadie Craig, Emily Garden
1982	Jenny Steel, Joan Bibby, Mrs E Hendry, Cathy Bertram
1983	Margaret Gall, Nancy Miller, Margaret Alexander, Margaret Kidd
1984	Pat Barton, Georgia Ray, Val Curran, Margaret McCabe
1985	Pat Barton, Georgia Ray, Val Curran, Margaret McCabe
1986	Pat Barton, Georgia Ray, Margaret McCabe, Sandra Penfold
1987	Chrissie Harrison, Jenny MacDonald, Vera Kenyon, Veronica Guy
1988	Margaret Miller, Fiona Lawson, Marion Fisher, Gwen Jones
1989	Muriel Robertson, Sheila Macdonald, Christine Young, Bridie Power
1990	Pam Kissen, Catherine Gerrard, Maggie McLeay (Shenkin), Georgia Ray
1991	Jean Paton, Sheila Peebles, Bunty Burns, Sheila Nicholson
1992	Liz McGowan, Sandra Penfold, Vi Mitchell (Outred), Bridie Power
1993	Marion Hill, Eileen Caldwell, Maida Grant, Alex Onions
1994	Sheila McCreath, Moira Waddell, Rena Currie, Anne Glen
1995	Margaret Gall, Nancy Miller, Margaret Alexander, Morag Malcolm
1996	Michele Sellyn (Alexander), Deirdre Sanders, Frances Forbes, Mrs C Simpson
1997	Eileen Caldwell, Bridie Power, Maida Grant, Alex Onions
1998	Anne Martin, Joan Mercer, Briony Multon, Bronwen Wheatley
1999	Sandra Penfold, Vi Outred, Gilly Clench, Catherine Gerrard
2000	Eileen Caldwell, Bridie Power, Maida Grant, Alex Onions
2001	Carolyn Peplow, Veronica Guy, Fiona McQuaker, Liz McGowan
2002	Anne Martin, Joan Mercer, Briony Multon, Bronwen Wheatley
2003	Anne Martin, Joan Mercer, Briony Multon, Bronwen Wheatley
2004	Pat Barton, Georgia Ray, Val Curran, Margaret McCabe
2005	Sandra Rabbitts, Elizabeth McGuire, Sadie Craig, Emily Garden
2006	Jill Arthur, Maria Jackson, Ursula Harper, Barbara Kay
2007	Pat Wilson, Anne Ritchie, Rosemary Miller, Evelyn Outred
2008	Shiena Lang, Liz Hunter, Ann Griffiths, Moira McGregor

## Scottish National Pairs (The Scotsman Cup)

The third major event in the Scottish Bridge Union calendar dates from 1946. "The Scottish Bridge Union has this year instituted a Scottish National Pairs Championship, for which *'The Scotsman'* has presented a Cup for annual competition. Preliminary Rounds will be played in various districts throughout Scotland between November 27 and December 20, and the Final will be held in Glasgow early in 1946." (*'Scotsman'*: 10/10/45) The East put up a fight for the final, and it was actually held in the Melville club in Edinburgh until 2004, when concerns about disabled access caused a move to the new premises of Stirling Bridge Club.

Qualifying rounds were held in the clubs, and semi-finals produced a 12-pair final with 4 pairs from Glasgow, 4 from Edinburgh, 2 from Aberdeen and 2 from Dundee. The Final consisted of 44 boards played over 2 sessions. In the first year qualifying rounds were held over a single evening, but the players argued for more boards, and two sessions became the norm. As the calendar became more crowded, the SBU reverted to a single-session qualifying round in 1977. The event grew in size and popularity, more intermediate rounds were required, and the Final became fixed at 16 pairs. In 1998 National Semi-finals were introduced to distinguish the event from an Inter-District Pairs.

1945-46	Margaret & Tommy Porteous	1977-78	Jimmy Baird & Ian Howie
1946-47	Peter Duff & G Bryce	1978-79	Douglas Newlands & Douglas Mitchell
1947-48	Hymie & Sol Barnett	1979-80	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short
1948-49	Peter Duff & Harry Kershaw	1980-81	Bill Mitchell & Roy Bennett
1949-50	Freda Hayes & Ann Weir	1981-82	Ken Baxter & Jack Paterson
1950-51	Alex Evsovitch & Jackie Josephson	1982-83	Richard Benstead & Richard Jarvis
1951-52	Albert Benjamin & Harry Cohen	1983-84	Moore McVeigh & Bob Sutherland
1952-53	W D Reid & J Peters	1984-85	John Dick & Stuart McCreadie
1953-54	Archie Winetrobe & Danny Tait	1985-86	Frances Murphy & Betty Stevenson
1954-55	Hugh Fraser & John Stevenson	1986-87	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short
1955-56	Bob Forbes & John MacLaren	1987-88	Jim McMenemy & Brian Spears
1956-57	Bob Forbes & John MacLaren	1988-89	Donald Falconer & Ian (Dee) Harley
1957-58	Walter Linderman & Jackie Ross	1989-90	Danny Kane & John McMonagle
1958-59	Victor Goldberg & George Jesner	1990-91	Ian Crorie & Malcolm Cuthbertson
1959-60	Hugh Fraser & John Stevenson	1991-92	Sheila Macdonald & Muriel Robertson
1960-61	Sandy Bremner & Bruno Serafini	1992-93	Danny & Helen Kane
1961-62	Jimmy Allan & Galloway Shearer	1993-94	Sandy Duncan & Douglas Piper
1962-63	Sandy Bremner & Bruno Serafini	1994-95	Danny & Helen Kane
1963-64	Andrew McLeish & Ian Morrison	1995-96	Danny & Helen Kane
1964-65	Harry Cohen & Louis Levinson	1996-97	David Frew & David Liggat
1965-66	Sol & Harry Barnett	1997-98	David Frew & David Liggat
1966-67	Victor Goldberg & Sam Leckie	1998-99	Les Steel & Dave Walker
1967-68	John MacLaren & John Matheson	1999-00	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Douglas Piper
1968-69	Ken Baxter & Fred Short	2000-01	Les Steel & Dave Walker
1969-70	Alec Anderson & Alec McDonald	2001-02	Simon Gillam & George Wood
1970-71	Willie Coyle & Victor Silverstone	2002-03	Ken Brown & Harry Vickers
1971-72	John MacLaren & John Matheson	2003-04	Patrick Home & Iain Sime
1972-73	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short	2004-05	David Frew & David Liggat
1973-74	Tom Culbertson & Hugh Kelsey	2005-06	Bill Innes & Bill Livingston
1974-75	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short	2006-07	Les Steel & Dave Walker
1975-76	Ken Baxter & Jack Paterson	2007-08	Les Steel & Dave Walker
1976-77	Richard Benstead & Milos Sudjic		



## Most Wins

5	Sandy Duncan	73; 75; 80; 87; 94				
4	Danny Kane	90; 93; 95; 96	John MacLaren	56; 57; 68; 72	Brian Short	73; 75; 80; 87
	Les Steel	99; 01; 07; 08	Dave Walker	99; 01; 07; 08		
3	Ken Baxter	69; 76; 82	Helen Kane	93; 95; 96		
	David Frew	97; 98; 05	David Liggat	97; 98; 05		
2	Sol Barnett	48; 67	Richard Benstead	77; 83	Sandy Bremner	61; 63
	Harry Cohen	52; 65	Malcolm Cuthbertson	91; 00	Peter Duff	47; 49
	Bob Forbes	56; 57	Hugh Fraser	55; 59	Victor Goldberg	59; 67
	John Matheson	68; 72	Jack Paterson	76; 82	Douglas Piper	94; 00
	Bruno Serafini	61; 63	John Stevenson	55; 59		

The National Pairs has been won by a wider spread of players than the Scottish Cup, and, as noted by Ronald Manson in 1950:

“The Scotsman Cup for the National Pairs is the first trophy to go North of the Forth. It was won by Mrs Hayes (Dundee) and Mrs D Weir (Perth). Perhaps now we shall see the northern and central districts taking their share of the national trophies.” (*Scotsman*: 28/3/50)

Helen Kane is the only woman to win more than once, but 6 women have their names on the trophy.

Most successful partnerships:

4 wins     Sandy Duncan & Brian Short, Les Steel & Dave Walker

3 wins     David Frew & David Liggat, Danny & Helen Kane

2 wins     Ken Baxter & Jack Paterson, Sandy Bremner & Bruno Serafini, Bob Forbes & John MacLaren  
               Hugh Fraser & John Stevenson, John MacLaren & John Matheson

## Scottish National Multiple Teams (Edward Rayne Cup)

The fourth national competition run by the SBU was a teams of four, to be played for our most valuable silver trophy. This was donated by Edward Rayne after he won the teams at both Scottish Congresses in 1948.

It was originally a knockout aggregate teams, differentiated from the Scottish Cup by the fact that it was a Pivot Teams, where the Captain played one-third of the boards with each of his team-mates. So that the captain could play equally with each of his team-mates the final consisted of 96 boards rather than the 100 of the Scottish Cup. It evolved into a Multiple Teams, with qualifying rounds in the clubs, and semi-finals in the Districts.

1949	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Hymie & Sol Barnett
1950	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Hymie & Sol Barnett
1951	Joe Gerber, David Landa, Louis Rose, Archie Winetrobe
1952	Judy Benjamin, Harry Barnett, Danny Tait, Morrie Luckner
1953	Joe Gerber, David Landa, Albert Benjamin, Archie Winetrobe
1954	Alec Fell, Sonny Balarski, Jack Hymans, Danny Caplan
1955	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Victor Goldberg, George Jesner
1956	Ken Gray, Jim B Cunningham, Angus Cameron, Harry Robb
1957	Len & Louis Shenkin, David Landa, Sammy Stein
1958	Bill & Agnes Johnston, Freda Hayes, May Wilkie
1959	Ronald Manson, Jean Macnair, Jim Fergusson, Bobby Allan
1960-61	Harry & Sol Barnett, Joe Gerber, Archie Winetrobe
1961-62	Jack & Etta Farquharson, Matt & Ina Pillans
1962-63	Hugh Fraser, John Stevenson, Isobel Davidson, Arthur MacAloon
1963-64	Ray Lewis, Margaret Burgess, Alec Anderson, Alec McDonald
1964-65	Milton Miller, Isaac Mendelsohn, Alex Evsovitch, Morrie Shroot
1965-66	Ronald Manson, Jean Macnair, Jimmy Allan, Galloway Shearer
1966-67	Jimmy Gray, Dominic Devine, Robin Constable, Patrick Constable
1967-68	Sandy Duncan, Nigel Guthrie, Jack Paterson, David Frew

1968-69	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, John Matheson, Jack Paterson
1969-70	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, John Matheson, Jack Paterson
1970-71	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson
1971-72	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson
1972-73	Victor Silverstone, David Landa, Gerald Haase, Michael Rosenberg
1973-74	Tom Culbertson, Hugh Kelsey, Victor Goldberg, John Matheson
1974-75	Tom Culbertson, Hugh Kelsey, Jimmy Allan, Patrick Jourdain
1975-76	John MacLaren, Ian Morrison, Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson
1976-77	Eric Steel, Jenny Steel, Harry Leach, Stewart Dagger
1977-78	Tom Culbertson, Hugh Kelsey, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1978-79	Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson, David Liggat, Ian Morrison
1979-80	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, Hugh Kelsey, John McMonagle
1980-81	Hamish & Muriel Smith, Stuart & Anne Staveley
1981-82	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Hugh Kelsey, Brian Short
1982-83	George Anderson, Dave Ratcliffe, Norman McGeagh, John Osborne
1983-84	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Ian Morrison
1984-85	Donald Denoon, Ross Woodburn, Ian Howie, John Murdoch
1985-86	Robert Grubb, Max Blodwell, David Gerrard, Catherine Thomson (Gerrard)
1986-87	Morag Malcolm, Harry Barnett, Joyce Benson, Barbara Kay
1987-88	John MacLaren, Bill Mitchell, Les Steel, Roy Bennett
1988-89	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington
1989-90	David Gerrard, Jim Kippen, Catherine Gerrard, Jack Silverstone
1990-91	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington
1991-92	Richard Jarvis, Richard Edwards, Richard Benstead, Kish Srinivasan
1992-93	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Alex Adamson, James McGeorge
1993-94	Les Steel, James Forbes, Roy Bennett, Dave Walker
1994-95	Les Steel, James Forbes, Roy Bennett, Dave Walker
1995-96	Miro Dragic, Ken Rae, Donald Denoon, Derek Sanders
1996-97	Charles & Vi Outred, John McMonagle, Jim McMenemy
1997-98	Douglas Piper, Les Steel, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker
1998-99	Richard Jarvis, Richard Benstead, Kish Srinivasan, Mike Green
1999-00	Richard Jarvis, Richard Benstead, Kish Srinivasan, Mike Green
2000-01	Douglas Mitchell, David Weir, Iain McIntyre, Paul Maiolani
2001-02	Harry Smith, Alex Adamson, Roy Bennett, John McMonagle
2002-03	Harry Smith, Alex Adamson, Roy Bennett, John McMonagle
2003-04	Harry Smith, Alex Adamson, Roy Bennett, John McMonagle
2004-05	David Frew, David Liggat, Donald Denoon, Gordon Wellington
2005-06	Les Steel, James McGeorge, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker
2006-07	Les Steel, James McGeorge, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker
2007-08	Veronica Guy, Sam Punch, Alan Goodman, Ian (Dee) Harley

## Most Wins

8	John MacLaren	69; 70; 71; 72; 76; 81; 84; 88		
7	Roy Bennett	80; 88; 94; 95; 02; 03; 04	Ian Morrison	69; 70; 71; 72; 76; 79; 84
	Jack Paterson	68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 76; 79		
6	Les Steel	88; 94; 95; 98; 06; 07		
5	Ken Baxter	71; 72; 76; 79; 93	Tom Culbertson	74; 75; 78; 81; 84
	Hugh Kelsey	74; 75; 78; 80; 81	John McMonagle	80; 97; 02; 03; 04
	Dave Walker	94; 95; 98; 06; 07		
4	Alex Adamson	93; 02; 03; 04	Albert Benjamin	50; 51; 54; 56
	David Frew	68; 89; 91; 05	David Liggat	79; 89; 91; 05
	Bruno Serafini	61; 63	John Stevenson	55; 59

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3	Sol Barnett	50; 51; 61	Harry Barnett	53; 61; 87	Richard Benstead	92; 99; 00
	Malcolm Cuthbertson	98; 06; 07	Donald Denoon	85; 96; 05	Sandy Duncan	68; 78; 84
	Joe Gerber	52; 54; 61	Richard Jarvis	92; 99; 00	David Landa	52; 54; 58
	James McGeorge	93; 06; 07	John Matheson	69; 70; 74	Louis Mitchell	50; 51; 56
	Harry Smith	02; 03; 04	Kish Srinivasan	92; 99; 00	Gordon Wellington	89; 91; 05
	Archie Winetrobe	52; 54; 61				
2	Jimmy Allan	66; 75	Hymie Barnett	50; 51	James Forbes	94; 95
	Catherine Gerrard	86; 90	David Gerrard	86; 90	Victor Goldberg	56; 74
	Mike Green	99; 00	Jean MacNair	60; 66	Moore McVeigh	89; 91
	Ronald Manson	60; 66	Bill Mitchell	80; 88	Brian Short	78; 82

### Scottish BBL Cup (Double Elimination Teams)

In the mid-70s the British Bridge League introduced a Gold Point scheme: success in nominated prestigious events (Gold Cup, Scottish Cup, Pachabo etc) earned points towards selection for British teams. Charlie Bowman argued that Scottish players were disadvantaged because we had no equivalent of the double elimination Spring Foursomes. He persuaded the BBL to present a trophy for such an event. Publicity designed to attract only the best teams, plus the fact that teams could consist of 4, 5, or 6 players, meant that only 14 teams took part in the first BBL Cup at the Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh on May 12-14, 1978. It began as a double elimination teams with a consolation Swiss: as numbers grew a subsidiary multiple teams was introduced for teams eliminated early, and the consolation Swiss became a separate event. It has moved around the calendar, renamed the Autumn Foursomes in 1991, the Winter Foursomes in 2003.

1978	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, John McMonagle, Hugh Kelsey, Jimmy Allan, Carl Dickel
1979	Ross Woodburn, John Murdoch, Donald Denoon, Gordon Wellington
1980	Ross Woodburn, John Murdoch, Donald Denoon, Gordon Wellington
1981	John MacLaren, Tom Culbertson, Brian Short, George Cuthbertson
1982	John MacLaren, Tom Culbertson, Brian Short, George Cuthbertson
1983	Charles Outred, John Murdoch, Ross Woodburn, Donald Denoon, Brendan Doolan, David Weir
1984	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Ian Morrison
1985	Willie Coyle, George Cuthbertson, Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin, Brian Short
1986	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, Donald Denoon, Ross Woodburn
1987	Mike McGinley, Bobby Moore, Jim Kippen, Donald Sutherland
1988	George Angus, Gordon Angus, Bill Innes, John MacLaren
1989	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington
1990	Ken Baxter, John MacLaren, Roy Bennett, Les Steel
1991	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington
1992	Jimmy Baird, Brian Spears, James Forbes, Jack Silverstone
1993	John Murdoch, Brian Spears, James Forbes, Jack Silverstone
1994	Victor Goldberg, John Matheson, Barnet Shenkin, Victor Silverstone
1995	Ian Crorie, James McGeorge, Charles & Vi Outred
1996	Steve & Georgia Ray, Sarah Teshome, Richard Winter
1997	Alex Adamson, Roy Bennett, John Matheson, Les Steel
1998	Ian Crorie, James McGeorge, Charles & Vi Outred
1999	David Frew, David Liggat, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
2000	Charles & Vi Outred, Alex Adamson, Harry Smith, Roy Bennett, John McMonagle
2001	John Murdoch, Dave Walker, Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper
2002	David Frew, David Liggat, John MacLaren, Derek Sanders
2003	Charles & Vi Outred, Malcolm Oliver, Clive Owen
2004	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker, John Murdoch, Douglas Piper
2005	Richard Hyde, Alistair Macdonald, Jeremy Baker, Steve Auchterlonie
2006	Charles & Vi Outred, John Holland, Clive Owen
2007	John Murdoch, Douglas Piper, Jack Paterson, Brian Short, Jim Patrick
2008	Janet de Botton, David Burn, Artur Malinowski, Nick Sandqvist

## Most Wins

7	John Murdoch	79; 80; 83; 93; 01; 04; 07				
6	John MacLaren	81; 82; 84; 88; 90; 02	Charles Outred	82; 95; 98; 00; 03; 06		
5	Roy Bennett	78; 86; 90; 97; 00	Vi Outred	95; 98; 00; 03; 06		
4	Donald Denoon	79; 80; 83; 86	David Frew	89; 91; 99; 02		
	David Liggat	89; 91; 99; 02	Brian Short	81; 82; 85; 07		
	Ross Woodburn	79; 80; 83; 86	Gordon Wellington	79; 80; 89; 91		
3	Tom Culbertson	81; 82; 84	Douglas Piper	01; 04; 07	George Cuthbertson	81; 82; 85
2	Alex Adamson	97; 00	Ian Crorie	95; 98	Sandy Duncan	84; 01
	James Forbes	92; 93	Victor Goldberg	85; 94	Bill Innes	88; 99
	James McGeorge	95; 98	John McMonagle	78; 00	Moore McVeigh	89; 91
	John Matheson	94; 97	Bill Mitchell	78; 86	Clive Owen	03; 06
	Barnet Shenkin	85; 94	Jack Silverstone	92; 93	Brian Spears	92; 93
	Les Steel	90; 97	Dave Walker	01; 04		

## National Swiss Teams (Edwin Berry Cup)

In 1978 Scotland ran a heat of a national Swiss Teams event, with qualifiers playing in a final in England. This was very popular – 54 teams entered in the first year – and continued till 1998, when the English Bridge Union discontinued Scottish participation. The Glasgow businessman Edwin Berry donated a Trophy for the heat winners. In 1980 a Scottish National Swiss Teams, sponsored by Cumbernauld Development Corporation as part of its silver jubilee celebrations, was played in the Tryst sports centre, and it was felt that a Trophy was more appropriate for a Scottish national event than the heat of an English one. The Swiss format was initially very popular, with a maximum entry of 114 teams in 1990. The smoking ban caused complications: when players went outside to smoke the sports centre was deemed unsuitable because it was too draughty, numbers fell, and our longest-running sponsorship came to an end in 1995. The event moved, first to Perth, then to the Falkirk area, but the entry has dropped to around 50 teams.

1980	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell
1981	Ian Swan, Rab Aitken, Ian Howie, Jimmy Baird
1982	Willie Coyle, Barnet Shenkin, Gerald Haase, Ian Morrison
1983	Willie Coyle, Barnet Shenkin, Gerald Haase, Ian Morrison
1984	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1985	Willie Coyle, Barnet Shenkin, George Cuthbertson, Victor Goldberg
1986	John & Trish Matheson, Jim & Kathy Patrick
1987	Jimmie Arthur, Derek Diamond, Danny Kane, Victor Goldberg
1988	Jack Anton, Charlotte Brown, Veronica Guy, Douglas Piper
1989	Willie Coyle, Victor Goldberg, Derek Diamond, Jack Silverstone
1990	Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson, Roy Bennett, Les Steel
1991	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington
1992	Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson, Barnet Shenkin, Les Steel
1993	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Roy Bennett, Dave Walker
1994	Willie Coyle, Derek Diamond, Victor Goldberg, John Matheson
1995	Jim Hay, John Simpson, Finlay Marshall, Bill Innes
1996	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, John Murdoch, Dave Walker
1997	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, John Murdoch, Dave Walker
1998	Ian Crorie, James McGeorge, Patrick Home, Iain Sime
1999	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Tommy Garvey, Les Steel
2000	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, John Murdoch, Dave Walker
2001	Ian Hunter, Tony Lamont, Bob & Maggie McPaul
2002	Ian Howie, Mike McGinley, John Murdoch, Dave Walker
2003	John MacLaren, Derek Sanders, Patrick Home, Iain Sime
2004	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker, James McGeorge, Les Steel
2005	Archie Bouverie, George Plant, Bob & Maggie McPaul
2006	Charles & Vi Outred, Miro Dragic, Brian Spears
2007	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker, James McGeorge, Les Steel
2008	Jack Paterson, Brian Short, John Matheson, Iain Sime



## Easter Pairs

To celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1958 the Scottish Bridge Union ran a Silver Jubilee Pairs competition. It attracted a record entry: 479 pairs in 36 sections from 32 clubs. "Part of its attraction may be its informality. No prior entry is required, play can take place when and where desired within a compass of a few weeks, and competitors are playing in their own class for a national trophy." In fact there was no trophy as such. Any club could run a heat on a club night, and the winners of each heat received engraved crystal glasses. The popularity of the original event meant it was continued on an annual basis, renamed the Easter Pairs.

1958	A Lorimer & J Younger (Turriff)	1984	Jim Will & Terry Haines (Speymouth)
1959	John & Marian Miller (Falcon)	1985	Ewing McGillivray & John Gregory (Hamilton)
1960	Miss W M Emslie & Mr Fowlie, (Tarland)	1986	John & Merle Morgan (Peterhead)
1961	Mrs E Fletcher & A E Evans (Lockerbie)	1987	Jim & Irene McWilliams (Stirling)
1962	Keith Ferguson & Eric Steel (Northern Arts)	1988	Roy Bennett & Les Steel (Falkirk)
1963	Mr & Mrs G Thomson (Inverness)	1989	Alec Anderson & Margaret Lawson (ICI)
1964	David Tanner & A Webster (Invergowrie)	1990	Robin Thomson & D Walker
1965	Kate & Irene Mundell (Glenrothes)	1991	Margaret Bell & Gillian Allsop (Montrose)
1966	W Wilson & R Dickson (Alva)	1992	Ralph Shuttleworth & D Wyatt (Dalry)
1967	Maisie Greenaway & Lilian MacLachlan (Kirkcaldy)	1993	Beatrice Copson & Marjorie Moncrieff (St Andrews)
1968	Mr & Mrs C M Fenner (Denny)	1994	M Thornton & Alasdair Forbes (St Andrew)
1969	Harold Sambrook & Roy Bennett (ICI)	1995	Jean McCulloch & James Dawson (Forfar)
1970	W Robertson & J Youngson (Turriff)	1996	Bernard & Margery Lawley (Kelso)
1971	A Wilson & M Gordon (Fort Matilda)	1997	John Paxton & Andrew Cousin (ICI)
1972	Mrs E Forbes & Mrs K Strang (Tarland)	1998	Ken Forsyth & Sam Malkani (Kilwinning)
1973	Gordon & Ella Thomson (Grangemouth)	1999	Brian & Dorothy Marsh (Longniddry)
1974	W Wood & S Roberts	2000	Sandy Hepburn & Bill Richardson (Moray)
1975	George Angus & T Goodale (Huntly)	2001	Walter Ewing & David Rhodes (Perth)
1976	Barbara Gaw & Audrey McLelland (Newton Stewart)	2002	Tom & Irene Lindsay (Savoy)
1977	A D Ross & Mrs E MacKay (Dingwall)	2003	Ian Andrew & John Webb (Moray)
1978	Dr & Mrs Duthie (Turriff)	2004	Stephen Peterkin & Peter Taylor (Dundee)
1979	Lt Col H McLean & A R Taylor (Nairn Men's)	2005	Elsie Brannigan & Marion McCuish (Denny)
1980	David & Mary Calder (Berwick-upon Tweed)	2006	Ian Watson & Ian Wishart (Crieff)
1981	Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Masson (Speymouth)	2007	Kath Horn & Isobel Hollinghurst (Bruce)
1982	Mr E Pursell & Mrs Harrower (Penicuik)	2008	Frances Linehan & George Pattullo (Forfar)
1983	Miss Gardner & D Murray		

## Autumn Pairs

Run on exactly the same lines as the Easter Pairs, this event was introduced in 1985 as a fund raiser.

1985	Jim McQueen & Sandy Shand (Inverness)	1997	Douglas Piper & John MacLaren (Melville)
1986	George Angus & Doug Muir (Huntly)	1998	Earl McGregor & Shiena Lang (Annandale)
1987	Wally Hislop & Christine Hannan (Linlithgow)	1999	Thomas Penman & Mark Menzies (Falkirk)
1988	Roy Bennett & Les Steel (Falkirk)	2000	Barrie & Vivienne Harper (Woodend)
1989	Alex Hamilton & Morris Marks (Linlithgow)	2001	Donnie & Anne Graham (Portland)
1990	A G McLaren & G Scott (Grantown)	2002	Dave Thorne & Robin Thomson (Forres)
1991	Harry & Jean Millburn (Longniddry)	2003	Bob & Maggie McPaul (Stepping Stone)
1992	Dennis Raynor & D Harvie (Stirling)	2004	Lynn Begg & Mike Imre (Kirkcaldy)
1993	Katie Kear & Sandra Grant (Buchanan)	2005	Magda & Stefan Stefan (Cairngorm)
1994	Moray Jeffrey & Gus Ferguson (Falkirk)	2006	George Angus & Doug Muir (Huntly)
1995	Tom & Irene Lindsay (Savoy)	2007	Rena & Archie Stewart (Jedburgh)
1996	Chris MacDonald & David Henderson (Dingwall)		

## Simultaneous Pairs (Lord Thomson Trophy)

The idea of a Simultaneous Pairs was born before the War. Various Par Competitions took place in different clubs, sometimes throughout the world, on the same evening. In 1968 the SBU decided to run its own. In the first year 371 pairs took part in 24 different centres.

The following year the numbers rose to 469 in 32 centres. The British Bridge League saw the potential of the Simultaneous Pairs as a fund-raiser, and introduced more and more such events. In 1999 the SBU followed their example and increased the number of nights to two. 631 Pairs participated in 2008

1969	Raymond Brock & David Mills (Hamilton)	1989	Adam Aitken & Mrs Evelyn Aitken (Hawick)
1970	Moore McVeigh & Bob Sutherland (Falkirk)	1990	Leslie Cembler & Jim Power (Falkirk)
1971	B Cook & Richard Edwards (St Andrews)	1991	Mrs F Hall & Ray Ingram
1972	John MacLaren & John Matheson (Carlton)	1992	Mrs C Howe & J Brown
1973	Martin White & Jim Patrick (Edinburgh University)	1993	Jim Hay & John Simpson
1974	K Q Bagley & Cecil Mathers	1994	Colin Edney & Alan French (Berwick)
1975	Ian Hamilton & Eleanor Meiklejohn (Dunbar)	1995	Lessel Reid & Bill Massie (Kinnethmont)
1976	IDTaylor & J Young (Stirling Union)	1996	Mrs M Wood & Mrs J Atwood
1977	Barbara Gaw & Audrey MacLelland (Newton Stewart)	1997	Mrs M Anderson & Miss M Mackenzie
1978	Walter Ewing & Tom Culbertson (Perth)	1998	Ray Ingram & T Penman
1979	A MacLachland & Zoe Middleton (Mull)	1999	Mrs M Anderson & Miss M Mackenzie
1980	Harry Smith & Cairns Mason (Stirling)	2000	Bob & Maggie McPaul (Stepping-Stone)
1981	J Black & Quentin McQuoney (Hamilton)	2001	Stewart Duguid & Ian Burn (Ayr Caledonian)
1982	John & Merle Morgan (Peterhead Waverley)	2002	Max Blodwell & Eileen Caldwell (Buchanan)
1983	Bill Mitchell & Roy Bennett (Falkirk)	2003	George Angus & Doug Muir (Huntly)
1984	Bruce Field & J B Grant (Dingwall)	2004	Bob & Maggie McPaul (Stepping-Stone)
1985	Ewing McGillivray & John Gregory (Hamilton)	2005	Margery Brankin & Steve Gray (Biggar)
1986	Mrs M Boyd & F van Doorn	2006	Stewart Duguid & Ian Burn (Ayr Caledonian)
1987	John Dick & Sam Malkani	2007	Bob Hunter & Ron Moodie (Leven)
1988	Stanley & Irene Bain (Stirling)	2008	D McKenzie & Mrs J MacLeod

## Bobby Allan

The following year Mrs M S Allan presented a memorial trophy for her husband, to be played as a Simultaneous Mixed Pairs on similar lines to the Lord Thomson Trophy.

1970	Jim & Lorna MacPherson (Inverness)	1990	Mrs I Ainslie & Bob Hunter
1971	Ronald Manson & Jean Macnair (Carlton)	1991	David and Barbara Gaw
1972	John & Elizabeth Goose (Stirling Union)	1992	I Mitchell & Mrs E McCahill
1973	Jim & Lorna MacPherson (Inverness)	1993	Alec Tough & Sheila Service (Loreburn)
1974	Mr & Mrs J Ewing	1994	Charles & Vi Outred
1975	B Pollock & Mrs K Law (Cumbernauld)	1995	David Whyte & Mrs D MacDonald
1976	D Sutherland & Miss P Hannan (Berkeley)	1996	Donald Sutherland & Mrs C Simpson
1977	Bill Mitchell & Nina Hislop (Melville)	1997	Isobel Russell & Alan Kennedy (Arbroath)
1978	D O'Hara & Rosaline Menzies (Paisley Ogilvie)	1998	Shiena Lang & Kish Srinivasan (Dundee)
1979	Harry & Jean Milburn (Marmion)	1999	Mrs E Cameron & G Angus
1980	Derek Dunn & Mrs J Cadzow (Marmion)	2000	Tom & Margaret Bonnes (Bathgate)
1981	Miss M Emslie & E Fowlie (Teeside)	2001	Richard Dix & Chris MacDonald (Inverness)
1982	Jim Gardner & Jenny Taggart	2002	Bob & Maggie McPaul (Stepping-Stone)
1983	Willie Coyle & Jennifer Monachan	2003	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan (Melville)
1984	Bob Ross & Mary Sedgwick (St Andrews)	2004	Joan Fulton & Jim Kippen (Hamilton)
1985	Ron Moodie & Catherine Thomson	2005	John & Sarah Williams (Montrose)
1986	Deirdre Sanders & John Pressburger (Melville)	2006	S Barnes & Sandra Hopkins (Tillicoultry)
1987	J Cairns & Mrs A Stark	2007	Joan Fulton & Shirish Chotai (Hamilton)
1988	R S Beveridge & Catrine Crowther	2008	Bob Black & Marion Bain (Thurso)
1989	J Brown & Mrs S Findlay		

## Scottish Men's Fours (Benny Dexter Trophy)

Introduced in 1971, originally sponsored by Harp Lager, with qualifying rounds in the clubs and intermediate rounds run by the Districts. Harp Lager produced free cans of its product in the early days, which made it a very popular event. When Harp ceased their sponsorship in 1975 numbers fell, and the format was changed to a one-day Swiss teams.



The 1973 winners: Jimmy Allan, Bill Mitchell, Sol Harry Barnett with the chairman of Harp Lager

71-72	Kenneth Mackenzie, Robin McCallum, John Cross, Gordon Stuart
72-73	Harry & Sol Barnett, Jimmy Allan, Bill Mitchell
73-74	Ronald Manson, Dolph Yzer, Brian Coutts-Milne, Iain Thomson
74-75	Victor Goldberg Patrick Jourdain, Michael Rosenberg, Barnet Shenkin
75-76	David Frew, David Liggat, Nigel Guthrie, Martin White
76-77	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
77-78	David Liggat, Ian Morrison, John Matheson, Jim Patrick
78-79	Willie Coyle, Ian Monachan, George Cuthbertson, Gerald Haase
79-80	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short, John MacLaren, Ian Morrison
80-81	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short, John MacLaren, Ian Morrison
81-82	Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson, Tom Culbertson, Milos Sudjic
82-83	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short, John MacLaren, Ian Morrison
83-84	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short, John MacLaren, Ian Morrison
84-85	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, Donald Denoon, Ross Woodburn
85-86	Richard Edwards, Richard Jarvis, Walter Ewing, David Rhodes
86-87	Jimmie Arthur, Ken Grant, Victor Goldberg, John McMonagle
87-88	Alex Adamson, James Forbes, Ian Crorie, Alan Ferguson
88-89	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh, Derek Sanders, Dave Walker
89-90	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh, Alex Adamson, Ian Crorie
90-91	Ken Brown, Harry Vickers, Derek Diamond, Marc Kay
91-92	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh, Alex Adamson, Ian Crorie
92-93	Jim Hay, John Simpson, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
93-94	Ian Crorie, James McGeorge, Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper
94-95	Stuart McCreadie, John Dick, Gordon Smith, Sam Malkani
95-96	Willie Coyle, Derek Diamond, Martin Diamond, Jim Kippen
96-97	Ally Gordon, Norman McGeagh, Donald Sutherland, David Weir
97-98	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper John Murdoch, Dave Walker
98-99	Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson, Brian Short, George Wood
99-00	Patrick Home, Iain Sime, Graham Hazel, Derek Sanders
00-01	Alastair MacDonald, Donald Sutherland, Douglas Mitchell, David Weir
01-02	Roy Bennett, John McMonagle, David Frew, David Liggat
02-03	Jimmie Arthur, Ken Forsyth, Willie Coyle, Victor Goldberg
03-04	David Gerrard, Ken Rae, Derek Diamond, Brian Spears
04-05	Ian Hunter, Andrea Re, Bob McPaul, Harry Smith
05-06	Ian Howie, Mike McGinley, David Gerrard, Sasha Kaludercic
06-07	Dick Hyde, Alistair Macdonald, Douglas Mitchell, David Weir
07-08	Bill Innes, Ross Woodburn, Charles Outred, Brian Spears

## Scottish Women's Pairs (Cyril Breene Trophy)

This trophy was donated in 1977 in memory of long-serving SBU secretary, Cyril Breene. The competition is run along similar lines to the National Pairs, with heats in the Clubs, semi-finals and a final

1977	Judy Benjamin & Jean Macnair	1993	Margaret Alexander & Morag Malcolm
1978	Marion Hill & Betty Keenan	1994	Catherine Gerrard & Liz McGowan
1979	Muriel Robertson & Nancy Miller	1995	Sheila Adamson & Fiona McQuaker
1980	May Wilkie & Bess McIntosh	1996	Eileen Caldwell & Bridie Power
1981	Molly Reid & Margaret Yzer	1997	Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker
1982	Babette Hay & Anne Gray	1998	Liz Hunter & Shiena Lang
1983	Sheila Macdonald & Muriel Robertson	1999	Liz Hunter & Shiena Lang
1984	Sheila Macdonald & Muriel Robertson	2000	Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker
1985	Morag Davidson & Molly Reid	2001	Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker
1986	Morag Malcolm & Liz McGowan	2002	Margaret Bell & Frances Linehan
1987	Morag Davidson & Molly Reid	2003	Jill Arthur & Sheila Macdonald
1988	Joyce Benson & Barbara Kay	2004	Emily Garden & Sadie Craig
1989	Liz McGowan & Vi Mitchell (Outred)	2005	Fiona Greenwood & Rosemary McKinnel
1990	Eileen Caldwell & Helen Kane	2006	Margaret Alexander & Nancy Miller
1991	Catherine Gerrard & Pam Kissen	2007	Liz McGowan & Fiona McQuaker
1992	Phoebe Bennett & Robina Brown	2008	Veronica Guy & Sam Punch

## Men's Pairs (Buchanan Cup)

There could hardly be a Women's Pairs without a Men's equivalent: national master points won in Women's events are disparagingly referred to as 'pink' points; the men required the opportunity to win some purple points of their own. It is less popular than the Women's Pairs, hardly surprising when approximately two-thirds of the membership are women.

1980	Carl Dickel & Robin McCallum	1995	Peter Barrett & David Weir
1981	David Frew & David Liggat	1996	Sandy Duncan & Douglas Piper
1982	David Frew & David Liggat	1997	John Hamilton & Duncan Cursiter
1983	Jimmy Allan & Gordon Wellington	1998	Jack Paterson & Miro Dragic
1984	Jack Lowe & Sam Malkani	1999	J Steen & N Thomson
1985	Cecil Gauld & J Murray	2000	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Iain Sime
1986	Malcolm McCardle & Derrick Peden	2001	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Iain Sime
1987	Jim McMenemy & Brian Spears	2002	Douglas Piper & Dave Walker
1988	David Frew & David Liggat	2003	Tim Wickens & Kim Fryer
1989	Jack Lowe & Sam Malkani	2004	Douglas Mitchell & David Weir
1990	David Frew & David Liggat	2005	David Frew & David Liggat
1991	Gordon Elrick & I Thomson	2006	Tony Lamont & Andrea Re
1992	Jim Hay & John Simpson	2007	Paul Maiolani & Iain McIntyre
1993	Max Blodwell & Joe Menzies	2008	Patrick Home & Iain Sime
1994	Norman McGeagh & Alistair Macdonald		



## Scottish Swiss Pairs (TN Culbertson Memorial Salver)

On the sudden death of Tom Culbertson his family donated a trophy in his honour, and the SBU seized the chance to introduce a National Swiss Pairs. This has always been run in Ayrshire, first in the Magnum Centre in Irvine, then at Kilmarnock FC football ground, and now at Ayr Racecourse. The Ayrshire District has excelled in its organisation: this is one of the few events where numbers have not dropped in recent years.

1986	Ken Grant & John Murray	1998	Sasha Kaludercic & Brian Spears
1987	Simon Muir & David Perry	1999	Donald Sutherland & Kath Withers
1988	Simon Muir & David Perry	2000	David Gerrard & Ian Howie
1989	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley	2001	Bob McKinnon & Ian Patrick
1990	Alex Adamson & Ken Baxter	2002	Douglas Piper & Dave Walker
1991	Donald Denoon & Maida Grant	2003	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan
1992	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan	2004	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley
1993	James Forbes & Jack Silverstone	2005	John Matheson & Brian Short
1994	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Derek Sanders	2006	Roy Bennett & David Liggat
1995	Derek Sanders & Dave Walker	2007	Piotr Burak & Rafal Wolanski
1996	Patrick Home & Iain Sime	2008	Mike Ash & Liz McGowan
1997	Ken Baxter & Dave Walker		Catherine & David Gerrard (Joint winners)

## Scottish Stirling Pairs

This two-session open pairs was introduced in 1987 with sponsorship from the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society which lasted till 1992. Although a national event, it was organised and run by Stirling Bridge Club till 2008, when they handed it over to the Scottish Bridge Union.

1987	Jim McMenemy & Brian Spears	1998	Alastair MacDonald & Adrienne Cook
1988	Victor Goldberg & Danny Kane	1999	A Douglas & Mrs S Douglas
1989	Charles Outred & Vi Mitchell (Outred)	2000	Sam Malkani & John Stevenson
1990	Ken Baxter & Jack Paterson	2001	Jack Paterson & Brian Short
1991	Bill Innes & Finlay Marshall	2002	Harry Mahoney & Jim Power
1992	Sandy Duncan & Norman McGeagh	2003	Alistair Macdonald & Donald Sutherland
1993	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Andrew McIntosh	2004	Sandy Anderson & Tony Waldron
1994	George Wood & Keith Youngs	2005	Roy Bennett & Jimmie Arthur
1995	Stan & Pam Kissen	2006	David Briggs & Andrew Muir
1996	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley	2007	Deirdre Sanders & Linus Kardelis
1997	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan	2008	Kim Fryer & Tim Wickens

## Individual Members Pairs (Farquharson)

This event is confined to members of the SBU who subscribe to its magazine. It was introduced as a carrot to encourage players to take out first individual membership, later individual subscriptions. An attempt in the first year to run it as a Barometer Pairs proved too much for the scoring capacity of the organisers, but it has always had a special flavour. Cameron Farquharson donated the trophy and still sponsors the event with prizes of bottles of wine.

1992	Fred & Brian Short	2001	Archie Leith & Jim Power
1993	David Frew & David Liggat	2002	Jim Forsyth & Nat Fell
1994	John MacLaren & Iain Sime	2003	Jim Forsyth & Nat Fell
1995	Catherine Gerrard & Norman McGeagh	2004	John MacLaren & Iain Sime
1996	Ian Crorie & Les Steel	2005	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan
1997	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan	2006	John MacLaren & Iain Sime
1998	Malcolm & Kathy Copley	2007	Alan Goodman & Ian (Dee) Harley
1999	Malcolm & Kathy Copley	2008	Maida Grant & Sheila Macdonald
2000	Jimmie Arthur & Sheila Macdonald		

## Spence Cup

This is an Inter-District Pairs event, for the winners and runners-up of the Pairs Championships of the seven Districts. The Trophy was presented by Peter Spence. The Districts take it in turn to host the event, in clockwise order.

1978	Tom Culbertson & Walter Ewing (Central)	1994	Roy Bennett & Dave Walker (East)
1979	Nigel Morecroft & Dave Walker (Central)	1995	Alec Tough & Sheila Service (South)
1980	Bill Rae & Jack Weir (Central)	1996	Patrick Home & Iain Sime (East)
1981	Ian Morrison & Mike Innes (East)	1997	John MacLaren & Les Steel (East)
1982	Tom Culbertson & Walter Ewing (Central)	1998	Beryl Campbell & Tom Parker (Central)
1983	Jimmie Arthur & Ken Grant (West)	1999	Pauline Phillips & Tony Waldron (Ayrshire)
1984	Alasdair Forbes & Sheila Macdonald (West)	2000	Bob & Maggie McPaul (Central)
1985	Charles Outred & Vi Mitchell (Outred) (West)	2001	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan (East)
1986	Ian Morrison & Sandy Duncan (East)	2002	Patrick Home & Iain Sime (East)
1987	Mark O'Hanlon & Bob Wagner (Ayrshire)	2003	Bill Ross & Alan Pelling (North)
1988	Ian Crorie & Malcolm Cuthbertson (East)	2004	Malcolm & Kathy Copley (East)
1989	W Anderson & R MacDonald	2005	Fiona Abbott & Pauline Phillips (Ayrshire)
1990	W Anderson & R MacDonald	2006	Abbie Robertson & Neil Thomson (South)
1991	Richard Jarvis & Roger Fletcher (Central)	2007	Finlay Marshall & Harry Smith (East)
1992	Donald Denoon & Ian (Dee) Harley (East)	2008	Ian Hunter & Richard Jarvis (Central)
1993	John Dick & Sam Malkani (Ayrshire)		

## Eurolink sponsored Inter-District Teams

A teams event on the same lines as the Spence Cup with money donated by Eurolink, courtesy of Bob Kinloch. It was run as a one-day teams, including a sponsor's team, with no entry fee and including meals.

1990	Ian Howie, Danny Kane, Jim McMenemy, Mike McGinley (West)
1991	David Gerrard, Jim Kippen, Victor Goldberg, Catherine Gerrard (West)
1992	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington (East)
1993	John Murdoch, Brian Spears, Jim McMenemy, John McMonagle (West)
1994	John Dick, Stuart McCreadie, Sam Malkani, Gordon Smith (Ayrshire)
1995	Roy Bennett, Les Steel, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short (East)
1996	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker, Douglas Piper, Les Steel (East)

## Dubai Teams 1976-1984

This was the SBU's most popular sponsored event ever. It was a teams of four, with heats in the clubs and intermediate rounds in the Districts. 30 teams were invited to play a Swiss teams final. Not only was there no entry fee, so that entries typically exceeded 450 teams, the final weekend in the Station Hotel Perth was also free, and there were quite generous prizes. Over 8 years the sponsorship amounted to over £50,000.

1976	Bill Innes, Charles Outred, Mike Innes, Finlay Marshall
1977	Chrissie Harrison, Jenny MacDonald, Jill & Jimmie Arthur
1978	Edwin Berry, Sam Leckie, Monty Spencer, Archie Steingold
1979	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, Hugh Kelsey, John McMonagle
1980	George Cuthbertson, Ian Howie, Rab Aitken, Ian Swan
1981	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1982	Roy Bennett, Bill Mitchell, Hugh Kelsey, John McMonagle
1983	Jimmy Baird, Ian Howie, Brendan Doolan, David Weir
1984	Harry Mahoney, Jim Power, Leslie Cembler, Johnston Stewart

## Gold Cup Plate – presented by Mrs M G S Hill

Scotland has usually produced a large entry to the Gold Cup, the British national teams event. British entry fees are considerably higher than Scottish ones, and Council decided to emulate England by introducing a Plate event for teams eliminated in the first round. Thus everybody was guaranteed two matches for its money. In 2005 the English Bridge Union handed over its Silver Plate competition to BGB, and the winners of the Scottish plate can now enter that competition at the quarter-final stage.

1990	Danny Kane, John McMonagle, Jim McMenemy, D Mitchell, Leigh Caldwell
1991	Jimmie Arthur, James Forbes, Danny & Helen Kane
1992	Jimmie Arthur, James Forbes, Danny Kane, John Murdoch
1993	Jimmie Arthur, James Forbes, Danny Kane, John Murdoch
1994	Charles & Vi Outred, Mike McGinley, Ian Howie
1995	John Simpson, Jim Hay, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
1996	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, James McGeorge, Ian Crorie, David Frew, David Liggat
1997	Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall, Dave Walker, John Murdoch, Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper
1998	John Dick, Sam Malkani, Stuart McCreadie, Gordon Smith
1999	Roy Bennett, Alex Adamson, Charles & Vi Outred
2000	Simon Muir, Pam Stewart, Anne Martin, Joan Mercer, Jim Power
2001	John Dick, Sam Malkani, Stuart McCreadie, Gordon Smith
2002	Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall, Alex Adamson, Harry Smith
2003	Ian Hunter, Tony Lamont, Richard Jarvis, Stephen Peterkin
2004	Alex Adamson, Harry Smith, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall, David Frew, David Liggat
2005	Alex Adamson, Harry Smith, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall, David Frew, David Liggat
2006	Malcolm & Kathy Copley, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle, Alan Goodman, Ian (Dee) Harley
2007	Bob McKinnon, Robert Grubb, Simon Muir, Ian Patrick, Nat Fell
2008	David Weir, Douglas Mitchell, Dick Hyde, Alistair Macdonald

## Scottish Spring Swiss Teams

This was introduced into the calendar as a fundraiser for the 1992 World Championships, when both British teams, Open and Women's, qualified to go to Yokohama. It was dropped in 2000 when the calendar was seen to be overloaded.

1992	Eileen Caldwell, Bridie Power, Maida Grant, Donald Denoon
1993	Charles Outred, Vi Mitchell (now Outred) Ian Howie, Mike McGinley
1994	Jim Hay, John Simpson, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
1995	John Murdoch, Brian Spears, Jim Baird, Edith Lawrie
1996	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, John Murdoch, Dave Walker
1997	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Jack Paterson, Derek Sanders
1998	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Jack Paterson, Derek Sanders
1999	Eva Bone, Tony Lamont, Richard Jarvis, Andrea Re

## Mixed Teams for Helen Walton Trophy introduced 1996

96-97	John MacLaren, Deirdre Sanders, Derek & Rhona Diamond
97-98	Robert Grubb, Michelle Gladstone, Simon Muir, Anne Martin
98-99	Ally Gordon, June Morrison, Ian Crorie, Lucia Barrett
99-00	Charles & Vi Outred, David Gerrard, Joyce Benson
00-01	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Jim Power, Anne Martin
01-02	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan, Jim Power, Anne Martin
02-03	Jill & Jimmie Arthur, Iain McIntyre, Sheila Macdonald
03-04	Nancy Blair, Paul Barton, Anne & Norman McGeagh
04-05	Sheila Adamson, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Fiona McQuaker, Brian Short
05-06	Catherine Gerrard, John Dick, Frances Murphy, John Stevenson
06-07	Anne Ritchie, Alan Shepherd, Les & Pat Wilson
07-08	Jenny Cooper, Tony Lamont, Alan Goodman, Sam Punch

## Mixed Pairs for Ruby Martyn Trophy introduced 1996

96-97	John MacLaren & Deirdre Sanders	02-03	George McLennan & Nancy Blair
97-98	Donald Sutherland & Kath Withers	03-04	John Stevenson & Frances Murphy
98-99	John & Trish Matheson	04-05	Liz Hunter & Bob Hunter
99-00	Bob & Maggie McPaul	05-06	Bob McKinnon & Maida Grant
00-01	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan	06-07	Liz Hunter & Bob Hunter
01-02	John Di Mambro & Maria Jackson	07-08	John Di Mambro & Maria Jackson

## President's Prize

A Trophy presented by Cutty Sark Whisky to be given at the AGM by the President to the person or people he considers worthy of recognition for their contribution to Bridge in Scotland.

1973	(Bobby Muir)	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1974	(Margaret Porteous)	Hugh Kelsey, Tom Culbertson
1975	(Henry Simmonds)	Barnet Shenkin, Michael Rosenberg
1976	(Ian Morrison)	Barnet Shenkin, Michael Rosenberg
1977	(Norman Summers)	Charlie Bowman
1978	(Peter Spence)	David Mack, MBE
1979	(Sol Barnett - dies in office)	Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin
1980	(Alan Bishop)	Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin
1981	(Jim Allison)	Bill Mitchell, Roy Bennett
1982	(Finlay Marshall)	Gerald Haase, George Cuthbertson
1983	(George Hay)	Morag Malcolm, Vi Mitchell (Outred)
1984	(Chrissie Harrison)	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1985	(Eric Steel)	Bill Mitchell
1986	(Bill Mitchell)	John MacLaren
1987	(Tom Marshall)	Morag Malcolm
1988	(Iris Bukowska)	Hugh Kelsey
1989	(Jimmie Arthur)	Liz McGowan
1990	(Cameron Farquharson)	Morag Davidson
1991	(Marion Hill)	David Frew, David Liggat, Moore McVeigh, Gordon Wellington
1992	(Richard Jarvis)	Russell McClymont
1993	(Donald Falconer)	Liz McGowan
1994	(Bill Clow)	Morag Malcolm
1995	(Russell McClymont)	Liz McGowan
1996	(Roy Bennett)	Jimmie Arthur
1997	(Tom Workman)	Liz McGowan
1998	(Jim Cunningham)	John Matheson, Les Steel, John Murdoch, Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh
1999	(David Perry)	Janice Thomson
2000	(Peter Cohen)	David Frew, David Liggat, Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall
2001	(Jim Wilcox)	Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan
2002	(Pat Wilson)	Bill Mitchell
2003	(Ken Baxter)	Victor Goldberg
2004	(Alastair McFadzean)	Catherine Gerrard
2005	(David Merriman)	David Frew, David Liggat
2006	(Liz McGowan)	Eric Steel
2007	(Beryl Campbell)	Brian Short
2008	(Beryl Campbell)	Frazer Morgan, Philip Morrison, Ralph & Yvonne Wiseman, David McCrossan



# The Master Point Scheme

The idea of a scheme to grade players according to ability was mooted in the fifties. England introduced a Master Point scheme in 1956, and the SBU followed suit in 1957.

“The Scottish Bridge Union has issued details of the Master Points scheme. Various events, ranging from club tournaments to national competitions, will carry a points award. As their points total increases players will be given titles as follows: -

Club Master (2 master points)

Local Master (10 master points)

District Master (25 master points)

Master (50 master points)

Scottish Master (100 master points)

National Master (150 master points)

Life Master (300 master points)

“There is a proviso that to attain the title of Scottish Master or higher half of the total points must be won in the national events, the Scottish Cup, National Pairs and the Edward Rayne Cup.

Club events: will carry local points, every 100 of which may be converted to one master point. In an ordinary weekly duplicate local points will vary with the number of tables. In a 10-table tournament (Mitchell movement) first place gives 20 points, second place 10 points, third place 7 points, and fourth place 3 points. A different scale applies to the Howell movement. Club championship events will be given larger awards, and to win a district teams-of-four championship could earn 12½ master points, equal to 125 local points, if at least 40 teams entered.

**National Events:** The winners, runners-up and semi-finalists in the Scottish Cup will be given 30 master points, 15 master points, and 7 master points respectively. A win in the first round will gain one master point. The two other national events carry awards as follows:

National Pairs:- Winners 15 master points, runners-up 10, third 5, fourth 4, fifth 2; sixth 1.

Edward Rayne Cup:- Winners 12 master points; runners-up 9; third 6; fourth 4; fifth 2; sixth 1

Progressive clubs should come into the scheme, or in course of time they may fail to attract keen young players who will wish to attain the various grades in the same way as a keen golfer endeavours to reduce his or her handicap.

All events at the Gleneagles Congress will qualify for points.” (*Glasgow Herald*, 18/9/1957)

An award was soon introduced for the only other national event, the Scottish Women’s Cup: 10 points were awarded for winning the Bulletin Cup, and the awards for the National Pairs increased to 20, for the Rayne Cup to 14. Even so, in those days it appeared unlikely that anyone would ever reach the highest rank, Grand Master, requiring 1200 master points, half of them national.

There was an early influx of players affiliated to the scheme. Points were automatically awarded to players at the 1957 Congress, and the 1959 Annual Brochure proudly announced that 700 players had registered with the scheme. For the next 20 years the increase was slow but steady, but then the flood gates opened. Over 12,500 numbers have now been issued.

## The Master Point Secretaries

### Morag Davidson 1957-93



Harry Kershaw volunteered to establish and run the Master Point scheme, but it became clear that the job would require more time than he could devote to it. Morag Davidson, with her bank training, got the scheme off the ground,

and kept it running smoothly till her retirement in 1993. In the early days records were kept on

specially designed cards and in ledgers. Morag was meticulous: no-one ever questioned the accuracy of her records. She received help and support from husband Norrie till his death in 1984. For the next nine years she kept going, struggling to keep up with the ever-increasing flow of information as more and more players joined the scheme, and new events proliferated. Morag also ran all the Master Point events: when she demitted office there were four Individual events and six Pairs – no other member of Council ran 10 events in a season. Cameron Farquharson, the 50th President, recognised her services to the Scottish Bridge Union by awarding

her the President's Prize in 1990. When she eventually retired in 1993 the Scottish Bridge Union held a presentation party in her honour, with no fewer than 17 Past Presidents in attendance. At this time she was made an Honorary Life Member.

Morag was a fine bridge player. She represented Scotland three times in the Lady Milne Trophy: in 1968, when she was invited to join the winning Bulletin Cup team as a fifth player; in 1969 in Northern Ireland, with Molly Reid, Margaret Chalmers and Phil Robertson, when she finished runner-up in the Bulletin Cup but the winners were unavailable to play; and in 1979 in Larne. She won the Women's Pairs twice, also with Molly Reid, in 1985 and 1987. Apart from attending Council Meetings she worked hard for the SBU in other capacities, helping Norrie run the National Congress at Gleneagles, and taking charge of the scoring room at international matches.

### **Moira McVeigh 1993-2000**



Moira was the head teacher of a Primary school in South Queensferry. On her retirement she took over as Master Point Secretary, and was responsible for the computerisation of the Master Point scheme, a considerable achievement.

Moira was just as meticulous and reliable as Morag. She took over all the Master Point events also, but the work became too much, and they were allocated to others. Over the years she served on the East

District Committee, though never, on a point of principle, at the same time as her husband, and she was always willing to help at international matches, calling the cards from the Closed Room.

Moira won the Portland Cup with David Frew in 1983. She also won Bulletin Women's Cup in 1982, playing with her sister Christine Sutherland. She was the second wife of Moore McVeigh, one of the best known figures in the East of Scotland.

### **Fiona Abbott 2000-2008**

Fiona took over from Moira, and ran the scheme successfully for 8 years. She improved the efficiency of the record-keeping and oversaw improvements to the original program. It was with some relief that she relinquished the post when she became President of the SBU in 2008.

### **Janet Rixon 2008-**

Janet relocated to Aberdeen when working for British Petroleum in 1990 and joined the local bridge clubs. She served on the committee of The Bridge Cub as Secretary and the Phoenix Club as Social Secretary before joining the North District Committee, initially as Secretary in 2004 and then as Chairman in 2006. She served for two years on the SBU Council before volunteering to become the Master Point Secretary.

The new Master Point Secretary has a number of new ideas to improve the administration of the scheme. She is building a list of players who can be contacted by Email so that Council can be seen to have a human face.

## **Master Point Competitions**

Competitions restricted to players of the same rank were gradually introduced. The first was rather special.

### **Benjamin (Scottish Masters Invitational Individual)**

In 1959 Albert Benjamin presented a trophy for an Individual Tournament for the leading 25 players on the master point register. There was no entry fee, and the participants enjoyed a free dinner at the end of play. Later invitations were issued to the five players outwith the top 20 who had won most points over the previous three seasons. In 1977 a change was made to the calculation: instead of combining local and national points, the leading players were listed purely by National Points; at the same time the complimentary dinner was scrapped. Morag Davidson assiduously chased up the leading players who were dilatory in replying to their invitations, but this was hard work. The event was redefined as a Grand Masters Individual, and has rather lost its cachet. The individual format does not seem to appeal to the younger generation of Grand Masters, which is a pity. It will be run for the 50th time in 2009. The list of winners is impressive:

## THE MASTER POINT SCHEME

1960	Archie Winetrobe	1985	Moore McVeigh
1961	Louis Rose	1986	Sandy Duncan
1962	Jimmy Allan	1987	John Matheson
1963	Louis Rose	1988	Morag Malcolm
1964	Hugh Fraser	1989	Donald Denoon
1965	Andrew McLeish	1990	Roy Bennett
1966	Sam Leckie	1991	John MacLaren
1967	Jimmy Allan	1992	James Forbes
1968	Hugh Kelsey	1993	Ken Baxter
1969	Hugh Kelsey	1994	David Liggat
1970	Sam Leckie	1995	Derek Diamond
1971	Tom Culbertson	1996	David Liggat
1972	John MacLaren	1997	Iain Sime
1973	Alec Tough	1998	Douglas Piper
1974	Sam Leckie	1999	Brian Short
1975	Hugh Kelsey	2000	Jimmie Arthur
1976	Victor Silverstone	2001	Sandy Duncan
1977	Hugh Kelsey	2002	David Liggat
1978	Harry Barnett	2003	Liz McGowan
1979	Hugh Kelsey	2004	Vi Outred
1980	Moore McVeigh	2005	Derek Sanders
1981	Ronald Manson	2006	John MacLaren
1982	Sandy Duncan	2007	Douglas Piper
1983	Ronald Manson	2008	Ian Hunter
1984	Sandy Duncan		

### Most Wins

5	Hugh Kelsey	1968; 1969; 1975; 1977; 1979				
4	Sandy Duncan	1982; 1984; 1986; 2001				
3	Sam Leckie	1966; 1970; 1974	David Liggat	1994; 1996; 2002	John MacLaren	1972; 1991; 2006
2	Jimmy Allan	1962; 1967	Moore McVeigh	1980; 1985	Ronald Manson	1981; 1983
	Douglas Piper	1998; 2007	Louis Rose	1961; 1963		

In 1961 individual tournaments were also held for Local and District Masters, but as numbers on the master point register increased the Johnston and Kennedy trophies were redefined as pairs tournaments. The next Individual Trophy was presented by Louis Shenkin in 1964. Like later Individuals, it was run with heats in the Districts and the final in the Carlton Bridge Club, in Edinburgh (a Morag Davidson legacy).

### The Shenkin Masters Individual (for Masters, and Star Masters)

1965	Isaac Mendelsohn	1980	Kathleen McGovern
1966	Robin Prophit	1981	Bob Logan
1967	Tom Culbertson	1982	A Reekie
1968	David Liggat	1983	Jim Cunningham
1969	Margaret Allan	1984	Edith Peters
1970	Moore McVeigh	1985	Malcolm Knox
1971	John Cross	1986	M D Arthur
1972	E Fowlie	1987	Malcolm Cuthbertson
1973	Robin McCallum	1988	Alan Mill
1974	David Weir	1989	Pam Mackie
1975	Sheila McCreath	1990	Robert Mackie
1976	Mrs D Mackie	1991	John Cowan
1977	Margaret Gall	1992	Wally Scott
1978	Brendan Doolan	1993	Adrienne Cook
1979	Simon Muir	1994	Tony Lamont

1995	Sasha Kaludercic	2002	Christine Gray
1996	John Logue	2003	Alexander Reid
1997	Bob Struthers	2004	Elizabeth Johnstone
1998	Richard Dix	2005	Mrs W Tarland
1999	Andrew Ramage	2006	Anne Brodie-Allan
2000	Sylvia Peterson	2007	Ying Piper
2001	Gavin MacDonald	2008	Steve Pomeroy

**The Alan Fairlie Trophy followed,** for players below the rank of Master.

1973	Isobel Traill	1991	Sandy Reid
1974	Angus Cameron	1992	Margaret Laing
1975	Donald Craig	1993	Dr R Ferguson
1976	Gordon Davidson	1994	John Ogilvie
1977	Bill Ross	1995	Peter Boni
1978	E Sharp	1996	Andrea Re
1979	E Thumath	1997	Alan Bundy
1980	Tom Veitch	1998	Jim Larkin
1981	Frances Murphy	1999	Sylvia Peterson
1982	Mrs P Baird	2000	J Rozemond
1983	Matt Cowan	2001	Steve Pomeroy
1984	Jim Paterson	2002	Pete Smith
1985	A D Ross	2003	Douglas McAllister
1986	Iain Sime	2004	J Usher
1987	John P Hamilton	2005	Alan Pocock
1988	Keith Youngs	2006	Brian Willox
1989	Mrs S Russell	2007	Ed Repečka
1990	John Simpson	2008	Alan Officer

**The Harrison Trophy** was donated by Chrissie Harrison for Scottish and National Masters, and above, with the proviso that the player did not participate in the Benjamin the previous year.

1978	Moore McVeigh	1994	Bruce Field
1979	John Murdoch	1995	Gerry Sweeney
1980	Liz McGowan	1996	Sam Malkani
1981	Beatrice Copson	1997	Peter Taylor
1982	Alan Phillips	1998	Douglas Kemp
1983	Gordon Wellington	1999	David Whyte
1984	Robin MacCallum	2000	Sandy Anderson
1985	Richard Benstead	2001	Beryl Campbell
1986	Charles Guthrie	2002	L Christie
1987	Ian Crorie	2003	Liz Hunter
1988	Jean Cunningham	2004	Stephen Reilly
1989	Jim Hendry	2005	George Plant
1990	Hamish Smith	2006	Allan Gordon
1991	Jim O'Leary	2007	George Yates
1992	W L Fraser	2008	Tim McKay
1993	Fred Short		



## Ranked Master Pairs Events

The **Johnston & Kennedy Tournaments**, introduced in season 1960-61 as individual tournaments for District and Local Masters respectively, became pairs tournaments in 1967. They were run as qualifinal events with heats in the Districts, then they became one-day events, and now they are run as Simultaneous Pairs with combined heats.

### Kennedy (up to & including Local Masters)

1961	Stan Kissen (Locarno)	1985	Judith Louch & Joan Mercer
1962	Miss E K Farquharson (St Andrew)	1986	Ian Cormack & George Wood
1963	Victor Silverstone (GUU)	1987	A C Rodger & J McCrear
1964	L C Middleton (Stirling)	1988	Alexander Reid & Rosemary Bryson
1965	Ronnie McEwan (Crieff)	1989	John O'Connor & Linda Craig (O'Connor)
1966	J Mearns (Aberdeen)	1990	A W Ross & E Kaye
1967	Mrs J Oliver & N McEwan(Inverurie)	1991	Roy Thompson & Miss M Vance
1968	Bob & Nancy Sutherland	1992	David Cree & Evelyn Outred
1969	John Gemmell & David Weir	1993	George Robertson & Jim Docherty
1970	J C Ormiston & S R Barker	1994	Lilian Keith & Mrs J Ross (Aberdeen)
1971	Mr & Mrs D Hamilton	1995	Mr & Mrs G Morrison
1972	Jim Adams & Bob Gentles	1996	Hugh Smyth & Stephen Peterkin
1973	Margaret Niven & Isobel Traill	1997	Rosemary Steers & Rosemary McKinnel
1974	Mr & Mrs T Y S Kerr	1998	Ying Piper & Xaioming Shi
1975	Basil Edelman & Ian Morrison	1999	Sylvia Henderson & Stella Styles
1976	Gordon Davidson & Carol Binnie (Davidson)	2000	Sheila Bradley & Antony Nolan
1977	T Robson & RG McIntosh	2001	Archie Bouverie & John Parkinson
1978	Mark Grubb & R MacKay	2002	J Walker & M Walters
1979	David Ashforth & Mike Whittaker	2003	Mrs E Brownlie & Stewart Brownlie
1980	Russell Frame & Ken Reid	2004	Kevin Strathern & Stewart MacDonald
1981	Linda Good & Ruth Woodburn	2005	L Moss & B Geddes
1982	Ian Crie & Alan Ferguson	2006	B Cordell & M Teighe
1983	Adam Hamilton & Roger Urquhart	2007	Ian Ellison & Gyles Ellison
1984	Dr Ian Wishart & Mrs K Allan	2008	Claire Hargan & Julia Palmer

### Johnston (District Masters)

1961	Sandy Bremner	1980	D Robinson & Stewart Adam
1962	Leslie de Czarnek	1981	David & Steven Ashforth
1963	Mrs J V Lyons	1982	Mrs R Watt & Mrs A Buchan
1964	Gwen Jones	1983	Max Blodwell & Alex Onions
1965	W D Hunt	1984	Mr & Mrs A M Bell
1966	W C Dalgarno	1985	Alex Henry & Sandy Weatherstone
1967	Margaret Burgess & Ray Lewis	1986	Tim McKay & Andrew McIntosh
1968	Martin Borrell & H Gore	1987	Iain Sime & Mike Young
1969	Hamish & Muriel Smith	1988	G D Rice & D Wray
1970	Jackie Gillespie & Bob Sutherland	1989	Briony Multon & Bronwen Wheatley
1971	Ruby Martyn & Mary Orr	1990	Mr & Mrs K March
1972	Richard Edwards & IG Morris	1991	Sandy Reid & J Wylie
1973	Margaret Niven & Isobel Traill	1992	Grant Harrower & John Bain
1974	George Anderson & Jim McMenemy	1993	Jean Mole & Reg Drysdale
1975	Simon Muir & Bridie Power	1994	Susan Wallace & Joe McKernan
1976	W Brennan & WF Fulton	1995	Maureen Mowat & Ralph Henderson
1977	Dennis Wallace & Mamie Hay	1996	Lucia Drummond (now Barrett) & Thea Teale
1978	Owen & Teresa Maguire	1997	Hugh Smyth & Stephen Peterkin
1979	Mrs P Metzstein & A Carr	1998	June Morrison & Jane Stephenson

1999	James Hamilton & Mrs J Hamilton	2004	Robert & Addie Imrie
2000	Brian Owen & Anne Kerr	2005	Mrs I Ritchie & Mrs S Strand
2001	Sheila Bradley & Jill Paice	2006	P Mingay & Mrs L Ross
2002	Sheila Brunton & Evelyn Mitchell	2007	P Mingay & L Ross
2003	Jamie Batey & Douglas McAllister	2008	Linda Roy & Bob Morris

**Jesner Scottish Masters Pairs** A trophy for a Pairs event for players with the rank of Master and above was donated by George Jesner in 1964. It was our most prestigious Pairs event till the arrival of the Bowman in 1971.

1965	Albert Benjamin & Louis Mitchell	1987	Douglas Piper & George Wood
1966	Victor Goldberg & Sam Leckie	1988	Duncan & Margo Cursiter
1967	Tom Culbertson & Hugh Kelsey	1989	James Forbes & Andrew McIntosh
1968	Harry & Sol Barnett	1990	Bob McKinnon & Ian Patrick
1969	Carl Dickel & Bill Mitchell	1991	G Kennedy & J Thomson
1970	Tom Culbertson & Hugh Kelsey	1992	A MacDonald & J Wylie
1971	Donald Denoon & Brian Short	1993	George Martin & Pat Paxton
1972	Duncan McMillan & Carolyn Peploe	1994	David Ward & David Henderson
1973	Beatrice Craig & Elaine Osborne	1995	David MacDonald & Rickie Finlayson
1974	Nina Hislop & Elaine Osborne	1996	S Kableskov & A Raeburn
1975	Suresh Tyagi & Kushi Sarwar	1997	George Robertson & Jim Docherty
1976	Mr & Mrs Cecil J Gauld	1998	Alastair Crawford & J Wylie
1977	Bill Brown & Malcolm Knox	1999	David Whittaker & David Newbould
1978	Ian Cowper & Dennis Wallace	2000	Alan Kennedy & Scott Arbuthnott
1979	David Nairn & Norman MacLeod	2001	Andrea Re & A Sands
1980	RDCrawford & CR Beetham	2002	Christine Howe & Elizabeth Fyfe
1981	Gordon Elrick & F Alexander	2003	D Lumsdaine & S MacDonald
1982	Sheila Macdonald & J Osborne	2004	Patricia Brunton & Joan Hutton
1983	Ian Hunter & Peter Taylor	2005	Olivia Lamb & Cynthia McDougall
1984	Bill Hamilton & Alex Thom	2006	Olivia Lamb & Cynthia McDougall
1985	Jean Cunningham & Harry Brown	2007	Stewart MacDonald & Kevin Strathern
1986	P Duthie & CB Kelman	2008	Robert Clow & Fiona Greenwood

**Bowman Life Masters Pairs** As more and more players achieved higher ranks, the Jesner became unmanageable. Charlie Bowman presented a new Trophy for a Pairs event for Scottish Masters and above.

1972	George Hunter & Moore McVeigh	1991	Eric & Jenny Steel
1973	Victor Silverstone & Willie Coyle	1992	Eric & Jenny Steel
1974	Victor Silverstone & Willie Coyle	1993	Andrew McIntosh & Dave Walker
1975	John Matheson & Iain Thomson	1994	Malcolm Cuthbertson & James Forbes
1976	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short	1995	Ian Crorie & James McGeorge
1977	John Matheson & Ian Morrison	1996	Sandy Anderson & Sam Malkani
1978	Victor Goldberg & Barnet Shenkin	1997	Veronica Guy & Carolyn Peploe
1979	Bill Innes & John Murray	1998	Ken Forsyth & Gordon Smith
1980	John MacLaren & Ian Morrison	1999	Richard Jarvis & Richard Benstead
1981	Shelagh Bruce & David Liggat	2000	Eileen Carmichael & Pam Mackie
1982	Victor Goldberg & Gerald Haase	2001	Ken Forsyth & Gordon Smith
1983	Richard Benstead & Tom Culbertson	2002	Frances Murphy & John Stevenson
1984	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short	2003	Veronica Guy & Fiona McQuaker
1985	Donald Denoon & Ross Woodburn	2004	Eddie Madden & Ron Barrie
1986	Ken Baxter & Jack Paterson	2005	Russell Frame & John P Hamilton
1987	Bill Innes & Finlay Marshall	2006	Stewart Duguid & Ian Burn
1988	David Frew & David Liggat	2007	Bob McKinnon & Ian Patrick
1989	Bill Innes & Finlay Marshall	2008	Sandy Anderson & Tony Waldron
1990	Danny Kane & Sam Leckie		

**The Fairlie Trophy** was presented in 1974 for Scottish and National Masters, leaving the Bowman for higher ranks.

1975	Jimmy Baird & Ian Howie	1992	Ken Brown & Harry Vickers
1976	David Weir & Gordon Stuart	1993	Duncan Cursiter & Duncan Macdonald
1977	George Anderson & Jim McMenemy	1994	Joan Mercer & Keith Youngs
1978	Dolph Yzer & Gordon Wellington	1995	Edith Lawrie & Iain McIntyre
1979	David Gaw & David Buchanan	1996	Rodger Gordon & Sue Marsh (Gordon)
1980	Rab Aitken & Ian Swan	1997	Pam Leith & Jim Watson
1981	Jim McMenemy & Brian Spears	1998	John O'Connor & Keith Youngs
1982	Chrissie Harrison & Jill Arthur	1999	John Di Mambro & Maria Jackson
1983	Danny Kane & Norman McGeagh	2000	John Di Mambro & Maria Jackson
1984	Jim & Bridie Power	2001	Mrs & Mrs F MacFarlane
1985	David Shenkin & Cameron McClatchie	2002	Joan Crockett & Janet Terry
1986	Bill Ross & Emily Garden	2003	Bob Struthers & Alastair Crawford
1987	Ian Crorie & Alan Ferguson	2004	Alex McKenzie & Andy Philip
1988	Jack Anton & Charlotte Brown	2005	Nancy Blair & Anne McGeagh
1989	Alan Ferguson & Alex Adamson	2006	Tim McKay & George Plant
1990	Andrew Pelling & Jim Hendry	2007	Dorothy Coulter & Jean Stewart
1991	Derek Sanders & Dave Walker	2008	Alastair Crawford & Stephen Male

## The Arthur Grandmasters Pairs

was introduced in 1990, for a trophy donated by Jill & Jimmie Arthur.

1990	Moore McVeigh & Gordon Wellington	2000	John MacLaren & Iain Sime
1991	Vi Mitchell (Outred) & Jim McMenemy	2001	Ian Crorie & James McGeorge
1992	Hugh Kelsey & Liz McGowan	2002	Sandy Duncan & Douglas Piper
1993	Willie Coyle & Derek Diamond	2003	Derek Sanders & Brian Spears
1994	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan	2004	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Dave Walker
1995	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley	2005	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Dave Walker
1996	Jimmy Allan & Moore McVeigh	2006	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan
1997	John Murdoch & Dave Walker	2007	Brian Short & Dave Walker
1998	John Murdoch & Dave Walker	2008	Malcolm McCardle & Derrick Peden
1999	Ian Crorie & James McGeorge		

## Most Wins

5	Dave Walker	1997; 1998; 2004; 2005; 2007				
3	Liz McGowan	1992; 1994; 2006				
2	Ken Baxter	1994; 2006	Ian Crorie	1998; 1999	Malcolm Cuthbertson	2004; 2005
2	James McGeorge	1998; 1999	Moore McVeigh	1990; 1996	John Murdoch	1997; 1998

## Congresses

In the 1930s both the British Bridge League and National Bridge Association ran Congresses. Representative teams were invited to the main event, and pairs events for the less exalted player were run alongside. The Scottish Bridge Union, keen to make its mark, announced in the autumn of 1934 that it would hold a Congress the following year.

The first Congress was at Dunblane Hydro on 3, 4 and 6 May 1935 (no play on Sunday). The time-table included pairs tournaments on Friday and Monday afternoons; teams competitions on Saturday afternoon and Monday evening; and Ladies' and Men's teams on Saturday evening. There were no entry fees. The Secretary to the Congress was Arthur Currie of Glasgow, assisted by Bill Brown. There were over 100 entrants, mainly from Edinburgh and Glasgow, plus teams from Troon, Greenock, Aberdeen, Dumfries and Dunfermline. The organisers pre-dealt the boards for the teams, but many had to be redealt because of player carelessness in returning cards to the correct slots.

Arthur Currie also organised the second Congress at Callendar Hydro from 15-18 May 1936. Events were open only to members of clubs in the SBU. The hotel overflowed, with over 170 participants. The "*Glasgow Herald*" presented a cup, to be known as the Congress Trophy, for the winners of the major event, the teams of four competition.

In 1937 the Congress returned to Dunblane, on May 21-24. The Hydro had been extensively altered, and there was now accommodation for 200+. A one-off event was a concluding Handicap Pairs Tournament in which handicaps were fixed by the votes of the players themselves. In the forenoons there were golf, tennis, badminton and swimming competitions. There was a Congress Committee, consisting of Dr MacDonald, Tom Drummond and Henry Rowan, and the Secretary, Harold Walker, took the entries. The Congress was oversubscribed within two weeks of its announcement, and attracted non-Scots for the first time: George MacPhee invited Ewart Kempson of Yorkshire and Professor Mackinnon, a Scot resident in Northern Ireland, to become members of Aberdeen Bridge Club.

The 1938 Congress was again in Dunblane on 20-23 May. For the first time the Congress Teams was run with qualifying rounds on Saturday afternoon and evening, and the final on Sunday afternoon. There were pairs events on Friday evening and Monday afternoon and evening. The Men's and Women's teams were on

Monday afternoon, and there was partnership rubber bridge on Sunday evening. "Golf, tennis and swimming will be available for those who require a little physical exercise to restore their mental faculties, and there will be dancing in the evening after the bridge is over. The various events are open only to members of clubs in the Union, but that should not be an obstacle to anyone who is keen to go. Any four people may form themselves into a club, and it costs very little to join the Union" (*EEN*, 29/3/38)

There was a fifth Congress at Dunblane in 1939, but the event was discontinued during the War. The first post-war Congress was run on 25-27 October 1946, and the National Congress has been an autumn event ever since. In 1948 it moved from Dunblane to Gleneagles. Entries were no longer confined to members of Scottish Clubs, and more and more players from England took part, attracted by a social side that has always been just as important as the actual bridge. One famous story features Colonel Byrne (retired), playing a golf foursome in partnership with the formidable Mrs D O Drummond from Edinburgh. After heavy rain the bunkers were full of water, and Mrs Drummond's shot landed in one. The Colonel took off his shoes and socks, and waded in. He failed to dislodge the ball, but sprayed himself from head to foot with equal parts of water and sand. The gallant colonel stepped out of the bunker, bowed to his partner, and said "Your shot, madam, I think." The evening parties were legendary, as were the champagne breakfasts provided by Jack Anderson, a wealthy local farmer.

The program evolved into five sessions: two of teams, two of pairs and one of Women's and Men's teams. In 1967 a third session of pairs was introduced, and a Friday afternoon session set aside for the Women's and Men's Teams.

In 1973 the Congress moved to Peebles Hydro where it has remained ever since. In 1998 a special format celebrated 25 years in partnership.



Zia Mahmood visits the Congress in 2002.  
Seen here with Ken Baxter and Morag Malcolm



## Conveners

**Charlie Bowman** was Congress Manager, then Convener, for over 30 years, from the mid-fifties till 1988. He established a programme which has lasted more or less unchanged till this day. In 1988 **Bill Mitchell** took over as Congress Convener. He ran the National Congress, the BBL Summer Congress, and, eventually the Winter (Gold Cup) Congress. He encouraged entries with generous national point awards, and increased the numbers attending year



The tree-planting ceremony. Peter Cohen, Bette Mitchel and Gerard Bony, Manager of the Hydro

on year. He had the happy knack of finding a good team of workers, which allowed him to delegate during the weekend, but he put in endless hours in preparation. He was supported by his wife Bette, who

continued to help in the office after Bill had to resign. The combination of Bill Mitchell and Peebles Hydro became synonymous with a successful Congress. At the Winter Congress in 2003 a tree was planted in the grounds of Peebles Hydro in his memory.

When Bill resigned **Peter Cohen**, ably assisted by his wife Helena, took over as Convener of the three Peebles Congresses. His relaxed manner conceals a lot of hard work, and under his guidance the Congresses have remained very popular with English visitors. He will also take charge of the first Scottish Bridge Union Overseas Congress, an innovation in May 2009.



Morag Malcolm, Hugh Kelsey and Bill Mitchell in relaxed mood at Peebles

## Congress Trophy Winners

The Congress Trophy presented by the Glasgow Herald for Teams of Four

1935	R French, I O Jeffrey, Jean Macnair, May Brearley
1936	A J Milne
1937	Jim Fergusson
1938	W F Fulton, Dr I B Fulton, Mrs Fulton, R Ybieta
1939	Dr F McMenamin, Mrs Hickey, D Purcell, J Purcell (Dublin),
1940-45	Suspended
1946	Mr & Mrs Jim Fergusson, Robert Gray, W Penman (Glasgow)
1947	William MacKerrow
1948	Graham Mathieson, Kenneth Konstam, Johanis Pavlides, Edward Rayne
1949	Reg Corwen Mrs Corwen, Geoffrey Fell, Harold Franklin (Leeds)
1950	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin
1951	Tommy & Margaret Porteous, Isobel Davidson, David Skinner
1952	Joe Gerber, David Landa, Archie Winetrobe, Danny Tait
1953	Kenneth Konstam, Leslie Dodds, S Booker, E R H Pollack
1954	J Hochwald, R Mercado, H Brostoff, J Taylor (Leeds)
1955	Archie Winetrobe, Joe Gerber, David Landa, Ewart Kempson
1956	Willie Bryce, A MacWilliam, T Bryce, D Watson (Stirling)
1957	Galloway Shearer, Jimmy Allan, Bob Forbes, Tom Lamb
1958	Kenneth Konstam, Leslie Dodds, E R H Pollack, Colin Harding (London)
1959	Bobby Allan, Jim Fergusson, Harry Barnett, Louis Rose
1960	H Jackson
1961	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Ralph Swimer, Albert Rose
1962	Sam Leckie, Victor Goldberg, Harry & Sol Barnett
1963	George Jesner, Graham Mathieson, Judy Benjamin, Joe Gerber
1964	Louis & Len Shenkin, Albert Benjamin, Irving Rose
1965	Sam Leckie, Victor Goldberg, Irving Rose, Jonathan Cansino
1966	L Morrell, Clement Ellis, J Hochwald, S Fielding (Bradford/Glasgow)
1967	Galloway Shearer, Jimmy Allan, Raymond Brock, R A McEwan
1968	G S Baker, S Leigh, R Lewis, I Gilbert (Newcastle)
1969	Bertie Wolfson, Ian Howie, Jimmy Baird, Dr Paul Derblay

1970	John Murray, Ken Grant, Roy Bennett, John McMonagle
1971	Shelagh Bruce, David Frew, Robert Inglis, Peter Crawford
1972	Walter Ewing, Denis Young, David Rhodes, S Payne
1973	Sam Fisher, Tom Johnston, Stan & Pam Kissen
1974	Charles Guthrie, Nigel Guthrie, Liz McGowan, Carolyn Peplow
1975	Donald Denoon, Ian (Dee) Harley, John Muir, Neil Franklin
1976	Ian Morrison, Martin White, Hugh Kelsey, George Moffat
1977	Ian Morrison, David Liggat, John Matheson, Jim Patrick
1978	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1979	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1980	Ian (Dee) Harley, Mike Innes, Danny Kane, Mike McGinley
1981	Bill Innes, Charles Outred, Ian Howie, John Murray
1982	Ian Burn, Jim McAllister, Fiona Abbott, Bruce MacDonald
1983	Ian (Dee) Harley, Les Steel, Mike Clack, I Morris
1984	Tom Culbertson, John MacLaren, Sandy Duncan, Brian Short
1985	Alan Bishop, Tom Lamb, Jimmy Allan, Gordon Wellington
1986	Sandy Duncan, Brian Short, John MacLaren, Ian Morrison
1987	Bill Innes, Finlay Marshall, Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson
1988	Margaret Alexander, Margaret Gall, Nancy Miller, Muriel Robertson
1989	John MacLaren, Ross Woodburn, Sandy Duncan, Jim Power
1990	Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh, Steve Lodge, Michele Handley
1991	Barnet Shenkin, Les Steel, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh
1992	Bill Mitchell, Bill Innes, Morag Malcolm, Finlay Marshall
1993	John McMonagle, Jim McMenemy, Charles Outred, Vi Mitchell (Outred)
1994	David Frew, David Liggat, Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan
1995	Ian Monaghan, Tony Forrester, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett
1996	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, Dave Walker, Derek Sanders
1997	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, Malcolm Cuthbertson, John Murdoch
1998	Jimmie Arthur, Alistair Macdonald, Jill Arthur, Sheila Macdonald
1999	Jimmie Arthur, Ken Forsyth, Jill Arthur, Sheila Macdonald
2000	Charles & Vi Outred, Roy Bennett, Jim Power
2001	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, David Frew, David Liggat
2002	Roy Bennett, Roland Wald, Anne Martin, Jim Power
2003	Roy Bennett, David Liggat, Anne Martin, Jim Power
2004	Charles & Vi Outred, Malcolm Oliver, Clive Owen
2005	John MacLaren, Graham Hazel, Ken Baxter, Liz McGowan
2006	Charles & Vi Outred, Malcolm Oliver, Clive Owen
2007	Paul Hackett, Jonathan Davies, John Armstrong, Giles Foster
2008	Charles & Vi Outred, Clive Owen, Chris Owen

## Karda Salver (Congress Pairs)

The Karda Salver was presented in 1954 to the Scottish Bridge Union by Isobel Davidson's husband. It is named after his printing company, and inscribed "presented by K & R DAVIDSON"

1954	Clement Ellis & Harry Kershaw	1967	Harry Cohen & Louis Levinson
1955	Bobby Allan & Graham Mathieson	1968	Tom Lamb & Alan Bishop
1956	Harry Miskimmin & Bob Stewart	1969	F Chodziesner & B von Gunz (Hamburg)
1957	Leslie Dodds & E R H Pollak (London)	1970	Nicol McLaren & Ross Woodburn
1958	Eric Milnes & C Vickerman (Bradford)	1971	Louis Shenkin & Louis Levinson
1959	Mrs & Mrs G D Gill (Yorkshire)	1972	John MacLaren & John Matheson
1960	Sam Leckie & Walter Linderman	1973	J Y Craig & Morag Malcolm
1961	Albert Rose & Ralph Swimer	1974	John MacLaren & Ian Morrison
1962	Miss A E Armitage & Mrs B L Ellam	1975	Mike Innes & Peter Poka
1963	Victor Goldberg & Sam Leckie	1976	Eric Milnes & R Barnaby
1964	Dr Jimmy Allan & Dr Galloway Shearer	1977	Bill Innes & Charles Outred
1965	Sam Fisher & Tom Culbertson	1978	David Frew & Gordon Davidson
1966	G H Smith & Peter Spence	1979	Mr & Mrs N Knowles

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1980	Peter & Helena Cohen	1995	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley
1981	Bill Innes & Charles Outred	1996	Martin Garvey & Kenny Watson
1982	Milos Sudjic & Roman Smolski	1997	Martin Garvey & Catherine Curtis
1983	Richard Benstead & Geoff Warren	1998	Paul Mendelson & R Hardyment
1984	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short	1999	David Price & Les Steel
1985	Dr & Mrs H J Thomas	2000	Grant Dowie & Martin Garvey
1986	Malcolm McCardle & Derrick Peden	2001	A V Shivdasani & J G Grant
1987	Andrew Robson & Oliver Segal	2002	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley
1988	Ken Brown & Harry Vickers	2003	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan
1989	Ken Baxter & Les Steel	2004	Catherine & David Gerrard
1990	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Andrew McIntosh	2005	Roger Bielawski & Katja Markert
1991	Derek Sanders & Moore McVeigh	2006	Maida Grant & Sheila Macdonald
1992	Malcolm Cuthbertson & Andrew McIntosh	2007	Ian Howie & Mike McGinley
1993	Bill Innes & Bill Mitchell	2008	Jill Arthur & Pat Davies
1994	Charles & Vi Outred		

### The Spring Congress

The National Congress was moved to October after the War, and, inspired by the success of its original Congresses, the SBU initiated a second, Spring, Congress in St Andrews on 23-27 April 1947. There was limited hotel accommodation: “and the ballot for accommodation at the hotels will take place on April 11. The Congress Manager is Mr H Kershaw.” (*Scotsman*, 1/4/47)

For the next four years the Congress was run at Gleneagles, with increasing numbers of visitors from South of the Border.

“The Scottish Spring Congress at Gleneagles last weekend was a huge success, partly because there are only two Congresses a year in Scotland, and partly because of the increasing interest in Bridge. After all the available accommodation had been filled the numbers turned away sufficed for another Congress. The organisation was perfect. The scoring in the competitions was mostly in ‘victory points’. The two big events were both won by the Kempson-Mathieson-Pavrides-Rayne team, the Scottish runners-up being close on their heels. (*Yarborough*, Col JG Walsh, on the 1948 Congress)

The 1950 event was deemed “an immense success, though the numbers were slightly down on last year. For those seriously minded there was enough bridge to keep them out of mischief during the day, and hands to discuss into the small hours. There was also occasional light relief. One well-known player, on being confronted with a 3NT opening bid by the opponents, not unnaturally enquired of the opener’s partner what he understood by it, and was informed that he was not quite sure, but he thought it was forcing to game.” (RGM,*Scotsman* 2/5/50)

In 1952 the Congress moved to Dunblane, for one year, but Gleneagles was the real home of this series of Spring Congresses. It was after the 1953 event that H St John Ingram offered to donate a Cup for the Congress Women’s Teams, a trophy now competed for at the National Congress. In the same year the winners of the National Pairs, WS Reid and J Peters from Aberdeen, donated the Reid and Peters Trophy for the Congress Men’s Teams.

### Spring Congress Fours

1947	Margaret & Tommy Porteous, Isobel Davidson, David Skinner
1948	Ewart Kempson, Graham Mathieson, Johanis Pavlides, Edward Rayne
1949	Hymie Barnett, Sol Barnett, Harry Barnett, Judy Benjamin
1950	Margaret & Tommy Porteous, Isobel Davidson, David Skinner
1951	Albert Benjamin, Louis Mitchell, Len & Louis Shenkin
1952	Harry Kershaw, Clement Ellis, Ronald Manson, Jean Macnair
1953	Harry Kershaw, Clement Ellis, Ronald Manson, Jean Macnair
1954	C Henriques, M Luckner, Mr & Mrs L P Robinson (Blackpool)

## Spring Congress Women's Teams

1947	Cath French, Jean Macnair, Isobel Davidson, Margaret Porteous
1948	Mrs Burnside, Mrs Harford, Mrs Nicolson, Mrs Turpie (Glasgow)
1949	Mrs H Esther, Doris Schellenberg, Mrs H G Nicholson, Winnie Dewell
1950	Dimmie Fleming, Mrs Summers, Mrs Kahn, Mrs Lester (London)
1951	Margaret Porteous, Mrs Merkes, Isobel Davidson, Mrs Nicolson
1952	
1953	Margaret Porteous, Isobel Davidson, Faie Irvine, Mrs Edmond
1954	Mrs J P Edmond, Mrs R Young, Judy Benjamin, Mrs Fergusson

## Spring Congress Men's Teams

1947	Stanley Nicolson, David Skinner, M Paterson, W Orr
1948	Ewart Kempson, Graham Mathieson, Johanis Pavlides, Edward Rayne
1949	H L Martin, A M Carsewell, R S Carsewell, W Mackie
1950	Hymie, Sol & Harry Barnett, Albert Benjamin
1951	Sam Fisher, R Patrick, William MacKerrow, H G Nicolson
1952	G R Barras, J Stewart, Sandy Bremner, Bruno Serafini (Stirling)
1953	M Shroot, J Newman, A Evsovitch, N Gossman
1954	Archie Winetrobe, Harry Cohen, Joe Gerber, David Landa

In 1993 Bill Mitchell revived a Spring Congress, in Peebles Hydro, which already hosted one national and two BBL Congresses, as well as the West District and Glasgow Bridge Centre events. In 1995 he moved to the RAC Club in Glasgow where the successful Festival of Bridge was held in 1990. But the calendar was much fuller by then, many Scottish players preferred the EBU Easter events, and there were many more Congresses around. Even the promise of National Points failed to attract a sufficient entry, and the experiment was abandoned after four years.

## Ex-BBL Congresses

When Scotland went it alone in 2000 we fell heir to the two Congresses run at Peebles by the British Bridge League. The Summer Congress falls on the second weekend in July, occasionally in a heatwave, and the Winter Congress, generally known as the Gold Cup Congress, on the second weekend in December. These are both very popular with English visitors.

## Summer Congress Results: Congress Teams for the Edward Whittaker Trophy

The Trophy was donated by Mr & Mrs Whittaker in memory of Willie Whittaker's younger brother, who died tragically in his twenties.

2000	Jack Paterson, Brian Short, Ken Baxter, Derek Sanders
2001	David Frew, David Liggat, Sandy Duncan, John Matheson
2002	Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper, David Frew, John Matheson
2003	Anne Martin, Jimmy Power, Roy Bennett, Roland Wald
2004	J Halliwell, P Mollart, S & A Wilkins
2005	Les Steel, James McGeorge, John Armstrong, Dave Walker
2006	Les Steel, Graham Hazel, James McGeorge, Dave Walker
2007	Sam Punch, Diana Gerrard, Tim McKay, George Plant
2008	Chris Owen, John Atthey, Liz Muir, Liz Reese



## Congress Pairs for the Pieter van Dijk Trophy

This Trophy was donated by the long-serving manager of the hotel, whose influence has made the Peebles Congresses so successful.

2000	Agnes Bluett & Stan Collins (Yorkshire)
2001	Ian (Dee) Harley & Derrick Peden
2002	Ken Baxter & John Murdoch
2003	David Frew & John MacLaren
2004	Martin Garvey & Allie Gordon
2005	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan
2006	John Matheson & Brian Callaghan
2007	John Matheson & Brian Callaghan
2008	Ying Piper & Donald Sutherland

## Winter Congress Results

### Congress Swiss Teams for the Bill Mitchell Salver

2000	Irving & Joy Blakey, David Baskin, Howard Kay
2001	Roy Garthwaite, Heather Hobson, Ted & Janet Latham
2002	David Frew, David Liggat, John Murdoch, Douglas Piper
2003	David Frew, David Liggat, Sandy Duncan, Douglas Piper
2004	Les Steel, Phil King, James McGeorge, Douglas Piper
2005	Les Steel, Phil King, Brian Short, Dave Walker
2006	Les Steel, Jim Mason, Andrew McIntosh, Phil King
2007	Andrew & Veronica Petrie, Nick & Sue Woodcock
2008	Les Steel, Phil King, Jim Mason, Dave Walker

## Congress Swiss Pairs for the Clive Owen Trophy

Clive Owen from Darlington attends every SBU Congress with his family and friends, and donated a Trophy in gratitude for all the enjoyment they have had.

2000	Eddie Lucioni & Laurie Sedar
2001	K Ingham & J Jackson
2002	Andrew Thompson & Mike Vail
2003	Elaine Wilmot & John Condon
2004	John Armstrong & David Stevenson
2005	Irving & Joy Blakey
2006	David Liggat & Liz McGowan
2007	David Liggat & Liz McGowan
2008	George Plant & Derek Sanders

# The Districts

The Scottish Bridge Union consists of 7 independent Districts. The relationship is an interesting one. Delegates to Council are elected by District AGMs, and Districts are expected to conform to SBU policy, though there is no formal way of enforcing this. The Districts are presented in order of seniority.

## West District

The West was the main driving force behind the formation of the SBU in 1933. It was represented by Dr W G MacDonald and Dr Tom Drummond, at the inaugural meeting. The first Vice-Chairman was Dr Tom Drummond, and the original four delegates were Mrs Arend, Messrs George Beveridge, Peter Duff and Clement Ellis.

At the 1936 Annual General Meeting, when Tom Drummond was elevated to President of the Scottish Bridge Union, Henry Rowan was appointed Vice-Chairman, and the delegates were Dr Drummond; Peter Duff, Clement Ellis, I R Ferguson, and Dr MacDonald.

### Chairmen and Vice-Presidents

1933-36	Tom Drummond
1936-38	Henry Rowan
1959-62	Lachy McLean
1962-64	Louis Shenkin
1964-66	Robert Frischmann
1966-68	Alex MacWilliam
1969-70	Stanley Cameron
1970-71	John Cross
1971-72	Bobby Muir
1972-73	D Alexander
1973-74	Henry Simmonds
1974-76	Norman Summers
1976-78	Sol Barnett
1978-80	Jim Allison
1980-83	Chrissie Harrison
1983-86	Tom Marshall
1986-88	Jimmie Arthur
1988-90	Marion Hill
1990-93	Bill Clow
1993-96	Tom Workman
1996-99	Peter Cohen
1999-2000	Catherine Gerrard
2000-01	Pat Wilson
2001-04	David Merriman
2004-08	Vi Outred
2008-	Michele Alexander

### Secretaries

1949-55	Carl Dickel
1959-74	Cyril Breene
1974-78	Ruth Breene
1978-84	G Baillie
1984-89	Tom Workman
1989-94	Betty Bell
1994-95	Mike McGinley
1995-96	Ken Brown
1996-99	Heather Fisher
1999-2001	David Merriman
2001-2005	Tom Workman
2005-08	Horst Kopleck

### Treasurers

1997-2008	Sandy Reid
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### Tournament Secretaries

1990-92	John Wilson
1992-96	Alan Kay
1997-2004	Ken Brown
2004-	Horst Kopleck

## Competitions

The West District was the first to form a **League**: it was announced in the *British Bridge World* in July 1934.

“In the District there are about 40 clubs, and, for the first year, those clubs that enter will be divided by lot into three or more divisions, designated Red, Blue, White etc. Each club may enter only one team, which will consist of eight players. It is anticipated that there will be about 8 to 10 clubs in each division and one match between clubs will be played during the season, two points being awarded

for a win and one for a tie. At the end of the season the leading three clubs from each ‘colour’ division will form the 1st Division, the second three clubs the 2nd Division, and so on. Promotion and relegation will, thereafter, be on the lines of the Football League. A handsome cup has been presented by the “*Daily Record & Mail*” to be held each year by the winners of the 1st Division. For the first year the cup will be awarded to the winner of the deciding matches between the leading clubs of each “colour” division.”

30 teams had entered by June 1934, and they were duly divided by ballot into three divisions of 10 teams. Subsequently a further 9 teams joined, and a fourth Division was formed. One year later 62 clubs entered and were divided into five leagues. Matches were of 24 boards, with aggregate scoring.

The League operated on a reduced basis during the war, when it was run as teams of four. After the war it swiftly reorganised, and by 1960 there were 6 divisions, with promotion and relegation. In 2008 there are four Divisions.

There was also a **Knock-out Handicap** event for teams of eight, open to all clubs in the District whether or not they participated in the League itself. A trophy was later presented by the family of **Jackie Josephson**.

The **Women's Afternoon League** was introduced in 1960, but became defunct in 1987. Men were allowed to make up the numbers, with the proviso that no team should consist entirely of men!

The **Haig Trophy** was presented to the West District by the City Business Club, Glasgow, in 1934. It was originally a knock-out teams of four, and the proceeds went to the Earl Haig fund. In the first 48 board final Henry Mullen defeated Dr W G MacDonald by 3120 points. It continued after the war in a Pivot Teams format, where the Captain plays one-third of the boards with each of his team-mates. In the late fifties there was a carrot for less experienced teams – “any team not containing a First or Second Division player will receive a ‘substantial’ handicap.” Nowadays the Haig Trophy is presented to the winners of the Erskine Teams of four, an annual charity event from which all proceeds go to the Erskine Hospital Fund.

The **Western Fours**, a District Multiple Teams Championship with one qualifying round and a Final, was introduced in 1960. It is now incorporated into the new one-day ‘shark-free’ national Swiss Teams, presented to the highest-placed team made up entirely of players from the West District. The **Maurice Strang Memorial Trophy** is another Team of four event.

There are three **Simultaneous Pairs** trophies. The **Bobby Crawford** for Open Pairs; the **Bill Monteith** for Mixed Pairs; and the **Alex Evsovitch** for Senior Pairs (which includes anyone over the age of fifty). The three have been combined into a single event, with the trophies going to the highest-ranked pair in each category.

## The 1990 Festival of Bridge

This was organised as a contribution to the celebrations to mark Glasgow's year as European Capital of Culture. It was a large Congress, with national points, held in the RAC Club in Blythswood Square. The Congress Manager was Morag Malcolm. She ran a variety of events, organised in such a way that no event lasted more than one day. There were special events and seminars for Junior and less experienced players. “We want to encourage all grades of players to come and take part, if only for a day. This Festival is for them.”

There were seven sessions, and only one had fewer than 50 tables in play – the Friday afternoon. This was a tribute to Morag's efforts. The results indicated that players had come from far and wide:

### Congress Teams

Derek & Rhona Diamond, Jack Silverstone, Barry Rigal (Glasgow/London)

### Congress Pairs

Malcolm Cuthbertson & Andrew McIntosh (Edinburgh)

### Swiss Teams

Fiona Lawson, Fred Short, Douglas Piper, George Wood (Edinburgh)

### Women's Pairs

Susan Aitchison & Rita Prentice (Hamilton)

### Men's Pairs

Ian Crorie & Martin Garvey (Edinburgh/London)

### Over 55 Pairs

Mrs M Campbell & Mrs E McNiven (Aberlour)

### Mixed Pairs

Donald Denoon & Maida Grant (Edinburgh/Glasgow)

### Open Pairs

John Dick and Stuart McCreadie (Ayrshire)

## The Scotrail Trophies

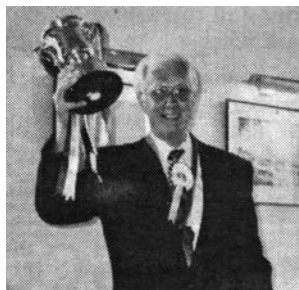
The first Scotrail event was organised to commemorate 150 years of the Edinburgh-Glasgow Line. Morag Malcolm devised a handicap knockout event for teams of eight in the East and West Leagues: each qualifying section consisted of 3 or 4 teams, playing 8 or 12 board matches with a handicap of 400 per division over 8 boards. 43 teams from the East and 40 from the West took part in the anniversary year, 1992. Four teams qualified for the final, which was staged in

Waverley station, to the amazement of onlookers. The teams were Hamilton and Granary from the West, Dunbar and the winners, 49ers, from the East. Scotrail provided a magnificent Trophy, won the following year by Gilmorehill, and in 1994 by St Andrew. Interest in the event waned, particularly in the East and latterly only West teams played.



Fiona McQuaker presents the Trophy to the winning St Andrew team in 1994. (Left to right) Donald Sutherland, Unknown, Donald McClymont, Sasha Kaludercic, Norman McGeagh, Miro Dragic, David Weir, Alistair Macdonald with a representative of Scotrail.

In 1994 the 100th anniversary of the West Highland Line produced a similar event – and more free packs of cards. This was a purely West District event, restricted to teams from towns located on or near the line. The Final was played on the morning train from Glasgow to Oban, in specially reserved carriages.



Jim McMenemy with trophy

“The logistics of moving boards and 32 players on a swiftly moving train may seem daunting, but not when the organiser is Morag Malcolm. She did a wonderful job, and ensured that everybody

finished the last match in time by announcing that any table still playing when the train reached Oban would miss their free lunch. It worked like a charm.” (*SBUNews*, Aug 1994) The teams were Bonnyton, Milngavie, Oban and Gilmorehill, the winners.



Dressed for the occasion, Chrissie Harrison, James Forbes, Jill Arthur and Wally Scott.

## West Grand Masters

There are currently 29 Grand Masters in West District. Joyce Benson, Willie Coyle, Derek Diamond, Victor Goldberg, Sheila Macdonald, Morag Malcolm, John Matheson, John Murdoch and Charles and Vi Outred are all among the 75 of the Best. Jill Arthur, Eileen Caldwell, Maida Grant and Muriel Robertson feature in the Chapter on Scotland's Women. Catherine Gerrard prefers to be included with the Juniors to whom she has dedicated so much of her time.

### Max Blodwell

Max is an enthusiastic supporter of all national events, and a member of more clubs than any other player in Scotland. While working in North Africa Max took part in a World Bridge Competition run by the USAI, and won the All Africa Pairs. On returning to a less exotic environment, he won the Rayne Cup in 1986 with Robert Grubb and the Men's Pairs in 1993 with Joe Menzies. Most of his other successes have been with Eileen Caldwell. Together they won the Senior Pairs in 1997 and the Simultaneous Pairs in 2002. His wife Peggy teaches bridge in Bridge of Weir.

### Ken Brown 1937-2007

Ken was a Merchant Navy man who, when he left the sea, devoted much time and effort to bridge administration: he was a National Tournament Director who served on the SBU Council for seven years, and on the West District for eleven. He was the League and Tournament Secretary for the West, and he and his wife Maggie ran the Glasgow Bridge Centre for 13 years. Latterly Ken was seriously ill with emphysema, but he played his weekly duplicate at the Glasgow Bridge Centre till just three weeks before his death. He became a Grand Master in 1999. “Ken was a very fine card player – he had to be, given the aggressive way he bid! In dealing with opponents he was invariably relaxed and friendly. He was also a very amusing companion, blessed with a fine sense of humour.” (Harry Vickers)

### Harry Vickers

also served on the West Committee and the Scottish Bridge Union Council. Ken was introduced to him by Morag Malcolm in 1987 when both were looking for a partner. Together they won the National Pairs, the Men's Teams, the Senior Pairs, and the Fairlie (Scottish & National Masters Pairs). They played in several Scottish Trials.



### Ken Forsyth

Ken has played most of his bridge outwith Scotland. He returned for a few years, taking time out to win the Men's Teams in 2003 and the Bowman twice, in 1998 and 2001, but now spends much of his time in Australia. He represented Scotland in the 2006 Commonwealth Games Bridge event in Australia.

### David Gerrard

David became a Grand Master in 2000. He has represented Scotland in the Open Teams Olympiad in Istanbul in 2004, and the Senior European Championships in Malmo earlier that year, on both occasions with Ken Rae.

He has won the Rayne Cup twice, the Men's Teams twice, and the Swiss Pairs twice. He has served on Council since 2002, where he is Convener of the Scottish Cup and now the Finance Officer. He is married to another Grand Master, Catherine Gerrard, who features along with the Juniors.

### Robert Grubb

Robert is a successful player. He has won the Rayne Cup; the Gold Cup Plate and, with Michelle Gladstone, the Helen Walton Mixed Teams. But his main interest is in administration. He served as a delegate to the SBU Council from 1982-89, and is a qualified Tournament Director who has worked at several Camrose matches.

### Ian Howie



Ian and Mike winning the Congress Pairs 2002

Ian trained as a dentist in Glasgow University in the 1960s. As a Chess player he was interested in the bridge game at the Dental School, so he watched, learned, and became hooked for life. He was a contemporary of Victor Silverstone, and played for Glasgow University in the Waddington Cup against Belfast. In the 60s he played in Trials with Bertie Woolfson, and, with Jimmy Baird and a very young Barnet Shenkin, reached the quarter-finals of the Gold Cup in 1971: it took 37 years to repeat the feat, with Mike McGinley in 2008.

His list of national successes is impressive. With Jimmy Baird he won the first Fairlie Scottish & National Masters Pairs in 1975; the National Pairs, and the Edwin Berry. With John Murdoch he won the Scottish Cup two years running (1987-88), the Rayne Cup, and played his one and only Camrose match in 1989. With Mike McGinley he has performed consistently well in Trials, and they have won the Edwin Berry, the Men's Teams, the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs, and the Swiss Pairs twice. He played with David Gerrard in Trials for a few seasons, and they also won the Swiss Pairs. Now retired from his dental practice, Ian enjoys the game as much as ever. Popular with everyone, he is universally respected as a formidable opponent as well as being one of the nicest players on the circuit.

### Dick Hyde

Dick learned his bridge at Bristol University, and was very successful in England, winning the Pachabo and the Continental Life Teams. He attained the rank of Grand Master before moving to Scotland in 1992, when he was appointed Chief Electrical Engineer for IBM in Greenock. He joined the St Andrew Bridge Club group, and has won the BBL Cup and the Men's Teams. He has retired to a farmhouse in Lochwinnoch, where he rents 15 acres of land to a local farmer, and is rapidly acquiring rubber skin to cope with the weather.

### Norman McGeagh

Norman played two Junior Camrose matches for Scotland. Since then he has had considerable success, winning the Rayne Cup, the Men's Teams and the Men's Pairs. He also represented Scotland with Paul Barton in the Nations Cup in Bonn the first time Scotland were invited to play in 2003. Norman takes advanced bridge classes in the Buchanan bridge club. He is married to **Anne**, who, with Catherine Gerrard, won the Women's Trials in 2001, thus qualifying to play in the Scottish Women's team in both the Lady Milne and the European Championships in Tenerife. Both Norman and Anne have won the Fairlie Pairs with different partners.

### Mike McGinley

Mike currently works as an accountant for the Apple pharmacy chain. As a schoolboy in Glasgow he was introduced to bridge as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. He had the good fortune to be taught by his physics teacher, one Willie Coyle, from whom he gained the enthusiasm for bridge that he has never lost. He had two successful

outings in the Junior Camrose with Ian Swan, winning in 1976 and tying with England in 1978. He has a fine record of success with Ian Howie. His trophies include the BBL Cup; the Edwin Berry; the Men's Teams; the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs, and the Swiss Pairs twice. He became a Grand Master in 1991. In 2008 he reached the last eight of the Gold Cup, losing to the eventual winners.

Mike captained the Junior Camrose team in 1998 when Scotland achieved its best result in over 20 years by tying with England. He has also acted as a selector for the Women's team a post he was relieved to relinquish after a five-year stint!!

### **Bob McKinnon**

Bob McKinnon became our most recent Grand Master in 2008. He learned his bridge in the Sixth Year Common Room at Dalziel High School in Motherwell, a home to all card games. He enjoyed the lunch-time games in the Glasgow University Union, where he joined forces with Ian Patrick, a partnership that has now lasted 34 years, a record that speaks volumes for their temperaments. They have won the Jesner Masters Pairs, the Swiss Pairs, and the Bowman Life Masters Pairs. After graduation he joined Wishaw Bridge Club, where he met Joan Fulton, a regular partner in League matches. In 2007 he won the Gold Cup Plate, gaining entry to the BGB Silver Plate, where he, Jim Forsyth, Simon Muir, Robert Grubb and Nat Fell lost in the final. Highlights of his bridge career are two visits to US Nationals, Phoenix in 2002 and Boston 2008.

### **Jim McMenemy**

Jim is in charge of Gilmorehill, one of the best-known teams in the West District. He has a fine list of successes in National events, having won the National Pairs; the Rayne Cup; the Fairlie (Scottish & National Masters Pairs) twice, the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs, the Men's Pairs, and the first ever Stirling Pairs with Brian Spears in 1987.

### **Brian Spears**

Brian also learned his bridge at Hutchesons' Grammar School. He played in the Junior Camrose with Jack Silverstone in 1978, when Scotland tied with England. He went on to play two Camrose matches with Jim Baird in 1990-91. He has an excellent record in national events: he has won the Scottish Cup; the National Pairs; the BBL Cup twice; the Edwin Berry; the Men's Teams twice; and the Men's Pairs. He won the the Fairlie National and Life Masters Pairs with Jim McMenemy, and the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs with Derek Sanders; he

and Derek also played in the European Open Pairs in the Hague. He enjoys playing abroad, notably at the Maccabiah games. He was part of the 'British' team which won silver at the World Maccabean Games in 1993 in Tel Aviv. The team was Brian and Jack, Victor Silverstone, Derek Diamond, Irving Gordon and Barnet Shenkin, so it was in fact a Scottish team. In 2003 the 'Scottish' team at the European Maccabean in Antwerp was Brian, Derek Diamond, Victor Goldberg, Michael Alexander and David Baskin. The latter two are English but had a residential qualification for Scotland. This team won the Gold Medal, the first ever Scottish success in a Maccabean Games, a rather surprising statistic in view of some very illustrious teams that have represented us in previous years. Brian also enjoys raiding the English Bridge Union Spring foursomes, where he always does well. A regular in Camrose Trials, he will be hoping for more success in his new partnership with John Murdoch.

### **Donald Sutherland**

Donald was born in Strathnaver in Sutherland, went to secondary school in Golspie, and has never lost his softly lilting highland accent. He learned bridge while doing his National Service in Germany with the RAF from 1951-53: there were several fine Polish players, and the bridge games often extended to all-night sessions. He returned to Glasgow where he worked as an electrical services technical draughtsman and played no bridge for 11 years. In 1964 he started again, in Civic Bridge Club and Bishopbriggs. In 1965 he joined the St Andrew Bridge Club in Glasgow, and has played in their first league team ever since. He has won the BBL Cup, the Men's Teams twice, and the Swiss Pairs. A fierce competitor, but not particularly ambitious, Donald's motto is: "I play bridge for fun."

### **David Weir**

David has a PhD in fluid dynamics, and lectured in Strathclyde University. Since retiring he has moved from Kirkintilloch to Edinburgh. He is the brother of Liz McGowan. She is often asked whether he is her older or younger brother – which is flattering to one of them, since he is in fact ten years her senior. He played most of his bridge in the St Andrew Club in Glasgow, where Liz is known simply as 'David Weir's sister'. He became a Grand Master in 1993 after several national successes: he has won the BBL Cup, the Men's Pairs, the Bowman (Life Masters Pairs), and, in a highly successful partnership with Doug Mitchell, the Rayne Cup; the Men's Teams three times and the Men's Pairs twice.

## East District

After the original meeting of the Scottish Bridge Union in Glasgow, F Grant Tait, President of the Atholl Bridge Club, organised a meeting of all known bridge clubs in Edinburgh and the East of Scotland on 9th January 1934. He made the case for a Scottish Bridge Union, an official body to deal with bridge, and the representation of Scotland at bridge. Those present were asked to return a week later to constitute an East District Committee. On 16th January 'most of the Edinburgh bridge clubs were represented, the noticeable exceptions being the University Union and the Civil Service Club'. Dunfermline was represented, but an apology was received from Galashiels. The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Union on 13 January in Glasgow, where he represented the East along with Miss Alice Mackenzie, local secretary of the BBL. He had been appointed Vice-President for the East. When he gave an assurance that the Union would embrace Auction as well as Contract Bridge the meeting unanimously agreed to offer its support, and formally constituted itself the first meeting of the East District. It appointed Mr Tait as Chairman, Bill Brown as Vice-Chairman, and Ronald McCurdie, Malcolm Mackenzie and Alice Mackenzie as Committee, with Miss Marie MacPhail of the Atholl Club as Secretary/Treasurer.

But all was not well. At a meeting of the Atholl Club in April the question of professionalism was raised. As bridge correspondent of '*The Scotsman*' Miss Mackenzie had to resign, and Mr Tait's position was unclear – the Atholl Club wrote to the General Council for a ruling. It appears likely that Mr Tait earned some money by teaching bridge; in any case, he resigned as Chairman in June 1934. The District Committee met, with Vice-Chairman Bill Brown in the chair, to discuss his successor, but no-one could be appointed without approval from the Union. W S Kerr was appointed to the Committee to replace Miss Mackenzie. The first AGM was held in January 1935, when it was agreed to hold future AGMs nearer to the SBU AGMs in May – the new Committee would serve for 16 months.

The East, as the second largest District, has provided 23 Presidents.

### Chairmen & Vice-Presidents

F Grant Tait	1933-34	Liz McGowan	1977-78; 2002-05; 2008-
Ronald McCurdie	1934-37	Alan Bishop	1978-79
William Manson	1937-39	Finlay Marshall	1979-81
Bill MacKerrow	1940-46	David Frew	1981-83; 1998-2001
George Purves	1955-57	Bill Mitchell	1983-85
Don Mercer	1957-58; 1959-61; 1965-66	Alec Thom	1985-87
George Soutar	1958-59; 1962-64	Cameron Farquharson	1987-89
John MacLaren	1961-62; 1964-65; 1966-67	Donald Falconer	1989-92
John Miller	1967-69; 1973-74	Roy Bennett	1992-95
Nicol McLaren	1969-71	David Perry	1995-98
Margaret Porteous	1971-73	Ken Baxter	2001-02
Ian Morrison	1974-75	Donald Denoon	2005-06
Bill Taylor	1975-77	Jack Paterson	2006-08

### Secretaries

Marie MacPhail	1934-35	Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Brown	1935-38	Secretary/Treasurer
W A McKerrow	1938-40	Secretary/Treasurer
Norrie Davidson	1949-60	Secretary/Treasurer
A R Irvine	1960-61	Secretary/Treasurer
John Miller	1961-65	Secretary/Treasurer
	1966-67; 71-77	
Ian Morrison	1967-71; 77-83	
Gordon Wellington	1983-84	Secretary/Treasurer
Liz McGowan	1984-99	
Donald Denoon	1999-05	
Anne Perkins	2005-	

### Treasurers

Fred Short	1965-68
Moore McVeigh	1968-71
Bob Sutherland	1971-74
Matt Pillans	1974-76
Finlay Marshall	1976-2005
Jim Herbert	2005-

## Clubs

When the SBU was founded the dominant club in Edinburgh was the Atholl, where Auction was the preferred game. It was soon eclipsed by two new clubs. The Carlton was founded in 1934, and met at 36 Royal Terrace, the home of Faie Irvine, till 2008, when it moved to custom-built new premises which it shares with Goldenacre Bowling Club. Two years later the Melville was officially opened on 2nd October 1936 by the Honourable Lord Mackay with the SBU President, Tom Drummond, and the Past President, Dr MacDonald, in attendance. "This club, at 44 Melville Crescent, will stand comparison with any club in the United Kingdom in so far as comfort combined with elegance is concerned.

There is ample lounge accommodation and capacity for 120 members at a sitting. Edinburgh now has a 'Crockfords'; of its own." (*BBW*, Nov 36)

The Melville moved to larger premises in Grosvenor Crescent in 1954.

Two other East clubs have their own premises. Marmion Bridge Club in North Berwick will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009, and Dunfermline Bridge Club shares premises with the local tennis club.



A formal dance at the Melville in 1960 (left to right) Tom Lamb, May Hunter, Robert Inglis, Jean Macnair, Ron Forbes, Shelagh Inglis (later Bruce), Jack Hunter, Marie MacPhail

## Competitions

The **East Contract Bridge** League was founded in 1934 with 7 teams; only two, Dundas and Comiston, still exist. In 1935 numbers rose to 13, and the 'Evening News' donated a trophy. A second Division was formed in 1936, and by 1939 a Third Division was required. In 1940 the East ran a war-time league with a Red and Blue Division, and a Playoff between the winners. Each match contributed 4/- to the Red Cross – a total of £13.4/-.

The League was for teams of eight, with aggregate scoring. Teams scored 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw, with ties decided on aggregate. Little has changed

except that there are now Five Divisions. In 1967 John MacLaren presented a Trophy for a **Handicap Knockout** event for teams of eight that played in the League.

In 1936 the District also ran an end-of-season Teams of Four Knockout event for teams from the League at a nominal charge of 1/-. It had the same rules as the Scottish Cup, but with 24-board matches. This was later replaced by the **Atholl Cup**, run as a pivot teams where the captain plays one-third of the boards with each of his team-mates. The actual trophy was originally the Atholl Club Pairs Trophy.

The **Cowan Cup** was presented to the Carlton Bridge Club in 1939 for an invitational pairs event, and it continued as such till 1962 when it became the District Pairs Championship. In the same year the **Faie Rosebowl** was presented to the District for an Individual Championship.

The **Hunter Memorial Trophy** was first played for in 1967 as a multiple teams of four. It is now run as a one-day Swiss Teams when numbers permit.

In 1977 Margaret Lyburn presented a Trophy for a **Junior Pairs**, but this had to be abandoned in the mid 90s for lack of numbers.

In 1984 Bill Mitchell introduced a **Simultaneous Pairs**, with instant scoring against results from an American tournament. This scoring method proved increasingly unpopular, and has been replaced with a 'Play With the Experts' event where pairs score with Scottish international teams on the night, and the overall ranking is calculated using Butler scoring. An **East District Congress** was initiated in 1954, in Dunbar. It moved to the Marine Hotel in North Berwick, but when the hotel changed hands it was unable to find a suitable replacement, and the Congress was abandoned in 1981. Instead there is a one-day multiple teams for the **Watson Trophy**.

In 1968 a second Congress, the Edinburgh Congress, was introduced. It was also abandoned in 1981, but the Friday night Mixed Pairs for the **McGregor Cup** is still run annually.

Jimmy Allan donated a trophy for a married couples Pairs Championship: the Allan Flitch is run in the Melville Bridge Club, under the auspices of the East District since 1994.



## Personalities from the East

### Bill Brown d 1994

Bill was one of the Morningside Junior Unionist team that dominated Auction Bridge in Edinburgh before the SBU was born. One of the members of the original SBU Council, he served as East Secretary/Treasurer and as SBU selector in the early years, but reduced his commitments when he married. He represented Scotland at a Congress in Northern Ireland in the pre-Camrose period, with Tom Robson, another member of MJU. He acted as Honorary auditor for the East District for many years, and was a founder member and mainstay of the Carlton Bridge Club. Along with Malcolm Mackenzie he was made an Honorary Life Member of the Union in 1989, when Individual membership was introduced.

### Malcolm Mackenzie d 1996



Another member of the original SBU Council, which he remembered as consisting mainly of doctors. Malcolm started to play Auction Bridge at the age of 13, with Bill Brown, Norrie Davidson, and Robin Proffit. They played

in the Morningside Junior Unionist Club, and helped to organise an Edinburgh Auction Bridge League in the winter of 1930-31. Each team consisted of 6 pairs, and the original MJU select were all under 25. They won the Auction League for three years in a row, but when the Contract Bridge League was founded they switched allegiance. Malcolm moved to England, but kept in touch with Scottish affairs.

### Moore McVeigh



Unquestionably one of the finest players in the East never to have been capped for Scotland. Moore won the the Rayne Cup twice; the BBL Cup twice; the Edwin Berry, and, in 1991, the President's Prize in recognition of an

outstanding season with Gordon Wellington and the Davids, Frew and Liggat. With his brother-in-law, Bob Sutherland, he won the National Pairs, and the

SBU Simultaneous Pairs in its second year, 1970.

He was one of Jimmy Allan's successful partners in the Senior Pairs. He had three main partnerships with George Hunter, Bob Sutherland and Gordon Wellington, but his record in individual events proves that he was an easy partner: he won the Shenkin, the Harrison; and the Benjamin twice. He won the Bowman Life Masters Pairs with George Hunter in its first year, 1972, and followed that up by winning the Arthur Grandmasters Pairs in its first year, 1990, with Gordon Wellington. He won the Arthur for a second time in 1996 with Jimmy Allan.

### Bob Sutherland

gave up bridge for marriage, but returned to the game when his first wife died at a tragically early age. He became Moore McVeigh's brother-in-law when he married Christine Jarvie, Moira's sister. Bob was headmaster of Gracemount School, where he organised and ran the first Scottish Schools Championships, one of the many ways in which he served bridge in Scotland. He died of cancer in 1988.

### Alec Thom 1929-97

Alec was Chairman of the East District from 1985-87, and a delegate to the SBU Council, and we were fortunate that he found so much time to devote to bridge organization and tournament direction among all his other interests: his enthusiasm spread to amateur dramatics, bird-watching and bowling, he was a local councillor, a Baillie and a Justice of the Peace in Linlithgow. Yet he found time to develop Linlithgow Bridge Club into one of the largest and most active in the East. "Above all we shall miss his personality, his sincerity, his friendly manner, his sense of humour, his capacity for hard work. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word." (*SBUNews* June 1997)

## East Grand Masters

There are currently 36 Grand Masters in the East, more than any other District. 14 of them: Jimmy Allan, Roy Bennett, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Sandy Duncan, David Liggat, Finlay Marshall, James McGeorge, Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker, Jack Paterson, Douglas Piper, Brian Short, Les Steel and Dave Walker – appear in 75 of the Best. Veronica Guy, Anne Martin and Carolyn Peplow are among our Women Internationalists; Alex Adamson appears among the Juniors; and Mike Ash is among those who have come to Scotland from elsewhere.

## Malcolm Copley

Malcolm was born in Bletchley Park, where his father was involved in Enigma code-breaking work during the War. He took up bridge during a climbing holiday in the Alps, while waiting with three others



Kathy Copley, Jimmy Allan, Ross Woodburn and Malcolm Copley. Winning Team at the Berwick Congress 2005.

for the snow to clear. He came to Scotland in 1970 and joined Montrose Bridge Club. Kathy Lackie learned her bridge during annual visits to her uncle in Montrose, aged around 6. The pair met in 1973, when Malcolm persuaded Kathy to enter a Scottish national championship, the first pair from Montrose to do so. A highlight of their career together was winning the Press and Journal Trophy in Aberdeen at their first attempt. After their marriage they went to Singapore, and represented that country in the ASEAN championships. Kathy was also a very talented golfer, and she has represented both Scotland and Singapore at both bridge and golf. She was chairlady of the Scottish Ladies Golf Association, and also shared Malcolm's love of climbing and gardens. When Malcolm retired he bought the Wooden House near Kelso, and renovated both house and gardens with her help. Sadly, Kathy was stricken with cancer, and died in 2006. Malcolm has since made a successful return to top-level bridge, winning the Grand Masters Pairs with Dee Harley in 2008-09.

## Ian Crorie



Ian is the Bridge Correspondent for 'Scotland on Sunday'. He took over from Alex Adamson in 1993, imbuing the column with his particular erudition and wit. He has now written over 800 articles.

Ian was raised in Falkirk.

His first love was chess, and his first bridge partner was Irish chess international Mark Orr, of whom he said "His real talent was chess; my talent... well, I

haven't discovered it yet." They based their bidding on the only book that Falkirk Library possessed: "The Quintessence of CAB". He entered the Edinburgh scene in 1980 with Alan Ferguson. They won the Kennedy Local Masters Trophy in 1982, progressing to win the Fairlie Scottish Masters Pairs in 1987, the same year that Ian won the Harrison Individual Trophy. When Alan abandoned Bridge Ian partnered many of the top East players: with Malcolm Cuthbertson he won the National Pairs and the Spence Cup; with Les Steel he won the Farquharson Trophy; and he has a remarkable four wins in the Men's Teams, once with Alan Ferguson, twice with Alex Adamson, and once with James McGeorge. His most successful partnership was with 'Bif': they won the Scottish Cup; the BBL Cup twice, the Edwin Berry, the Bowman Life Masters Pairs and the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs twice. Ian reached the quarter-finals of the Gold Cup four times, and played in numerous Trials, but never quite made the Camrose team. He captained the Scottish Open Team in the European Championships in Tenerife (2001) and Salsomaggiore (2003), and the Lady Milne team in 1998 and 1999. He became a Grand Master in 1994. Ian has become so disillusioned with SBU selection policy that he has given up playing serious bridge. He married Lucia Barrett in 2005, and she persuades him to play occasionally in spite of a serious health problem.

## Donald Denoon

Donald learned his bridge at university in Edinburgh. An early partner was Brian Short, with whom he won the Jesner Masters Pairs in 1971. He won the Bowman with Ross Woodburn in 1985, and the Benjamin Individual in 1989. He has an excellent record in national events: he has won both the Rayne Cup and the BBL Cup four times; the Men's Teams, the Swiss Pairs and the Spence Trophy. He and Ross had one Camrose match, against Wales in 1983, which they won. Donald took over as Secretary of the Melville Bridge Club from Fred Short in 1996. He has served his time on the SBU Council, and has acted as Secretary and Tournament Secretary of the East District. He is still a hard-working member of the East District Committee.

## Grant Dowie

Grant worked for the British Linen Bank, and served on the East Committee for five years, when he ran the Simultaneous Pairs. He was a member of the Stags League team, so named because it consisted

entirely of men. When a woman was finally admitted Grant, as an aficionado of American Football, chose the name 49ers. He became a Grand Master in 2001. He is married to Shelagh Lorimer, who has played in Women's Trials. Nowadays they live mainly in Spain.

### **Ian 'Dee' Harley**

Dee won the Frischmann Junior Pairs with Neil Franklin, a fine player who left Edinburgh while still in his twenties. He then survived several years in partnership with Les Steel without losing his sense of humour. He and Norman Brydon became known as the 'Oblivion Boys' after a Gold Cup match where a misunderstanding about a Gambling 3NT opener saw them lose 4,600 nonvulnerable by playing in the wrong minor, redoubled – "Norman played it well to make one trick". This affected them so little that they still won the set of eight boards. He won the National Pairs with Donald Falconer, and the Spence Inter-District Pairs with Donald Denoon. Dee now plays with Alan Goodman, with whom he won the Rayne Cup in 2008 and the Farquharson Trophy in 2007. In spite of a lot of pain from a bad back he remains a charming and good-natured partner and opponent. He became a Grand Master in 1993, and won the Grand Masters Pairs with Malcolm Copley in 2008-09. He is now teaching bridge in the Carlton Bridge Club.

### **Patrick Home**

At the age of 23 Patrick took a six-month trip to the USA, and stayed for 28 years, working for American Express in Montreal, Ottawa and New Jersey. He had played a little bridge at home. He arrived in Montreal on a Thursday morning, found a job on Friday, and went to a bridge club on Friday evening, where he made many good friends. When he returned to Scotland in 1992 he formed a partnership with Iain Sime. Together they have won the National Pairs, the Edwin Berry twice; the Men's Teams; the Men's Pairs; the Swiss Pairs twice and the Spence Trophy twice.

### **Malcolm McCardle & Derrick Peden**

This partnership met at Napier University. Their whole mechanical engineering class spent most of its time playing cards, mainly 'Sweaty Betty' and Poker. They moved to Heriot-Watt, where a bridge enthusiast, Alastair Gow, introduced them to the game they have enjoyed ever since. He formed a Heriot-Watt League team that won its Division every year till it reached the First Division. After finishing their degrees they decided to enter their

first tournament. They knew they needed a system, so Malcolm searched Morningside library for a book, emerging with the shortest one - the "Vienna Club". They played Precision Club for many years, now dropped in favour of more natural methods. They have won the Men's Pairs and the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs in 2007-08. Derrick became a Grand Master in 2004, Malcolm followed suit in 2006.

### **Pam Mackie**

Pam is the most recent East player to become a Grand Master, in 2006. She is a member of Berwick Bridge Club, which chose to be part of the Scottish Bridge Union, but that raised questions over her eligibility for Women's Trials. She won the Bowman Life Masters Pairs with Eileen Carmichael in 2000, and the Shenkin Masters Individual in 1989. She now lives in Edinburgh.

### **Simon Muir**

Simon came to bridge relatively late, learning about the game from fellow-workers on the night-shift. When he returned to more normal working hours he joined Falkirk Bridge Club. An early success was winning the Johnston District Masters Trophy with Bridie Power in 1975. He won the Shenkin Masters Individual in 1979. With David Perry he won the Seniors Pairs and the Swiss Pairs in successive years, 1987 and 1988.

### **Jim Power**



Jim took up bridge in 1971 when he went into hospital to have his appendix removed. The recovery time was ten days, and a whist-playing friend brought him a book "All About Acol", which he read when woken up at 6am for the early

morning cup of tea. Emerging from hospital as an 'expert' he and his wife Bridie joined Falkirk Bridge Club, and he has never looked back. He and Bridie won the Fairlie Pairs in 1984 and he has won several minor events since, notably the last Dubai teams in 1984. Lately he has been working with the Juniors, acting as Coach to the Scottish teams at the European Junior Championships in Prague (2004) and Jesolo (2007), and as Captain at the First World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008.



## Deirdre Sanders

Deirdre was born in London, and was taught to play bridge at the age of 8 by her grandfather, a member of the RAC Bridge Club in London. Charles Wigoder, a cousin, owns the famous TGR rubber bridge club. From the age of 17 she travelled the world, playing bridge in five continents, and establishing Duplicate in Nairobi, Kenya. While she was living in Fiji, Ron Klinger arrived on a bridge cruise ship and asked if he might play a local team. They played match point pairs as she did not know how to run anything else. Her team was extremely inexperienced, including novice Roz Bavin, and son Derek who was about 18. When they added up the scores at the end, Fiji had a comfortable win over Ron's strong Australian squad! She came to live in Edinburgh in 1983. Although she had never previously played in a proper teams event, she became a Grand Master in less than 10 years, starting from scratch. She formed a highly successful partnership with John Pressburger, and has played with experts from all over the world. With Morag Malcolm she finished second in the Harpers and Queens Ladies Pairs in London. She and John MacLaren came second in the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs just days before he died. With her husband Peter she won the Flitch three times in a row, whereupon he gave up bridge. She played successfully in most of the European Bridge League Women's Pairs: she finished in fourth place in Brighton 1987 with Roz Bavin, her former bridge pupil from Fiji, and fifth in Killarney in 1991 with Ursula Harper.

## Derek Sanders



Derek and his Melville friends, who finished 1-2-3 in the Pairs at the 2008 Winter Congress. Robert Clow, Fiona Greenwood, Derek, George Plant, Tim McKay and Peter Moss

Son of Deirdre Sanders, Derek was born in Jamaica, and travelled widely as a child. He started to play bridge in Fiji in the University of the South Pacific Bridge Club. He arrived in Edinburgh in 1985, where he joined the Melville and became serious about the game. His first success was to win the Frischmann Junior Pairs with Lindsay Herbert, and the partnership played in the 1986 Junior Camrose. Since then he has

won numerous national events: the Rayne Cup, the Edwin Berry, the BBL Cup, the Men's Teams twice, the Swiss Pairs twice, the Fairlie Scottish Masters Pairs, the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs and the Benjamin Individual. He became a Grand Master in 1995, at the time the youngest player to achieve this distinction, but he was overtaken by James McGeorge a few weeks later. With Iain Sime he gained six Camrose caps between 2004 and 2006, and represented Scotland at the European Championships in Warsaw in 2006. He has played abroad on several occasions: with Fiona McQuaker at the European Mixed Pairs in Bordeaux in 1990, and with Brian Spears at the European Open Pairs in the Hague in 1997. Derek now works as a bridge teacher in Edinburgh.

## Fred Short

Fred was a very fine tennis player, and took up bridge in the 1950s with a group of friends in his tennis club. They entered a team in the East Leagues, and won a Division every year till they reached the First Division, where Craigleith has remained ever since. He has worked hard for bridge, in particular as Secretary of the Melville Bridge Club. His son Brian has overshadowed his career, but Fred has several successes to his credit. He won the National Pairs with Ken Baxter in 1969; the Harrison Life Masters Individual in 1993; and, with Brian, the inaugural Farquharson Trophy in 1992. Fred became a Grand Master in 1998.

## Iain Sime



Iain is a busy Chartered Tax advisor, married with one son, Euan. His first major interest was football. In 1984 he realised that he would never make the big time, and looked for another hobby to replace three nights training per

week. He had a passing acquaintance with bridge from his university days, and joined a night school class at the Royal High School run by Gordon Bell. He joined the Carlton Bridge Club, and, with Mike Young, won the Johnston District Masters Pairs in 1987. He became part of the very talented group of players based in Edinburgh in the late 80s and early 90s. He won the Men's Pairs twice with Malcolm Cuthbertson, and he had considerable success with John MacLaren: they won the Farquharson Trophy



three times, the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs, and finished second in the EBU Swiss Pairs at Brighton in 1995. Iain has also done well in Individual events, winning the Fairlie early in his career (1986); and the Benjamin 11 years later. His longest running partnership was with Patrick Home, from whom he learned a lot: together they won the National Pairs, the Edwin Berry twice; the Men's Teams, the Men's Pairs; the Swiss Pairs twice and the Spence Trophy twice. They played in Trials for several years without quite making it into the Camrose team. Iain became a Grand Master in 1997. In 2003 he began a brief partnership with Derek Sanders, and fulfilled his greatest ambition, representing his country in the Camrose Trophy. They played two matches in 2004, and both weekends in 2006, and went on to represent Scotland in the European Championships in Warsaw. As ambitious as ever, Iain has formed a new partnership with John Matheson. They won the Edwin Berry in 2008, played in the Scottish Open Team at the World Mind Sports in Beijing, and secured a place in the 2009 Camrose team by winning the Open Trials.

### Gordon Wellington

Gordon played all sorts of card games in his youth, and learned bridge by watching the game at Heriot-Watt University, and by borrowing books from the library. He played in Linlithgow, then after graduation he moved to Glenrothes where he learned more from Trevor Hazelton and Bill Wilkinson, father of Tony and grandfather of Alex, one of our current crop of Juniors. He moved to Edinburgh to take up a teaching post, and had considerable success in national events. He has won both the Rayne Cup and

the BBL Cup four times, the Edwin Berry, the Men's Pairs; the Bowman Life Masters Pairs, the Arthur Grand Masters Pairs, and the Harrison Individual. His team of four – Gordon, Moore McVeigh, David Frew and David Liggat, won the President's Prize in 1991 after an outstanding season. He is a very popular teacher of bridge.

### George Wood

George comes from a card-playing family, but he did not learn bridge till he went to Heriot-Watt University, where he met Douglas Piper. The membership of the University Club was variable, but his interest in the game was fired and after he graduated he and Douglas took their Precision Club method to a higher plane. Their greatest success was in winning the Jesner Masters Pairs in 1987. Douglas moved on to play with Sandy Duncan, and George formed a partnership with Simon Gillam (whose other interests are Chess and Scrabble). They won the National Pairs in 2002. George is a fine player, often asked to make up teams, and he won the Men's Teams in 1999 with Brian Short.

### Ross Woodburn

Ross worked for the electricity board. He believes in simple bidding methods, based on his agreements with the late Tom Culbertson from the 1980s. His most successful partnership was with Donald Denoon, with whom he won the Bowman Life Masters Pairs, the BBL Cup four times, and the Rayne Cup in 1985. He has won the Men's Teams twice, and the Senior Pairs with Jimmy Allan. Ross and Donald played one Camrose match, in 1983 against Wales, which they won, but were never quite so successful in Trials again.

## North District

The North District, centred on Aberdeen, was represented by Dr George MacPhee at the inaugural meeting of the SBU in Glasgow on 9 December 1933. A second delegate, Dr McDiarmid, was appointed in 1934.

Bridge thrived in Aberdeen in the late twenties and early thirties. In 1933 George MacPhee invited an English international team to take part in an 'Empire Bridge International' (the grandiose title emanated from the *'Press and Journal'*, sponsors of the event). The visitors were Colonel Buller, Dr Claude Fenwick, Captain and Mrs Evers, Graham Mathieson and Ewart Kempson, who published a complete account of the 100 board match, 'Bridge Contest at Aberdeen' on sale for 1/- a copy. The North was represented by George MacPhee(pc)/Donald Davidson; Mildred MacPhee/John Paton; Eric Bruce/Ernest Rennet; and James Hay/ J T Crombie. The event was repeated the following year, when Colonel Beasley was part of the English team.

The District originally comprised the whole of the North of Scotland, but in 1973 it was divided in two: the Highland District, centred on Inverness, was formed. North retains Orkney and Shetland, because there is direct communication by boat between Aberdeen and these far flung Islands.

## Chairmen & Vice-Presidents

Bill Johnston	1959-60
JG Drysdale	1961-72
Harry Leach	1972-77
Eric Steel	1977-84; 1985-97

Bill Ross	1984-85; 2004-06
John Morgan	1997-99
Sandra Rabbitts	1999-2004
Janet Rixon	2006

## Secretaries

F L Mackie	1959-60
Agnes Johnston	1961-74
Eric Steel	1975-77; 1984-85
Cecil Gauld	1977-78
David Nairn	1978-82
Bill Ross	1982-84; 1985-86

Norman Mackenzie	1986-88
Sheila MacLennan	1988-90
PA Symon	1990-94
Sandra Rabbitts	1994-99
Anne Reid	1999-2004
Janet Rixon	2004-06
Gillian Whyte	2006-

## Competitions

**League:** The first North District League for teams of eight was formed in 1936, with 7 teams from Aberdeen, Urie and Banff. It continued after the War, adopting imp scoring in the fifties, and growing to two divisions

The **Jubilee Cup** celebrated the 50th anniversary of the District. It is a Team of Eight Knockout open to all clubs in North District whether or not they participate in the League. In recent years this has become the Jubilee Swiss Pairs event that has proved very popular with the less experienced players.

**Daily Record Cup** A Multiple Teams of Four Competition, held in the Aberdeen clubs on a fixed night each month. The sponsorship for this event sadly declined and the competition has been renamed the Sybil Hay Trophy in memory of one of the District's long standing members.

**George Macphee Trophy:** A memorial trophy presented to the District by George's son Peter after his death in 1955. It is the major District Pairs competition, match-pointed, from which the winners and runners-up qualify to represent the District in the Spence Cup.

**Bill Johnston Cup** A Senior pairs Championship, was introduced in 1973.

The **George N Rennie Trophy:** Headmaster George Rennie left money in his will to purchase a trophy for a competition for Married Pairs, introduced in 1976. With the decline of married pairs and with Freda Rennie's permission this has been re-launched in 2004 as a mixed pairs competition.

The **Gall Cup**, a Swiss teams event, was introduced in 1978 in memory of Emslie Gall, late husband of Margaret Gall.

The **Press and Journal Open Pairs** is held over three evenings in April. Sponsorship for this event stopped and the competition has become obsolete.

An **Open Simultaneous Pairs** is held early in the year, with aggregate scoring. It was sponsored by the Aberdeen *Press & Journal* from 1980-91; and by Norvite from 1991 till the present.

**Jamie Batey Trophy:** A balloted teams of four competition, each team containing 'an expert' and a beginner from the classes. It is held in memory of Jamie Batey a young player who sadly died in 2005, and the competition is played in the spirit in which he always played the game – that of friendly good humour.

**Reid Trophy** – this trophy was donated by Gibby and Sally Reid after years of running the beginners classes in the District. It is primarily aimed at those attending the classes including the junior players but is open to all players of District Master and under and is played as a teams of four.

**Other events:** Two inter-club matches are held annually between Aberdeen City Clubs and teams from North Aberdeenshire and West Aberdeenshire.

## Clubs

**The Bridge Club, Aberdeen**, was founded in 1933, when two far-sighted members purchased the premises at 14 Rubislaw Terrace for £1050. Mildred MacPhee was invited to be Bridge Hostess, and she moved into the premises with husband George and family. The Bridge Club is surely the only one where bridge has been played on the same premises for the entire 75 years of the SBU's existence.

**The Northern Arts Club** was founded after the War, and also has its own premises, but, as the name

suggests, activities are not confined to bridge.

Agnes Johnston contributed a picture of the District for the 1968-69 SBU Competition Brochure:

“In Northern District the bridge clubs have been booming. Northern Arts has had to make structural alterations to accommodate more tables, while Aberdeen Bridge Club is making full use of its extended playing space. Bon Accord, which relies on rented premises, used to have 26 or 27 tables every Thursday, but ran into difficulties over finding a place suitable for such a large number. This necessitated a change of evening and a consequent fall in membership. We shall hope to see it rise again.

There is in Aberdeen a Ladies Summer Club, which can muster 26 tables at its weekly pairs tournaments. This obtains elsewhere in the North. Elgin has always run all summer, and the new Peterhead Academy FPs Club does likewise.

Two big social gatherings are still with us, the annual *Press and Journal* Bridge Tournaments held in Aberdeen and Inverness. There town and country players contest happily, with results that no-one can foresee.

And what of rubber bridge? In Aberdeen Bridge Club it still survives, both cut-in and partnership games. There the stranger can come, be welcomed, and find friends.”

**George MacPhee**, a local dentist, was one of the best players to come out of the North. He represented Scotland in the invitational international event in Belfast in 1936, playing with John Paton. On his death in 1955 Ewart Kempson wrote this tribute: “He was a man whose fine card play was second only to his high code of ethics at the card table. Not only was he never guilty of making the slightest sign to indicate his feelings with regard to a bid or card played, but he would lean over backwards to avoid taking advantage of any indication given – however inadvertently – by his partner.”

George’s wife, **Mildred**, was a vivacious American, one of the leading lights of the early bridge scene in Aberdeen. When she won the Scottish Women’s Cup in 1951 it was the first time a national event had been won by a team from the North, and earned her the right to represent Scotland in the Lady Milne Trophy. The Northern women have followed her example, winning the Women’s Cup on ten further occasions.

**Harry Leach** was an enthusiastic player who encouraged the group from Aberdeen University – Ken Baxter, Roy Bennett, Irving Gordon and others – to win the North District League before he and his wife Mona moved to Wales.

## Grand Masters

The North currently has five Grand Masters. Three are women. Margaret Alexander and Nancy Miller feature in the Chapter on Scottish Women, and Jenny Steel can be found among the Presidents under husband Eric.

## George and Gordon Angus

The brothers entered events together as Geo & G Angus, and were known as the ‘Aberdeen Angi’. Together they won the BBL Cup in 1988 with Bill Innes and John MacLaren.

George, the elder brother, was a fine all-round sportsman. An excellent table-tennis player, he also represented Scotland at cricket as a slow left-arm spinner. After getting married George has abandoned bridge and moved to Thailand with his young family.

Gordon started to play bridge when he was young enough to represent Scotland in the Junior Camrose, which he did four times between 1982 and 1988. He benefited from the Aberdeen oil boom, becoming a financial director for an oil supply company. When he was bought out he became a millionaire. He still lives in Aberdeen, but, apart from the occasional social game with Bill Innes, plays little bridge since his marriage in 1988. He became a Grand Master in 2004.

## Jim Hay

Jim became a Grand Master in 1996. He learned to play as a schoolboy in Chester, joining his local club at 14. He moved to Scotland in 1972, and works in Aberdeen as a solicitor. The two greatest influences on his career have been Bill Innes and Bill Mitchell. He formed an early partnership with John Simpson, and they played two Camrose matches together in 1994-95, losing narrowly to N Ireland and winning against Wales. He has won the Edwin Berry, the Men’s Teams and the Men’s Pairs. His favorite partners recently are Joan Mercer and Jon Aars, a Norwegian who has since returned home. After his Camrose caps, he considers his greatest achievement is reaching the Scottish Cup final in 2006 in a team with two mixed partnerships.

## South District

South District has always been the smallest District in Scotland. It was represented by Dr Bowman Edgar of Dumfries at the inaugural meeting of the SBU in Glasgow on 9 December 1933. A second delegate, Lt-Col Byrne, was appointed in 1934.

### Chairmen and Vice-Presidents

Sandy Donald	1959-63
Trixie Garven	1963-65
Tom Briggs	1965-68
RW Irving	1968-70
Ian Robertson	1970-72
Maisie Halliday	1972-74
WMcK Barrowman	1974-76
Jack Halliday	1976-77
J Kerr	1977-79
George Hay	1979-81; 87-89
J McMiken	1981-83
Dr HB Brown	1983-85

Dr I Boyd	1985-87
Mrs M Kennedy	1989-91
Rena Hart	1991-93
A Miller	1993-95
Margaret Greensill	1995-97
Joy Robertson	1997-99
Abbie Robertson	1999-2001
Alastair McFadzean	2001-03
Anne Athol	2003-05
Sham Pirmohamed	2005-07
Sheena White	2007-

### Secretaries

RD Bell	1959-62; 67-69
Mrs AL Jamieson	1963-67
Tom Briggs	1969-72
George Hay	1972-79; 84-85; 89-92
Dr H Brown	1979-84

Mrs M McKnight	1985-89
Walter Davidson	1992-94
Sham Pirmohamed	1994-2005
Anne Athol	2005-08
Abbie Robertson	2008-

In 1934 the Dumfries and Galloway Association was the nearest thing the District had to a bridge club. It spanned the whole region, but met only rarely. In September that year it split into three parts. Upper Nithsdale met at Kirkconnell, and invited Mrs Beverley Currie of Glasgow 'one of the best-known speakers on, and hostesses for, bridge in the country' to give a talk on 15 October. Visitors and members of other clubs were invited, with an admission fee of 2/6.

On 30 September 1934 a meeting in the Town Hall in Kirkcudbright established a Bridge Association for the Stewartry with JH Maxwell of Castle Douglas as Chairman, and Mr Ralph Mackay as Secretary.

In Dumfries Loreburn Bridge Club was founded at Oughton's restaurant on 16 September 1934: the President was Jim Henderson, and the Secretary Walter Anderson. By 1935 Loreburn could claim to be the second largest club in Scotland (after the Buchanan in Glasgow) with 135 members. It was dominant in local matches, and in matches against clubs from other Districts it more than held its own. After the War Loreburn acquired its own premises, one of very few clubs in Scotland to take on such responsibility. Continuing a policy of moving with the times, the club sold its Georgian House in 2003 and bought a former Jehovah's Witness church in Howgate Street. It has been renovated and turned into a very comfortable bridge club with good disabled access. It can accommodate up to 18 tables, and is the venue for most District events.

### Competitions

A South District League was formed in 1935, following the example of the West. It consisted of 11 teams. The following year entries increased to 17 teams, and a second division was formed. The South now has a Team of Four League with three divisions, and a **League Shield**, an Inter Club event for Teams of Eight. Teams of Eight also compete for the Knockout Cup, another Inter Club event.

The **Standard Cup** is a knock-out event for teams of four, and there is also a Handicap Knockout event.

The Daily Record Cup is a Multiple teams event for Teams of Four with zonal qualifying rounds and a Multiple Teams Final.

There is a District Pairs competition, and an Individual event.

### Congress

The South District Congress was first run in the late 50s. It has moved from February to March, and from one venue to another, but it remains one of the most popular Congresses in the SBU Calendar.



There have been three Presidents from South District: Sandy Garven (1958-59); George Hay (1982-83), and Alastair McFadzean (2003-04).

**Harry Appleton** is a legend in Loreburn Bridge Club, the greatest player that has ever been seen in Dumfries. In the fifties he took part in the Camrose Trials with Alan Evans. The story is that they did well and were not picked, and there is extant a letter from the district complaining about selection methods. He had a fine record in national events, often playing with Anne Gray, Margo Scott and Margaret Cringean (Harry's harem). He left Dumfries for Ireland, but returned once a year to see

his sister. On his last visit in 1983 he played in the club 5 times with 5 partners and won each time.

**Duncan Adamson**, another character to grace Loreburn Bridge Club, was a teacher at Dumfries Academy. He was a fine player with an enviable record in the Scottish Cup, where he won more matches than he lost. He taught bridge in his school, winning the Scottish Schools Cup twice, and passed his enthusiasm for the game onto his children, Alex, Sheila and Bob. His other main interest was history, and he produced a history of Loreburn Bridge Club. He was working on a history of his parish when he died, and Sheila is continuing his work.

## Central District

Before the War there was no Central District. Fife, Perth and Dundee were all part of the East District. Following a meeting held in Dundee Bridge Club on 5 October 1946, with Bill Mars in the chair, it was decided to form the Central District of the Scottish Bridge Union. The District has produced 7 SBU Presidents: Jack Robertson, Peter Spence, Iris Bukowska, Richard Jarvis, Jim Cunningham and Beryl Campbell, the only post-war President to serve a 2-year term. Charlie Bowman, Scotland's best-known administrator, features in 75 of the Best, along with Richard Benstead and the Dundee partnership of Suzanne Cohen and Paula Leslie.

### Chairman (SBU Vice-President)

Bill Mars	1946-51
Jack Robertson	1951-63
Charlie Bowman	1963-65
Ken Gray	1965-66
Donald McDonald	1966-70
Robin Constable	1970-76; 1977-81
Peter Spence	1976-77
Iris Bukowska	1981-87

Richard Jarvis	1987-91
Jim Cunningham	1991-97
Shiena Lang	1997-99
Tony Lamont	1999-2000
Peter Taylor	2000-02
Beryl Campbell	2002-06
Ian Hunter	2006-

### Vice-Chairman

Walter Ewing	1977-78
Charlie Bowman	1978-81
Richard Jarvis	1981-87
June Dunsire	1987-89
Jim Cunningham	1989-91

Sheila Peebles	1991-94
Shiena Lang	1994-97; 1999-2001
Tony Lamont	1997-99
Pat Dunne	2001-2007
David MacLennan	2007-

### Secretary/Treasurer

Jack Robertson	1946-50
George Paterson	1950-55
Margaret Fraser	1955-71
Iris Bukowska	1971-81
Robin Constable	1981-2000
Allan Gordon	2000-08

### Secretary

Sandy Forbes	2008-
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### Treasurer

Donald Harvey	2008-
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## Competitions

Mr **J Russell French** presented a trophy in 1948, to be competed for in an invitational team of four competition. District Pairs and individual competitions were started in 1951 and 1956 respectively.

The **Robertson Salver** was purchased in 1962 for a teams competition, subsequently played as a Swiss teams event, which in 2006 was combined with the district's red-pointed Swiss teams event, open to players from outwith the district; the Salver is presented to the leading local team.

The district team of four **league** was first played in 1967, with matches being played during a six-week period on one night a week in Dundee Bridge Club. The League was divided into two divisions in 1969. The **Ken Gray Trophy** was donated for the winners of the First Division. (Ken Gray was father to long serving Dundee BC Secretary, Anna Henderson, and a hard worker for bridge in the District.)

An annual district schools competition was started in 1989, with a trophy being donated by J Hunter (Insurance Brokers) Ltd.

The first of a series of annual charity competitions was held in 1990.

A team of eight knock-out competition, with restrictions on team composition by master point ranking, was started in 1994; a trophy for the winners of this competition was presented by Kish and Anna Srinivasan.

## Congress

The district ran a two-day non-residential congress in 1972. This became an annual event, held in Dundee Bridge Club until it became a residential congress and moved to the Park Hotel in Montrose in 1991, when trophies for the teams and pairs competitions were donated by Torith Ltd and Peter Spence.

## District History

In 1958, the chairman stated that, so far as he knew, Central was the only district which did not give an honorarium to its secretary. The sum of 5 guineas was approved.

Before the opening of the Tay Road Bridge, the usual way of travelling to Dundee from Fife was by train, and the 1964 minutes contain a request for a later start for a competition in Dundee Bridge Club to allow St Andrews players to catch a suitable train.

In 1966, following a win in the Scottish Cup by a team from Dundee, an invitation was received from the North East Bridge Association to enter a team in the Newcastle Cup competition, previously a three-cornered event between the East and West of Scotland, and the NEBA. Teams were selected to compete in this competition for several of the following years.

Charlie Bowman wrote in the 1968-69 SBU Competition Brochure: "The Central District may, numerically, be one of the smaller Districts of the SBU, but what it may lack in that respect is more than offset by the wide range of activity in the Clubs that

comprise its membership." The District now has a greater proportion of players that support national competitions, and are registered for Master Points, than any other.

An inter-district match against Highland District was proposed in 1979, and was played during several of the following seasons.

The matter of smoking at the bridge table was first raised in the minutes in 1987, when it was decided that at the discretion of the tournament director smoking could be curtailed for a limited period. Limitations on smoking became progressively stricter until a complete ban on smoking at the table was instituted in 1994.

The district purchased bidding boxes in 1990, and duplimate boards in 2002.

In 1991, the secretary was instructed to issue personal invitations to district members to compete in national ranked competitions, and this practice has been continued each year.

The district website was set up in 2001.

The district constitution was adopted at the annual general meeting in 2006.

Currently, fourteen bridge clubs and three bridge leagues in the district are affiliated to the Scottish Bridge Union. Several of the clubs hold annual competitions which are open to non-members. Dundee Bridge Club holds an invitational team of four competition for the **Clarendon Trophy**, which has traditionally marked the start of the Scottish bridge season. Perth Bridge Club holds invitational teams of four competitions to commemorate two of their former club presidents, Harry Stephen and Bunty Burns, the latter competition being for ladies. Glenrothes Bridge Club holds a one-day congress. The late Mrs Cathie Lackie made bequests in her will to Brechin, Forfar and Montrose Bridge Clubs, and the proceeds have been used to hold annual team of four and Swiss pairs competitions.

## Grand Masters

The District has six Grand Masters. Richard Jarvis features in the Chapter on Presidents.

## Margaret Bell

Margaret hails from Montrose, where she played with Gillian Allsop for many years. They won the Easter Pairs in 1991, but shortly thereafter Gill left to live in England. Margaret won the Women's Pairs in 2002 with Frances Linehan. She became a Grand Master in 2000.

### Ian Hunter

Ian is an insurance broker, recently retired from his own business. His first love was chess, but he lacked the time required to become a really good player, so he turned to bridge. He played rubber bridge in the Glasgow University Union, where he 'paid' for lessons from the likes of Willie Coyle and Victor Silverstone. After leaving university he devoted himself to other things, but started to play again when his wife Irene joined a bridge class. At that time applicants for membership of Dundee Bridge Club had to pass a playing test conducted by Peter Spence. Ian formed a partnership with Harry Smith, another graduate of the Glasgow University Union. He has won the Edwin Berry and the Men's Teams. In 1983 he won the Jesner Masters Pairs with Peter Taylor, and in 2008 he won the Benjamin Individual. He became a Grand Master in 1998.

### Bob McPaul

In 1982 Bob found that his Tuesday evenings were empty, and decided to take an evening class at Harris Academy: the choices were pottery, Spanish for beginners, and bridge. He discovered that his sister Maggie (now married to Barnet Shenkin) had by pure coincidence enrolled in the same class, taught by Harry Robb. His appetite for the game was fuelled by winning a Gold Cup match in 1985 against a star-studded team (Hugh Kelsey, Liz McGowan, Jimmy Allan, John MacLaren) where there were 15 making games in one set of 16 boards. He has gone on to win the Edwin Berry, the Men's Teams, and, with his wife Maggie, he has had a big run of successes in pairs events. They have won the Ruby Martyn Mixed Pairs, the Lord Thomson Simultaneous Pairs twice, the Bobby Allan Mixed Pairs; and the Spence Trophy. Bob has played several times in Trials with Maggie and latterly Ian Hunter. He became a Grand Master in August 2000.

### Maggie McPaul

Married to Bob, Maggie played mainly with him in her early career, and together they won the

Edwin Berry and the pairs events listed under Bob. She became a Grand Master in 2002. Both teach bridge, and they noticed a gap in bridge-playing opportunities in Dundee. The dominant club, Dundee Bridge Club, ran popular and large classes, but there was not room for every graduate to join. Maggie and Bob founded the Stepping-Stone Club for those not quite ready for the larger club. It has been very successful. Two members are **Margaret and Robert Pemble**. Margaret was the driving force behind the idea of broadcasting Camrose matches on BBO. She was responsible for the first such broadcast from Dumfries in 2004.

### Harry Smith



Harry was born in Glasgow, and learned his bridge in the Glasgow University Union in star-studded company including Barnet Shenkin, George Cuthbertson and Gerald Haase. He lived and worked in Stirling for many years,

and won the Lord Thomson Simultaneous Pairs with Cairns Mason in that club in 1980. He worked as an actuary in partnership with Finlay Marshall. Now he has retired and moved to Dundee, he has formed another partnership with Finlay, this time at bridge. He affiliates to clubs in three different Districts, and won the Spence Trophy for the East in 2007, but his Home District is Central. He is the only member of Central District to have represented Scotland on the international scene: he played in the Senior team at the 2006 European Championships with John Murdoch, and in the 2008 European Championships with Finlay Marshall. He and Finlay also played in the first Senior Camrose in 2008. He partnered Ian Hunter for many years, but had most success with Alex Adamson, with whom he won the Rayne Cup three years in a row; the BBL Cup and, a dubious distinction, the Gold Cup Plate three times. He has also won the Men's teams with Bob McPaul. Harry became a Grand Master in 1998.

## Ayrshire District

The Ayrshire Bridge League was founded in 1935, but Ayrshire was considered part of the West and had no separate representation on the SBU Council. The local committee was responsible for running the league, but two representatives from the West District were appointed in a supervisory capacity which the Ayrshire representatives found irksome. These representatives had the power to veto the acceptance of a Cup offered by the *Daily Record* as a Trophy for the Ayrshire League – perhaps because the 'Daily Record' Cup was

the Scottish Cup. Understandably this went down badly, and produced an atmosphere of suspicion which lingered for many years. This did not deter Ayrshire players from participating in national events: in 1936-37 it was noted that Ayrshire had 6 entries in the Scottish Cup, and 6 in the Scottish Women's Cup. In 1936 an inter-league match was played between Ayrshire and South, each side fielding 32 players. Ayrshire won the 32-board match by the handsome margin of 6890.

In 1947 the Chairman, Frank Inglis, of the Kilmarnock Bridge Club, negotiated an agreement with the Scottish Bridge Union that Ayrshire should be incorporated as a separate District, with two representatives on the Council. The first vice-president was Mrs H Stuart Park of Kilmarnock Portland Club, and the secretary Mr W McMillan.

In 1949 came the first dispute with the Scottish Bridge Union. Ayrshire wished to continue to call itself the Ayrshire Bridge League, with its own constitution and its own President, but the SBU wanted a District like the other five, and was reluctant to sanction a second Constitution and a second President. There was talk of secession, but good sense prevailed in the end. It is not clear precisely when the Ayrshire Bridge League began to call itself the Ayrshire Bridge Union, but this provoked another clash with the SBU in 1989, when they were instructed to call themselves a District, with a Chairman. They still refer to themselves as the ABU, but have become reconciled to the term 'Chairman'.

The Ayrshire Constitution prevents anyone from serving on Council for more than four years, two as a delegate, and two as Vice-President, which makes it difficult to achieve the seniority required to become President. There have been three SBU Presidents from Ayrshire: the first was Russell McClymont (1994-1995) who made his mark in Tournament Direction; the second Jim Wilcox (2000-2001) who served variously as Treasurer, Secretary, or both, to the SBU Council for 10 years; and the third the current incumbent, Fiona Abbott who served as Master Point Secretary for 8 years and as a delegate and Vice-President for four. Fiona has been nominated for a second term in office.

Ayrshire is unique among the Districts in having its own Bridge Centre in Prestwick. The property was bought and developed in 1977, after mammoth efforts in fund-raising and much physical effort in renovating a much neglected building. As part of the fundraising effort Ayrshire levied an annual per capita payment of £1 per head on all its members, and they continue to do so to help with the upkeep of the building – it is still £1 per head!

The Ayrshire Bridge Centre is the only premises devoted to bridge within Ayrshire – many clubs meet there, and it is home to District and National competitions. Equally uniquely, Ayrshire has no club with its own premises. This means that a lot of the effort of the Committee is dedicated to the maintenance and use of the Centre, which has brought great benefit to the Ayrshire players.



### Chairmen and Vice-Presidents

Frank Inglis	1947-48	J Miller	1964-66	John Sydee	1985-87
R Maughan	1948-49	J Macdonald	1966-67	Ian Burn	1987-89
Ralph Ashcroft	1949-50	JDS MacMillan	1967-69	Robin Munro	1989-90
TA Wallace	1950-52	JA Bond	1969-70	Jim Wilcox	1990-93
J Crosbie	1952-53	A Munro	1970-71	Russell McClymont	1993-94
JW Tait	1953-55	John Drake	1971-72	Fiona Abbott	1994-96
HJC Beveridge	1955-57	AH Brown	1972-74	Ronnie Alexander	1996-98
A Young	1957-58	Tom Cameron	1974-76	Nicé McKell	1998-99
J Paton	1958-59	John Drake	1976-78	Jim Wilcox	1999-00
M G Thomson	1959-60	Ian Adamson	1978-80	Charlie Rennick	2000-02
W Anderson	1961-62	Ian Stewart	1980-82	Dorothy Beesley	2002-04
J Robertson	1962-63	Jim Murdoch	1982-84	Rita Stuart (Chalmers)	2004-06
R C Payn	1963-64	Owen Maguire	1984-85	Donnie Graham	2006-08



## Secretaries

1947 - ??	W McMillan	1984-87	Avril McDougall
1948-59	No information	1987-91	Joan Mackie
1959-74	Miss A Galt	1991-94	Ronnie Alexander
1975-81	Peggy Anderson	1994-	Anne Braid
1981-82	Elma Munro		

## Competition Secretaries

1984-86	Adrian Eddolls	1996-2000	Dorothy Beesley
1986-94	K MacKay	2000-08	Sandy Anderson
1994-96	Gordon Smith		

## Competitions

The **Ayrshire District League** was founded in 1935 with 11 teams from Ayr, Kilmarnock, Prestwick and Saltcoats. In 1936 the numbers rose to 17 teams, but it appears that they all played in one division. By 1959 there was a teams of four league, run in two zones, with the zone winners playing off in a Final. There was also a Team of Eight Championship, run on League principles, and a team of eight handicap knockout competition, but these were dropped from the calendar in 1963. In 1975 the League was increased from teams of four to teams of eight. At the same time, a teams of four knock-out Cup was introduced, run as a pivot teams where the captain plays one-third of the boards with each of his team-mates.

The **Tourney Cup** is a multiple teams of four competition with qualifying rounds followed by a final. The District Pairs Championship was introduced in 1959. It has been won a record 8 times by Bill and Peggy Anderson.

## Ayrshire Grand Masters

Ayrshire boasts 7 Grand Masters. John Stevenson, has played many times for Scotland in the Open team in Camrose matches, and he is included in 75 of the Best.

## Sandy Anderson

Sandy is the latest Ayrshire player to become a Grand Master, in 2007. Sandy's greatest regret is that he did not discover bridge till he was in his twenties. As a child he played simple card games, then took keenly to chess at secondary school. When he was introduced to bridge he immediately gave up chess: sixteen games every two hours were much better than one! Sandy has won the Bowman Life Masters Pairs with Sam Malkani, the Harrison Life Masters Individual, and the Stirling Pairs with Tony Waldron. He is currently the Tournament Secretary.

## John Dick

John was introduced to cards very young: in his family the adults played Solo Whist while the children played simpler games such as Knockout Whist, Rummy and 'Stop the Bus'. When he started work in a Glasgow office in 1963 lunch times were spent playing Solo for small stakes. He travelled to work by train with, among others, Ross Woodburn, Frank Hewitt, Jim Hendry and Tony Waldron. For the first year or so they played 'Hunt the Queen' ('Hearts') for 1/4d per point. Which might not sound much, but with the Queen of Spades worth 50 points and the Ace of Hearts 15 points and a monthly salary of less than £12.00 he soon learned to count the cards. About a year later someone in the office introduced Bridge. This replaced Solo in the Office and 'Hunt the Queen' on the train where there were usually two tables, sometimes three, as others were roped in to make up the numbers. 'Although we played at a very basic level several of us became engrossed in the game, and a high proportion became experienced tournament players. My later career in Chartered Accountancy took up less time than playing bridge.'

John plays regularly with Stuart McCreadie, and became Ayrshire's second Grand Master only slightly later than his partner. Their partnership is one of the longest in Scottish bridge, though they occasionally play with other Ayrshire experts. Together they won the National Pairs in 1985, and have since won the Men's Teams, the Spence Cup and numerous other events.

## Stuart McCreadie

Stuart learned his bridge when a student at Glasgow University. He is glad he did not find the Bridge Room at the Union until his penultimate year in medicine, otherwise he might never have qualified. Contemporaries were Victor Silverstone,

Willie Coyle and several others of international standard. He qualified in 1963 and after hospital jobs moved to Kilwinning to become a GP. Stuart is married with 3 grown-up children and 3 grandchildren. He retired 8 years ago and still lives in Kilwinning. He took up bridge again in 1970, and became Ayrshire's first Grand Master in February 2003. 'I don't do much work on my game and what depresses me most about bridge in Scotland is the fact that there should be significant numbers of the younger generation who should now be better than me, and there just aren't.'

### Sam Malkani

Sam was born in England, but educated in Scotland. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from Strathclyde University, and a teaching qualification from Jordanhill College, and combined these skills as a teacher of Design and Technology in two Kilmarnock schools till his retirement in 2007. He can now indulge in his favourite hobbies: golf, travelling, and bridge. He began to take bridge seriously in the 1980s, and has won several national events: the Men's teams, the Men's Pairs twice with John Lowe, the Stirling Pairs with John Stevenson; the Spence Trophy with John Dick, the Bowman Life Masters Pairs, and the Harrison Life Masters Individual. He became a Grand Master in 2003. He represented Scotland in the first Seniors Camrose with Stewart Duguid.

### Frances Murphy

Frances played with Betty Stevenson in the winning Scottish Lady Milne team in 1984. They were the first, and only, Ayrshire pair to win a place in the Scottish Ladies team in a Trial. She won the National Pairs with Betty in 1986 and the Scottish Women's Cup in 1992 with Elma Munro. Most of her other successes have been with John Stevenson, notably the Bowman Life Masters Pairs. She won the Fairlie Scottish Masters Individual in 1981, and became a Grand Master in 2004.

### Gordon Smith

Gordon was taught bridge by his father, and remembers with pride how they reached the final of the Scottish Cup in 1974. Another highlight was meeting his wife Irene in 1977 when she joined the first bridge class in the Ayrshire Bridge Centre, one of 84 learners that Gordon was to teach.

He is one of the Ayrshire team of four that is always

there or thereabouts in national events. He plays with Sam Malkani, and, with John Dick and Stuart McCreadie, they have won the Men's Teams, the Eurolink Trophy, the Scottish Cup Plate twice and the Gold Cup plate twice. He won the Bowman Life Masters Pairs with Ken Forsyth. Gordon was the original Ayrshire Education Convener, and works hard to promote the game. He became a Grand Master in 2004.

## Other Notable Ayrshire Players

**Ralph Ashcroft** was one of the Ardrossan team (J Tidd, M G Thomson, E Whitworth) that won the Scottish Cup in 1938. He subsequently partnered J Tidd in two Camrose matches, against Northern Ireland in Edinburgh in 1937, and against England in Leeds in 1938. Later he partnered Peter Gay in Ayrshire events. His name appears on an honour board in Ardeer Recreation Club.

**Janie Milligan** was one of Ayrshire's longest-serving and most distinguished players. Her name is first recorded in 1951 as representing Ayrshire against Dumfries. In those days there was keen competition for a place in inter-District matches, and her name recurs constantly. She was the daughter of Archibald Morton, president and one of the founding members of Ayr Bridge Club, where she played with three of her sisters and her brother. "I found Janie a charming, very attractive woman with a finely tuned sense of humour. In all the 30 years of playing with her I cannot remember her uttering a single cross word." (John Drake) In 1974 Janie finished runner-up in the Scottish Women's Cup with Binah Peyton-Brown, then in her later eighties, and the partnership was selected to play in the Lady Milne Trophy. Mrs Peyton-Brown was certainly the oldest debutante in the event, and probably the oldest player ever to participate.

**Stewart Duguid** is a butcher (purveyor of meat products rather than in the bridge sense) from Ayr. He left school at the age of 15 to start working full



Stewart relaxing after the Seniors Camrose with team mates Roy Bennett and David Liggat.

time, but achieved a Diploma in Butchery, and a City and Guilds qualification in electronics. He is a licensed Radio Ham, where he goes under the name of Tony Hancock, but confines his Morse Code wizardry to that hobby. He started playing bridge at age 32, then more seriously 12 years later when he fell in love with the game. He works hard to improve, and his results are beginning to reflect his dedication. He has won the Lord Thomson National Simultaneous Pairs twice with Ian Burn. Stewart represented Scotland in the first Seniors Camrose in 2008.



**Yvonne Wiseman** is surely one of the youngest ever players to compete on the national scene. She has been playing in Ayrshire since she was 11, having taken up the game at the age of 9. She was just 15 when she won



Ayrshire led the way in introducing Minibridge in schools, to the extent that the local organiser, **Janice Thomson**, was awarded the President's Prize by David Perry in 1999 for her work in promoting bridge in schools.

her first Peggy Bayer Schools Trophy in 2008. Her first cap came in 2006, when she played with Abigail Wilson from Aberdeen. The following year she played with her brother **Ralph**, making his debut at the age of just 11, after playing for about a year. With Myles Ellison Yvonne won the Frischmann in 2006 with a 77% score, and she more than holds her own in local competitions. We predict a glittering future.

## Highland District

The Highland District was the last of the seven Districts to be formed. In 1973 the SBU Constitution was amended: "Highland District to be annexed from the present Northern District, which will comprise the Counties of Caithness, Sutherland, Ross and Cromarty, Inverness, Moray, Nairn and the West Highland Islands, and the clubs of the West Banffshire region which are members of the Moray Bridge association." Aberdeen, the administrative centre of North District, is a long way from most Highland areas.

The District has had only three Chairmen, and, thus far, none of them has taken up the post of President of the SBU. The District is unique in many ways because of the distances that players must travel. Highland teams entering the Scottish Cup are zoned. At first the draw sent the one remaining Highland team to the last eight; now there are two in the last sixteen. There are also separate Highland semi-finals of the Men's and Women's Pairs to encourage entries.

### Chairmen and Vice-Presidents

Martin Borrell	1973-74
Hamish Pringle	1975-89

Bill Richardson	1989-
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### Secretaries

Jim MacPherson	1973- 83
Mrs G Carter	1983-90
Mrs J E Wilson	1990-93
D Hay	1993-96

Mrs H Sheerin	1996-99
Ian Andrew	1999-2001
David Ward	2001-08
Ronnie McQueen	2008-

### Competitions

The **Pairs Championship Trophy**, renamed the Martin Borrell Trophy in 1989, is played in regional qualifying rounds, with leading pairs contesting the Final. The **Ladies Salver** is the ladies pairs championship played on the same lines.

The Moray Bridge Association, which predates Highland District by some twenty years, organises the **Moray League** for teams of eight. It is played

in three divisions with promotion and relegation. It is restricted to clubs from the counties of Moray, Nairn, Inverness and Banff. The **Moray Fours** was instituted as a knockout competition restricted to the same counties, now played as a one-day Swiss teams.

The **Jim MacPherson Trophies** were introduced 1984. They are plural because the competition is an aggregate pairs with qualifying rounds and a final.

The **Ness Trophy** is the District teams of four, played as a Swiss teams.

The **MacMillan Cup**, a Junior Pairs event, was introduced 1984 when Schools bridge flourished in the Highlands, but it became defunct in 1989.

A **Simultaneous Pairs** was introduced in 1984.

## Congress

The First Highland Congress was held in Aviemore on 9-11 November, 1973. Organised by Hamish Pringle, it immediately gave notice of a special flavour:

“A warm welcome is assured at the First Highland Congress at Aviemore centre, where residential and playing accommodation is superb, and recreational facilities second to none. Families are welcome, Ice Rink – Swimming Pool – Sauna Baths – Solarium – Cinema – Squash – Children’s Playground – Shopping Centre”

Under Hamish’ guidance, the Congress soon became the biggest and most successful in Scotland, with a policy of getting the best tournament directors and keeping the fun element, particularly post-bridge dances. Hamish continued to run the Congress even after he retired from his business and moved to Dundee in 1991. He retired in 1996, when Bill Richardson took over, with equal success. The Congress has moved its venue to Coylumbridge, just along the road – but is still referred to as the “Aviemore Congress”.

## District Personalities

There are only two Grand Masters registered in Highland District. Bill Innes moved into the District after he retired, and features in 75 of the Best.

**Stuart Staveley** was born in Birkenhead in 1926. While reading Classical Mods at Queen’s College, Oxford, he was recruited by Naval Intelligence and given a crash course in written Japanese before being assigned to Bletchley Park for the last five months of the Japanese war. He returned to Oxford in 1948, completed his degree in Greats, then worked on a doctorate in the field of Roman constitutional history. He was the one-man Ancient History Department in St Andrews University from 1951-57, when he moved to the University of London as a Reader. His best known publication ‘Greek and Roman Voting and Elections’ is the standard work on the topic.

Stuart and his first wife Anne taught themselves to play bridge by reading Ian Macleod’s ‘Bridge is an Easy Game’ and the early classics by Terence Reese. They joined the Oxford Bridge Club, home to a succession of young stars, starting with Robert Sheehan and Jonathan Cansino. They competed enthusiastically in tournaments until their involvement in bridge administration became too time-consuming. Anne took on the job of EBU Master Point Secretary in the late 60s, and in 1971 Stuart was asked to take over from Geoffrey Fell as the official responsible for Tournaments. In 1973 he was appointed as Executive Secretary to the English Bridge Union, with his wife as Manager of the EBU Headquarters which were established in Thame because that was where the Staveleys lived. ‘The burden of this responsibility became intolerable at a time when the EBU was run on an almost entirely non-professional basis, and when the proliferation of competitions at home and abroad, and the increasing involvement of sponsors, added to the workload’. The Staveleys retired to Shieldaig in 1978 with the intention of putting themselves as far out of reach of the bridge world as it was possible to be.

Fate conspired to rekindle his interest in bridge: Hamish Smith arrived as his local bank manager, they were put in contact by Morag Malcolm, and a team was formed. They won the Rayne Cup in 1981, and played in the Scottish Cup for two years, but Anne contracted a terminal illness in 1983. Stuart remarried, another Anne, and has taught her to play his favourite Blue Club. They joined Dingwall Bridge Club in 1987, and make the 115 mile round trip to play every week. They make the occasional foray to play in national events, but Stuart admits that he ‘never became attuned to the more random and buccaneering aspects of the modern game. Nor do I aspire to do so: I prefer to approach the game as an academic exercise rather than a gladiatorial combat.’ Nonetheless, he became a Grand Master in 2007.

Stuart initiated the **Strathpeffer Congress** in 1994, held in February with great success in spite of the vagaries of the weather at that time of year. This Congress, like its big brother at Aviemore, is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and unusual competitions – in addition to the Congress Pairs, Teams and Bidding Competition there is a balloted Pivot Teams and a Play with the Experts event.



### Hamish and Nita Pringle

Hamish owned Pringles knitwear, a thriving concern. In his 14 years as District Chairman he attended almost every Council Meeting as the sole representative of the Highland District, and fought consistently for his members.

### Bill Richardson

Bill lives in Elgin. He is in his 20th season as District Chairman, which means he has travelled thousands of miles on SBU business. Bill taught mathematics, and was awarded an MBE in 1998 for his work in mathematics education. He is an enthusiastic player, and won the Easter Pairs in 2000 with Sandy Hepburn. He is a hard worker on Council: in particular he has run the Autumn Pairs for many years. In addition to his other work on Council Bill took over as Membership Secretary in 2002, and still works tirelessly in that capacity.

### Hamish and Muriel Smith

Hamish was a bank manager. He and Muriel took up bridge in the 1960s, and played together till Hamish's death. An early success was winning the Johnston District Masters Trophy in 1969. Later they won the Rayne Cup, and Hamish won the Harrison Life Masters Individual in 1990. Muriel was a familiar figure at Women's events, and she continued to play after Hamish's death in 1996 till her own death.

## The Newcastle Journal Trophy

After the war the tradition of inter-District matches was revived, and several Districts have played one another intermittently over the years. One particular event stands out: in 1954 the East District played a representative match against the North-East of England and won. The event became an annual one, and the West joined in 1956. It was run as a miniature Camrose series: a team of six from each District, accompanied by an npc, played against each of the others over a weekend. A Trophy was presented by the Newcastle Journal, and in September 1956 the East became the first holders. The competition was fierce, each District putting out its strongest available team, and winning in fairly equal proportions. In 1962 it was decided that three weekends were too many to devote to such an event, and a triangular tournament was held over one weekend, with teams

of eight so that everybody played throughout, and the expense of a non-playing captain could be foregone.

When a Central District team won the Scottish Cup in 1965 Charlie Bowman lobbied for entry to the competition, and it was played as a four-way teams of eight in the autumn of each year.

By 1976 the top internationalists were beginning to lose interest, and it was suggested that established international pairings be excluded. As expenses grew so enthusiasm waned, and in 1984 Central District announced its intention of withdrawing. The West also chose to cut down its expenses, but the match continued as a straight head-to-head between East and NEBA. It has been reduced to a one-day event, held in Berwick.



West v NEBA, Newcastle 1960. The West team was Hugh Fraser, John Stevenson, Victor Goldberg, George Jesner, Sammy Stein and Archie Winetrobe

# The Camrose Trophy

## Pre-Camrose International Events

The Camrose series emerged from a tradition of challenge matches between clubs, or against visiting teams from England. In 1935 the Scottish Bridge Union was invited to send a representative team to an invitational tournament to be played at the National Bridge Association Congress in Southport.

A hurried selection process was initiated. The chosen team was Mr & Mrs A Beverley Currie, Clement Ellis/ Stanley Nicolson from Glasgow, and Norrie Davidson/ Stanley Norman from Edinburgh. In a tough field Scotland finished convincingly last.

However, the June 1935 *British Bridge World* was kind: "The Scottish team, in spite of their failure to win a match, enhanced their reputation. Many times in the course of the championship they seemed to be on the point of success, but each time they failed at the psychological moment. This cannot be laid at the door of their captain (Clement Ellis), who not only played a steady game, but proved his qualities as a leader. Perhaps Scottish bridge has become a little in-bred through lack of matches against the best English teams. I venture to prophesy that when next the *British Bridge World* holds a Congress they will find the Scots among the leaders."

Scotland duly received a second invitation the following year. The selection process was longer, and this team was selected: Mrs Langmuir/ Mrs Knox; R M Moncrieff/ David Skinner Jr; Clement Ellis/ Stanley Nicolson; Johnny Hastie/ Stanley Norman. In the event Peter Duff and G Carmichael travelled in place of Mrs Langmuir and Mrs Knox. This more experienced team of eight performed much better. They lost just two of their seven matches and finished equal first, but lost the tie on their lower aggregate score.

Scotland's third international outing was to Belfast, over the 1936 Easter weekend. Travel was a major undertaking in those days, and a team of four was chosen: Bill Brown/ Tommy Robson (Edinburgh), George Macphee/ John D Paton (Aberdeen), with the President, Dr MacDonald acting as npc. This team won only one match, though they had a creditably narrow loss to the winners, Northern Ireland.

In Belfast there was a meeting from which emerged a British Duplicate Control Board whose functions

were to choose representative teams for Great Britain, arrange matches, control duplicate play and settle disputes. The Scottish delegates were Dr MacDonald and Clement Ellis. The Scottish Bridge Union was considered to be very successful by the others present. When the time came to discuss an international series, Scotland made a point: "The Scottish Bridge Union has been indirectly responsible for the formation of an English counterpart. In England bridge has been largely under the control of private organisations without any national standing. These organisations have served, and will continue to serve, a very useful purpose, but no one of them was able to speak for England as a whole on questions of general importance. Our representatives quite rightly refused to treat with them in discussions as to duplicate control, international representation and the like." (*EEN* 2/9/36) As a result of this Scottish insistence, backed by the Irish, the English Bridge Union was founded later that year.

## History of the Camrose Trophy

Lord Camrose donated his trophy for international competition in 1936. At the beginning of 1937 an international contest between Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State was announced, with matches of 100 boards between teams of four. Each team could consist of three pairs with a non-playing captain. The ten matches were spread over the calendar year, averaging one per month. Two series were completed in 1937 and 1938, but War prevented completion of the 1939 series. The third series was played in 1946. In 1948 it was decided to play matches during the bridge season, so that series was completed by May, and the next series, 1948-49, began in November 1948.

The Irish Free State withdrew from the competition in 1951 'of their own volition'. In 1965 Terence Reese suggested that they be invited to return to revitalise the competition. Ireland did apply to re-enter the Camrose in 1980, but their application was vetoed by the Board of the English Bridge Union on the grounds that the extra expense could not be justified, and the Republic of Ireland was not a member of the British Bridge League. Ireland finally returned to the Camrose in 1999.

With only four teams the format changed: two matches were held at different locations on the same

weekend, the first in November or December, the second in January, the third in March or April. In 1975 the pre-Christmas match was abandoned, and the timetable became one match in each of January, February and March. When Ireland rejoined two extra weekends were required, and the pre-Christmas game was re-instituted.

In the early days teams scored one point for a win, none for a loss. In the fifties international match points replaced the original aggregate scoring. In 1958 the matches were divided into three segments, with 2 Victory Points available for each segment. These developed into three 30-board segments, played in stanzas of 10 boards after each of which opponents could be changed. Captains took it in turn to put in their line-up first, and the final stanza was divided into two sets of five boards. The Victory Points per segment were expanded from 2 to 6, then 12, then 20, and finally to the European 25-0 scale that is used to-day.

Bridgerama, then Vu-Graph, allowed spectators to follow the play. As computer dealing became more common a demand arose that the same boards be played in the two simultaneous matches. To avoid security problems it was agreed in 1997 that the two matches on the final weekend be played at the same venue, with duplicated boards. This experiment was a success, creating extra interest. The advent of on-line coverage also raised the profile of the Camrose series.

In 2003 Ireland proposed a plan to save money, and, more importantly, to ease the strain on a very full calendar: rather than use five full weekends for the Camrose, why not bring all five teams together for two weekends? Bridge Great Britain, who took charge of the Camrose series in 2000, tested the two-weekend format in 2004. Each team played two 64-board matches against two of the other teams on the first weekend, and completed its Round Robin on the second weekend. There was considerable opposition from some players, whose main complaint was that the schedule involved a lot of sitting out. The obvious solution was to bring in a sixth team, but who should it be? Ireland, the holders, provided a second team as an experiment in 2006-07. The current situation is that the host nation for the second week-end provides a second team, called, say, "English Bridge Union" as opposed to "England".

In 1937 the Union issued an international tie to all the men who had represented Scotland in official or semi-official matches. The ladies received an international scarf. The tradition continues to this day.

## Early matches

The first Scottish Camrose match was on 20-21 February 1937, against the Irish Free State in Dublin. The team was a foursome from Glasgow: Peter Duff & G Carmichael; Malcolm Beaton & K McAlpine. The decision to send a team of four with no non-playing captain may have been influenced by difficulty in finding pairs willing to travel. It was not a success: Scotland lost the match to the Irish team of six by 3,560 points.

The second match was against England, in Glasgow. There is always a special flavour to such encounters. The match was covered in great detail in the *British Bridge World* in June 1937, reproduced in the *British Bridge Almanack*: "England beat Scotland in the first official bridge match between the two countries at the Burlington in Glasgow on 1 and 2 May by 5020 points over 100 boards. This is the bare record of what everybody agreed to have been the pleasantest and best organised bridge match in which they had ever taken part. Chief credit for the superlative organisation must go to Dr MacDonald, who was in charge of all arrangements, and to G B Hanna, the referee, who had also performed the Herculean task of duplicating the hands played, and to a very efficient army of scorers and recorders who performed a difficult task faultlessly and quickly. The welcome by the Scottish Bridge Union was almost embarrassingly cordial, and the crowds of spectators were good evidence of the hold that contract bridge has in Glasgow."

Tom Drummond, the Scottish npc, summed up the match: "Scotland was beaten by a better side who gave the impression of always having a good bit in reserve which unfortunately they were never called upon to use. Ingram and Hughes gave the spectators many thrills with their enterprising and refreshing bidding and never appeared to make a slip in the play. To watch them was at times a perfect delight but most worrying to our players and how to counter their success was a problem which I ultimately found impossible to solve. Marx and Macleod made a splendid impression and earned our admiration for their consistent and clever play. We quite forgave Macleod for appearing against, instead of for us, and possibly in the future this brilliant young man may assist Scotland in beating the 'old enemy'."

When the Camrose series was revived in 1946 Scotland finished last, but recovered in 1947 to second place. "Scotland have ploughed their way strongly and efficiently through this season's matches. The man who

made the most impression on the English players was David Skinner, president of the SBU; Ronald Manson was, as ever, a tower of strength.” (*CBJ* Dec 47)

Scotland soon acquired a reputation for producing large numbers of knowledgeable spectators, thus creating a tremendous atmosphere. Here is Maurice Harrison-Gray on the 1950 Scotland v England match: “I was sent up to Glasgow, a week before the excitement at Murrayfield, with a powerful team and strict instructions not to return without the championship. Both countries had unbeaten records, so this was to be the decisive match of the series. The 100-board match at the famous Buchanan Club may have lacked the legalised violence of the Murrayfield battleground, but the tension was no less terrific. A Camrose match on Scottish soil is an experience not easily forgotten; and one of the most lasting impressions is that of the sportsmanship of the players and spectators. The bulk of the latter stand for hours on end, cut off from the table by a solid wall of humanity; yet not a whisper is heard until the hand is over, and in some mysterious fashion they manage to follow the play and express their appreciation of any fine point, whether it stands to the credit of friend or foe.” (*Country Life*, 7/4/50) Gray was too polite to mention that his team won by the embarrassing margin of 70imps.

## The Glory Years

England dominated the Camrose in the early years, to the extent that they could afford to be patronising: “England, although fielding a different team for each match, wins the Camrose Trophy with such ease every year that the EBU might consider the benefit from a change of policy, such as choosing a team from the provinces or at any rate, from outside the top dozen players in London. At Birmingham last weekend Scotland was overwhelmed by 97 match points.” (Terence Reese: *The Observer* 1954)

But Scotland was beginning to accumulate a fine collection of players, led by the one and only Albert Benjamin. In December 1963 they made history by beating England for the first time. “The great news for Scotsmen in all parts of the world is that Scotland has, at long last, defeated England in an international (Camrose Trophy) match, and an England represented by a powerful team of gladiators – Messrs Konstam, J Tarlo, J Sharples and R Sharples – and two of the best players outside London, Messrs Brock and Higson. It was bound to come sooner or later, but the size of the Scottish victory was a great surprise. Even Mr George

Jesner was slightly astonished by the final annihilation of England by six victory points to nothing. England has now been defeated four times since the Camrose series began in 1937, twice by Wales, once by the Irish republic, and now by Scotland. Northern Ireland has yet to beat England, but the Ulstermen have scored two or three very near misses.” (*Bridge Magazine* Editorial, Dec 1963)

“The outstanding event of 1963 on the home international front was Scotland’s first-ever win against England in the Camrose Cup. I have a personal reason, apart from a remote Scottish ancestry, for applauding this well-timed victory.

An impression has been gaining ground in some quarters that it was farcical to continue with these matches in their present form. Since England was “too strong”, the best players should stand down... It was even proposed that England should withdraw from the Camrose Cup. I was one of those who were strongly opposed to this motion. In the first place, the result of any one match is by no means a foregone conclusion: an English team has been beaten more than once in the past. However dim their prospects may appear on paper, the players of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland view their clash with England as the big event of the year.

Any such ideas, I am happy to report, have been knocked on the head by the debacle at Edinburgh. England nominated three really strong pairs, and they were completely outplayed.” (Maurice Harrison-Gray, *Country Life*, 9/1/64)

This was the first match of the series, the margin was 15-3, and although Scotland lost narrowly to Wales they went on to defeat Northern Ireland by 15-3 and win the Camrose Trophy for the first time. The following year Scotland proved their success was no fluke, winning all three matches, including another 15-3 defeat of England, to retain the trophy. In the 17-year period from 1963-1979 Scotland won the Camrose Trophy nine times, and tied with England twice. In 1969 Scotland won all three matches, but not by enough to win the trophy, and there were dark mutterings about changing the scoring system; these were forgotten when, the following year, England won all three matches, but Scotland took the trophy.

Scotland has won the trophy just 3 times since these halcyon days, but English dominance has been threatened from a new quarter: since returning to the Camrose in 1999 the Republic of Ireland has won the trophy 5 times.



The Camrose series in 2008 was the 65th.  
The Trophy has been won:  
46 times by England  
12 times by Scotland  
5 times by the Republic of Ireland  
England and Scotland have tied twice

Scotland has played a total of  
215 Camrose matches:  
66 against England: won 12, tied 4  
65 against N Ireland: won 43, tied 2  
65 against Wales: won 44, tied 5  
19 against Eire/Ireland: won 6

When the English bridge author Pat Cotter died his family presented a trophy for the annual match between England and Scotland, first competed for in 1998. Each country has won the Trophy five times, and there was one tie, in 2001.

Just before the Republic of Ireland rejoined the Camrose Trophy in 1999 a friendly match with Scotland was introduced, with a Trophy for the winning country, the An Cupa Cairdeas. This is now awarded to the winner of the Camrose match between the two countries. Scotland has won the Trophy four times out of ten.

On the death of Ken Baxter in 2006 his long-time partner, Jack Paterson, presented a trophy in his memory for the match against Northern Ireland. Scotland won the first match, but lost the second.

## Most Camrose Appearances

It was easy to calculate the number of caps won when each individual match lasted one weekend: the change to the two week-end format in 2004 complicates matters. For the purposes of these figures, each of the two weekends is counted as two caps, and a win against any of the five home nations is credited to all the players who were present. Wins against the sixth team, representing the host nation, will not count.

The leading 22 players, each with 20 or more caps, account for 696, more than half the total 1288 appearances. Only 7 women have played in the Camrose series for Scotland, with 70 caps between them.

		No	Won	Ties	Winning series (tied series)	Partners
Les Steel	1986-2008	65	28	3	1988-89; 1995-96 1997-98	Roy Bennett; Barnet Shenkin; James Forbes; John Matheson; Willie Whittaker; James McGeorge
Victor Goldberg	1956-2004	54	32	1	1963-64; 1964-65 1966-67; 1973-74 1976-77; 1978-79 1971-72; 1972-73	George Jesner; Sam Leckie; John Matheson; Raymond Brock; Patrick Jourdain; Barnet Shenkin; George Cuthbertson; Irving Gordon; Gerald Haase; Miro Dragic
John Matheson	1968-2006	50	26	1	1970-71; 1975-76 1995-96; 1997-98 1972-73	John MacLaren; Victor Goldberg; Iain Thomson; Willie Coyle; Les Steel; Malcolm Cuthbertson; Jim Patrick; Brian Short
Barnet Shenkin	1972-93	42	24		1975-76; 1976-77 1978-79; 1988-89 1972-73	George Cuthbertson; Michael Rosenberg; Victor Goldberg; Willie Coyle; Victor Silverstone; Les Steel
Willie Coyle	1965-2003	41	27	2	1966-67; 1969-70 1970-71; 1973-74 1975-76 1971-2; 1972-3	Victor Silverstone; Albert Benjamin; John Matheson; Barnet Shenkin
Victor Silverstone	1965-89	39	24	2	1966-67; 1969-70 1970-71; 1973-74 1988-89 1971-72; 1972-73	Willie Coyle; Barnet Shenkin
John MacLaren	1955-78	38	20	4	1963-64; 1964-65 1970-71; 1975-76 1976-77 1971-72; 1972-3	Bob Forbes; George Jesner; Bill Whyte; John Matheson; Bill Mitchell; Tom Culbertson
Malcolm Cuthbertson	1992-2007	34	16	1	1995-96; 1997-98	Andrew McIntosh; John Matheson; Dave Walker

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John Murdoch	1988-2008	34	14	2	<b>1988-89; 1995-96; 1997-98</b>	Ian Howie; Charles Outred; Dave Walker; Douglas Piper
Brian Short	1972-2008	32	14	2	<b>1975-76; 1976-77 1972-73</b>	Sandy Duncan; Jack Paterson; John Matheson
Dave Walker	1992-2007	28	13	3	<b>1997-98</b>	Roy Bennett; John Murdoch; Malcolm Cuthbertson
Sandy Duncan	1972-2000	26	13	2	<b>1975-76; 1976-77 1995-96; 1972-73</b>	Brian Short; Douglas Piper
Sam Leckie	1960-72	26	18	1	<b>1963-64; 1964-65 1966-67; 1970-71; 1971-72</b>	Victor Goldberg; Walter Linderman; Raymond Brock; George Cuthbertson
Ronald Manson	1937-59	22	8	1		Alice Mackenzie; Johnny Hastie; Jean Macnair
Jack Paterson	1969-2008	22	11	1	<b>1969-70; 1978-79; 1971-72</b>	Ian Morrison; Ken Baxter; Brian Short
Albert Benjamin	1950-66	21	10	1	<b>1963-64</b>	Louis Mitchell; Willie Coyle
Isobel Davidson	1946-56	21	9	1		David Skinner
David Skinner	1946-56	21	9	1		Isobel Davidson
Sol Barnett	1939-68	20	10	1	<b>1964-65; 1966-67</b>	Hymie & Harry Barnett
Roy Bennett	1980-93	20	10	1	<b>1988-89</b>	Bill Mitchell; Les Steel; Dave Walker
Louis Mitchell	1950-64	20	10	1	<b>1963-64</b>	Albert Benjamin
Archie Winetrobe	1949-66	20	10	4	<b>1963-64; 1964-65</b>	Sammy Stein; Tom Lamb
Andrew McIntosh	1992-99	18	11		<b>1995-96; 1997-98</b>	Malcolm Cuthbertson
Ken Baxter	1977-2005	17	8		<b>1978-79</b>	Jack Paterson; Liz McGowan
Tom Culbertson	1967-84	17	11	1	<b>1969-70; 1973-74 1975-76; 1976-77</b>	Hugh Kelsey; John MacLaren; Richard Benstead
Bob Forbes	1955-63	17	7	3		John MacLaren
James McGeorge	2002-08	17	5	1		Les Steel
Sammy Stein	1946-60	17	6	4		Morrie Luckner; Archie Winetrobe
Hugh Kelsey	1967-86	16	10	1	<b>1969-70; 1973-74 1978-79</b>	Tom Culbertson; John McMonagle
Douglas Piper	1995-2008	16	5	1	<b>1995-96</b>	Sandy Duncan; John Murdoch
Johnny Hastie	1939-50	15	6			Robin Proffit; Ronald Manson
George Cuthbertson	1972-85	14	12	1	<b>1972-73</b>	Barnet Shenkin; Gerald Haase; Victor Goldberg
Harry Cohen	1949-56	13	7	2		Louis Rose
Gerald Haase	1973-2003	13	11	2	<b>1973-74</b>	Michael Rosenberg; George Cuthbertson; Victor Goldberg
Charles Outred	1985-2007	13	5	1		Vi Outred; John Murdoch
Louis Rose	1949-56	13	7	2		Harry Cohen
Derek Diamond	1979-2002	12	4			David Finestone; Jimmie Arthur; Miro Dragic
James Forbes	1991-95	12	6			Jack Silverstone; Les Steel
Alice Mackenzie	1937-48	12	4			Ronald Manson
Clement Ellis	1956-51	11	2			Malcolm Beaton; Stanley Nicolson; Peter Duff
George Jesner	1956-64	11	6	1	<b>1963-64</b>	Victor Goldberg; John MacLaren
Bill Mitchell	1968-85	11	7	2	<b>1971-2; 1972-3</b>	Carl Dickel; John MacLaren; Roy Bennett
Stanley Nicolson	1937-49	11	4			Clement Ellis; Peter Duff
Robin Proffit	1938-47	11	3			Johnny Hastie
Harry Barnett	1959-68	10	7	1	<b>1964-65; 1966-67</b>	Sol Barnett
Hymie Barnett	1939-50	10	3			Sol Barnett

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Liz McGowan	2002-08	10	3			Ken Baxter; Mike Ash
Jean Macnair	1948-59	10	2			Nigel Ross; Ronald Manson
Peter Duff	1937-51	9	2			G M Carmichael; Stanley Nicolson; Clement Ellis
David Frew	1987-92	9	5		<b>1988-89</b>	David Liggat
David Liggat	1987-92	9	5		<b>1988-89</b>	David Frew
Hugh Fraser	1955-63	8	3	1		John Stevenson
John McMonagle	1978-86	8	4		<b>1978-79</b>	Hugh Kelsey
Vi Outred	1985-2007	8	3	1		Charles Outred
Michael Rosenberg	1973-77	8	5	1	<b>1973-74; 1975-76 1976-77</b>	Gerald Haase; Barnet Shenkin
John Stevenson	1955-63	8	3	1		Hugh Fraser
Jimmie Arthur	1984-88	7	1			Derek Diamond; Danny Kane
Raymond Brock	1970-75	7	5		<b>1970-71; 1971-72</b>	Sam Leckie; David Mills; Victor Goldberg
Tom Lamb	1954-66	7	4		<b>1963-64; 1964-65</b>	May Hunter; Archie Winetrobe
Margaret Porteous	1946-51	7	2			Tommy Porteous
Tommy Porteous	1946-51	7	2			Margaret Porteous
Len Shenkin	1948-63	7	2			Louis Shenkin
Louis Shenkin	1948-63	7	2			Len Shenkin
Derek Sanders	2003-06	6	2			Iain Sime
Jack Silverstone	1991-93	6	3			James Forbes
Iain Sime	2003-06	6	2			Derek Sanders
Jimmy Allan	1958-63	5	3			Galloway Shearer
Miro Dragic	1996-2004	5	2			Ken Rae; Derek Diamond; Victor Goldberg
Joe Gerber	1954-62	5	1			David Landa
David Landa	1954-62	5	1			Joe Gerber
Galloway Shearer	1958-63	5	3			Jimmy Allan
Willie Whittaker	2000-02	5	2	1		Les Steel
Richard Benstead	1980-84	4	3			Milos Sudjic; Tom Culbertson
Ian Morrison	1969-72	4	3		<b>1969-70; 1971-72</b>	Jack Paterson
Nigel Ross	1948-49	4	1			Jean Macnair
Bill Whyte	1964-66	4	3		<b>1964-65</b>	John MacLaren
David Finestone	1979-80	3	2			Derek Diamond
Bill Innes	1985-88	3				Finlay Marshall
Finlay Marshall	1985-88	3				Bill Innes
J Thom	1938-39	3	1			RP Yates
RP Yates	1938-39	3	1			J Thom
Mike Ash	2007-08	2				Liz McGowan
Ralph Ashcroft	1937-38	2	1			J Tidd
Jim Baird	1990-91	2	1			Brian Spears
Malcolm Beaton	1937	2				G M Carmichael
G M Carmichael	1937	2				Malcolm Beaton
Jim Hay	1994-95	2	2			John Simpson
May Hunter	1954-55	2				Tom Lamb
Patrick Jourdain	1976-77	2	1		<b>1976-77</b>	Victor Goldberg
Morrie Luckner	1946-48	2				Sammy Stein

## Single Appearances:

Winners		Partner	Non-winners		Partner
Sandy Bremner/ Bruno Serafini	1961-62		Irving Gordon	2001-02	Victor Goldberg
Harold Clark/Dr A A Peel	1937		Ian Howie	1988-89	John Murdoch
Carl Dickel	1968-69	Bill Mitchell	Danny Kane	1987-88	Jimmie Arthur
Donald Denoon/Ross Woodburn	1982-83		George Purves/Stamley Norman	1938	
Martin Jacobs	1971-72	Sam Leckie	K MacAlpine	1937	Malcolm Beaton
Walter Linderman	1960-61	Sam Leckie			
David Mills	1971-72	Raymond Brock			
Ken Rae	1996-97	Miro Dragic			
Milos Sudjic	1980-81	Richard Benstead			

## Camrose NPCs

		No	Wins	ties	Winning series
Albert Benjamin	1966-74	24	17	2	1966-67; 1969-70; 1970-71; 1973-74; 1971-72; 1972-73
David Skinner	1949-66	23	13	1	1963-64; 1964-65
Jimmie Arthur	1991-04	19	7	1	1995-96; 1997-98
Charlie Bowman	1978-86	16	9	1	1978-79
Jack Paterson	2003-07	14	5	1	
Sol Barnett	1974-78	12	7		1975-76; 1976-77
John MacLaren	1986-99	12	10		1988-89; 1997-98
Johnny Walker	1950-55	12	5	2	
Robert Gray	1946-52	10	5		
Johnny Hastie	1946-56	7	2		
Sam Leckie	1988-91	7	4		1988-89
Victor Goldberg	1982-84	6	4		
Bill Mitchell	1984-88	6	1		
Roy Bennett	1994-02	4	2		
Malcolm Cuthbertson	1999-08	4	0	1	
Hugh Kennedy	1956-59	4	2		
Henry Rowan	1938-39	4	1		
Clement Ellis	1948-61	3	1	1	
Bill Innes	1993-94	3	2		
Ronald McCurdie	1937-38	3	1		
Richard Jarvis	1992-01	2	1		
Liz McGowan	2007-08	2	0		
Stanley Nicolson	1938-47	2	1		
George Purves	1954-55	2	0		
Les Steel	1999-01	2	1		

## One-off npcs

Winners			Non-winners			
Jim Fergusson	1955-56	1	Ian Crorie	2001-02	Lachy McLean	1948-49
Bill Johnston	1958-59	1	Tom Drummond	1937	Tommy Porteous	1962-63
Finlay Marshall	2003-04	1	Peter Duff	1952-53	Bill Wilson	1960-61
Jack Watson	1955-56	Tie	David Frew	1998-99		

A complete list of Camrose teams can be found in the Appendix



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The winning Camrose team 1989 (Left to right) Les Steel, Barnett Shenkin, David Frew, Victor Silverstone, David Liggat, Sam Leckie (npc) and Roy Bennett



Gold Cup Winners 1982 (Left to right) George Cuthbertson, Barnett Shenkin, Gerald Haase, Victor Goldberg, Willie Coyle.



The winning Camrose team 1995 (Left to right) Andrew McIntosh, Douglas Piper, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Jimmie Arthur(npc) Les Steel, John MacLaren(npc) John Matheson and Sandy Duncan.



Gold Cup Winners 2006 (Left to right) Douglas Piper, John Matheson, John Murdoch, Dave Walker, Malcolm Cuthbertson and Brian Short.



The winning Camrose team 1999 (Left to right) John Murdoch, Les Steel, Dave Walker, Andrew McIntosh, Malcolm Cuthbertson, John Matheson.



The 1995 Lederer Trophy Winners. David Edwin, Willie Coyle, Bernard Teltscher, Victor Silverstone, Tony Priday



The team 1950 v Northern Ireland (Top row) Larry Bradley, Maurice Gabbey, Harry Cohen, George Hanna, Barry Varde, Hymie Barnett Eric Oldblatt. (Front row) Archie Winetrobe, Solly Barnett, Johnny Walker, Norah Bradley, Unknown, Sammy Stein, Louis Rose



Winners of the Spring Foursomes, 1979. Barnett Shenkin, Irving Gordon, Victor Silverstone and Victor Goldberg.

# Women's Bridge

## The Lady Milne Trophy: the Women's Home International Championship

The trophy was presented in 1934 for an English Ladies' Teams event organised by the National Bridge Association. The NBA was set up by Hubert Phillips, editor of *Bridge World*, in competition with the original British Bridge League, organised by A E Manning Foster, editor of *Bridge Magazine*. The BBL's Open and Ladies' Championships were the Gold Cup and the Whitelaw; the NBA's parallel events were the Tollemache and the Lady Milne. Lady Milne herself was a voluntary Assistant Secretary of the NBA. When the two organisations combined the Tollemache became the English National Teams and the Whitelaw the English National Women's Teams; the Gold Cup became a British Teams championship, and the Lady Milne an equivalent Women's event. There was no competition during and shortly after the war, 1940-47. In 1948 a Scottish team captained by Margaret Porteous (Isobel Davidson, Susan Knox, Evelyn Smith) reached the final.

In 1950, because of dropping entries, the Lady Milne became an international event, contested by the winners of each Union's Women's Teams Championship. Scotland allowed the winners of the

Bulletin Cup to add one or two players if they wished. Eire participated in 1950, then left the competition until Ireland rejoined the Camrose series in 1998. Northern Ireland did not enter for the first few years. In 1953 only England and Wales took part. In the early days each team played one 32-board match against each other team, using the Camrose VP scale. Later, in an attempt to halt English domination, the matches were divided into three parts, scored separately.

In 1974, when the Bulletin Cup became a Swiss Teams event, Women's Trials were introduced to select the Scottish team. This year, 2008, saw the 59th international competition.

### The Trophy has been won:

**45 times by England**

**9 times by Scotland**

(1950; 1956; 1980; 1984; 1986; 1992; 1994; 2004; 2007)

**3 times by Wales (1967; 1968; 1988)**

**2 times by Northern Ireland (1981; 1985)**

## Scotland's Lady Milne Record

Scotland won the very first international. As reported by Ronald Manson: "A really good victory has been recorded this week in London by the Ladies team in winning the Lady Milne Cup. It is, I think, the first time the Cup has been won out of England. In former years the Lady Milne Cup was a separate event played on the knock-out system, but this year, and in future, it is more in the nature of a ladies championship of Great Britain, played off between the winners of the Bulletin Cup in Scotland, the Whitelaw Cup in England, and the winners of the corresponding events in Wales and Eire. Matches of 32 boards are played against each of the other three teams, and Mrs Porteous' team (Mrs WW Davidson, Mrs A R Irvine and Miss E Donaldson) beat Wales and Eire and tied with England. They won the Cup, as the English ladies lost one of their other matches." (Scotsman 23/5/50)

Scotland won again in 1956, then came a 24-year gap. We came close in 1965, when a Glenrothes team, Betty Grant, Janette Scott, Jenny Fulton and Nan Mathew, won the Bulletin Cup. They knew they had qualified for the Lady Milne, and the foursome boldly set off for Larne under their own steam, without any

assistance from the Scottish Bridge Union. They beat England 5-1, then Northern Ireland 4-2, but lost 6-0 to Wales, and had to settle for third place. Our third win came in 1980, when Marion Hill and Jennifer Monachan recorded the first of their three victories in the 80s.

1986 was particularly satisfying. This report by Gill Scott-Jones appeared in English Bridge:

"Scotland won the Lady Milne Trophy this year with a match to spare, losing only one match throughout the tournament. The final scores were: Scotland 165; England 143; Wales 124; Northern Ireland 108.

The Scots showed their form early against Northern Ireland.

After a lively auction starting with a weak 2♠ from North and a 3♦ overcall, NS reached 6♠. Morag Malcolm had repeatedly tried to save in diamonds, so Liz McGowan judged that her best chance of beating the contract was to lead her smallest diamond, hoping to get partner on lead for a club return. This play gave the Scots a well-deserved slam swing.

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NS Game Dealer East	♠ A9xxxxx ♥ AJx ♦ xx ♣ x	
♠ – ♥ 10xxx ♦ QJxx ♣ Q9xxx	N W                      E S	♠ QJ ♥ Qxxxx ♦ AKxxxx ♣ –
	♠ K10xx ♥ K ♦ x ♣ AKJ10876	

English npc, Richard Fleet, played his top pair of Landy/ Horton throughout, with the exception of the last match. (By this time all the Scots needed to do to win was to show up in time for their match.)

Though England failed to live up to the form books one never minds losing to the Scots, who usually field a good team and always seem to enjoy themselves.”

(This match saw the first and last appearance of the Handy Heart, a system invented by Sally Horton and Sandra Landy. By Sunday they had reverted to more standard methods)

There was a second victory with a match to spare in 1992, but on that occasion the English team was not packed with World Champions. Records are sketchy in the early years, but in the last 35 years Scotland has won 7 times; come second 14 times, third 6 times, and fourth 8 times. The closest result came in 2002 when Scotland finished just 1VP

The Scots lost their second match to England, and after the first stanza of three matches played on Saturday afternoon England had won all three matches and were in the lead. However, during the evening we lost all three matches and this gave the Scots an advantage which they never lost. The

### Most Lady Milne Appearances

		No	Wins	Partners
Liz McGowan	1978-2008	25	5	Isobel Traill; Morag Malcolm; Bridie Power; Vi Outred; Helen Kane; Catherine Gerrard; Fiona McQuaker
Sheila Macdonald	1985-2007	13	3	Muriel Robertson; Jill Arthur; Maida Grant
Morag Malcolm	1975-92	13	3	Dorothy Jesner; Pam Kissen; Liz McGowan; Marion Hill; Margaret Alexander
Fiona McQuaker	1996-2008	12	2	Liz McGowan
Joyce Benson	1977-2003	9	3	Barbara Kay; Michele Alexander
Barbara Kay	1977-92	8	3	Joyce Benson
Margaret Alexander	1978-2001	7	1	Margaret Gall; Jenny Steel; Morag Malcolm; Vi Outred
Jill Arthur	1984-2004	7	2	Pam Kissen; Sheila Macdonald
Judy Benjamin	1956-77	7	1	Isobel Davidson; Bessie Elston; Jean Macnair
Isobel Davidson	1950-71	7	2	Margaret Porteous; Judy Benjamin
Pam Kissen	1979-91	7	2	Morag Malcolm; Jill Arthur; Catherine Gerrard
Helen Kane	1989-95	6	1	Eileen Caldwell; Liz McGowan; Vi Outred
Jean Macnair	1958-77	6		Evelyn Smith; Judy Benjamin
Anne Martin	1998-2008	6	1	Joan Mercer; Sheila Adamson
Vi Outred (*Mitchell)	1981-2001	6	1	Bridie Power; Liz McGowan; Ursula Harper; Helen Kane; Margaret Alexander
Margaret Porteous	1950-71	6	1	Isobel Davidson
Catherine Gerrard	1990-2001	5	1	Pam Kissen; Liz McGowan; Anne McGeagh
Marion Hill	1980-88	5	3	Jennifer Monachan; Morag Malcolm
Muriel Robertson	1985-95	5	1	Sheila Macdonald
Sheila Adamson	2005-08	4	1	Anne Martin
Jennifer Monachan	1980-86	4	3	Marion Hill
Bridie Power	1981-97	4		Vi Mitchell*; Maida Grant; Liz McGowan; Eileen Caldwell
Evelyn Smith	1958-66	4		Jean Macnair; Mrs M D Stevenson



Mrs K Alexander	1954-57	3	1	Mrs A Ellsworth
Eileen Caldwell	1989-97	3		Helen Kane; Bridie Power
Rena Currie	1970-75	3		Anne Glen
Morag Davidson	1968-79	3		Molly Reid
Mrs A Ellsworth	1954-57	3	1	Mrs K Alexander
Margaret Gall	1978-83	3		Margaret Alexander; Nancy Miller
Anne Glen	1970-75	3		Rena Currie
Maida Grant	1985-2007	3	1	Bridie Power; Sheila Macdonald
Veronica Guy	1996-2008	3		Joan Mercer; Carolyn Peploe; Sam Punch
Dorothy Jesner	1975-78	3		Morag Malcolm
Joan Mercer	1996-2002	3		Veronica Guy; Anne Martin
Isobel Traill	1978-83	3		Liz McGowan

### Teams presumed to have played twice in the Lady Milne:

Mrs K C Barr/ Mrs H Thomson; Mrs JW Fergusson/ Mrs JB Mowat	1962; 1963
Mrs M C Beaton/Miss M Horgan; Mrs MDStevenson/Evelyn Smith	1964; 1966

### Partnerships that have played twice in the Lady Milne:

Mrs J Carlisle/Mrs A Reid	1954; <b>1956</b>
Molly Reid/Morag Davidson	1969; 1979
Sheila McCreath/Margaret Will	1973; 1977
Ruby Martyn/Mary Orr	1975; 1976
Nancy Miller/Margaret Gall	1982; 1983
Margaret Alexander/Jenny Steel	1987; 1988
Briony Multon/Bronwen Wheatley	1996; 1997
Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie	2001; <b>2004</b>

### Players who have played twice in the Lady Milne with two different partners:

Beatrice Copson	1972 (Grace Uprichard);	1976 (Iris Bukowska)
Bessie Dalziell	1967 (Mrs A Jacobs);	1974 (Flora Frischmann)
Bessie Elston	1960 (Judy Benjamin);	1967 (Ruth Breene)
Flora Frischmann (Jacobs)	1960 (Bessie Elston);	1974 (Bessie Dalziell)
Mrs A Jacobs	1960 (Flora Jacobs*);	1967 (Bessie Dalziell)
Agnes Johnston	1961 (Ann Harkins);	1971 (Judy Benjamin)
Carolyn Peploe	1990 (Kathy Copley);	1998 (Veronica Guy)
Sam Punch	2005 (Diana Gerrard);	2008 (Veronica Guy)

### Single winners

A small band of players have won the Lady Milne Trophy on their only appearance:	
Ella Donaldson and Faie Irvine	(1950)
Frances Murphy and Betty Stevenson	(1984)
Ursula Harper	(1994)



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The winning team 1986 (Left to right) Marion Hill, Jennifer Monachan, Morag Malcolm, Bill Mitchell (npc), Liz McGowan, Barbara Kay, Joyce Benson.



The winning team 2004 (Left to right) Donald Denoon(npc), Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker, Sheila Macdonald, Jill Arthur, Suzanne Cohen, Paula Leslie.



The winning team 1994 (Left to right) Muriel Robertson, Sheila Macdonald, Vi Outred, Jimmie Arthur(npc), Ursula Harper, Liz McGowan, Catherine Gerrard.



The winning team 2007 (top row) Sheila Adamson, Anne Martin, Brian Short(npc) Liz McGowan (Front row) Sheila Macdonald, Maida Grant, Fiona McQuaker.



The 1982 team. Isobel Traill, Liz McGowan, Bill Mitchell (npc), Marion Hill, Jennifer Monachan, Nancy Miller, Margaret Gall.



The 1985 team. Maida Grant, Bridie Power, Muriel Robertson, Sheila Macdonald, Morag Malcolm, Charlie Bowman (npc)



The 1987 team. Sheila Macdonald, Muriel Robertson, Jennie Steel, Margaret Alexander, Liz McGowan, Bill Mitchell (npc), Morag Malcolm.



The Scottish Women's Team at the 2006 European Championships. Maida Grant, Fiona McQuaker, Sheila Adamson, Sheila Macdonald, Liz McGowan, Anne Martin with npc Malcolm Cuthbertson.

# The Scottish Women

Many of the Lady Milne stars feature as 75 of the Best: Joyce Benson, Suzanne Cohen, Isobel Davidson, Marion Hill, Barbara Kay, Paula Leslie, Sheila Macdonald, Liz McGowan, Jean Macnair, Fiona McQuaker, Morag Malcolm, Jennifer Monachan, and Vi Outred. In addition, Margaret Porteous was the 34th President, and Catherine Gerrard and Joan Mercer appear in the chapter on the Juniors.

## Sheila Adamson

<b>Lady Milne</b>	2005-2008, 3 series, 1 win <b>2007</b> , Anne Martin
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1989, 1 series, Anne Lawrie (now Rosen)
<b>Peggy Bayer npc</b>	1995, 1 series, 1 win <b>1995</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Women's Pairs



Sheila with Anne Martin in Beijing, 2008

Sheila and her two brothers, Alex and Bob, were taught bridge by their father Duncan when she was about 12. She attended a few classes, notably an Improvers Class run by Margo Scott, which proved an inspirational eye-opener. When she came to work in Edinburgh she formed a partnership with Fiona McQuaker. In 1990, together with Maida Grant and Alex Onions, they visited Bulgaria for a friendly

international. In 1995 Sheila took a break from bridge, feeling she had hit a wall, and needed to do other things with her life – including singing with a band called “Head like a Buffalo”. The break has given fresh perspective and renewed enthusiasm. In her new partnership with Anne Martin she has become a regular in the Scottish Women’s team. Together they have represented Scotland in the World Olympiads in Istanbul (2004) and Beijing (2008), and in the European Championships in Warsaw (2006) and Pau (2008). The highlight of her international career was winning the Lady Milne in 2007. A lowlight was in Istanbul, playing against a strong Chinese team: she opened 1C, but the tray did not travel far enough through the screen for her partner to see her bid. The auction proceeded 1C-Pass-Pass(!)-Dbl-1NT-Pass-3NT from the partner who had seen her bid second time round. One down.

## Margaret Alexander



<b>Lady Milne</b>	1978-2001, 7 series, 1 win <b>1992</b> , Margaret Gall; Jenny Steel (2); Morag Malcolm (2); Vi Outred (2)
<b>National Trophies</b>	Women's Cup x4, Women's Pairs x2

Margaret worked in the National Health Service as an administrator, first in Perth Royal Infirmary, later in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. She learned to play bridge when very

young: during the War, aged about 8, she used to pick up her father at the ARP Club, where bridge helped fill in the hours of inactivity, and she was often asked

to make up the numbers. She created a stir in Perth Bridge Club as a 12-year-old: Charlie Bowman invited her to play in the National Congress, but her mother refused to let her to go at such a tender age. She is an excellent partner. She played with Morag Malcolm in the Women's Pairs at the World Championships in Geneva in 1990. With Vi Outred she played in the first Scottish Women's team in a European Championship, in Tenerife in 2001. She became a Grand Master in 1995.

## Michele Alexander

**Lady Milne** 2003, 1 series, Joyce Benson

Michele is a highly regarded Events Consultant who works part time, choosing her clients. She became interested in bridge in the mid-80s, and was taught by Joyce Benson, now her partner. An early partner was Jill Arthur, with whom she played in the World Pairs Championship in Geneva in 1990. She married Michael in 2002, and now travels widely with him, playing bridge wherever they go – including various US Nationals with Barnet and Maggie Shenkin. Her single Lady Milne appearance (so far) coincided with her first wedding anniversary, and her very first hand was memorable: after a bidding

misunderstanding she arrived in 5D rather than the making 5C. She went five down – and was rather relieved to find that the result in the other room had been 1D-3. Typically, she did not let this disaster affect the rest of the set. She has now represented Scotland three times, always with Joyce: in the World Teams Olympiad in Istanbul (2004) and the European Championships in Malmo (2004) and Pau (2008). She has also played with Joyce in European Maccabean games in Marseilles, Stirling and Antwerp.

## Jill Arthur (Nee Harrison)



**Lady Milne** 1984-2004 7 series, 2 wins **1984; 2004**  
Pam Kissen; Sheila Macdonald (6)

**National Trophies** Women's Cup, Women's Pairs

Daughter of Chrissie Harrison, the 55th President, Jill took up bridge in the late 60s in an attempt to save her first marriage by finding an interest in common

with her husband. She was taught by her mother and Aunt Jenny, and enjoyed it enough to continue even when her husband gave up on both bridge and the marriage. She found lots of bridge partners, and her marriage ended in divorce. She met Jimmie Arthur at the Rothersey Congress, where he invited her to play on the Sunday evening. They married

in 1971, a very happy marriage in which Jimmie was delighted to act as father to her children Ian and Christine, (a familiar figure at Congresses). She accompanied Jimmie on his various trips as captain of Scottish, British, and English teams, both at home and abroad, where she helped him to put Scotland on the bridge map. A constant source of support, tablet and shortbread, Jill was one of our first lady Grand Masters. Her most successful partnership was with Sheila Macdonald: together they represented Scotland in the Women's World Teams Olympiad in Maastricht (2000) and at the Women's European Championships in Malmo (2004).

## Judy Benjamin (Nee Golombok) d 1986

**Lady Milne** 1956-77, 7 series, 1 win **1956**, Isobel Davidson; Bessie Elston; Agnes Johnston; Jean Macnair (3), 1 as invited 5th player

**National Trophies** Scottish Cup, Women's Cup x6, Rayne Trophy, Women's Pairs

Judy was a school teacher. Her bridge successes began before the war, even before her marriage to Albert Benjamin. Life with the absent-minded Albert could be trying. One evening, returning from a bridge tournament, Albert was, as usual, composing an article. When the tram reached their

usual stop she could not attract his attention. In exasperation, she got off without him. It was not till the tram reached the terminus that Albert realised he had mislaid his wife. A charming lady, Judy was one of only few who could hold their own with the formidable Jean Macnair.



## Eileen Caldwell

**Lady Milne** 1989-1997, 3 series, Helen Kane (2); Bridie Power

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x3, Women's Pairs x2, Senior Pairs, SBU Simultaneous Pairs

Eileen started her bridge career in 1960 by filling a spare seat in the staffroom game at her school. She then joined East Kilbride Bridge Club, whence she progressed to play in the Lanarkshire League. At a Congress in the Turnberry Hotel she met Judy Benjamin, who encouraged her to go to the Kenmure club in Glasgow. She played with Toby Fineman in the Mearns Castle team (now defunct), reaching the first division of the West District League. When Toby left for America Eileen formed new partnerships with

Helen Kane, Marion Hill, and in 1995, Bridie Power. In 1996 they won both the Women's Teams and the Women's Pairs, a double that had never been done before. Eileen became a Grand Master in 1999. Her best Bridge moment was winning the Women's Cup in 1983 with a team of rookies; her worst, playing with Helen Kane in the Lady Milne, was pushing opponents into a slam and failing to find the defence to beat it. Apart from Women's events, Eileen has had considerable success with Max Blodwell.

## Rena Currie and Anne Glen

**Lady Milne** 1970-75, 3 series

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x2

This long-standing partnership played regularly in women's events, including several trips south to play in the Whitelaw, the English Bridge Union Women's

Teams. As well as their two wins in the Scottish Women's Cup, they were runners-up 3 times, in 1977, 1980 and 1994.

## Margaret Gall

**Lady Milne** 1978-1983, 3 series, Margaret Alexander; Nancy Miller (2)

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x2

One of the top players from Aberdeen, Margaret played with her husband Emslie till his death. She became a Grand Master in 2005.

## Maida Grant

**Lady Milne** 1985-2007, 3 series, 1 win **2007**, Bridie Power; Sheila Macdonald (2)

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x2

Maida took up bridge when she was pregnant and couldn't play sport. Her parents were keen players but didn't let the children play at home – but she confesses that she probably absorbed some awareness of the game. She played with Alex Onions for many years, including a memorable trip to Bulgaria in 1990 for a friendly match against the Bulgarian ladies. Alex, a nervous flyer, had taken some knockout pills. When they arrived at the airport they were met by the European Ladies Pairs Champions, Nevena Deleva and Matilda Lorer, with the news that they were just in time for the evening tournament. The game passed by in a blur

for poor Alex, and Maida still wishes it had been the same for her.

Maida became a Grand Master in 2004. Since taking early retirement in 2003 she has formed a hard-working partnership with Sheila Macdonald and they have had considerable domestic and international success. They played together in the Women's European Championships in Warsaw (2006) and the Women's World Teams Olympiad in Beijing (2008). Her best bridge experience was as a member of the team that won the Lady Milne in 2007. "I had not anticipated the positive response from bridge players all over Scotland."



## Veronica Guy



**Lady Milne** 1996-2008, 3 series, Joan Mercer; Carolyn Peploe; Sam Punch  
**National Trophies** Women's Cup, Rayne Cup, Edwin Berry, Women's Pairs, Bowman x2

Veronica learned to play whist at home, and progressed to bridge at university in Belfast. She gave up the game after graduation till she found herself, a new

hobby she joined the University Wives' Bridge Club and the local club where she formed a team which came 2nd in the Welsh National Teams in 1983. She arrived in Edinburgh in 1985 and soon made her mark. Veronica became a Grand Master in 2003. She has represented Scotland with Carolyn Peploe in the Women's European Championships in Malmo (2004), and with her new partner, Sam Punch, in the Women's World Teams Olympiad in Beijing (2008).

mother, in Aberystwyth, Wales, where husband Fred lectured in the College of Librarianship Wales, now part of Aberystwyth University. In search of a

## Helen Kane

**Lady Milne** 1989-1995, 6 series, 1 win, **1992**, Eileen Caldwell (2); Liz McGowan (3) Vi Outred  
**National Trophies** National Pairs x3, Women's Pairs

Helen is a medical doctor. She and husband **Danny** embraced bridge enthusiastically in the mid eighties. She is one of only six women to win the National Pairs, and the only woman to win more than once. She was always in demand

as a partner in the women's game because of her excellent temperament and considerable ability. Unfortunately the couple has moved on to other interests, though they still play League matches for Gilmorehill.

## Pam Kissen d 1998

**Lady Milne** 1979-1991, 7 series, 2 wins **1980; 1984**, Morag Malcolm (4); Jill Arthur; Catherine Gerrard (2)  
**National Trophies** Women's Cup x2, Women's Pairs

Daughter of **Ruby Martyn**, who represented Scotland in the Lady Milne twice (1975-76) with Mary Orr.

Pam presented a National Mixed Pairs Trophy in her mother's memory. Sadly she suffered from the same heart complaint that caused her mother to die young. Pam became a Grand Master in 1995.

She was proud of her teaching record: she taught a class in Hutchesons' Grammar School which included Michael Rosenberg, Jack Silverstone and Brian Spears.

Her husband, **Stan Kissen**, was the first winner of the Kennedy Trophy when it was still an Individual. Together they won the Scottish Amicable Stirling Pairs in 1995.

## Anne Martin

**Lady Milne** 1998-2008, 5 series, 1 win **2007**, Joan Mercer (2); Sheila Adamson (3)

Anne is a pharmacist, working in Falkirk, who went along to the classes run in her local club by Bill Mitchell. She was immediately hooked. She is rather proud of the fact that several years later she became her teacher's partner in League matches and national events. Most of her partners have been men, and she has a particularly good record in the Mixed Teams, which she has won three times, playing with Simon Muir and Jimmy Power. Highlights of her career include winning the Lady Milne, and reaching the Scottish Cup Final in 2005. Lowlights were failing

to win the Lady Milne in 2002 by a single VP, and losing the final of the Autumn Fours by a single imp. Anne became a Grand Master in 2005.

She has represented Scotland abroad on five occasions: with Joan Mercer in the Women's European Championships in Salsomaggiore (2002); and with Sheila Adamson in two Women's World Teams Olympiads, Istanbul (2004) and Beijing (2008); and two Women's European Championships, Warsaw (2006) and Pau (2008).

## Nancy Miller



**Lady Milne** 1982-1983, 2 series, Margaret Gall

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x2, Women's Pairs x2

Nancy took up bridge in 1962, in Huntly. After the birth of her daughter in 1959 she was in need of a hobby, and joined two afternoon ladies' fours, then the local bridge

club where she soon attracted the interest of the

top male players. When she moved to Aberdeen she joined the Northern Arts Club, where she played with Dorothy Cameron and Margaret Gall. An Icelandic ladies team visited Scotland in 1969, and Nancy, Dorothy Cameron, Margaret Gall and Marion Leach played the second match against them and recorded a comfortable win. Nancy became a Grand Master in 1993.

## Briony Multon and Bronwen Wheatley

**Lady Milne** 1996-1997, 2 series

**Lady Milne npc** 2000-2002, 2 series



Bronwen and Briony at their first Lady Milne in 1996

Briony and Bronwen are great friends, and an inseparable partnership, playing mainly in Dunfermline and Falkirk. They have been runners-up in the Scottish Women's Cup three times.

They combined their first Lady Milne outing to Cheltenham with a trip to see some famous gardens, their other passionate joint interest. As debutantes they came kitted with anti-panic pills, which worked well when they recorded two 25 VP victories in their first two matches. Briony acted as NPC for the Scottish Women's team at the World Olympiad, Maastricht (2000) and the European Championships in Salsomaggiore (2003) – and Bronwen was there to offer support. They are both very busy ladies: Briony accompanies husband Fred on car rallies as navigator, and on trips in his boat, while Bronwen has numerous social responsibilities as the wife of an eminent Judge. This means they have less time now for serious bridge.

## Carolyn Peploe

**Lady Milne** 1990-1998, 2 series, Kathy Copley, Veronica Guy

**Portland Cup** 1970

**National Trophies** Women's Cup, Bowman

Carolyn was introduced to cards precociously early, during the War, when her mother and brother had nothing to do and filled in the time with three-handed bridge. In the late 50s she was part of a strong rubber bridge game at Brendan's Club, where she met many of the top players of the day including John Collings and Terence Reese. She met husband Charles on the ski slopes, and

moved to Edinburgh. She had a terrible accident in the mid 1970s, from which she recovered by sheer strength of will and a desire to play bridge again. Carolyn became a Grand Master in 2001. She fulfilled two bridge ambitions by playing in the Lady Milne with Kathy Copley, and in the Women's European Championships in Malmo (2004) with Veronica Guy.

## Bridie Power d 2008

**Lady Milne** 1981-1999, 4 series, Vi Outred; Maida Grant; Liz McGowan; Eileen Caldwell

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x5, Women's Pairs

Bridie's first bridge games were with her husband Jimmy and two friends who had been taught Bridge during a two-week holiday. They played at home, with dummy taking on the role of 'baby minder'. The two men tried out at Fakirk Bridge Club, but were steered towards ICI (less challenging!) by John McMonagle, who gave them a lot of help. When Bridie joined Falkirk in 1980 she formed a partnership with Vi Mitchell (now Outred). Bridie's proudest moment was in 1983 when she won the Women's Cup with Vi, Eileen Caldwell and Toby Fineman - four 'rookies' who started their campaign

by beating Joyce Benson, Barbara Kay, Morag Malcolm and Pam Kissen 20-0 and led throughout to win. Her worst moment was playing in the Open Room with Liz in the Lady Milne. On the first board they had a fine auction to 7D, watched benevolently by Captain Bill Mitchell. When Bridie converted to 7NT – it counts more, after all – Bill stormed out: he could see that Liz had a singleton ace and six diamonds to the eight. The singleton ace was duly removed at trick one, but Bridie's diamonds were AKQJ7, so all was well! Bridie became a Grandmaster in 2005.

## Sam Punch

**Lady Milne** 2005-2008, 2 series, Diana Gerrard; Veronica Guy

**National Trophies** Rayne Cup, Women's Pairs



Sam playing with Alan Goodman in the Mixed Teams in Beijing.

Sam is a recent convert to bridge. When she finished her PhD (on rural childhoods in Bolivia), which entailed working evenings and weekends, she looked for something to fill the gap in her life. She phoned Stirling Bridge Club, and was surprised to learn that the beginners course consisted of 20 lessons: how could it take 20 lessons to learn to play

cards – surely she could learn in an evening? She went along to a class run by Pat Wilson, creating a stir by being the youngest there, and was invited to give it a try before signing up and paying her fees in case she did not like the game. Sam insisted on paying at once: "I know I'll like it!" She played in beginners tournaments for a year, then graduated to Congresses, and has never stopped since – she loves it all. She has been coached largely by Welshman Tim Rees, and also by John Matheson, but listens enthusiastically to any passing expert. Her first partner, Diana Gerrard, gave up bridge for marriage and Kazakhstan (nothing to do with Sam's pre-empts). Sam has just made her first international appearance for Scotland at the Women's World Olympiad in Beijing, playing with her new partner, Veronica Guy.

## Molly Reid

**Lady Milne** 1969-79, 2 series, Morag Davidson

**National Trophies** Women's Pairs x3

Molly was introduced to Auction Bridge by her parents, enthusiastic players at the Newington Unionist Club. She remembers playing at the Carlton Bridge club during the war, when even

the blackout did not deter the real enthusiast. She later became one of the pillars of the Melville Club, teaching bridge alongside Alastair MacGregor.

## Muriel Robertson

**Lady Milne** 1985-95, 5 series, 1 win, **1994**, Sheila Macdonald

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x 9, National Pairs, Women's Pairs

Muriel's early wins in the Scottish Women's Cup were with Jean Nicholl, remembered in Hamilton Bridge Club by the Jean Nicholl Mixed Teams. She has won the Bulletin Cup more often than any other player. She was one of the first women to become a Grand Master. Muriel suffered uncomplainingly from

deafness. Her partnership with Sheila Macdonald was a formidable one: together they represented Great Britain in the Common Market Women's Teams Championships in Bordeaux (1985). They also played in the European Open Pairs Championships in Monte Carlo (1985) and Bielefeld (1989).

## Evelyn Smith

**Lady Milne** 1958-66, 4 series, Jean Macnair (2), Mrs MD Stevenson (2)

**National Trophies** Women's Cup x 6

Evelyn was one of the best Glasow players of the fifties and sixties - Jean Macnair would play only with the best available partners. She also played with Chrissie Harrison, the 55th President, and her sister, Jenny McDonald.

## Isobel Traill

**Lady Milne** 1978-83, 3 series Liz McGowan

Isobel was a schoolteacher from Perth who made her mark playing with Margaret Niven. She was invited to play in the 1978 Women's Trials, and joined up with Liz McGowan since all the other invitees were already partnerships. Liz's second daughter was born in 1978,

so she had little time for bridge, but Isobel carried her through the Trials to three international appearances. Isobel was caring for her elderly mother at this time, and when her mother died she rather lost interest in bridge and took up pistol shooting.



# Scotland's Juniors

## The Universities: a Training Ground

Bridge flourished in Glasgow University after the War. In 1946 Jimmie Arthur, Stan Kissen, Hugh Fraser and John Stevenson discovered common interests in table tennis and snooker, but also frequented the Bridge Room. In the late 50s and early 60s Victor Silverstone and Bill Whyte, joined by Willie Coyle, ruled the roost. Victor remembers winning a British Universities Championship, revolving partnerships with S P Tyagi, Martin Gordon, Ian McCarry and Eric McIntosh. Later Barnet Shenkin, George Cuthbertson, Gerald Haase and Michael Rosenberg ruled the roost. The University, represented by Douglas Newlands, Douglas Mitchell, Mike McGinley and Michael Rosenberg, won the British Universities Teams of Four in February 1974. Two months later a different four: Mike McGinley, J Dunn, C Kean and M O'Hanlon, won the teams event at the British Universities and Colleges Congress.

Another very strong group of players in Edinburgh spent their time at the University Union (men only), playing poker, but also bridge, where they learned quickly while losing money to the likes of John MacLaren, Bob Forbes, Jimmy Allan and Galloway Shearer. The Edinburgh Union spawned Nigel Guthrie, David Frew, David Liggat, John Matheson, Finlay Marshall, Ian Morrison, Jack Paterson, Jim Patrick, Iain Thomson, Martin White and many more.

A similar unofficial group at Aberdeen University contained Roy Bennett, Irving Gordon, Ken Baxter and Alec Tough. They made their mark on the local scene before scattering to different parts of the country. Much later, in the early nineties, the Bridge Club at Aberdeen University provided the Junior Camrose team with the Henderson brothers, Ralph and Maurice.

There was another strong group in Dundee in the late 60s. Roman Smolski and Colin Simpson both graduated to international bridge in England; Warner Solomon and Elaine Sive (later Pencharz) returned to England and still play bridge; Milos Sudjic graduated in dentistry and played one Camrose match with Richard Benstead before moving to London to enjoy rubber bridge; and John Liggat (David's brother) played for Edinburgh University Union in the East League.

In the 70s there was an extremely large club at St Andrews University, where a normal turnout was 12+ tables. Members included Mike Clack, Andrew Summers, Simon Gillam, Ian Morris, Tim McKay, Nigel Morecroft and his wife-to-be, Fiona Rose, Richard Edwards, Tony Lamont and Dave Walker. In the early days of the Frischmann Trophy the St Andrew University heat was enormous.

In the 80s the Edinburgh University Bridge Club flourished, with Alex Adamson, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Ewart, Hugh Mackie, James McGeorge and many more. EUBC continues to exist, and enters teams in the British Universities Championship every year, but it relies more and more on overseas students and is no longer the force it was.

## Junior Bridge

Junior Bridge did not become a separate category until the 1960s. It was officially recognised by the Scottish Bridge Union in 1967, when the Frischmann Junior National Pairs was introduced for players between the ages of 15 and 30. Bob Frischmann, inspired by the inclusion of Bridge in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, had introduced a Junior Pairs event in the West a few years before, and it is fitting that the Trophy bears his name. Junior bridge has a special flavour, and Dr Frischmann encouraged this in the 1967-68 Competition Brochure: "the purpose of this Younger Players Competition for Pairs is to promote good bridge, to aid the less experienced players, and to spread the desire among our younger players to become prominent and dedicated bridge players. By no means, however, should the championship be restricted to those who aim so high. This contest is open to all whose ambition it is to enjoy the game and do not live to play bridge, nor have in mind to play bridge to live. It is to be expected that many who take part in the competition will become regular members of their respective clubs, and enjoy the game long after they have become ineligible to take part in this competition."

The upper age limit took a while to settle. It was reduced to 27 in 1970, in line with European Bridge League practice, but returned to 30 the following year because of a severe drop in entries. The age limit for the Junior Camrose, and European events remained at 27, and the Frischmann returned to that age in 1979, and to 25, the current upper limit, in 1979.

The competition was originally run as a quali-final event, with heats in the Districts. These were pretty large in the early years, but as the upper age limit

came down so did the entries, and the Junior Pairs became a one-day event in 1984.

## Frischmann Winners

1967	G Pettigrew & S Thomson	1988	James McGeorge & Andrew McIntosh
1968	Nigel Guthrie & Jack Paterson	1989	Lindsay Herbert & John Simpson
1969	Ken Baxter & Sandy Duncan	1990	Donald McClymont & James McGeorge
1970	Sandy Duncan & Iain Thomson	1991	Donald McClymont & Pete Smith
1971	J Murray & D Campbell	1992	Andrew McIntosh & John Simpson
1972	George Cuthbertson & Barnet Shenkin	1993	Mark Menzies & Thomas Penman
1973	J Stein & H Laurie	1994	Paula Leslie & Karl Shaw
1974	Sandy Duncan & Brian Short	1995	Paula Leslie & Suzanne Cohen
1975	Sandy Duncan & John Matheson	1996	Duncan Cockburn & Andrew Myles
1976	Neil Franklin & Ian (Dee) Harley	1997	David McCrossan & Harold Bergson
1977	Malcolm Campbell & Alastair Cant	1998	No event
1978	Les Steel & Joe Paterson	1999	No event
1979	Les Steel & Joe Paterson	2000	Ronald Gaffin & Andrew Sinclair
1980	Gordon McRobert & Mark Grubb	2001	David McCrossan & Douglas Marshall
1981	Jim Hay & D Robinson	2002	Ronald Gaffin & Andrew Sinclair
1982	Ross Kennedy & Mike Whittaker	2003	Ronald Gaffin & Andrew Sinclair
1983	Paul Maiolani & Iain McIntyre	2004	Gordon Pearson & Andrew Sinclair
1984	Gordon McRobert & Mark Grubb	2005	Andrew Sinclair & Alex Wilkinson
1985	Ross Kennedy & Anne Lawrie (Rosen)	2006	Yvonne Wiseman & Myles Ellison
1986	Derek Sanders & Lindsay Herbert	2007	Ronald Gaffin & Philip Morrison
1987	James McGeorge & Andrew McIntosh	2008	Frazer Morgan & Philip Morrison

## Junior Camrose

The Junior Camrose Home International series was launched in 1971 for a trophy donated by Cutty Sark whisky. The original age limit, 27, was lowered to 25 in 1983. The format was based on that of the Lady Milne, teams from the four home nations gathered over a weekend. Northern Ireland has occasionally been unable to raise a team, and the Republic of Ireland did not join the event till 1999.

There have been 38 Junior Camrose weekends: England has won 31, Scotland 5, and these two countries have tied twice. Scotland had great success in the early years, when the age limit was 27 and we had a fine group of enthusiastic and talented players. We won five times in the first eight years, and tied once. Since 1979, apart from the tie in 1998, England has dominated the event.

## Players with most Junior Camrose appearances for Scotland

		No	Wins		Partners
Suzanne Cohen	1993-99	7		1	Paula Leslie; Graham Hazel
Barnet Shenkin	1971-77	7	4	1	Sandy Duncan; David Shenkin; Michael Rosenberg
Andrew Sinclair	2002-08	7			Ronald Gaffin; Alex Wilkinson
Paula Leslie	1993-98	6		1	Suzanne Cohen
Andrew McIntosh	1986-92	6			Ian Cormack; James McGeorge; Malcolm Cuthbertson Alex Adamson; Donald MacDonald
Michael Rosenberg	1973-78	6	3	1	Gerald Haase; Barnet Shenkin; Richard Benstead
David Shenkin	1971-75	6			Cameron McClatchie; Barnet Shenkin; Gerald Haase
Alex Adamson	1986-90	5			Malcolm Cuthbertson; James Forbes; Andrew McIntosh
Harold Bergson	2000-04	5			David McCrossan; Duncan Cockburn
Donald McClymont	1987-92	5			Alistair Macdonald; James McGeorge; Pete Smith
David McCrossan	2000-04	5			Harold Bergson; Douglas Marshall
Gordon McRobert	1979-84	5			Malcolm Whytock; Mark Grubb

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Mark Menzies	1992-96	5			Thomas Penman; Jamie Murphy; Bob Adamson Maurice Henderson
Gordon Angus	1982-88	4			Stewart Adam; Bob Marchbanks; Anne Lawrie (Rosen)
Ronald Gaffin	2002-08	4			Andrew Sinclair; Philip Stephens
Mark Grubb	1980-84	4			Gordon McRobert
Gerald Haase	1973-77	4	2		Michael Rosenberg; David Shenkin
Alex Wilkinson	2005-08	4			Andrew Sinclair
Martin Bateman	2001-04	3			Dermot Coyle
Duncan Cockburn	1999-2001	3			Andrew Myles; Harold Bergson
Dermot Coyle	2001-04	3			Martin Bateman
George Cuthbertson	1971-73	3	2	1	Derek Diamond; Barnet Shenkin
Malcolm Cuthbertson	1986-89	3			Alex Adamson; Andrew McIntosh
Gyles Ellison	2004-08	3			Myles Ellison
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Maurice Henderson	1995-97	3			Ralph Henderson; Mark Menzies; Callum McKail
Anne Lawrie (Rosen)	1985-89	3			Ross Kennedy; Gordon Angus; Sheila Adamson
Cameron McClatchie	1971-73	3	2	1	David Shenkin
Douglas Marshall	2000-04	3			Robert Carr; David McCrossan
Andrew Myles	1998-2000	3		1	Callum McKail; Duncan Cockburn
Pete Smith	1990-92	3			Graham Wright; Donald McClymont
Les Steel	1979-81	3			Joe Paterson; Dave Ratcliffe

### Partnerships that have played twice in the Junior Camrose:

Sandy Duncan/Barnet Shenkin	<b>1971; 1972</b>
Derek Diamond/George Cuthbertson	<b>1971; 1972</b>
Mike McGinley/Iain Swan	<b>1976; 1978</b>
Joe Paterson/Les Steel	1979; 1980
Stephen Ashforth/Colin Mitchell	1981; 1983
Gordon Angus/Bob Marchbanks	1984; 1985
Donald McClymont/Alistair Macdonald	1987; 1988
Alex Adamson/James Forbes	1988; 1989
Mark Menzies/Thomas Penman	1991; 1992
Robert Carr/Douglas Marshall	2000; 2004

### Players who have played twice in the Junior Camrose with two different partners:

D Schapira	1974	(R Ross)	1975	(Richard Edwards)
Richard Benstead	<b>1978</b>	(Michael Rosenberg)	1979	(Norman McGeagh)
Norman McGeagh	1979	(Richard Benstead)	1980	(Dave Ratcliffe)
Malcolm Whytock	1979	(Gordon McRobert)	1984	(Bill Godenzie)
Dave Ratcliffe	1980	(Norman McGeagh)	1981	(Les Steel)
Gordon Stewart	1981	(Raoul Sutton)	1983	(Ross Kennedy)
Ross Kennedy	1983	(Gordon Stewart)	1985	(Anne Lawrie, now Rosen)
James McGeorge	1987	(Andrew McIntosh)	1990	(Donald McClymont)
Lindsay Herbert	1986	(Derek Sanders)	1991	(John Simpson)
Callum McKail	1997	(Maurice Henderson)	<b>1998</b>	(Andrew Myles)

### Some distinguished partnerships that made just one appearance in the Junior Camrose

**Jim Patrick and Martin White** won in **1976**

Stewart Adam and Gordon Angus played in 1982

**Jack Silvertone and Brian Spears** tied with England in **1978**

Douglas Piper and George Wood played in 1985

Iain MacIntyre and Paul Maiolani played in 1982

Frazer Morgan and Philip Morrison played in 2006

## Juniors and Ex-Juniors

Many of our ex-Junior players have made it into the Top 75: Richard Benstead, Suzanne Cohen, George Cuthbertson, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Derek Diamond, Sandy Duncan, James Forbes, Gerald Haase, Paula Leslie, James McGeorge, Andrew McIntosh, Jim Patrick, Douglas Piper, Michael Rosenberg, Barnet Shenkin, Les Steel and Martin White. Sheila Adamson has had an outstanding career in women's bridge.

Jim Hay (North) and Derek Sanders (East) feature under their Districts. Here are some of the others::

## Nigel Guthrie

A character with a unique mindset, an infectious laugh, and a habit of addressing everybody as 'poxy', Nigel moved to England in 1978, but has just returned to Glasgow. He has won the Portland Cup (British Mixed Pairs) three times: in 1970 with Carolyn Peploe; in 1973 with Liz McGowan, and in 1997 with Hedy Brown. He played in Common Market Championships with Liz McGowan: in the Mixed Pairs in Birmingham in 1981, and in the British Mixed Team in 1983 in Ostend. Before leaving for England he won the Rayne Cup and the Men's Fours. His most recent achievement was winning the EBU Grand Masters Pairs in 2007. He is the son of **Charles Guthrie**, who played regularly in Edinburgh with Rosemary Cadell, and won the Harrison Individual in 1986.

## Iain Thomson

One of the extremely talented group of young players that appeared in the 1960s, Iain Thomson won the Men's Teams in 1974, and the Bowman in 1975. He was one of the leading Master Point winners of his day, but he too departed for England in the late 70s. He played with Tom Culbertson at the EBU Brighton Summer Festival till Tom's death in 1985.

## David Shenkin

Cousin of the rather more famous Barnet, David Shenkin played in six of the first seven Junior Camrose Trophies, winning three times, and tying once. In 1974 the cousins played for Great Britain in the European Junior Championship in Copenhagen, winning a bronze medal.

David also played in the Rosenblum Open Teams at the 6th World Championships in Biarritz in 1982 in a team of five with John Collings, Willie Coyle, Paul Hackett and Martin Hoffman, finishing 43rd.

He played in several Scottish Trials without ever quite making it into the team, and still plays in the West with **Cameron McClatchie**. Cameron, slightly older, played in the first three Junior Camroses, winning twice. The partnership still plays in the Gold Cup and Scottish Cup, where they are tough, but always pleasant, opponents. They won the Fairlie Trophy (National and Life Masters Pairs) in 1985.

## Ian Swan

After his two Junior Camrose appearances with Mike McGinley Ian continued to play bridge in the West, but it was not the main interest in his life. He won the Dubai teams in 1980; the Edwin Berry in 1981; and the Fairlie Pairs for Scottish and National Masters in 1980. He still plays league matches in the West for Gilmorehill.

## Jack Silverstone 1956-2004



Brother of the rather more famous Victor, Jack learned his bridge at Hutchesons' Grammar School alongside Michael Rosenberg, who became his first partner. According to Jack, Michael developed a system called the Big Minor: essentially

it meant that Jack could bid minors, while Michael hogged the declarer play in the majors and no-trumps. He played just one Junior Camrose, with Brian Spears, in 1977, when Scotland tied with England. He went on to have considerable success in the Open game with Willie Whittaker, winning the Pairs at the EBU Summer Congress in 1986. He played six Camrose matches with James Forbes from 1991-93, winning three of them. He has won the Rayne Cup; the BBL Cup twice; the Edwin Berry; and the Swiss Pairs. He played with Catherine Gerrard in the European Mixed Pairs in Ostend in 1992, where they narrowly missed reaching the final and won the Consolation event. A rebirth of his partnership with Brian Spears led to a silver medal in the World Maccabean games in Tel Aviv in 1993. Very sadly Jack was stricken with



a wasting disease and moved to London in the mid-nineties, where he died in 2004.

“His good nature and humorous way of looking at every aspect of life always held me in amazement. In short, Jack loved life and everyone he encountered in his tragically short life. He invariably brought a smile to the face of all in his company.” (Brian Spears)

## Dave Ratcliffe

Dave had two Junior Camrose appearances, with Norman McGeagh and Les Steel. He won the Rayne Cup in 1983, but has played little bridge since.

## Mark Grubb & Gordon McRobert

This Edinburgh pair won the Frischmann twice, in 1980 and 1984. In a lean spell for Scotland they were the backbone of the Junior Camrose team. Gordon played 5 times, once with Malcolm Whytock in 1979, the rest with Mark. In their last year as Juniors they were selected to play in the Great Britain Junior Team at the Junior European Championships in Hasselt in Belgium. They played in the Common Market Junior Pairs in Ostend in 1983. Shortly after graduating Gordon left for Australia, and Mark has also left Edinburgh.

## Paul Maiolani and Iain MacIntyre



Iain MacIntyre

This Glasgow partnership played one Junior Camrose in 1982. It has lasted longer than most, and has had considerable success in Open Trials without quite making it into the team. They are regular attenders at National events, winning the Rayne Cup in 2001 and

the Men's Pairs in 2007.

Iain has also won the Scottish Mixed Teams in 1994 with Sheila MacDonald and Jill and Jimmie Arthur, and the Fairlie Pairs 19945 with Edith Lawrie (mother of Anne Rosen.)

## Alistair Macdonald

Son of Sheila Macdonald (No 37), Alistair learned card games from his grandparents, and bridge from his mother when he reached his teens. He

was given 'Learn Bridge with the Lederers' for his 14th birthday, read it in 3 days, and was hooked. He was not allowed to join the St Andrew Club till he was 18, but there was an open event on Saturday afternoons. He remembers continually scoring +170 and +200, and querying the wisdom of the Lederers, since each time he had less than the recommended 25 points. These experiences are the foundation of a more aggressive style – he enjoys the challenge of trying to make the extra trick. Alistair played twice in the Junior Camrose, in 1987 and 1988, with Donald McClymont. He has since had a fine career, winning the BBL Cup, the Men's Teams twice, and the Men's Pairs. He remembers a very tight BBL Cup Final. When the penultimate board appeared the margin was no more than 2 imps. His opponents bid, uncontested, to 6♥ going 4 off vulnerable. Alistair's dreams of victory were shattered when he scored up: team-mates had played in 5♠, also four off. He has had particular success with Donald Sutherland, in spite of a half page system that has scarcely changed in ten years. Alistair is an IT consultant for an American software supply chain company that implements innovative solutions for very high profile customers throughout the world. This involves a lot of travel and long hours, but he still has time for other hobbies. He is a fine pianist, and now plays a lot of Poker.

## Ross Kennedy

Son of Louise and Sid Kennedy, stalwarts of the Carlton Bridge Club in Edinburgh, Ross started to play in the Club at the age of 13. He played twice in the Junior Camrose, with Gordon Stewart in 1983 and Anne Lawrie (Rosen) in 1985. He won the Frischmann twice, once with Anne, and once with Mike Whittaker. He and Gordon Stewart also played in the Common Market Junior Pairs in Ostend 1983. Nowadays he plays little bridge apart from league matches.

## Anne Rosen (nee Lawrie)

Anne played 3 Junior Camrose with 3 different partners: Ross Kennedy, Gordon Angus and Sheila Adamson. After finishing University she went to work in London, but before that she won the Scottish Women's Cup in 1988 with her mother Edith and team-mates Phoebe Bennett and Robina Brown. She is married to Neil Rosen, a bridge professional. After qualifying to play for England

she switched allegiance and has played five times for England in the Lady Milne Trophy, winning every time. She represented England in the 2008 European Women's Championships in Pau, and won a Gold medal in the Women's teams in the first World Mind Sports Games in Beijing.

## Lindsay Herbert

Lindsay learned his bridge at George Watson's, where he won the Scottish Schools Trophy, and later from Bob Sutherland at the Carlton. He played one Junior Camrose with Derek Sanders in 1986 before going to Aberdeen University where he met John Simpson, his second Junior Camrose partner. He is now a reservoir engineer with an oil service company, and has returned to Aberdeen with his Russian wife and family after several years in Kazakhstan. Lindsay is the son of **Jim Herbert**, long-serving member of the Board of Directors at the Carlton Bridge Club and Treasurer of the East District.

## Mike Whittaker



Mike was one of the self-taught Royal High School boys. He played with David Ashforth, then, when David left Edinburgh, with Ross Kennedy. They won the Frischmann in 1982, and, with Gordon McRoberts and Raoul Sutton, a British

Universities teams in 1981. "We decided to play at an Associate Members night at the Carlton club and we won. Dennis Wallace was in charge of those (Thursday) evenings and asked if the group of us would like to join up with him, Gordon & Carol Davidson and Gordon's dad Jim, to form a team. We did - The Jokers we called ourselves. I still have the team tie! We started off in the 5th division and made our way through to the 1st division in successive years." Mike left Edinburgh to work in South Africa in 1982. On his return to London he went to work in the Chess & Bridge shop in Euston Road, and became involved in the development of the successful Blue Chip Bridge computer program. "Ian Trackman had already written most of the program and I began to work on the bidding and tutorial side of things while Ian continued to improve the technical bits. Neither of us had any real computer training - Ian was a retired lawyer and I was a chemist! However, between

us, the program became steadily better." Mike plays little bridge these days, after the premature demise of his partner, Denise early in 2008.

## John Simpson

John paired up with Lindsay Herbert at Aberdeen University to play his single Junior Camrose 1991. He subsequently formed a successful partnership with Jim Hay, winning the Edwin Berry and the Men's Pairs.

They played two Camrose matches in 1994-95, losing to N Ireland and winning against Wales. Unfortunately John became disillusioned with international bridge after his Camrose experiences, and gave up the game.

## Donald McClymont

Donald played five times in the Junior Camrose between 1987 and 1992: twice with Alistair Macdonald; once with James McGeorge, and twice with Pete Smith. He won the Frischmann twice. When no longer eligible for Junior events Donald continued his partnership with Pete Smith for a few years, but when Pete moved on to other interests he found himself without a regular partner. He has a very demanding job as head of computer security at Aggreko. He still plays occasionally with his 'old man', Russell McClymont, the 55th President.

## Pete Smith

Played his first Junior Camrose with a university friend, Graham Wright, before forming a partnership with Donald McClymont. They continued to play together for a few years. They made their mark on one Open Trials by bidding a successful Grand Slam missing five trump: all it needed was the queen-jack doubleton. Pete worked with personal computers, but his main interest was in brush artwork for cartoons, and he eventually gave up bridge.

## Mark Menzies and Thomas Penman

Mark is the son of Joe Menzies, a well-known figure in the West of Scotland who used to run Congresses in various parts of the country. He took up bridge in his late teens after finally persuading his dad to teach him and within a year played in the second Peggy Bayer Schools International with Geoff Bateman. Thomas started playing bridge with his father Harry at age 18/19 after they learned from a book: they

even managed to win their first ever club night at Dalgety Bay. It was at this club over the coming years, and with the help of Danny Holmes, that Thomas learned more about the game.

Mark and Thomas met at the Dalgety Bay Congress at Montrose in 1989 and they formed a friendship and partnership that has lasted ever since. They won the Frishmann together, and played two Junior Camroses in 1991 and 1992 before Thomas became too old. Later the same year Thomas got married and Mark was his best man. There was no prenuptial agreement but it was always known to his new wife that she would be a widow whenever bridge was mentioned so she just forces herself to just go shopping!!!

Mark went on to play three more times in the Junior Camrose with Bob Adamson, Jamie Murphy and Maurice Henderson. Mark and Thomas now play regularly in Falkirk Bridge Club where they still put the enjoyment of the game and having fun above all else.

## Alex Adamson

Alex hails from a bridge-playing family in Dumfries. He came to Edinburgh University in the eighties, when the University Bridge Club was at its strongest. When he graduated he went to work for Scottish Widows and Standard Life, but after marrying and having two children he changed direction and took a masters degree in historic building conservation in Dundee. He was the first bridge correspondent of *'Scotland on Sunday'*: when the paper was first launched on 7th August 1988 it did not have a bridge column: Alex wrote to the editor, asking the reason for this omission. The reply invited Alex to write said column, which he did till 1993, when he succumbed to the demands of a young family and a full-time job and handed the column over to Ian Crorie. He also contributed several articles to *'Bridge Magazine'*.

Alex enjoyed his time as a Junior: here are his reminiscences of his 5 Junior Camrose appearances:

"The first year I played Junior Camrose was in 1986 in Derby with Malcolm Cuthbertson. The other team members were Andrew McIntosh/Ian Cormack, Derek Sanders/Lindsay Herbert, and the unusual thing was that all six of us were making our debuts. That made us rather nervous

and a number of the team fought a losing battle to keep their lunches down as we awaited the start of play. I avoided any such problems by simply not eating. I have never felt as tired after a day's bridge as I did that Saturday night when Malcolm and I had played 50 of the 60 boards. I was impressed by the arguments of one of the Scott brothers, who were playing for Wales. 'Why did you bid 4♥?' his brother asked after he had gone two down in a freely bid game. 'Because I wanted to,' came the reply. We ended up 3rd.

"The next year Malcolm and I played the first set with Donald McClymont and Alistair Macdonald, and did reasonably well. Donald and Alistair were then replaced by Andrew McIntosh and 'Bif' McGeorge, who had a terrible time. After the set our captain, Bill Mitchell, took them aside. 'Listen lads,' he said. 'Individually you're not bad players but together your a f\*cking disaster. Here's twenty quid. Go to the bar and don't come back until you've drunk it all.' (They were allowed some boards on the Sunday). They can both laugh about it now as they have gone on to great success, but it didn't seem very funny to any of us at the time. For one thing it meant Malcolm and I had to play all 60 boards on the Saturday. I have vague memories of the party on Sunday night, which ended in a drunken game of poker. Chucking good money after bad I lost £30, a lot of money for a poor student like me. Mind you, one of the English lads lost a lot more. We ended up 3rd.

"The third year I played with James Forbes. The other pairs were Anne Lawrie/Gordon Angus, Donald McClymont/Alistair Macdonald. James and I played a very aggressive strong Club system and had fairly low requirements for a 1 of a Major opening. I remember opening a 9 count with 1♥. James raised to 3♥ with his 14 count. I looked hard until I found a few good features in my hand and accepted, much to the amazement of an aged kibitzer. One down. We had great results against the English and finished well up against them head to head. I especially enjoyed a +1400 against Hobson when we had nothing on. However we slipped up against the other teams and ended up 3rd.

"In 1989 in Northern Ireland James and I were joined by Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh, the first outing of this great partnership; and Anne Lawrie and my sister, Sheila. Incidentally, Andrew played Junior Camrose six times, with six different

partners, probably a record. I had a bad cold but played it down to get as many boards as possible – bad move. We ended up 3rd.

“The following year was my last. Malcolm and James were now over age, and I played with Andrew McIntosh; James McGeorge and Donald McClymont; Pete Smith and Donald MacDonald. After an appeal (in our favour) we finished....2nd equal! Not exactly a triumph but better than 3rd again.

My last year coincided with the first running of the Peggy Bayer trophy for under 20s. Scotland won. By the last session, in an effort to stem the tide of Scottish imps, the English captain, John Pottage, was reduced to posting his team line up as Belladonna, Garozzo in the Open Room and Hamman and Wolff in the Closed Room.

“Over all I certainly enjoyed my Junior Camrose time. When you look at some of the players we had like James, Malcolm, Tosh, Bif, Derek and Sheila who have gone on to play in the Open Team, and a number of us who have been final trialists it is clear what a valuable training ground it was.”

## Junior Co-ordinators

### Catherine Gerrard



Catherine, supported by the 2006 Junior Camrose team, Philip Morrison, Frazer Morgan, Andrew Sinclair and Alex Wilkinson

Catherine became a Grand Master in 1997. She is an enthusiastic player with many successes to her name. With Jack Silverstone she won the Consolation Pairs at the 2nd European Mixed Championships in Ostend in 1992 in a field of 160 pairs. She represented Scotland in our first ever Women's European Championship team in Tenerife (2001). She has played five times in the Lady Milne Trophy with Pam Kissen, Liz McGowan and Anne McGeagh, winning in 1994. She has won the Women's Cup five times, the Rayne Cup twice, the Women's Pairs twice and the Swiss Pairs once. Catherine is a natural ideas person. She was the driving force behind the production of “Albert Benjamin: the Lion of the North” a book produced to mark Albert's 80th birthday. It was she who

organised Morag Malcolm's memorable 70th birthday party. She devotes much of her time to others, to Albert Benjamin in his declining years, and to Jack Silverstone in the later stages of his wasting disease. Above all, she has developed the Scottish Junior Squad. She has captained the Junior Camrose team four times, and the Peggy Bayer team once. She became Junior co-ordinator in 1998, and tirelessly organised training sessions and practice matches, including a triangular tournament with Ireland and the USA. She took teams to the Youth Festival in s'Hertegenbosch in the Netherlands, and was non-playing captain for the Scottish Junior teams at the Junior European Championships in Antalya (2000) and Riccione (2005). She was awarded the President's Prize in 2004 by Alastair MacFadzean in recognition of her outstanding work with the Juniors. She had a great rapport with her team, and earned their total loyalty. She has now handed the responsibility to Joan Mercer and David McCrossan.

### Joan Mercer

Joan learned her bridge in Edinburgh, where her first partner was Judith Louch, with whom she played in Women's Trials. In 1994 she won the Fairlie National Masters Pairs with Keith Youngs. She has represented Scotland in the Lady Milne on three occasions, once with Veronica Guy, and twice with Anne Martin. With Anne she also played in the 2002 Women's European Championship in the heatwave in Salsomaggiore. When her husband took over a hotel in Aberdeen she moved North, and played hostess to the revived North District Congress. Joan has been a very enthusiastic teacher of bridge, and has acted as Education Convener for both North District and Scotland. She helped Gibby and Sally Reid found the Schools Bridge Group in Aberdeen. She became involved with Juniors in 2002 when she captained the Schools Team at the Junior European Championships in Torquay. She captained the Schools team again in 2004 in Prague, coached the Scottish Junior team at the 2005 European Championships in Riccione, and captained the Juniors in Jesolo in 2007. She has captained the Peggy Bayer team three times, and the Junior Camrose team three times.

Joan currently runs the Junior Squad with the help of David McCrossan. They organise training weekends for players of all ages, and have been rewarded with increasing numbers and heightened interest. Scotland's win in the most recent Peggy Bayer is a hopeful sign for the future.



## Schools Bridge

At different times various schools have provided most of our Junior players. The first batch, in the early 70s, came from **Hutchesons' Grammar School** in Glasgow, where Pam Martyn (later Kissen: see Scotland's Women) ran a class that included Michael Rosenberg, Brian Spears and Jack Silverstone. At that time there was a particularly strong group of players in Glasgow: their results in the Junior Camrose speak for themselves.

When these players were no longer eligible for Junior bridge the spotlight turned to Edinburgh. **Stewarts Melville** was the top team at that time, mainly thanks to Gordon McRoberts, Mark Grubb and Brian Kelly, but a group of students at the **Royal High School** taught themselves to play. David Ashforth was the driving force. Mike Whittaker reminisces: "Ashforth was a tremendous card player. I remember him making a slam on a squeeze against Finlay Marshall during a league match when he had to transfer a menace at trick 1 ... and he knew exactly what he was doing. On another occasion, I phoned him on a Wednesday evening and said I couldn't play tomorrow at the Carlton. 'That's okay,' he replied, 'I'll teach Stephen (his younger brother) how to play.' And he did, that Wednesday evening, and the pair of them won(!) the following night." The brothers Ashforth won the Johnston District Masters Pairs in 1981. Stephen went on to play Junior International bridge within a year, and still plays in the Carlton. David gave bridge up completely many years ago. He, Mike, Ronnie Stenhouse, and Colin Mitchell qualified for the finals of the Daily Mail Schools Cup. One of the High School Group, Alastair MacPhee, went to Aberdeen University, where he joined the bridge club but failed to find a compatible partner, and has never played since. But his daughter, Beth, was a member of the team that won the Schools Minibridge Trophy in 2008.

Later Andrew Ramage began a Bridge Club in **George Heriot's School**. His class provided most of the players in the early Peggy Bayer teams, notably Gavin Easton, a member of the winning team in 1995.

In the late 70s a young, enthusiastic group was formed in Highland District. **Millburn Academy** in Inverness acquired an inspirational teacher called Rory MacDonald, whose learners included Andrew McIntosh, Ian Cormack, Donald

MacDonald and Andy Jamieson. There was quite a rivalry with **Elgin Academy**, where the teacher was Bill Richardson, and Forbes. Most of this group has found other priorities, but Andrew McIntosh has made it to the very top, and Andy Jamieson has taken up bridge again recently.

Into the eighties Danny Kane started to teach bridge in **Holyrood Academy** in Glasgow. His first group contained Leigh Caldwell and Geoffrey Bateman. Leigh was a true original, a natural player who came to a coaching session clutching his well-thumbed copy of Clyde E Love on Squeezes, and with Geoffrey he played every board in the first ever Peggy Bayer to win it for Scotland. Unfortunately this young genius refused further invitations to play for Scotland because he disagreed with the concept of the nation state. Geoffrey Bateman's brother Martin took up the baton, and with Dermot Coyle was a regular in Scottish Junior teams till 2003. Danny captained the Peggy Bayer team in 1994.

In 1993 John Di Mambro revived bridge at **Hutchesons'**, and that has been the dominant school ever since. His original group contained David McCrossan, Harold Bergson, Douglas Marshall, Duncan Cockburn, Andrew Myles and Robert Carr. David is still very involved with Junior bridge, assisting with coaching, and captaining the Peggy Bayer team that won the Trophy in 2008. A second group contained Ronald Gaffin, Andrew Sinclair, Emma Fulton, Gregor Hodge, Gordon Pearson, and David Wallace. More recently Hutchies produced Philip Morrison and Frazer Morgan, our outstanding Under 20 pair. A glance at the team rosters for the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies tells us how dominant Hutchies has been in Scottish Junior Bridge since 1995. John Di Mambro captained the Peggy Bayer team three times, winning in 1997. He regularly took teams to the British Schools Championship, including the only non-English team ever to win that event. Hutchesons' Grammar School continues to lead the way. One innovation was to appoint Ronald Gaffin, still a Junior himself, as an official Bridge Tutor. Now, with support from Professor Ross Harper, they have expanded their bridge programme to include teaching in the Primary School.

South District has also provided several Junior internationalists. In the late 80s Duncan Adamson started a class in **Dumfries Academy**. His

group included James McGeorge and his own children, Alex, Sheila and Bob. More recently Donald Shamash taught bridge in **Kirkcudbright Academy**. Several of his group played in the Peggy Bayer: his nephew Ben, the girls pairing of Kirstin Aitken and Emma Maitland, and, most successful of all, the Ellison brothers, Myles and Gyles. The Ellison parents had played bridge at University, and Myles joined the Bridge Club at school because the teacher was his best friend's uncle. He and his younger brother both studied at Durham University, but have not lost their interest in bridge, and are now mainstays of our Junior team.

## Scottish Schools Teams of Four for 'The Scotsman' Trophy

The idea of a schools event emerged in 1974. Jean Macnair, bridge correspondent of *'The Scotsman'* persuaded that newspaper to present a Trophy. Bob Sutherland, then headmaster of Gracemount school in Edinburgh, organised the event on his premises. Schools bridge was very popular in those early days: in 1978 we had an entry of 30 teams. But a work-to-rule by teachers saw a restriction on extra-curricular activity, there are far fewer bridge clubs in schools than there used to be, and numbers dropped to the extent that it was difficult to run an event at all.

## Winners (Of Scottish Schools Teams)

1974	George Watson's College, Edinburgh	1991	George Watson's College, Edinburgh
1975	Graeme High School/ Cumbernauld High School	1992	Holyrood Academy, Glasgow
1976	Stewarts-Melville A, Edinburgh	1993	George Watson's College, Edinburgh
1977	Stewarts-Melville, Edinburgh	1994	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1978	Elgin Academy 'A'	1995	Holyrood Academy, Glasgow
1979	Millburn Academy, Inverness	1996	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1980	Millburn Academy, Inverness	1997	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1981	Millburn Academy, Inverness	1998	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1982	George Watson's College, Edinburgh	1999	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1983	Woodside Secondary, Glasgow	2000	Kirkcudbright Academy
1984	Dumfries Academy	2001	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1985	George Watson's College, Edinburgh	2002	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1986	George Watson's College, Edinburgh	2003	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1987	Loretto Academy, Musselburgh	2004	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1988	Loretto Academy, Musselburgh	2005	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow
1989	George Heriot's, Edinburgh	2006	No Event
1990	George Heriot's, Edinburgh	2007	Aberdeen select
		2008	Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow

Six years ago Gibby and Sally Reid, with help from Joan Mercer and others, began to teach schoolchildren from all the **Aberdeen schools** in the Bridge Club on Wednesday afternoons. Their learners have had considerable success in Junior events, and we expect to hear more of this group in future.



Joan Mercer with the Aberdeen Schools teams in 2007

The composite team in 1975 was accidental. There were two sections, and one pair inadvertently wandered into the wrong one. This event has always been played in a wonderful spirit: an opponent is often allowed to take back a wrong card, and no-one is ever accused of sharp practice. But the standard is variable. One year someone actually asked for a ruling. Declarer, with a trump suit of AKxxxx opposite xx, had drawn four rounds of trump, even though one defender showed out on the first round. He went several down when that same defender later ruffed from his holding of QJxx, then drew the rest of the trump.

## The Peggy Bayer Trophy

In 1990 a new 'schools' category was introduced to the Camrose matches. American philanthropist Palmer Bayer donated a trophy, named in honour of his wife. The first Peggy Bayer was for Under 19s; a straight match between England and Scotland. Subsequently the age limit was raised to 20. It has been played 19 times, England have won 15 and Scotland 4, including the most recent in 2008.

## Players with most Peggy Bayer appearances for Scotland

		No	Wins	Partners
Martin Bateman	1994-98	5	2	Dermot Coyle; Andrew Myles
Myles Ellison	2000-04	5		Ben Shamash
David McCrossan	1995-99	5	2	Douglas Marshall; Harold Bergson
Douglas Marshall	1995-99	5	2	David McCrossan; Duncan Cockburn; Robert Carr
Ben Shamash	2000-04	5		Myles Ellison
Gregor Hodge	2000-03	4		Andrew Sinclair; David Wallace; Gordon Pearson
Dermot Coyle	1994-96	3	1	Martin Bateman
Geoff Bateman	1990-92	3	1	Leigh Caldwell; Mark Menzies; Mark O'Brien
Harold Bergson	1997-99	3	1	David McCrossan
Duncan Cockburn	1996-99	3	1	Andrew Myles; Douglas Marshall
Frazer Morgan	2004-08	3	1	Philip Morrison
Philip Morrison	2004-08	3	1	Frazer Morgan
Andrew Myles	1996-99	3	1	Duncan Cockburn; Martin Bateman
Yvonne Wiseman	2006-08	3	1	Abigail Wilson; Ralph Wiseman
Kirstin Aitken	2002-03	2		Emma Maitland
Emma Fulton	2000-02	2		Ronald Gaffin
Ronald Gaffin	2000-02	2		Emma Fulton
Gordon Pearson	2003-04	2		Gregor Hodge; Gyles Ellison
Callum McKail	1994-95	2	1	Jamie Murphy; Gavin Easton
Emma Maitland	2002-03	2		Kirstin Aitken
John Robinson	1990-91	2	1	Fiona Jamieson; John Sabine
John Sabine	1990-91	2	1	Paul Smith; John Robinson
Andrew Sinclair	2001-02	2		Gregor Hodge
Ralph Wiseman	2007-08	2	1	Yvonne Wiseman

# Minibridge in Schools

When the Scottish Bridge Union was young players were introduced to card games such as Hearts, Nomination Whist and Solo at home. They learned about taking tricks, and basic skills such as counting and finessing, in a painless manner. Now television and computer games have replaced card games at home, and if bridge is to survive youngsters must be introduced to cards at school. Minibridge makes this easier by removing the complexities of the auction. Instead of bidding, each player announces how many points he holds. The partnership with more points is designated the declaring side, and the player in that partnership with more points becomes declarer. (If the points are divided 20-20 there is a redeal). Declarer decides whether to play with a trump suit, or in no-trump, and whether to try to make game or to settle in a partscore. Play then proceeds as in the real game.

Many powerful people in the education system are opposed to the idea of playing cards, so their introduction into the school curriculum is a slow affair. But Minibridge has been scientifically demonstrated to have many benefits. Apart from improvements in arithmetical ability, the youngsters develop abilities such as logical inference, deductive reasoning and problem-solving. They also show improvement in social skills: the game cannot proceed without amicable co-operation!

The absence of the auction removes the fundamental difference between bridge and other card games, but those who have been introduced to Minibridge in school find it much easier to take up bridge later in life than those who have never played cards. So the Scottish Bridge Union has supported the introduction of Minibridge in schools wherever it can. Ayrshire led the way in the late nineties, and ran their first Minibridge Tournament for Primary School Children in 1998. Support from Morag Malcolm and Albert Benjamin (on his 89th birthday) made this a memorable event. In recognition of this ground-breaking effort, Janice Thomson was awarded the President's prize in 1999 by David Perry.

Minibridge soon became established in the West District also. Their Education Convener, Susan

Aitchison, managed to get Minibridge into the approved list of hobbies and pastimes, and the publicity she engendered led to the Scottish Bridge Union issuing Minibridge Packs to nearly 70 schools.

The Scottish Bridge Union introduced a Minibridge Championships alongside the Scottish Schools Teams, where numbers had sadly declined with the number of bridge clubs in schools. In 2004 another schoolteacher, Jenny McCartney, was invited to read stories to pupils at her local primary school. She persuaded the headteacher, and 24 pupils, that the time would be better spent learning Minibridge. She entered a team in the Schools Minibridge Championship – and they won. “The delight of the Head Teacher was apparent. Our success was broadcast in the next School Newsletter, and the local newspaper published a picture of the triumphant team.” Jenny found the experience so exciting that she agreed to become the SBU Minibridge Convener. She improved the Minibridge event, introducing stickers, and a booklet of the hands, and the entry keeps on growing. Minibridge now has a firm hold in schools all over the country. Tim Wickens took a group from Inverness to the Minibridge tournament. On their return they were interviewed by the rector about their experience. All had enjoyed it: one of them described the trip as ‘the most mind-blowing experience of my life’.

Jenny described the atmosphere at the 2005 Championship in the Scottish Bridge News:

“What was more remarkable was the interaction between the children before and after the cut and thrust of the game itself. There was something ‘old-fashioned’ about the way they exchanged chit-chat about the schools they attended. Social skills, which to-day are in danger of becoming irrelevant, were automatically being exercised here. Even the vigorous hand-shaking at the conclusion of the event conjured up a more elegant form of rivalry than we see on football pitches. There is no doubt that the children took the competition very seriously. The glee with which the winners embraced their triumph could not have been more enthusiastic had they won the lottery.”



The winners of the Schools Minibridge Teams 2006. Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen.



Laura Middleton with her Edinburgh Minibridge group. Photo by Norma Bain.



## SCOTLANDS JUNIORS



The Winning Peggy Bayer team, 1990. Paul Smith, John Robinson, John Sabine, Leigh Caldwell, Geoff Bateman, David Frew (npc) and Fiona Jamieson.



The Junior Camrose Team, 1990. Liz McGowan (npc), Alex Adamson, Graham Wright, Donald McClymont, Pete Smith, Andrew McIntosh and James McGeorge, all kitted out in their MacRoberts sweaters



The winning Peggy Bayer team, 1995: Gavin Easton, Dermot Coyle, Martin Bateman, Sheila Adamson (npc), Callum McKail, Douglas Marshall, David McCrossan.



The 1996 Junior Camrose team: Liz McGowan (npc) Maurice Henderson, Suzanne Cohen, Mark Menzies, Paula Leslie



The Peggy Bayer team 1996: Back Row: Dermot Coyle, David McCrossan, Martin Bateman, Andrew Myles; Front Row Douglas Marshall, John Di Mambro (npc), Duncan Cockburn



The Peggy Bayer team, 1999. Back Row: Harold Bergson, David McCrossan, Robert Carr, Douglas Marshall; Front Row: Timothy Syme, Catherine Gerrard (npc), Rebecca Syme



The Winning Peggy Bayer Team, 2008. Yvonne Wiseman, David McCrossan (npc), Ralph Wiseman, Frazer Morgan, Philip Morrison.



The 2008 Junior Camrose Team. Ronald Gaffin, Gyles Ellison, Myles Ellison, Alex Wilkinson, Philip Stephens, Joan Mercer (npc) Andrew Sinclair.

## Senior Bridge

Most physical sports have senior and veteran events. Bridge, as a sport of the mind, is different. It is a game for life, one that you are never too old to play. It has been scientifically demonstrated that playing bridge keeps the brain active, and is beneficial to all-round health in the elderly. Since no-one ever retires, and many players come to bridge later in life when playing other sports becomes difficult, the majority of bridge-players are eligible for over-60 events.

There are a growing number of Senior events all round the world, but Scotland has only one.

### Senior Pairs (Diamond Trophy)

In 1981 SAGA sponsored a Senior Pairs. Heats were held all over Britain, with top 10% qualifying for a 3-session final in Buxton. The first event was won by a Scottish Pair, Frank Lamarra & Dolph Yzer. When this sponsorship ceased in 1988, the Scottish Bridge Union started a Senior Pairs of its own.

They started with the requirement that both members of the partnership be over 60 (Saga had allowed a combined age of 110). In 1990 Derek Diamond donated a Trophy.

1989	Jimmie Arthur & Albert Benjamin	1999	Ian Andrew & M T Rogers
1990	Jimmie Arthur & Albert Benjamin	2000	Jimmy Allan & Bill Mitchell
1991	Jimmy Allan & Bill Mitchell	2001	Jimmy Allan & Bill Mitchell
1992	Jimmy Allan & Moore McVeigh	2002	Ken Baxter & Liz McGowan
1993	Barbara Crombie & Margaret Miller	2003	Lessel Reid & Sadie Craig
1994	John Pressburger & Dolph Yzer	2004	Bill Ross & Emily Garden
1995	Ken Brown & Harry Vickers	2005	Jimmy Allan & Ross Woodburn
1996	Simon Muir & David Perry	2006	John Stevenson & Donnie Graham
1997	Max Blodwell & Eileen Caldwell	2007	Archie & Pam Leith
1998	Jimmy Allan & Bill Mitchell	2008	Beryl Campbell & Allan Gordon

### The Senior Camrose

For many years each of the Home Nations had to host two events each season, from three or four Camrose matches, the Lady Milne Trophy and the Junior Camrose. When the Camrose Trophy was reduced to two weekends these responsibilities also reduced. There are now four major Camrose events each year, and each of the five nations hosts one of them. A fifth event has been added. Patrick Jourdain has long lobbied for a Seniors Camrose, and persuaded Bernard Teltscher to sponsor it for the first five years. There are six teams, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the Sponsors team. The first Senior Camrose was run in 2008. England won, the Sponsor was second, and Scotland finished fourth.



Scotland's first Senior Camrose Team: David Liggat, Sam Malkani, Harry Smith, Stewart Duguid, Liz McGowan (npc), Finlay Marshall and Roy Bennett

# 75 of the Best (in strictly alphabetical order)

## 1 Jimmy Allan (b 1915)

**Camrose** 1958-63, 5 matches, 3 wins

**National Trophies** National Pairs, Rayne Cup x2, BBL Cup, Men's Teams, Men's Pairs, Senior Pairs x6, Arthur, Benjamin x2



Jimmy wrote a column in *'The Practitioner'*, and contributed to various bridge magazines, including regular articles in the *Scottish Bridge News*. A medical doctor in general practice, Jimmy always found time to visit ailing bridge players in hospital.

His bridge career began before the War, in the Edinburgh University Union. When, in 1945, he re-appeared in the Union in his Captain's uniform, he claims that the assembled company addressed him respectfully as 'Sir' – till he played his first hand. Jimmy was an excellent golfer, playing off scratch in his prime, and a fine all-round sportsman. He acted

as roving ambassador for bridge in the Highlands, his spiritual home: he took teams to play friendly matches in the far North, and rarely missed the Congresses at Aviemore and Strathpeffer. His greatest partnership was with Galloway Shearer (No 64), but he was always in demand as an adaptable and easy-going partner.

"A shrewd psychologist rather than a theoretician, Jimmy is at his best when playing with the other 'good Doctor' (Galloway Shearer) and they have a remarkable record of successes, especially at match pointed pairs. Jimmy is a master of deportment at the table and an exceptionally fine performer in an individual event where partnership adaptability is the keynote." (John MacLaren) "A gentleman of the old school, renowned for his courtesy to partners, team-mates and directors. As fierce a competitor as any, he never let adverse results affect his manner towards others, or his demeanour at the table. A tough opponent, but a pleasure to welcome to your table." (Iain Sime) His taught his wife **Margaret** to play (which is much the same as teaching your spouse to drive) and she accompanied him to the Gleneagles Congresses before joining the Melville Bridge Club in 1959. She became a fair player in her own right, winning the Scottish Women's Cup in 1985.

## 2 Jimmie Arthur (1929-2007)

**Camrose** 1984-88, 7 matches, 1 win

**Camrose npc** 1991-2004, 19 matches, 7 wins. Winning series: 1995-96; 1997-98

**Lady Milne npc** 1990-97, 8 series. Winning series: 1992; 1994

**National Trophies** Edwin Berry, Men's Teams x2, Senior Pairs x2, Benjamin

President's Prize 1996 (Roy Bennett)



European Women's Champions 1999: Pat Davies, Sandra Landy, Michele Handley, Jimmie (npc) Nicola Smith, Liz McGowan, Heather Dhondy

49th President of the SBU: 1988-89. Jimmie wrote bridge articles for the *Scottish Amicable* magazine

(alternating with Ken Grant). In 1989 he published *"King Arthur and the Square Table"*, a compilation largely featuring his wife Jill, thinly disguised as Eve. Jimmie was an expert in pension scheme design. He married Jill in 1971, 'acquiring' her two children, Ian and Christine, and forming a very strong family unit. In addition to much time and effort devoted to Scottish bridge, Jimmie served as selector for the British Bridge League. He was justifiably proud of his record as Captain, both at home and abroad. His successes with the Camrose team include winning

the inaugural Pat Cotter Trophy (for the Camrose match against England) in 1998, and repeating that success in 2000 and 2003. His Lady Milne captaincy included four second places as well as two wins. But it is his record abroad that makes him unique. In 1996 he captained the British Women's team at the World Olympiad in Rhodes. His team lost in the quarter-final, but the following year he led them to a gold medal in the **European Championship in Montecatini**. This qualified them for the Venice Cup in Tunisia in 1997, where they again lost in the quarter-final. The **next European Championship in Malta** (1999) saw his team snatch a second gold medal on the very last board by just ½ VP, thus qualifying for the Venice Cup in Bermuda in 2000. This was Great Britain's last appearance on the world stage, but Jimmie had made firm friends of Nicola Smith and, in particular, Pat Davies. The English Bridge Union recognised his talent by appointing him Captain of the English Women at the **2001 European Championship in Tenerife**. He justified their confidence with a third consecutive gold medal, and a third consecutive Venice Cup, this time in Paris. His last outing as English Captain was at the 2003 European Championship in Salsomaggiore, where the English Women won a bronze medal. After this England reverted to home-grown captains, and Jimmie turned back to Scotland.

He captained the Scottish Open Team at our first appearance on the international stage at the World Olympiad in Maastricht in 2000, the Women at the European Championship in Malmo (2004), and the Seniors in Warsaw (2006).

His demeanour and success at these events helped put Scotland on the map in Europe and beyond. Among many messages of condolence that Jill received after his death was one from Jose Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, and another from Gianarigo Rono, President of the European Bridge League. "In a bridge world full of inflated egos it is refreshing to come across a modest and unassuming fellow like Jimmie Arthur, who is invariably courteous to opponents and who ranks high on everyone's list of favourite partners. Jimmie is one of nature's gentlemen." (Hugh Kelsey, Introduction to "*King Arthur and the Square Table*") "He never had to raise his voice – a quiet authority got him what he wanted without apparent effort. One of his strengths was an ability to project a total belief in his team.

There was never any blame, just sympathy and looking forward to better results next time." (Liz McGowan, 2007)

### 3 The Barnett Brothers

#### Hymie Barnett (d 1951)

**Camrose** 1939-50 10 matches, 3 wins

**National Trophies** National Pairs

"The Barnetts were tremendously volatile, especially Hymie who seemed to dominate the card table by his size and aggression, giving him an advantage over us lesser mortals." (Sam Leckie)

#### Sol Barnett (1913-79)

**Camrose** 1939-68, 20 matches, 10 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: **1964-65; 1966-67**

**Camrose npc** 1974-76, 12 matches, 7 wins, Winning series: **1975-76; 1976-77**

**Junior Camrose npc** 1976-77 2 series, Winning series: **1976**

**National Trophies** Scottish Cup, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup x3, Men's Teams, Jesner

39th President of the SBU: 1978-79

"Sol Barnett did not reach the full span of three score years and ten, but he had a full bridge life. Just after the war he and his late brother Hymie were the anchor pair of the Scotland team for many years. Later he succeeded me as the permanent captain of the international team. When he retired from

business he threw himself wholeheartedly into Scottish Bridge Union administration, tournament organisation and direction.

"He was the complete team player, not striving for personal glory. His analysis went deep and his caution and patience earned many victories. But oddly, when he donned the mantle of administration



he was impatient to get things done, pungent in expression, and fought with determination to get his own way. Against strong-minded opposition he foisted a new and more involved scoring system on the team-of-eight leagues which are the backbone of bridge in the West of Scotland, and was vindicated by the livened interest.

“He headed the organisation of Scotland’s biggest and most successful bridge undertaking – the Junior European Championship at Stirling University last year – and was formulating a new Constitution for the SBU of which he was President when he died. He was fully aware of serious illness during his heavy bridge duties and chose to die in harness.” (Albert Benjamin, *BM*, 1979)

## Harry Barnett

**Camrose** 1959 -68, 10 matches, 7 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: **1964-65; 1966-67**  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x3, Men’s Teams, Jesner, Benjamin  
 “The Barnett brothers, Sol and Harry, rank deservedly high, with a formidable record of tournament successes. Detractors suggest this may be in spite of, rather than because of, their bidding methods, which at times appear eccentric to outsiders, but they have an enviable reputation for accurate slam bidding. Harry is a lightning analyst admirably complemented by Solly’s more phlegmatic temperament.” (John MacLaren 1967)

## 4 Ken Baxter (1939-2006)



Ken with Herman de Wael

**Gold Cup**  
**Camrose**  
**Junior Camrose npc**  
**National Trophies**

President’s Prize

63rd President of the SBU:  
 2002-03. In retirement

Ken wrote “Pairs at the Club”, which is still being serialised in the *Scottish Bridge News*. Ken came from a card-playing family (his mother was still winning at whist well into her eighties) but his first experience of bridge came when he sat down to watch a group of students in the Aberdeen University Union (See No 6, Roy Bennett). He soon picked it up, and began to excel.

After graduation Ken became a schoolteacher, which did not suit his temperament. He moved to Edinburgh, and joined Standard Life as a computer programmer. He and his wife Rosemary had two children, Keith and Susan. Keith was born with a club foot, and tragically stopped breathing for six minutes during the operation to correct the defect. His handicap affected Ken’s marriage: latterly he was separated from his wife and family.

One achievement unlikely to be repeated came in season 1968-69 when he won both the National Pairs, with Fred Short, and the Frischmann Junior

**1980**

1977-05, 17 matches, 8 wins, Winning series: **1978-79**

1988-91, 2 series

Scottish Cup x3, National Pairs x3, Rayne Cup x5, BBL Cup, Edwin Berry x4 Men’s Teams x2, Junior Pairs, Senior Pairs, Benjamin, Bowman, Arthur x2  
 2001 (Jim Wilcox)

Pairs, with Sandy Duncan (in those days Juniors were under 30, not the current under 25).

Ken travelled widely to bridge events abroad. With John MacLaren he played in British Senior teams at the European Championship in Montecatini (1997) and Malta (1999) where he also acted as playing captain. When Scotland gained separate representation he became a regular in our Senior team. He was rather proud of his Butler average with John MacLaren at the World Olympiad in Maastricht (2000): they headed the ranking list, but had not played enough boards together to earn official recognition. He made it into the Scottish Open team in Malmo (2004), but did not do himself justice, probably because he was already beginning to suffer from lung cancer. He participated in the World Open Championship in 1994 (Albuquerque), 1998 (Lille), and 2002 (Montreal). He played in every European Mixed Teams event, from 1990 till 2002 (except 1998 in Aachen where he came as a spectator) and in the European Open Pairs in Rome (1995), The Hague (1997) and Sorrento (2001). When these events were

combined into the Open European Championship he played in the Mixed events and Senior Pairs in Menton (2003) and Tenerife (2005).

Ken made friends readily. It was his friendship with Goran Mattsson, President of the German Bridge Federation, that led to Scotland's invitation to participate in the Bonn Nations Cup in 2004-05.

## 5 Albert Benjamin (1909-2006)



**Camrose**

**Camrose npc**

**National Trophies**

1950-66, 21 matches, 10 wins, 1 tie,

Winning series: **1963-64; 1964-65**

1966-74, 24 matches, 17 wins, 2 ties,

Winning series: **1966-67; 1969-70; 1970-71; 1973-74**

Tied series: **1971-72; 1972-73**

Scottish Cup x8, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x4, Senior Pairs x2, Jesner

Although a prolific bridge author, Albert has just one book to his name: he co-authored *Tournament Bridge for Everyone* with Ewart Kempson in 1963. He wrote regularly for the *British Bridge World* and the *Bridge World* (the respected American bridge magazine). He had a daily column in the *Glasgow Evening Citizen* from 1946-1974, until the newspaper folded.

Albert was born in Glasgow, and educated at Allan Glen's school. His mother pressured him into medical school, but it soon became clear he was not cut out to be a doctor, and he became a bridge journalist instead. He launched the *Scottish Bridge Weekly*, an 8-page newspaper which he filled single-handed, but which had to be closed on the outbreak of war and paper rationing. Albert was conscripted, and his medical background saw him drafted into the Ambulance service. The pay was just £3 per week, so he became a professional poker player, paying a fellow worker to take over his night-shift duties. After the war he opened a bridge club, where he taught and continued his writing. An overheard conversation in a train suggested a business opportunity: he set up as a supplier of electrical measuring instruments, and the business soon flourished enough for him to employ managers so that he could concentrate on the main business of the day: coffee-room bridge debates.

Albert is rightly known as "The Father of Scottish Bridge". He played in the first Scottish team to beat England in the Camrose at the 22nd attempt. In his own words: "After two sessions Scotland were in a commanding position with a score of 9-3 victory points. England had to win the last session 6-0 to snatch a draw. They naturally adopted aggressive tactics to score 41 imps, but if ever it can be maintained that one deal can settle the issue here is that deal:

NS Game Dealer East	♠ 65 ♥ 9876 ♦ AJ4 ♣ J1085	
♠ Q9432 ♥ AKQ10 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ4	N W S	♠ K107 ♥ 4 ♦ 98762 ♣ A972
	♠ AJ8 ♥ J532 ♦ KQ103 ♣ 63	

"After two passes, Leckie in the West position opened 1♠, and Goldberg raised to 2♠. The English South, knowing that few boards remained for play, contested with a double. West redoubled, this was passed round to South who took out into 3♦, which East doubled. North, confident of a 4-4 heart fit ran to 3♥, and West doubled. Spades were led and the declarer won the second round with the ace. If the trump were divided 3-2, the penalty might be kept down to two undertricks for 500 points. South therefore led a trump – and a bomb exploded! The defenders took 11 tricks and the contract went seven down for 2,000 points. An innocent spectator whispered to Leckie not to forget his 100 for honours. (Honours do not count at imp scoring.)

"In the other room I sat North. The room was stuffy and warm, a drowsy feeling came over me, and I fell asleep! I am not being flippant about this. It is what actually happened, and I may have a cogent claim to the record of the first man to fall asleep while playing an international match. The scorer nudged me. I woke up and called 'No Bid'. This was a call out of turn, and I was compelled to pass for the first round of the auction. My partner was the late Louis Mitchell, and he deduced that if I had fallen asleep my hand must

lack lustre. Unlike South in the other room, he was not tempted to enter the auction. Bob Sharples got to 4♠ and made it! It was due to deplorable defence on my part. I guess I hadn't wakened up properly. The swing on the board was reduced to 1580, but Scotland won the last session 6-0."

Albert's name is immortalised in the system that bears his name: Benjaminised Acol. He came up with the idea to fill a column, and never played the method himself, but bore the constant enquiries about it with good-humoured equanimity.

To mark his 80th birthday a compilation of his articles: "*Albert Benjamin: The Lion of the North*" was published by Asbridge services. The dedication was:

"A man who has our respect and admiration as team member, teacher, writer of thousands of articles and purveyor of bidding and playing conundra. But above all, we love him for his kindness, his sense of honour, his ready wit and infinite wisdom. A man above men, it is an honour and a privilege to be counted as one of his many friends." From your lionesses and cubs.

Albert was respected by all who knew him. He was made an Honorary Member of the SBU in 1993. At a Sunday Times tournament in London, Eric Rodwell, hearing he was in the audience, asked if he might be introduced to him. "I'm very proud to meet you. If it wasn't for people like yourself the game, and indeed the top players, would not be where they are to-day".

## 6 Roy Bennett



**Gold Cup**  
**Camrose**  
**Camrose npc**  
**National Trophies**

President's Prize

56th President of the SBU:  
1995-96

Roy's father was a colonel

in the Gurkhas, stationed in India before the war. Roy went to Aberdeen University, where he gained his PhD in biology in 1966, and came to teach at Falkirk High School (the then grammar school) before taking up a post as head of biology at Graeme High, the second largest school in Scotland. Roy enjoyed his career in teaching, but is not sorry to be retired so that he can devote time to his grandchildren.

Cards were frowned on in the family home, so he did not take up bridge till he reached University in Aberdeen. He was one of a group of players, including Ken Baxter, Irving Gordon, and Alec Tough, that met in the University Union. Harry Leach, a local player, took them under his wing, and had the enthusiasm and drive to enter a team in the local North District League, called "Murray Park" after a local dance instructress, Dame Murray. They won the league, and had a creditable run in the Scottish Cup, but the group split up, as students will.

Roy's first international experience came at the World Championship in Geneva when he and Les Steel

**1980**

1980-93, 20 matches, 10 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: **1988-89**

1994-02, 4 matches, 2 wins

Scottish Cup x2, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x7, BBL Cup x5, Edwin Berry x3, Men's Teams x2, Men's Pairs, Benjamin 1981 (Jim Allison)

played in an official British team in the Rosenblum Open teams. They were one of only two British pairs to reach the Final of the Open pairs. Since Scotland was recognised as an NBO he has played regularly in our Senior team with David Liggat. They played in the Senior Teams and Pairs at the World Championship in Verona (2006), and in the first two Open European Championships in 2003 and 2005, when he and David were the only Scottish Pair to reach a Final, in the Senior Pairs. This year the partnership made its debut in the Open team at the 1st World Mind Sports in Beijing.

Roy captained the Scottish Women's Team at the European Championship in Tenerife (2001) since when he has made sure he was selected as a player to avoid any repetition.

"Much more modest than the average player, he sees himself as a good partner rather than an individual star. Roy believes 'table presence', pressure and 'nose' are more important than advanced technique. If there is a triple squeeze and a backward finesse he might well fall into it but probably not plan it in detail."

(Jimmy Allan)

## 7 Joyce Benson

<b>Lady Milne</b>	1977-2003	9 series
	Winning series: <b>1980; 1986; 1992</b>	
<b>National Trophies</b>	Women's Cup x5, Rayne Cup, Women's Pairs	

Joyce's father was Scottish internationalist Harry Cohen – they are the only father-daughter combination in this chapter. She lost her husband Ian to lung cancer when still quite young. She now works as a Personal Assistant to Ross Harper.

Joyce was taught bridge in her early twenties, when she met Barbara Kay. The pair joined the New Kenmure and became firm friends and bridge partners till Barbara left for London in 1995. An early proud moment was an invitation to play in the Women's Teams with Shelagh Bruce and Carolyn Peplow, recognised as a leading women's pair. Elimination on the first day brought them down to earth with a bump. Joyce's abiding memory of her first Lady Milne was the portable cocktail bar

produced by her well-travelled team-mates.

The partnership worked hard at their system under the guidance of Willie Coyle, and made it to the fringes of the British Ladies team: they were selected to represent GB in a friendly match against Austria, Germany and Netherlands, where they finished second by just 1 VP. They played in Women's Pairs in the Common Market Championships in 1981 and 1983.

Since 2000, when Scotland was recognised as a separate NBO, Joyce has played in our Women's team with Michele Alexander: in the World Teams Olympiad in Istanbul (2004); and two European Championships in Malmo (2004), and Pau (2008).

## 8 Richard Benstead



<b>Camrose</b>	1980-84	4 matches, 3 wins
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	<b>1977-79, 2 series</b> , Tied series: <b>1977</b>	
<b>National Trophies</b>	National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup x3, Bowman x2	

Richard was one of the stars of the Cambridge University Bridge Club in the early seventies, along with John Armstrong, Brian Callaghan, Richard

Fleet, Richard Glanville and Graham Kirby. One of the nice guys of bridge, he has never fulfilled the promise of his early career – perhaps he required motivation. He nonetheless loves his bridge,

particularly when accompanied by a pint of amber fluid, although he plays less since his marriage.

His greatest claim to fame was playing with Michael Rosenberg in the winning British team at the 1978 **Junior European Championship** in Stirling. He remembers that before the final match, when just 4 VPS were required to win the Gold Medal, Joe Amsbury force-fed him an enormous whisky for his nerves.

## 9 Charlie Bowman (1915-94)



<b>Camrose npc</b>	1978-86, 16 matches, 9 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1978-79</b>
<b>Lady Milne npc</b>	1977-85, 7 series, Winning series: <b>1980; 1984</b>
<b>Junior Camrose npc</b>	1971-81, 8 series, Winning series: <b>1971; 1973; 1975</b> , Tied series: <b>1978</b>
President's Prize	1977 (Norman Summers)

26th President of the SBU: 1965-66.

Charlie saw active service during World War Two,

reaching the rank of Major. In 1945 he returned to his Perth business as a grain merchant. Charlie is best known

as an administrator. He sat on the SBU Council for 32 years, from 1962-1988, as delegate, Vice-Chairman, President, and Co-optee. The post of Honorary Life President was created for him in 1988, in recognition of his long years of service. He was the Convener of the National Congresses from 1955-1988. He instigated the



Easter Pairs, one of the SBU's biggest money spinners, and organised the competition for its first thirty years. He was a representative to the British Bridge League, on which he served as Chairman for six years, and was subsequently appointed their first President Emeritus. He also served briefly on the European Bridge League. Charlie acted as npc for many Scottish teams, including the trip to Reykjavik in 1968. He also captained British teams abroad, notably at Common Market Championships: he led the British Women's team to a gold medal in Ostend (1977); and captained the Juniors in Salsomaggiore (1979). He used his business contacts for the benefit of bridge in Scotland,

and in his many fund-raising efforts for charity – he was personally responsible for raising about £30,000 for cancer research. "Nothing was too much for him to do – he gave of his time, energy and money, for the benefit of the game he loved. If something was needed, I can hear him say 'Leave it to me,' or 'I'll see what I can do,' and he always turned up trumps." (Morag Malcolm) "He was a charming man, cultured, and with a great understanding of human nature. He was a good organiser, easy to work with, and a good influence on the bridge world." (Keith Stanley, former President of the EBU)

## 10 Harry Cohen

**Gold Cup** 1949 runner-up  
**Camrose** 1949-56, 13 matches, 7 wins, 3 ties  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x3, National Pairs x2

Harry, father of Joyce Benson (No 7), played regularly with Louis Rose (No 62). He was one of a small group of Glasgow players who were dominant in Scottish bridge just after the War.

## 11 Suzanne Cohen (Sheasby)

**Lady Milne** 2002-04, 2 series, Winning series: **2004**  
**Junior Camrose** 1993-1999, 7 series, Tied series: **1998**  
**National Trophies** Junior Pairs

Suzanne graduated from Cambridge University with a degree in Natural Science, then completed a PhD in immunology at Oxford. She married in 2005 and has a 1-year old son.

Suzanne's parents play bridge, and she learned to play while at school in Dundee, where her partnership with Paula Leslie (No 35) was formed. They first played in the Junior Camrose when Suzanne was just 18, and the partnership was the mainstay of the Scottish Junior team for the next six years. Their ability was recognised when they were included in the British Junior Squad. They won the teams at the London Easter Festival of Bridge in 2002. In 1994 they won the Guardian English Junior Pairs, then the Scottish Junior Pairs, a unique double. They were selected to play for the GB Junior team in 1998, first at the Common Market Championship in Salsomaggiore, where they won a bronze medal, and later at the Junior

European Championship in Vienna.

The partnership has had considerable success in the women's game. They played in the Women's Teams at the World Championship in Lille (1998) with Heather Dhondy and Liz McGowan, beating top teams from France and Germany, and with Liz and Fiona McQuaker in Verona (2006), where they reached the last 16. They represented Scotland at our first official outing to the World Teams Olympiad in Maastricht, where the Women achieved Scotland's best result to date by qualifying for the knockout stages, losing narrowly to eventual winners USA, and again at the European Championship in 2002. Suzanne is one of only four players to win medals under the Scottish flag: she has two bronze medals from the first European Open Championship in Menton (2003), in the Women's and Mixed Teams.

## 12 Willie Coyle



### Gold Cup

**1969; 1973; 1982; 1992**

Runner-up 1972; 1991

### Camrose

1965-2003, 41 matches 27 wins, 2 ties,

Winning series:**1966-67; 1969-70; 1970-71;**

**1973-74; 1975-76**, Tied series:**1971-72; 1972-73**

### National Trophies

Scottish Cup x7, National Pairs, Rayne Cup,

Edwin Berry x5, Men's Teams x3, Bowman x2, Arthur

Willie worked in education, first as a teacher, later as an

administrator, for which he was awarded an MBE in 2006. His bridge teaching sessions are always meticulously prepared, and full of interest. He trained several of our most successful women's partnerships, notably Barbara Kay and Joyce Benson, and Jennifer Monachan and Marion Hill. Quietly spoken, he rarely says anything not worth listening to.

Willie came to bridge in the 1950s via Solo Whist, at which he used to beat much older and more experienced players while still in his teens. In the Student Union one day someone asked "Anyone play bridge?" and Willie thought he might as well give it a try. He soon became the outstanding player in his group. He considers himself to have been very lucky in his career: as an emerging player he happened upon the young Victor Silverstone (No 68), whose partnership with Bill Whyte had just broken up. 18 months later they were in the Camrose team. He remembers his first international in Aberdeen. New packs of cards had been hand dealt, and imperfectly shuffled. By the end of the event, since the queen always lay over the jack, he had perfected the technique of the backward finesse. With Victor Silverstone he 'fell into' Victor Goldberg's team which made a habit of winning most major events. They immediately became a fixture of the Camrose team in its most successful era. They were selected to play in the British Junior (under 27) team at the Junior European Championship in Eindhoven in 1967. Still very young, they made it into the British Open team at two European Championships: in Oslo (1969) and in Ostend (1973). In 1973 they won a bronze medal in the British Open team at the Common Market Championship in The Hague. The partnership was invited to play in the Sunday Times Invitational Pairs for six successive years, 1968-73. In 1973 Willie played

against the Omar Sharif Circus in Edinburgh: the following year he was invited to join the team. "This is a measure of his great ability as a player, but also of the respect shown by his peers for his contributions to bidding theory. Garozzo has been impressed by his refinement of the Precision system and has designated it 'Super Precision.' (Competition Brochure 1973)

Later Willie met Rob Sheehan and Jeremy Flint through a shared interest in horse-racing. This led to a partnership with Sheehan, and more appearances in the British Open Team: at the European Championship in Brighton (1975), and the World Teams Olympiad in Monte Carlo (1976) where he won a bronze medal.

When Victor Silverstone left for London Willie began a partnership with Barnet Shenkin (No 65) which led to more international appearances for Great Britain: at the World Teams Olympiad in Seattle (1984), and the European Championship in Salsomaggiore (1985). In all he was selected six times to play in British Open teams, more than any other Scot.

Willie has earned great respect South of the border, witness the frequency with which he is invited to play in the Gold Cup and other invitation events. He has won the Lederer Memorial Trophy (London CBA invitational Teams) three times, in 1977, 1995 and 1997. He has played in three World Open Championships: in a British Open team in Biarritz (1982), and in Bernard Teltscher's team as a Senior in Lille (1998) and in an Open team in Verona (2006). He is already looking forward to St Petersburg in 2010. Since Scotland became a separate NBO Willie has supported our teams abroad. He acted as coach to the Scottish Women in Tenerife (2001) and to the Open team in Salsomaggiore (2002). He has played for the Senior team at the World Olympiad in 2004 and the European Championship in 2008.

## 13 Tom Culbertson

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1967-84, 17 matches, 11 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1969-70; 1973-74; 1975-76</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x5, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x5, BBL Cup, Edwin Berry x2, Men's Teams x2, Benjamin, Jesner x2, Bowman
<b>President's Prize</b>	1974 (Margaret Porteous)



The Winners of the 4-star Teams, Brighton 1975. Brian Short, Tom Culbertson, Iain Thomson, Sandy Duncan.

Tom's first sport was badminton, for which he gained blues both at St Andrews University while taking his classics degree, and at Edinburgh University where he later read law. He taught Classics, first in Greenock, later in Morgan Academy, Dundee. He came to bridge in the 60s, when he formed a very successful partnership with Hugh Kelsey (No 32). They were members of the first Scottish team to win the Gold Cup in 1969, and they were invited to play

in British Trials on several occasions.

His other major partnership was with John MacLaren (No 42) who, in his opinion, was a magnificent player with less than magnificent methods.

Tom travelled widely in search of national master points. In 1975 he won both the Congress Pairs and the Four Stars Teams at the EBU Summer Congress with Iain Thomson.

He was so anxious to become Scotland's first Grand Master, ahead of Ian Morrison, that he drove back from an English event like a bat out of hell to hand Morag Davidson the few remaining points he required some time after midnight. He was the leading player on the master point ranking lists from 1975 till his sudden death in 1985. He died in his sleep, appropriately enough after a winning session of teams at the EBU Summer Congress in Brighton.

## 14 George Cuthbertson

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1972-85, 14 matches, 12 wins, 1 tie, Tied series: <b>1972-73</b>
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1971-73, 3 series, Winning series: <b>1971; 1973</b> , Tied series: <b>1972</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x3, BBL Cup x3, Edwin Berry, Men's Teams, Junior Pairs
<b>President's Prize</b>	1982 (Finlay Marshall)

George burst on to the scene in the 70s as a young player of immense promise. He took a team (Colin Weir, Cameron McLatchie and Gerald Haase) to the British Universities Bridge Congress in 1970. There were 72 teams from England, 1 from Ireland, 2 from Wales and 3 from Scotland. "My team were very pleased to be able to show that we were not just hairy haggis-eaters by winning the teams event." George came young to the Camrose, and his record speaks for itself – he lost only one of his 14 matches, and

is our most successful player never to have won a Camrose series. It is some consolation that he is the only Junior never to have lost a Junior Camrose.

He was selected to play for Great Britain at the 1972 Junior European Championship with Barnet Shenkin (No 65), finishing 6th of the 17 teams.

He retired from Scottish bridge early, marrying and moving South of the border, where he now plays only occasionally.

## 15 Malcolm Cuthbertson



**Gold Cup  
Camrose**

**Camrose npc  
Junior Camrose  
National Trophies**

President's Prize

**2006**, Runner-up, 1992, 1993

1992-2007, 34 matches, 16 wins, 1 tie,

Winning series:**1995-96; 1997-98**

1999-2008, 4 matches, 1 tie

1986-89, 3 series

Scottish Cup x3, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup x3, BBL Cup,

Edwin Berry x2, Men's Teams x3, Junior Pairs x2, Arthur x2

1998 (Jim Cunningham)

Malcolm learned bridge at George Heriot's school, and joined the Edinburgh University Club when it was at its strongest in the 80s. He made his mark when he and Alex Adamson won gold medals in the British Junior team at the Common Market Championship in Valkenburg (1987).

His most successful partnership to date has been with Andrew McIntosh (No 40), with whom he first played in his last Junior Camrose in 1989. They had become regulars in the Camrose team, with two series wins to their credit, when Andrew left for London and opted to become English.

Malcolm played with John Matheson (No 49) in the World Championship in Lille in 1998, where they had an outstanding performance in the Final,

eventually finishing as the highest placed British pair, 13th out of 650. This earned him the WBF rank of International World Master. In 2000 they formed a partnership and represented Scotland in the Open team on our first three outings: the 2000 World Team Olympiad; and the European Championships in 2001 and 2002.

Malcolm has since had considerable success with Dave Walker (No 73), winning the Welsh Invitational pairs in 2006, and representing Scotland at the European Championship in 2008.

He volunteered to captain the Scottish Women's team at the European Championship in Warsaw in 2006, and now feels that he has had enough of captaincy for a while.

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## 16 Isobel Davidson

**Camrose**

1946-56, 21 matches, 9 wins

**Lady Milne**

1950-71, 7 series, Winning series: **1950; 1956**

**National Trophies**

Scottish Cup, Women's Cup x8, Rayne Cup



Isobel at a Camrose match against Northern Ireland in 1952. The Scottish players are: Back Row, 2nd from left, Louis Rose, 4th from left Archie Winetrobe, second from right Harry Cohen; Front Row, from left, David Skinner, Johnny Walker (npc), Isobel, and, far right, Sammy Stein.

Isobel and her sister **Margaret Porteous**, the 'Alexander sisters' were introduced early to high class bridge by their father in Ayr. (He won the Carlton Bridge Club Individual Championship in 1950 at the age of 83.) Isobel, arguably Scotland's best ever lady player, was an example to all who

knew her. She is, and will likely remain, Scotland's most capped woman player in Camrose matches, where she played with David Skinner (No 69). She was just as successful in women's bridge where she played with Margaret.

"I do not feel capable of adequately expressing the deep loss Isobel's passing means to the older generation of bridge players here. No-one who knew her could fail to have a deep respect and affection for her. We salute this kind, generous, gentle lady." (Jimmy Allan, 1976)

An obituary also appeared in the '*Glasgow Herald*' "Scotland's most illustrious woman player, the only Scottish woman to appear in the 1976 *Bridge Players Encyclopedia*".

In her Camrose days Isobel was based in Glasgow, but when her brother-in-law, Tommy Porteous, died in 1968 she moved to Edinburgh to live with her sister. They offered hospitality to the younger



generation, and a fund of stories. Isobel recalled a post game dance after a match with Eire. She and her partner were rather flattered that the dance floor seemed to have been cleared for their benefit,

but found the music unusual. Hardly surprising, since they were attempting to waltz to the Irish national anthem.

## 17 Derek Diamond

<b>Camrose</b>	1979-2002, 12 matches, 4 wins
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1971-72, 2 series, Winning series: <b>1971</b> , Tied series: <b>1972</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x2, Edwin Berry x3, Men's Teams x3, Benjamin, Arthur



Derek was introduced to bridge in his sixth year at school, during preparations for the annual Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. The principal characters, waiting to be made up, were playing a rubber, and

Derek came to watch. When one was called away they were about to abandon the game, until Derek volunteered to make up the numbers, reckoning that: "I could do better than this, and I don't know how to play". His next step was to borrow a book from Joe Gerber – an advanced book on bidding that covered forcing bids, something he still finds essential to good bidding.

Derek is a very adaptable player, and has been successful with many partners. Since 2000 he has represented Scotland on four occasions: in the Open team with Miro Dragic at the 2002 European Championship; and as a Senior with Ken Baxter and Victor Goldberg. He and Victor headed the Open Trials in 2008, but prior commitments prevented them from playing in Pau.

As a successful entrepreneur, Derek presented the Diamond Trophy for Senior Pairs in 1989.

His bushy beard gives him a distinctive appearance, and his wife **Rhona** is also instantly recognisable, lending charm, colour and originality to the scene. They met at a charity do organised by Sonny Balarski – when he was unable to run it he recruited Derek. Rhona had heard that Omar Sharif played bridge, and took up the game on the off-chance of meeting him – she has made do with Derek instead.

## 18 Sandy Duncan



<b>Camrose</b>	1972-2000, 26 matches, 13 wins, 2 ties, Winning series: <b>1975-76; 1976-77; 1995-96</b> , Tied series: <b>1972-73</b>
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1971-72, 2 series, Winning series: <b>1971</b> , Tied series: <b>1972</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x6, National Pairs x5, Rayne Cup x3, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry x4, Men's Teams x8, Men's Pairs, Junior Pairs x3, Benjamin x4, Bowman x2, Arthur
President's Prize	1973 (Bobby Muir), 1984 (Chrissie Harrison)

Sandy was born in Dunfermline, and learned his bridge at Edinburgh University. He worked for many years in an Edinburgh insurance company, devoting most of his spare time to bridge. Sandy quickly made his mark on the Scottish bridge scene. In 1969 he played with Jack Paterson in a British Junior match against Netherlands.

His most successful partnership was with Brian Short (No 67). They were chosen to represent Great Britain in the Open Teams at the 1977 Common Market Championship, where they won bronze

medals. Their finest moment came when they were selected to play for Great Britain at the European Championship in Wiesbaden (1983). That same year they played in the Common Market Championship again, finishing 13th in the Open Pairs. 1983 also saw the one-off **Continental Life Teams**, a sponsored invitational event: to win first prize of £1,000 he and Brian Short defeated England (Flint/Sheehan; Priday/Rodrigue) in the semi-final, and USA (Eisenberg/Kantar; Berkowicz/ Solodar) in the Final. They also had great success in the Philip

Morris Grand Prix Open Pairs in 1976-1977. Sandy and Brian played in the World Pairs in Biarritz (1982), where they just missed out on qualifying for the final.

Sandy won the 1975 EBU Summer Congress Four Stars Teams with Brian Short, Tom Culbertson and Iain Thomson, and the 1985 English Grand Masters

Pairs with Ian Morrison. In spite of several years' start, he was so successful in garnering national master points that he overtook John MacLaren as leading master point winner in 1995. John regained first place in 1998 after Sandy took a job in the USA. He was enthusiastic enough to commute to major events for a few years, but is rarely seen now.

## 19 Clement Ellis

**Camrose** 1937-51, 11 matches, 2 wins  
**Camrose npc** 1948-61, 3 matches, 1 win, 1 tie  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x2

6th President of the SBU: 1944-46.

One of the founder members of the Scottish Bridge Union, Clement was also one of the leading players of his day. In 1933 he played with Helen Hadfield in an Auction Bridge match in the Buchanan between teams representing Edinburgh and Glasgow, and they were remembered by his opponent, Bill Brown as "two of the most delightful players ever to grace the bridge table."

"During the latter stages of the war Clement Ellis was the guiding spirit. His long services, technical and administrative, to Scottish Bridge have no doubt received the tacit appreciation of players, and now that Mr Ellis has demitted office it is to be hoped that his connection with the SBU will not be completely severed." (Albert Benjamin CBJ 1946)

## 20 Bob Forbes (1924-86)

**Camrose** 1955-62, 17 matches, 7 wins, 3 ties  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup, National Pairs

Bob Forbes was one of many medical doctors to grace the Scottish bridge scene. He moved to London in 1958, but continued to play for Scotland till his partnership with John MacLaren dissolved in 1962. With John he was invited to participate in the De La Rue Invitation Pairs Tournament held in London in October 1957. Pairs were invited from all countries participating in the European

Championship, so it was a high honour for a Scottish Pair to be on the list.

Bob's Scottish master point number was 3, indicating that he was part of the team that won the Gleneagles Congress Fours in 1957, the year that master points were introduced. After moving South he won the English Masters Individual, in 1959, and played a Camrose match for England.

## 21 James Forbes



**Camrose** 1991-96, 12 matches, 6 wins  
**Junior Camrose** 1988-89, 2 series  
**National Trophies** Rayne Cup x2, BBL Cup x2, Men's Teams, Benjamin

James, one of Scotland's most talented Juniors, learned his bridge at Hamilton Academy with Dave Ewart and Hugh Mackie. After a brief and highly successful career he has virtually given up bridge in favour of his other great love, fine wines. He now lives in Glasgow and works in wine importing.

## 22 Hugh Fraser

**Camrose** 1955-63, 8 matches, 3 wins, 1 tie  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup

Hugh's partnership with John Stevenson (No 72) was well known just before Scotland's Glory Years in the Camrose. When they returned to the scene many years later bridge had moved on, and although they did well in Trials they could not quite make it back into the team.

"After great success in the 1950s and early 60s Hugh was absent from the tournament scene, but came back during the 1980s when his impeccable table manners and friendly advice were very much appreciated by partners and opponents. He was a perfect gentleman" (Obituary, SBN 1994)

## 23 David Frew (1943-2005)



**Portland Cup** 1983  
**Camrose** 1987-92, 9 matches, 5 wins, Winning series: **1988-89**  
**Camrose npc** 1992, 1 series, 1998-99, 1 match  
**Peggy Bayer npc** 1990-92, 3 series, Winning series 1990  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x6, National Pairs x3, Rayne Cup x4, BBL Cup x4  
 Edwin Berry, Men's Teams x2, Men's Pairs x5 Bowman  
**President's Prize** 1991 (Marion Hill), 2000 (Peter Cohen), 2005 (David Merriman)

Born in Edinburgh, David went into the family

newspaper business. He married **Kareen Simpson**, whose warm, caring personality and hospitable nature made her a very popular figure in the East. She served on the East District Committee, and the SBU Council, before her tragically early death from cancer in 1993.

David was an East delegate to the SBU Council. When voluntary individual membership was introduced in 1989 and Council decided to publish its own magazine, David was the obvious choice as editor. He edited the first eight issues of the Scottish Bridge News. He was next in line to serve a term as President, but resigned from Council after the 2000 AGM in protest at its treatment of its Selection Committee.

David's first international event was as a British Senior at the European Championship in 1999. His later outings were for Scotland: at the World Team Olympiad in 2000; and European Championships in 2001, 2002 and 2004. His partnership with David Liggat (No 36), popularly known as the "Frigate", also sailed in the Senior teams at the World Championship in Montreal in 2002.

David was stricken with cancer of the throat, a particularly unfortunate affliction for one who loved to talk, and died in a house fire in December 2005. "After his laryngectomy he had to learn to speak through a valve in his throat. To be fair, this had only a marginal effect on his intelligibility. It did, however, make him less comfortable in company, since he had always liked to be at the centre of things. It certainly made Scottish bridge a quieter place." (David Liggat)

## 24 Victor Goldberg

**Gold Cup** 1969; 1973; 1976; 1982, Runner-up 1972; 1993  
**Camrose** 1956-2004, 54 matches, 32 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: **1963-64; 1964-65; 1966-67; 1973-74; 1976-77; 1978-79**, Tied series: **1971-72; 1972-73**  
**Camrose npc** 1982-84, 6 matches. 4 wins  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x 15, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup x2, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry x4, Men's Teams x3, Jesner, Bowman x2  
**President's Prize** 1979 (Peter Spence, pp Sol Barnett), 1980 (Alan Bishop)



Victory in the 'Sunday Times', 1980

Victor's love of bridge began in 1947. He used to spend his leisure time playing snooker in the local working men's club in the Gorbals. His curiosity was piqued by four elderly Jewish gentlemen who appeared every evening to play rubber bridge, and when he was not playing snooker he sat and watched and listened. After about a year the inevitable happened: one of the players was ill, and they asked Victor to make up the numbers. He protested that he could not play bridge. "We know. But you have watched for about a year, and we know that you can play cards." The following year they won the first of Victor's record 15 Scottish Cups. Albert Benjamin, spectating, spotted the burgeoning talent: "Young Victor Goldberg was the most impressive player present. He is a comparative newcomer to competitive bridge, but the occasion did not overawe him." (GEC, 9/5/1949)

He formed a great partnership with Sam Leckie (No 34) in the early sixties. They were part of the first Scottish team to defeat England in the Camrose Trophy, and the first Scottish team to win the Gold Cup. Their strength as a partnership was recognised when they were selected to play for Great Britain in the World Pairs Championships in 1962 in Cannes, and again in 1966 in Amsterdam. Together with Willie Coyle and Victor Silverstone they were the first Scots to represent Great Britain in an Open team at a European Championship, in Oslo in 1969.

"As a pair they excel in the soundness of their defensive play allied to an aggressive bidding style, and they have spearheaded Scotland's recent Camrose successes. Victor is one of our best card players and blessed with a fine temperament – an advantage not only with Sam opposite, but with his earlier international partner George Jesner. (John MacLaren 1967)

"It's almost a dull business to kibitz Victor Goldberg... Brilliance – meaning fireworks – was unlikely to occur; he just kept on doing the right thing." (Albert Benjamin, 1969)

When Sam retired from serious competitive bridge Victor played with many other partners. One of his greatest moments was winning the **Sunday Times (Macallan) Invitational Pairs** in 1980, with Barnet Shenkin (No 65). They also won the **Lederer Memorial Trophy** (London CBA invitational Teams) in 1977, and it was with Barnet that Victor made his second international appearance in a British Open Team, at the European Championship in Lausanne (1979). Earlier that year the partnership won silver medals in the British team at the Common Market Championship in Salsomaggiore.

Since Scotland became a separate NBO Victor has represented his country four times: in the Open team at the 2002 European Championship in Salsomaggiore with Irving Gordon; and in two Senior European Championships with Irving in 2001 and Derek Diamond in 2006; he also played with Willie Coyle in the Senior World Olympiad in Istanbul in 2004.

Victor is our longest-serving Camrose player, with a career spanning 48 years. He has also played with more partners than anyone else – ten of our very best players. He is still going strong. The 2008 Trials for the Camrose team were unusually gruelling: 14 pairs played 13 20-board matches over 2 weekends. Most expected Victor to tire, particularly on the second, 140-board weekend. With Derek Diamond he won the event at a canter.

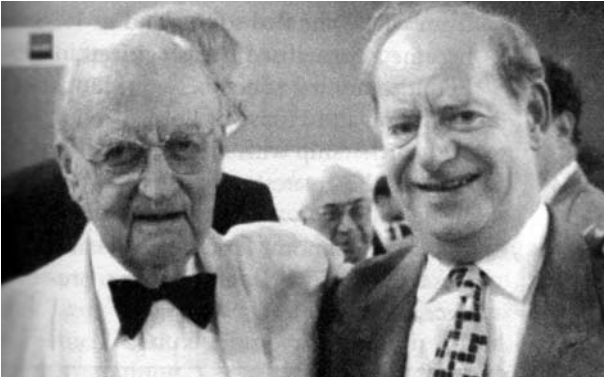
Victor has the reputation of being a difficult partner, even though his unbroken run of success suggests otherwise. Perhaps this story is the basis of his reputation: Sam had doubled Kenneth Konstam in Six Hearts. Declarer won the opening lead, and, with only low trump in dummy, advanced the knave of hearts. Sam, holding Kx, went into an agonised trance – Konstam was well capable of trying this ploy from a holding of AQJxx. Eventually Sam played the king, only to see Victor overtake with the ace. Sam suffered paroxysms of remorse until, much later in the hand, Victor won a trick with the queen of hearts.



## 25 Irving Gordon

Camrose

2001-02, 1 match



World Champions. Irving with Boris Schapiro in Lille

Irving is one of the elite group that learned their bridge at Aberdeen University – others were Roy Bennett, Ken Baxter and Alec Tough. He moved to London on graduation, but has never given up his Scottish allegiance, nor lost his Scottish accent – which explains why he is universally known as ‘Haggis’. He won the **Lederer Memorial Trophy**

(London CBA invitational Teams) in 1979.

He is a WBF Senior Life Master, the only Scot to achieve a ranking in the Senior list, thanks largely to winning the **Senior Pairs** at the World Championship in Lille (1998) with the then 89-year-old Boris Shapiro.

With John Pugh he played for Great Britain at the 1970 European Championship. His second outing for Great Britain was in the Senior teams at the 1999 European Championship with Boris Shapiro in a mainly Scottish team. When England, Scotland and Wales became separate NBOs he opted to play for Scotland: as a Senior at the 2000 World Olympiad, and, with Victor Goldberg, at the 2001 European Championship. In 2002 he and Victor were selected for the Open team. He has played in many international events with Maureen Hiron and Nissan Rand, flying the Scottish flag.

## 26 Gerald Haase

Gold Cup

1977; 1982, Runner-up, 2000

Camrose

1973-2003, 13 matches, 11 wins, 2 ties, Winning series: **1973-74**

Junior Camrose

1973-77, 4 series, Winning series: **1973; 1975**

National Trophies

Scottish Cup x3, Rayne Cup, Edwin Berry x2, Men's Teams, Bowman

President's Prize

1982 (Finlay Marshall)

Gerald took up bridge as a student. In 1970 he went to the British Universities Bridge Congress with Cameron McLatchie, and finished fifth in a field of 166 pairs, as well as winning the teams with George Cuthbertson and Colin Weir. He played his first Camrose match with Michael Rosenberg when he was just 23 and Michael was just 19. Gerald has a

unique record in that he lost none of his 13 Camrose matches. He is a medical doctor, specialising in blood transfusions. He moved South in 1983, though he never officially became English, and from time to time he ventured North to play trials, normally with great success.

## 27 Johnny Hastie



Camrose

1938-50, 15 matches, 6 wins

Camrose npc

1946-56, 6 matches, 2 wins

10th President of the SBU: 1949-50

Johnny Hastie was a lawyer who lived in Edinburgh. His enormous personality meant he made many friends throughout Britain. He contributed to the *British*

*Bridge World* with Scottish news before the War.

“Johnny Hastie is a big man in Scottish (and British) bridge – in more senses than one. Perhaps

he is not quite as broad as he is tall; but, as Ewart Kempson reported, the start of a Camrose Trophy is apt to be delayed until Hastie can get near enough the table to deal the cards. He is a big man, too, in spirit. Never does he give vent to the annoyance inseparable from the most controversial of games; never does he capitalise on an advantage to which he does not feel entitled. Once he refused to call a lead in an international match – and was responsible for the BBL ruling that to waive such a

penalty was not in the best interests of the game.”  
(CBJ Feb1948)

“Mr Phillips and Mr Hastie form such a perfect partnership that I hesitate to discuss them apart. I think they have more of the characteristics of top-rank players than any other couple in Edinburgh. They set about a hand in a workmanlike manner, and appear less likely than most to be caught out by faulty distribution or unexpected emergencies

– and appearances are not deceptive. Seldom does one have occasion to find fault with the other, and if he has, he does not – a sure sign of perfect understanding. Both have the ability to play the cards. As I have heard them say, it is no good being able to bid a hand properly if you cannot play it. They can.” (‘Peter’ EEN, 27/02/35) The perfect partnership split later that year when Mr Phillips left Edinburgh.

## 28 Marion Hill



**Lady Milne**

**National Trophies**

51st President of the SBU: 1989-90

Born in Motherwell, Marion graduated from Glasgow University and Jordanhill College. She taught at Glasgow HS for Girls, then Duncanrig

Secondary in East Kilbride, where she now lives. She married Bob ‘Bennie’ Hill in 1959.

She was introduced to duplicate by Pam Martyn (later Kissen). Other partners were the late Betty

1980-1988, 5 series, Winning series: **1980; 1984; 1986**

Women’s Cup x3, Women’s Pairs

Keenan, Jennifer Monachan, Morag Malcolm and Tom McBride. Marion took early retirement in 1987, but continued to teach bridge, and started a small business involving Bridge travel.

Marion played in the Women’s Pairs at the 1983 Common Market Championship with Jennifer Monachan, and again in 1989 with Morag Malcolm, when they finished in 5th place, the leading British pair.

## 29 Bill Innes



**Camrose**

**Camrose npc**

**National Trophies**

President’s Prize

Bill’s lifelong passion for the game of bridge began in the early 1960s when, as a young married man living

in his home town of Macduff, his old school friend Ron Pederson introduced him to the game. Ron was a fine bridge player himself and an excellent teacher, and soon Bill eagerly awaited the single weekly session - in the winter only - at the small bridge club in the adjoining town of Banff.

Work required Bill to move South: to Aberdeen in 1967 and then to Stirling in 1973. These moves provided opportunities for him to pursue his interest in the game nationally. Over the years he had successful partnerships with many notable bridge players including Alec Tough, Charles Outred, Bill Mitchell, Tom Culbertson and Finlay Marshall. His partnership with Finlay lasted many years

1985-88, 3 matches

1993-94, 3 matches, 2 wins

Scottish Cup x5, National Pairs, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry, Men’s Teams, Bowman x3

2000 (Peter Cohen)

and together they achieved a degree of national recognition, culminating in 2004 in their appearance in the Scottish Senior team at the European Championship in Malmo.

When he retired Bill moved back to Macduff where he has lived since 1996. He no longer plays as much as he used to but still attends the occasional National event, and enjoys attending Congresses where he sometimes has the pleasure of again teaming up with Finlay.

Bill says, “Whenever I played well I was content, and to win was - and still is - always a bonus. I was delighted when I won my very first tournament (in Banff) and, even after the many years I have played bridge, I am still delighted if I play well and win, whether it be a National event or a local club tournament. Bridge is a partnership game and I have been lucky to have played with some good partners, particularly with Finlay Marshall.”

### 30 George Jesner b 1925

**Camrose** 1956-64, 11 matches, 6 wins, 1 tie, Winning series:**1963-64**  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x3, National Pairs, Rayne Cup

During the War George was a member of Admiral Earl Mountbatten's personal staff in Advance Headquarters of Allied Land Forces South East Asia Command, and his military honours include the much prized Burma Star. He was a good chess player, but became an instant convert to bridge in 1949. He was a prolific winner of tournaments, and the first Scot to attain the rank of Life Master – later he presented a Trophy for the Masters Pairs. He was a member of the first Scottish team to win the Camrose Trophy, and of the first British team invited to play in the Common Market teams, when Great Britain finished second to France. He won the Deauville teams in 1959. George claims

some credit as co-inventor of Benjamin two-bids. He taught bridge and contributed columns to local papers, and was very active in bridge administration, notably in running the New Kenmure Bridge Club with Martin Jacobs. He left Scotland for Australia in 1964, whither Martin followed him a few years later. George became just as active in Australia: when he became an Australian Life Master Alan Truscott reported that he was the only double Life Master in the world. George finished runner-up in the Portland Cup with his wife **Dorothy**, a fine player in her own right, who played three times in the Lady Milne Trophy with Morag Malcolm.

### 31 Barbara Kay

**Portland Cup** 1979, 1982  
**Lady Milne** 1977-1993, 8 series, Winning series:**1980; 1986; 1992**  
**National Trophies** Women's Cup x6, Rayne Cup, Women's Pairs

Barbara and Joyce Benson (No 7) learned their bridge together, and were virtually inseparable until the Kays moved to London in 1995. They were coached by Willie Coyle, and became the mainstay of the Lady Milne team. They moved on the fringes of the British Women's team: they were selected to represent Great Britain in a four-way friendly match in Austria: the teams were Great Britain, Germany, Netherlands, Austria, and they finished second by just 1VP. Barbara has never

really forgiven herself for a lead against a slam on the very last board that cost the event!

They played in the Women's Pairs at the Common Market Championship in Ostend in 1983.

Barbara is married to **Allan Kay** a familiar cigar-loving figure in the West, where he was Chairman of the Glasgow Maccabi Club before the couple moved to London. Their son **Marc** played as a Junior, and won the Men's Teams in 1991.

### 32 Hugh Kelsey (1926-95)



**Gold Cup x2** 1969; 1980  
**Portland Cup** 1975  
**Camrose** 1967-86, 16 matches, 10 wins, 1 tie, Winning series:**1969-70; 1973-74; 1978-79**  
**Junior Camrose npc** 1972, Tied series:**1972**  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x2, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x5, BBL Cup, Benjamin x5, Jesner x2, Arthur  
 President's Prize 1974 (Margaret Porteous), 1988 (Iris Bukowska)

Hugh is our most famous and respected bridge author with more than 60 titles to his credit. He wrote prolifically for "*Bridge Magazine*" and "*International Popular Bridge Monthly*." He was Bridge correspondent of '*The Scotman*' from 1979-1995, taking over from Jean Macnair.

He was the International Bridge Press Association Personality of the Year in 1992-93, and he was an Honour Member of the IBPA. He was made an Honorary Member of the Scottish Bridge Union in 1993.

Hugh was born in Edinburgh, a son of the manse where cards were frowned upon. He learned to

play bridge in the army during the Second World War. He met his wife Flora in Malaya where he worked for a rubber company, and she was a Red Cross nurse. They returned to Scotland in 1961 to ensure a good education for their two sons and two daughters. Out of a job, Hugh tried his hand at writing novels with limited success. He found his true metier as a writer on bridge. His first book "Killing Defence", was published in 1966, and brought instant fame. Some experts could not believe that an unknown writer could produce such a book. "Who really wrote it?" Joe Amsbury was heard to enquire. Matthew Granovetter described it as 'the original breakthrough in teaching how to think on defense.' "Advanced Play at Bridge" appeared in 1968 to equal acclaim, and all Hugh's later books were of the same high quality. One of his favourites was "Adventures in Card-Play" which he co-authored with the Hungarian Geza Ottlik: Zia Mahmood described this as 'perhaps the most exceptional bridge book ever.'

Hugh is recognised world-wide as one of the greatest bridge authors of all time; his work has been translated into every language where bridge is played. As the blurb on the jackets of his books used to say: "Although taken for granted by his phlegmatic countrymen, Kelsey is feted as a celebrity whenever he travels abroad."

"The world has lost one of its greatest bridge

writers, but the world has been fortunate that Hugh Kelsey was around and showed so many of us the way. There are few bridge experts who would not have a number of Kelsey titles on their list of the Top Ten Bridge books. He was the expert's expert, and among the best bridge analysts in the world. There are few bridge players beyond the novice level who do not owe part of their technique and skill to Hugh Kelsey." (Ron Klinger)

Hugh had a very successful partnership with Tom Culbertson (No 13). They were part of the first Scottish team to win the Gold Cup in 1969.

At the height of his bridge-playing career, when playing in the Netherlands in 1983, Hugh suffered a near-fatal heart attack. His health had always been a concern – he suffered from asthma, and fish and nut allergies - but after 1983 he had to be particularly careful. He nonetheless volunteered to act as npc to the British Women's team. He had another attack while captaining them at the World Teams Olympiad in Seattle in 1984, but still returned home with a silver medal. The following year he led the British Women's team to second place in the European Championship in Salsomaggiore.

After his brush with death he gave up cigarettes in favour of cigars, but he seemed to associate thinking with smoking, so he could not give up altogether.

### 33 Tom Lamb



**Camrose**

1954-66, 7 matches, 4 wins

**National Trophies**

Scottish Cup x2

Tom was a member of the team that won the Congress Teams in 1957, the year that the master point scheme was instituted. Galloway Shearer was the captain, so his master point number was 1; Jimmy

Allan was 2; Bob Forbes was 3; and Tom Lamb was 4.

"In assessing Scotland's top 10 card players of my time a place must, without question, be found for Tom Lamb. Because of his employment with the Ministry of Labour he was required to accept various postings away from Glasgow and Edinburgh, and he would then simply give up bridge completely, but it was quite remarkable how, having played no bridge for a decade, and being

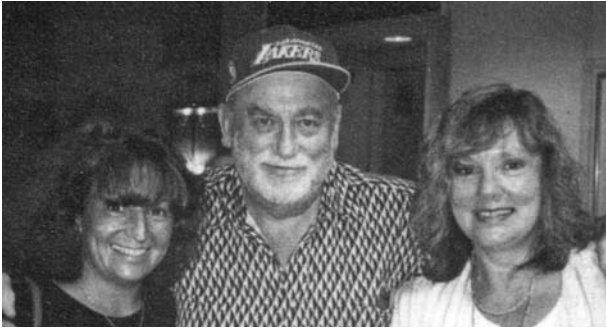
faced with new conventions on his return, his expertise in bidding, declarer play and defence would be as sharp as ever. He formed a particularly powerful Camrose pairing with Archie Winetrobe, and played in Albert Benjamin's Scottish Cup team. On his retirement and return to Edinburgh he was persuaded to play once again in the Scottish Cup, and his team got to the final in two successive years, 1987 and 88." (Jimmy Allan)

Tom's partner in his first two Camrose matches was **May Hunter**, a very popular member of the Eastern District who died after a long illness in 1962. "Not only was she a first class player, but she had been a most popular member of the East District Committee who won the esteem of all by her pleasant and warm-hearted disposition."



## 34 Sam Leckie

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1969; 1973, Runner-up 1972</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1960-72, 26 matches, 16 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1963-64; 1964-65; 1966-67; 1970-71</b> , Tied series: <b>1972-73</b>
<b>Camrose npc</b>	<b>1988-91, 7 matches, 4 wins</b> , Winning series: <b>1989-90</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x4, National Pairs, Jesner, Bowman, Benjamin x3



Sam enjoys female company. Here with Michele Alexander and Maggie Shenkin.

Sam's first partner, Walter Linderman, settled in New Zealand in 1961, where he won the NZ teams championship in 1973 and 1974. They played for Great Britain in a Junior friendly match against Germany in Gottingen in 1960, winning 11-1.

With Victor Goldberg (No 24) Sam formed one of the greatest partnerships in Scottish bridge, spearheading the Camrose team in the 60s and early 70s. They played in the 1963 Camrose match where Scotland defeated England for the first time, and in the first Scottish team to win the Gold Cup, opening the door to continued success throughout the sixties and seventies. They were selected to represent Great Britain in the World Pairs Championship in 1962 in Cannes, and again in 1966 in Amsterdam. In 1969 they played in the British Open team at the European Championship in Oslo with Willie Coyle and Victor Silverstone, the first Scots to represent Great Britain in a representative team.

Sam captained a British Junior team containing Michael Rosenberg and Barnet Shenkin at the Common Market Championship in Vittel (1975), returning with a bronze medal.

"His flamboyant temperament, conspicuous when fortune smiles, contrasts with his hard-working approach to the game evident in times of stress." (John MacLaren, 1967)

"The charming extrovert of Scottish bridge. Suddenly, close on two decades ago, he gave up all but club events because: 'I did not like the way bridge was developing. Hitherto success was achieved by bidding,

playing and defending better than your opponents. Since then your bidding accuracy has been affected by opponents using a bid or even a system that you are not prepared to spend a great deal of time and trouble working out methods to combat. Previously only pre-empt did this, and everybody could use them.'"

(Jimmy Allan)

Stories about Sam and Victor abound: Victor Silverstone recounts a tale from the World Pairs Championship in Cannes: "Leckie and Goldberg were undisputedly Scotland's premier pair at this time. Their success was based on very accurate play; their bidding system was simple and natural. Victor's demeanour at the table was rather forbidding – he never smiled or engaged in banter. Sam was a fine bidder with a tendency, when things did not add up, to assume that partner had got it wrong. They were going well when Victor opened 1♥. Sam had an 18 count with four hearts and four spades – in these pre-Jacoby days he gave partner the good news with a jump to 2♠. Victor bid 3♠ and Sam trotted out 4NT. Victor bid 5♠, showing three aces and Sam looked at his hand again. He too had three aces. What should he do? Clearly the strain of the event had taken its toll on Victor. Anyone who ever saw Sam at his peak will remember how much energy he used up when faced with a tough decision. Eventually he took his courage in his hands and bid 6♥. Right hand opponent led and Sam tabled the dummy. Immediately Victor burst out laughing. Sam realised that his partner had cracked, and looked round for medical help. This was not in fact necessary. In these pre-computer days duplication was done by hand. Sam and Victor had identical cards and were able to congratulate each other on reaching a small slam with only 6 aces."

Sam tells of how he drove Victor back from Stirling after a match. "Sam, what were your spades when you rebid them on that board where you went three off?" "Five to the eight." "You rebid five to the eight! I'm never playing with you again." "You're never playing with me again because I rebid five to the eight? I wish I had known that. I would have done it years ago!"

### 35 Paula Leslie



**Lady Milne**  
**Junior Camrose**  
**National Trophies**

2002-2004, 2 series, Winning series:**2004**  
1993-1998, 6 series, Tied series:**1998**  
Junior Pairs x2

Paula is an accountant who now works in London. She learned her bridge at school with Suzanne Cohen (No11) with whom she formed a lasting

Guardian Under 25 Pairs in 1994 was part of a unique double, winning both English and Scottish Junior Pairs in the same year.

She and Suzanne showed great promise in the Women's game, but since they both live in the South of England they have had problems attending the Scottish Women's Trials. They were selected for the Women's team at the World Olympiad in 2000 and the European Championship in 2002. They had great success in the first European Open Championship in Menton (2003), winning bronze medals in both the Mixed Teams and the Women's teams. Paula is thus one of only four players to win an international medal while representing Scotland.

partnership. They had a very successful career as Juniors, notching up Scotland's only success in the Junior Camrose since our last win in 1978. They were members of the British Junior Squad, and made the team in 1998. They won bronze medals at the Common Market Championship, and played in European Junior Championship in Vienna that same year. They won the Teams at the London Easter Festival of Bridge in 2002. Their win in the

### 36 David Liggat



**Gold Cup**  
**Camrose**  
**National Trophies**

**1981**  
1987-92, 9 matches, 5 wins, Winning series:**1988-89**  
Scottish Cup x6, National Pairs x3, Rayne Cup x4, BBL Cup x4, Edwin Berry, Men's Teams x3, Men's Pairs x5, Benjamin x3, Bowman x2  
President's Prize 1991 (Marion Hill), 2000 (Peter Cohen.), 2005 (David Merriman)

David was born in Glasgow, but his family moved to Edinburgh when he was

NBO David has been a regular in the Senior team. He played with David Frew in the 2000 World Team Olympiad and the European Championships in 2002 and 2004 (when he acted as playing captain, an experience he has vowed never to repeat), and with Roy Bennett in the 2004 World Team Olympiad and in the 2006 and 2008 European Championships. His only outing in the Open Team so far was with Roy at the 2008 World Teams Olympiad in Beijing.

David remembers achieving the unusual score of 4,700 in an early inter-club match. In those days the second and all subsequent doubled undertricks cost 200 when nonvulnerable. One opponent psyched, and hoped that a redouble of his subsequent 7♦ doubled contract would be for rescue. The contract went 12 down, which is just 4,600. The extra 100 was the bonus for honours.

quite young. He learned his bridge in the 1960s with the talented group in the Edinburgh University Union. After graduation he became a VAT inspector. On retiring in 2001 from H M Customs & Excise "just before the rot set in", David took on the role of Secretary of the SBU in 2003. In this capacity he has attended the last two European Bridge League Administrators' Seminars in Italy, and represented Scotland at EBL and WBF Meetings. He is also secretary of the Carlton Bridge Club, which this year moved from its original home, 36 Royal Terrace, to new premises, jointly owned with Goldenacre Bowling Club.

Many of David's successes have been with David Frew (No 23). Since Scotland became a separate

### 37 Sheila Macdonald

**Lady Milne**  
**National Trophies**

1985-2007, 13 series, Winning series:**1994; 2004; 2007**  
Women's Cup x6, National Pairs, Women's Pairs x3



Sheila and Muriel with Albert.

Sheila played in the GB Women's Team in the 1985 Common Market Championship with Muriel Robertson. They also played in the European Open

Pairs Championships in Monte Carlo in 1985, and Bielefeld in 1989.

Her most memorable win was the Jeremy Flint Memorial Pairs, held in 1990. 20 pairs qualified for a final in London, and Sheila and Muriel were presented with the trophy by their great hero, Albert Benjamin.

Since 2000 Sheila has played in the Scottish Women's team four times: with Jill Arthur in the World Teams Olympiad in 2000 and the European Championship in 2004, and with Maida Grant in the 2006 European Championship and the 2008 World Teams Olympiad in Beijing.

### 38 James McGeorge

<b>Camrose</b>	2002-08, 17 matches, 5 wins, 1 tie
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1987-1990, 2 series
<b>Junior Camrose npc</b>	1995, 1 series
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x 2, Rayne Cup x3, BBL Teams x2, Edwin Berry x3, Men's Teams, Junior Pairs x3, Arthur

'Bif' hails from Dumfries, and acquired his nickname from a childhood resemblance to the cartoon character Biffy the Bear. Winners on the games machines of that era had to enter just three letters, hence BIF. He joined the Edinburgh University Club in its golden age in the 80s.

In the 90s he formed a very successful partnership with Ian Crorie, but they never quite made it into the Camrose team, and Ian became disenchanted

with competitive bridge. Since then Bif has lasted well with Les Steel, not the easiest of partners. He played with Les in the Scottish Open team at the 2006 and 2008 European Championships. He has also acted as coach to the Open team at the 2001 European Championship and to the Women's team at the 2000 World Olympiad and the 2002 European Championship. He is currently taking a rest from bridge.

### 39 Liz McGowan

<b>Portland Cup</b>	1973; 1984
<b>Camrose</b>	2003-08, 10 matches, 3 wins
<b>Camrose npc</b>	2007-08, 2 series
<b>Junior Camrose npc</b>	1987-2003, 6 series
<b>Lady Milne</b>	1978-2008, 25 series, Winning series: 1986; 1992; 1994; 2004; 2007
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x 4, Women's Cup x5, Rayne Cup, Edwin Berry x2, Women's Pairs x7, Senior Pairs, Benjamin, Arthur x3
<b>President's Prize</b>	1989 (Jimmie Arthur), 1993 (Donald Falconer), 1995 (Russell McClymont) 1997 (Tom Workman), 2001 (Jim Wilcox)

66th President of the SBU: 2005-06

Liz is the bridge correspondent of *'The Scotsman'*, following in the footsteps of Alice Mackenzie and Jean Macnair. She took over the Saturday column from Hugh Kelsey on his death in 1995. In 1997 the column became a daily one.

Liz comes from a bridge-playing family. In her youth she was often called upon to make up a four, without really understanding what she was doing. This drove

her to the bookshelves, where S J Simon and Terence Reese taught her the game. She joined the Melville in 1972 in search of a harmless pastime while her husband-to-be was working in London, and was immediately hooked.

She considers that she has been very fortunate in her bridge partners and friends. Her first partner, Nigel Guthrie, had a unique talent in demonstrating what was

possible in card play. He encouraged her to play abroad, in the Common Market Mixed Pairs in 1981 and the Mixed Teams in 1983. Carolyn Peploe partnered her for several seasons in Gold and Scottish Cup matches. It was while playing with Isobel Traill in the Lady Milne that she first caught the eye of the BBL selectors. Tom Culbertson gave her a push by describing her as a 'wasted talent'. Sandra Penfold, her first partner in the BBL Women's Squad, had the ambition to carry her into the British Women's team, the first female Scot to play for Great Britain, which she did for 13 years. With Sandra she won silver medals at the World Teams Olympiads in 1988 and 1992. The partnership played in the Women's European Championships in 1989, 1991 - when the team qualified in fourth place for the Venice Cup in Yokohama - and 1993. They missed out in 1995, when Liz travelled to Villamoura to play with Catherine Gerrard in the Women's Pairs. Later that year she and Sandra replaced the unavailable Pat Davies and Nicola Smith in the Venice Cup. They played in the Women's Pairs at the 1990 World Championship in Geneva, the only British Women's pair in the final; and in the British Women's team in Albuquerque four years later.

In 1996 Liz formed a partnership with Heather Dhondy. Their first outing was to the World Teams Olympiad in Rhodes (1996), where GB lost to Austria in the quarter-finals. Drowning their sorrows in the bar, they met some Icelanders, Jon Baldursson, Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Bjorn Eystensson and Raggi Ragnarsson. This makeshift team won the inaugural **World Transnational Mixed Teams** from a field of 86 teams. Liz and Heather were selected for the Women's team at the next two **European Championships** in 1997 and 1999 and won them both, which qualified them to play in the Venice Cup in Tunisia (1997), where they lost to China in the quarter-finals, and Bermuda (2000). They played in the McConnell Cup (Women's teams) with Paula Leslie and Suzanne Cohen at the 1998 World Championship, losing to a team from USA in the round of 16.

Liz is Scotland's only World and European Grand Master (to achieve these ranks a player must win an event organised by the WBF and EBL). She was invited to play in the Women's World Masters Individual in 1998, 2000 and 2008, the only Scot to be honoured by the WBF in this way. She and Heather played in the Sunday Times Invitational Pairs in 1997.

Since Scotland became a separate NBO Liz has played with Fiona McQuaker (No 45) in the Scottish Women's team. They teamed up with Paula Leslie and Suzanne Cohen to win a bronze medal at the first European

Open Championship in Menton in 1993, the only Scottish team to win a medal thus far. She has also played in the Open team, with Ken Baxter in the 2004 European Championship, and with Mike Ash in the 2008 World Olympiad.

Liz captained the British Junior Team at the European Junior Championship in Vienna in 1998. Earlier that year the same team won a bronze medal in the **Common Market Championship**. Since Scotland became independent she has travelled with the Scottish Juniors to Antalya (2000) as coach and Torquay (2002) as captain. In 1993 she was playing captain of the British Women's Team at the Common Market Championship (Michele Handley had barely recovered from the birth of her son) and the team returned with a Gold Medal. She also acted as pc to the Women's team in 1996 and played in the Women's team in 1989 and 1991.

Back home, Liz played briefly with Hugh Kelsey, who taught her the value of careful defence. In 1991 she formed a partnership with Ken Baxter (No 6) who partnered her in many trips abroad and taught her how to win. Liz is probably Scotland's most travelled player. She has played in all three European Open Championships, with Ken and Fiona and, in 2007, with Michael Alexander in the Mixed events, and with David Liggat in the Seniors.

She is currently the leading player on the master point ranking list, by default after the deaths of Ken Baxter and John MacLaren: she still has fewer points than John had on his death in 2007.

She has served on Council for a total of 24 years, and been the Scottish representative to Bridge Great Britain since the break up of the British Bridge league in 2000.

A unique achievement for any British player was winning the IBPA award for Best Played Hand of the Year 1991-92 - from a friendly match against Austria organised by the EBU.

Love All Dealer South	♠ A103 ♥ Q104 ♦ A653 ♣ A54	
♠ KQJ872 ♥ J873 ♦ 109 ♣ 7	N W                      E S	♠ 9654 ♥ - ♦ Q8742 ♣ KQJ9
	♠ - ♥ AK9652 ♦ KJ ♣ 108632	

As South Liz opened 1♥. West bid 2♠, a weak jump



overcall. Sandra Penfold doubled for takeout, and Maria Erhardt jumped to 4♠. Liz tried 6♣, and Sandra converted to 6♥.

West led ♠K, ruffed in the South hand. ♥A revealed the slightly surprising trump position. Trump could be drawn by finessing the ten and cashing the queen, but how to avoid two club losers? The only hope was a minor suit squeeze on East. Liz cashed ♠A and returned to hand by finessing the jack of diamonds, then ran the rest of her trump. In the five-card ending East had to keep three diamonds (or South cashes the king and crosses to ♣A for two more diamonds)

and three clubs (or South plays ace and another club, establishing the suit with ♦K as an entry).

**David and Ann Weir**, Liz's parents, played in Perth Bridge Club till David's death in 1952. Ann Weir, with Freda Hayes, won the **National Pairs** in 1950, the first time a national trophy was won by players from outwith the East and West Districts. She recalled that all the sharks, trying to take advantage of this unknown and inexperienced pair of ladies, shot themselves in the foot. Ann's twin, Marion Gray, retired to Scotland, and the sisters played regularly in the Melville Bridge Club. Her brother **David Weir** is also a Grand Master.

## 40 Andrew McIntosh

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>2000, 2001</b> , Runner-up:1992, 1993
<b>Camrose</b>	1992-99, 18 matches, 11 wins, Winning series: <b>1995-96; 1997-98</b>
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1986-92, 6 series
<b>Junior Camrose npc</b>	1993-94, 2 series
<b>National Trophies</b>	Edwin Berry, Men's Teams x3, Junior Pairs x3
<b>President's Prize</b>	1998 (Jim Cunningham)



Andrew at Peebles with Fiona McQuaker.

One of our most promising young players of recent times, Andrew has a unique record in the Junior Camrose, where he played six times with six different partners. With Malcolm Cuthbertson (No 15) he was a constant member the Scottish

Camrose team in the 1990s. They played together in the European Open Pairs in Salsomaggiore (1989) and Bielefeld (1993).

In 1999 he moved to England to pursue a professional career. When Scotland was recognised as a separate NBO he opted to become English so as to qualify to play with the top English players. He is now a World International Master, and has represented England in the Camrose series, in 2008 with Gunnar Hallberg. He won **Crockfords Cup** (the English teams of four championship) in 2001, and the **Lederer Memorial Trophy** (London CBA invitational Teams) in 2003.

Andrew is an enthusiastic supporter of Junior bridge, and acted as coach to the British Junior teams in Cardiff (1996) and Vienna (1998).

## 41 Alice Mackenzie

<b>Camrose</b>	1936-47, 12 matches, 5 wins
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup, Women's Cup

Alice Mackenzie was the first home-based bridge correspondent of the 'Scotsman'. In the early 30s the weekly column was written by a certain E Kemp, and Alice supplied local news, every result accompanied by at least one hand. She took over the weekly column in December 1936, and it appeared regularly all through the war. At the beginning of 1948 she handed the column over to Ronald Manson, and departed for South Africa.

Alice was "the pioneer of Duplicate Bridge in Edinburgh" (Johnny Hastie *BBW* 1936). She was appointed secretary of the Edinburgh branch of the British Bridge League in the early 30s, and was among the first Scottish players to enter teams in British events. In 1938 she and Ronald Manson made it to the finals of both the Pachabo and the Hubert Phillips Bowl, earning the respect of the English bridge writers. She organised an annual

New Year match against the *British Bridge World* in London. The first team, Alice, Ronald Manson, Johnny Hastie and Bill MacKerrow lost by 8150, but made a favourable enough impression to be asked to return. "Despite their heavy defeat Miss Mackenzie's team is a good one. They played like tigers the first day, missing very few biddable games and picking up several hundred points by judicious bidding for part scores." In 1938 her team appeared on television (for one board, which Alice played in 4♥, making an overtrick) made up in the then required canary yellow.

Alice was appointed to the original East District Committee in 1934, but when the SBU altered its constitution to exclude professionals she had to resign. She instituted the Edinburgh Cup, an invitational teams of four held over four evenings in the winter. The competition continued independently of the SBU till the 1980s.

She was the object of gentle mockery for 'Peter' in the *Edinburgh Evening News*:

"She has, I think, done more than any other individual player to encourage the development of Contract Bridge in Edinburgh. She is a certified Culbertson teacher. The defects of her play are the defects of all good bridge teachers who, as a rule,

are inclined to be too rigid in their play. So long as she continues to teach, the chances are she will never be a really great player. Has been known to show a dislike to the presence of spectators which must be considered a defect in a tournament player. A real 'live wire' of bridge in Scotland. (16/1/35)

"A well-merited tribute was paid to Miss Mackenzie by Mrs Drummond, who presented her with a dressing-case on behalf of the competing teams as a token of appreciation for the good work she has done for competitive bridge in Edinburgh. It is safe to say that Edinburgh bridge would never have reached its present standard had it not been for the opportunities we have had in the way of competitive bridge, and for that Miss Mackenzie is largely responsible. She is ever ready to place her services at the disposal of anyone who wishes to take advantage of them. As a player her ability has long been known." (12/12/36)

"Apparently I cast unwitting and inaccurate aspersions on Miss Mackenzie's play in the recent Tollemache Cup, for which I hasten to apologise. It is well-known that she is the steadiest player in Scotland at the present time. She told me so herself on Monday night." (17/3/37)

## 42 John MacLaren 1926-2007

<b>Camrose</b>	1955-78, 38 matches, 20 wins, 4 ties, Winning series: <b>1963-64; 1964-65; 1970-71; 1975-76; 1976-77</b> , Tied series <b>71-72; 72-73</b>
<b>Camrose npc</b>	1986-98, 11 matches, 9 wins, Winning series: <b>1988-89; 1997-98</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x9, National Pairs x4, Rayne Cup x8, BBL Cup x6, Edwin Berry x2, Men's Teams x5, Benjamin x3, Bowman, Arthur
<b>President's Prize</b>	1986 (Bill Mitchell)
28th President of the SBU: 1967-68	



The Grand Old Men of Scottish Bridge.

John was born in Jedburgh, a son of the manse. He learned to play bridge at the age of seven, when his mother and her two lady teacher friends played

bridge on Sunday evenings and needed a fourth. His father, as a minister of the Church, could not play bridge on Sunday. He studied Maths at Edinburgh University, where he was also introduced to bridge. He completed his actuarial training in London, and honed his bridge at Lederer's Club, where he played in the money game against Meredith, Schapiro, Rodrigue, the Tarlo brothers, and Norman Squire. He returned to Edinburgh in 1955 and went to work for Scottish Provident, where he eventually became number two. At the same time, he began his distinguished Camrose career, with Bob Forbes (No 20). In the 1957 De La Rue Canada Cup, an international exhibition event with many

world champions, John MacLaren and Bob Forbes finished second.

In 1959 John won the Deauville Teams with Tom Lamb, Albert Benjamin and George Jesner. John retired from international bridge in his fifties, rather earlier than most, perhaps because he could not find a partner who could cope with his simple system. But he did play in British Senior teams at the European Championships in Montecatini (1997) and Malta (1999) with Ken Baxter. He represented Scotland as a Senior at the 2000 World Teams Olympiad and the European Championship in 2001 with David Frew. On the death of Tom Culbertson John became the leading player on the master point ranking list, from 1986 till 1995, when he was overtaken by Sandy Duncan. He regained first position in 1998, and held it till his death in 2007.

John served on the SBU Council from 1959-69, and again from 1981-2002, a total of 30 years. He was

a delegate to the Portland Club Card Committee, the body responsible for promulgating the Laws of Contract Bridge in Britain. He was chairman of the Selection Committee for over 10 years, during which time he served frequently as npc to the Camrose team. He also captained a British Open team in the Common Market Championship in Salsomaggiore (1979), where he won a silver medal.

“MacLaren is a top-class technician equally sound in play or defence, and deploring any wanton departure from sound bidding principles. He frequently threatens to write a book called ‘Bread and Butter Bidding’” (Hugh Kelsey, *BBW* 1968) John’s bidding style never changed: he was still threatening to write his book when Brian Senior usurped his title in 1991.

“If a contract could be made, John always made it. His bidding was based on sound judgment, which he had in abundance, rather than organised methods.” (John Matheson)

### 43 John McMonagle 1945-2004

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1978-86, 8 matches, 4 wins, Winning series: <b>1978-79</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x5, BBL Cup x2, Men’s Teams x2

John had a remarkable run of success in his partnership with Hugh Kelsey (No 32), with teammates Roy Bennett and Bill Mitchell. His family was more important to him than bridge, and he did not play nearly as much as some other experts. He worked with both ladies and juniors squads, producing entertaining and informative sessions on card play. He was a thoughtful and reliable member and conductor of the SBNews bidding panel, where

he is now much missed.

“While largely underrated, John was an extremely good player, with excellent technique, and always willing to back his judgment. Away from the table I can only say that, even in our somewhat egotistical little bridge world, I don’t think I ever heard anyone say anything negative or uncomplimentary about John, which makes him pretty well unique.” (Roy Bennett)

### 44 Jean Macnair

<b>Portland Cup</b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1948-59, 10 matches, 2 wins, 1 tie
<b>Lady Milne</b>	1958-77, 6 series
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x2, Women’s Cup x7, Rayne Cup x2, Women’s Pairs

Jean replaced Ronald Manson as Bridge Correspondent of *‘The Scotsman’* in 1958. Her weekly Tuesday column was moved to the *‘Weekend Scotsman’*, and she continued to write till the onset of her illness and death in 1979.

Jean’s first Camrose partner was Nigel Ross. Later her main partner was Ronald Manson (No 47). Her preferred seat was North at table 4 in the main Melville cardroom, where she sat on her lucky hanky.

“At her most formidable when bidding the good cards, at match play Jean can be relied on to slip through many a thin game, especially in the no-trump department.” (John MacLaren, 1967)

Her first partner was Cath French: “For this week’s sketch I take two players together, as I think they are dependent on one another for any prominence they have achieved in Edinburgh bridge. Mrs French is apt to clothe her eagerness in a lackadaisical attitude and

a tendency to irrelevant small talk, especially when her opponent has food for thought. But she shows intense concentration when the boot is on the other foot. Miss Macnair realises that nothing she can do will hide her enthusiasm. Her depression when she makes a mistake is also distressingly obvious. Each is inclined to blame the other when things go wrong – and usually they are right.” (Peter in *EEN*)

Later Jean played her most successful women’s bridge with Judy Benjamin.

This story is almost certainly apocryphal. At a Congress in Eire Jean enquired at the hotel reception desk: “Can you get me a ‘*Scotsman*’ in the morning?” Ever anxious to oblige, the nonplussed receptionist replied: “I don’t think so... would an Irishman do?”

## 45 Fiona McQuaker



Fiona with her prize for best-played hand at her first Lady Milne.

**Lady Milne**

**National Trophies**

Fiona is an accountant working in Edinburgh. She learned bridge in a Monday foursome organised by her paternal grandmother where she was often asked to sit in. She graduated to playing at her grandmother’s club, a

rather daunting experience when everybody else was considerably older than she was. When she moved to Edinburgh she was introduced to the Melville by Alan Robertson, her mother’s cousin. She met Derek Sanders, and was persuaded to play in the Mixed Pairs at the European Mixed Championship in Bordeaux in 1990. This outing got her hooked on international competition, and she has represented Scotland abroad with distinction ever since.

Since Scotland became a separate NBO Fiona has been a regular member of the Women’s Team, partnering Liz McGowan (No 39). She has played

1996-2008, 12 series, Winning series:**2004; 2007**

Women’s Cup, Women’s Pairs x5

in two World Teams Olympiads: Maastricht 2000, where the team reached the round of 16 only to lose to the eventual winners, and Istanbul 2004. When Scotland failed to qualify for the last 16 she played with Brian Short in the World Mixed Teams, finishing 16th of 130 teams. She has played in four European Championships: Tenerife 2001; Salsomaggiore 2002; Warsaw 2006; and Pau 2008. She played in the McConnell Cup, the World Women’s Teams, at the World Championship in Verona 2006, where the Scottish team recorded a huge win over England, but lost in the quarter-finals. She played with Les Steel in one of the first Scottish teams to play in a European event at the Mixed Teams in Bellaria in 2001. And at the first European Open Championship in Menton (2003) she won a bronze medal in the Women’s teams, making her one of only four players to win an international medal for Scotland.

She is the only Scottish woman player with the ranking of World Master. She is also one of only two Scots to win the **Whitelaw Cup** (the English Women’s Teams Championship) in **1996**.

## 46 Morag Malcolm

**Lady Milne**

**National Trophies**

President’s Prize

1975-1992, 13 series, Winning series:**1980; 1986; 1994**

Women’s Cup x3, Rayne Cup, Women’s Pairs x2, Benjamin

1983 (George Hay), 1987 (Tom Marshall), 1994 (Bill Clow)



Morag with Omar Sharif.

In her youth Morag was a sports enthusiast: she had a single-figure golf handicap, and represented Scotland at hockey, most memorably at a world tournament in South Africa. She played tennis at her local club, Elderslie, in the afternoons, followed by sessions of cards, Solo and whist, in the evenings. She was taught bridge by Bert Gray, the 11th President of the Scottish Bridge Union, in the early 60s. Her group formed a club so that they could play in the Renfrewshire League, then she joined Johnstone Bridge Club, and graduated to the larger Glasgow clubs.



Morag was a Maths teacher, and turned her skills to teaching bridge, constantly arranging coaching sessions of one kind or another. She was made an Honorary Member of EBUTA, the English Bridge Union Teachers' Association. She was invited to teach at the BBL British Junior Camps. With Bill Mitchell she organised a series of highly successful Coaching Weekends from 1987 to 1992. Another initiative was the "Morag Malcolm Learners and Improvers Congress". The first, in 2002, attracted a huge entry, and the 7th was run in 2008.

In 1973, on the sudden death of Cyril Breene, she became Secretary of the SBU, a temporary post that lasted 10 years. She was appointed Honorary Life President of the SBU in 1995. She was also honoured by the BBL by being appointed to their Committee of honour.

Her bridge achievements are considerable. Most memorably, she won the **Common Market Women's Pairs** in Ostend in 1983, with Vi Outred. She also won the **English Women's Pairs** with Jennifer Monachan. With Tom Culbertson (No 13) she won a bronze medal in the Mixed teams at the Common Market Championship in Birmingham (1981). As host country, Great Britain was allowed two teams. Morag

and Tom were designated GB2, but they beat GB1 20-0 in the first round. In 1986 Morag was the first Scottish woman to achieve the rank of Grand Master, and when she won the Benjamin in 1988 she was the first woman to do so.

Morag has a unique talent for persuading others to enter, and to organise events, though she does much of the work herself. She was the driving force behind some of Scotland's friendly matches – the ladies trip to Bulgaria in 1989, and a visit from some Norwegian Juniors. Her sponsorship successes include Macallan, Scotrail and Nambarrie tea. She once spoke to Harold Franklin at a match involving the Omar Sharif Circus: "I wish we could get some of these people up to Scotland". "I will help you" was Harold's reply – and the Circus came to town in 1973. There was a big turnout at the Glasgow match, and Morag offered to take Omar in through a side entrance to avoid the crowds. She was very impressed by his typical response: "If these people have come to see me, I will walk through the hall".

"I have been around the bridge scene in Scotland for many years and I know of few who will equal Morag in her generosity, friendliness and eagerness to give all help possible to anyone at any time."

(Jimmy Allan, SBN 21)

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## 47 Ronald Manson d 1987

<b>Gold Cup</b>	runner-up 1934
<b>Camrose</b>	1937-59, 22 matches, 9 wins, 1 tie
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x2, Rayne Cup x2, Benjamin x2

Ronald replaced Alice Mackenzie as *'The Scotsman'* Bridge columnist in 1948, and wrote the weekly column on Tuesdays until 1958, when he handed over to Jean Macnair. In 1979, when she became ill, he filled in for a few months till High Kelsey took over.

Ronald was the son of the formidable 'WG' Manson. Before the War he played mainly with Alice Mackenzie (No 41) and travelled with her and his father to every possible event in England. After the War he formed his second partnership with a woman, Jean Macnair (No 44), with whom he played till her death in 1979. He was a constant presence at the Melville Bridge Club, playing both Rubber and Duplicate bridge.

"A graduate of the University school of bridge, where a spade is called a spade. Has a remarkable facility in dissecting a hand with rapidity immediately after it has been played, which should not be confused with ability to play the cards while two of the hands are undisclosed. Nevertheless he is probably one of the finest players in Edinburgh, if not in Scotland. Has innumerable successes to his name. Has not improved since he changed his partner."

(Pen portrait by 'Peter' EEN, 23/1/35 which may refer to his partnership with Alice Mackenzie)

"Rightly renowned for speed and an unruffled temper at the table." (John MacLaren, 1967)

## 48 Finlay Marshall



<b>Camrose</b>	1985-88, 3 matches
<b>Camrose npc</b>	2003-04, 1 match, 1 win
<b>Junior Camrose npc</b>	1982, 1 series
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x5, BBL Cup, Edwin Berry, Men's Teams, Bowman x2
<b>President's Prize</b>	2000 (Peter Cohen)
42nd President of the SBU: 1981-82.	

Finlay is a retired actuary who, together with his wife

June, dispenses hospitality at his lovely home near Gifford. He has represented Scotland twice in the Senior teams at European Championships, with Bill Innes in Malmo (2004) and with Harry Smith in Pau (2008). Finlay served on Council for 7 years, and as Treasurer of the East District from 1984-2003.

His approach to bridge is a little idiosyncratic. He acquired a nickname "two-suits Marshall" after an auction where he made an overcall that allegedly showed two suits. When the 6-3-3-1 hand appeared in dummy he was challenged by a defender: "Where's your second suit?" Never at a loss for words, Finlay replied "I'm wearing it".

## 49 John Matheson b 1945



<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1973; 2006</b> , Runner-up 1993
<b>Camrose</b>	1968-2006, 50 matches, 26 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1970-71; 1973-74; 1975-76; 1995-96; 1997-98</b> , Tied series: <b>1972-73</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x12, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup x3, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry x3, Men's Teams, Junior Pairs, Benjamin, Bowman x2
<b>President's Prize</b>	1998 (Jim Cunningham)

Co-author, with Hugh Kelsey of "*Improve Your Opening Leads*" a classic that still produces royalties every year.

John, a retired GP, comes from a card-playing family. He graduated from whist to bridge in the tough rubber bridge school in the Edinburgh University Union (with John MacLaren, Bob Forbes, Jimmy Allan and Galloway Shearer). They played for rather more money than a medical student could afford, in spite of Union regulations forbidding money games, so he had to learn fast.

John has played with most of the top players of his era, and his career is the more remarkable in that it contains an 18-year gap when he gave up duplicate to concentrate on other things, restricting his bridge to an annual fortnight in London for high-stake rubber.

Since Scotland achieved separate representation he has played in every possible international event, in the Open team at three World Team Olympiads, and four European Championships. His fifth appearance at a European Championship was in the Senior team in 2008 with Willie Coyle. John has also played World

Open Championships, notably in Lille, 1998, he was the top ranked British pair in the World Open Pairs with Malcolm Cuthbertson, finishing 13th of 650 pairs. This earned him the rank of World Master. He played in the Transnational Mixed Teams at the 2004 Olympiad in Istanbul, with Sheila Adamson, Anne Martin and John Murdoch, finishing 21st of 130 teams.

At one Gold Cup Congress in the 90s a list of former winners was displayed, and a well-intentioned lady approached John to ask if he was the (Graham) Mathieson that had won in 1949 – he really does not look quite so old. He remembers lecturing his latest partner, Iain Sime, when dummy was scattered randomly on the table, on how to lay it down with the trump suit on the right. In the tidier layout the trump suit was so far to the right that John did not see it!

John married **Trish** in 1969. She is a fair player in her own right, and might have represented Scotland in the Lady Milne, but prefers a less stressful game. The strength of their marriage would be tested if they played together on a regular basis, but they are quite proud of their wins in the Edwin Berry in 1986 and the Ruby Martyn Mixed Pairs in 1999.

## 50 Bill Mitchell

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1968-85, 11 matches, 7 wins, 2 ties, Tied series: <b>1971-72; 1972-73</b>
<b>Camrose npc</b>	1984-88, 6 matches, 1 win
<b>Lady Milne npc</b>	1982-88, 5 series, Winning series: <b>1986</b>
<b>Junior Camrose npc</b>	1983-87, 5 series
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x2, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry, Men's Teams x2, Senior Pairs x4, Jesner
<b>President's Prize</b>	1981 (Jim Allison), 1985 (Eric Steel), 2002 (Pat Wilson)
46th President of the SBU: 1985-86	

Bill joined the Royal Navy during the War. He was in Combined Operations for the invasion of France, then in the Pacific for the conclusion of the war with Japan. In 1947 he joined the Civil Service as an accountant: after a successful career he took early retirement in 1981. He enjoyed football, golf, and ballroom dancing: he met his wife Bette in the Albert Ballroom in Glasgow, and married her in 1952, a happy marriage which lasted till his death in 2003.

He was introduced to bridge one evening in 1947 when his card school was reduced to four players and the other three played bridge. The following day he was in the local Lanark library borrowing both the bridge books: "*Design for Bidding*" and "*Why You Lose at Bridge*" by S J Simon. Soon he was playing in the Lanarkshire League. A transfer to Glasgow saw him play with Sam Fisher, bridge correspondent of the *Daily Record*. He was persuaded to join the Buchanan Bridge Club by Carl Dickel, and this partnership soon advanced to the Scottish Trials.

Bill became secretary of the Buchanan Bridge Club, and was asked to take some bridge classes: two of his pupils were Ross and Ursula Harper. At this point he was transferred to the audit department at the Scottish

Office in Edinburgh. There he met John MacLaren, his second international partner. He moved to Falkirk, and started another beginners' class, this one containing Anne Martin. He served on Council for ten years before becoming President. When his term as Past President was over he was co-opted on to Council so that his work in education and as Congress Convener could continue. He also served as a selector for many years.

Bill was a man of strong opinions, which he expressed forcibly, but never offensively. He was also emotional about his country: when captaining the Lady Milne team in Cardiff he had guided his team to an unassailable position with a match to go. He was enjoying a well-earned whisky with his feet up during the last match when travelling supporter, Morag Davidson, emerged with the news that there was some danger of a slow play fine – rarely can any man have moved quite so fast. On his first outing as ladies captain, at Peebles Hydro in 1982, the fire alarm went off at 2am. The guests assembled in front of the hotel – but there was no sign of Bill. He and the then President, George Hay, considered it their duty to salvage the bottle of whisky they were sharing by drinking it all.

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## 51 Louis Mitchell b 1907

<b>Camrose</b>	1950-64, 20 matches, 10 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1963-64; 1964-65</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x6, Rayne Cup x3, Jesner

Louis's main claim to fame was that he was Albert Benjamin's partner, and shared his early successes, including Scotland's first win over England in a Camrose match. Sam Leckie once asked Albert about his worst moment at the table. Opponents had stuttered into 6♥, and Albert doubled, holding QJ8 in trumps. Declarer promptly redoubled. During the play he led a low heart towards dummy's A106, and Albert thought he had better insert the jack to prevent him making a cheap trick with the ten. Declarer won the ace, on which

Louis dropped the nine. Declarer returned to hand in a side suit, and led another heart towards the ten. Fearing that declarer was now trying for an overtrick, Albert took his queen – and Louis had to win his king. Failing to defeat Six Hearts redoubled with a combined trump holding of KQJ98 was none too bright, so Albert apologised: "Sorry, partner." "Now, Louis was a quiet, well-mannered man who prided himself on his composure at the table. 'Don't worry', he replied, 'any idiot would have done the same.'" (SBN 2004)

## 52 Jennifer Monachan

**Lady Milne** 1980-1986, 4 series, Winning series: **1980; 1984; 1986**  
**National Trophies** Women's Cup x2

Jennifer was married to Ian Monachan, a very wealthy man who owned a group of pharmacies in Glasgow. She was coached by Willie Coyle, and played with him in the Mixed Pairs at the 9th Common Market Championship in 1983, finishing

22nd of 86 pairs. She also played in the Women's Pairs with Marion Hill. With Morag Malcolm she won the **English Women's Pairs**.

After her divorce from Ian she moved to Guernsey for tax reasons, and is now rarely seen in Scotland.

## 53 Ian Morrison b 1940



**Gold Cup** 1981  
**Camrose** 1969-72, 4 matches, 3 wins, Winning series: **1969-70**  
**Lady Milne npc** 1974-76, 3 series  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x3, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x7, BBL Cup, Edwin Berry x2, Men's Teams x5, Bowman x2  
 36th President of the SBU: 1975-76

Brought up in Dunfermline, Ian burst on to the bridge scene very

young, perhaps at the expense of his university education.

At the age of 30, in 1970, he became the leading player on the master point register, rattling up an average of over 100 national points a year for six years, an amazing feat in an era when there were far fewer competitions than now. He was Scotland's second Grand Master, just pipped by Tom Culbertson, who pursued the master point in a more single-minded fashion. With Sandy Duncan he won the English Grand Masters Pairs in 1985.

"Starting bridge as a student in Edinburgh, Ian's break into the big league came through his partnership with Andrew McLeish. Morrison's strength is his defensive game and in playing the dummy (which he usually seems to do). His weakness – temperament – is fortunately offset by his wisdom in choosing partners whose forte this is. An experienced administrator, District Secretary and SBU delegate, Ian manages also to fit in a full week's work as a cost accountant with an important paper group." (John MacLaren 1970)

Ian was Secretary of the East District from 1967-71, and 1977-83. He rather lost interest in bridge after the death of his parents, and has played little since the mid-eighties.

## 54 John Murdoch

**Gold Cup** 2006  
**Camrose** 1988-2008, 32 matches, 14 wins, 2 ties, Winning series: **1997-98**  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x 5, Rayne Cup, BBL Cup x7, Edwin Berry x4, Men's Teams, Arthur x2  
**President's Prize** 1998 (Jim Cunningham)

One of the quieter men of Scottish bridge, John has had consistent success throughout his career with many different partners. He has proved his adaptability by coping more than adequately with their various idiosyncrasies.

John started to play bridge quite young in the East Leagues. He worked in Glasgow as a librarian, but still found time to attend as many bridge events as he could.

When Scotland became independent his partner was Dave Walker (No 73), with whom he played

in the 2001 European Championship. His second Open European Championship was in 2004 with Douglas Piper. They went on to play at the World Olympiad in Istanbul later that year. He also played in Senior teams with Ken Baxter (2002) and Harry Smith (2006). At the most recent European Championship in Pau he acted as coach to the Scottish Open team.

He played with Douglas Piper in the World Open Teams in Lille in 1998; and with Anne Martin in the Transnational Mixed Teams in Istanbul.



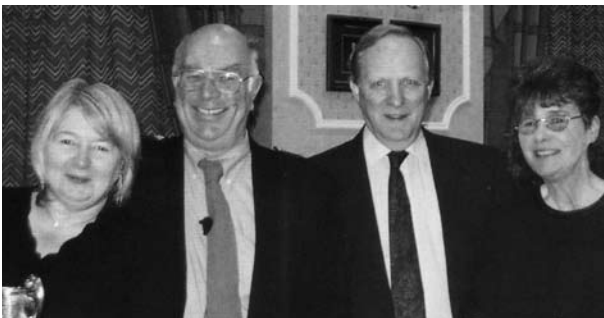
## 55 Stanley Nicolson

<b>Camrose</b>	1937-49, 11 matches, 4 wins
<b>Camrose npc</b>	1938-47, 2 matches, 1 win
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x2

Stanley was one of the original members of the Scottish Bridge Union, and an outstanding player in his day. He won a plaque for the World Pairs in 1935-36 (this was a par contest with set hands). He was the father of Sheila McCreath, one of the best women players in the West District.

## 56 Charles Outred

<b>Camrose</b>	1985-2007, 13 matches, 5 wins, 1 tie
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x5, Rayne Cup, BBL Cup x6, Edwin Berry



Bill Richardson presents Charles and Vi with the Highland District Congress Pairs Trophy.

Charles is one of the hardest workers for Scottish bridge. He has served on Council for a total of twelve years, chairing the Laws and Ethics Committee and Tournament Committee at various times. He has been heavily involved in the production of the Scottish Bridge Union magazine, as typesetter when Alasdair Forbes was editor, and now as business manager. He also teaches bridge. He considers that modern bidding methods have made the game more complicated, and thus more difficult to learn. He is very impressed with Bridge Base on-line, where live Vu-Graph with expert commentary may help in bridge education.

Charles acted as coach to the British Women's

Team at the European Championship in Killarney in 1991. Most of his other appearances abroad have been with Vi Mitchell, now his wife (No 57).

He enjoyed this hand, playing with John Murdoch at the Celtic Bridge Festival. He sat East, non-vulnerable against vulnerable, and picked up:

♠ 97652  
♥ K  
♦ QJ3  
♣ A763

South on his left opened 1♣, which might be a three-card suit in the French style. His partner, overcalled 1♥, and North bid 1NT. Caught napping, Charles was conscious that he had paused, and felt obliged to bid something. Double was a transfer to clubs, so he chose 2♥. South doubled loudly, and John bid 2♠ very quickly. This was passed round to South, who made another loud double, and now John bid 3♣. North doubled that one, Charles passed, and John bid the fourth suit, 3♦. South's double ended the bidding. John's psyche was: ♠43/ ♥103/ ♦A109764/ ♣Q85.

When did you last talk opponents out of game in a 10-card fit by overcalling and raising their suit?

## 57 Vi Outred (Mitchell)

<b>Camrose</b>	1989-2002, 8 matches, 3 wins, 1 tie
<b>Lady Milne</b>	1981-2001, 6 series, Winning series:1994
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x5, Women's Cup x8, Rayne Cup, BBL Cup x5, Edwin Berry, Women's Pairs, Benjamin, Arthur
<b>President's Prize</b>	1983 (George Hay)

Vi joined Falkirk bridge club in the mid-80s. Her initial successes were in the women's game, in particular a win in the **Common Market Women's Pairs Championship, Ostend 1983**, with Morag Malcolm. She played with Ursula Harper in the first European Women's Pairs in Brighton (1987).

She is one of only two Scottish women to represent Great Britain. She played with Jane Preddy from Bristol in the Women's team at the 1991 European Championship, finishing in 4th place. This qualified them for the Venice Cup in Yokohama later that year, where the team lost to the USA in the

quarter-finals. She also represented Great Britain in the Common Market Championship in 1991. When Scotland gained separate representation she played in the Women's team in the 2001 European Championship with Margaret Alexander.

Vi has had just as much success in Open events. When she won her first Camrose cap in 1989 she was the first woman to play a Camrose match since Isobel Davidson in 1956. With husband Charles she played in the European Open Pairs in 1989. They

represented Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002. They played in both Open Teams (with Julian Gibson and Clive Owen) and Mixed Teams (with Ross & Ursula Harper) at the first European Open Championship in 2003.

Vi is active in bridge administration: she has been Chairman of the West District, and has served on Council since 2001. She convenes several major events, and chairs the Women's and Senior Selection Committees.

## 58 Jack Paterson

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1969-2008, 22 matches, 11 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1978-79</b>
<b>Camrose npc</b>	2003-07, 14 matches, 5 wins, 1 tie
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x7, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup x7, BBL Cup, Edwin Berry x3, Men's Teams, Men's Pairs, Junior Pairs, Bowman

Jack was born in Annan, and graduated from Edinburgh University before taking up a job with an Edinburgh insurance company. He was quickly recognised as a talented player by his peers. In 1969 he played with Sandy Duncan in a British Junior team in a match against Netherlands.

In his younger years Jack was not the most tolerant of partners. The phrase 'Jackattack' was coined to describe his reaction to some of the more imaginative efforts of his long-time partner Ken Baxter (No 4). But after a few years away from bridge he returned in the new guise of 'Jovial Jack'. Nowadays a Jackattack betokens the onset of

cramp. His health has never been robust, which has caused him to miss out on some opportunities.

Jack played with Brian Short in the first Open team to represent Scotland, at the World Bridge Olympiad in 2000; in the Scottish Senior team at the European Championship in 2002; and most recently in the Open team at the European Championship in 2008. In between these outings he acted as npc to the Open team at the European Championship and the World Team Olympiad in 2004.

Jack is an excellent analyst, not shy of making his views known. Sitting next to him in a Vu-Graph theatre is an educational experience.

## 59 Jim Patrick



<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	2003-04, 2 matches, 1 win
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1976, Winning series: <b>1976</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x2, Men's Teams, BBL Cup, Edwin Berry

Jim is a keen collector of interesting hands who has had several articles published in the American Bridge World. He now

edits the SBU magazine *Scottish Bridge News* to which he has persuaded most of Scotland's top players to contribute.

Jim is a genuine bridge enthusiast with little appetite for personal fame and glory. He became a Life Master without ever sending in a single point: his record contains only National Points. He plays little these days, though he is always willing to help out, for example by replacing Ken Baxter in the

Scottish Cup team that lost in the 2006 final.

He has played intermittently with John Matheson, with whom he made his two international appearances for Scotland in 2004, at the Open European Championship in Malmo, and the Open World Teams Olympiad in Istanbul.

His wife **Kathy** died suddenly in 2007, and is much missed by the whole bridge-playing community. She was best known as a magnificent hostess, but she was also a bridge-player. She won the Portland Cup in 1977 with Martin White, and the Edwin Berry in 1986 with Jim and John and Trish Matheson. She played with Trish in the Women's Pairs at Open World Championship in Lille (1998).

## 60 Douglas Piper



**Gold Cup**  
**Camrose**  
**Junior Camrose**  
**National Trophies**

**2006**  
1995-2008, 16 matches, 5 wins, 1 tie, Winning team:**1995-96**  
1985, 1 series  
Scottish Cup x2, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup, BBL Cup x3,  
Edwin Berry x4, Men's Teams x2, Men's Pairs x2,  
Benjamin x2, Arthur

Douglas was born in Perth in 1960, and graduated in science at Heriot Watt

has represented Scotland twice in the Open team with John Murdoch: in the World Teams Olympiad and the European Championship in 2004.

University. That was where he formed his first partnership with George Wood, with whom he played in the Junior Camrose. He formed a highly successful partnership with Sandy Duncan (No 18) when Brian Short gave up serious bridge for a time, and another successful partnership with John Murdoch (No 54) when Sandy left for the USA. He

Douglas set up a successful business as a professional bridge teacher in Edinburgh in 1985. He plays less bridge since the birth of his daughter Nikola in 2003. (Nikola might be considered the Scottish team mascot – she has attended more international events than most.)

## 61 Robin Prophit

**Camrose** 1938-47

11 matches, 3 wins

"I have heard people express surprise that Mr Robin Prophit has not yet been discussed in these notes.... My reason for leaving him out for so long is a difficulty in finding anything to criticise about his play. Practically all the other players I have dealt with have patent weaknesses. Mr Prophit, I feel sure, must have a weakness too, but he has the ability to conceal it. He quietly and inoffensively bids to games and slams, and makes them if they are at all possible. I have seen him in difficulties, but he is usually landed in them by his partner, and I have seldom seen anyone resign himself so quietly to the malpractices of an importunate partner. This may be a virtue from the ethical point of view, but I think Mr Prophit's bridge would be improved if he put a little more 'devil' into it." ('Peter' in *EEN*)

George Baxter reported on his performance in the 1938 Camrose match against England: "Prophit looked like a Bridge player through and through, but at present he lacks the steadiness and concentration, in a word, discipline, which are needed for protracted match play."

His mother **Meg Prophit** was prominent in Edinburgh bridge at the time that the SBU was founded, and a leading light of Comiston Bridge Club, one of the oldest clubs in Scotland

His brother **Reg** reputedly wrote the weekly 'Edinburgh Bridge Notes' in the *Evening News* under the pseudonym of 'Peter'. In 1935 he polled the top Edinburgh players, asking who was the best player in Edinburgh. It was with considerable reluctance that he reported the result of the poll: brother Robin had come top.

## 62 Louis Rose

**Gold Cup** 1949 Runner-up  
**Camrose** 1949-56, 13 matches, 7 wins, 3 ties  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x3, Rayne Cup, Benjamin x2

Louis was married to Maisie Rose, who won the Scottish Women's Teams in 1939. He had a bookmaker's shop in Glasgow and often had to combine a bridge match with the racing event of the day, playing one set, then going to the track and returning in time for the last set. Louis sent his son Irving to Glasgow University to study medicine, but Irving much preferred to play bridge. He

entered tournaments under an assumed name so that his father would not find out how he spent his time. After failing to qualify he moved to London, where he became one of the leading bridge lights, representing Great Britain on numerous occasions. Although resident in London for many years, he never lost his Scottish accent.

## 63 Michael Rosenberg

<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1976</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1973-77, 8 matches, 5 wins, 1 tie, Winning series: <b>1973-74; 1975-76; 1976-77</b>
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1973-78, 6 series, Winning series: <b>1973; 1975; 1976</b> , Tied series: <b>1978</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Rayne Cup, Men's Teams
<b>President's Prize</b>	1975 (Henry Simmonds), 1976 (Ian Morrison)

Michael was taught bridge by Pam Martyn (later Kissen) at Hutchesons' Grammar School in a group with Jack Silverstone and Brian Spears. He gave early notice of his exceptional talent, playing his first full Camrose at the age of 19 with 23-year-old Gerald Haase. He has a unique Camrose record: he participated only in winning series!

He made his mark on the British scene by winning the **Sunday Times Invitational Pairs** in 1976, aged 21, with 25-year old Barnet Shenkin. The following year he and Barnet were selected for the British Open team in the 1977 European Championship. A year later that he won the **Junior European**

**Championship** in Stirling with Richard Benstead. He also enjoyed considerable success in the British Open Team at Common Market Championships with Barnet: they won bronze medals in Vittel (1975) and Ostend (1977).

His glittering career in Scotland came to an end when he moved to USA in 1979. His successes as a US citizen are too numerous to mention here. Michael is universally acknowledged as one of the greatest player-analysts the world has ever seen, and we are rather proud of the Scottish accent he retains to this day. (though it has been infected with an American twang).

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## 64 Galloway Shearer

<b>Camrose</b>	1957-63, 5 matches, 3 wins
<b>National Trophies</b>	National Pairs, Rayne Cup

Galloway wrote two articles on bidding theory which were published posthumously in the 1969 Bridge World. In "Pre-emptive Opening Bids" he advocated radically different approaches depending on your position at the table. His "Tactical Major Convention" where he describes an opening 1♠ in third seat with any hand that was a normal opener, or a very weak hand with a long major, or a hand with 10-12 points and a three-card major, (preferably headed by an honour) reflected his buccaneering style, but probably would not have found favour with the Laws and Ethics Committee.

Galloway was born and educated in Wick.

His father owned a store, and after leaving school he was sent to work in Jenners in Edinburgh to learn the trade. On his first day off he found the University Union, and enquired whether he could join. He was told that only students could become members, so he signed up for the longest available course of study, medicine. As a GP he still managed to spend many hours at the bridge table in the Edinburgh University Union.

In the 60s there was always a crowd to watch Jimmy Allan and Galloway play – "when these two are at the table, there is always something happening."

"He was an education to kibbitz. I watched him

playing at the Students' Union. He turned to me and said: 'Don't watch me – I'm the Scottish Internationalist that has played more contracts down than any other.' I remarked that I would continue watching because he was also the Scottish internationalist that had made more impossible contracts than any other. That produced a smile from him." (Finlay Marshall)

Galloway boasted that he had attended every Scottish Bridge Union Congress from 1935 till his sudden death in 1968 (in Waverley Station on the way to a bridge event – Galloway knew he had a serious heart condition but chose to ignore it.)

"The sudden death of Galloway Shearer has caused a widespread feeling of loss. In Scottish bridge circles he was recognised as one of the very best card players in the game, particularly in defence. His defensive bidding was to many a revelation. One of his precepts was to 'make life as difficult as possible for the opposition'. Believe me, he did just that. In a team game he felt it as important to 'bring points in' as to 'avoid chucks'. (Isobel Davidson)

It was said that 'Galloway is an asset to any team and Jimmy is a good golfer'. This fails to appreciate that they were a partnership where the whole was greater than the sum of the parts.



## 65 Barnet Shenkin



<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1973, 1976, 1982</b> , Runner-up:1972; 1986; 1992; 1993
<b>Portland Cup</b>	<b>1979, 1982</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	1972-93, 42 matches, 24 wins, Winning series: <b>1975-76; 1976-77; 1978-79; 1988-89</b>
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	1971-77, 7 series, Winning series: <b>1971; 1973;1975; 1976</b> , Tied series: <b>1972</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x7, National Pairs, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry x4, Men's Teams, Junior Pairs, Bowman
<b>President's Prize</b>	1975 (Henry Simmonds), 1976 (Ian Morrison) , 1979 (Peter Spence), 1980 (Alan Bishop)

Barnet was born in 1950 in Glasgow into a bridge-playing family. It was at the age of 13 that he first went to Albert Benjamin's club. Without knowing what stakes were involved, he ended the session by being given 7/6d, untold riches for a 13 year old in those days. He worked for many years in the family business, buying and selling rugs, but his main interest has always been bridge.

He burst on to the bridge scene as a Junior with a truly remarkable run of success. He represented Great Britain in two Junior European Championships: in Delft (1972) with George Cuthbertson, finishing 6th of 17 teams; and in Copenhagen (1974) with his cousin David Shenkin, where they won a bronze medal.

Barnet was the first Scottish player to win the prestigious 'Sunday Times' (Macallan) Invitational Pairs, in 1976, aged 25, with 21-year-old Michael Rosenberg.



This photograph, which shows the presentation of the Trophy (Barnet's father Louis, then Chairman of the British Bridge League, is pouring the champagne) appeared on the front cover of the ACBL Bulletin in June 2006, and prompted Barnet to write this article entitled 'Flashback'.

"Michael was 21 and had just been playing bridge for a few years and I was 25. We had formed a partnership and had done well in junior bridge and graduated to playing for Scotland. The Sunday

Times was the leading invitational pairs event of its time and 16 pairs worldwide were invited to play. We were incredibly fortunate to get an opportunity to play in this much revered tournament.

Chagas was there and Chemla as well as Garozzo and Omar Sharif. My old friend Irving Rose played with Terence Reese and many countries were represented in the field. The event took place in the Churchill Hotel in London. This was one of London's premier hotels and all players had to wear evening dress. I wore a red smoking jacket I had purchased earlier in Gieves and Hawkes, one of the leading tailors in London's Saville Row. Michael wore a black tuxedo. We had played well and in luck and were fortunate when we needed it.

The following hand was to be one of the key deals of the tournament. It was played against the pair who finished second – the Israeli pair Frydrich/Shaufel who had finished second in the European Championship and third in the Bermuda Bowl.

NS Game Dealer East	♠ Q963 ♥ Q10643 ♦ AQ3 ♣ 7	
♠ 10872 ♥ K7 ♦ K86 ♣ QJ43	N W S E	♠ 4 ♥ J952 ♦ J1097 ♣ A962
	♠ AKJ5 ♥ A8 ♦ 542 ♣ K1085	

West	North	East	South
Barnet	Shaufel	Michael	Frydrich
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

I led the two of spades and Julian Frydrich won

the five in hand. At trick two he played the ace of hearts and I played the King. Frydrich then thought for 10 minutes before abandoning the heart suit and losing his way in the hand. At every other table declarer made his contract or an overtrick by way of three heart tricks, 4 spade tricks, a heart ruff in hand, two diamond tricks and, sometimes, a club to boot. This was a play I had read in one of Reese's books where, if everything looks right for declarer, try and deflect his course. Had he made his contract the Israeli pair would have won the event. I flew back to Scotland the next day to work in the family rug business. We were having a major show for customers from all over Scotland. The television cameras arrived at the carpet show and I did a short interview for Scottish Television. As a result of our win Michael and I received an invitation to play in Philadelphia at the forthcoming bicentennial celebrations. Michael enjoyed his visit and actually emigrated to USA within a couple of years. I followed after twenty more years in the rug business.

For each of us in our own way this event was a catalyst for our future lives.'

Barnet also played with Michael in the British Open Team at the 1977 European Championships.

The partnership won bronze medals in the British Open Team at two Common Market Championships in 1975 and 1977. In 1978 they led

the prestigious Cavendish Invitation Pairs in New York till the very last round, when a costly lead against a slam relegated them to second place.

Barnet's third appearance for Britain at a Common Market Championship was in 1979 with Victor Goldberg, and this time the medal was silver. Later that year he and Victor played in the British Open team at the European Championship. In 1980 Barnet won his second Sunday Times Pairs with Victor, a truly remarkable achievement.

Barnet's next partner was Willie Coyle, with whom he played in the British Open team at the 1984 World Teams Olympiad and the 1985 European Championship. His fifth and final appearance in a British Open team was in 1993 with Les Steel.

Barnet also won the **Lederer Memorial Trophy** (London CBA invitational Teams) twice, in 1977 and 1979.

In 1997 Barnet decided that his future lay as a bridge professional in the USA, so he has never played for Scotland as a separate NBO. He has played for the USA in several World events, and is a World Master in the WBF Ranking lists.

**Maggie Shenkin**, Barnet's second wife, sister of Grand Master Bob McPaul, won the Scottish Cup with Barnet in 1994. She travels with him, and they played together in the Mixed Pairs at the World Open Championships in 2002 and 2006 and in the European Open Championship in 2007.

## 66 Louis Shenkin 1917-2003



**Gold Cup**

**Camrose**

**National Trophies**

25th President of the SBU:  
1964-65

Louis Shenkin, Barnet's father, played almost exclusively with his brother **Len**. They were also in

business together, importing carpets (Len's main interest) and rugs (Louis's preferred area).

The brothers had considerable success in the post-War era. At that time the sports pages of the Glasgow *Evening Times* were printed on pink paper. In 1949 there was a Stop Press Item covering the Gold Cup Final: "Shenkin leads Gray by 1100." On another occasion they won a magnificent trophy, the Cheltenham Rose Bowl, in competition with others eliminated in the later stages of the Gold

1949 runners-up

1948-63, 8 matches, 2 wins

Scottish Cup x5, Rayne Cup

Cup. It was too big to fit into Albert Benjamin's car, so they strapped it to the roof. An hour later it could be seen bouncing down the A1.

In his Presidential year Louis won the teams at four different Congresses: Gleneagles, Dunblane, Rothesay and Portrush with different partners.

He represented Scotland on the British Bridge League, and became the first Scottish President of that organisation, just in time to have to cope with the aftermath of the Buenos Aires scandal.

"His legendary tact and diplomacy were severely tested when he was asked by the British Bridge League to become acting chairman of the enquiry into allegations of cheating by Terence Reese and Boris Shapiro at the 1965 World Championship.

He continued as BBL Chairman for the next ten years, captaining British teams at international events. Before stepping down he had the pleasant experience of presenting the 1976 Trophy for the prestigious Sunday Times Invitational Pairs Championship to his son Barnet. He was made honorary President of the BBL in 1986.” (*Jewish Chronicle*, May 2003)

Louis always presumed that Reese and Schapiro were guilty. While watching a ‘*Sunday Times*’ in the 70s, when Schapiro was playing with Jeremy Flint, he innocently asked Boris: “What system are you playing?” “We’re playing hearts, Louis,” was the instant reply. (The original accusations of cheating centred on alleged finger signals indicating the number of hearts held.)

Louis captained British teams at two European Championships: the Open team finished fourth in Warsaw (1966) and the Women’s Team won bronze medals in Dublin (1967).

The Women’s team in Dublin contained perhaps the most famous, certainly the most volatile, women’s pair in bridge history, Rixi Markus and Fritz Gordon. After Rixi had one of her infamous tantrums, complaining about her teammates and her partner, he left them out for one set. Her retort was: “Zo, Louis, you don’t want to win?”

Louis also captained the first Junior British team in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1968, just a couple of months before the Russian tanks rolled in. He had made many good friends there and was very upset by their unfortunate situation.

## 67 Brian Short



**Gold Cup  
Camrose**

**Lady Milne npc  
National Trophies**

**President’s Prize**

**2006**

1972-2008, 32 matches, 14 wins, 2 ties,  
Winning series: **1975-76; 1976-77**,  
Tied series: **1972-73**

2005-2008, 4 series, Winning series: **2007**

Scottish Cup x8, National Pairs x4, Rayne Cup x2,  
BBL Cup x4, Edwin Berry x2, Men’s Teams x6, Junior Pairs,  
Benjamin, Jesner, Bowman x2, Arthur

1983 (Bobby Muir), 1984 (Chrissie Harrison),  
2007 (Beryl Campbell)

Son of **Fred Short**, Brian was born and raised in Edinburgh. The greatest moment of his hugely successful partnership with Sandy Duncan (No 18) was when they were selected to play for the Great Britain Open team in the European Championship in Wiesbaden (1983). They also played twice for Britain in the Common Market Open Teams, in 1977, where they won bronze medals, and in 1983, both times in Ostend. It was also in 1983 that they won the **Continental Life Teams**. Another successful outing financially was the Philip Morris Grand Prix Open Pairs in 1976-1977. They travelled to about seven of the heats, and finished second in the “established pairs” category, and sixth equal in the “individual” category, which won them enough money to pay for their trips with £1000 left over – a stark contrast with the prize money back home! Brian and Sandy also played in the World Pairs in Biarritz (1982), where they just missed out on qualifying for the final.

In their heyday Brian and Sandy had one of their less successful outings at a Swiss teams in England. Lying near the bottom of the field they found themselves

opposed to a pair of ladies. One of them picked up their convention card and said excitedly ‘Oh, are you **the** Duncan and Short?’ In perfect unison, and with perfectly straight faces, they replied ‘No, no – someone else entirely.’

Brian is married to Kate, and when their three children were young he cut down his bridge to devote time to his family. He has returned with renewed enthusiasm since Scotland achieved separate representation, playing mainly with Jack Paterson. They played in the Open Team at the 2000 World Team Olympiad and the 2008 European Championship, and the Senior team at the European Championship in 2002. Brian played in the Open European Championship in 2006 with John Matheson.

Since acting as coach to the Scottish Women’s Team at the European Championship in 2004 Brian has developed an interest in captaincy, taking charge of the Lady Milne team for the past four years, and captaining the Scottish Women at the World Bridge Olympiads in 2004 and 2008.

He played with Fiona McQuaker in the Transnational Mixed Teams in Verona, finishing in 16th place. His favourite memory of this event was squeezing Sabine Auken.

Brian captained a Scottish Senior team at the World Championship in 2006 and was extremely disappointed to finish ninth, with eight teams to qualify for the knockout stages. He and John Matheson finished 25th in the Senior Pairs.

## 68 Victor Silverstone



**Gold Cup**  
**Camrose**

**1969; 1973; 1985**, Runner-up 1972, 2000

1965-89, 39 matches, 24 wins, 2 ties,

Winning series:**1966-67; 1969-70; 1970-71; 1973-74; 1988-89**,

Tied series:**1971-72; 1972-73**

**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x5, National Pairs, Rayne Cup, BBL Cup, Benjamin, Bowman x2

Victor Silverstone was born in Glasgow in 1941. There were always card games at

home, but it was only during his first year at Glasgow University that he learned about bridge. He promptly started a University Bridge Club, where he played with Bill Whyte – discovering only on the last day of the academic year that they had both been ‘attending’ the same course of lectures. When Bill left Glasgow Victor formed an incredibly successful partnership with Willie Coyle (No 12). They were a constant factor in Scotland’s Glory Years in the Camrose series, and part of the first Scottish team to win the Gold Cup. They were selected for the British team at the 1967 Junior European Championship in Eindhoven (in those days the qualifying age was 27).

Later the partnership represented Great Britain in two European Championships, 1969 and 1971. Victor

and Willie also won a Gold Medal at the **Common Market Open Teams** in 1981, and a bronze medal in the Hague in 1973. They were invited to play in the Sunday Times Invitational Pairs for six successive years from 1968-73.

For business reasons, Victor moved to London in 1975, but retained his Scottish identity, returning to play in the Camrose for Scotland with Barnet Shenkin in the eighties. He played in a British Senior team at the European Championship in Malta (1999). Now that he admits to being a senior he has become English by residence, though his accent leaves us in no doubt that he is truly Scottish. Down South he has had a very successful partnership with Chris Dixon, winning the Gold Cup and the **Lederer Memorial Trophy** (London CBA invitational Teams) 5 times in **1977, 1979, 1980, 1995, and 1997**.

## 69 David Skinner

**Camrose** 1946-56, 20 matches, 8 wins, 1 tie

**Camrose npc** 1949-56, 23 matches, 13 wins, 1 tie

**National Trophies** Scottish Cup

8th President of the SBU: 1947-48

David Skinner played with Isobel Davidson (No 16) He helped restore the Scottish Bridge Union after the War, and, in his role as Chairman of selectors, encouraged many of our talented players.

## 70 Les Steel



**Gold Cup**

Runner-up 1992, 1993

**Portland Cup**

**1984**

**Camrose**

1986-2008, 65 matches, 28 wins, 3 ties,

Winning series:**1988-89; 1995-96; 1997-98**

**Camrose npc**

1999-2001, 2 matches, 1 win

**Junior Camrose**

1979-81, 3 series

**National Trophies**

Scottish Cup x5, National Pairs x3, BBL Cup x2,

Edwin Berry x5, Junior Pairs x2

President’s Prize

1998 (Jim Cunningham)



Son of Eric and Jenny Steel, Les learned his bridge at home. He moved from Aberdeen to Edinburgh when he took a job at Scottish Widows. Widely recognised as the best player of his era, he has difficulty in finding a compatible Scottish partner. He has more Camrose caps than any other Scot. He played in a record 43 consecutive matches, and at least two matches every year for 22 years. In addition to winning all our major trophies, he has won **Crockfords Cup** (the English teams of four championship) twice, in 1997 and 1999, but the Gold Cup has so far eluded him.

Les played for Great Britain in the Open European Championship in 1993 with Barnet Shenkin. In the same year the partnership represented Britain at the 14th Common Market Championship. His first bridge trip abroad was in an official British Open team at the World Championship in Geneva (1990). He and Roy Bennett were one of only two

British pairs to reach the Open Pairs Final.

He has since played many times for Scotland: with Willie Whittaker at the 2000 World Teams Olympiad, the 2001 European Championship, and the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002. He played with James McGeorge in the European Championships in 2006 and 2008. In 2001 Les was one of the first to play in a Scottish team at a European international event, the Mixed Teams in Bellaria, with Fiona McQuaker.

Most of his other appearances abroad have been with England's Phil King. He played with him in the Rosenblum Open Teams at the World Championship in 1998, where his team finished 17th; at the Transnational Teams at the World Championship in Tunisia (1997); and in the European Open Pairs Championship in 1997 in The Hague. He also played in the Open pairs in Bielefeld in 1993 with Ian Handley.

## 71 Sammy Stein

**Gold Cup** 1949 runner-up  
**Camrose** 1946-60, 17 matches, 6 wins, 4 ties  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup x4, Rayne Cup

"Stein and Winetrobe would be remembered for their speed of play. In matches they always finished about four boards ahead of the other tables. After one important league match in which they had

missed two Grand Slams and gone down in a third, Archie said to Sammy: "What a terrible score we've got." Sammy replied cheerily: "Why are you so sad? We finished first, didn't we?" (Sam Leckie)

## 72 John Stevenson

**Camrose** 1955-63, 8 matches, 3 wins, 1 tie  
**National Trophies** Scottish Cup, National Pairs x2, Rayne Cup, Senior Pairs, Bowman

John was introduced to bridge at Glasgow University in 1946, where contemporaries were Jimmie Arthur, Stan Kissen, and his Camrose-partner-to-be, Hugh Fraser (No 22). Their Camrose career was interrupted in 1964 when Hugh moved to

Edinburgh to study. John gave up bridge till 1985 when Hugh returned to Glasgow. The partnership reformed, but with less success. Since Hugh's death he has played mainly with Ayrshire's Frances Murphy. He became a Grand Master in 2005.

## 73 Dave Walker



**Gold Cup**  
**Camrose**  
**National Trophies**

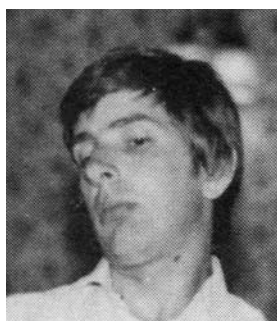
President's Prize  
 Dave learned his bridge at Burnley Grammar School, and honed it in the St Andrews University Bridge

Club that flourished in the 1970s. He now teaches mathematics in Edinburgh, and has become Scottish.

**2006**  
 1992-2007: 28 matches, 13 wins, 3 ties, Winning series: **1997-98**  
 Scottish Cup x2, National Pairs x3, Rayne Cup x5, BBL Cup x2, Edwin Berry x7, Men's Teams x2, Men's Pairs, Arthur x5  
 1998 (Jim Cunningham)

He has represented Scotland at two Open European Championships: in Tenerife (2001) with John Murdoch, where Scotland finished 15th of 35 teams, the best position our Open team has achieved; and in 2008 with Malcolm Cuthbertson (No 15).

## 74 Martin White



<b>Gold Cup</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Portland Cup</b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Junior Camrose</b>	<b>1976, 1 match, 1 win</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	<b>Scottish Cup, Men's Teams</b>

Martin had a meteoric rise to fame with Jim Patrick (No 59) in the late seventies, reaching the later stages of the Gold

sleeping, he is thinking!

"Many Edinburgh players will remember Martin as the captain of the University Union team, a job requiring extraordinary diplomatic skills and a well-developed sense of humour. But although tolerant of others, Martin found it hard to forgive his own mistakes, and has found life without top-level bridge more relaxing than the unrelenting struggle for perfection." (*Scotsman*, 28 Nov 1998)

Cup on several occasions. Then he gave up bridge to devote time to his wife and family. He now plays occasionally for Nomads in the East District League in his inimitably careful fashion – he is not

## 75 Archie Winetrobe

<b>Gold Cup</b>	1949 Runner-up
<b>Camrose</b>	1949-66, 20 matches, 10 wins, 4 ties, Winning series: <b>1963-64; 1964-65</b>
<b>National Trophies</b>	Scottish Cup x4, National Pairs, Rayne Cup x3, Benjamin

Archie Winetrobe played with Sammy Stein (No 71) and Tom Lamb (No 33). "He is remembered as a top class player, but mainly for his charm and wit. He was also the perfect team-mate, never being known to criticise a team-mate during a match. One of the most delightful characters to grace the Scottish Bridge scene." (Jimmy Allan)

"He is much in demand when arranging Camrose teams as he is the near perfect partner, adapting

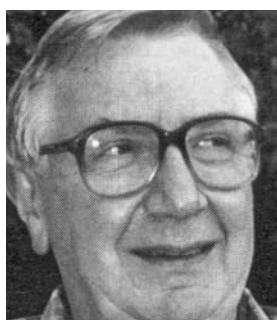
himself to any method proposed and seldom uttering a word of reproach. A shrewd psychologist rather than a theoretician." (John MacLaren 1967)

Archie was reputed never to have lost a match by an imp or a pairs tournament by a point. He could almost always find a mistake in the scoring.

In 1960 Archie became the first Scottish player to attain the rank of National Master (150 points, at least 75 of them national), and he was the second

## A Few who came from abroad

### Raymond Brock



Raymond joined Hamilton Bridge Club with a work colleague, David Mills. They won the Lord Thomson Simultaneous Pairs in its inaugural year, and were immediately asked to play for the Hamilton League team.

When Raymond discovered the team was men only he joined a promising group of lady players to form a new team, working their way up from the Sixth Division. He played 7 Camrose matches for Scotland, three as Sam Leckie's last Camrose partner in the winning 1970-71 season, one with David Mills, and three with Victor Goldberg. After leaving Scotland, Raymond played with Tony

Forrester in the British team, finishing runner-up in the Bermuda Bowl in 1987, and worked as a selector for the BBL, where he supported the inclusion of a number of Scots in the British Team. Raymond married Sally Horton quite late in life and had two children. He died on New Year's Day 2008.

### Patrick Jourdain



Patrick provides bridge news for the Daily Telegraph. He runs the Cardiff School of Bridge, and is currently President of the International Bridge Press Association. He spent a few years in Scotland,

winning the Scottish Cup twice in 1974 and 1976; and the Rayne Cup and the Edwin Berry in 1975. After two years he had earned qualification for the Camrose series, and he played two matches with Victor Goldberg in 1976-77, losing to England but beating Wales.

Scotland won the Camrose series that season. Patrick then returned to Wales and represented the Principality, recording wins in 90-board matches against England, Scotland, Republic of Ireland, and Northern Ireland. He can thus proudly claim to be the only player to have beaten all five countries in the Camrose.

## John Pressburger

John arrived in Edinburgh quite late in life. He was a British national, born in Czechoslovakia in 1913. He won the Czech Open teams in 1938, and played for Prague in matches against London in 1946 and 1947. He lost his home during the War, and moved to Munich in the 40s, where he had considerable success in German national events. He represented Germany in the World Teams Olympiad in 1968, the World Pairs in 1966 and 1970, and the European Championships in 1971 and 1974. In Scotland he won the Bobby Allan with Deirdre Sanders in 1986, and the Senior Pairs with Dolph Yzer in 1994.

## Graham Hazel



Graham (in the hat) with Duncan Cockburn and Andrew Myles at the Junior Camrose

One of England's most promising Junior players, Graham arrived in Edinburgh in 1998 to work on his PhD. As a student he was instantly qualified to play for Scotland in the Junior Camrose, in Dublin in 1999 with Suzanne Cohen. He made a considerable impression, winning the Men's Teams in 2000, but after two years his tutor moved to California and Graham went too. While there

he won the USA Collegiate Teams. Since returning to Cambridge he has played in a few Congresses with conspicuous success.

## Mike Ash



Mike is a recent arrival, though his wife is Scottish and he has owned property in Edinburgh for nearly 10 years now. He has played bridge for 45 years, representing Great Britain and then England in Junior, World

and European Open events. He has won many competitions in England, including the Two Stars Pairs (with a Scottish partner) and the Four Stars Teams (with a different Scottish partner). He has been a losing finalist in the Spring Fours and a semi-finalist in Gold Cup. He was part of the coaching team for the British Juniors in the early 1980s. He never played Camrose for England, but has played one weekend for Scotland, as well as being part of the Open team in the Beijing Olympiad.

# British Bridge League Events (latterly Bridge Great Britain)

There has never been a British Bridge Union. The Home Countries all formed Unions of their own, but until 2000 only Great Britain was recognised by the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. The British Bridge League was the overall governing body to which each Union sent representatives. It was responsible for selecting British teams, and for running British events: the Camrose series, the Gold Cup and the Portland Pairs.

## The Gold Cup

This is one of the oldest competitions in the world. The Cup was presented to the British Bridge League in June 1931 by Waddingtons as a trophy for a national knock-out teams event. The first final took place in 1932.

Scots players have taken part since the earliest days, but no all-Scottish team won till 1969.

Scottish teams play against one another in the early rounds to avoid excessive travel. The later stages are played at a central venue, latterly at Peebles Hydro on the second week-end in December, at the Scottish Winter Congress.

## Scottish Teams that have Won the Gold Cup

1969	Wille Coyle, Victor Silverstone, Victor Goldberg, Sam Leckie, Tom Culbertson, Hugh Kelsey
1973	Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone, Victor Goldberg, Barnet Shenkin, Sam Leckie, John Matheson
1980	Bill Mitchell, Roy Bennett, Hugh Kelsey, John McMonagle, Ken Baxter, Jack Paterson
1981	Ian Morrison, David Liggat, Jim Patrick, Martin White (Alan Bishop, Shelagh Bruce in the early rounds)
1982	George Cuthbertson, Gerald Haase, Victor Goldberg, Willie Coyle, Barnet Shenkin
2006	Brian Short, John Matheson, John Murdoch, Douglas Piper; Malcolm Cuthbertson, Dave Walker

## Winning Teams containing Scottish Players

1976	Barnet Shenkin, Michael Rosenberg, Victor Goldberg, with Patrick Jourdain, Tony Priday, Claude Rodrigue
1977	Gerald Haase, with Barry Posner, Geoffrey Breskal, John Collings, Jack Nunes, Douglas Smerdon
1985	Victor Silverstone, with Chris Dixon, Jeremy Flint, Irving Rose, Rob Sheehan
1992	Willie Coyle, with Rob Sheehan, Tony Forrester, Raymond Brock, John Armstrong, Graham Kirby
2000	Andrew McIntosh with David Mossop, Tim Rees, Tony Forrester, Jason & Justin Hackett
2001	Andrew McIntosh with David Mossop, Tim Rees, Tony Forrester, Jason & Justin Hackett
2002	Andrew McIntosh with Phil King, Andy Robson, David Bakhshi

## Scottish Teams that finished Runners-up

1934	Ronald Manson, P Greenberg, W G Manson, George Purves
1949	Len Shenkin, Louis Shenkin, Sammy Stein, Louis Rose, Harry Cohen, Archie Winetrobe
1972	Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone, Victor Goldberg, Sam Leckie, Barnet Shenkin
1992	Les Steel, Barnet Shenkin, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh
1993	Les Steel, Barnet Shenkin, Victor Goldberg, John Matheson, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh

## Runners-up with Scottish Representation

1982	Victor Silverstone with Chris Dixon, Irving Rose, Rob Sheehan, Jeremy Flint, Zia Mahmood
1986	Barnet Shenkin with David Greenwood Steve Fishpool, Dick Shek
1991	Willie Coyle with Tony Forrester, Andrew Robson, Robert Sheehan, Sally Horton, Steve Lodge
2000	Victor Silverstone, Gerald Haase with Tony Waterlow, Ian Panto, Richard Gibbons, David Kendrick

## The Silver Cup

This was originally a consolation trophy for the six teams eliminated in the quarter- and semi-finals, played as a Multiple Teams. Nowadays it is presented to the runners-up. It was won twice in the early days by all-Scottish teams

1952	Len & Louis Shenkin, Harry Cohen, Louis Rose, Joe Gerber, Archie Winetrobe
1955	Galloway Shearer, Matt Russell, Tom Lamb, May Hunter



# Scottish Players in International Events

## World Bridge Federation Events

### World Championships

The World Bridge Federation Open Championship, the **Bermuda Bowl**, is contested by teams that qualify from Zonal Championships, in our case the European Championships. Scotland has never qualified for this, and no Scot has ever played in a British team, though Michael Rosenberg has represented the USA.

The equivalent WBF Women's event is the **Venice Cup**: Scotland has never qualified for this either, but we have been represented in British teams

1991	Yokohama	Liz McGowan; Vi Mitchell (Outred)	round of 16
1995	Beijing	Liz McGowan	
1997	Hammamet	Liz McGowan; Jimmie Arthur npc	round of 16
2000	Bermuda	Liz McGowan; Jimmie Arthur npc	



British Womens Team, Yokohama, 1991. Liz McGowan, Sandra Penfold, Jill Casey, Mark Horton (npc), Vi Mitchell, Brian Senior (coach), Kay Preddy, Jane Preddy.

### World Teams Olympiad

In Olympic years the WBF runs an Olympiad, to which any member country may send one Open, one Women's and one Senior team. Scotland has sent teams in each category since we became eligible in 2000, until this year when no Senior team was sent to Beijing. Prior to 2000 a few Scots made it into British teams:

1976	Monte Carlo	Open	Willie Coyle	bronze medal
1984	Seattle	Open	Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin	
		Women	Hugh Kelsey npc	silver medal
1988	Venice	Women	Liz McGowan	silver medal
1992	Salsomaggiore	Women	Liz McGowan	silver medal
1996	Rhodes	Women	Liz McGowan; Jimmie Arthur npc	round of 16

### Scottish teams at World Bridge Teams Olympiads since 2000

	Open	Women	Seniors
2000 Maastricht	Malcolm Cuthbertson/ John Matheson Jack Paterson/Brian Short Les Steel/Willie Whittaker npc Jimmie Arthur	Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie Liz McGowan/ Fiona McQuaker npc Briony Multon coach James McGeorge	Ken Baxter (pc), John MacLaren David Frew, David Liggat Roy Bennett, Irving Gordon (this team formed many interesting partnerships)
2004 Istanbul	David Gerrard/Ken Rae John Matheson/Jim Patrick John Murdoch/Douglas Piper npc Jack Paterson	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin Michele Alexander/Joyce Benson Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker npc Brian Short	Ken Baxter(pc)/Derek Diamond Roy Bennett/David Liggat Willie Coyle/Victor Goldberg
2008 Beijing	Mike Ash/Liz McGowan Roy Bennett/David Liggat John Matheson/Iain Sime npc Alan Goodman	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin Veronica Guy/Sam Punch Maida Grant/ Sheila Macdonald npc Brian Short	No team sent

## World Series

These WBF Championships take place in even numbered years when there is no Olympiad. They began simply as World Open Pairs and a corresponding Women's event with, in the early years, a Mixed event to round out the programme. A Knockout Teams for the **Rosenblum Cup** was added, then a corresponding Women's event for the **McConnell Cup**. These Championships are now the biggest of all WBF Championships in terms of entries. The programme includes team and pairs competitions in all categories (Open, Women, Senior, Mixed), except Mixed Teams. Any player may enter the World Series: applications are made through NBOs, but there is no selection process. In the early days The BBL gave financial support to official British teams, but our players receive no support from the Scottish Bridge Union.

## Scottish Representatives at Open World Bridge Championships

1962	Cannes	Open Pairs	Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie	
1966	Amsterdam	Open Pairs	Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie	
1982	Biarritz	Open Teams	Willie Coyle, David Shenkin	
		Open Pairs	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short	
1990	Geneva	Open Teams	Roy Bennett/Les Steel	
		Open Pairs	Roy Bennett/Les Steel	reached final
		Women's Pairs	Liz McGowan	reached final
			Jill Arthur/Michele Alexander, Margaret Alexander/Morag Malcolm	
		Mixed Pairs	Jill Arthur/Charlie Bowman	
1994	Albuquerque	Open Teams	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh	
		Women's teams	Liz McGowan	round of 16
1998	Lille	Open Teams	Les Steel, Douglas Piper/John Murdoch; Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson, Andrew McIntosh	
		Women's Teams	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Liz McGowan	
		Senior Teams	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Sam Leckie	
		Open Pairs	Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson	13th in final
		Mixed Pairs	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan	
2002	Montreal	Senior Teams	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; David Frew/David Liggat	
		Senior Pairs	David Frew/David Liggat	17th in final
			Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan	
		Mixed Pairs	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan	
2006	Verona	Open Teams	Willie Coyle/Victor Goldberg, Victor Silverstone	
		Women's Teams	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker	
		Mixed Teams	Suzanne Cohen, Paula Leslie	
		Senior Teams	Brian Short/John Matheson; Roy Bennett/David Liggat	
		Open Pairs	Willie Coyle/Victor Goldberg	
		Senior Pairs	John Matheson/Brian Short, Roy Bennett/David Liggat	
		Mixed Pairs	Willie Coyle, Beryl Campbell/Allan Gordon	

## Scots in World Transnational Events

In 1996 the WBF began to hold Transnational Open Championships alongside its major events: a World Mixed Team Championship at Olympiads, and a World Open Teams at the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

## World Open Teams

1997	Tunisia	Les Steel
2000	Bermuda	Liz McGowan
2003	Monte Carlo	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan
2005	Estoril	Liz McGowan

## World Mixed Teams

1996	Rhodes	Liz McGowan (Heather Dhondy + 4 Icelanders)	Gold Medal
2004	Istanbul	Brian Short/Fiona McQuaker, Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan	16th
		Sheila Adamson/John Matheson, John Murdoch/Anne Martin	21st
2008	Beijing	Brian Short/Anne Martin, John Matheson/Liz McGowan	
		Alan Goodman/Sam Punch, Mike Ash, Veronica Guy, Iain Sime	

# European Bridge League Events

The original European Championship was an annual event. From 1971 onwards the Open and Women's Championships were held every other year. In 2002 they changed from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

## Scottish Representatives in British Teams at European Championships

1966	Warsaw	Open	Louis Shenkin npc	4/17
1967	Dublin	Women	Louis Shenkin npc	bronze medal
1969	Oslo	Open	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone, Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie	9/21
1970	Estoril	Open	Irving Gordon	5/22
1973	Ostend	Open	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone	8/23
1975	Brighton	Open	Willie Coyle	bronze medal
1977	Elsinore	Open	Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin	9/22
1979	Lausanne	Open	Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin	6/21
1983	Wiesbaden	Open	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short	13/24
1985	Salsomaggiore	Open	Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin	6/21
		Women	Hugh Kelsey npc	silver medal
1989	Turku	Women	Liz McGowan	6/18
1991	Killarney	Women	Liz McGowan, Vi Mitchell (Outred), Charles Outred coach	4/17
1993	Menton	Open	Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel	9/30
		Women	Liz McGowan	6/21
<b>1997</b>	<b>Montecatini</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Liz McGowan, Jimmie Arthur npc</b>	<b>gold medal</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Liz McGowan, Jimmie Arthur npc</b>	<b>gold medal</b>

## Scottish Teams at European Championships since 2000

	Open	Women	Seniors
2001 Tenerife	Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson John Murdoch/Dave Walker Les Steel/Willie Whittaker npc Ian Crorie; coach James McGeorge	Margaret Alexander/Vi Outred Catherine Gerrard/Anne McGeagh Liz McGowan/ Fiona McQuaker npc Roy Bennett coach Willie Coyle	Ken Baxter(pc)/Derek Diamond David Frew/John MacLaren Victor Goldberg/Irving Gordon
2002 Salsomaggiore	Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson Miro Dragic/Derek Diamond Victor Goldberg/Irving Gordon npc Ian Crorie; coach Willie Coyle	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie Liz McGowan/ Fiona McQuaker Anne Martin/Joan Mercer npc Briony Multon	Ken Baxter (pc)/John Murdoch David Frew/David Liggat Jack Paterson/Brian Short
2004 Malmo	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan John Matheson/Jim Patrick John Murdoch/Douglas Piper npc Jack Paterson coach Malcolm Cuthbertson	Michele Alexander/Joyce Benson Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald Veronica Guy/Carolyn Peplow npc Jimmie Arthur coach Brian Short	David Frew/David Liggat(pc) David Gerrard/Ken Rae Bill Innes/Finlay Marshall
2006 Warsaw	James McGeorge/ Les Steel John Matheson/Brian Short Derek Sanders/Iain Sime npc Jack Paterson	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin Maida Grant/Sheila Macdonald Liz McGowan/ Fiona McQuaker npc Malcolm Cuthbertson	Roy Bennett/David Liggat Derek Diamond/Victor Goldberg John Murdoch/Harry Smith npc Jimmie Arthur
2008 Pau	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Dave Walker James McGeorge/ Les Steel Jack Paterson/Brian Short npc Alan Goodman coach John Murdoch	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin Michele Alexander/Joyce Benson Liz McGowan/ Fiona McQuaker npc Paul Gipson	Roy Bennett/David Liggat Willie Coyle/John Matheson Finlay Marshall/Harry Smith npc Bill Whyte

## European Open events

The European Bridge League began to run Open Pairs events in 1981. Each country was allocated a number of places, and in the mid-80s Scotland was given three by the BBL. It was agreed to send the winners of the National Pairs, Stirling Pairs, and the Bowman Life and Grand Masters Pairs. Later the allocation was increased, and anyone who wished to play could go

## Open Pairs

1987	Paris	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short
1989	Salsomaggiore	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh, Charles Outred/Vi Mitchell (Outred)
1991	Montecatini	
1993	Bielefeld	Les Steel (Ian Handley), Willie Coyle/Derek Diamond, Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson
1995	Rome	Open Pairs Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan Senior Pairs Deirdre Sanders
1997	The Hague	Open Pairs Victor Goldberg, Derek Sanders/Brian Spears Ken Baxter/ Liz McGowan, Les Steel (Phil King)

## Mixed Pairs & Teams

These popular events were run in even-numbered years to avoid a clash with the Open Pairs. In 2003 they were discontinued as a separate event, and incorporated into the European Open Championships.

1990	Bordeaux	Teams Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan
		Pairs Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan, Derek Sanders/Fiona McQuaker
1992	Ostend	Teams Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan
		Pairs: Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan, Catherine Gerrard/Jack Silverstone <b>win Consolation Pairs</b>
1994	Barcelona	Teams Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan, Catherine Gerrard/Jack Silverstone, Willie Whittaker
		Pairs Catherine Gerrard/Jack Silverstone, Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan, Deirdre Sanders
1996	Monaco	Teams Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan
1998	Aachen	Teams Liz McGowan, John MacLaren/Deirdre Sanders
		Pairs Liz McGowan, John MacLaren/Deirdre Sanders
2000	Bellaria	Teams Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker/Les Steel, Bill & Molly Clow; Ivan Bruce/Helen McEwing
2002	Ostend	Teams Liz McGowan, Ken Baxter

## Women's Pairs

As the years went by more and more countries entered the European Championships, and matches had to be shortened. There were far fewer Women's than Open teams, and a Women's Pairs event was introduced in 1987 to fill out the timetable. It was incorporated into the European Open Championships in 2003.

1987	Brighton	Ursula Harper/Vi Outred, Liz McGowan, Deirdre Sanders
1989	Turku	Deirdre Sanders
1991	Killarney	Ursula Harper/Deirdre Sanders
1993	Villamoura	Catherine Gerrard/Liz McGowan, Jennifer Arnott/Deirdre Sanders
1997	Montecatini	Deirdre Sanders
1999	Malta	Deirdre Sanders

## European Open Championships

2003	Menton	Open Teams Roy Bennett/Roland Wald, Alex Adamson/Harry Smith, Charles & Vi Outred	
		Women's Teams Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker, Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie	bronze medal
		Mixed Teams Suzanne Cohen, Paula Leslie, Charles & Vi Outred; Ross & Ursula Harper	
		Roland Wald/Anne Martin; Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan Deirdre Sanders	bronze medal
		Mixed Pairs Rhona & Derek Diamond, Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan, Fiona McQuaker/Iain Sime	
		Deirdre Sanders	
		Senior Pairs Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan	
2005	Tenerife	Open Teams Harry Smith/Alex Adamson, Roy Bennett/David Liggat, Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan,	
		Roland Wald/Iain Sime	
		Senior Pairs Roy Bennett/David Liggat, Irving Gordon	
2007	Antalya	Open Teams David Liggat/Liz McGowan	
		Mixed Teams Michele & Michael Alexander, Liz McGowan	
		Mixed Pairs Michael Alexander/Liz McGowan	
		Senior Pairs David Liggat/Liz McGowan	



## Scottish Representatives in Common Market/ European Community Championships

There were 16 European Community Championships, run in April of odd-numbered years till 1996, when they changed to even-numbered years to avoid a clash with European Championships. In 1998 the EC Championships combined with the Europeans.

1973	The Hague	Open Team:	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone	bronze medal
1975	Vittel	Junior Team:	Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin Sam Leckie npc	bronze medal
1977	Ostend	Open Team:	Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin, Sandy Duncan/Brian Short	bronze medal
		<b>Women's Team:</b>	<b>Charlie Bowman npc</b>	<b>gold medal</b>
		Open Pairs:	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short	7th
1979	Salsomaggiore	Open Team:	Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin John MacLaren npc	silver medal
1981	Birmingham	Junior Team:	Charlie Bowman npc	
		<b>Open Team:</b>	<b>Victor Silverstone</b> Hugh Kelsey, John McMonagle (GB 'B')	<b>gold medal</b> 9th
1983	Ostend	Mixed Team:	Tom Culbertson/Morag Malcolm (GB 'B')	7th
		Open Teams:	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short	
		Women's Team:	Charlie Bowman npc	4th
		Junior Team:	Mark Grubb/Gordon McRobert	
		Mixed Team:	Nigel Guthrie/Liz McGowan	
		<b>Women's Pairs:</b>	<b>Morag Malcolm/Vi Mitchell (Outred)</b> Marion Hill/Jennifer Monachan	<b>gold medal</b>
1985	Bordeaux	Mixed Pairs	Willie Coyle/Jennifer Monachan	
		Women's Team:	Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson	
		Women's Pairs:	Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson Liz McGowan/Morag Malcolm	
1987	Valkenburg	<b>Junior Team:</b>	<b>Alex Adamson/Malcolm Cuthbertson</b>	<b>gold medal</b>
1989	Ostend	Women's Team:	Liz McGowan	
1991	Vouliagmeni	Women's Team:	Liz McGowan, Vi Outred	
1993	Montechioro	Open Team:	Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel	
		<b>Women's Team:</b>	<b>Liz McGowan, pc</b>	<b>gold medal</b>
		Open Pairs	Liz McGowan	
		Mixed Pairs	Liz McGowan	
1996	Ostend	Women's Team:	Liz McGowan, pc	
1998	Salsomaggiore	Junior team:	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie Liz McGowan npc	bronze medal
		Junior Pairs	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie	



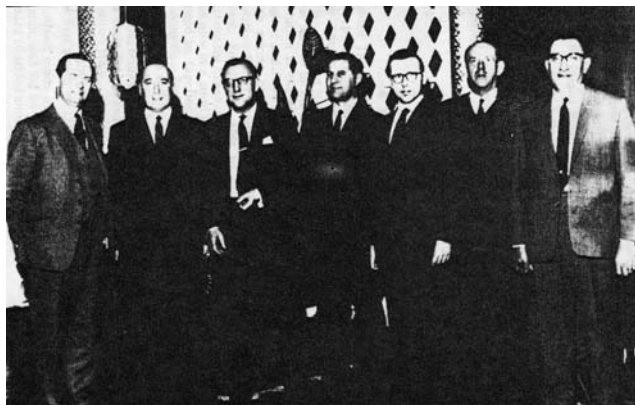
British Open Team 1977. Gerard Faulkner (npc), Irving Rose, Sandy Duncan, Michael Rosenberg, Jeremy Flint, Brian Short, Barnet Shenkin.

## Commonwealth Games

When these games came to Manchester in 2002, a parallel bridge tournament was organised, and the experiment was repeated in 2006 in Australia. The Scottish teams were:

2002	Manchester	Charles & Vi Outred; Les Steel/ Willie Whittaker
2006	Melbourne	Jimmie Arthur/Wally Scott; Ken Forsyth/Douglas Newlands

## The Iceland Matches



The Team in Reykjavik. Jimmy Allan, Charlie Bowman, Louis Shenkin, John MacLaren, Iain Morrison, Galloway Shearer, Archie Winetrobe.

Prior to being recognised as a separate NBO in 2000, Scottish players had few opportunities to play international bridge. In 1968 we were contacted by the Icelandic Bridge Federation with an invitation to participate in a friendly match in Reykjavik in May as part of Iceland's preparation for the Olympiad later that year. The Scottish team lost both its matches, but showed well in a multiple teams. The team was  
Jimmy Allan/ Galloway Shearer  
John MacLaren/Iain Morrison  
Louis Shenkin/Archie Winetrobe  
Npc Charlie Bowman.

The following year two Icelandic teams came to

Scotland, an Open team and a Women's one. The Open team played three matches against the cream of Scottish bridge. The hands were extremely freakish, the Icelanders coped far better, and Scotland was comprehensively beaten. The three Scottish teams were:

Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone	Ken Baxter/Sandy Duncan	Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey
Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone	Carl Dickel/Bill Mitchell
John MacLaren/John Matheson	Iain Morrison/Jack Paterson	Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie

There were just two matches against the Icelandic Women: Scotland won them both. The two teams of four were  
Jean Macnair/Judy Benjamin  
Isobel Davidson/Margaret Porteous  
Mona Leach/Margaret Gall  
Dorothy Cameron/Nancy Miller

## Visiting Celebrity Teams

In 1968 a celebrity team visit was sponsored by WD & HO Wills

Terence Reese/Irving Rose      Joel Tarlo/Claude Rodrigue

There were two matches, one against the West, one against the East, both won by the Scottish teams

### West

Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone  
Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie

### East

Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey  
John MacLaren/ John Matheson

## The Circus

In 1973 Morag Malcolm and Harold Franklin organised a visit to Edinburgh of the Omar Sharif Circus:

Giorgio Belladonna/Benito Garozzo, Omar Sharif/Jeremy Flint and Mrs Kathy Wei

Scotland fielded

Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone, Sandy Duncan/Brian Short, Victor Goldberg/John Matheson

In 1981 Lang's Supreme Whisky sponsored a traveling bridge team, again featuring Omar Sharif, accompanied this time by P-O Sundelin of Sweden, Jean Besse of Switzerland, and Boris Schapiro.

On January 27 600 spectators turned out to watch them defeat the West of Scotland by 29 imps.

The West team was

Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin, George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase

On January 28 they took on the East of Scotland in front of 450 spectators, and Scottish pride was restored when the visitors lost by 22 imps. The East players were all members of Falkirk Bridge Club:

Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell, Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle

## The Bonn Nations Cup

The German Bridge Federation runs an annual international invitational teams in Bonn. When Scotland became a separate NBO it received an invitation.

2003 Paul Barton/Norman McGeagh; Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan

2004 Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; John Murdoch/Douglas Piper

2005 Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; John Murdoch/Douglas Piper

# European Junior Championships

European Junior Championships are run separately from the others, partly to make the players feel important in their own right, partly to allow cheaper accommodation. The first Championship took place in 1968 in Prague, and they were held in even numbered years thereafter till 2005, when they were moved to odd-numbered years. An Under 20 event, known as the Schools Championship, was added in 1994. Ten years later a separate Girls event was added for under 25s, but we have yet to assemble a team of young ladies.

## Scottish Representatives in British Teams at Junior European Championships

1968	Prague	Louis Shenkin (npc)	
1972	Delft	George Cuthbertson/Barnet Shenkin	6/17
1974	Copenhagen	Barnet Shenkin/David Shenkin	3/20
1978	Stirling	<b>Richard Benstead/Michael Rosenberg</b>	<b>1/19</b>
1984	Hasselt	Mark Grubb/Gordon McRobert	13/19

## Scottish Representatives in British School Teams at European Championships

1994	Arnhem	Martin Bateman/Graham Hazel	7/13
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## Scottish Teams at Junior European Championships

		Juniors	Under 20s
2000	Antalya	Harold Bergson/David McCrossan Robert Carr/Douglas Marshall Duncan Cockburn/Andrew Myles npc Catherine Gerrard coach Liz McGowan	No team sent
2002	Torquay	Martin Bateman/Dermot Coyle Harold Bergson/David McCrossan Ronald Gaffin/Andrew Sinclair npc Liz McGowan	Kirstin Aitken/Emma Maitland Myles Ellison/Gregor Hodge Gordon Pearson/David Wallace npc Joan Mercer
2004	Prague	Harold Bergson/David McCrossan Ronald Gaffin/Gordon Pearson Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson npc Catherine Gerrard coach Jim Power	Kirstin Aitken/Ben Shamash Gyles & Myles Ellison Frazer Morgan/ Philip Morrison npc Joan Mercer
2005	Riccione	Myles Ellison/Gyles Ellison Frazer Morgan/ Philip Morrison Gordon Pearson/Alex Wilkinson npc Catherine Gerrard	No team sent
2007	Jesolo	Myles Ellison/Gyles Ellison Frazer Morgan/ Philip Morrison Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson npc Joan Mercer coach Jim Power	No team sent

## Scottish Junior Team at the First World Mind Sports Games, Beijing 2008

Myles Ellison/Gyles Ellison	Ronald Gaffin/Philip Stephens
Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson	Npc Jim Power



## Scotland's Camrose Teams: 1937-2008

1937	Eire 20/2/37 Dublin,	Malcolm Beaton /K MacAlpine; G M Carmichael/Peter Duff	Lose -3,560
<b>England 4</b> Eire 3 Wales 2 Scotland 1 NI 0	England, 1/5/37 Glasgow,	G M Carmichael/Peter Duff; Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Tom Drummond	Lose -5020
	Wales, 2/10/37 Cardiff	Malcolm Beaton/Clement Ellis; Peter Duff/Stamley Nicolson Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Ronald McCurdie	Lose -3570
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 11/12/37 Edinburgh	R Ashcroft/J Tidd; Harold Clark/Dr AA Peel Peter Duff/Stamley Nicolson; npc Ronald McCurdie	<b>Win</b> <b>+c2000</b>
1938	Eire, 19/2/38 Glasgow	Peter Duff/Stamley Nicolson; Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit Stanley Norman/George Purves; npc Ronald McCurdie	Lose -2660
<b>England 4</b> Eire 2 NI 2 Scotland 1 Wales 1	England, 26/3/38 Leeds	R Ashcroft/J Tidd; Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Stanley Nicolson	Lose -3660
	<b>Wales</b> , 22/10/38 Edinburgh	Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit; Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson J Thom/RP Yates; npc Henry Rowan	<b>Win</b> <b>+5280</b>
	N Ireland, 2/12/38 Belfast	Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit; Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson J Thom/RP Yates; npc Henry Rowan	Lose -160
1939	Eire, 4/3/39 Dun Laoghaire	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit J Thom/RP Yates; npc Henry Rowan	Lose -1490
(not completed)	England, 22/4/39 Glasgow	Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson; Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Henry Rowan	Lose -980
1946	England, 23/3/46 Edinburgh	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson Johnny Hastie(pc)/Robin Prophit	Lose -2700
<b>England 6</b> NI 4 Wales 4 Eire 4 Scotland 2	<b>N Ireland</b> , 26/4/46 Belfast	Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Johnny Hastie(pc)/Robin Prophit	<b>Win</b> <b>+950</b>
	Wales, 1/6/46 Glasgow	Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit; npc Robert Gray	Lose -5820
	Eire, 18/10/46 Dublin	Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit; Morrie Luckner/Sammy Stein Margaret & Tommy Porteous; npc Robert Gray	Lose -1050
1947	<b>N Ireland</b> , 8/3/47 Edinburgh	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Johnny Hastie/Robin Prophit Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Stanley Nicolson	<b>Win</b> <b>+1120</b>
<b>England 8</b> Scotland 6 NI 4 Eire 2 Wales 0	<b>Eire</b> , 31/5/47 Glasgow	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Margaret & Tommy Porteous Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Robert Gray	<b>Win</b> <b>+1610</b>
	<b>Wales</b> , 28/6/47 Cardiff	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Margaret & Tommy Porteous Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Robert Gray	<b>Win</b> <b>+540</b>
	England, 1/9/47 Newcastle	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Margaret & Tommy Porteous Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Johnny Hastie	Lose -5260
1948	Eire, 7/2/48 Dun Laoghaire	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Morrie Luckner/Sammy Stein Margaret & Tommy Porteous; npc Robert Gray	Lose -200
<b>England 8</b> NI 4 Eire 2 Scotland 2 Wales 2	<b>Wales</b> , 14/3/48 Edinburgh	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Johnny Hastie	<b>Win</b> <b>+6360</b>
	N Ireland, 10/4/48 Belfast	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Alice Mackenzie/Ronald Manson; npc Clement Ellis	Lose -4770
	England, 1/5/48 Aberdeen	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Clement Ellis/Stamley Nicolson; npc Robert Gray	Lose -6050
1948-49	England, 13/11/48 Leeds	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Jean Macnair/Nigel Ross; npc Johnny Hastie	Lose -5280
<b>England 8</b> Eire 4 NI 2 Scotland 2 Wales 2	N Ireland, 22/1/49 Glasgow	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Jean Macnair/Nigel Ross Len & Louis Shenkin; npc Johnny Hastie	Lose -4330
	Wales, 19/2/49 Llandudno	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Jean Macnair/Nigel Ross Margaret & Tommy Porteous; npc Lachy McLean	Lose -1940
	<b>Eire</b> , 2/4/49 Edinburgh	Peter Duff /Stamley Nicolson; Johnny Hastie/Ronald Manson Jean Macnair/Nigel Ross; npc Robert Gray	<b>Win</b> <b>+500</b>
1949-50	<b>Wales</b> , 22/10/49 Edinburgh	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Harry Cohen/Louis Rose Johnny Hastie/Ronald Manson; npc Robert Gray	<b>Win</b> <b>+48mp</b>
<b>England 8</b> Scotland 6 Eire 4 NI 0 Wales 0	<b>Eire</b> , 3/12/49 Dublin	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Harry Cohen/Louis Rose Johnny Hastie/Ronald Manson; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> <b>+40mps</b>
	England, 11/3/50 Glasgow	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Johnny Hastie/Ronald Manson Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; npc David Skinner	Lose -70mps
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 5/5/50 Belfast	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Harry Cohen/Louis Rose Sammy Stein/ArchieWinetrobe; Npc Johnny Walker	<b>Win</b> <b>+23mps</b>



# THE CAMROSE TROPHY

1950-51	Wales, 9/12/50 Cardiff	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Jean Macnair/Ronald Manson Len & Louis Shenkin; npc Johnny Walker	Lose +45mps
<b>England 8</b> Eire 6 NI 3 Wales 3 Scotland 0	England, 27/1/51 Newcastle	Hymie & Sol Barnett; Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	Lose -67 mps
	N Ireland, 10/3/51 Edinburgh	Peter Duff /Clement Ellis; Jean Macnair/Ronald Manson Margaret & Tommy Porteous; npc Johnny Walker	Lose -91 mps
	Eire, 19/5/51 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Peter Duff /Clement Ellis Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	Lose -19mps
1951-52	England, 24/11/51 Edinburgh	Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; Peter Duff/Clement Ellis Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Robert Gray	Lose -58mps
<b>England 5</b> Scotland 4 NI 3 Wales 0	<b>Wales</b> , 26/1/52 Glasgow	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Robert Gray	<b>Win</b> <b>+45imps</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 19/4/52 Belfast	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	<b>Win</b> <b>2-0</b>
1952-53	<b>Wales</b> , 29/11/52 Porthcawl	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Jean Macnair/Ronald Manson Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	<b>Tie</b>
<b>England 5</b> Scotland 3 Wales 3 NI 0	England, 21/2/53 Leeds	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Peter Duff	Lose -47mps
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 11/4/53 Dumfries	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Jean Macnair/Ronald Manson Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	<b>Win</b> <b>2-0</b>
1953-54	England, 28/11/53 Glasgow	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Jean Macnair/Ronald Manson Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	Lose -17mps
<b>England 6</b> Scotland 3 NI 2 Wales 1	<b>Wales</b> , 6/2/54 Edinburgh	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	<b>Tie</b> (+8mps)
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 10/4/54 Bangor	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Isobel Davidson/David Skinner Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Johnny Walker	<b>Win</b> <b>+44mps</b>
1954-55	Wales, 27/11/54 Cardiff	Joe Gerber/David Landa; Tom Lamb/May Hunter Len & Louis Shenkin; npc George Purves	Lose -51mps
<b>England 6</b> NI 2 Scotland 2 Wales 2	England, 19/2/55 Birmingham	Joe Gerber/David Landa; Tom Lamb/May Hunter Len & Louis Shenkin; npc George Purves	Lose -99 mps
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 23/4/55 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Len & Louis Shenkin Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; npc Johnny Walker	<b>Win</b> <b>+41mps</b>
1955-56	England, 10/12/55 Edinburgh	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Isobel Davidson/David Skinner; npc Johnny Hastie	Lose -41mps
<b>England 6</b> NI 3 Scotland 3 Wales 0	<b>Wales</b> , 14/1/56 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Len & Louis Shenkin; npc Jim Fergusson	<b>Win</b> <b>+49mps</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 3/3/56 County Down	Harry Cohen/Louis Rose; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson; npc Jack Watson	<b>Tie</b> (-6mps)
1956-57	<b>Wales</b> , 1/12/56 Rhyl	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc Hugh Kennedy	<b>Win</b> <b>2-0</b>
<b>England 6</b> Scotland 4 NI 1 Wales 1	<b>N Ireland</b> , 19/1/57 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc Hugh Kennedy	<b>Win</b> <b>2-0</b>
	England, 2/2/57 Blackpool	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc Hugh Kennedy	Lose 0-2
1957-58	England, 16/11/57 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc David Skinner	Lose 0-2
<b>England 6</b> Scotland 3 Wales 3 NI 0	<b>Wales</b> , 11/1/58 Edinburgh	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc David Skinner	<b>Tie</b> (-1imp)
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 8/3/58	Jimmy Allan/Galloway Shearer; Victor Goldberg/George Jesner Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> <b>2-0</b>
1958-59	N Ireland, 8/11/58 Edinburgh	Jimmy Allan/Galloway Shearer; Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell Jean Macnair/Ronald Manson; npc David Skinner	Lose 2-4
<b>England 16</b> Scotland 9 NI 4 Wales 1	England, 17/1/59 Norwich	Bob Forbes/John MacLaren; Joe Gerber/David Landa Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc Hugh Kennedy	Lose 2-4
	<b>Wales</b> , 28/2/59 Porthcawl	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc Bill Johnston	<b>Win</b> <b>5-1</b>
1959-60	<b>Wales</b> , 14/11/59 Glasgow	Harry & Sol Barnett; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Sammy Stein/Archie Winetrobe; npc Clement Ellis	<b>Tie</b> 3-3
<b>England 16</b> Scotland 11 Wales 3 NI 0	<b>N Ireland</b> , 16/1/60 Belfast	Bob Forbes/John MacLaren; Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson; Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> <b>6-0</b>
	England, 20/2/60 Edinburgh	Bob Forbes/John MacLaren; Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson Victor Goldberg/George Jesner; npc David Skinner	Lose 2-4

# SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION

1960-61	England, 12/11/60 Oxford	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson; npc Bill Wilson	Lose 2-4
<b>England 13</b> Scotland 11 NI 6 Wales 6	<b>Wales</b> , 21/1/ 61 Newport	Jimmy Allan/Galloway Shearer; Sam Leckie/Walter Linderman Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; npc Clement Ellis	<b>Win</b> 5-1
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 18/2/61 Dundee	Jimmy Allan/Galloway Shearer; Bob Forbes/John MacLaren Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 4-2
1961-62	<b>N Ireland</b> , 18/11/61 Larne	Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson; Joe Gerber/David Landa Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 14-4
<b>England 48</b> Scotland 27 NI 26 Wales 7	England, 20/1/62 Glasgow	Bob Forbes/John MacLaren; Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson Joe Gerber/David Landa; npc David Skinner	Lose 2-16
	<b>Wales</b> , 17/2/62 Edinburgh	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Sandy Bremner/Bruno Serafini Bob Forbes/John MacLaren; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 11-7
1962-63	<b>Wales</b> , 17/11/62 Newport	Harry & Sol Barnett; Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson Tom Lamb/Archie Winetrobe; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 14-4
<b>England 46</b> Scotland 24 NI 20 Wales 18	N Ireland, 19/1/63 Glasgow	Hugh Fraser/John Stevenson; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie Tom Lamb/Archie Winetrobe; npc David Skinner	Lose 6-12
	England, 16/2/63 Ilkley	Jimmy Allan/Galloway Shearer; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie Len & Louis Shenkin; npc Tommy Porteous	Lose 4-14
1963-64	<b>England</b> , 16/11/63 Edinburgh	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie George Jesner/John MacLaren; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 15-3
<b>Scotland 38</b> England 32 Wales 26 N Ireland 12	Wales, 18/1/64 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie George Jesner/John MacLaren; npc David Skinner	Lose 8-10
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 29/2/64 Larne	Albert Benjamin/Louis Mitchell; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie Tom Lamb/Archie Winetrobe; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 15-3
1964-65	<b>N Ireland</b> , 21/11/64 Edinburgh	Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; Tom Lamb/Archie Winetrobe John MacLaren/Bill Whyte; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 13-5
<b>Scotland 43</b> Wales 27 England 20 N Ireland 18	<b>England</b> , 16/1/65 Blackpool	Harry & Sol Barnett; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren /Bill Whyte; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 15-3
	<b>Wales</b> , 20/2/65 Prestatyn	Harry & Sol Barnett; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren /Bill Whyte; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 15-3
1965-66	<b>Wales</b> , 20/11/65 Aberdeen	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie Tom Lamb/Archie Winetrobe; npc David Skinner	<b>Win</b> 12-6
<b>England 36</b> N Ireland 29 Scotland 22 Wales 21	N Ireland, 22/1/66	Harry & Sol Barnett; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc David Skinner	Lose 4-14
	England, 19/2/66 Glasgow	Albert Benjamin/Willie Coyle; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren /Bill Whyte; npc David Skinner	Lose 6-12
1966-67	<b>England</b> , 19/11/66 Norwich	Harry & Sol Barnett; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 11-7
<b>Scotland 39</b> England 38 NI 17 Wales 14	<b>Wales</b> , 21/1/67 Pontypridd	Harry & Sol Barnett; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 12-6
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 11/2/67 Dundee	Harry & Sol Barnett; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 16-2
1967-68	<b>N Ireland</b> , 18/11/67 Belfast	Harry & Sol Barnett; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 13-5
<b>England 37</b> Scotland 32 N Ireland 23 Wales 16	England, 20/1/68 Edinburgh	Harry & Sol Barnett; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc Albert Benjamin	Lose 7-11
	<b>Wales</b> , 17/2/68 Glasgow	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 12-6
1968-69	<b>Wales</b> , 16/11/68 Porthcawl	Carl Dickel/Bill Mitchell; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 13-5
<b>England 35</b> Scotland 33 N Ireland 25 Wales 15	<b>N Ireland</b> , 18/1/69 Edinburgh	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 10-8
	<b>England</b> , 15/2/69 Newcastle	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 10-8
1969-70	England, 15/11/69 Glasgow	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Ian Morrison/Jack Paterson; npc Albert Benjamin	Lose 6-12
<b>Scotland 36</b> England 35 NI 20 Wales 17	<b>Wales</b> , 17/1/70 Edinburgh	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Ian Morrison/Jack Paterson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 13-5
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 21/2/70 Larne	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Ian Morrison/Jack Paterson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> 17-1

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1970-71	<b>N Ireland</b> , 21/11/70 Glasgow	Raymond Brock/Sam Leckie; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone John MacLaren/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>14-4</b>
<b>Scotland 36</b> England 35 Wales 20 N Ireland 17	England, 16/1/71 Manchester	Raymond Brock/Sam Leckie; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone John MacLaren/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	Lose 10-8
	<b>Wales</b> , 20/2/71 Cardiff	Raymond Brock/Sam Leckie; Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone John MacLaren/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>14-4</b>
1971-72	<b>Wales</b> , 20/11/71 Falkirk	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Sam Leckie/Martin Jacobs Raymond Brock/David Mills; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>12-6</b>
<b>Scotland 32</b> <b>England 32</b> NI 29 Wales 15	<b>N Ireland</b> , 15/1/72 Perth	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; John MacLaren/Bill Mitchell Ian Morrison/Jack Paterson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>11-7</b>
	<b>England</b> , 19/2/72 Edinburgh	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Victor Goldberg/Sam Leckie John MacLaren/Bill Mitchell; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Tie</b> <b>9-9</b>
1972-73	England, 18/11/72 York	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; John MacLaren/Bill Mitchell Victor Goldberg/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	Lose 11-25
<b>Scotland 75</b> <b>England 75</b> Wales 38 N Ireland 28	<b>Wales</b> , 20/1/73 Swansea	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short George Cuthbertson/Barnet Shenkin; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>31-5</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 17/2/73 Aberdeen	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short George Cuthbertson/Barnet Shenkin; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>33-3</b>
1973-74	<b>N Ireland</b> , 17/11/73 Renfrew	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Gerald Haase/Michael Rosenberg; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>27-9</b>
<b>Scotland 74</b> England 66 Wales 43 N Ireland 33	<b>England</b> , 19/1/74 Glasgow	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Gerald Haase/Michael Rosenberg; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Tie</b> <b>18-18</b>
	<b>Wales</b> , 16/2/74 Edinburgh	Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; Tom Culbertson/Hugh Kelsey Victor Goldberg/John Matheson; npc Albert Benjamin	<b>Win</b> <b>29-7</b>
1974-75	<b>Wales</b> , 16/11/74 Wrexham	Raymond Brock/Victor Goldberg; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>28-8</b>
<b>England 78</b> Scotland 77 Wales 45 NI 16	<b>N Ireland</b> , 25/1/75 Ayr	Raymond Brock/Victor Goldberg; John Matheson/Iain Thomson Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>35-1</b>
	England, 15/2/75 Carlisle	Raymond Brock/Victor Goldberg; John Matheson/Iain Thomson Willie Coyle/Victor Silverstone; npc Sol Barnett	Lose 14-22
1975-76	England, 17/1/76 Edinburgh	Willie Coyle/John Matheson; Tom Culbertson/John MacLaren Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett	Lose 15-21
<b>Scotland 74</b> England 62 Wales 42 N Ireland 38	<b>Wales</b> , 21/2/76 Bridge of Allan	Willie Coyle/John Matheson; Tom Culbertson/John MacLaren Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>25-11</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 20/3/76 Gatehouse of Fleet	Tom Culbertson/John MacLaren; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>34-2</b>
1976-77	<b>N Ireland</b> , 15/1/77 Glasgow	Tom Culbertson/John MacLaren; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
<b>Scotland 67</b> England 63 Wales 47 N Ireland 39	England, 19/2/77 Newcastle	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; Victor Goldberg/ Patrick Jourdain Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett	Lose 17-19
	<b>Wales</b> , 19/3/77 Cardiff	Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; Victor Goldberg/ Patrick Jourdain Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>26-10</b>
1977-78	<b>Wales</b> , 21/1/78 Glasgow	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; npc Sol Barnett	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
<b>England 85</b> N Ireland 56 Scotland 43 Wales 32	N Ireland, 18/2/78 Larne	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Tom Culbertson/John MacLaren; npc Sol Barnett	Lose 13-23
	England, 18/3/78 Perth	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Tom Culbertson/John MacLaren Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; npc Sol Barnett	Lose 6-30
1978-79	England, 27/1/79 Birmingham	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle; npc Charlie Bowman	Lose 17-19
<b>Scotland 77</b> England 76 N Ireland 38 Wales 25	<b>Wales</b> , 17/2/79 Cardiff	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>29-7</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 17/3/79 Edinburgh	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>31-5</b>
1979-80	N Ireland, 19/1/80 Larne	Derek Diamond/David Finestone; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Charlie Bowman	Lose 15-21
<b>England 67</b> Scotland 58 Wales 51 N Ireland 40	<b>England</b> , 9/2/80 Erskine	George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase; Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin Derek Diamond/David Finestone; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>22-14</b>
	<b>Wales</b> , 16/3/80 Perth	George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase; Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin; Derek Diamond/David Finestone; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>21-15</b>

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1980-81	<b>Wales</b> , 17/1/81 Llangollen	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>19-17</b>
<b>England</b> 64 Wales 61 Scotland 53 N Ireland 38	<b>N Ireland</b> , 14/2/81 Perth	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; Richard Benstead/Milos Sudjic George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>19-17</b>
	England, 21/3/81 Gatwick	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; Victor Goldberg/Barnet Shenkin Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle; npc Charlie Bowman	Lose 15-21
1981-82	<b>England</b> , 16/1/82 Aberdeen	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Tie</b> <b>18-18</b>
<b>England</b> 76 Scotland 74 N Ireland 33 Wales 33	<b>Wales</b> , 13/2/82 Dumfries	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>32-4</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 20/3/82 Larne	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
1982-83	<b>N Ireland</b> , 15/1 /83 Renfrew	Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin; George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle; npc Victor Goldberg	<b>Win</b> <b>21-15</b>
<b>England</b> 77 Scotland 60 N Ireland 41 Wales 38	England, 12/2/83 Gateshead	Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle; npc Victor Goldberg	Lose 15-21
	<b>Wales</b> , 19/3/83 Cowbridge	George Cuthbertson/Gerald Haase; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; Donald Denoon/Ross Woodburn; npc Victor Goldberg	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
1983-84	<b>Wales</b> , 14/1/84 Perth	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Richard Benstead/Tom Culbertson Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin; npc Victor Goldberg	<b>Win</b> <b>26-10</b>
<b>England</b> 80 Scotland 65 Wales 38 N Ireland 31	<b>N Ireland</b> , 11/2/84 Belfast	Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson; Richard Benstead/Tom Culbertson Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin; npc Victor Goldberg	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
	England, 17/3/84 Falkirk	Richard Benstead/Tom Culbertson; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin; npc Victor Goldberg	Lose 15-19
1984-85	England, 19/1/85 Nottingham	Jimmie Arthur/Derek Diamond; Sandy Duncan/Brian Short George Cuthbertson/Victor Goldberg; npc Bill Mitchell	Lose 11-25
<b>England</b> 88 Scotland 59 N Ireland 38 Wales 31	<b>Wales</b> , 9/2/85 Wentloog	Roy Bennett/Bill Mitchell; Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle George Cuthbertson/Victor Goldberg; npc Charlie Bowman	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 16/3/95 Perth	Jimmie Arthur/Derek Diamond; Willie Coyle/Barnet Shenkin Sandy Duncan/Brian Short; npc Bill Mitchell	<b>Win</b> <b>24-12</b>
1985-86	N Ireland, 18/1/86 Belfast	Jimmie Arthur/Derek Diamond; Bill Innes/Finlay Marshall Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Charlie Bowman	Lose 40-50
<b>England</b> 189 Scotland 120 N Ireland 117 Wales 103	England, 8/2/86, Glasgow	Jimmie Arthur/Derek Diamond; Hugh Kelsey/John McMonagle Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Charlie Bowman	Lose 42-48
	Wales, 15/3/86 Falkirk	Bill Innes/Finlay Marshall; Vi Mitchell(Outred)/Charles Outred Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Charlie Bowman	Lose 38-48
1986-87	<b>Wales</b> , 17/1/87 Saundersfoot	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; Vi Mitchell(Outred)/Charles Outred Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> <b>55-30</b>
<b>England</b> 148 N Ireland 146 Scotland 129 Wales 108	N Ireland, 21/2/87 Aberdeen	Jimmie Arthur/Derek Diamond; Roy Bennett/Les Steel Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Bill Mitchell	Lose 44-46
	England, 21/3/87 Norwich	Jimmie Arthur/Derek Diamond; Roy Bennett/Les Steel Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Bill Mitchell	Lose 30-56
1987-88	England, 16/1/88 Perth	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; Bill Innes/Finlay Marshall Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Bill Mitchell	Lose 29-59
<b>England</b> 188 Scotland 135 N Ireland 108 Wales 92	Wales, 20/2/88 Edinburgh	Jimmie Arthur/Danny Kane; Roy Bennett/Les Steel Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Bill Mitchell	Lose 44-46
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 19/3/88 Enniskillen	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc John MacLaren	<b>Win</b> <b>62-27</b>
1988-89	N Ireland, 21/1/89 Dumfries	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat Ian Howie/John Murdoch; npc John MacLaren	Lose 41-49
<b>Scotland</b> 159 England 144 Wales 120 N Ireland 105	<b>England</b> , 11/2/89 Nottingham	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Sam Leckie	<b>Win</b> <b>59-31</b>
	<b>Wales</b> , 18/3/89 Porthcawl	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat Barnet Shenkin/Victor Silverstone; npc Sam Leckie	<b>Win</b> <b>59-28</b>
1989-90	<b>Wales</b> , 20/1/90 Aberdeen	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat John Murdoch/Charles Outred; npc Sam Leckie	<b>Win</b> <b>52-38</b>
<b>England</b> 173 N Ireland 139 Scotland 124 Wales 89	N Ireland, 17/2/90 Ballymena	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat John Murdoch/Charles Outred; npc Sam Leckie	Lose 44-46
	England, 17/3/90 Edinburgh	Roy Bennett/Les Steel; David Frew/David Liggat John Murdoch/Charles Outred; npc Sam Leckie	Lose 28-59



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1990-91	<b>N Ireland</b> , 19/1/91 Troon	Jim Baird/Brian Spears; John Murdoch/Charles Outred Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc Sam Leckie	<b>Win</b> 49-41
<b>England</b> 203 Scotland 126 N Ireland 108 Wales 91	<b>Wales</b> , 16/2/91 Anglesey	Jim Baird/Brian Spears; Ken Baxter/Jack Paterson Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 47-43
	England, 16/3/91 Norwich	David Frew/David Liggat; John Murdoch/Charles Outred Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc Sam Leckie	Lose 30-60
1991-92	<b>N Ireland</b> , 18/1/92 Dunadry	James Forbes/Jack Silverstone; Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel Vi Mitchell* /Charles Outred; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 55-35
<b>England</b> 165 Scotland 136 Wales 120 N Ireland 108	England, 15/2/92 Glasgow	James Forbes/Jack Silverstone; Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel Vi Mitchell* /Charles Outred; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 27-57
	<b>Wales</b> , 21/3/92 Aberdeen	James Forbes/Jack Silverstone; David Frew/David Liggat Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> 54-31
1992-93	Wales, 5/12/92 Porthcawl	Roy Bennett/Dave Walker; James Forbes/Jack Silverstone Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc John Maclaren	Lose 41-48
<b>England</b> 163 Wales 127 Scotland 124 N Ireland 109	<b>N Ireland</b> , 16/1/93 Perth	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; James Forbes/Jack Silverstone; Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc Richard Jarvis	<b>Win</b> 54-34
	England, 27/2/93 Winchester	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; James Forbes/Jack Silverstone; Barnet Shenkin/Les Steel; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 29-47
1993-94	<b>England</b> , 4/12/93 Aberdeen	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; James Forbes/Les Steel; Victor Goldberg/John Matheson; npc Bill Innes	<b>Win</b> 48-42
<b>England</b> 156 Scotland 147 Wales 137 N Ireland 93	<b>Wales</b> , 15/1/94 Troon	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; James Forbes/Les Steel; Victor Goldberg/John Matheson; npc Bill Innes	<b>Win</b> 61-29
	N Ireland, 26/2/94 Dunadry	Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; James Forbes/Les Steel; Victor Goldberg/John Matheson; npc Bill Innes	Lose 38-52
1994-95	N Ireland, 3/12/94 Perth	James Forbes/Les Steel; Jim Hay/John Simpson; Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Roy Bennett	Lose 44-46
<b>England</b> 187 Scotland 140 N Ireland 101 Wales 96	England, 21/1/95 Norwich	James Forbes/Les Steel; Victor Goldberg/John Matheson Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 41-49
	<b>Wales</b> , 25/2/95 Newport	James Forbes/Les Steel; Jim Hay/John Simpson Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 55-35
1995-96	<b>Wales</b> , 2/12/95 Aberdeen	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Matheson/Les Steel Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> 57-33
<b>Scotland</b> 162 England 151 Wales 117 N Ireland 103	<b>N Ireland</b> , 20/1/96 Dunadry	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Matheson/Les Steel Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 68-22
	England, 23/2/96 Edinburgh	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Matheson/Les Steel Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 37-51
1996-97	v England, 7/12/96 Stockton-on-Tees	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Matheson/Les Steel John Murdoch/Dave Walker; npc Roy Bennett	Lose 42-48
<b>England</b> 167 Scotland 140 N Ireland 129 Wales 103	<b>Wales</b> , 18/1/97 Porthcawl	Miro Dragic/Ken Rae; John Matheson/Les Steel John Murdoch/Dave Walker; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 53-37
	v N Ireland, 22/2/97 Worcester	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Matheson/Les Steel John Murdoch/Dave Walker; npc Jimmie Arthur	Tie 45-45
1997-98	<b>N Ireland</b> , 6/12/97 Dunadry	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 55-5
<b>Scotland</b> 128 England 116 Wales 74 N Ireland 38	<b>Wales</b> , 17/1/98 Kinross	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 42-18
	<b>England</b> , 28/2/98 Glasgow	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> 31-29
1998-99	<b>N Ireland</b> , 16/1/99 Aberdeen	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Roy Bennett	<b>Win</b> 48-12
<b>England</b> 171 Scotland 126 Ireland 119 Wales 102½; N Ireland 81	Wales, 6/2/99 Dumfries	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc David Frew	Lose 23-37
	England, 27/2/99 Norwich	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 20-40
	<b>Republic of Ireland</b> Delgaty, 27/3/99	John Matheson/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc John Maclaren	<b>Win</b> 35-25
1999-00	Wales, 3/12/99 Llandudno,	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Matheson/Les Steel John Murdoch/Dave Walker; npc Malcolm Cuthbertson	Lose 34-56
<b>Ireland</b> 218 Wales 213 Scotland 163 England 158 N Ireland 144	<b>England</b> , 5/2/00 Dundee	Derek Diamond/Miro Dragic; John Matheson/Les Steel John Murdoch/Dave Walker; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> 56-34
	Republic of Ireland Fenwick, 26/2/00	Derek Diamond/Miro Dragic; John Matheson/Les Steel John Murdoch/Dave Walker; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 37-53
	N Ireland, 25/3/00 Belfast	Sandy Duncan/Douglas Piper; John Murdoch/Dave Walker Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Les Steel	Lose 36-54

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2000-01  <b>England 232</b> Scotland 195 Wales 170 Ireland 113 N Ireland 87	<b>Wales</b> , 2/12/00 Aberdeen	John Murdoch/Dave Walker; Jack Paterson/Brian Short Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Les Steel	<b>Win</b> <b>61-28</b>
	<b>England</b> , 6/1/01 Hove	John Murdoch/Dave Walker; Jack Paterson/Brian Short Les Steel/Willie Whittaker; npc Malcolm Cuthbertson	<b>Tie</b> <b>45-45</b>
	<b>Republic of Ireland</b> Knock, 3/2/01	Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; Jack Paterson/Brian Short Les Steel/Willie Whittaker; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> <b>47-43</b>
	N Ireland, 24/2/01 Stirling	John Murdoch/Dave Walker; Les Steel/Willie Whittaker Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Richard Jarvis	Lose 42-48
2001-02  <b>England 233</b> Wales 205 Ireland 179 Scotland 158 N Ireland 114	<b>England</b> , 1/12/01 Irvine	John Murdoch/Dave Walker; Les Steel/Willie Whittaker Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Roy Bennett	<b>Win</b> <b>49-41</b>
	Republic of Ireland Dumfries, 5/1/02	Jack Paterson/Brian Short; Les Steel/Willie Whittaker Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 37-53
	N Ireland, 2/2/02 Belfast	John Murdoch/Dave Walker; Jack Paterson/Brian Short Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 39-51
	Wales, 9/3/02 Newport	Derek Diamond/Miro Dragic; Irving Gordon/Victor Goldberg Malcolm Cuthbertson/John Matheson; npc Ian Crorie2002-03	Lose 33-57
2002-03  <b>England 225</b> Scotland 181 N Ireland 166 Ireland 161 Wales 161	<b>N Ireland</b> , 30/11/02 East Kilbride,	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; Willie Coyle/John Matheson Victor Goldberg/Gerald Haase; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> <b>51-39</b>
	Wales, 1/2/03 Edinburgh	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; Willie Coyle/John Matheson James McGeorge/Les Steel; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 43-45
	<b>England</b> , 22/2/03 Oxford	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; Willie Coyle/John Matheson James McGeorge/Les Steel; npc Jimmie Arthur	<b>Win</b> <b>49-39</b>
	Republic of Ireland Dublin, 8/3/03	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; Willie Coyle/John Matheson James McGeorge/Les Steel; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 38-52
2003-04 <b>England 239½</b> Wales 183 Ireland 182 Scotland 148 N Ireland 135	Wales, 6/12/03 Newport	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; James McGeorge/Les Steel John Murdoch/Douglas Piper; npc Jimmie Arthur	Lose 34-56
	Republic of Ireland Dumfries, 10/1/04	Miro Dragic/Victor Goldberg; James McGeorge/Les Steel Derek Sanders/Iain Sime; npc Jack Paterson	Lose 43-47
	<b>N Ireland</b> , 7/2/04 Ballymena	John Matheson/Jim Patrick; John Murdoch/Douglas Piper Derek Sanders/Iain Sime; npc Finlay Marshall	<b>Win</b> <b>59-31</b>
	England, 6/3/04 Dundee	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; John Matheson/Jim Patrick John Murdoch/Douglas Piper; npc Jack Paterson	Lose 12-72
2004-05 <b>Ireland 142</b> Scotland 140 N Ireland 116 England 106 Wales 94	7-9/1/2005 East Kilbride	Ken Baxter/Liz McGowan; James McGeorge/Les Steel Malcolm Cuthbertson/Dave Walker; npc Jack Paterson	<b>England 35-25</b> Ireland 28-30
	4-6/3/2005 Ballymena	James McGeorge/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Douglas Piper Malcolm Cuthbertson/Dave Walker; npc Jack Paterson	<b>N Ireland 45-15</b> <b>Wales ; 32-28</b>
2005-06 <b>Ireland 140</b> Wales 129 N Ireland 117 England 115 Scotland 97	6-8/1/2006 Dublin	John Matheson/Brian Short; Derek Sanders/Iain Sime Alex & Tony Wilkinson; npc Jack Paterson	Wales, 23-37 N Ireland 11-47
	3-5/3/2006 Newport	James McGeorge/Les Steel; John Matheson/Brian Short Derek Sanders/Iain Sime; npc Jack Paterson	England, 26-34 <b>Ireland 37-23</b>
2006-07 <b>Ireland 199</b> England 171 Wales 155 Scotland 131 CBAI 127 N Ireland 109	5-7/1/2007 Oxford	James McGeorge/Les Steel; Charles & Vi Outred Malcolm Cuthbertson/ Dave Walker; npc Jack Paterson	England 25-35 Ireland 10-48 <b>N Ireland 42-18</b>
	2-4/3/2007 Aberdeen	James McGeorge/Les Steel; Charles & Vi Outred Malcolm Cuthbertson/Dave Walker; npc Jack Paterson	<b>Wales 30-30</b> CBAI 24-36
2007-08 <b>Ireland 186</b> England 176 Wales 168 Scotland 138 CBAI 126 N Ireland 93	11-13/1/2008 Belfast	Mike Ash/Liz McGowan; John Murdoch/Douglas Piper Jack Paterson/Brian Short; npc Malcolm Cuthbertson	England 23-37 Ireland 26-34 N Ireland 29-31
	7-9/1/08 Dublin	James McGeorge/Les Steel; John Murdoch/Douglas Piper Jack Paterson/Brian Short; npc Liz McGowan	Wales 23-37 <b>CBAI 36-24</b>

## Scotland's Lady Milne Teams

The records are incomplete. In the early years the Lady Milne was often organised too late in the season for dates and venues to be publicised in advance, and it received little coverage in the press. Sometimes the order in which the teams finished is known, but not the actual scores. Team names in *italics* are the winners of the Bulletin Cup who thus became eligible to play. The presumption is that they did play, but we have been unable to confirm this.

Year	Venue/date	Team + Result
1950	London 13-14 May	<b>Isobel Davidson/Margaret Porteous (pc); Faie Irvine/Ella Donaldson</b> <b>Scotland 2.5; England 1.5; Wales 1; Eire 0</b>
1951		Mildred MacPhee/Helen Laird; Jean Stuart/Agnes Scott <b>England</b>
1952	7-8 June	<i>Elsie Jack/ Miss A McKay; Mrs G Bannerman/ Mrs E Hunter</i> England 2; Wales 1; Scotland 0
1953	London	No Scottish team sent
1954		<i>Mrs AL Ellsworth/ Mrs K Alexander; Mrs J Carlisle/ Mrs A Reid</i>
1955		<i>Mrs G Dowdall/Mrs B French; Mrs M Bell/Mrs R Henderson</i>
1956	Glasgow 6-7 October	<b>Mrs K Alexander/Mrs AL Ellsworth; Mrs A Reid/Mrs A J Carlisle;</b> <b>Judy Benjamin/Isobel Davidson (invited 3<sup>rd</sup> pair)</b> <b>Scotland 4; England 3; Wales 1</b>
1957	Belfast 1-2 November	Mrs F McCarroll/Mrs M Fleming; Mrs I A Rennie/Mrs J Stewart; Mrs A Ellsworth/ Mrs K Alexander (invited 3 <sup>rd</sup> pair); npc Hugh Kennedy <b>England; Wales; N Ireland; Scotland</b>
1958		<i>Isobel Davidson/Margaret Porteous; Jean Macnair/ Evelyn Smith</i>
1959		<i>Isobel Davidson/Margaret Porteous; Jean Macnair/Evelyn Smith</i> England; Wales; Scotland 2; N Ireland 0
1960	Glasgow 28-29 May	Judy Benjamin/Bessie Elston; Mrs A Jacobs/Flora Jacobs (later Frischmann) Isobel Davidson/ Margaret Porteous (invited 3 <sup>rd</sup> pair); npc Louis Mitchell England 5; Wales 4; Scotland 2; N Ireland 1
1961	N Ireland	<i>Agnes Johnston/Ann Harkins; May Wilkie/Bess McIntosh</i>
1962	Folkestone 13-14 June	Mrs JWFerguson/ Mrs JBMowat; Mrs KCBarr/Mrs H Thomson
1963	Wales	Mrs JWFerguson/Mrs JBMowat; Mrs KCBarr/Mrs H Thomson
1964	Edinburgh 6-7 June	Evelyn Smith/Mrs M D Stevenson; Mrs Beaton/Miss M Horgan England 6; Wales 4; Scotland 2; N Ireland 0
1965	Larne	Betty Grant(pc)/Janette Scott; Jenny Fulton/Nan Mathew England 12; Wales 11; Scotland 10; N Ireland 3
1966	England	Evelyn Smith/Mrs MDStevenson; Mrs MCBeaton/Miss MHorgan England 15; Scotland 8; Wales 8; N Ireland 5
1967	Wales	Bessie Dalziell/Mrs A Jacobs; Ruth Breene/Bessie Elston; Judy Benjamin (invited 5 <sup>th</sup> player); npc Bob Frischmann <b>Wales 12; England 10; N Ireland 7; Scotland 7</b>
1968	Scotland 22-23 June	Judy Benjamin/Jean Macnair; Isobel Davidson/Margaret Porteous Morag Davidson (invited 5 <sup>th</sup> player) <b>Wales 15; Scotland 14; England 4; N Ireland 3</b>
1969	Newcastle, County Down 16-17 May	Margaret Chalmers/Phil Robertson; Morag Davidson/Molly Reid (Runners-up in Bulletin Cup: winners unavailable) England 12; Wales 11; N Ireland 10; Scotland 3
1970	Scarborough 23-24 May	Rena Currie/Anne Glen; Helen Craig/Edie Fisher
1971	Wales 5-6 June	Judy Benjamin/Agnes Johnston; Isobel Davidson/Margaret Porteous Jean Macnair (invited 5 <sup>th</sup> player) England 17; Scotland 11; Wales 6; N Ireland 2
1972	Dumfries 3-4 June	Marjorie Moncrieff/Margaret Haldane; Eileen Drever/Betty Millet (Bulletin Cup) Beatrice Copson/Grace Uprichard (invited 3 <sup>rd</sup> pair) England 13; Scotland 11; N Ireland 10; Wales 2
1973	Scarborough 2-3 June	Rena Currie/Anne Glen; Sheila McCreath/Margaret Will; npc Bobby Muir England; Wales; N Ireland; Scotland
1974	Porthcawl 1-2 June	Judy Benjamin/Jean Macnair; Bessie Dalziell/Flora Frischmann Janie Milligan/Binah Peyton-Brown; (Bulletin Cup Winners + one pair from runners-up) npc Ian Morrison; England 32; N Ireland 23; Scotland 9; Wales 8

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1975	Perth	Rena Currie/Anne Glen; Dorothy Jesner/Morag Malcolm Ruby Martyn/Mary Orr; npc Ian Morrison England 29; Wales 19; N Ireland 18; Scotland 6
1976	Bristol 19-20 June	Iris Bukowska/Beatrice Copson; Dorothy Jesner/Morag Malcolm; Ruby Martyn/Mary Orr; npc Ian Morrison England 32; N Ireland 24; Wales 10; Scotland 6
1977	Llangollen 14-15 May	Judy Benjamin/Jean Macnair; Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay Sheila McCreath/Margaret Will; npc Charlie Bowman England 31; Scotland 17; N Ireland 13; Wales 11
1978	Dumfries 3-4 June	Margaret Alexander/Margaret Gall; Dorothy Jesner/Morag Malcolm Liz McGowan/Isobel Traill; npc Charlie Bowman England 35; N Ireland 18; Scotland 16; Wales 3
1979	Larne 2-3 June	Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay; Morag Davidson/Molly Reid Pam Kissen/Morag Malcolm; npc Charlie Bowman England 26; Wales 21; N Ireland 17; Scotland 8
1980	Sheffield 7-8 June	<b>Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay; Marion Hill/Jennifer Monahan Pam Kissen/Morag Malcolm; npc Charlie Bowman Scotland 65; England 59; Wales 47; N Ireland 45</b>
1981	Sandersfoot 6-7 June	Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay; Pam Kissen/Morag Malcolm Vi Mitchell*/Bridie Power; npc Charlie Bowman <b>N Ireland 64; England 56; Wales 56; Scotland 40</b>
1982	Peebles 5-6 June	Margaret Gall/Nancy Miller; Marion Hill/Jennifer Monahan Liz McGowan/Isobel Traill; npc Bill Mitchell England 71; Scotland 63; Wales 48; N Ireland 34
1983	Temple Patrick, N Ireland 4-5 June	Margaret Gall/Nancy Miller; Liz McGowan/Isobel Traill Pam Kissen/Morag Malcolm; npc Bill Mitchell England 68; Scotland 52; Wales 50; N Ireland 46
1984	Oxford 2-3 June	<b>Jill Arthur/ Pam Kissen; Marion Hill/Jennifer Monahan Frances Murphy/Betty Stevenson; npc Charlie Bowman Scotland 61; England 57; N Ireland 55; Wales 41</b>
1985	North Berwick 1-2 June	Maida Grant/Bridie Power; Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson Liz McGowan/ Morag Malcolm; npc Charlie Bowman N Ireland 67; England 61; Wales 45; Scotland 43
1986	Cardiff 7-8 June	<b>Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay; Marion Hill/Jennifer Monahan Liz McGowan/Morag Malcolm; npc Bill Mitchell Scotland 165; England 143; Wales 124; N Ireland 108</b>
1987	Dunadry 6-7 June	Margaret Alexander/Jenny Steel; Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson Liz McGowan/Morag Malcolm; npc Bill Mitchell England 159; N Ireland 144; Scotland 123; Wales 111
1988	Sudbury 4-5 June	Margaret Alexander/Jenny Steel; Marion Hill/ Morag Malcolm Liz McGowan/Bridie Power; npc Bill Mitchell <b>Wales 172; Scotland 133; England 131; N Ireland 104</b>
1989	Glasgow 3-4 June	Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay; Eileen Caldwell/Helen Kane Liz McGowan/Vi Outred; npc Jimmy Baird England 161; Scotland 133; Wales 131; N Ireland 114
1990	Sandersfoot 2-3 June	Eileen Caldwell/Helen Kane; Kathy Copley/Carolyn Peploe Catherine Gerrard/Pam Kissen; npc Jimmie Arthur England 172; Wales 135; N Ireland 133; Scotland 98
1991	Dunadry 1-2 June	Margaret Alexander/Morag Malcolm; Catherine Gerrard/Pam Kissen Helen Kane/Liz McGowan; npc Jimmie Arthur England 165; Scotland 159; N Ireland 116; Wales 98
1992	Nottingham 6-7 June	<b>Margaret Alexander/Morag Malcolm; Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay Helen Kane/Liz McGowan; npc Jimmie Arthur Scotland 202½; England 191; N Ireland 162; Wales 158½</b>
1993	Polmont 5-6 June	Joyce Benson/Barbara Kay; Helen Kane/Liz McGowan Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson; npc Jimmie Arthur England 215; Scotland 175; N Ireland 161; Wales 158
1994	Gateway to Wales 4-5 June	<b>Catherine Gerrard/Liz McGowan; Ursula Harper/Vi Outred Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson; npc Jimmie Arthur Scotland 217; England 189; N Ireland 161; Wales 146</b>
1995	Dunadry 3-4 June	Catherine Gerrard/Liz McGowan; Helen Kane/Vi Outred Sheila Macdonald/Muriel Robertson; npc Jimmie Arthur England 200; Scotland 184; N Ireland 177; Wales 153



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1996	Cheltenham 1-2 June	Veronica Guy/Joan Mercer; Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker Briony Multon/Bronwen Wheatley; npc Jimmie Arthur England 150; Scotland 144; N Ireland 130; Wales 117
1997	Glasgow 6-7 June	Eileen Caldwell/Bridie Power; Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker Briony Multon/Bronwen Wheatley; npc Jimmie Arthur England 170; Wales 128; N Ireland 124; Scotland 113
1998	Newport 5-7 June	Veronica Guy/Carolyn Peploe; Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker Anne Martin/Joan Mercer; npc Ian Crorie England 122; Ireland 89; Scotland 68; N Ireland 62; Wales 58
1999	Dunadry 4-6 June	Margaret Alexander/Vi Outred; Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Ian Crorie England 159; Wales 127; Scotland 116; N Ireland 101; Ireland 99
2000	Eastbourne 2-4 June	Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald; Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Briony Multon England 155; Scotland 131; Wales 127
2001	Dublin 1-3 June	Margaret Alexander/Vi Outred; Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald Catherine Gerrard/Anne McGeagh; npc Donald Denoon England 161; Scotland 135; N Ireland 114; Wales 108; Ireland 81
2002	Aberdeen 31 May - 1 June	Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald; Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker Anne Martin/Joan Mercer; npc Briony Multon England 138; Scotland 137; Ireland 125; N Ireland 101; Wales 92
2003	Cardiff 6-8 June	Michele Alexander/Joyce Benson; Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Richard Jarvis England 155; Ireland 130; Scotland 116; Wales 112; N Ireland 82
2004	Ballymena 16-18 April	<b>Jill Arthur/Sheila Macdonald; Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Donald Denoon Scotland 143; England 137; Wales 119; Ireland 113; N Ireland 88</b>
2005	Manchester 15-17 April	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin; Diana Gerrard/Sam Punch Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Brian Short England 161; Ireland 122; Wales 121; Scotland 108; N Ireland 83
2006	Ballymena 14-16 April	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin; Maida Grant/Sheila Macdonald Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Brian Short England 163; Scotland 140; Ireland 114; N Ireland 100; Wales 78
2007	Newport 13-15 April	<b>Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin; Maida Grant/Sheila Macdonald Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Brian Short Scotland 136; England 131; Wales 117; Ireland 111; N Ireland 101</b>
2008	Dundee 11-13 April	Sheila Adamson/Anne Martin; Veronica Guy/Sam Punch Liz McGowan/Fiona McQuaker; npc Brian Short England 154; Scotland 148; N Ireland 113; Ireland 101; Wales 79

## Junior Camrose Teams

Year	Venue	Team + Result
1971	Glasgow	<b>George Cuthbertson/Derek Diamond; Sandy Duncan/Barnet Shenkin Cameron McClatchie/David Shenkin; npc Charlie Bowman Scotland 17; England 10; Wales 5; N Ireland 4</b>
1972	Bradford	<b>George Cuthbertson/Derek Diamond; Sandy Duncan/Barnet Shenkin Cameron McClatchie/David Shenkin; npc Hugh Kelsey Scotland 11; England 11; Wales 10; N Ireland 4</b>
1973	Cardiff	<b>George Cuthbertson/Barnet Shenkin; Gerald Haase/Michael Rosenberg Cameron McClatchie/David Shenkin; npc Charlie Bowman Scotland 24; England 18; Wales 17; N Ireland 13</b>
1974	Perth	Gerald Haase/Michael Rosenberg; R Ross/D Schapira Barnet Shenkin/David Shenkin; npc Charlie Bowman England 34; Scotland 28; Wales 10
1975	Bradford	<b>Gerald Haase/David Shenkin; Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin Richard Edwards/D Schapira; npc Charlie Bowman Scotland 35; England 15; Wales 4</b>
1976	Llangollen	<b>Mike McGinley/Iain Swan; Jim Patrick/Martin White Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett Scotland 30; England 28; Wales 12; N Ireland 2</b>
1977	Perth	Barry Glekin/Martin Levinson; Gerald Haase/David Shenkin Michael Rosenberg/Barnet Shenkin; npc Sol Barnett England 29; Scotland 24; Wales 7; N Ireland 2

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<b>1978</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Richard Benstead/Michael Rosenberg; Mike McGinley/Iain Swan Jack Silverstone/Brian Spears; npc Charlie Bowman Scotland 18; England 18; Wales 0</b>
1979	Coleraine	Richard Benstead/ Norman McGeagh; Gordon McRobert/Malcolm Whytock Joe Paterson/Les Steel; npc Charlie Bowman England 36; Scotland 24; N Ireland 7; Wales 5
1980	Wales	Mark Grubb/ Gordon McRobert; Norman McGeagh/Dave Ratcliffe Joe Paterson/Les Steel; Charlie Bowman England 82; Wales 47; N Ireland 47; Scotland 40
1981	Perth	Stephen Ashforth/Colin Mitchell; Dave Ratcliffe/Les Steel Gordon Stewart/Raoul Sutton; npc Charlie Bowman England 83; Scotland 56; Wales 46; N Ireland 30
1982	London	Stewart Adam/Gordon Angus; Mark Grubb/Gordon McRobert Iain MacIntyre/Paul Maiolani; npc Finlay Marshall England 77; N Ireland 56; Scotland 49; Wales 34
1983	Renfrew	Stephen Ashforth/Colin Mitchell; Mark Grubb/Gordon McRobert Ross Kennedy/Gordon Stewart; npc Bill Mitchell England 98; Scotland 74; Wales 44
1984	South Glamorgan	Gordon Angus/Bob Marchbanks; Bill Godenzie/Malcolm Whytock Mark Grubb/Gordon McRobert; npc Bill Mitchell England 77; Scotland 60; Wales 57; N Ireland 22
1985	Chimney Corners (N Ireland)	Gordon Angus/Bob Marchbanks; Ross Kennedy/Anne Lawrie (Rosen) Douglas Piper/George Wood; npc Bill Mitchell England 82.5; Scotland 58; N Ireland 41.5; Wales 33
1986	Derby	Alex Adamson/Malcolm Cuthbertson; Ian Cormack/Andrew McIntosh Lindsay Herbert/Derek Sanders; npc Bill Mitchell England 170; Wales 153; Scotland 111; N Ireland 104
1987	Perth	Alex Adamson/Malcolm Cuthbertson; James McGeorge/Andrew McIntosh Donald McClymont/Alistair MacDonald; npc Bill Mitchell England 172; N Ireland 135; Scotland 119; Wales 109
1988	Llangollen	Alex Adamson/James Forbes; Gordon Angus/Anne Lawrie (Rosen) Donald McClymont/Alistair Macdonald; npc Ken Baxter England 173; Wales 150; Scotland 131; N Ireland 81
1989	Dunadry (Belfast)	Alex Adamson/James Forbes; Sheila Adamson/Anne Lawrie(Rosen) Malcolm Cuthbertson/Andrew McIntosh; npc Liz McGowan England 171; Wales 150; Scotland 129; N Ireland 89
1990	Cheltenham	Alex Adamson/Andrew McIntosh; Donald McClymont/James McGeorge Pete Smith/ Graham Wright; npc Liz McGowan England 161; Scotland 137; Wales 137; N Ireland 93
1991	Edinburgh	Lindsay Herbert/John Simpson; Donald McClymont/Pete Smith Andrew McIntosh/Donald MacDonald; npc Ken Baxter England 174; Wales 144; Scotland 121; N Ireland 92
1992	Cardiff (National Sports Centre of Wales)	Donald McClymont/Pete Smith; Mark Menzies/Thomas Penman; Andrew McIntosh npc David Frew England 226; Wales 198; Scotland 188; N Ireland 97
1993	Dunadry	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Mark Menzies/Thomas Penman; npc Andrew McIntosh England 213; Scotland 141; Wales 93; N Ireland 83
1994	London	Bob Adamson/Mark Menzies; Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; npc Andrew McIntosh England 189; Wales 118; Scotland 115; N Ireland 111
1995	Glasgow	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Ralph & Maurice Henderson Mark Menzies/Jamie Murphy; npc James McGeorge England 174; Scotland 133; N Ireland 120; Wales 113
1996	Llandrindod Wells	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Maurice Henderson/Mark Menzies; npc Liz McGowan England 197; Wales 130; Scotland 125; N Ireland 82
1997	Rural College, Draperstown	Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Maurice Henderson/Callum McKail; npc Ian Crorie England 168; Scotland 131; Wales 126; N Ireland 115
<b>1998</b>	<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Suzanne Cohen/Paula Leslie; Callum McKail/Andrew Myles; npc Mike McGinley England 118; Scotland 118; Wales 110; N Ireland 14</b>
1999	Howth, Dublin	Duncan Cockburn/Andrew Myles; Suzanne Cohen/Graham Hazel; npc Liz McGowan England 115; Wales 113; Scotland 100; Ireland 32

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2000	Porthcawl	Harold Bergson/ David McCrossan; Robert Carr/Douglas Marshall Duncan Cockburn/Andrew Myles; npc Catherine Gerrard England 177; Scotland 131; Wales 128; Ireland 97
2001	Edinburgh	Martin Bateman/Dermot Coyle; Harold Bergson/Duncan Cockburn David McCrossan/Douglas Marshall; npc Catherine Gerrard England 194; Scotland 126; Wales 121; Ireland 99
2002	West Bromwich	Martin Bateman/Dermot Coyle; Harold Bergson/David McCrossan Ronald Gaffin/Andrew Sinclair; npc Liz McGowan England 171; Scotland 134; Ireland 130; Wales 112; N Ireland 29
2003	Belfast	Martin Bateman/Dermot Coyle; Harold Bergson/David McCrossan Ronald Gaffin/Andrew Sinclair; npc Liz McGowan England 147; Scotland 134; Ireland 130; Wales 112; N Ireland 75
2004	Cork	Harold Bergson/David McCrossan; Robert Carr/Douglas Marshall Ronald Gaffin/Andrew Sinclair; npc Catherine Gerrard England 155; Wales 155; N Ireland 110; Scotland 108; Ireland 103
2005	Porthcawl	Gyles & Myles Ellison; Gordon Pearson/Ben Shamash Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson; npc Joan Mercer England; Scotland; Ireland; N Ireland; Wales
2006	Edinburgh	Frazer Morgan/Philip Morrison; Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson; npc Catherine Gerrard England 164; Scotland 128; Ireland 123; Wales 90; N Ireland 85
2007	Limerick	Gyles & Myles Ellison; Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson; npc Joan Mercer England 155; Scotland 136; N Ireland 126; Ireland 100; Wales 76
2008	Manchester	Gyles & Myles Ellison; Ronald Gaffin/Philip Stephens Andrew Sinclair/Alex Wilkinson; npc Joan Mercer England 158; Scotland 152; N Ireland 134; Ireland 99; Wales 47

## Peggy Bayer Trophy Teams

Year	Venue	Team Names	Captain	Result
1990	Cheltenham	<b>Geoff Bateman/Leigh Caldwell; Fiona Jamieson/John Robinson</b> <b>John Sabine/ Paul Smith; npc David Frew</b> <b>Scotland beat England in a head-to-head match</b>		
1991	Edinburgh	Peter Alexander/Andrew Sinclair; Geoff Bateman/Mark Menzies John Robinson/John Sabine; npc David Frew England 168; Scotland 159; N Ireland 107; Wales 96		
1992	Cardiff (National Sports Centre of Wales)	<b>England 169</b> ; Scotland 133; N Ireland 121; Wales 105		
1993	Dunadry	England 161; N Ireland 118; Scotland 78		
1994	London	England 154; Scotland 137; N Ireland 137; Wales 106		
1995	Glasgow	<b>Martin Bateman/Dermot Coyle; Gavin Easton/Callum McKail</b> <b>David McCrossan/Douglas Marshall; npc Sheila Adamson</b> <b>Scotland 165</b> ; Wales 145; England 143; N Ireland 87		
1996	Llandrindod Wells	Martin Bateman/Dermot Coyle; Duncan Cockburn/Andrew Myles David McCrossan/Douglas Marshall; npc John Di Mambro England 165; Scotland 148; Wales 126; N Ireland 88		
1997	Rural College, Draperstown	<b>Martin Bateman/Andrew Myles; Harold Bergson/David McCrossan</b> <b>Duncan Cockburn/Douglas Marshall; npc John Di Mambro</b> <b>Scotland 159</b> ; England 151; Wales 117; N Ireland 103		
1998	England	Martin Bateman/Andrew Myles; Harold Bergson/David McCrossan Duncan Cockburn/Douglas Marshall; npc John Di Mambro England 152; Scotland 113; Wales 80; N Ireland 15		
1999	Howth, Dublin	Harold Bergson/ David McCrossan; Robert Carr/ Douglas Marshall Rebecca & Timothy Syme; npc Catherine Gerrard England 120; Scotland 113; Wales 84; N Ireland 49; Ireland 34		
2000	Porthcawl	Myles Ellison/Ben Shamash; Emma Fulton/ Ronald Gaffin Gregor Hodge/Andrew Sinclair; npc Alan Shepherd England 203; N Ireland 127; Scotland 123; Wales 74		
2001	Edinburgh	Myles Ellison/Ben Shamash; Emma Fulton/Ronald Gaffin Gregor Hodge/Andrew Sinclair; npc Alan Shepherd England 175; Ireland 130; Scotland 117; N Ireland 88; Wales 82		

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2002	West Bromwich	Kirstin Aitken/Emma Maitland; Myles Ellison/Ben Shamash Gregor Hodge/David Wallace; npc Alan Shepherd England 172; N Ireland 114; Scotland 100; Wales 93
2003	Belfast	Kirstin Aitken/Emma Maitland; Myles Ellison/Ben Shamash Gregor Hodge/Gordon Pearson; npc Joan Mercer England 160; Wales 136; Ireland 110; Scotland 105; N Ireland 87
2004	Cork	Gyles Ellison/Gordon Pearson; Myles Ellison/Ben Shamash Frazer Morgan/Philip Morrison; npc Joan Mercer England 164; N Ireland 136; Scotland 123; Wales 102; Ireland 62
2005	Porthcawl	No Scottish team sent
2006	Edinburgh	Craig Bradnam/ Alasdair McLeod; Natasha Jacobs/Chris O'Neill Abigail Wilson/Yvonne Wiseman; npc Joan Mercer England 174; N Ireland 138; Ireland 111; Scotland 91
2007	Limerick	Frazer Morgan/Philip Morrison; Ralph & Yvonne Wiseman; npc David McCrossan England 161; Scotland 150; N Ireland 116; Wales 112; Ireland 49
2008	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>Frazer Morgan/Philip Morrison; Ralph &amp; Yvonne Wiseman; npc David McCrossan</b> <b>Scotland 174; England 161; Wales 113; N Ireland 97; Ireland 28</b>