

SCOTLAND

Mike ASH came to Scotland in 2004 and he has played for his adopted country in several Camrose weekends and European Championships with a variety of partners.

After a career in local government he ran his own businesses and was then a full time politician in Cumbria for 10 years. Retiring (fleeing?) to Edinburgh he has held several non-executive roles in national organisations and is he currently a director of a large Health Board. He is a previous President of the SBU and currently represents them on BGB. He and Robert played together for nearly 40 years, having met at university, but after a gap of 10 years they have now reformed their partnership.

Glasgow born and bred, **Robert FERRARI** went to Manchester University (where he met Mike). He then became a Chartered Accountant and is now Finance Director of a Hotel Company. He gave up the game about 15 years ago but has now resumed his partnership with Mike. He says "Previously I played all my bridge in England, with some success but many failures. I am privileged to be wearing the St Andrews Cross for this Camrose weekend."

Philip STEPHENS (33) played for the Scottish juniors and on and off for the Open team. When not playing bridge he works as a quantitative developer in London.

Frazer MORGAN (30) has been playing for the Scottish open team, on and off, for the past decade – following and alongside his time in the junior team. He struggles to count to 13 cards and 9 in no trumps – but is usually very confident it is not his round. He works as an Investment Actuary in London.

Paul BARTON has been playing bridge for around 30 years having learnt at school growing up in the south west of England. He has represented Scotland in the European Championships, Commonwealth Games and Camrose, with his first cap in 2013. Paul and Jun's partnership was established a few years ago with the pair first representing Scotland in the 2017 Camrose. This will be their second Camrose, having also represented Scotland at the European Championships in 2018. Paul lives in Edinburgh and away from the table he works as an innovation consultant for the UK branch of a global consultancy and enjoys hiking and running, when not nursing an injury.

Jun NAKAMARU-PINDER has been playing bridge for over 70% of his life, including several appearances for the Scottish junior team and a handful on the Open team - most recently in the European Championships in 2018. It is his 2nd Camrose appearance playing with Paul. A partnership of c.5 years, Jun's role is akin to that of a wrist spinner: rattling through some boards when faced with a fine for a slow over rate. When not playing bridge (this proportion of his life has increased since graduating), he is an actuarial consultant in the exciting world of pensions.

Anne SYMONS has been a regular member of the Scottish Ladies team for a number of years, playing in Lady Milnes, Europeans and Olympiads. She has also been part of the only women's pair to play in the Camrose for Scotland. Her Bridge highlight (so far) was playing in the Venice Cup in China this year. She still works part time as a pharmacist and enjoys classes at the gym when she has the time, which isn't very often, especially since becoming a grandma- she much prefers spending time with wee Harrison!