

## WALES

**John SALISBURY** played his first Camrose match for Wales against Scotland in 1974 in his home town of Wrexham. Since then John has represented Wales in the Junior Camrose, Camrose, Seniors Camrose, European Open and Senior's and Commonwealth Nations, where he won the Gold Medal. He also won a bronze medal representing Great Britain in the Mixed Teams in the Common Market Championships. It is somewhat unusual that in all that time and in all those events John has only had four partners - Jessie Newton, Robert Upton, Mike Tedd and for the past three seasons Tim Rees. He has also undertaken some of the most thankless tasks in bridge - Chairman of Selectors and NPC. John has also found time to have a career in Social Services and a family.

**Tim REES** has represented Wales in over forty Camrose and a number of European Championships in partnership with Filip Kurbalija, including being playing Captain in 2008 in Pau. For a couple of years (2006 and 2008) Tim topped the Gold Point rankings. Tim has won the majority of the major domestic competitions including the Gold Cup twice, Crockfords and the Spring Fours. Tim is former chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee of the EBU still serves on the committee.

John and Tim formed a partnership to play in the 2017 Welsh Premier League which they duly won and played in both 2018 Camrose weekends. In 2018 they earned selection for both 2019 Camrose weekends by finishing top of the Premier League cross imp standings. This year they have again qualified by winning the Premier League and this is their 5th Camrose weekend. They also played in the 2019 Teltscher trophy.

**Julian POTTAGE** is Associate Editor of BRIDGE, published by Mr Bridge, and is Bridge Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. He contributes to other bridge magazines, at home and abroad, and has written over 25 books on the game. Julian's other business interests are dog breeding (golden retrievers) and stock photography (mainly landscapes and general scenes). Julian is also an avid genealogist, managing DNA results for several of his relatives. Neither his wife nor his children play bridge, although both of his parents were keen players

**Tony RATCLIFF** lives in Barry and works as an Accountant for a group of Companies in Cardiff. He leads the all time Master Point List in Wales and was part of the team that brought home the Gold Medal for Wales in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Championships in Glasgow. In his spare time, Tony enjoys Fine Art and tending his fruit and vegetable patch garden.

The partnership of Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage formed soon after Julian moved to Porthcawl in 2005. In recent years they have won a number of domestic events, including the Welsh Premier League in both 2018 and 2019. They played together in the 2016 European Championships in Budapest and in the 2019 Camrose.

**Jake DUNN** grew up in Tywyn, mid-Wales, and first played bridge for the Welsh juniors when he was 11 years-old. His junior international career with Dafydd Jones spanned 17 years, playing Peggy Bayer, Junior Camrose, European and World Championships. However, this will be his first Camrose as a member of the Open Team. After graduating with a degree in Zoology from Edinburgh, Jake taught and played bridge at Andrew Robson's bridge club in London. At the age of 25, he left the UK to pursue his dream of becoming a biologist, gaining a PhD from the University of Barcelona. He played very little

bridge for many years while living and working in the tropics. However, he now lives, works, and plays bridge in Cambridge, where he is a Reader in Evolutionary Biology and carries out research into animal communication and the evolution of language. He met his wife, Gaby, in Mexico, where he lived for 7 years, and they have a 9-year old daughter called Liliana.

**Martin JONES** was born in Aberystwyth in 1967, he spent his first 30 years in Wales and the Marches before moving to London in the late 1990s. For the last 12 years he has made his living from bridge, helping to run Andrew Robson's club and business. He has known Jake Dunn since he was about seven, and is constantly amazed that that little kid has grown up to achieve so much. Indeed when he emailed him to say he had nothing to put in his bio, Jake said: "Yes you're right, you should just print that." Outside of bridge he collects first edition hypermodern books, which takes up most of his money and, much to the annoyance of his partner Nick, most of the house. This is his first official outing for Wales, though he did play a friendly against Ireland many moons ago, where he played so badly that Patrick Jourdain gave up coming to score at the end of each stanza, sending his partner (Barbara Cornish) over to hear the bad news alone.

**Barry JONES** (NPC) was born in Wrexham, North Wales where he was lived all his life. He has previously captained a WBU team at a Camrose and a Welsh Ladies team in the Lady Milne trophy event. Barry has also previously represented the WBU and Wales in Camrose and Teltscher trophy events. He works as a systems and database engineer in a local authority.