

LADY MILNE TROPHY 2019

ENGLAND

Sally Brock

Sally Brock won her first Lady Milne in 1976. Since then she has won six world championships and now lives in London with two of her grown-up children, and makes her living playing, teaching and writing about bridge.

Gilly Cardiff

Gilly learned to play at the London School of Bridge aged 34 and was so taken by the game that she ended up marrying her bridge teacher! After a few years, work as a portrait artist got in the way and she completely gave up playing - and subsequently divorced her bridge teacher..... Gilly restarted some years ago, which entailed a great deal of effort to relearn, and was lucky enough to play with both her ex, Peter, and with Ed Scerri, who helped her hugely. She is delighted that the aforementioned effort (together with the not-inconsiderable skills of her illustrious partner, Sally) has resulted in the opportunity to play in the Lady Milne.

Nicola Smith

Nicola Smith has won everything except the Great British Bake Off and the National Lottery. Her first appearance in the Lady Milne was in... well, let us say the previous millennium. She lives in London with husband Jonathan and sometimes with children Katherine and Joshua. She has recently formed a partnership with Yvonne.

Yvonne Wiseman

Yvonne Wiseman, 26, is a professional bridge player living in Stockholm, Sweden. She recently returned from a 2 month sailing adventure, taking her down the coast of Africa and across the Atlantic to the Caribbean. Yvonne speaks fluent Swedish and enjoys reading and swimming in her spare time. She has won the Lady Milne twice before whilst playing for Scotland, but this will be her first time playing in the event for England.

Catherine Draper

Catherine lives on the coast near Southport with her partner Andrew and her 4 dogs, one of which came to the Lady Milne in Dundee in 2008 and even had her own England shirt. When not playing bridge she is teaching, running local events for Preston BC, cooking & looking after dogs... who are much keener on the baking activities than the bridge.

Susanna Gross

Susanna lives in London and has been bridge columnist for the Spectator magazine since 2000. This is her fourth Lady Milne, but her first outing with Catherine Draper. She also represented England in the World Bridge Games (Mixed Teams) in 2016. Her domestic wins include the Corwen Trophy, the Easter Congress Guardian Trophy, the teams event at the London Year End Congress and, most recently, the Hubert Phillips Bowl. She has two children of 11 and 12 and a non-playing husband - all of whom are very understanding about the time spent away playing bridge!

Andrew Murphy NPC

As a junior player, Andrew Murphy represented England U25s. Nowadays, he spends his time as an actuary at a life reinsurer. He was the England Open Coach in Chennai and Ostend and will be back on duty later in the year in Wuhan.