

NORTHERN IRELAND

Rex Anderson.

Having received his first Camrose cap in 1969, Rex has been the most capped Camrose player for some years, with more than 100 caps. An incidental claim to fame is that of having played on more losing Camrose teams than any other player. Rex has played with David Greenwood regularly from 1992 to 1996 and from 2002 onwards in the Camrose and occasionally in the European Open Championships. The GrAnd bidding system is still in the course of development. Rex is a retired solicitor and lives near Coleraine.

David Greenwood.

David represented his native England in the Camrose before moving to Northern Ireland in the late eighties. He has played in the Camrose with several partners, including his wife, Diane. He is a past winner of the Gold Cup. David is a retired Independent Financial Adviser living in South Antrim with Diane. He has now played many times with Rex. He copes remarkably well with a stroke, which has affected his speech, but not his bridge.

Robin Burns.

Robin is an ex building contractor, who then worked in computers for the Government, though he is now retired. Robin has many caps with three players, including the late Keith Singleton, and the late Lewis Rosenberg. Ian Lindsay should be concerned. Robin has spent much of his retirement attempting to master the French language, even playing in Bordeaux recently, discovering early on that “chuter quatre plis” meant going light four tricks.

Ian Lindsay.

Ian has retired from his partnership with a large accountancy firm, though still keeps his fingers in a few financial pies, and avidly follows the Stock Market. His other interests are opera, the arts and travelling, mainly in Europe. Ian has also played Camrose a large number of times with many partners, even surviving a short-lived partnership with Rex.

Tyrone Currie.

Tyrone's first career was in computer consultancy followed by six years teaching mathematics, in India, England and N.I. Becoming disenchanted with teaching he set up a business building wooden canoes, but after developing an allergy to epoxy, took time off to build a cruising catamaran and circumnavigating in it. His main interests are sustainable living and coastal rowing, currently developing a new rowing skiff for his club.

Helen Cole.

Helen is a retired Maths teacher and, like many retirees, wonders how she ever had time to work. Her time is divided between bridge, golf (9 handicap), gardening and childminding/babysitting grandchildren. She is an avid sports fan. She has seven Lady Milne caps, and a previous Camrose cap with Tyrone, plus both represented Northern Ireland on the Commonwealth Games team in 2014.

NPC Ian Hamilton.

Ian is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. His main interests are cricket, rugby, the Stock Market, travelling the world, and trying to draw level with Robin Burns in mastering French. At least he will not “chuter quatre plis” over the weekend, though some of the team might. He has several Camrose caps, with three different partners, including his brother, plus a Teltscher cap, surviving a weekend partnering Hastings Campbell.