

# W. B. U.

## **Mike Tedd & John Salisbury**

John & Mike each had many bridge successes when they were 'young', playing in numerous Camrose matches, with different partners. They then stayed away from top level bridge for a number of years when their careers and the demands of growing families took over. With retirement looming, John and Mike returned to the serious game in partnership. Together they have had fifteen Camrose weekends, and have played in the Welsh Open or Seniors teams in five European Championships. In 2010 they reached the final of the Spring Foursomes but lost by a single IMP - the ultimate 'senior moment'. They have had three weekends together in the Teltscher Trophy (Seniors Camrose) and each has acted as NPC for a number of Welsh teams.

Mike Tedd has retired from Aberystwyth University where he was Professor of Computer Science and, for a period, Vice-Principal. John Salisbury has retired from local government in Social Services statistics; his first international experience was in the Junior Camrose quite a few years ago.

## **Gary Jones & Tim Rees**

Gary and Tim are two very experienced Camrose campaigners. Gary was part of the historic first ever Welsh win a few years ago playing with his son Dafydd. Now that Dafydd is taking some time away from serious bridge to spend more time with his young daughter, Gary has teamed up with Tim. Tim has represented Wales in over twenty Camrose and a number of European Championships in partnership with Filip Kurbalija, including being playing Captain in 2008 in Pau. Tim has come close to winning the Camrose on a couple of occasions and wants to rectify the omission this year. For a couple of years (2006 and 2008) Tim topped the Gold Point rankings but now that he plays some of his bridge in North America his home wins are somewhat reduced. He keeps fit as a hockey referee in his local Berkshire League.

## **Barry Jones & Bob Pitts**

Barry Lloyd Jones was born and bred in Wrexham and has lived there all his life. After being unable to decipher some bridge newspaper articles he decided to teach himself to play at the age of 30 and invested in a copy of *Begin Bridge* by the late GCH Fox. He had the fortune to meet Mrs Jessie Newton who invited him to play his first game of bridge in a tournament evening held at her house - he won and was hooked. Although he has taught many others to play different systems, after all this time he still prefers to stick to the *Dark Side* of a weak No-Trump and four card Majors.

Many a '180' has flown from his hand in the past. He is now a keen armchair sports enthusiast. A self-confessed fair weather biker, he likes to ride his 800cc Kawasaki custom motorcycle when weather conditions allow.

Bob Pitts is a Yorkshireman by birth but after meeting his Lancashire born wife whilst at University they opted to move to the neutral territory of North Wales where they have resided ever since. They now proudly regard themselves as Welsh with two children and one grandson all born in the Principality. Bob is a retired Mathematics teacher who now tries to spend his days gardening, swimming and walking his Border Collie, with the occasional game of bridge thrown in. He is a member of the International Bridge Press Association and for several years wrote a weekly bridge column for the Liverpool Daily Post and has contributed to several other bridge publications. He and Barry have been a regular partnership for about 4 years.

## **Patrick Jourdain NPC**

Patrick is Wales's most-capped player with more than 70 Camrose weekends. He is the only Camrose player of any country to have won a weekend match against all five countries, including defeating Wales when representing Scotland in 1976-77, a year Scotland won the Camrose. Patrick J has been on a Wales Open team in six consecutive decades, the latest being the 2014 Europeans in Croatia. He is President of the International Bridge Press Association, bridge correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, and Principal of the Cardiff School of Bridge. He lives in Cardiff and enjoys tennis and golf in his spare time.