

John Murdoch

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We are deeply saddened to report the death of John Murdoch on 15 December. John was a mainstay of Scottish Bridge, a staunch supporter of all our competitions and a regular member of Scottish International teams.

He was a bridge player of the highest quality and an excellent partner. He won 44 Camrose Caps between 1988 and 2015 with six different partners; and appeared in 6 Senior Camrose teams with three different partners. He played twice in our Open Team at the European Championships, and 7 times in our Senior team. He was a member of the Senior team that won Scotland's first and only medal at the 2012 European Championships in Dublin; the team went on to reach the quarter-finals of the World Championships later that year. He was also a member of the winning team at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

He was 9th on the list of Grand Masters who have won most red points: notable successes were 7 wins in each of the Scottish Cup and the Winter Foursomes; and he won the Arthur Grand Master Pairs 5 times.

John also contributed to Scottish bridge by his input to the Bidding panel in the SBUNews – he had many original ideas and was anxious to share.

John was a modest, quiet-spoken man. He was good company, warm, charming and witty. He will be much missed as a team-mate and friend.

Our condolences go to his wife, Betty, his constant companion on trips abroad, and all their family.