

OBITUARY PAGE

Norman Lawrenson – 25 March 2015

Norman was a Founder Member of the Club and had served on the Board and various Committees over many years. In 2011, in recognition of his work, Norman was made a Life Member.

Hylde Townsend – 13 November 2014

Hylde was a doyenne of bridge who, until recent times, was a keen and active bridge player, as well as being a committed and capable bridge administrator.

At National level, Hylde became a Vice President of the English Bridge Union in 1997; was the recipient of a Dimmie Fleming award in 1993, and had been a long serving Member of the English Bridge Union Tournament Committee.

At County level, Hylde served as Chairman and a Shareholder of Warwickshire Contract Bridge Association, being made a Life Member for her services to the County in 2009. Hylde always kept a keen eye on the affairs of the County, and over many years Chairmen have found her insight and support extremely valuable.

At Club level, Hylde was a Founder Member, Life Member, and President (1979-1981), of Moseley Bridge Club. She was also a Life Member of North Birmingham Bridge Club where she was instrumental in helping the Club to acquire its premises. A Life Member of West Midlands Bridge Club, Hylde was heavily involved in many aspects of the Club's management and, well into her nineties, ran an assisted play session, from which a number of enthusiastic bridge players emerged.

Hylde, unfortunately, stopped playing bridge a few years ago, but will now be taking her seat at the Eternal Bridge Table where all her finesses, endplays and squeezes will be fruitful, and where during the bidding she will always be on the same wavelength as her partner.

Hylde's personality, sense of humour, and all-round presence, will remain forever in the hearts of all those who knew her.

Mike Sellis – 10 March 2013

Mike passed away on Sunday 10th March, his family were with him.

A longstanding and respected member of West Midlands Bridge Club, Mike will be greatly missed by his many friends at the Club, especially those at the Monday, Thursday and Saturday sessions. Mike was also a member of our Club's dupe team.

Betty Scholes – 18 March 2012

Betty was a Founder Member, and Life Member, of the club and members will particularly remember her because of her fondness for sitting North at table 2. She was always there early in order to secure her favourite seat. Betty was Vice-President at Silhill Bridge Club and always showed an active interest in the affairs of West Midlands Bridge Club.

Norman Selwyn – November 2010

Norman was a Life Member of West Midlands Bridge Club and his service to the club dates back many years.

WMBC and the Warwickshire County Bridge Association have benefitted from his wise counsel for many years.

Norman will be sorely missed by his friends.

Steve Byrne - May 2010

Steve's cheerful presence in all county and national events added to the value of all events he took part in. There was never a time in which he was not both a graceful opponent and partner. Such players are hard to replace and we would all do well to try and emulate his behaviour at the table. He will be missed.

Jack Davies. – 19 January 2010

Jack died peacefully in his sleep after a period of illness. He was 103 years old.

Jack was made an Honorary Life Member of the West Midlands Bridge Club in recognition of his service to the club. He was a founder member and a

member of the Board of Directors for many years, taking full responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the club premises. Over that period Jack provided the club with furnishings, staircase banisters and made the serving hatches from specially imported timbers.

Jack played regularly, latterly on Wednesday afternoons until last year. He will be missed by his many friends.