

TERRY BOWN

I first met Terry when I became a member of the League Committee as a Divisional Secretary in 1980. He had taken on the same role a year earlier and helped to advise the newcomer..

Terry remained a Divisional Secretary for a total of 20 years usually looking after the bottom division- 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7 - as the league declined in numbers. For 3 more years he was a superb Top Spin Editor and continued with input on crosswords and puzzles up to his death. He finally stepped back in 2002 and was rightly honoured by a Vice – Presidency of the League in 2005. He was awarded the Phil Reid Memorial Trophy for outstanding service to the League.

As has previously been mentioned elsewhere, he was a long time and current Committee member of the County Association -and looked after the entries for the County Junior Championships

Such a list of the roles simply does not sum up the man I was proud to count as a good friend. Terry was a pleasure to be with- a man of many parts who always was willing and very able to help- such as with moving tables for championships. He was the epitome of a good volunteer- always reliable, hard working and interested -- Terry was a good and gentle man – a man who had strong values and a kind heart. I - and indeed we all - will miss him greatly but we should celebrate a life well lived.

MIKE SMITH