

DAVID FIELD

12 February 1948 – 16 February 2018

Sadly, I must record that David Field has passed away after a period of ill health. His younger brother Richard has told me that he had played cards from an early age and became a UAU Bridge champion in 1969 during his university days in Wales.

He joined the Melton Mowbray Bridge Club in the mid-1970s. With his partner Mike Osborne he was soon involved in local LCBA events.

David and Mike went on to represent Leicestershire as members of the County teams playing in the Midlands Bridge League. They won the Buckby Cup – the Men's Pairs event - for three years in succession starting in the 1985 – 1986 season.

Mike well remembers his partnership with David. He has fond memories of their playing in League matches and of their success particularly in the Men's Pairs event.

In 1978, David joined the LCBA Committee as League Secretary. He also took on the role of EBU delegate on behalf of the County in 1984.

In January 1991, David told the committee that there was a 50-50 chance that he would be leaving the area. The Chairman at the time said 'in the thirteen years that David had been the league secretary the league had been the most popular event in the LCBA calendar. Its smooth running was a great tribute to his work'. David did move away later that year.

More recently, a current LCBA committee member remembers that 'David and Mike Osborne were thought of as the best pair in Melton for many years when I was a nipper. I and my partner went with them to various congresses as a team of four with a fair amount of success. I also remember David's dry sense of humour and that he was an excellent bridge player.'

David continued with his role as EBU delegate for three years after he had moved away sending his reports of meetings to the committee. He was made a Life Member of the Association in 1991.

Pat Beasley

LCBA General Secretary

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