

TONY EASTGATE Obituary

Tony passed away on 9th February 2016, aged 87. He will be greatly missed.

Tony was a prominent bridge player for many decades. He was one of the few old school bridge players left who were specialists in both rubber and teams bridge. At rubber bridge, in addition to his bridge skills, he was able to exercise the courtesy and temperament necessary to succeed in the high stakes game, which he indulged in regularly over the years, whilst his club moved through the transitions of being Crockfords, Eccentric, St James and then TGRs.

In teams bridge he represented Cambridge in the Varsity match in 1952 and continued his allegiance in Alumni matches until very recently. In Surrey he won the main Surrey teams event, the Lady Rose, more than 10 times, the most recent being in 2006. At national level he won the Hubert Phillips Bowl in 1972, the Brighton Teams in 1991, the Pachabo in 1985 and 2000, and the Burlington Cup in the EBU Autumn Congress in 1980. He also achieved notable second places at pairs in the Autumn Congress Two Stars Pairs in 1979 and the National Pairs in 1983.

He had many interests other than bridge. In particular, he received international recognition as a postal historian and was a keen follower of cricket.