

IAN ADAMSON

Ian died peacefully at his home in the early hours of 2026 in the company of his son and daughter.

Ian was a stalwart supporter of Ayrshire Bridge since 1965 when he joined Kilmarnock Bridge Club.

As a player Ian was a true gentleman and a pleasure to play with or against. While always maintaining his friendly manner Ian was a formidable opponent who achieved many tournament wins in district pairs events with his long-time partner Jim McClymont and in teams events with Jim and Jack Cleland and David Ross.

The highlight of Ian's bridge career was in 1974 when he and Jim, playing with Gordon Smith and his father Peter reached the final of the Scottish Cup only to lose to a team of established international standard players, including the legendary Willie Coyle and Victor Goldberg, and having beaten several top class teams in earlier rounds. This proved to be an achievement which has never been replicated by an Ayrshire team in the years since and seems unlikely to be for many years yet.

As a council member Ian was, with Ian Stewart of Caledonian Bridge Club, instrumental in the purchase, against severe opposition, of the premises at The Riggs and the driving force in the development and improvement of the premises to form the excellent facility that it is today.

We have all lost a good friend and a bridge player whom we should all try to emulate.