

REMEMBERING OUR PATRON

SIR EVERTON deCOURSEY WEEKES, KCMG, GCM, OBE, LLB (honorary) JP

SIR EVERTON was our Patron. Indeed, he most graciously accepted our invitation on the occasion of his 95th birthday. In 2015, Sir Everton was Patron of our Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

He was a Barbadian and West Indies Cricket treasure who has left an indelible mark on local, regional and international cricket. In Bridge, he acquired a reputation, perhaps not so universal, but based on the same qualities: good sportsmanship, courtesy to opponents and partners alike, and total concentration.

Sir Everton began playing Bridge in 1957 as relaxation while on tour with the West Indies Cricket Team. He formed a regular four with Jerry Alexander, Clyde Walcott and Denis Atkinson. Duplicate inevitably followed. He went to the World Bridge Olympiad of 1976 in New Orleans, USA, partnering Brigitte Mavromichalis in the pairs and team. There he played against cricket rivals India, Pakistan and New Zealand, along with The Netherlands and France.

He represented Barbados in its annual tournament with Trinidad and Tobago and in the 1982 encounter helped Barbados to a victory by over 60 imps. He played in all Regionals staged by Central American and Caribbean Bridge Federation (CACBF) from 1974 until 1990 except when he was unable to attend because of cricketing assignments.

Sir Everton's other partners in League games were Ian Osbourne and Peter Lashley another West Indies cricketer, with whom he placed second in the Open Pairs at the 1982 CACBF Regional in Panama. There were also semi-regular partnerships with Noel Map, Fred Forde, Leroy Millar (of Rick's Supermarket) and Col Smith. He was President of the Carlisle Duplicate Bridge Club and Chairman of the Bar and House Committee of the League for several years, and so successful was his tenure as Bar Chairman that a profit was recorded every month and every year.

Away from the League on Pine Road, he played social bridge with other cricket legends Sir Clyde Walcott and Sir Peter Short, cricket historian Sir Carlisle Burton and former Prime Minister J.M.G. "Tom" Adams.

We are thankful he touched our lives. He walked long and he walked tall. His journey is complete.