

duties and chose to die in harness" (Albert Benjamin 1979)

Sol Barnett (1913-79)

Camrose 1939-68, 20 matches, 10 wins, 1 tie,
Winning series:1964-65; 1966-67

Camrose npc 1974-76, 12 matches, 7 wins,
Winning series:1975-76; 1976-77

Junior Camrose npc 1976-77 2 series,
Winning series:1976

39th President of the SBU: 1978-79

"Sol Barnett did not reach the full span of three score years and ten, but he had a full bridge life. Just after the war he and his late brother Hymie were the anchor pair of the Scotland team for many years. Later he succeeded me as the permanent captain of the international team. When he retired from business he threw himself wholeheartedly into Scottish Bridge Union administration, tournament organisation and direction.

"He was the complete team player, not striving for personal glory. His analysis went deep and his caution and patience earned many victories, but oddly, when he donned the mantle of administration he was impatient to get things done, pungent in expression, and fought with determination to get his own way. Against strong-minded opposition he foisted a new and more involved scoring system on the teams of eight leagues, the backbone of bridge in the west of Scotland, and was vindicated by the livened interest.

"He headed the organisation of Scotland's biggest and most successful undertaking-the Junior European Championship in Stirling (1978)- and was formulating a new constitution for the SBU of which he was President when he died. He was fully aware of serious uillness during his heavy bridge