

## Gerald Haase 1950-2019

We are sorry to report the death of Gerald Haase, one of our most successful players.

He learned bridge at University, and soon became proficient. He played his first Camrose match in 1973, aged 23, with Michael Rosenberg, aged 19. Scotland won that series. Later he played with George Cuthbertson, and it is a matter of record that the partnership never lost a Camrose match. Gerald moved to England, but remained steadfastly Scottish. He played two more Camrose matches, with Victor Goldberg in 2003, and John Murdoch in 2015.

He also enjoyed considerable success in the Junior Camrose, winning in 1973 and 1975.

Gerald was one of the select band of Scots who have won the Gold Cup twice: in 1977 and 1982.

Recently he has been one of our reliable Seniors. He was a member of the Scottish Senior team that played in the World Championships in Bali in 2013. He represented Scotland as a Senior in Budapest (2016) and Ostend (2018). He played for Scotland in the Teltscher Trophy (Senior Camrose) in 2016, 2017 and 2018 with John Murdoch. Last year, Scotland recorded one of the most convincing wins ever.

Gerald was a medical doctor whose speciality was blood transfusions. He suffered a head injury following a heart attack/stroke towards the end of 2018, and sadly never came out of the induced coma.

To quote John Murdoch: 'His heart was only flawed in the medical sense.' He is remembered by our organisers and TDs as one who always remembered to thank the staff.

..... and from John Matheson - It was with great sadness I heard from Carol, his friendly and dynamic partner for the last 10 years, of Gerald's death. Only a month ago Gerald and I had a long telephone conversation regarding bridge hands. It seems like only yesterday I first met Gerald. It was 1971 at the then bridge club in Glassford St, Glasgow. We were competing at rubber bridge. The game had a lot of friendly, lively banter. Gerald was an active participant and on one memorable occasion cut a very wealthy business man, comfortably worth a seven figure sum. The rubber did not go well for them, and after some gentle criticism from the other side of the table Gerald reduced the table to laughter with the retort "you are playing like a millionaire!"