

Martin Braid 1959-2013



We are sorry to report the death of Martin Braid on 22nd November, having suffered a heart attack two weeks earlier.

Martin was a former junior international, his most notable result being a Silver medal in the Junior Europeans in 1982. He also won the Junior pairs in 1984.

Since then he played infrequently, because of work and family commitments, but was a regular on Kath Nelson's league team playing with Michael Clarke.

He still played extremely well, his declarer play was outstanding and it was always a pleasure to play against him in our annual league match.

Our condolences to his wife Sue and his children.

Kath Nelson writes: Such terrible news and our hearts go out to his wife Sue and their two children, Helen and Alastair.

He met Sue when he was teaching beginners at Manchester Bridge Club many years ago. Sue was learning Bridge, they fell in love and married.

He formed a partnership with Mike Clarke and joined our league team about 15 years ago.

He rarely played, apart from our league matches, and I was always astounded how he could play so well with so little practice. Nothing seemed to faze him. Any bad results would be met with loud chuckles.

He would dash up from Milton Keynes where he worked, at 100mph for our league matches.

Always a big smile, he and Mike were frequently told to shut up as their hoots of laughter during matches disturbed other players.

We will miss him terribly.