

Jack Silverstone 1956-2004

Brother of the rather more famous Victor, Jack learned his bridge at Hutcheson's Grammar School alongside Michael Rosenberg, who became his first partner. According to Jack, Michael developed a system called the Big Minor: essentially it meant that Jack could bid minors, hogged the declarer play in the majors and no trumps. He played just one Junior with Brian Spears, in 1977, when Scotland tied with England. He went on to have success in the Open game with Willie Whittaker winning the Pairs at the EBU Summer Congress in

1986. He played six Camrose matches with James Forbes from 1991-93, winning three of them. He played with Catherine Gerrard in the European Mixed Pairs in Ostend in 1992, where they narrowly missed reaching the final and won the Consolation event. A rebirth of his partnership with Brian Spears led to a silver medal in the World Maccabean games in Tel Aviv in 1993. Very sadly Jack was stricken with a wasting disease and moved to London in the mid nineties/. He died in 2004.

“His good nature and humorous way of looking at every aspect of life always held me in amazement. In short, Jack loved life and everyone he encountered in his tragically short life. He invariably brought a smile to the face of all in his company”
Brian Spears