

## **COLIN HENDERSON (03/02/19)**

It is with great sadness that I find myself writing about the sad demise of Colin Henderson.

Colin trained as a PE teacher and helped his friend Les Greswell (an England Table Tennis coach) improve the fitness of the National Squad. It was at these sessions that he met Sue Howard, a top Surrey player, who was to become his wife.

As PE teachers in Surrey (Colin at Addlestone, myself at Tolworth and Guildford), we had many friendly inter-school table tennis matches and both of us were involved with the Surrey Schools Table Tennis Association – of which Colin was the Chairman for many years.

Once he retired from teaching at St Paul's, Colin coached table tennis at Wilson's School and also ran many football holiday courses.

Colin was a top referee and for his sins, a QPR supporter.

Away from sport, Colin held a deep faith, being a Gideon for over 40 years. As a man of principle, he kept Sundays for his family and even refused to referee a top football match that was scheduled for a Sunday.

Colin led life to the full; enthusiastic and competitive in everything that he did. He never gave up and as his team mate in the Guildford League, I saw this many times.

Colin had been hospitalised for almost 12 months prior to his death but he suffered his illness with dignity and courage. With his passing, we have lost a genuinely great guy. My life has been enriched by knowing Colin.

Colin leaves his wife Sue, son Scott, daughter Tracey and 4 grandchildren. My thoughts are with them all.

RIP Colin

Gail Johns