

Noel Carpenter - Obituary



Picture shows Noel Carpenter (on the right) presenting Edward Hatley (Surrey player) England Junior and Cadet International at European Youth Championships .

Noel Carpenter became a member Wallington Crusaders Table Tennis club at the age of four in 1931 becoming a volunteer helper in his teens. He played regularly other than his two years national service when he was in the navy. As a coach Noel ran the Friday night sessions at Crusaders for many years. As well as this he sponsored the club and many local events including the South of England 4* tournament. Also Noel held a vast array of positions in Table Tennis Committees including Sutton & District Table Tennis league where he was Interleague Secretary Juniors: 1988-89 to 1995-96 Hon President: 1996-97 to 2010-11 Division 3 Secretary 1998-99 to 2005-06 Division 2 Secretary 2003-04 Chairman, Life member and Surrey Table Tennis Association Vice-Chairman 2001-2006. Noel taught thousands of kids and only stopped due to ill health he died in November 2016 a month before his 89th Birthday. He was an all round legend.