

John Davey

John served in the army in Kenya, where in the late 1950's he gained International status as a Kenyan umpire, which sadly provided a barrier to him gaining an England badge under the rules at that time. However John never allowed this great disappointment to curb his enthusiasm and energies which he deployed over twenty five years, to the benefit of umpires first in Essex and very soon after in the East where he was Assistant Secretary and Secretary for many years.

John also was an East selector travelling many thousands of miles with no thought to the cost of time involved. Behind the blunt and occasionally severely critical exterior he hid a heart of gold and many up and coming umpires learned to appreciate and value John's friendship and advice, frequently laced with his inimical fund of amusing incidents.

The scope of his hockey activities widened when he became Treasurer and then President of the E.C.S.H.A. and was only the second Life Member of E.C.H.U.A., this being a fitting recognition of his services, which he valued as an honour.

John died in 1987 and was recognised as being one of the outstanding characters in the East.

The John Davey award remembers John's service to hockey and is awarded to others for their service to hockey.

Compiled by Alan Baker

Barbara J Weir MA PhD 1942 - 1993

Barbara was born in Upper Bentley Worcestershire in 1942 and attended the County High School in Loughton Essex, before going to Girton College in Cambridge in 1961. She obtained a first class degree in Natural Sciences Tripos in 1964 and began her postgraduate studies in at the Marshall Laboratory and was awarded a PhD in 1968. Academic studies did not monopolise her life and she obtained blues in cricket, hockey and swimming.

Barbara made her home in Cambridge, continued playing and also became a qualified 'B' umpire. She also encouraged and coached anyone prepared to umpire, which sometimes brought her into conflict with her fellow umpires as she had strong views on what was required.

For ten years she was Match Secretary for the East Anglian WHA and from 1980 until her death was East Umpires Secretary. Barbara was also Chairman and President of Cambridge Women's HA.

Being no longer able to play hockey due to ill - health she decided to play golf and within five years, was playing off a low handicap.

Her achievements would have been outstanding for a person enjoying good health, but were remarkable in one suffering considerable pain and weakening physical condition. Barbara's dedication to excellence and her willingness to sacrifice her time and health to ensure the highest standard at all times were widely proclaimed.

The Barbara Weir Memorial Trophy remembers Barbara's service to hockey and is awarded to the most improved umpire in her memory.

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Peter Moore

Peter Moore was an umpire and umpire coach from Lincolnshire who held most administrative positions within the County. He had played for Lincoln Imps H.C in the 1970's and was best known for his goal scoring in the Imps indoor side.

He retired from playing and took up umpiring working his way steadily up the ranks, in time achieving East membership in the old ECHUA. He retired after umpiring the East County under 21County Championship final at Chelmsford. At the time East had a surplus of umpires and it was obvious that in the following year several would not make the cut. Peter chose to jump before being pushed, but rather than moan about his lot he wrote to the A&A committee thanking them for all they had done for him in the past and promised to work to produce future umpires for the Region.

It is a mark of the man that he did just that, devoting all his spare time to the young umpires of the County and the Region.

In the late 1990's he was struck down with motor neuron disease yet continued to coach umpires until shortly before his death in 2000. My abiding memory of Peter was standing by his wheelchair at Horncastle one weekend, watching one of our junior umpires. Peter (who had lost all power of speech) began to tap a message out on his electronic keyboard. This required a tremendous amount of effort as he had to use his left knee to type.

When I read the message, it was a coaching point for the youngster.

Three days later he was dead.

Peter was only five foot tall, but he was a giant of a man. I was proud to call him a friend.

Written by Jack Warner

The Peter Moore award remembers Peter's service to hockey and is awarded to the most improved young umpire in his memory.

John Whitehead

John Whitehead was a FIH badged umpire and officiated at the 1974 European Championships in Madrid. This was achieved whilst a member of the Southern Counties Hockey Umpires Association. He moved to Cambridgeshire in the 1980s and continued to umpire within the East region. He was chairman of the Cambridgeshire Hockey Umpires Association for a number of years and he often assessed and coached for ERHUA where he was held in high regard.

More latterly John had been a club umpire at Royston HC before finally retiring in 2010.

The John Whitehead Chairman's award remembers John's service to hockey and is awarded by the Chairman of ERHUA in recognition of a members contributions to ERHUA.

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Steve Trounce

Steve Trounce umpired regularly for ERHUA on the Women's side of the game until he was overtaken by cancer. He made himself available regularly, he was always ready to go wherever he was sent to umpire and he always gave of his best. He was a great servant to the game he loved and was a superb example of a hardworking, loyal and dedicated umpire.

The Steve Trounce award remembers Steve's dedication to the ERHUA and is awarded to similar umpires from the legacy he left to ERHUA.

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