08/10/2017 - Bramwell Garner

It is with great sadness that I report that Olton Chess club member Bramwell Garner passed away on Sunday 1st October, after an extended illness. Bramwell and I were both suffering from eye problems in August 2016 and discussing our experiences. In the event, it was found that Bram's problems were due to an untreatable cancer.



Bramwell had played for Olton Chess Club over the past 40 years, stopping on a couple of occasions due to personal circumstances. His last stint was the longest by far and he competed in many club tournaments, Birmingham League and some Leamington League matches. His placid nature and sensible attitude often won the day when there was potential for dispute and his love of chess came through in his efforts over the board, regardless of the strength of the opponent. Bram was always willing to step in if the team was a player short. Missing a Tuesday at the club was unthinkable, although he did enjoy extended holidays in warmer locations over the winter in the latter years.

Bram's funeral will take place at Yardley Crematorium on Thursday 19th October at 1.00pm, then there will be a gathering at Holy Souls club, Warwick Road, Acocks Green.

Our thoughts are with Bram's wife Sue and their family at this sad time.

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