

15/12/2016 - Gabor Csepregi

From Gordon Christie :

It is my duty to relay the very sad news that Shirley and Wythall Chess Club elder statesman Gabor Csepregi died of cancer two weeks ago. No other details, including funeral arrangements, are known to us at this time.

Gabor had been a member of Solihull Lodge Chess Club since it started in 1970, and served with distinction as Club Treasurer for more than 30 years. He remained constant through all the changes of club name and venue, to our current identity as Shirley and Wythall Chess Club.

As a player, he had a vast array of openings knowledge and theory, and was always willing to debate the merits of different variations. On his day he was a tricky player, and on any day a doughty opponent.

In his personal life, he was a very private person, with a rich love of family and his homeland Hungary, where he visited family often. He was also determinedly independent, and in recent months, although clearly quite ill and in some discomfort, neither complained nor asked for help. Typically he did not want any fuss.

For myself, and for many in the club this is a great sadness. He will be remembered fondly.

There will be a funeral ceremony at Robin Hood cemetery at 0930 on 5th January, followed by the scattering of his ashes. All chess players who knew Gabor are welcome to attend. His family will be attending a simultaneous service in Hungary.

Best regards

Gordon