

The Late Tom Farley 23/01/1937-08/02/2015

Tom Farley passed away peacefully on Sunday 8th February aged 78. He learned to play chess as a schoolboy. There was far more chess played in schools in the early 1950s and Tom won the Secondary Modern Schools Chess League Individual Competition in 1952 with the impressive score of 10½-11! He met Ritson Morry at this time and would have undoubtedly become involved with the strong Warwickshire Junior Chess Team as a consequence.

Tom started the Birmingham Telephone Area Chess Club in 1968 with a team in Division 6 gaining promotion under his captaincy in three straight seasons to Division 2. This included winning Division 5 69/70 and Division 3 71/74. His team played in Division 3 mainly and a slip to Division 4 resulted in winning that Division 75/76. The club under his stewardship operated for a total of 17 years and during its most successful period had 3 teams in the league. He won the last B.T. one day tournament held in 1978.

Tom joined Kynoch in 1985 when the B.T. Chess Club folded and with his son Richard was part of the Kynoch 2nd Team that won Division 2 in 1989/1990 and Division 3 1999/2000. He retired from chess at the end of that season mainly because he hated adjournments.

Tom's funeral will be held at Perry Barr Crematorium on Thursday 5th March at 3.00 p.m.