

East Sussex Junior Badminton Association

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OBITUARY

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the death of one of our coaches. Kevin Marquess died of cancer on Sat 25th January at the age of 59. Kevin left a wife, two daughters and a grand-daughter.

Kevin was a relatively 'young' coach as he only qualified in 1995. That was the start of a very active and involved passion for the sport. He coached in various schools from Plumpton Green across to Eastbourne. During his 13 years as a coach, many talented Sussex County juniors have come through his classes.

Kevin was one of the early members to the now defunct Sussex Badminton Coaches Association which was a prominent force within Sussex throughout the mid 90's. In 2004 the East Sussex Junior Badminton Association was set up with Kevin as a founding member. Kevin immediately wanted to be involved and gave his time as a committee member and Squad coach.

Both The Sussex County Association and The East Sussex Junior Association sent representatives to the funeral. As a tribute to his work, ESJBA have donated a new category for 'Fair Play' in his honour and the trophies will be presented at the U11 East Sussex Championships by retired ESJBA Chairman, Bruce Peapell.

Kevin will be sadly missed by friends, players and his fellow coaches in Sussex.

William Brown
Vice Chairman