

## LIFE MEMBERS

The following are proposed as Life Members of the Association.

### **RON HOPE**

Ron, who will be retiring from an active role in the Association this year, is probably the longest serving Tutor/Examiner of the EASB, and previously the B&SCC.



He first qualified as a referee in 1970 and was appointed a National Coach in 1977. During the 80's & 90's he spent many weekends in Stoke Mandeville coaching wheelchair Snooker players and was selected as the Technical Delegate in Seoul, South Korea for the 1988 "8th Paralympics Games". He trained 8 Referees and 12 Markers (none of whom had previously witnessed a frame of Snooker) and is proud that the Gold medallist (Mick Langley) and the Bronze medallist (Maurice Job) were both products of his coaching clinics. Between 1983 & 1993 he was one of 6 coaches at the Ray Reardon Coaching week in Prestatyn.

Ron became an Examiner of Snooker and Billiards in 1985 and was reclassified as a PES Examiner in 1987 (when the new scheme was introduced, which is the system now in operation throughout the world) and was one of the eight Examiners who ran the Lilleshall Examiner PES courses in November that year, under the guidance of Bernard Franks.

In September 1977, together with Keith Barrowcliffe, he formed the "North West Billiards and Snooker Referees Association"

Ron's unique achievement is that he has Refereed in the "World Amateur Snooker Championships", the "World Amateur Billiards Championships", the "English Amateur 8 Ball Championships" and officiated at the "Paralympic Games."

Ron has just completed his 300th successful referee examination. His dedication to the sport and his work for the Association are outstanding.

### **VIC HARTLEY**

Starting in 1988, Vic's refereeing career isn't as long as many of his age, but he has crammed far more into those 22 years than most people will ever do. He has been proposed for life membership because of his extraordinary level of activity and unstinting willingness to officiate whenever and wherever it may be, often at very short notice. He has been a stalwart on the international circuit for many years, participating in all major international events both at snooker and billiards, also supporting DSE and BWSCA disabled events.



Vic is a very active tutor and examiner, having reached that status in 1997, and regularly participates in seminars to coach and assist aspiring referees and those coming up through the ranks. Such is his dedication that he last year spent a week officiating in Europe, and upon landing back on the UK, promptly drove to a billiards event several hundred miles up country.