

John Gurney

We are sorry to report the death last Monday (5th July) of leading North Eastern Counties Technical Official John Gurney

A past chairman and president of Durham City Harriers John moved to the North East from Berkshire where he was an active endurance athlete with Bracknell AC. When his running days were over worked his way up to become a top field official, officiating not only at local events but also at National and International level.

John had a reputation of always being fair to athletes and encouraging them as much as possible but was always a stickler for the rules.

John was on the NECAA committee acting as officials secretary for many years and, when not officiating in the field, he would be involved in organising courses especially for newcomers, the development of whom was always a priority for him.

John's funeral takes place at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday, July 14 at 10.30am.

Comments

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A sad loss to his family and athletics. A Gentleman beneath what was sometimes a crusty facade.

By **Graham Hall**

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My memories of John go back many years. We sat the Grade 1 exam together on two occasions and I travelled with him as senior officials from the north east to many meetings in the Northern Counties area. He will be sadly missed as a friend and a man who worked tirelessly for the good of grassroots athletics and not for any personal glory. Wendy Nicholson

By **Wendy Nicholson**

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John was one of the main reasons i am where i am today in UKA Officials land, as (one of the youngens) he was always supportive and keen for me to progress up the ladder. He always had a tale to tell wherever he was ,be it 2002 Commonwealths or Brisbane 2001 Masters or most likly a very wet & muddy XC Course in the N.E. We will all miss his enthusiasim for Athletics and the world isa sadder place without him.

By **bill Courtney**

