

Tony Ward

We are saddened to report the death last Sunday of BAL founder Tony Ward.



Tony made a huge contribution to the sport over many years in a wide range of areas. He was probably best known as a national Coach and as the spokesman for UKA for many years. In addition to these duties Tony was a prolific and knowledgeable writer and published several books on the sport including 'Athletics: The Golden Decade' and contributed to newspapers and various athletics magazines and in recent years published a widely read blog which covered all areas of the sport.

Tony was a familiar figure at events throughout the country, often supporting his son Tim a member of Border Harriers.

Our condolences go to Gwenda and Tim and their family and friends. Tony was a towering figure who will not be forgotten.

Tony's funeral will be held at 2.45pm on Wednesday 10th November at Distington Hall Crematorium, Distington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4QY

Comments

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Perhaps the best demonstration of Tony Ward's impact on grass roots athletics can be found in reading John Lunn's history of Leeds City AC, covering the period from the brief background to the 3 clubs which merged in 1967 to form the club until 1980, when it had achieved its target of a decade and competed in the British League. It is, of course, verbose and very detailed, but the witty asides and social comment make it very readable.

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