

Tony Salem

Member of Roehampton Club 1952-2025



We are terribly sad to announce the untimely death of Tony Salem, an Honorary Member of Roehampton Club, who died on 27 January 2025 at the age of 83.

A golfer for 73 years and latterly also an enthusiastic convert to croquet, Tony was a director of the Club from 1998 and Chair for four years from 2003. It was no surprise that he and Gill moved next door into Fairacres in 1999. He embraced croquet with a proselytising fervour and enjoyed nothing more than bringing in new members and teaching them the rudiments of the game and beyond. Whilst he has a place on the golf honours boards for both the Lockwood Foster and the Arthur Clark cups in the mid-70s, A A Salem Jnr fills the croquet honours boards more consistently and has over thirty tumblers to prove his success.

Tony was educated at City of London School and Birmingham University before qualifying as an accountant in 1965 with Stoy Hayward. He worked at M&S, Air Products, Allders and Liberty plc where he was Group Managing Director (Retail) until 1996, in charge of the Regent Street store, 23 branches and over a thousand staff. After further part-time work at Field & Trek and Jenners, he 'retired' in 2005. However, Tony was an inveterate volunteer and committee man, giving freely of his time and invariably ending up as chair. He was Chair of Governors at Ibstock Place School for 15 years until 2004, chaired both adult and youth courts as a magistrate for 14 years until 2011, was a trustee of the Roald Dahl Museum for twelve years until 2017, chaired the Hammersmith and Fulham branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau for six years until 2019, and he was a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at Wandsworth prison for six years until 2018. Thirty-five years after his first stint on the Wimbledon Synagogue council he became Treasurer in 2020 and was recently appointed a Vice President. He was in his twenty-first year as Chair of Fairacres, a role for which he was renowned as someone who got things done, a trait that served him (and so many others) so well for so many decades.

Tony had a can-do, glass-half-full approach to life, work and play and he never gave less than 100% to whatever he did. He leaves behind his wife, Gill, three sons and daughters in-law and seven grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and Roehampton Club.

There will be a service of remembrance and celebration of life at 2pm this Sunday, 2 February, at Wimbledon Synagogue, 1 Queensmere Road, SW15 5QD. We would kindly request that there are no flowers but if you would like to make a donation to Pancreatic Cancer UK and to Prostate Cancer UK, two of Tony's favourite charities, you can do so by scanning the above QR code or follow the link at www.givewheel.com/fundraising/6173/in-memory-of-tony-salem/

