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## **Sad announcement of the death of Norman Cooper.**

Norman was a club member of old and passed away recently on November 26th.

Dave Hemstock has fond memories of Norman as will many of you, who will know him almost always referred to as 'Coach'.

One of Dave's first memories of Norman was playing against him in the first round of the County Fours championship in 1971. It was Dave's very first venture into county competitions and Norman's team won comfortably.

At that time Norman played for Fisons Bowls Club, now Greenfields Bowls Club, and his team of George Wood, Harold Bowler and Ted Wortley went on to become Runners Up and qualify for the National Championships that year, which were then held at the Watneys Bowls Club in Mortlake, London SW14. Unfortunately a work related accident involving his eyes meant that Norman was unable to take part in these championships.

It is thought that Norman joined the Brush Bowls club, in the mid to late 1970s and by 1983 he was a well established member of the Brush Bowls Club. In that year Dave Hemstock and his triples team beat Norman, his lead Barry West and his second Arthur Abel (1969 Triples Champion) on their way to winning the 1983 LBA Triples Championship.

For many years Norman was the Leicestershire BA Area 6 competition secretary, this in the days before e-mail and mobile phones, and at a time when entries in competitions were measured in terms of several hundred per event.

He was regular member of Brush Atkin Shield side and other cup teams and was also a member of the Brush Thursday League division one team which won the Loughborough and District Thursday league championship for many consecutive seasons.

In 1991 he won the Brush Two Wood Singles championship.

A good bowler, and a great friend to who will be missed.

