

TAN SZE GUAN (1961 – 2018)

Tan Sze Guan (“SG”), a dear friend and cherished bridge player, passed away suddenly from a heart attack on 29 October 2018. He leaves behind beloved wife Khanitha, brother and bridge partner Su Beng (“SB”) and six other siblings and their descendants.

SG first learnt bridge whilst studying in university in Penang. Upon completion, he moved to Kuala Lumpur in the late 1980’s to begin his career and quickly became entrenched in the local bridge scene playing with the doyens of the day and also the so-called “second generation” players. He has won all the national titles (National Pairs & Teams, Mixed Pairs & Teams, Individuals, Congress Pairs & Teams) at some time or other, an achievement which only few can boast. He has also represented Malaysia in several international events such as the Asia Pacific Bridge Championships, Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships and World Team Olympiad. His most recent outing was at the inaugural bridge event at the 2018 Asian Games. Although very busy with work he always made the effort to join the team when possible, especially in the Asean Championships. Those of us fortunate to be in his company at these events always enjoyed the shared camaraderie whether win lose or draw.

SG is best known and loved at the bridge table for his exemplary behaviour, thus earning him the well deserved moniker “So good”. We have never heard him lose his cool or raise his voice, which makes him an ideal partner, teammate or even opponent. While he may not have taught us to be better bridge players he certainly has taught how to be a better person at the bridge table. And that is a truly unique and remarkable legacy.

To Khanitha, SB and the rest of the Tan family, we share your loss and will all miss SG deeply.