

## **TOM BELL**

It is with great sadness that I announce that Tom Bell has passed away at the age of 82 following a battle with cancer. Tom has a passion for artistic skating both on Roller and Ice, and he will be sorely missed.

Tom will be remembered by a great many people in our sport, particularly in the South East where he contributed so much all the Clubs in the area. For many year's he helped at the Medway Club and always produced the sound track for their shows and pantomimes as well as helping to run Club sessions. In recent year's he was usually to be found at the Maidstone Club sessions, and was still active as recently as July this year, helping to play the music at their open competitions.

Latterly, Tom had to give up competitive skating having been in competitions and team events over many years both on Rollers and Ice.

His expertise in electronics was invaluable and anyone who had some TV/Video or DVD player that needed attention – then Tom was the first port of call. He always gave his time willingly and enthusiastically for the benefit of others.

Tom was always a supporter of the Federation, until recently keeping the sound equipment maintained in good order and storing it between competitions. For many years he played the music at FARS events and he also built the two speakers that are still used by the Federation today.

I am sure that all of you who knew Tom will wish me to pass on your condolences to his wife, Pat, and their family. Tom's funeral will be held at Medway Crematorium at 3 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Vic Pratt

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