

Letter to the Editor

Sir,

I read with interest the article on (judoka) George Kerr in last month's edition.

I met George more than 40 years ago in an Edinburgh sports shop, possibly Thorntons. I was working abroad. He invited me to play squash with him at his Hillside club and we ended up playing regularly over a number of years whenever I was back home in Edinburgh.

We both played at the same level and had many close, hard fought, squash matches together on his single outdoor court which was always freezing!

I remember well George's wife Pauline and Hibs and Scotland footballer Eric Schaedler, who died tragically young, attending the club. Eddy Still, ex-table tennis Scottish champion, also used to join us for squash and I am pleased to note he is still active.

George would invite us to watch films some evenings at his club where large quantities of beer were usually consumed and he recounted the times he lived and worked in Japan. A good time was always had by all.

Some years later I came across Graeme Souness, another visitor to the Edinburgh Club, in France when he was playing in a Rangers friendly match against a local team and I mentioned George's club which he recalled.

Although I lost contact with George after the Hillside club closed (I only returned to live in Scotland again earlier this year), we have arranged to meet up after a phone call reunited us.

Yours, Bill Hogg



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