Obituaries

John Ivor Jones (48-49)

John was born at Holyhead in 1932, sharing his childhood with a brother and sisters in a town where almost everyone 'went to sea'. His father was known as 'Jones the Pilot'. Failing to secure his dream of an apprenticeship at sea, he won the inaugural scholarship to Conway. After two years there, he spent eight years with Holt's Blue Funnel Line, which he described as being a very good experience as they traded worldwide. He did several trips between Fremantle and Singapore which gave him an appetite for life Down Under. While waiting to join British Rail's Holyhead-Dublin service, he spent six months with Palm Line in West Africa. He then moved to the Heysham to Belfast service, six nights a week in the worst possible weather, and soon realised there must be a better way of life. A New Zealand friend told him they were short of officers, so after marrying Noray, they set out on a working honeymoon to NZ where they stayed for a year. Whilst on leave in Perth, he decided to join WA State Ships. After eight years, he was promoted to Master of the bulk cement carrier *Clieveden* where he stayed for over three years. When sea-going became too unpredictable, he began a new career as a Harbourmaster/Pilot, covering all ports in WA except Dampier and Fremantle.

After retiring from the State Marine department, he did contract and relief pilot work for five years, after which he spent more time with his family and concentrated on his compass adjusting, becoming 'Jones the Compass'. Well known up and down the WA coast, he ensured his craft continues by training others.

John worked hard as Secretary of the Conway Club WA Branch. He and Noray enjoyed time with their three children and five grandchildren. The long sea-faring tradition in now in its 5th generation as son David now works as a Fremantle pilot.

Colin Harvey (48-50)

Colin died last November after a long, stoical battle with problems originating from skin cancer. On leaving Conway, he joined Alfred Holt & Co and subsequently followed a very varied career. We do not have a detailed history but believe this included various shipping companies on the west and east coasts of Canada. In 1959, Colin emigrated to Canada and, after a few interim jobs, joined the Toronto Police Force in which he served for three years. In another change of direction, Colin trained as a teacher and then spent 25 happy years at Toronto's famous Upper Canada College where he taught math and became a cricket coach, thereby fulfilling one of his own main interests. He loved classical music and sailing but cricket was his passion which enabled him to be an umpire and manager in many local, national and international matches. Colin was a loyal member of the Central Canada Conway Club and at the time of his death, he was their President.

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