

The history of the Ivor Morkott

The Ivor Morkott LDT is run by our Club every year in July and is a sell out each year – rated as one of the top LDT in the UK. It has its roots in the now defunct Islwyn MC and was then called the Tour of Islwyn LDT.

As for the name, Ivor Morkott was a Club stalwart of the old school and was almost a lifetime member. He was a real character in every sense of the word and could be seen stalking the sections in his trademark deerstalker hat complete with fishing flies and heard shouting at competitors, pointing with his shooting stick with remarks like “Don’t use that line – up there you want to go”!

Ivor was Life President of the Club and very well known in the ACU centre where his opinions (of which there were many!) were listened to at the highest level.

When Ivor died the Club agreed that our LDT should act as a memorial to the kind of person the club was built on – people like Ivor who enthusiastically help others to enjoy the sport in all its guises.

Ivor’s wife (nicknamed the Lady Mayoress and a big presence at Caerphilly Club events) gave her personal blessing to the renaming of the event.