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Reproduced below is a letter from A.H. Buck (who died recently) written to Ian Fuller in fond memories of many years of participation. He surely appreciated the reluctance of his

1981. In many ways it is a personal obituary for it expresses his love for the game and his peers to put pen to paper by providing his own epitaph.

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Re A.G.M. of R.F.A., 20/5/81

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Dear Mr. Secretary

A death-bed repentance. For some fifty years I have had notices of R.F.A. Annual General Meetings; have never as far as I remember attended one; never, alas! had the manners to send a letter of regret.

Well, I now do so; and please let this apology serve for any future years I may live, as well as all those past ones.

I speak, perhaps, partly in jest, though I could wish I had been better-mannered. But in this my first (I think) and certainly my last communication to the Club I should like to thank you for many a pleasant

game, and the many good men I met under your auspices: Bowley, Brevers, Burton, Davies, - I won't try to go on.

I speak, as you will see, if you consult past records, of forty or fifty years ago. I played on, with diminishing power but undiminished pleasure, until I was 64, when arthritis in the hip put an end to the pleasant nonsense.

It's a grand game, and bless you for keeping it going.

Please don't consider this needs any answer - just keep that splendid game, so little known by the general, so beloved by those who know it, going.

Yours sincerely

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