



Peter Maerky

19th October 1954 – 24th May 2017

Peter Maerky died peacefully on 24th May 2017, surrounded by his family. Despite enduring fearsome bouts of chemotherapy, the cancer spread and he spent his last months at home, buoyed by the love and care of Brigitte, Daniela and Francesca. For generations of St Moritz visitors, Peter was the smiling host of the Steffani, deftly making his way round the Lapin Bleu, greeting people by name with a joke, carrying an improbable number of plates as he cleared tables, while keeping an eye on the smooth running of the restaurant. Then he would be in the Cresta or Stuebli Bar, still smiling, offering to share the delights of his splendid collection of whiskies with those able to appreciate it. The Services will remember the splendid Steffani breakfasts in Top Hut on Inter-Services Day, not to mention the Navy's Steffani pool parties. He took on an enormous amount of work for the Club, serving on the Committee since 1993 in a variety of positions. He would take in deliveries out of season, ensure that maintenance and repairs were carried out in the Clubhouse during the summer, and all done so quietly, so competently, with no desire of recognition or reward. It was not only the Cresta. St Moritz benefitted from his exceptional organisational skills in organising the Classic Car Event, and aiding and abetting countless other St Moritz events. Impossible not to like someone with such charm and such genuine interest in others. Impossible not to respect someone with so many manifold skills. Impossible not to feel life was worth living when you were with someone who enjoyed life so much. An impossible act to follow. His death leaves a great hole in the heart of St Moritz.

His funeral will be held on Saturday, 10th June at 1pm in the French Church "Au Bois" in St. Moritz. The family have kindly reserved the main restaurant of Le Lapin Blue with an 'a la carte' menu, for Cresta Members on Friday 9th June, the night before Peter's funeral. They have also offered an apero in the Cava Bar Cellar beforehand, hosted by themselves.