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15th August 2022

Dear Member

**The Earl of Suffolk & Berkshire
27th March 1935 - 5th August 2022**

It is with regret that I write to let you know that Mickey Suffolk died earlier this month. He joined the Club in 1956 and rode in the late 50s and early 60s, with his last ride in 1973.

Rupert Lycett-Green remembers him:

"I first saw Mickey Suffolk getting out of his British racing green Aston Martin DB4 outside the Palace Hotel. After him, disentangling themselves from the bucket seats in the back, appeared two beautiful girls with small suitcases. Mickey Suffolk was outstandingly brave which he proved again and again on the Cresta and the Bob Run, ski jumping and on horseback. On the bob run, I believe he competed for Great Britain with Simon Fraser as his brakeman at least once in the World Championships, I think it was Lake Placid. Having decided to become Britain's representative in the nearest Winter Olympics, he took up ski jumping which went well until attempting a full size jump in St Moritz, he was caught by a crosswind and landed on his head, apparently doing no lasting harm to himself or his reputation for having a crack at anything dangerous.

It was confirmed by the author, Jilly Cooper, that he was one of her models for the infamous lothario in her novels, Rupert Campbell-Black. Mickey never denied this and was renowned for looping the loop with a series of lovely, slightly unsuspecting girls, in his biplane. In latter years, he became an excellent cook and a dab hand at croquet, relaying his croquet lawn every year to ensure an even surface where no quarter was taken or given.

He was always a very generous host at Charlton Park and in his earlier days, made history for many of his friends by persuading Bobby Moore (World Cup

winning captain) to play in rather less illustrious company on the football pitch Mickey created at Charlton Park specially for the occasion.

We will all miss him tremendously."

Best wishes,
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