



26th January 2022

Dear Member

It is with regret that I write to let you know of recent deaths of a Member, and of a friend of the Club:

**Richard (Dick) Liversedge
(31st August 1940 – 19th January 2022)**

Dick became a Member in 1959 – in Digby's parlance he was a Very Senior Member – but was never someone to push himself forward, despite his imposing height. Encouraged by Norman Barclay, he branched out from the Cresta to the luge, and was one of the select band of Cresta Olympians, in the days when it was still dominated by amateurs, who were either independently wealthy or were civil servants and able to get dispensation to take time off to train. Dick, as an NHS surgeon, was in the latter camp. He represented GB on the luge in 1968 (Grenoble), 1972 (Sapporo) and 1976 (Innsbruck). The names of fellow lugers of those times will be instantly recognised by Cresta members: Jonnie Woodall, James Manclark and Michel de Carvalho. Quiet, unassuming, genial, with a sharp wit and keen intelligence, he will be much missed as an adored husband, father and grandfather, and by legions of his Cresta friends.

The riding database does not hold anything other than best times prior to 1985, but even so, not many riders have a list spanning the number of seasons that Dick rode. His row of riding badges must be several feet long. His best time from Top (bearing the preceding caveat in mind) was 60.61 in 1982, and from Junction 46.50 in 1993. He last rode in 2016.

The family is holding a private funeral and plan a service of Thanksgiving in the autumn to celebrate a life well lived and much respected.

Sophie Cunliffe-Owen
(February 1965 – January 2022)

Sophie, the daughter of past-President Sir Dudley Cunliffe-Owen, died unexpectedly and shockingly young in early January. While not a Member of the Club, she was a frequent visitor to St Moritz, and kept in touch with many Cresta Members who were friends of her parents, and fostered acquaintance with the younger Cresta generation with her enthusiastic involvement on the committees of London Cresta Balls in the early 2000s. Her funeral will take place on Monday 7th February at Holy Trinity Sloane Square SW1X 9BZ at 11 a.m.

Best wishes
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