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## President's Letter

18th July 2022

**Dear Member**

### Summer Events Report

The Summer Engadine meeting of over eighty Cresta members and friends under electric blue skies was as joyous a gathering as I can remember. There was lots of walking and some Lac de Staz swimming. But the highlights... golf at Engadine GC, the classic car rally, and the mountain e-biking were quite brilliantly organised by Martin Greenland (his first official performance as our new Secretary), Michael Bornhüsser, and Tobias Schaer, all of them helped by some fine lieutenants. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners were all delicious affairs from Salastrains, to Italy, to Giardin, to the Steffani, to Peppino's and farther beyond. Fittingly our fireworks were tributes to our dear friend Louis Piana.

During the weekend The Festival of Jazz reopened in true Sachs and newly re-elected Mayor Christian Jott Jenny style. Sadly, a very dark cloud was cast over Draculas with the passing of Founder member René Theler, also one of our Club's most senior Life Members who became one four years before I was born. [This obituary](#) prepared by Colin Emson and Rolf Sachs barely scratches the surface of René's extraordinary life, and on a personal note I hope I can follow his example always to be so supportive and friendly towards the younger Club members.

I cannot recommend a summer break in St Moritz more highly. There is just so much to do, and unusually I returned home feeling fit and healthy. Do pencil next year's meeting July 6th-9th in your diaries now.

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### Next Season

Looking to the autumn the London Ball on November 10th will be a huge sell out success, its Committee working feverishly for our fun and games. Thinking of the winter, [linked here](#) is next Season's Fixture Card to help you plan your diaries and bring your friends. The Season Calendar will be online in due course, so that you can

make your reservations.

The Cresta's star may be in the ascendant (we simply will not be able to accommodate 25 University teams) but the big celebration will be the 125 years anniversary since the St Moritz Bobsleigh Club was born out of our own. It will be especially exciting to see the completion of Fritz Burkard's Cresta and Bob Museum opposite the Kulm.

We may be happiest on ice, but some of us still have skiing aspirations (a Cresta Kandahar team captained by Martin Berthod is rumoured) to which end Members have the opportunity of acquiring what will be the coolest and most exclusive skis in St Moritz made by Bomber in Italy. The details and design are [linked here](#), will those interested please email [Dushan Karageorgevitch](#). We need a minimum of ten pairs to press the manufacture button.

Already in production are lots of lovely shop items, also next Season's [Members badge](#) in honour of 1897 & 1899 Grand National winner Captain Bertie Dwyer, probably the most talented Welshman ever to grace our Run.

As many will have seen last weekend, under renovation is the exterior of the Clubhouse. Our 70 year old lady needed a little TLC and some external cosmetic treatment to help her complexion continue to shine brightly down our favourite valley.

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May you all have wonderful summers and sweet dreams about your split times next Season.

As Ever.



James Sunley

PS. Just before we went to press and on the same day as an Alsace party was being held in memory of the fastest Frenchman on the Run, Louis Piana, we were very sad to learn past Guru, Centenary Ball and Ladies Race organiser and founder of all things fun, Trevor "Dear Boy" Baines had died unexpectedly. Trevor's daughter Charley has written fond memories of her father on Facebook. His obituary, composed by Harriet Brabazon, is [linked here](#).

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