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28th November 2024

Dear Member

**David Samuels
30th July 1932 – 25th October 2024**

It is with regret that I write with the very sad news that David Samuels has died.

David became a Member of the Club in 1957 and became a Life Member in 1993.

Flying was David's great passion in life and at the age of 17 he joined the RAF and quickly proved himself to be an exceptional pilot, soon becoming a test pilot with the Empire Test Pilot School. He flew at least 54 different Jets during his career. David and his young family moved to Singapore in 1965 where he continued test flying, notably the Lightning. David then moved to Hong Kong and began working for Cathay Pacific Airways.

It was the RAF that brought David to the Cresta in his 20s. Whilst unable to make it to St Moritz during his time with Cathay Pacific, once he had retired, David would head to St Moritz every season without fail to join his friends on the Cresta and in the Steffani Hotel. He won trophies including the Bott Cup, the Seniors and the Flying Tiger Trophy. However, his riding career finally ended just short of his 70th Birthday after a nasty fall from Top, breaking many bones, although he always said he would ride again.

The Club sends its love and condolences to David's three daughters.



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