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Dear Member

Freddie Weissmann 22nd March 1948 - Thursday 11th July 2024

It is with regret that I write to let you know that Freddie Weissmann died on 11th July, aged 76, after a long illness.

His best friend Carl Tesdorf has shared the below memories of his great friend 'Silly Freddie'.

"When my friend K.F. Weissmann was admitted to the Cresta Club in the year 1983, by my signature and that of Urs Nater, Freddie told me that he was in Miami on business and that this was his happiest day. He was staying in a Hilton hotel and opened the minibar in his room, stuck his head in it, and lay down on his stomach in the kamikaze position in front of it to demonstrate an early Cresta feeling. For many years he was a totally enthusiastic rider. He won his Colours in the Morgan Cup in the year 1993. He was lying in 9th place when Marc Fischer, who was standing 6th, fell out of the race in the last run, whereby Freddie finished 8th on principle and thus won his much coveted Colours. Before he had won these, various Members who polished their runners in the old wooden hut at Junction told him that a non-Colour rider was not allowed to work on his sled on the table, so he prepared his sled on the floor, believing this to be a rule of the Club! Afterwards, he drove to London several times for whatever reason, and I told him that every taxi driver in London knows the meaning of this tie and he should sit down in the taxi so that the driver could recognise his tie. Sitting in a taxi he called me and was bitterly disappointed."

On behalf of the Club, we send our sincere condolences to Freddie's family and friends.



Best wishes, Tilly MacDonald

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