

Michael Orr

19th August 1937 – 15th August 2026

Member of Roehampton Club 1961- 2026



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of long-standing Member, John Carmichael Orr who will be hugely missed by his family, friends and all who knew him at Roehampton Club.

Michael joined Roehampton Club in 1961 after starting work in the City straight from Cambridge. He was keen to continue the sports he enjoyed and enquired at Hurlingham. He was told there was a long waiting list but that a slightly inferior Club south of the river would take him sooner. Michael never looked back.

Over the following decades, Michael became a much-loved and highly regarded Member of the Roehampton Club community. He enjoyed a wide range of sports and made significant contributions to the Club, both on and off the courts. Michael was elected to the Board in 1981 and went on to become Club Chairman in 1992.

Michael was an outstanding sportsman, earning himself many tennis and squash titles. His achievements across the Club include:

Tennis Men's Champion 1965

Tennis Men's Open Doubles Champion 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967

Tennis Men's Captain 1964 and 1965

Squash Men's Champion 1965

Squash Men's Handicap Champion 1983

Michael had a successful career in the city becoming a Senior Director of S.G. Warburg, Finance Director of Grand Metropolitan PLC and Head of Investment Banking at Merrill Lynch Europe and Middle East. After ill health forced him to retire from executive employment, Michael became Chairman of two listed companies and a Board Member of several others, including Chairman of the Liver Research Trust.

Michael leaves behind his wife Janet, to whom he was married to for nearly 60 years, their two children Kate and Will and eight grandchildren.

The date for Michael's service is yet to be confirmed.