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Newsletter to members

OBITUARY - Susan Mary SIMCOCK ONZM (Susie)

Committee member and outstanding convenor of the Club's Annual Golf Classic organising committee, **Susie Simcock** ONZM died on 29th May 2020 after a short illness, aged 81. She was one of the inaugural women members of the Carbine Club in 2000 and made a significant contribution to the Club.



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Susie represented New Zealand Universities in hockey and athletics, then took up squash in 1972 and represented Auckland and New Zealand. However, it was as a sports administrator that Susie really made her mark.

Susie was the first woman to be elected President of the World Squash Federation, a position held from 1996 to 2002 and was the first woman to be elected as a Council member of the General Association of International Sports Federations, known today as SportAccord. In 2004 she was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sports administration and squash.

Susie received numerous accolades for her contribution to sport. A Board member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee for 12 years, she chaired the Women and Sport Committee for the New Zealand Olympic Committee. She was honoured with the New Zealand Olympic Order in 2008. She received the Halberg SPARC New Zealand leadership award for sports administration in 2009.

In 2010 Susie was honoured by the International Olympic Committee, receiving the Oceania trophy for her contribution to the promotion of women's sport, having initiated several projects including a study on gender balance and developing guidelines to assist national sports federations to improve gender balance on their boards. She also received an Order of Merit for distinguished service to the Commonwealth Games movement in 2018. These were just some of the many awards Susie received for her contribution to sport both nationally and internationally. Her drive and enthusiasm will be sorely missed but her legacy will remain for many years to come. Our sincere condolences go to Jon and her family.

A private funeral service will be held with a memorial to be held at a later date. Details of the memorial will be advised in due course.

Regards

VJ Latta

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