

SIR MICHAEL BONALLACK

The great achievements of Life Vice-President Sir Michael Bonallack, OBE, of Thorpe Hall Golf Club, Captain of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St.Andrews in 2000, and Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club from 1983 to 1999 will surely be of interest to all Essex golfers. Sir Michael first won the Essex Boys Championship in 1950 and retained the title in 1951.

Boys Amateur Championship

Winner – 1952

Army Championship

Winner - 1955

Berkshire Trophy

Winner - 1957, 1961, 1965, 1968, 1970 and 1971

Walker Cup Team

1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971 and 1973.

(Played 28; Won 8; Halved 3)

Captain - 1971 & 1973.

Played for England in International Matches

1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1974.

(Played 131; Won 79; Halved 15)

Captain - 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967

Worplesdon Mixed Foursomes

Winner with Mrs. Angela Bonallack - 1958

Sunningdale Foursomes

Winner with D. Sewell - 1959

British Commonwealth Team

1959, 1963, 1967, 1971

Captain - 1971 and 1975

Eisenhower Trophy Team

1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1972

Captain 1972

v Rest of Europe

1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1972

Scrutton Jug

Winner - 1961, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971

'Golf Illustrated' Gold Vase

Winner - 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971 and 1975

Amateur Championship (The British)

Winner - 1961, 1965, 1968, 1969 and 1970

English Amateur Championship

Winner - 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967 and 1968

English Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Brabazon Trophy)

Winner – 1968, 1969 and 1971

Antlers of Royal Mid-Surrey

Winner with D. Marsh in 1964

Leading Amateur in the Open Championship

Winner - 1968 and 1971

Golf Writers Trophy

Winner - 1968

Bobby Jones Award

Winner - 1972

Lytham Trophy

Winner - 1956 and 1972

St. Georges Challenge Cup

Winner - 1965, 1968, 1980

Prince of Wales Challenge Cup

Winner - 1967

Essex County Amateur Golf Union: County Championship

Winner: 1954, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1968, 1969, 1970, & 1972.

Other Honours:

1982 **President English Golf Union**

1983/89 **Secretary, Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews**

1991 **The Gerald Micklem Award**

Presented for his outstanding contribution to the interests of Amateur Golf in England.

1999/2000 **Captain, Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews**

2001 **Inducted into the World of Golf Hall of Fame,**

Appointed President of the Golf Foundation,

Appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the European Tour.

Peter Dawson

It is interesting that the successor to Sir Michael Bonallack as Secretary to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews should be Peter Dawson, who was for a few years in the late 1960's a member of Sir Michael's club, Thorpe Hall, and twice a winner of the Essex Boys Championship, as was Sir Michael. Peter also won the Upminster Bowl in 1966.

After leaving Essex, Peter Dawson Captained the Cambridge University team and played for many years in the Warwickshire County side. He also played for the Midlands Representative team and was runner-up in the prestigious Oxford & Cambridge President's Putter competition in 1974.
