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Chairman Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



**Phil Taubman
(Southern 100 Racing)**

Southern 100 Club Chairman, Phil Taubman has been honoured for the second time in six months for his dedication to motorcycle sport, especially his involvement with the Southern 100 for 60 years!

Fresh from a well deserved seven-week break in New Zealand, he was invited to attend the prestigious *Isle of Man Bank* Isle of Man Sports Awards 2015 ceremony at the Villa Marina, where the guest of honour was retired boxing Champion Audley Harrison MBE, under the impression that the Southern 100 Racing organisation had been nominated for an award.

However, much to the Club Chairman's surprise, it was him who was to be honoured, receiving a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' after a short DVD clip was shown outlining his contribution to road racing over six decades, from assisting with putting out bales around the Billown Course as a youngster, with his late close friend Gordon Clague to the *dizzy heights* of Clerk of the Course for the Southern 100 since 1997 and the Manx Grand Prix and Classic TT from 2008.



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Tributes were paid by George Peach, Secretary of Southern 100 Racing; David Mylchreest, President of the Manx Motor Cycle Club; Jason Griffiths, past race winner at the Southern 100 and on the Mountain Course, whose father Selwyn also raced with success on the Billown and TT Courses; Derek Nicholson, President of Southern 100 Racing at Trevor Taubman - Phil's brother on behalf of the family.

The 'Lifetime Achievement Award' was presented to Phil Taubman by Darryl Tinnion of 'Visit Isle of Man', who sponsored the award.

An overwhelmed Phil Taubman said: *'I am extremely honoured to have been nominated for this award and cannot thank everyone who supported my nomination and the kind words spoken in the video clip.'*

'I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with road racing on the Isle of Man and it has been a pleasure to watch the sport grow and be recognised world-wide to such high acclaim and look forward to being involved for some time yet.'

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