



Mick McManus



O.B.E.

Anglo Italian

Another Trooping the Colour Day, and still no recognition for the once biggest indoor sport in the country.

I have opened this Topic not so much as a typical thread but as a petition. Please just put a short reply if you support a move to have 91-year-old Mick McManus recognised in the New Year's Honours List.

At a purely professional level, Mick McManus was and remains 100% committed and, well, professional. In this Most professional of professional sports.

But don't we all remember him hobnobbing it at charity events for the Lords Taverners, on Variety Day at Sandown races, and at glittering Park Lane functions for the sixties jet set? And who was instrumental in getting the Duke of Edinburgh to attend charity fund-raising professional wrestling presentations in 1963 and 1968? Mick McManus has been very private about his charity work.

The Queen is often complimented for not having put a foot wrong during her reign. McManus's own reliable professionalism was of a similar level.

This is no forlorn cause. The powers that be sat up and took notice of Bruce Forsyth's fans. If there are enough voices here, they may listen to us.

Do sign, please.

matey dave

no problem yes

SaxonWolf

Yes I agree, Mick has met Royalty on a number of occasions, surely they can recognise him for his services to entertaining the country. As we have all said on various threads and forums in the past, during the 1960's and 1970's, everyone in the country had heard of Mick McManus, whether you watched Wrestling or not, he was one of the most famous and instantly recognisable faces in the country.

Who do we send this to? How do we get someone to listen?

lofty waterman

Yes what a great idea a wrestler at long last, should more wrestlers, refs ,mcs, and any one involved in the wrestling.

YES MICK MACMANUS OBE. YES

palais fan

I say "Yes" it's long overdue.

CHRIS NEWMAN

Totally agree Palais & Everyone. Let's all try and see if we can make it a "Mick-Fall-Must" New Year !

CHRIS NEWMAN

What I actually mean of course by my comment above, is for Mick to land a pin-fall on an OBE or equivalent.

I don't normally follow this type of thing and one of my heroes - the late great John Lennon, had his reasons for handing back his honour. That doesn't mean though someone from the great days of British Pro Wrestling shouldn't receive one.

'Bout time (no pun intended) and "The Dook" liked to go to the Albert for Grapple didn't he?

Mick McManus, now an incredible 91, is a very worthy recipient - if ever there was one.

matey dave

just a side note, let us not forget another wrestler/referee the same age as mr macmanus, joe d'orazio who did a lot of work behind the scenes as well as reunions

palais fan

Well said, Joe's work with adults with learning disabilities, his role in bringing together wrestlers, officials and fans, at the reunion, and his contribution to entertainment (films and wrestling) make him a strong candidate as far as I'm concerned.

Yvonne

Mick was a great Wrestler and is a wonderful human being. He should be nominated. In the UK anyone can nominate someone for an Honour - here is the link with all of the info needed. He was a friend of my Uncle who was a second for Dale Martin Promotions and appeared in millions of homes in the UK on Saturday afternoon wrestling shows. A household name in his day.

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/UKgovernment/Honoursawardsandmedals/DG_067917

Anglo Italian

Thanks for the idea Yvonne.

Yes, we are aware of the ways of creating formal petitions and proposing people for honours, this is all part of the intention from the start of this thread.

This initial intention here is to see whether there are sufficient fans and fellow wrestlers out there who are in agreement with me on this suggestion.

Like many businesses, wrestling can sometimes become too fragmented with different interests and as a result weaken its own interests. Like all Wrestling Heritage initiatives we need to remain focused and centred.

Thanks to those few who have signified support. I am surprised there are not more positive voices, however.

We could divert to Joe D'Orazio and even others, I am not disputing anyone's worth. But McManus is undeniably the biggest name and the safest bet to achieve this type of honour, which would be a true milestone for wrestling. We have a battle on our hands as, in spite of our interest, the idea will be unpopular in some circles.

We can see lots of visitors to this thread who don't sign. It's a pity. Because the months will fly by and it will be too late to present Mick's case for December.

Do please sign if you agree.

Hack

One of your better ideas Mr Anglo Italian.
Let's honour Mick.

ken sowden

I totally agree that Mick should be honoured for his services to this great sport of ours over the last 60+ years together with all that he has done to promote it not to mention all of the charity work that he has done for various good causes over the years. Mick will always be one of the greatest and biggest names in the British wrestling scene and he deserves to be honoured for this, he has stayed loyal for his entire career and beyond and his professionalism has never been questioned. I whole heartedly give my support for Mick to receive this honour and cannot think of any wrestler who deserves this more.

I would add that as a regular contributor to the World of Sport Wrestling page on facebook (which I am pleased to say has now reached over 2000 members and is growing all the time...check it out if you haven't already) I have posted your request on there and have asked the members and contributors to come over to this great site of yours and support this cause.

Alan Hinder

Here Here 100% agree,

Alan Hinder

2027 members thanks to the hard working admins Ken. lol :D

Graham Bawden

Yes i totally agree. Mick McManus should get an OBE, for his services. He has been a true professional over the years and has given so much to the great sport of professional wrestling. He certainly deserves recognition.:

Danny82

100% support from me; what's the next step? one of those government e-petitions?

frogblaster2112

I agree 100% not only for the entertainment that Mick provided us within the ring but his works outside the ring surely cannot go by seemingly unappreciated. I salute Mr McManus and all those stepping into the squared circle past and present

Bobby England

I agree 100%. Mick should receive an O.B.E.

GED REEK

Hi! Yes, I agree Mick should have some official recognition for his duties especially behind the scenes. Please accept this as my "vote" and hope it helps towards Mick gaining an award.

TERRY HUNT

I agree Mick McManus OBE or better still SIR MICK MCMANUS

a22103

Should be Sir Mick McManus

pretty

Great ideal well deserved for a great sportsman

Anglo Italian

Thanks for the recent flurry of support for the idea.

To those of you who have asked, we'll just let this grow here for a few more weeks and then take it to the next level in a co-ordinated way that ensures respect for pro wrestling that some outsiders might not naturally have.

Sandyman

I will sign and get others to as well once a petition is formalised.

djmask

I certainly think Mick should receive an O.B.E.

Tony Heath

I totally support any petition to award THE GREAT MICK McMANUS to receive ultimate accolades that our Great Country can bestow; Always true to Wrestling: Always supportive of the contribution by Mick Mcmanus to a Great Sport;

Blaggitt

YES!!!

Totally support Mick McManus to receive an O.B.E. Outstanding wrestler, my Nan always watched the wrestling on a saturday afternoon accompanied by me and enjoyed Mick's matches, even if she did boo him, ha ha. Probably the first wrestler whose name I memorised as a little boy.

About time that a legend in this sport was recognised with an honour!

sawdust

I WOULD OF THORT MICK WOULD OF HAD ALL THE AWARDS THERE IS TO GET NOT JUST FOR HIS TIME IN THE RING BUT ALSO ALL THE GOOD WORK (IE DVD,S ECT ECT) HE DID WHEN HE HANG HIS BOOTS UP SO WITHOUT S DOUGHT YES YES YES GET HIM ON THE HONOURS LIST

Tony Bates

I agree totally, please add my name to the list.

Nik A

This sort of thing doesn't usually interest me but as it's Mick a big yes from me on this one. Ask him Ref!

Tony Carter

Have been a fan of wrestling for years, and now watch it on FreeSat, and Mick McManus is a great legend and deserves recognition from the Queen for his services to wrestling over many years.

Good Luck Mick

John Shelvey

It should go without saying that I'm putting my hand up for Mick, O.B.E. (Order of the British Empire)

Cheers, John, O.B.E. (Old Big 'Ed)

dreadedpickles@yahoo.com

Without a shadow of a doubt. I have been watching the mat game since 1963 when I was taken to West Ham baths, and it still amazes me to this day. In fact I am surprised that Mick doesn't already hold an honour, in that case it's an utter disgrace. I'll get as many people as I can to come on to this site and join in with their support.

There are loads more I could name over the last 50 years, but we have to start somewhere. If we fail in this, we should dispatch Mr McManus to the palace to put Philip in a headlock!

Anglo Italian

Thanks for your further support.

We have now moved on and completed the Nomination form which needs to come from an individual, along with supporting documents. Buckingham Palace will feel the thud of plenty of Mick McManus memorabilia on their desk.

However, we want to involve further all those of you who expressed your support above already.

The Nomination Form allows for Letters of Support to be written, and the more we can attach to the form, the better.

Would you like to write your letter to be attached to the nomination? If you would, please email theriotsquad@hotmail.com and we will send you further details.

I do hope a few of you will want to dedicate 10 or 20 minutes to writing a letter.

Once the Nomination Form process is complete, we will move on to the petition, in order to bolster the existing Nomination.

Rest assured, when this project is complete we will acknowledge and record on this site all those who participated, and hopefully we'll be celebrating a success together.

TheClassic

Yes, all the way.

Wrestlefan

There is no easy way of putting this: THE BRITISH EMPIRE NO LONGER EXISTS. These empty "honours" do nobody any favours. LOOK TO THE FUTURE NOT THE PAST!

David Mantell

shrug - A person can like British Wrestling and be opposed to the UK Honours System - no contradiction, surely?

kevin sadler

Of course Mick McManus should be honoured. His services to wrestling are unique and worthy on their own, but allied to his charity work, it makes his case undeniable. Were he involved in one of the more establishment sports it would have occurred several years ago. Footballers and cricketers get recognised for being gallant losers whilst people like Mick, (along with Phil Taylor) are ignored, and they usually win.

Al Marshall

I got a few letters back off him, and he was always so nice in them too me, Top man in the wrestling business, and he loved UK wrestling and did a lot for it, and I do hope he gets the Medal, for that would be a good one for wrestling FANS

john kincaid

A great professional, and a nice guy on his day, he kept the sport alive for many years, he was and still is a very private person, but he never took a backward step coming forward for his charity work. If Mick was on television on a Saturday afternoon you could guarantee a few thousand more watching viewers than usual.

This man deserves to be honoured for all the work he did in and out of the ring spanning a good number of years, he was up there with all the top names in films and show business, he had one of the most recognisable names on T.V.

In a round about way Mick McManus made me into a star, My very first time on T.V back in 1969 was with Mick in St Albans, I had only wrestled him once before, then we made history by being the first wrestling match to go out live in colour, both times he made me look a million dollars, but he did this to all the new young talent so over all he was a star maker as well.

tony st.clair

totally agree, if any wrestler deserves it then it's Mick, a true ambassador of our sport

tommy stevenson

YES O.b.E. FOR MICK 100% Good luck Mick

The Riot Squad

Just to keep you informed, we are still awaiting from The Mall confirmation of receipt of the Nomination which Wrestling Heritage sent by registered post.

We can see about 40 people have signed their agreement, but we are assured great attention will be granted to the quantity of individuals supporting the Nomination.

If you haven't signed this thread already, and if you want to see a wrestler and wrestling recognised at National Honours level, please do sign.

40 was a nice number, but it is nothing in comparison with the number of Members and Topic views.

We hope everyone can sign this, because silence may be construed as being a voice against the initiative.

The Riot Squad

Weird, it just took that and the confirmation duly arrived.
The "nomination is being considered very carefully."

Dale Storm

A OBE for Michael McManus? For the moment I'll sit on the fence on that one, which I am not in the habit of doing! I'll only say this. Mr McManus has the distinction of being a Life Member of Equity! And that's no mean achievement! That means he paid his dues on time, for 25 straight years in a row, I salute him for being a good Trade Unionist! Given that the Promoters fought tooth and nail against the lads forming or going into a Union, It would be interesting to know if they ever knew that Michael was an active member? Once again as a fellow Equity Member and Scottish Committee Member, I salute a fellow thespian. Dale Storm

Wrestlefan

I have never been against the idea of honouring any walk of life. However the medal or whatever should reflect the present rather than a past that has faded away. Why not an English Medal (an EM) a Welsh medal (WM) or a Scottish Medal (SM). Actually the last one might not be such a good idea...

Anglo Italian

At the start the intention here was to raise the profile of wrestling, through one high-profile wrestler. It's quite a tall ask to get the general public or those in the Honours Office to be interested in a 91-year-old who was famous before most of them were born.

I am sure we wrestling fans are all only too well aware of Joe Public's general reaction to any professional wrestling matter: "Didn't you know, it's all fixed?"

In the face of this mountain we have moved on and will soon move to yet another stage.

In Mick McManus we have just about the only remaining name worthy of any credit for the development of post-war British wrestling. And what a big name and character! Even those others who are still around just don't have the same mass appeal nationwide.

Although we do enjoy topics that wander to discuss other subjects, this is probably an exception and not one of them. We have nearly 2,000 Members, only 40 or so have signed with any enthusiasm here, it's a bit of a shame. If the Honours Office read this thread which we have publicised to them, they may detect discord within us old time fans and choose that as a reason not to take the Nomination further. I do respect those who

remained silent, and presume their silence means they are against McManus receiving an honour. His name is Mick, by the way, not Michael.

I will just reiterate my own personal views. Mick McManus was a mainstay on the scene for nearly 50 years, and defended wrestling's integrity to the hilt. He was justifiably rewarded with a managerial position and it's hardly surprising if, for a while, he was on opposing teams with some or even many of the wrestlers regarding pay and conditions. It's just the old employer-employee story that all industries encounter. Who's to say he wasn't the one in the right? McManus went on to work with most of the strikers in the ring without any apparent bad blood.

This is also not the place to discuss the rights and wrongs of the Honours system. It exists, and that's all there is to it.

The 40 positive comments above, so far, are heartening, especially Johnny Kincaid's words about the generosity of the big name wrestler working with the youngster.

I happen to have enormous respect for the man. From a Fan's perspective, and that is what is ultimately going to count, he was the very essence of a professional wrestler.

The problems facing this campaign are compounded by the fact that he was a ring villain: Lester Piggott had to return his knighthood for tax evasion; Hurricane Higgins and George Best never got a look in. Can we manage to make the Honours Office understand that being a Villain was the art of Mick McManus? We have tried very hard.

And with so many Olympic medallists lining up for honours, will there be any space for a 91-year-old from a "non-sport"?

The enthusiasts who sign here have a battle on our hands. We have enough outside obstacles without more from wrestling people.

Please continue the topic here if you are supportive of the movement for Mick McManus to be honoured.

tommy stevenson

I would also vote for Mick good luck

The Riot Squad

The Cabinet Office responsible for Honours and Appointments encourages us to continue submitting support information while Mick McManus's nomination is being considered.

So we have set up an online petition and ask all those in favour to sign once again by clicking here.

Please take this link further to other sites and facebook pages, and twitter too, if that's your scene.

We need to show the powers that be that fans of the Golden Years of British Wrestling are a force to be reckoned with.

And just imagine the party we can throw if we have success and what ecstasy of new Heritage Awards will await those who have signed the successful forum topic and petition.

Greyster

Mick Knighted? Issued with an OBE? Well this issue has got to be a 'no brainer' for the great and good who make these decisions surely?!! I can only think that they have simply 'forgotten' Mick and that is very wrong indeed. It's not just his celebrity in the day, it's loyalty and dedication over a lifetime to something disciplined and very special, which is actually deeply embedded in British culture right through the Queens rein. Plus, it meant a lot and means a lot to many people. If Mick Jagger gets one for services to music.. then Mick McManus should get one for services to British Sport! Simple as that and they need reminding.

HILLARY

Hi, my name is Hillary.I have always like Mick McManus style of wrestling & think for all his charity work over the years he should be recognised in the new year's Honours list.For a OBE.

SaxonWolf

Mick was an entertainer, and on that basis, as Mr Cooper says, if Mick Jagger gets one for services to music then Mick should get one. In fact if Danny La Rue got an OBE for entertaining in a music hall or pantomime style, then Mick should get one for entertaining us in halls and being a screen villain of the highest order. As we have all said (all of us of a certain age), Mick was as famous in the 1960's and 70's as the Beatles, the Mini, Carnaby Street, etc.

Steve Veidor The 2nd

Mick McManus for an OBE!

Mark Lockey

Absolutely. Superb wrestler and showman. Used to love watching him "bend the rules " a bit too, because he could !

The Riot Squad

With New Year beckoning, and Mick McManus about to take centre stage once again on the small screen where he belongs, we have today telephoned the Cabinet Office to give a further push to Mick's nomination for a national honour.

The Cabinet Office are now aware of the BBC4 documentary and have long been aware of this topic-cum-petition. It is not too late to make a short comment here in support of the campaign. We would expect most Heritage Members to want to participate in this small way in view of how very much Mick McManus and Wrestling Heritage give you. In case anyone hasn't realised, he wasn't really such a nasty piece of work after all!!!

There is no doubt we are facing very stiff competition for the sporting honours what with golfers and tennis players and various Olympians also in the running. But not one of them can point back to as spectacular career as that of Mick McManus, so let's keep trying and do the very best we can for Professional Wrestling.

SaxonWolf

Like I have said before, Mick McManus was as famous in Britain as the mini, the mini skirt, The Beatles, etc. He was part and parcel of the fabric of everyday life in the 1960's and 1970's. There cannot have been a single person living in the UK who did not know who Mick McManus was. He entertained us all for over 30 years, always good value for money,

it's time to show him that he has not been forgotten, but is still being talked about to this day.

Dale Storm

The last time entered this debate, I sat on the fence somewhat! Something, those who really know me, will already know, I've seldom been known to do! But I've now made up my mind! Admittedly it's taken a wee while, but I'm confident, I've now come down on the the correct side of the debate! Mick McManus should most definitely be awarded an OBE! And let me say, the quicker the better! The success of last night's "Wrestling Programme" and the interest it has developed, and will continue to develop, over the next few months! Must now be fully harnessed, and used to build an ever more powerful and ever growing case for: The Dracula Look-a-Like to get his gong! Because it's not as if he hasn't earned it! He most certainly has! And so has our wonderful business! Of which, he must be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, living participant from our Grunt and Groan Game! Let's step up the pressure on government to give our 92 year old brother, what's well over due to him! And by so doing, place those "Golden Years" of "Grappling" back in the public eye, where it belongs! I urge you to fully support and that means now! Big Time!.....Dale Storm

Hilly

Hi. Got back on here at long last and a big YES to this one. McManus really deserves an award for all he did.

If only there could be posthumous ones, I'd nominate The Count (of course) too for the respect he gave to and earned from the wrestling fraternity.

dave.fletcher46@outlook.com

Hear Hear Hilly, I agree with you

Josephine

I can't believe he's never been honoured. Disgraceful. A knighthood at least for Mick.

Mark Stephen Jones

I agree Mick should get an honour for himself and as recognition of British wrestling this gets my vote, get Mick to accept an honour on behalf of all wrestlers of the golden era

matey dave

mick mcmanus not even a sniff. cherie blair, what can i say about her charity work which is printable. show just how mucky the honours system can be

Peter M.

Great to see such loyal/strong support for "Mac" Yes, he fully deserves an OBE for a valued contribution to our much loved institution. Sadly, it seems this summer's Olympians have received all the gongs... Let's keep up this support everyone...

The Riot Squad

This cause is in no way lost. We always knew we were up against it in Olympic year, and can now just hope that not too many sportsmen and women claim the limelight between now and Tropic of Colour in June when "we" have another chance.

From our understanding of the scheme, Mick McManus's nomination will remain valid and "under consideration" throughout 2013 after which, if unsuccessful, it will be deemed to have lapsed.

But we do just need collectively to show those outsiders looking in to this topic that there exists a groundswell of support for the idea. Comments on this thread attacking the honours system hardly help the cause. Since we don't like to intervene we have left them there, but it's really a case of just keeping quiet if you don't agree with or enjoy any of this. Gripes about the honours system can be made elsewhere. Don't spoil the fun of others.

Actually, on the back of Mick McManus taking centre stage in the recent BBC wrestling documentary, our cause may have been strengthened.

So keep the comments coming, surely more of you can add a word of support, particularly all the newbies who have joined in the last three weeks - a chance to give something back.

Oh, and just to mention again in case anyone is confused that we should be singing the praises of the Man We Loved To Hate, a villain of the ring for over thirty years ... he wasn't really that bad!!!

Mind you, this fundamental point does cause a problem perhaps in the eyes of some outsiders, but surely if the Crafty Cockney could get a gong, so can the Dulwich Destroyer.

SaxonWolf

According to the Daily Telegraph, it was Mick's birthday on Friday (11th Jan), he was either 92 or 93, can't remember as I was on a flight and jet lagged when I read it.

Hilly

Re Mick's birthday.....I may be wrong but I think he was 89. He shared his birthday with Count Bartelli, and The Count would have been 90 last Friday. I'm certain I read somewhere years ago that Mick was a year younger than Geoff.

SaxonWolf

Mick's age has been the subject of much speculation, but I think we all agree he is 92/93 Wikipedia has him at 91, but the Telegraph definitely had him as older
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mick_McManus_\(wrestler\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mick_McManus_(wrestler))

The Riot Squad

Former World Heavyweight Wrestling Champion Wayne Bridges has contacted Wrestling Heritage to lend his voice to this campaign.

Wayne was intimately involved in the wrestling business from 1964 and confirms the importance of Mick Mcmanus's contributions to the sport both inside and outside the ring over many years and in making charity appearances and furthering professional wrestling as a whole.

Peter M.

On behalf of all members of Heritage who strongly & clearly back this campaign, I would like to personally thank Wayne for his support... Having another Wrestler supporting a MBE for Mick Mcmanus, shows what a true sportsman Wayne really is. Thank You for your valued support Wayne Bridges.

Paul Gibbons.

Hi i totally agree Mick Mcmanus should recieve an OBE.

The Riot Squad

With great sadness we announce the passing of Barbara McManus, beloved wife of Mick.



Barbara was not a figure that many fans got to know personally, but she was one of wrestling's important background figures. See her below in the roll-neck sweater. Her occasional appearances in the media reassured us that the legendary ring villain had a glamorous and loving wife to return to and be himself.



Their bond was extremely strong and our sincere condolences are with Mick and his family at this time.

Peter M.

Our thoughts are with Mick, family & friends on hearing the sad loss of his wife, Barbara. I would like to send my condolences.

SaxonWolf

Very sad news. My thoughts are with the family.

Judy

There is only one truth about the honours lists and that is that the people who actually deserve an honour seldom if ever get one. Most people (Like Mick) who do a lot of voluntary/charity work and even change the laws of the land work in privacy and retain a low profile. Unfortunately it is those that you see self glorifying and making public at every turn what they do, are the ones that get the honours. At the end of the day the most important thing is how we feel about ourselves and what we have achieved for other people in our society.

Meru Ullah

I was fortunate enough to belong to the same promotions as the great McManus in the late '60's and that guy was better known than anybody in the UK. He was Mr Wrestling along side the Great Pallo.

One also believes that you guys need to be honoured for keeping past and present fighters alive.

Meru Ullah (The Royal Bengal Tiger)

The Riot Squad

Welcome Meru, a long-standing staunch supporter of Wrestling Heritage and another great wrestler from the Heritage years, we are delighted to see you post publicly for the first time.

Make the most of Meru Ullah's presence here, Heritage Members.

CHRIS NEWMAN

I had no idea about the very sad passing of Barbara McManus. I've just seen it posted on here now - whilst spending some catch-up time with the site. I send my sincere condolences. I think, this is the first time I've ever seen any pictures of Barbara. She looks a really lovely lady - and that's a lovely photograph of her sat at that table with Mick.

Unknowing of this - I've actually been working on a substantial W. H. Forum piece these past days that just happens to be about Mick. But although of course I didn't know Barbara McManus personally - this kind of very sad news puts it all into perspective.

For whilst we all enjoy our memories, chats and written contributions to Wrestling Heritage ... real-life has that habit of sneaking up on us & swiftly body-checking us back to reality - and that which really counts:- Family.

i.e. Our Nearest & Dearest. That's what it's really all about. Once again, my deepest sympathy. Chris.

British Wrestlers Reunion

The Committee of the British Wrestlers Reunion would all be proud to add their names to this worthy cause and hope that Mick McManus is justly rewarded soon for his mammoth fund raising efforts on behalf of all his charities and for being the ultimate British wrestling Legend and icon from 1948 to this day . We have posted a tribute to Barbara on the site

and requested that more wrestling supporters come forward to add their names to this campaign by Wrestling Heritage Thank you .

The Riot Squad

We would like to thank our friends at the British Wrestlers Reunion for their support.

The interment ceremony for BARBARA McMANUS will be held at ST. JOHNS CREMATORIUM in Woking, on Thursday the 7th February at 11.00 a.m. and everyone who wishes to pay their respects will be welcome.

Following the service, Mick and Son John have arranged a light lunch at a nearby Italian Restaurant which will be by strict invitation only, requesting that if anyone wishes to be included, they must telephone WAYNE BRIDGES (Bill) on 01322 860588 after 9.30 p.m. any evening, who is acting as mediator due to 92 year old Micks fragile health.

Barbara who was 81 years old , lost her fight with cancer having spent over 60 wonderful years with her husband and their Son : Tony, leaving Mick who totally worshipped her, naturally utterly devastated.

He is being temporarily cared for by nurses on a 24 hour basis at a private care home run by the Variety Club of Great Britain and Equity, for former celebrities and entertainers, and where he stayed occasionally during Barbara's hospitalisation treatment. Mick being the great Legend that he is, has many friends among the residents and this has helped him to accept the sad situation that he now finds himself in.

matey dave

condisidering mick mcmanus public image in the ring, it say a lot now concerning the amount of affection and love from the fellow worshippers. this affection is coming across as genuine and example to us all. those who are looking after and supporting mick now deserve everybody's thanks. thank you. also in this day and age mick and barbara are an example to the world at large as to what marriage is all about.

Mad Mac

Very saddened to hear about this - IIRC, Mick missed one of the Reunions in recent years due to her poor health. May she Rest In Peace.

Isn't one of the pictures from a TV Times article featuring several of the wrestlers' wives, including Mrs Rocco/Hussey?

Jon Waters

Yes Mad Mac in a TV Times article from 1980 Ann Rocco (Hussey) was one of the wives/girlfriends featured along with Jean Clarke (girlfriend of Chris Adams at that time), Jan Barnes & Barbara McManus.

jabber-wock

i agree, totally

raymond

a big yes mick mcmanus O.B.E.

gareth

i ve just discovered this site it s fantastic,i remember watching with my bampi it was paradise life couldn t be better,mick is one of lifes unrecognised heroes,i do miss the good old days

The Riot Squad

Just to keep you all informed, as we move into the last six weeks of realistic life in our campgn.

We were informed by the Cabinet Office that we might have two bites at the apple. The New Year's Honours list brought us no joy, but Trooping the Colour is next month and that is the day we can remain hopeful for a result.

Just recently hopes have been raised through some very high profile support for our campaign, not listed in this thread but happening amongst some friends who do move in the circles that can have some influence on the Honours System. Our efforts are now conveyed to their hands.

Let's remain optimistic. But should we not achieve our stated goal, all will not have been in vain, since this forum topic in itself is a great accolade to Mick McManus and it was fun getting involved and having high hopes. Process, not Product.

Bomber25

Barbara and Mick loved each other to the end. That is something very special.

Anglo Italian

Mick's sad passing leaves us with just another fresh wrestling mystery: we felt we were so close to achieving this honour next month, but now we will never know.

It was a good fun having this in mind as a real possibility for a year now, but all good things seem to come to an end.