



## 50th ANNIVERSARY 1959 - 2009

Celebrating Sir Jack Brabham's first  
Formula 1 World Championship

### Official statement from the Brabham family

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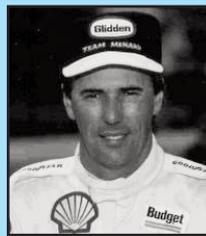
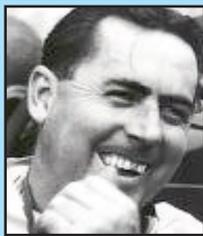
The 50th anniversary of Jack Brabham's first Formula One Championship crown is approaching in 2009. In light of this announcement and the celebrations planned, we would respectfully request that in publishing press material from Veritas-Brabham, BMW Brabham or Brabham Racing, you understand that the Brabham family have no involvement nor endorse the products and services offered by the aforementioned companies and that no relationship should be implied in any story published.

  
Sir Jack Brabham

  
David Brabham

Editors can contact David Brabham, as spokesman for the family, via HAZEL PR below.

#### Notes for Editors



The Brabham name is synonymous with Grand Prix motor racing. The first driver ever to be knighted for his services to motorsport, Sir Jack remains to this day one of the sport's most popular personalities.

The triple world champion is the only Formula One driver to have won a world title in a car of his own construction – the BT19, which he drove to victory in 1966.

The following year, the Brabham team won its second consecutive world championship with New Zealander Denny Hulme at the wheel of the BT20.

[www.jackbrabham.com](http://www.jackbrabham.com)

David Brabham has become one of sports car racing's legends during an illustrious career that has included Formula One. In 2008 he clinched his second consecutive Le Mans 24 Hour GT1 class victory, driving for Aston Martin, while he is the only driver in American Le Mans Series history to capture pole positions and wins in each of the four series classes.

This year, David narrowly missed out on the ALMS LMP2 driver's title with four class wins, including one outright victory, for Patrón Highcroft Racing. A firm fans favourite, David was voted Most Popular Driver by both ALMS fans and Motors TV viewers.

David's son, Sam, has just started his racing career. Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Sam is already progressing well in karting.

[www.davidbrabham.com](http://www.davidbrabham.com)

Geoff Brabham spent the majority of his racing career in the United States. He raced successfully in CART early in his career.

In ten Indianapolis 500 appearances, he achieved a best result of fourth in 1983. His greatest success came in sports cars, where he clinched four IMSA GTP titles (1988-1991) and the 1981 Can-Am Championship.

Geoff took the prestigious Le Mans 24 Hours spoils in 1993 and also notched up two victories in the International Race of Champions (1992 and 1993), both at Michigan, and also contested the Brickyard 400 Nascar race.

Gary Brabham is a former professional racing driver from Australia. Brabham raced in Australian Formula Ford (1982), two seasons in British Formula Ford 2000 and three seasons in the British Formula Three championship where he clinched second overall in 1988 with four wins. Gary then went on to win the first season of British Formula 3000 in 1989.

He also entered odd races in other categories including the Bathurst 1000 in a BMW in 1987.



Matthew Brabham is the third generation of the first family of Australian motorsport, following in the tyre tracks of his grandfather, Sir Jack, and father Geoff. Matthew, who is 14, has won four Australian State karting titles and he has been racing since he was seven.