



# The Carbiner

**"For sport and for good fellowship"**



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**QLD – Cricket Lunch  
Singapore – Christmas Lunch**

**The Carbine Club of Queensland – Cricket Lunch & Bill Brown Medal**

*Words and pics from Mick Ellison & George Friend*

Batsman ready... Bowlers ready... PLAY was the call by MC Peter Psaltis for the Annual Carbine Club of Queensland Carbine Club Cricket Lunch at the Gabba. The occasion was the preview of the 4th Test of the Australian summer and the presentation of the Bill Brown Medal.

The Cricketer's Club at the Gabba was at full capacity and on cue President Peter Ladewig welcomed members and their guest in his charismatic and relaxed manner... urging guest to enjoy the setting and afternoon of good food and the good fellowship of the Carbine Club.

MC Peter 'Salty' Psaltis then took control and ran through the batting line up with Robert 'Crash' Craddock opening the batting, followed by Australian Cricket Coach Darren Lehmann at first drop. Opening the bowling for Pakistan was Greg Ritchie, without the turban, who kept the audience amused with shenanigans of his first tour of Pakistan.

Crash Craddock shared with the audience some reflections of his friendship with the late Bill Brown and then announced the winner of the 2016 Bill Brown medal - Bryce Street. Unfortunately Bryce was unable to be at the Gabba as he was in Adelaide on cricket duty. Crash also suggested to the audience that they make a note that this year's Bill Brown medalist is a 'special' to wear the Baggy Green.

President Pete was again called back on stage to present Carbine Club Queensland foundation member Max Christmas with his 25 year badge which Max accepted humbly as only he could. Pete then closed the proceedings of another great lunch and gathering at the famous Gabba.

*(Pics –Max Christmas & Peter Ladewig at the Cricket Lunch; Darren Lehmann, Peter Ladewig & Leigh Matthews)*



Queensland continued.....



Other Carbine Club of Queensland members to receive their 25 year badge recently are Bob Conn, Charles Wright, Mick Veivers, Ron McConnell and Gary Balkin. These gents all pictured from L-R, with President Pete front and centre, were presented with their badges at a members only lunch hosted by former President Mick Ellison at his newly opened Mano's Tedder Avenue on the Gold Coast where an afternoon of reflection of 25 years of great stories, good times and great Carbine Club fellowship made for another great Carbine event.



Enjoying the Members Lunch... Peter Ladewig, Mick Ellison & George Friend at left; President Pete heads the table!

All roads will be leading to the Gold Coast in Queensland on January 10 for the Carbine Club Magic Millions Racing Lunch hosted at Jupiter's Hotel & Casino celebrating horse racing in the great state of Queensland – this one will be a sell out with around 450 members and guests booked in.

## THE CARBINE CLUB OF SINGAPORE- CHRISTMAS LUNCH

*(words and pics from Pres David Brooker and Secty Marty McGettigan)*

The Carbine Club of Singapore held its Xmas Luncheon at the Grand Hyatt with special guests Barrie Cassidy, Roy Masters and John D. Elliot (pictured at right) proving to be in fine form.

John capably delivered on his threat to really show Singapore what a long- long- long lunch was all about forcing member Andrew O'Brien (from our generous sponsor Treasury Wine Estates) to send for back up supplies of some of his finest Wolf Blass reds!



Barrie Cassidy opened proceedings with a review of the year in politics, followed by Roy who gave an insightful snapshot of the year in sport. For those in the know – Roy confidentially informed those present that during the course of the year he added three additional countries to his amazing total of 51 – being Finland, Brazil and Malaysia (the night before our lunch if you don't mind!).

After an outstanding meal prepared by Chef and Special Member Lucas Glanville, guests settled in to hear Barrie and Roy interview John – who did not disappoint with his trademark candour and brutal responses on a wide variety of topics. Hearing the tale, affirmed by Barrie, of just how close John came to being PM of Australia was gold!



Clearly inspired by Big John's recollections of the big money sloshing around in the 1980's and 1990's guests dug extraordinarily deep for the raffle with President Brooker flooring the room when he announced a donation of several thousand dollars to the family of a young boy suffering from cancer whose father works at the Hyatt- an emotional moment as Vasu Pilay received the donation..

With staff lining the room and peering from the kitchen the President recited Harry Gordon's words and stressed the good fellowship element of the Club's ethos – the response being spontaneous applause and many, many tears.

At the conclusion of proceedings members and guests retired to the Martini Bar to continue said good fellowship with Barrie and Roy leading the Martini challenge; but John was nowhere to be found. It was offered that he was a great man in his day, probably past his prime and had probably headed off to his room after such a gruelling afternoon. Not true at all: Carbine Club of NT Secretary Phil Timney had found the smoking room and he and Jack were last seen choofing darts and drinking whisky way into the evening. A long- long -long lunch indeed.



Pic above –Andrew O’Brien, Roy, Barrie, David Brooker and the amazing raffle assistants; Barrie Cassidy

## **NEXT EVENTS**

**10 Jan- QLD- Magic Millions**

**3 Feb –TAS- Racing**

**14 Feb - SA – AGM & Lunch, Arkaba Hotel**

**1 March SA – Supercars Luncheon, Adelaide Convention Centre**

**6 Mar – NZ – Golf Tournament**

**7 Mar – London – Cheltenham Festival Dinner**

**10 Mar –NZ – Pre Auckland Cup Luncheon**

**18 Mar – QLD – Carbine Club Raceday**