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Coming Club Events

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VALE BART CUMMINGS OAM

The late Bart Cummings, master horse trainer and Australian legend, joined the Carbine Club in 1968, no doubt in keeping with his often repeated wisdom of *“I keep my horses in the weakest of company and myself in the best of company.”*

Bart had a long association with the Club with almost 50 years of membership having joined in 1968 and he was an exceptional member over the long period.

As far back as 1975, after much cajoling, Bart proposed the Toast to Racing at the Derby Eve Luncheon and he was always in demand for interviews at these lunches. Long time Club member Trevor Craddock recalls that invariably Bart would ring him at home the night before the Derby Luncheon seeking to reorganise his table arrangements and, although Bart was never one to volunteer tips, Trevor does remember one year being advised to “think big” as they shuffled seating arrangements, and he sorely regrets only being a \$5 punter at the time.

The Club was also part of the launch of his book “Bart -My Life”, again at the Derby Eve Luncheon, in 2009 with presentations of signed copies made to VIP guests on the day. In the book Bart praised the wonderful horse Carbine referring to his greatness in winning the 1890 Cup and in being one of only two horses who won the Melbourne Cup after finishing second the previous year.

On one memorable occasion the Club had a girl’s choir in attendance at the Derby Luncheon to sing the national anthem. Bart had proposed the Loyal Toast and was waiting on the choir to strike up. When they were a bit slow out of the gates Bart turned to the girls and with a masterful flourish of hands directed them to get underway!

His association with the Club extends into the jockey ranks-the first of his record 12 Melbourne Cup wins was in 1965 and the jockey was the late Roy Higgins who was later a strong Club member; in 1966 Bart again won the Cup, this time it was Galilee with J.J. Miller, now a long term member of CCWA, in the saddle, and in 1967 Bart and Roy struck again with Red Handed.

Bart’s amazing list of achievements have been well chronicled since his passing – from our Club’s perspective, we have lost a cherished and valuable long term member, always generous with his time and his wisdom, and of course those famous one-liners.

There will be a huge gap at this year’s Derby Eve Luncheon; the Club extends its sympathy to Bart’s wife of 61 years Valmae and the family.





(Thanks to Bill Hoffmann and Trevor Craddock for memories of Bart and his association with the Carbine Club, and to Gordon Bennett for photos of Bart at Club events)

Coming Events for your Diary:

Singapore	18 Sep All Sports Luncheon
SA	24 Sep SANFL Grand Final Luncheon
WA	25 Sep WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
ACT	25 Sep(TBC) Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day
The Carbine Club	29 Sep AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown
NSW	1 Oct NRL Luncheon
NT	9 Oct Founders Luncheon 25th Anniversary
WA	16 Oct Members Only Luncheon, Richardson Hotel
NT	23 Oct Cox Plate Eve Luncheon, Il Lido
PNG	24 Oct Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
QLD	28 Oct Cricket Lunch
The Carbine Club	30 Oct VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown
HK	30 Oct Cricket Sixes Luncheon
PNG	13 Nov Lae Members Lunch
NZ	13 Nov Tennis Luncheon
Singapore	20 Nov Gold Cup Lunch (Members Only)
NSW	20 Nov Cricket Luncheon, SCG
WA	20 Nov Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
SA	26 Nov Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
ACT	30 Nov (TBC) Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day
NT	4 Dec Christmas Dinner
PNG	4 Dec Christmas Party
ACT	11 Dec (TBC) AGM Lunch
NSW	11 Dec Members End of Year Luncheon, SCG
Singapore	11 Dec Christmas Lunch (Members Only)
HK	12 Dec International Races Luncheon