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NT - FOUNDERS' LUNCH AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Carbine Club of NT members attended the annual Founder's Lunch at the prestigious Tramontana Restaurant in Darwin on 9 October 2015. The lunch also coincided with the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Northern Territory chapter of the Carbine Club.

Attendees at the lunch included three of our life members, Robin Flannery, Tony Shaw and Andy Bruyn, with Robin and Tony making the trip north for the celebration. It was also a pleasure to enjoy the company of founding members Ted Bailey and Stewart Cox on the day.

For the benefit of newer members old hands Flan and Shawy provided insights into the formative years of the Carbine Club in the NT and the values and camaraderie that have served it well over the past 25 years. It would not really be a CCNT lunch without a few words from the inimitable Andy Bruyn and the 25th anniversary function was no exception. Andy recalled some of the highlights of the Carbine Club Congress held in Darwin in 2000, including the irony of Mr Wolf Blass at the controls of an Australian Army Leopard tank as part of the Wilderness Day.

A great afternoon was had by all and glasses were raised in recognition of the past 25 years of our existence as well as the next 25 years to come. Profits at a watering hole close to the restaurant soared on that Friday evening as the fellowship continued well into the night.

NT- COX PLATE EVE LUNCH

On 23 October 2015 the Carbine Club of NT held its annual Cox Plate Eve luncheon at the Wharf One Food and Wine Restaurant located in the picturesque Darwin Waterfront precinct. Our hosts for the luncheon, Darren Lynch and Pina Sommerville, ensured the day got off to a great start with a fine array of boutique beers on hand for the arrival of the 40 odd members and guests in attendance.

Guests of Honour for the luncheon were CCNT sponsorship recipient Thomas Maxwell and his father Danny Maxwell. Thomas is 17 years of age, Darwin born and bred, and making a name for himself as an up and coming Formula Ford race car driver. In an insightful Q&A session with Life Member and noted former journo Andy Bruyn, Thomas addressed attendees on his life in the fast lane and his progress from the early years in go-kart racing through to his move in 2014 to the highly competitive Formula Ford racing as a rookie driver.

(Pic below- Danny Maxwell, CC Committeeman Tony Prentice & President David De Silva)



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NT COX PLATE DAY... continued

In 2015 Thomas embarked on his first full season attacking the National Formula Ford Series after an impressive showing as a rookie in State rounds on the back of karting championships. Whilst grabbing his first Formula Ford win this year in a one off NSW State series round appearance, Thomas has consistently shown pace that puts him within a few tenths of the leaders at National level, he has secured five top three race results and no doubt at 17 has some time on his side to continue developing toward the 'complete' race driver. Whilst fully aware of the road ahead, Thomas is dedicated to following his sporting dream through to the ultimate pinnacle, a spot on the Formula 1 circuit.



Those in attendance were greatly impressed with Thomas' maturity and professionalism, especially allowing that he is still too young to hold a driver's licence in most states. CCNT looks forward to continuing its sponsorship and association with Thomas, a terrific young Territorian and a great role model for aspiring athletes.

Members and guests whiled away the remainder of the typically balmy Darwin afternoon enjoying a sumptuous three course feast, washed down with an excellent selection of wines chosen by in-house CC NT wine guru Daryl Thomas.

Photo below

– Thomas putting his Formula Ford through its paces, note the prominent CC sponsorship logo



(Thanks to Phil Timney for words and pics from the Top End and congratulations to the NT Club on reaching 25 Years)



VALE ROSS CRIBB OBE



Carbine Club of NSW Life Member Ross Cribb (pictured left with his dual Group 1 winner *Heat of the Moment*) passed away recently aged 83.

Ross was a renowned racing administrator and a Director of the NSW TAB for 17 years including 10 years as Chairman; he was a member of the Cronulla Golf Club and in his earlier days he was a skilled Rugby Union player for Randwick.

He raced and bred many horses with success, was a well known businessman and for many years was CEO of transport giant TNT.

An enthusiastic member of the Carbine Club over the years since joining in 1978, Ross lent great support to Ken Page during Ken's record breaking term of 18 years as Secretary of CCNSW. Ken was highly regarded at the TAB and indeed throughout Australia as their "numbers man" and Ross in his roles as a Director and then either Chairman or Deputy Chairman encouraged Ken and gave him great assistance and the latitude to carry out his CC Secretary role over that very long period.

In recognition of his support of the Carbine Club Ross was made a Life Member in 1983.

Sydney newspaper *The Truth* reported on 4 April 1954:

Greens good
Randwick's smashing 22 to 8 victory over Eastern Suburbs showed the Greens will be a force to reckon with this season. Find of the match was Randwick full-back, Millington, who did not put a foot wrong. Easts suffered badly when they lost five-eighth Ellison.
In a display of grand open football, Barker, Cusack and Ross Cribb were the stars for Randwick.
Randwick 22 (C. New, K. Winning, C. Carroll, V. Heinrich, R. Cribb, J. Cusack tries; H. Barker two goals) beat Eastern Suburbs '8 (W. Leadley, J. Bosler tries; G. Cameron goal).



CARBINE CLUB OF WA- RACING LUNCHEON

The Carbine Club of WA welcomed over 550 members and guests to their Annual Racing Luncheon at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth on 20 Nov, 2015.

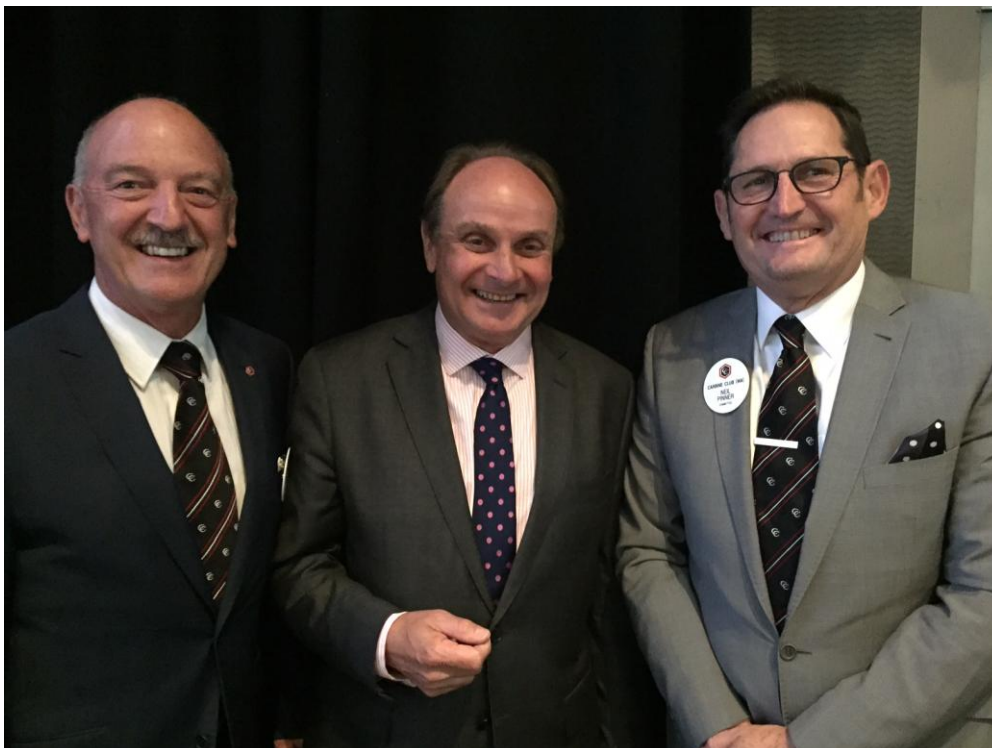
Club Life Member Darren McCaulay handled the day's proceedings as MC with his usual flair and, as one pundit described it, "with the timing of a Swiss watch!", and that was needed to get through a busy agenda with visiting Darley racing guru Henry Plumtre addressing the gathering, and entertainment by Marny McQueen (*pic right*), actress, singer and comedic performer who is billed as one of Australia's most versatile entertainers, and rightly so.



Club President Noel Carter officiating for the final event of his presidency welcomed Neil Pinner, Carbine Club committeeman, who has recently been elected as Chairman of Perth Racing and acknowledged the outstanding contribution made over 20 years by outgoing Perth Racing Chairman Ted van Heemst. Noel will hand over the baton to Leith Putland next year after a rewarding and busy term as Club President.

Shirley Piper, wife of CC Member Lex Piper was the winner of the coveted Willy's Creek Pearl valued at \$6500 that was raffled on the day.

The WA Club is now looking forward to the Carbine Club Congress to be held in Perth in March, 2016 followed by the post Congress tour to the Margaret River region.



Pictured at the CCWA Racing Luncheon LtoR- CCWA President Noel Carter, Henry Plumtre and Neil Pinner CCWA Committeeman and Chairman of Racing WA

Coming Events for your Diary:

SA	26 Nov	Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
ACT	30 Nov	Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day
NT	4 Dec	Christmas Dinner
ACT	4 Dec	AGM & Members Luncheon
PNG	4 Dec	Christmas Party
The CC	8 Dec	Members 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	11 Dec	International Races Luncheon
2016		
QLD	5 Jan	Magic Millions Luncheon, Jupiters Casino
TAS	5 Feb	Derby Lunch, Elwick
NZ	29 Feb	Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Pakuranga Country Club
Congress	8 Mar	Perth, WA
WA	11 Mar	Carbine Club Congress Luncheon, Rendezvous Grand
QLD	12 Mar	Carbine Club Race Day, Gold Coast Turf Club
HK	8 Apr	Rugby Sevens Luncheon