



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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CARBINE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND MAGIC MILLIONS LUNCH

A great turn out to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Magic Millions on the Gold Coast. 30 years ago Snippets won the inaugural event first staged on the Gold Coast and the 2016 Magic Millions race day carried \$10 million prize money. As the barrier draw is completed on Surfers Paradise beach all roads then led to the Carbine Club lunch at Jupiter's Hotel & Casino where a capacity crowd was gathering.

Channel Seven's Pat Welsh was again on hand to get the ball rolling and ably assisted by racing legend Bart Sinclair, all was ready for President Peter Ladewig to officially welcome members and their guests. President Pete also made mention of the passing of our foundation and life member Keith McLean who will be sadly missed.

On hand were racing royalty including former jockeys and now trainers Mick Dittman, Ron Quinton (CCNSW), and Chris Munce sharing stories and rating themselves as well as some of the great horses they rode which included the great Kingston Town and also their relationships shared with the great trainers including Tommy Smith & Bart Cummings.



(pictured above l to r: Byron Cannon, Peter Ladewig, Reg Cannon & Mick Ellison)

(CC QLD Magic Millions continued...)

Special guest race callers Johnny Tapp and recently retired Alan Thomas reminisced about highlights of their long careers and also the characters of the turf that gave them their greatest pleasure. There was also plenty of stories and reflection of times away from the track as well.

The special auction for the day was an autographed Michelle Payne, Prince of Penzance colours which commanded fierce competition and was finally purchased under the hammer by Carbine Club member Neil Douglas and funds raised were directed to the Australian Injured Jockey's Trust.

And the final 'cherry on top' to a great day of celebrating the 30th Magic Millions Carnival and racing in Queensland was a surprise visit from Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michelle Payne who was interviewed by Pat Welsh.

What a great start to 2016 and what will be a enormous year as the Carbine Club continues to celebrate sport and good fellowship..

-Courtesy Mick Ellison, CCQLD

(Photo collage from this,the first event of the year, overleaf)



CARBINE CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES – “DAVO” AWARD

The Carbine Club of NSW's 2015 “Davo” Award was presented to retired race caller John Tapp OAM at a December lunch held on the ground at the SCG . Sixty members enjoyed the day with member Gordon Bray recalling great stories about John and his career in broadcasting which spanned over 30 years.



The “DAVO” is named after Australian cricket legend Alan Davidson (pictured left) who is a member of the Club and a past Chairman.

John Tapp (pictured right) enthralled the luncheon guests when interviewed by member David Morrow, sharing stories from his time in the media and racing, and of his ongoing involvement with harness racing.





George Friend,
Lynda Woods



Mick Ellison,
Michelle Payne,
Michael O'Brien



Tom Reynolds,
Bart Sinclair



John Tapp & Peter Ladewig



Mick Dittman & Michael Cahill



Alan Thomas, CC Guest, Mick Veivers



The Carbine Club of WA lost a valued member with the recent passing of Ken Judge at just 58 years of age. Ken was a former coach of Hawthorn and the West Coast Eagles after a distinguished playing career which included 72 matches for Hawthorn and the 1983 premiership. Ken also played for the Brisbane Bears in his 219 game league career. Ken went on to be a popular commentator, broadcaster and columnist and will be sadly missed by his Carbiner mates.

(Photo courtesy WCE)

The Diary 2016

5 February TAS Derby Lunch Elwick Racecourse	16 February South Australia AGM & Lunch	19 February PNG AGM Crowne Plaza	29 February New Zealand Charity Golf Day Pakuranga Country Club
2 March South Australia V8 Luncheon to celebrate "Clipsal500"	8 March Congress starts! Perth, WA	9 March NSW AGM/Chairmans Farewell The Stables, Randwick	11 March WA Congress Luncheon Rendezvous Grand
12 March QLD Carbine Club Raceday Gold Coast Turf Club	18 March NSW Racing Luncheon Ballroom, Randwick	20 March The Carbine Club Members & Partners Day, Swettenham Stud & Mitchelton Winery	
8 April Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon, HK Football Club	19 May The Carbine Club Annual Meeting & Members Lunch, Garden Rooms, Crown	13 June The Carbine Club Golf Day, Huntingdale (tbc)	14 June Annual Dinner and Delegates Meeting, The Australian Club Melbourne
3 August NSW Golf Day, St Michaels	18 August The Carbine Club Members Lunch, Heroes Club	27 September The Carbine Club AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown	29 September NSW Rugby League GF Lunch
28 October The Carbine Club VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown		13 December The Carbine Club Members Christmas Lunch at RACV	Your event here! Details to: carbiner@netspace.net.au