



# The Carbiner

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



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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## News from the Carbine Club of the ACT

*~ from Paul Walshe, Secretary CCACT, pictured left with Mac Howell*



On a sunny Monday afternoon on 3 December, 13 members took to the fairways of Royal Canberra Golf Course for the sixth annual Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day. A fantastic afternoon was had by all players with Helen Parkes presenting past President Mac Howell with the Cup, who won with 39 points, 1 point clear of John Miller with 38 points and a very unlucky Paul Walshe is third spot with 35 points.

That same evening the club hosted its third Christmas Cocktail Party with over 60 members and their respective partners enjoying a great evening and the hospitality of Royal Canberra

Golf Club. The event was again an outstanding success.

On Friday 7 December in the Boardroom at Jim Murphy's the club held its AGM luncheon, a record attendance of 53 members joined in for an afternoon of fine food, wines and conversation. In his President's report Cade Brown highlighted the successful events the club held in 2018 and that the membership base was in great order.

**2019 will be a milestone year for the club as we celebrate 30 years.**

*Photos from ACT events overleaf*









## Singapore – Christmas Lunch



The Carbine Club of Singapore was fortunate to have a wonderful mixed bag of VIP guests for the 2018 Christmas Lunch. Ian Healy, Chris Johns, Terry Bailey and Roy Masters had guests enthralled and entertained for a fantastic few hours. Combined with amazing Hyatt food and a generous contribution from Treasury Wines everyone settled in to enjoy end of year festivities.

The President opened up with a moving recollection and tribute on the life of Nick Columb (who was an amazing supporter of the Club behind the scenes); then moved on to an interview with new Singapore (and former Racing Victoria) Chief Steward Terry Bailey, who took up his posting in August. Roy and Chris Johns took the stage and reflected on all things sport for 2018.

After lunch, Ian Healy gave his first interview and address as an unemployed broadcaster – which proved very revealing and enlightening for all present.

The Club was delighted to host members from other Clubs, welcomes all visitors when in town and wishes all members a safe and healthy 2019.



## Queensland Magic Millions Lunch



The Carbine Club of Queensland had another great Magic Millions Luncheon on Tuesday, 8 January, 2019. Held at The Star Casino on the Gold Coast with just under 500 in attendance and once again presented by MC extraordinaire and former racing broadcaster Alan Thomas, who was ably assisted by recently anointed into the Queensland Racing Hall of Fame Bart Sinclair.

*The following report written by Charles Wright President, Carbine Club of Queensland Members Michael O'Brien and Robin (Flan) Flannery.*





President Charles with Geoff & Michael

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A special duty carried out by President Charles Wright AM at the Magic Millions Luncheon was to provide 25 year membership badges to two of our most prominent and long serving members namely Geoff Lane and Michael O'Brien.

During the 1991 Asian Racing Conference, Michael O'Brien was Master of Ceremonies at the inaugural luncheon of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong. Several years later, he was welcomed to the Carbine Club of Queensland where he served as secretary and a renowned organizer before leaving for Singapore.

In 2010, Michael played a prominent role in setting up the Carbine Club of Singapore and was that club's inaugural secretary and guiding light. But eventually he returned "home" and was welcomed back into the Carbine Club of Queensland. President Charles in giving Michael his 25 year membership badge thanked him for his dedication and service not only to the Carbine Club of Queensland but to the whole Carbine Club community both in Australia and overseas.

At the age of 13, Geoff began a jockey apprenticeship in Victoria to Tommy Woodcock, renowned due to his relationship with the famed horse *Phar Lap*. While still an apprentice, Geoff won the Champion Jockey Premiership in 1959/60 racing season and the press nicknamed him the "Golden Boy" of Australian racing. It was a title well-earned as he also rode the winners of three (3) VRC Derbies, three VRC Oaks, and numerous Group One winners including a Cox Plate on Dhaulagiri on 1961. Geoff moved to Hong Kong and over a period of thirty-three (33) years held the roles of Jockey, Starter, Master of Apprentices, Stipendiary Steward and Trainer. In 2008, Geoff returned to Australia and we have been privileged to have him as a member of the Carbine Club of Queensland. President Charles provided Geoff with his 25 year badge in appreciation of his substantial achievements in racing and loyalty to the Carbine Club.



Women in Racing

Kate Mallyon was a very talented jockey in her own right and was the first lady to ride a Group 1 winner at Moonee Valley, on Silent Sedition in the William Reid Stakes in 2017. Kate became the regular rider and winner for the powerful Lloyd Williams Racing Stable over the past few years before she recently retired. Kate is the granddaughter of the very successful and charismatic jockey Mick Mallyon who in his riding days won three (3) Caulfield Cups on Bunratty Castle (1968), Gay Icarus (1971) and Leilani (1974) among many other big winners.

The Magic Millions luncheon was really ladies day as it was well attended by *Women in Racing* and among our guest speakers were at *Michelle Payne* and former jockey and now a racing commentator for Channel 7 Live Race Day Coverage *Kate Mallyon*.



Katelyn Mallyon with Bart





President Charles & Michelle

Our very special guest was Michelle Payne who rode herself into folk lore history riding outsider *Prince of Penzance* to victory in the 2015 Melbourne Cup. Outlining how her life has forever changed due to the Australian and international praise she received in winning the famed Melbourne Cup which she found almost overwhelming at the time. Due to a racing fall Michelle found herself seriously injured and out of racing for many months.

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In 2016 Michelle was awarded the “Don Award” by the Sport Australia Hall of Fame – which is a national award to a sports person who, through their achievements and example over the previous 12 months, is considered to have most inspired the nation. Then in 2017 Michelle received international recognition with the “Longines Ladies Award” in Washington USA – awarded to distinguished women whose careers have shown a positive influence and exceptional commitment to the equine cause. Michelle is happy to be out of the limelight on her property in Ballarat, Victoria heading towards a very successful training career following in the steps of her father who brought up Michelle and eight (8) other siblings after her mother died when Michelle was only 6 months old. The Carbine Club of Queensland was very pleased indeed to hear from a very classy and humble Australian.



Brenton Avdulla

Our final Guest Speaker was top Sydney hoop Brenton Avdulla who originally came from Victoria where he finished second in the Victorian apprentices premiership in 2008/9 before moving to Sydney to link up with Hall of Fame trainer and Carbine Club of NSW member Gai Waterhouse. Avdulla is consistently rated among the top five jockeys in Sydney and finished close behind Hugh Bowman in the 2016-17 premiership. Brenton scored his first Group 1 on Secret Admirer in the Flight Stakes at Randwick in 2010 and Snitzerland in the Lightning Stakes at Flemington in 2014. Last season Brenton rode 136 winners.

All members and guests thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic day and one lucky guest even won the Auction Prize of the use of a McLaren 570S Spider valued at \$420,000 for one day and a \$200 voucher at Palazzo Versace.



Peter Gwynne Jamie Barkley & Charles Wright



Brendan Parnell

**The Carbine Club of Tokyo was established in 2018 and clearly the club has got off to a flying start as shown by this report which describes the origins of the club and their first busy year of activity:**

## **After a Solid Start, Carbine Club of Tokyo Set to Celebrate Rugby World Cup 2019**

*—By the Carbine Club of Tokyo*

When Darrin Hartshorn casually mentioned to Andrew Peyton (AP) about two years ago, “*Tokyo needs a Carbine Club*”, that was all the impetus required to set about establishing the Carbine Club of Tokyo. He began talking with Darrin, John Gorman and Andrew Cox who was fresh from a visit to the Carbine Club of Hong Kong. With all of Japan in sports mode in view of the upcoming Rugby World Cup in 2019, the Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 and the Masters Games in 2021 in Kansai, they knew it was the perfect time to form an organisation that would bring people together in keeping with the Carbine Club’s affection for sport and good fellowship.



AP then contacted the Executive in Melbourne and met Graeme Johnson and Graham Halbish, formed a “Starting Nine +” committee (pictured) that started working on a trial luncheon, and spoke with the Hon Richard Court AC, the Australian Ambassador to Japan who graciously agreed to become the patron of the Carbine Club of Tokyo once authorised.

We then held a proof-of-concept luncheon in Tokyo in November, 2017. This event proved very successful, generated great feedback from participants and, just as importantly, raised

considerable funds for NADIA through a raffle draw. This charity uses donations to help primary school students in areas devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011, allowing them to trek to Tokyo for soccer tournaments against students from international schools, helping them learn the virtues associated with playing sport and to grow as young individuals.

And so it was that we received provisional approval in December 2017 to form a Carbine Club in Japan. President AP set about planning an official launch in July 2018. This was an Olympics luncheon.

Pivotal players were the then Melbourne Carbine Club President Graeme Johnson and John Coates AC, who supported efforts to welcome some tremendous guests of honour. John Coates, a well known member of the Carbine Club of New South Wales, is the highly placed President of the Australian Olympic Committee and an International Olympic Committee (IOC) member. John was instrumental in the success of the Sydney Olympics, and visits Tokyo often in his capacity as President of the Coordinating Committee for Tokyo 2020.

Among the guests at our Olympics lunch were Tsunekazu Takeda, President of the Japan Olympic Committee, Athens Olympic Champion Koji Murofushi who is Director of Sports for Tokyo 2020, Yukinobu Ike, the Captain of the Japan National Wheelchair Rugby Team (which is now the World Champion), and such prominent IOC members as Kirsty Coventry (who is Zimbabwe’s Minister of Youth, Sport Arts and Recreation as well as Africa’s most decorated Olympian) and Alex Gilady. (*Kirsty & Yukinobu pictured at right*)







Graeme, seen addressing the crowd at left, played a starring role in his speech, which took the 120 diners through the history of the Carbine Club and highlighted the enduring excellence of the mighty Carbine's progeny. John shared a number of Olympic insights. We are tremendously grateful to John and Orieta Coates and to Graeme and Joan Johnson for visiting Tokyo to help us get off to such a great start.

The luncheon raised more funds for charity. We decided to share this money with NADIA, by now our nominated charity, and with the Japanese Red Cross Society to help it provide emergency relief in western Japan, which was devastated by floods and landslides of biblical proportions shortly before the luncheon.



With our first event under our belt and some more feedback, we put on a second event for the 2018 year on October 26, a Bledisloe Cup Luncheon. Sydney-based Rugby expert and commentator Justin Sampson graciously agreed to entertain the more than 200 diners as MC. He kicked off a discussion between a panel of distinguished Classic Wallabies players. Justin also came up with the idea of augmenting the raffle by auctioning a signed Wallabies jersey and a bottle of Penfolds Grange wine.

Justin's auctioneering acumen proved a sensational money-raiser and was enjoyed by all. Funds raised at this event brought the total from our three luncheons to around 1.4 million yen, or around AU\$17,500. We salute diners and our growing list of sponsors for their generosity.

In view of his return to Australia and the impending birth of his first son, AP handed over the reins to Andrew Cox. We thank AP for his amazing energy and commitment in helping enrich the tapestry of Tokyo's social fabric.

As we head into 2019, we extend a hearty welcome to all in the global Carbine Club community to attend either or both of two luncheons we look to hold during the year that will celebrate Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan. We will inform members as soon as we finalize plans.



*Top Left –Club Patron Hon. Richard Court & Jo Court*

*Top Right –MC Justin Sampson, Jo Court & Andrew Cox*

*Bottom –the room*

*Wallabies great Matt Cockbain buys raffle tickets*





## 2019 Calendar of Events

31 Jan	ACT	- Cricket Luncheon, Boardroom, Jim Murphy's
8 Feb	TAS	- Racing Luncheon
25 Feb	NZ	-Annual Charity Golf Tournament
27 Feb	SA	-Supercars Luncheon, Adelaide Convention Centre
5 March	London	- Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower
8 March	ACT	- Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon, National Press Club
19 March	SA	- AGM, Arkaba Hotel, Osmond Room
5 April	HK	- Rugby Sevens Luncheon
29 April	NZ	-AGM & Members Luncheon
17 May	SA	-Adelaide Festival of Racing Luncheon, Derby Pavilion, Morphettville
24 May	London	-Royal Mid Surrey Golf Day
5 June	ACT	-NRL State of Origin 1 Dinner, Boardroom, Jim Murphy's (MO)
25-26 June	London	-Newmarket Visit, Dinner, Races
7 Aug	London	-Lords Long Room Ashes Test Lunch
9 Aug	ACT	- AFL Luncheon, National Press Club
20 Sep	ACT	- Rugby World Cup Luncheon, National Press Club
4 Oct (TBC)	ACT	- Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park
17 Oct (TBC)	London	-Rugby World Cup Luncheon
4 Nov	London	- AGM & Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner
2 Dec (TBC)	ACT	- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra GC (MO)
2 Dec (TBC)	ACT	- Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (Members & Guests)
6 Dec (TBC)	ACT	- AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Boardroom (MO)