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THE CARBINE CLUB OF HONG KONG – CRICKET SIXES

On October 27th 2017, The Carbine Club of Hong Kong members and guests were treated to the wit and mirth of former England test fast bowler Gladstone Small and former Australian test captain Kim Hughes on the eve of the return of the Hong Kong World Cricket Sixes.



Mark Winstanley, Gladstone Small, Kim Hughes & John Ridley

THE CARBINE CLUB OF HONG KONG Cricket Sixes Luncheon



Gladstone Small hails from Barbados. His original interest in cricket was on account of his grandfather's near obsession with the great England players of that day in the Fifties and early Sixties.

Gladstone played for Surrey, also 17 Tests and 53 ODI's for England. He is generally regarded as one of the most popular and self-effacing characters in cricketing circles. He particularly extolled the virtues of Sir Richard Hadlee as the greatest fast bowler he had had the privilege of seeing in action. Reminiscing on his early county playing days, Gladstone opened the bowling with recollections of being pranked and needing a passport for a tour match in Scotland. He regaled the Hyatt Regency crowd with memories of watching the '82 MCG test, before playing in the '86 tour with Mike Gatting. His recollection of the carnage of the Brisbane test preparation had the guests in stitches

of laughter, before he concluded with the sheer joy of taking a 5-for alongside Sir Ian Botham at the MCG Boxing Day test. Gladstone toasted cricket with an England 3-2 prediction.

Kim Hughes came out to face by lofting Gladstone's prediction back over the bowler's head: He went on to regale us with some of his philosophy, instilled in him from a young age by his father. Kim's resiliency shone through when his coach told him that the last of his recent three test ducks was "the best duck ever". He said the great Sachin Tendulkar made more runs than anyone else, but was dismissed more than anyone else.

On facing the great quicks of the 1980s, Kim said Jeff Thomson was the fastest bowler he ever faced, but the greatest respect was accorded to "Mr. Garner" and his team-mates Roberts, Holding and Croft. In a rare treat, Kim proudly toasted the Carbine Club with the presentation of his baggy green.

Gladstone and Kim provided the perfect curtain raiser for the return of the Hong Kong World Cricket Sixes, and members and guests celebrated the international spirit of cricket across its many formats, from sixes to ashes.



Carbine Club Member Rodney Miles, who is the President of the Hong Kong Cricket Association, was the driving force to bring back the Cricket Sixes to Hong Kong. Thank you Rodney – well done.

The Club raised about AU\$ 11,000.00 for the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Australia and about AU\$ 23,000.00 for the Hong Kong Junior Cricket Association

The Club gives their thanks CATHAY PACIFIC and the HYATT REGENCY for their continuing support of the sporting lunches of The Carbine Club of Hong Kong.



John Ridley, Kim Hughes & John McNamara



**CCHK Member Shaun Tibbatts at left & Rodney Miles,
President HKCA, below**





CCHK Member Parshid Falaharti & Guests 1



CCHK Member Gavin Erasmus & Guests



CCHK Member Andrew Steadson & Guests

(Thanks to Daniel Zigal for news & Pics from HK where the Club is readying for the big Luncheon in association with the International Races – a major event on the world racing calendar)



Coming Events:

NOVEMBER

QLD – 21 November- Cricket Lunch at the Gabba

WA – 24 November -Racing Luncheon at the Hyatt

ACT - 30 November - Golf Day & Cocktail Party at Royal Canberra (TBC)

DECEMBER

SA - Ashes Test cricket Luncheon on 1 December

PNG - Xmas Cocktail Party on 1 December (TBC)

ACT- Golf day , Christmas Cocktail Party at Royal Canberra on 4 Dec

NSW- EOY Lunch on 8 Dec

HK - International Races Luncheon on 8 December

WA – Cricket Lunch @ Hyatt Hotel on 8 Dec

ACT - AGM Lunch at Jim Murphy's on 8 December

NZ- Christmas Barbecue on 10 Dec

Vic - Members Xmas Lunch at RACV on December12

TAS- Xmas Cocktail Party at Macq1 on 13 Dec

