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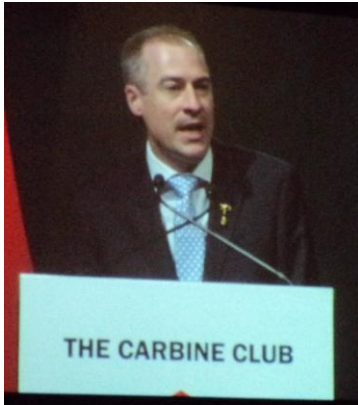


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THE CARBINE CLUB 52nd DERBY EVE LUNCHEON

Almost 1,000 members and their guests gathered at Crown Palladium on Friday 31st October to celebrate the Melbourne Cup Carnival, and what a celebration it was!



Master of Ceremonies Gerard Whateley gave a stirring and masterful opening with a mix of racing culture and history, reminders of last year's outstanding Carnival, and posed questions on what we could expect from this year's offering of outstanding racing.

Displaying his considerable skills as a wordsmith, Gerard commented on the art of picking winners by telling us that *"the relevance and urgency of such matters is eternal"* and he summed up the likely outcome of the Carnival with the suggestion that *"only those who cannot dream will be unmoved."*

Popular Carbiner and former great jockey Jim Johnson joined forces again with Mick Robins of Rain Lover fame to place the 2014 Melbourne Cup on its pedestal, and Carbiners Gerry Ryan and Kevin Bamford, who have a Cup of their own courtesy of Americain, formed a duet to propose the loyal toast.

A highlight of the day was the excellent video clips produced by Channel 7 including a moving tribute to Roy Higgins who passed away during the year. Roy was the first jockey to become a member of the Carbine Club when he joined back in 1981. Wonderful tributes to horses in war in this 100th anniversary year of Anzacs were interspersed with highlights from last year's racing – easy to see why Channel 7 won the Logie for their coverage of the Carnival last year.

British horse racing journalist, broadcaster and author Brough Scott proposed the Toast to Racing, entertaining with great tales of the turf and making light of his considerable achievements which include a riding career which netted over 100 winners as an amateur and professional rider tackling the jumps.

Brough, who rode in a Grand National himself, reminded us of that champion Australian steeplechaser Crisp and his amazing deeds in England many years ago, including the epic struggle with Red Rum in the '73 Grand National.

President Don Abell paid tribute to his hard working committee and made special mention of Rod Fitzroy and James Henderson who joined with "birthday boy" and Secretary Graham Halbish to put the day together.



The first event at the track on Derby Day was, as always, the Group 3 Carbine Club Stakes – this was won in fine style by Kermadec owned by Carbine Club of Queensland member Neville Morgan who happily accepted the trophy which was presented by President Don Abell.

Pre-event drinks started the evening before in the Carbine Bar at the RACV where many of the visiting Carbiners gathered, and that group and many more kicked on after the luncheon in Club 23 taking the opportunity to catch up and talk winners.

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CARBINE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND- CRICKET LUNCHEON



The Cricket luncheon was another very successful luncheon and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed Martin Snedden's talk on a range of topics. He covered memorable aspects of his playing days, the challenges and success of the Rugby World Cup 2011 as a tournament, negotiating the politics in sport and some of the current issues facing sport as well as looking ahead to his new venture with Duco Promotions Ltd. It was immensely interesting and certainly provided food for thought for those involved with the organisation of events or involved in the administration of sports.

The next event for CCNZ is the Christmas Barbeque to be held at President Cameron McGregor's home on 30 November.

(thanks to Vicky Latta for keeping us posted on events in NZ)



CARBINE CLUB OF NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

IT'S AN HONOUR, YOUR HONOUR – JOHN HARDY OAM

The Chief Minister has announced that Carbine Club of NT member John Hardy will be appointed as the 21st Administrator of the Northern Territory. John will be sworn in by Governor-General the Honorable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) on 10 November.

In announcing the appointment Chief Minister Adam Giles noted "Mr Hardy has a quintessential Territory story. He came to the Territory in 1971 to broaden his experience as a pilot. Like many of us, he never expected to stay more than a couple of years but 43 years later, he's still here and has now been named as Administrator.

John made his name in the Territory as a respected businessman establishing Air North in 1978 and Hardy Aviation in 1991. Hardy Aviation is now one of the Territory's biggest airlines. John has also been a strong supporter of community organisations, including the Government House Foundation, the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and Tiwi Islands football. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Darwin. He has served as Commodore of the Darwin Sailing Club and is well-known for playing a leading role in establishing the annual Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race which celebrates ties between the Territory and Indonesia. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2012 for services to aviation.

John was inducted into the NT chapter of the Carbine Club in 1999 and has been an active and enthusiastic member ever since. In 2009 he was "elevated" to the rank of Senior Member. Following his appointment John will now move to a very elite and prestigious membership category, that of patron of CC NT.

On being advised of his appointment the ever humble John said he was lost for words at being nominated. He said "I can think of so many men who could have been chosen so the nomination came as a big surprise. I came to the Territory as a young pilot and fell in love with this place and its people. My wife Marie and I have brought up our family here. It is a great honour to be chosen for this important position representing Territorians," John said. He added "Over the years, I have flown many Administrators around the Territory but I never imagined I would ever be named among them. It is extremely humbling".

“I was here when Cyclone Tracy hit in 1974 and I am honoured that some of my first official duties will include the commemorations for the 40th anniversary of that event later this year. It will be an opportunity to reflect on how far the Territory has come in the past four decades and our resilience as a community.”

John and wife Marie will be moving into the most prestigious of Darwin addresses, Government House on The Esplanade, following the swearing in ceremony.

CC NT members join with all fellow Carbine Club members in extending out hearty congratulations to John on his appointment as the Queen’s representative in the Northern Territory and we look forward to welcoming him to upcoming functions as our Patron.



John (at right) with Chief Minister Adam Giles

(Thanks to Phil Timney for words and pic)

Frank Sedgman book

Recently noticed a story headed “Frank Sedgman reveals the best tales from a golden age of tennis” written by Linda Pearce. Frank is an Honorary Member of The Carbine Club and a great supporter.

Linda’s last word on the book and Frank is “**A humble legend; a grand tale to tell**”.

Details on the book which is sure to be a great read are:

Game, Sedge and Match. The Frank Sedgman Story: Making of a Tennis Dynasty. By Ron Reed. BasPublishing. Sponsored by Gerry Ryan. All profits to charity.