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THE CARBINE CLUB – PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Greetings from Melbourne.

From all reports, 2017 has been another successful and productive Carbine Club year.

I have certainly enjoyed the past year.

We continue to go from strength to strength and I hope that all Clubs enjoy a great 2018 with maximum active participation and contributions from members

I am looking forward to attending the Congress in PNG in May and catching up with members from other Clubs.

On behalf of the Carbine Club I send best wishes to all Carbine Club members in Australia and around the world for a safe and happy festive season and a prosperous and productive 2018.

Graeme Johnson, OAM President, The Carbine Club.



THE CARBINE CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEWS FROM THE WEST - THE RACING LUNCHEON

CCWA hosted their Annual Racing Lunch at the Hyatt Hotel in conjunction with Perth Racing to launch the Summer Carnival Masters Series. WA Life Member Darren McAullay did a brilliant job as the lunch MC; Darren had the great pleasure of interviewing his good friend and legendary, recently retired race caller Greg Miles which injected great humour into the afternoon's proceedings with Greg's recollection and delivery of some wonderful racing stories. Greg certainly has an assured future as a great luncheon raconteur.

President Leith Putland was an active figure as always but he had enormous pleasure in presenting the Annual Damion Beckett Award for the Leading Apprentice Rider to Clint Johnston-Porter in addition to an annual donation cheque to the RWWA Apprentice Jockey School to assist in new equipment and for the state's elite junior riders the opportunity to travel interstate to compete in National Apprentice Competition Series during the year.

Gareth Hall from Racing Radio in Perth worked the room beautifully with his microphone interviewing interstate and local stable representatives including Jarrod McLean for the Darren Weir Stable and Liam Prior from the Chris Waller Stable.

MC Darren McAullay also had the pleasure of interviewing guest Mr. Peter Tighe, part owner of champion race mare Winx, in front of the 520 strong crowd, after providing the Winx fans with the latest update Peter and the Chris Waller stable generously donated a set of Winx Silks signed by Chris and jockey, Hugh Bowman, to be framed as a trilogy of Cox Plate wins.

The Winx Racing Silks auction received enormous interest and support and the final financial result was enormously enhanced by the offer of two very generous "kickers" by Peter Tighe during the bidding action which lit the fuse into a frenetic bidding war, the first kicker was to experience being "Being a Winx Owner" for the day trackside on Winx's next race return" and the second was to include two airfares and accommodation for that trip. Our congratulations go out to Neil and Annie Irvine who secured the generous winning bid. Congratulations to all at CCWA who made this day such a brilliant success.

THE CRICKET LUNCHEON

We had our final function for 2017 on Friday with 340 guests at the Hyatt Hotel which was the Cricket Luncheon. This was held in conjunction with South Perth Cricket Club who were hosting the ECB vs. an ACB Invitational X1 the weekend prior to the last Test at the WACA.

MC on the day was former ABC Cricket commentator Glen Mitchell who interviewed former Test batsman Craig Sergeant & local test cricketer Hilton Cartwright. The Guest speaker was Kerry O'Keefe who provided some memorable stories of his career and some great cricket humour...

(our thanks to Kylie Whitehead, Events Coordinator and Leith Putland, President, for words and pics from CCWA)

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Life Members Darren McAullay and Lin Ryan with Greg Miles



President Leith Putland with member and Perth Racing Chairman Neil Pinner



Leith and Darren with Kerry O'Keefe and Treasurer Mat Fahey

Below left: Darren, Matt, Rod Russell and IPP Noel Carter

Below right: Leith & Matt with new Sporting Member Matthew Pavlich







THE CARBINE CLUB OF TASMANIA – CHRISTMAS GETTOGETHER

The members of CCTAS gathered at the outstanding new Macq1 Hotel on the Hobart waterfront for a Christmas gettogether on 13 Dec. A balmy evening on the deck overlooking the picturesque harbor was complemented by great food which had been understatedly described as "nibbles" in the promotional flyer, and by some fine Tassie refreshment.

Great venue, great company, thoroughly enjoyed by all and a fitting end to this year's Carbine events – next event is the big one for this Club, the Racing Luncheon, to be held in conjunction with the Summer Racing/Cup Carnival at Elwick on 9 Feb, 2018.

Members Mike Loughhead, Ron Banks and Vin Goldsmith enjoying the CCTAS Christmas event

THE CARBINE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Carbine Club held the Christmas Lunch in the President's Room at the RACV – once again Gordon Bennett was on hand to take some terrific shots to record the event:











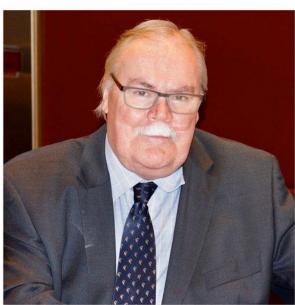
























Coming Events:

8 Jan CCQLD Magic Millions Luncheon, Star Casino, Broadbeach
9 Feb TAS Racing Luncheon, Elwick Racecourse
17 Feb QLD Raceday, GCTC
26 Feb NZ Annual Charity Golf Tournament
23 March NSW Racing Luncheon, Royal Randwick
27 April NZ AGM & Members Lunch
16-21 May THE BIG ONE- THE CONGRESS- PNG

