



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Hong Kong International Races Lunch

(this report from HKCC Member, Danny Zigal)

The Carbine Club of Hong Kong welcomed 482 members and guests to the annual International Races Luncheon on Friday, 7th December 2018, held at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hotel. This traditional luncheon has become a regular part of the magnificent "Turf World Championships" racing week held in Hong Kong every December.

Master of Ceremonies Mark Richards once again conducted event with his natural flair introducing President Mark Winstanley, who welcomed everyone especially from our sister clubs in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, PNG and Melbourne, to the luncheon then introduced the day's guest speakers.

First was Ms Victoria Pendleton MBE, CBE, two times Olympic cyclist gold medalist from Great Britain. With two gold medals and one silver, Victoria is one of Great Britain's most successful female Olympians. She spoke about her endeavours as an Olympian, and then about her transition to horse riding. Her amusing stories about training to be a jump jockey were fascinating. Victoria spoke of being a complete novice, her training with Yogi Breisner, her fall in her first ride on Pacha Du Polder and the work, effort and love that went into her thirteen month journey to complete the steeplechase at the Cheltenham Festival. What an achievement. She concluded by proposing the "Toast to Racing."



Victoria Pendleton proposes the toast



Second was racing personality and two time Melbourne Cup winning jockey, Johnny Letts, a Carbine Club member from South Australia, who needed little introduction. He told humorous stories on his ride on Piping Lane in 1972 (his first meeting with and ride on the horse) and Beldale Ball in 1980. We also heard of his much shorter career as a jumps jockey, (having a photo taken on the first time passing the winning post in an ambulance), how a teacher “inspired” him to take up riding and many parts of a memorable career. Johnny proposed the “Toast to the Carbine Club.”

Mike “Tibbs” Tibbatts, former President of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong (1996-1997), and famed Hong Kong Jockey Club Official, was honoured by the club by receiving his 25 year membership badge.

The lunch concluded with Hong Kong Jockey Club race caller Brett Davies delivering an exciting Phantom Call of the 2000M Cup Race.

The club raised about HK\$175,000 (approximately AU\$30,000) at the lunch to donate to the Riding for the Disabled charity in Hong Kong.

The Carbine Club of Hong Kong wishes to acknowledge the kind support of INGLIS and TATTERSALLS for their ongoing sponsorship, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS for flying our guest speakers to Hong Kong, the GRAND HYATT HOTEL for accommodating our guests and a very special thanks to our newest sponsor LONGINES who also donated a beautiful Conquest Classic watch to auction at the lunch. It was auctioned off for HK\$75,000.00 which will all be given to the Riding for the Disabled charity together with the funds raised from the silent auction. Mr. Thomas Yeung Chairman of the Riding for Disabled Association presented the watch to the winning bidder.

After the lunch, members and guests retired to the Waterfall Bar to continue exchanging exaggerated racing stories and predictions for Sunday’s International Race Meeting.

From all the Members of the Carbine Club in Hong Kong we wish all our fellow Carbine Club Members all over the world a happy holiday season and a healthy and successful New Year.



From the Carbine Club of Hong Kong's Racing Luncheon at the Grand Hyatt during the "Turf World Championships"



Sha Tin Racecourse where the local horses won all 4 of the International Races on 9 Dec

Photo courtesy ANZ Bloodstock News (<http://www.anzbloodstocknews.com>)



WA Cricket Luncheon

The Carbine Club of WA held a lunch to celebrate the Perth Test Match on 13 Dec. This report from “Leithal” Putland, our WA correspondent:

Two hundred and forty members and guests gathered at the prestigious Royal Perth Golf Club prior to the historic Second Test commencing at the new 60,000 seat Optus Stadium here in Perth. Guest speaker was Merv Hughes who entertained the enthusiastic crowd with his banter and stories of his Test and Vic Shield career.

MC for the day was well known ABC sports and cricket commentator Glenn Mitchell. The Luncheon was held in conjunction with the South Perth Cricket Club and funds raised will assist in their junior cricket programs.



Top left- President Kieran Glynn, Lloyd Meredith & Merv

Bottom – Lin Ryan, “Bluey” Glynn, John Andreou & John McGrath

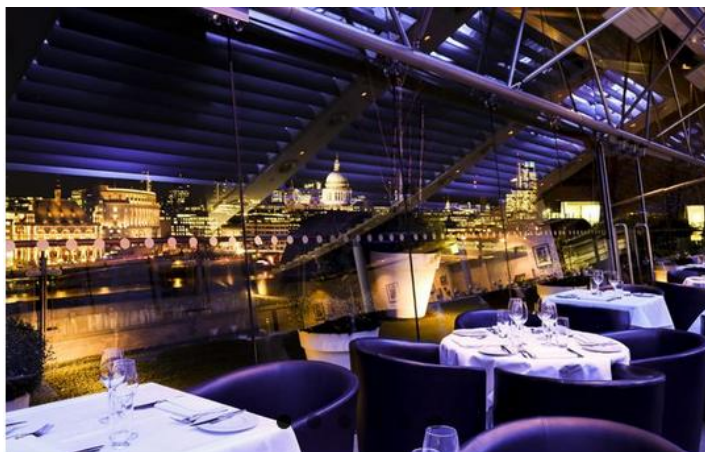


LONDON NEWS

Member Terry McCaughey takes care of Member Communications for the very active Club based in London. The Club has already filled 19 of the 20 available slots in their horse racing syndicate and recently made another addition to their growing list of celebrity Sporting Associates when Pat Cash, who now lives in London, joined the Club.

With a full membership list which now includes a lady member, there is even a waiting list for membership; the London Club goes from strength to strength. The Club has a mix of Australian/English members- President Peter Jensen has been instrumental in introducing numerous members and giving the Club more of an English flavor – whilst yet to be confirmed, the proposed speakers for the Test luncheon at Lord's are very high profile and sought after speakers worth travelling a long way to hear.

The message from London is all good news and certainly any members travelling that way should check the diary as they would be most welcome at Club events (but get in early, Club events sell out!).



OXO Tower Restaurant, London – the Club's Cheltenham Festival Dinner is to be held here on 5 March.



At the XXIII General Assembly of The Association of National Olympics Committees held in Tokyo in November CCNSW's Peter Kerr, a Life Member of that Club, was appointed to the newly formed 7 member Independent Ethics Commission, adding further to Peter's career as a sportsman and major sporting administrator – our congratulations to Peter on this very significant appointment.

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General Assembly
TOKYO 2018





SOUTH AUSTRALIA- CRICKET LUNCHEON

The Carbine Club welcomed close to 600 guests in the William Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval at their recent Test Cricket luncheon celebrating the Australia v India Test...



Wayne 'Flippa' Phillips hosted the proceedings with some exceptional speakers, including a quick question time with Australian Test Cricket coach Justin Langer AM. (pic left)

Justin was exceptional in his delivery of a very heart-felt but dedicated plan to the task at hand with the Australian Test side. His focus and determination to turn the recent 'rocky' tides of the Australian cricket landscape to engender and become a more respectful and diligent team who are focused on returning to the reigning position of top Test side.

He acknowledged the great people along the way who had assisted his journey on the road to the Baggy Green cap, and how special the moment was when he received his in 1993 with cap number 354.

In the audience Justin remembered Peter Brien for his exceptional family bond as he stayed at the Alberton Hotel while he was in Adelaide at the cricket academy as a young kid fresh from Western Australia.



Catching up with Peter Brien



Also entertaining members and guests was Rodney Hogg – legendary Test cricketer – speaking about his career and highlights with many amusing anecdotes on his illustrious journey with the Australian Test Cricket side in the 1980's.

Rodney's recollection of his life as a fast bowler against the West Indies and other Test cricket sides brought the audience some very amusing moments, especially accompanied with some great footage of the moments he tries to forget. Left -Rodney Hogg in action

Harsha Bhogle (*pic right with Flip*) called in and recounted some of his great affiliation with media in Australia, and his thoughts on the Indian cricket season, plus what he felt was the rising claim for India's top position in Test cricket now.

Justin Langer listened on intently and enjoyed the banter about the coming season with Harsha who was quietly confident that if India won at Adelaide Oval it may well be the sign for a Series win for them.



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The Children's Charity for the Day was Can Do 4 Kids who do a great job in servicing vision impaired children in their daily lives. David Shipway AM, one of their Ambassadors drew the raffle with MC Wayne Phillips and there were some great prizes including a trip to Bali thanks to Flight Centre, whose staff was also in the audience selling tickets. This was a great corporate display of giving back to charity.

To add to the enjoyment on the day an exceptional sponsorship from Serafino Wines included their smooth 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon and delicate 2017 Bellissimo Pinot Grigio plus premium Beers from Lion/West End Brewery.

Steve Maglieri (Serafino wines) and Justin Langer AM



The next Carbine Club of SA Lunch will be Supercars prior to the start of the Adelaide 500 event and will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Wednesday 27 February 2019.

pic right-L-R: Wayne Phillips, Tony Modra and Rodney Hogg

Words & pics supplied by Hon. Secretary John Condon and Luncheon Co-Ordinator Ms Robbi Tims



CARBINE CLUB SGM & CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 2018

Members of The Carbine Club were pleased to endorse the nomination of two new members at a brief SGM, held prior to the Christmas lunch in the President's Room at the RACV Club. They are Philip Halbish (younger son of CC Secretary Graham H) and Peter King, both of whom are long term servants of, and high achievers with, the Melbourne Cricket Club.

It was a fine note with which to commence festivities; President Rod Fitzroy noted highlights from the year's activities, making special mention of the positive outcomes arising once again, from our support of the VIS & Disabled Sport & Rec Victoria.

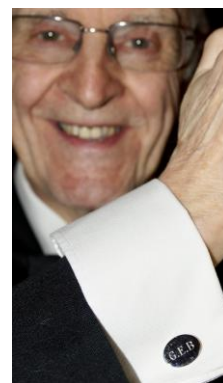
It was nice to welcome Michael O'Brien as a guest from CCQ, along with foundation member Trevor Craddock (95 not out) as well as life members of the Club. A good lunch and a fitting end to a good year with a toast to the Festive Season in the Carbine Bar!

Best wishes to all for a safe & Happy Christmas & to renewed fellowship in the New Year-Graham Halbish



David Christison from CCWA suggested it was about time our ace photographer Gordon Bennett stepped out from behind the camera and had his photo taken; happy to oblige David- at left is Gordon at the 2018 Christmas Party flanked by IPP Graeme Johnson and member Peter White, and at right Gordon flashing his cuff links at the 2018 Annual Dinner earlier this year!

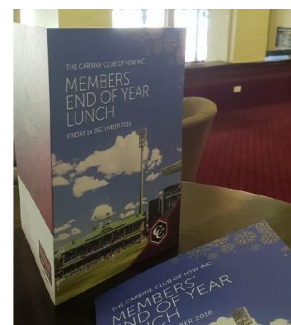
Gordon's photos from the Christmas Lunch feature in the previous Carbiner – Edition 18





NSW- EOY Lunch & Davo Award

The Carbine Club of New South Wales end of year lunch and presentation of the Davo Award was held recently in the Members' Dining Room at the Sydney Cricket Ground.



New Partnership

At the lunch, CCNSW announced the establishment of a partnership between Commonwealth Games Australia, the New South Wales Institute of Sport and the Carbine Club of NSW. The purpose of the partnership is to fund a programme for five scholarships each year, supporting talented New South Wales para-athletes who participate in Commonwealth Games sports. Instigated by club member Craig Phillips, CEO of Commonwealth Games Australia, the programme has been endorsed by the Australian Paralympics Committee and Kurt Fearnley, after whom the scholarship will be named. Kurt will serve on the selection panel and provide mentoring to scholarship recipients.

Davo Award.

Named after Alan Davidson, a great Australian Test cricketer and one of the foundation members of the Carbine Club of NSW, each year CCNSW recognises an individual who has made a long and valuable contribution to sport, media and the community, previous winners of the Davo Award include Ray Warren, Richie Benaud, Norman May, Ron Coote, John Tapp, Sir Nicholas Shehadie and Neil Harvey.

In 2018, the selection committee had no hesitation in nominating Davo himself, to receive the Davo Award. John Brown's tribute to Alan and Davo's response saw many unlikely members and guests tearing up during a standing ovation as all shared a very special moment.

Tom Malone, Head of Sport at Channel 9 arranged for coverage of the award to Davo and their vision is currently on the Channel Nine website at:

<https://wwos.nine.com.au/videos/cricket/aussie-cricket-legend-honoured-with-own-award/cjprs9gzh00170hmrzlwiniwfy>



Above-Davo talks to Caroline Searcy



Left – the Members Dining Room

2019 Calendar of Events

8 Jan	QLD	-Magic Millions Luncheon, The Star Casino, Broadbeach
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
19 March	SA	- AGM at the 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 at Morphettville
24 May	London	-Royal Mid Surrey Golf Day
25-26 June	London	-Newmarket Visit, Dinner, Races
7 Aug	London	-Lords Long Room Ashes Test Lunch (Note revised date)
17 Oct	London	-Rugby World Cup Luncheon (TBC)
4 Nov	London	AGM & Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner

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Magic Millions Racing Lunch



Sunlight ridden by Luke Currie winning 2018 Magic Millions 2YO Classic



THE CARBINE CLUB
of QUEENSLAND

The Star Casino, Gold Coast
1 Casino Drive, Broadbeach

Tuesday 8 January 2019
11.45am - 4.00pm

Dress: Guests smart casual (no denim or shorts)

Members Carbine Club tie (coat optional)

MC: Alan Thomas

Special Guest: Michelle Payne

Cost: \$190 per head

Payment options on-line at
carbineclubqld.com.au

RSVP: Wednesday 2nd January 2019
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Thanks to all those who have sent in articles and photos to The Carbiner during the year, your contributions are much appreciated and make the newsletter what it is.

The Carbiner serves to keep members informed on club events and news, and to remind us of events coming up; importantly, we leave a record of club activities for posterity.

Thanks again and best wishes to all for Christmas & the new year – Ed.