



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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The 13th International Carbine Club Congress was held in Perth in March followed by a post Congress tour of the fabled Margaret River wine region of South west WA.



120 Delegates from the international fraternity of Carbine Clubs gathered at headquarters, the Rendezvous Hotel on Scarborough Beach, on Tuesday 8 March for an action packed 6 days of wining, dining, entertainment and fellowship with superb weather providing the backdrop for a taste of all the best that Perth has to offer.

The WA Organising Committee headed by Graham Moss with President Leith Putland and Treasurer Matt Fahey worked tirelessly with Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith and the result was an event that flowed seamlessly and one that once again left all the delegates feeling very glad that they were able to be a part of the Congress.

An evening at Government House started proceedings off on the right foot with great food, wine and entertainment and a warm welcome from the Governor, The Hon.Kerry Sanderson AO (pictured below with Leith Putland).



Delegates were treated like royalty at Sandalford Winery in the nearby Swan Valley the next day with the red carpet rolled out for us again and owner/host Peter Prendiville ensuring that everything was perfect- including the paella!



The Premier of Western Australia joined delegates for a breakfast and shared his views and vision for WA with us, a ferry trip on the Swan River down to historic Fremantle and a visit to local attractions winding up with a cocktail party at the Maritime Museum made up the itinerary for Day3.

Pic: Graham Moss, Colin Barnett, Leith Putland & Lloyd Meredith.



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At the Museum the Carbiners were joined by the larger than life character Eileen "Big Red" Bond together with four of the crew members who were aboard winning America's Cup yacht in 1983 – they were interviewed by ABC commentator Karen Tighe who had difficulty getting a word in as the crew recounted hilarious behind the scenes tales from that incredible yachting series which culminated in the famous win.

Eileen Bond & Norma Thomassen (WA) enjoying the cocktail party at the Maritime Museum

A traditional Carbine Club luncheon held centrestage on Day Four with cricketer legends Rod Marsh & Dennis Lillee recalling the halcyon days when "Caught Marsh bowled Lillee" was a great sporting catchcry and we also heard from champion WA Sportswomen Caitlin Bassett and Kim Mickle, all expertly interviewed by MC Michael Thomson, although once again none required any prompting to share stories of great interest and humour.



On Saturday Carbiners were treated to a day in the Committee Room overlooking the Ascot Racecourse; WA Racing Chairman Neil Pinner, also a Carbine Club committeeman, ensured that all stops were out to make this a great Carbine day. From racebook cover at left, race names, and every topweight on the day raced in the Carbine Club colours.

Race 7 was named after Allen Aylett OBE, founder of the Congress, who was unable to attend due to a family illness – the first Congress that Allen & Marj have missed; we wish Marj a speedy recovery.

Another stalwart missing from this Congress was our favourite judge, John Gallop (ACT), who was not able to travel – we missed his wisdom and humour and again our best wishes to John and Judy.

Sunday was wind up party day at the Rendezvous which was a sensational venue for the Congress and then 39 hardy souls departed the next day for a little more partying over 3 days in the Margaret River region.





CC Club representatives at the presentation for Race 5, The Carbine Club International Congress Trophy which was presented by Carbine Club President Graeme Johnson (at left of picture)

All delegates were effusive in their praise for the conduct of the Congress and the wonderful events on offer – hearty congratulations to Lloyd Meredith, ably assisted as always by Jan, and to WA Organising Committee Chairman Graham Moss, his organising committee members Leith Putland (President CCWA) and Matt Fahey (Treasurer CCWA) and the whole gang at CCWA including of course Immediate Past President Noel Carter who only handed the baton over just a few months before the Congress – a great job by all! Carbine Club President Graeme Johnson was thrust into action on many occasions, as seen below, and he thoroughly enjoyed his time in the West at his first Congress.



Some pics from the Congress events follow.



Karen Powell (TAS), Esdene Kruger (QLD), Robbie & Mike Loughhead (TAS) & Merrell Kruger





Janine Kerr (NSW), Drs Barry & Beth Taranto (TAS)



Eileen Bond, Matt Fahey & Norma Thomasen



Rod Marsh, Merv Hill (TAS), Noel Carter (WA), Dennis Lillee & Ric Hart (WA)



Lloyd & Jan with D K Lillee



Peter Dee



Carbine Club Gold Coast Stakes Day

Saturday 12 March also saw the running of the Carbine Club Stakes at the Gold Coast Turf Club. Steve Davoren from CC QLD reported from the day:

"The race was won by Casual Choice Trained by Tony Gollan and ridden by Michael Cahill in the smart time of 1.08.6. Past president Steve Davoren and member Jeff Bignell and his lovely partner Di were on hand to present the trophies as President Peter Ladewig was unavailable due to attending the Carbine Club congress.

The owners were ecstatic with the trophies and had travelled by car for 4 hours to see the race. Tony Gollan has won this race 2 years in a row. Watch this horse back up in either the Weetwood Handicap at Toowoomba or the Prime Minister's cup day at Gold Coast."



The presentation and the winner



Coming Events for your Diary

**** Note the new confirmed date for The Carbine Club Golf Day**

4 April – NZ 23 rd Golf Tournament, Pakuranga Country Club	8 April Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon, HK Football Club	8 April (Evening) Tasmania Cocktail Party & Footy Match event	8 April – PNG Members Only Lunch – Airways Hotel
15 April- WA Members Only Luncheon, Rottnest Island	27 April – NZ AGM & Members Luncheon, Remuera Golf Club	29 April NSW Olympic Lunch SCG	6 May – PNG Rugby League Lunch, Gateway Hotel
13 May South Australia SAJC Derby Day Luncheon, Morphetville	19 May The Carbine Club Annual Meeting & Members Lunch, Garden Rooms, Crown	20 May – Hong Kong AGM	27 May VANUATU Port Vila Golf & Country Club
27 May WA Olympic Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel	**6 June The Carbine Club Golf Day, Huntingdale (note new confirmed date)	10 June- PNG Members Luncheon, PMGFC Gantry	14 June Annual Dinner and Delegates Meeting, The Australian Club Melbourne
1 July -NSW AFL Lunch Four Seasons Hotel	8 July- Singapore Racing Luncheon, Grand Hyatt	13 July-WA Mid-week Racing Luncheon, Belmont	29 July- PNG Olympic Lunch
3 August - NSW Golf Day, St Michaels	12 August VANUATU Races Function	12 August-WA Broome Cup Luncheon, Divers Tavern	18 August The Carbine Club Members Lunch, Heroes Club
22 September- SA SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adel Oval	23 September - WA WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel	27 September The Carbine Club AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown	29 September NSW Rugby League GF Lunch
21 October WA Members Only Lunch Richardson Hotel	28 Oct - HK Cricket Sixes	28 October The Carbine Club VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown	18 Nov- PNG Lae Members Lunch
18 Nov WA Racing Luncheon Hyatt Hotel	8 DEC – PNG Christmas Cocktail Party, Crowne Plaza	9 Dec - HK International Races	13 December The Carbine Club Members Christmas Lunch at RACV