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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Carbine Club of London

The Carbine Club of London goes from strength to strength – the Spring Newsletter for the Club prepared by Terry McCaughey, Member Communications, is summarised below. The full copy of the Newsletter has been published to the UK members and is available from Club Secretaries if you would like to read all the news in detail from this busy Club.

4th Annual Cheltenham Festival Dinner

This dinner was held at the iconic OXO Tower Restaurant on the south side of the Thames Embankment, offering panoramic views of the City and West End nightlights. The attendance of 127 was treated to a night of superb service, delicious food and wines and an array of great entertainment.



Guest speakers were ten times National Hunt Champion Trainer **Paul Nicholls** (who agreed to become the latest Sporting Associate of the Club), the effervescent and thoroughly charming **Bryony Frost** (pictured at left with MC Nick Luck) who has become the talk of the racing scene with her strong, courageous and intelligent riding, and lastly the Club's newest Sporting Associate, two times Olympic gold medallist (and part-time jockey), the delightful **Victoria Pendleton**. (Victoria was recently a speaker at the Carbine Club in Hong Kong.)

Adding to the wonderful stories told by the three speakers was the annual tipping competition and “Aussie Jim” McGrath’s phantom call of The Gold, topping off a fantastic evening for the Club.



Trainer and “comedian/mimic” Richard Phillips entertaining his fellow tipsters

Coming Events – London

The Club has an exciting line up of events for 2019 to carry on from the success of the Festival Dinner – the annual golf day will be held again at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, just 6 miles from Central London, on 24 May; the very special Newmarket Visit is set down for 26-27 June, billed as a Members Only Adventure, Club President Peter Jensen is making sure that this will be a one-off experience for those lucky enough to attend. Included in the visit will be a tour of the priceless art collection held at the Jockey Club, a superb dinner in the Jockey Club Dining Room with notable guest speaker, a visit to the gallops on The Heath, a tour of The National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art, a VIP afternoon at the races and some very exclusive accommodation.

The Lord’s Long Room lunch always attracts a full house including members visiting from overseas and this year’s event on 7 Aug will be no exception.

CC London has a full membership list and a small but eager waiting list – no wonder, with events like these!



Guests enjoying a tittle before the start of proceedings at the OXO Tower restaurant



The Need for Speed in Tasmania – Cooper Ford

The Carbine Club of Tasmania has a long and proud association with F3 driver Alex Peroni and it gives the membership a great deal of excitement and pleasure to watch Alex's progress thru the world ranks of racing car drivers – now Tassie also has a new young champ to cheer on in Cooper Ford (pictured below with Alex at the recent Racing Luncheon in Tas).

Just 9 years old now, Cooper started racing on a Peewee 50 at 4 years of age, soon moved to a KTM50 Mini and then began racing at age 7 on a KTM SX 50.

In 2018 Cooper won the NSW State Championships on both his 50cc and 65cc bikes and continued that success in his home state, again winning both those divisions.

Cooper was crowned Australia's Number 1 on the 65cc bikes in the 7 to Under 9 Division for 2018. He is now extremely motivated to follow on from his many successes in 2018, training regularly with his coach Brody Jennings who is a former Australian Junior Champion, and travelling interstate as often as possible to test his skills against all comers.

Cooper's parents Karen & Stuart Ford described the dedication that Cooper has displayed in one so young and CCTAS is delighted to be able to support another young Tasmanian who is destined for the stars!



Left - Cooper with President Steve Adermann; at right, the proud parents



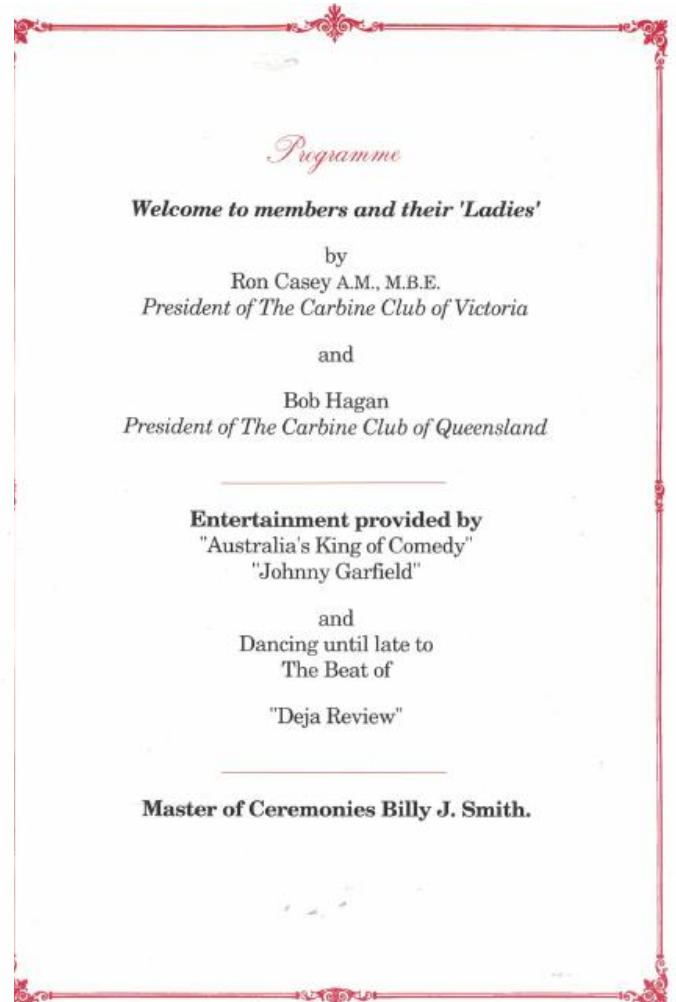
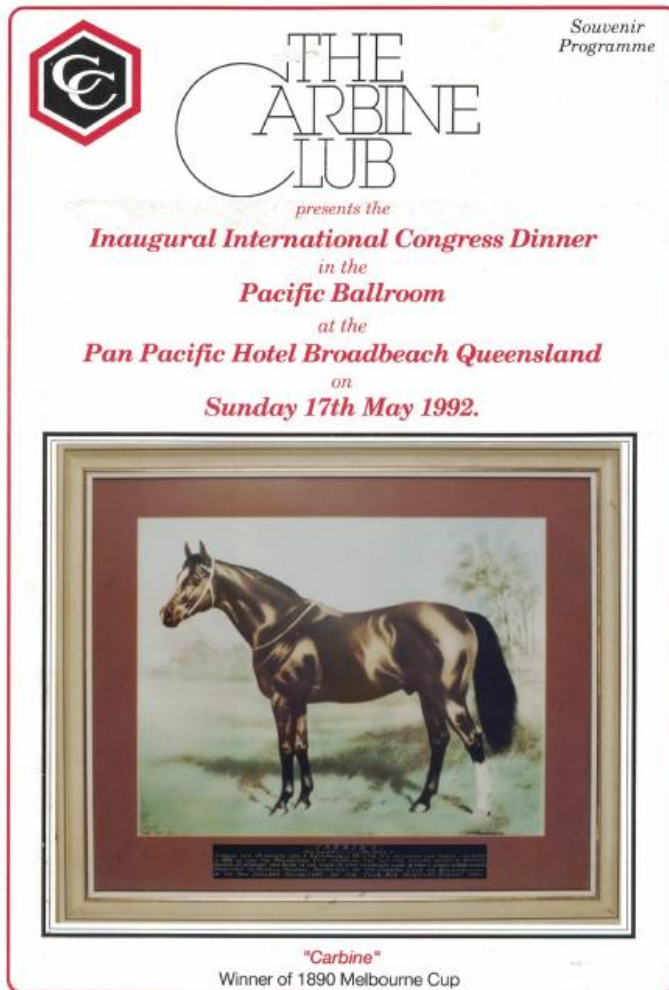
CCNZ -26th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 26th running of the Carbine Club's Annual Charity Golf Tournament took place on 25th Feb in beautiful weather. The fantastic organisation by Susie Simcock and her team and the barbeque and refreshments that ran all day ensured it was a great day enjoyed by all. In excess of \$34,000 was raised as a result of the generosity of our sponsors, a full field of players, raffles, donations and auction items and the support of our members. The success of this day will enable the Carbine Club to make generous donations to Paralympics NZ and Parafed Auckland to assist disabled athletes in the pursuit of their sporting dreams.



CARBINE CLUB CONGRESS & BILLIE J. SMITH

The recent passing of former CCQ Member Billie J. Smith sent Robin Flannery to his own archives where he found a copy of the Program for the Inaugural International Congress Dinner held in 1992 – Billie J. was MC for this milestone event, the first of the 14 such dinners that have been held to date.



The next Congress is scheduled for Adelaide in May, 2020 – Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith and the Organising Committee in SA will be issuing details soon and asking for registrations to what is always a highlight on the Carbine Club calendar.

Our thanks to Flan for that “blast from the past”.





Carbine Club of SA Supercars Luncheon

Supplied by Events Coordinator Ms Robbi Tims and John Condon OAM Honorary Secretary, CCSA.

The opening of the Supercars Series for 2019 was launched by the Carbine Club of South Australia at the Adelaide Convention Centre overlooking the picturesque River Torrens and its surrounds. With 400 members and their guests in attendance, we had the opportunity of hearing from the drivers, of their views and their attitude towards providing wonderful access to their fans, both on and off the track.



Mustang and Holden – who's will it be on the podium?

L-R: Sean Seamer (CEO Supercars), Nick Chigwidden, Chad Neylon (Commentator, Supercars)



It was Nick Chigwidden's final Carbine Club luncheon as President of the Club and he reminisced about the 2 years of his tenure, and feels the club is in a good position, especially with the pending Carbine International Congress headed for Adelaide in 2020.

The panel was hosted by MC Chad Neylon with drivers Dave Reynolds and Shane Van Gisbergen with early discussion centred around the pending hot weather with temperatures expected to reach into the low 40'sC. This meant that the temperatures in the cars would be around 65°C during the race. Much preparation is needed by the drivers with Dave Reynolds recounting his dramatic end to the Bathurst race of last year, when fatigue was the factor in his forced retirement from the race. Both drivers explained the need for them to make themselves available to their fans in the lead-in to all races and also the need for each of them to be conscious of their personal needs and thorough preparation for any race.

The new Ford Mustang was the hot discussion point and proved itself a true winner at the end of the first round of the Supercar Season for 2019. Additionally, the new twilight racing was also to play a part on the weekend, which also rated a mention with the drivers.



L-R: Dave Reynolds, Shane Van Gisbergen, Chad Neylon



L-R: Dave "Hughesy" Hughes, Dave Reynolds, Glenn Cooper

As always, the drivers responded well to questions from the floor, especially around whether Holden quality of Supercar is still on par, now that the vehicle was no longer constructed in the former Adelaide factory. Given our non political position, their responses were both forthright and interesting.

The luncheon produced some interesting conversation after Dave ‘Hughesy’ Hughes’s performance – he was topical and controversial as well, bringing some mixed reaction from the audience. Let’s just say Hughesy was living up to his reputation of ‘out there’ topics.

The Coopers men were also in force – both Glenn and Tim were there with the CEO of Supercars Sean Seamer along with our patron His Excellency Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia.

L-R: Sean Seamer (Supercars); John Condon OAM, Nick Chigwidden, Shane Van Gisbergen, His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC, Dave Reynolds, Glenn Cooper AM, Tim Cooper AM and Randal Tomich



The 400 strong audience were thoroughly entertained at the fourth annual Supercars Luncheon with great Coopers ‘tinnies’, Tomich Wines and great friendship which is the true spirit of the Carbine Club.

L-R: Vern Schuppan AM, and Shane Van Gisbergen



2019 Calendar of Events

15 March	WA	- “End of Summer” Informal Luncheon, The Shoe Function Room
19 March	SA	- AGM, Arkaba Hotel, Osmond Room
21 March	NSW	- AGM, City Tattersalls Club
22 March	QLD	- AGM, Kurrawa Surf Club
29 March	NZ	- Secondary School Sport Today Luncheon
Xx March (TBC)	VIC	- Moonee Valley Committee Raceday Invitation
5 April	HK	- Rugby Sevens Luncheon
29 April	NZ	-AGM & Members Luncheon
8 May	WA	- Mid Week Racing Luncheon, Ascot Racecourse (MO)
17 May	SA	-Adelaide Festival of Racing Luncheon, Derby Pavilion, Morphettville
23 May	VIC	- AGM & Members Lunch, Crown Towers
24 May	London	-Royal Mid Surrey Golf Day

5 June	ACT	-NRL State of Origin 1 Dinner, Boardroom, Jim Murphy's (MO)
21 June	WA	- State of Origin Rugby League Luncheon, Crown Towers, Burswood
26-27 June	London	-Members Newmarket Visit
XX Jun/Jul (TBC)	VIC	- VRC Committee Room Invitation Day
12 July(TBC)	WA	-Soccer Luncheon, Crown Towers, Burswood
16 July	VIC	- Annual Dinner, Australian Club (also - Deleg Mtg RACV)
26 July	SA	- Special Members Luncheon, Playford Hotel
7 Aug	London	-Lords Long Room Ashes Test Lunch
9 Aug	ACT	- AFL Luncheon, National Press Club
16 Aug	WA	- Broome Cup Luncheon, Cable Beach Club (MO)
19 Sep	SA	- SANFL GF Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
20 Sep	ACT	- Rugby World Cup Luncheon, National Press Club
20 Sep	WA	- WAFL GF Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
24 Sep	VIC	- AFL GF Luncheon, Crown Palladium
4 Oct (TBC)	ACT	- Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park
17 Oct (TBC)	London	-Rugby World Cup Dinner
18 Oct	WA	- Members Only Luncheon, Venue TBC
25 Oct	HK	- International Cricket Lunch
1 Nov	VIC	- VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown Palladium
4 Nov	London	- AGM & Melbourne Cup Eve member Only Dinner
22 Nov	WA	- Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
2 Dec (TBC)	ACT	- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra GC (MO)
2 Dec (TBC)	ACT	- Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (Members & Guests)
6 Dec	HK	- International Racing Lunch
6 Dec (TBC)	ACT	- AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Boardroom (MO)
xx Dec (TBC)	WA	- Cricket Luncheon
11 Dec	VIC	- Members Xmas Lunch, RACV

 **The CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND**

The Changing Face of Secondary School Sport

Friday 29 March 2019

 **Head Master**
Auckland Grammar School
Tim O'Connor



will address, amongst other things:

- * The Effects of Televised College Sport
- * The Impact of Professional Sport
- * Poaching / Recruiting Players from Elsewhere
- * The Changing Demographics of Students
- * Sport vs Academia at Secondary Schools
- * The Role of Parents and the School in These Issues

This will give you an insight into our future sporting stars!

Guinness Room | Ellerslie Racecourse | Auckland
Welcome Drinks at 12noon | Lunch Commences 12.30pm

TICKETS \$80.00 per person | \$800 for a table of 10

In support of the Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust and our objective of "assisting athletes with disability"
There will be a **GRAND RAFFLE** | Details to be advised
Tickets will be sold during main course | Bring some CASH

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