



The Carbiner

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Carbine Club of London 2016 Cheltenham Festival Dinner

On Tuesday 8th March the Carbine Club of London had its inaugural Cheltenham Festival Racing dinner at the delightful Lutyens Restaurant in Fleet Street. Just over 60 members and guests had a very enjoyable night and a couple of tips for the next week made the night profitable as well.

President Peter Jensen kicked proceedings off by welcoming the VIPs, guests and members. Following that Lord Vestey proposed a toast to the Club and then the attendees were placed in the hands of MC, Nick Luck, noted racing journalist and front man for the very popular Channel 4 Racing programme for the rest of the evening.

Speakers Richard Phillips (right) and George Baker (left) with MC Nick Luck and Jim McGrath in the middle offering their picks for the four major races.



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The speakers for the evening were the very funny trainers Richard Phillips and George Baker, who shared some hilarious anecdotes from the world of racing and business. The guests were then entertained by a phantom call of the Cheltenham Gold Cup by longstanding race caller, the Australian Jim McGrath. Nick then hosted a tipping session of the four major races and also a few other hot tips from other races.

To inaugurate the occasion Peter made a very generous offer of a magnum of champagne for the top tipster for the four majors. The champagne was subsequently won by George Baker narrowly defeating Jim McGrath. George Baker insisted that Altior in the first race of the festival was unbeatable and it duly greeted the judge at 4/1 well beating the odds-on favourite. Well done Jim, the kids got to eat again that week.

Judging by the laughter and smiles on their faces everybody seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and this augurs well for a repeat event in 2017.

A special note from the evening came with Peter Jensen's appointment as Chairman of Sandown Racing Club. Many congratulations to Peter on this prestigious appointment. Now we know who to talk to about a summer evening racing events at Sandown. Special rates please, Peter.



Left: Nick Luck entertains with some inside knowledge on the speakers.

Below: President Peter Jensen welcomes members and guests



Below: Lord (Sam) Vestey proposes the toast to the Carbine Club



(Thanks to our London man on the spot, Terry McCaughey for words and pics)



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The Carbine Club – Members & Partners Day

On a beautiful March day in Melbourne, members of The Carbine Club and their partners, gathered together in the magnificent surroundings of Swettenham Stud, Nagambie, in country Victoria.

CC Member, committeeman and host Adam Sangster, had the jugs of Pimms filled to the brim along with other refreshments to start the day off in great style. The traditional longest drive competition from the back terrace was led off by resident Royal Melb GC pro Bruce Green, who did his best to make the far side of the Goulburn River. A target yet to be reached by a CC Member, most of whom not only fell well short, but also pretty wide of the mark.

A walking tour of the Stud followed, with members of Adam's staff there to give us a terrific insight into what is a highly complex and very closely managed operation. Two stallions were in residence and were paraded for the guests, with the rest on duties in various parts of the Northern Hemisphere. Of some interest was the so named "Love Shack", where the aforementioned stallions and mares get up close and personal.

A number of foals and yearlings were in stable and curious to meet their visitors. Many interesting facts concerning their sale value and career potential were related.

Next a short trip to Mitchelton Winery, except for a couple of those who'd been closest to the bar earlier, who then managed to miss the turn off only 500 metres from the Stud gates, and make an unscheduled visit to the township, where an about turn had to be performed.

A splendid lunch and excellent wines was enjoyed outdoors on the leafy Terrace of Muse Restaurant, on what the locals called the best day in the area for two months. A stroke of luck for CC. This complex is now owned by CC Member Gerry Ryan, who has plans for a major development at Mitchelton, including an International standard hotel.

We then wandered across the lawns to board our Riverboat for a leisurely cruise along the Goulburn to our final destination for a wine tasting and private tour of the cellars, at Chateau Tahbilk. Needless to say, the boat had a well stocked bar, augmented by a magnum or two of very good Tahbilk red, to see us home on the return journey.

It was roundly (and somewhat loudly) agreed this had been one of the best days out by CC in a long time and a must to be repeated in the not too distant future. A wonderful occasion in superb weather and fine country surroundings, giving a great opportunity for Members and partners to enjoy the time out together.

(thanks to Graham Halbish, CC Secretary, for words and pics from the day in the country)







Carbine Club of Northern Territory Inc.

(from Phil Timney, CC NT Secretary)

Carbine Club of NT held its Annual General Meeting luncheon at the newly established Cannon's Kitchen on the outskirts of Darwin on Friday 18 March 2016. President David De Silva noted the attendance of Founding / Life Members Robin Flannery and Tony Shaw who travelled from interstate for the AGM. The luncheon provided the perfect opportunity to present Robin and Tony with their 25 year membership badges, the first to be awarded by CC NT following our 25th Anniversary in October 2015. The attendance of Life Members Dick Norris and Andy Bruyn was also acknowledged.

The President noted in his annual report that 2015 was very much a year of steady as she goes with the Club conducting its traditional lunches and activities throughout the year including our premier events the Darwin Cup Luncheon and V8 Supercar luncheon.

Members in attendance endorsed the nomination of two new members to the Club, well known business identity and thoroughbred racing aficionado Mr Nick Frangoulis and, by coincidence, our host for the day Mr David Cannon. Both were delighted to accept the offer of membership, especially David whose father Reg and brother Byron are long standing members of CC Queensland.

President De Silva and all current committee members were re-elected for 2016 and the NT chapter looks forward to another great year of sport and fellowship.

The CCNT Life Members LtoR: Tony Shaw, Andy Bruyn, Peter Bailey, Dick Norris & Robin Flannery





Honorary Life Membership: Peter Bailey, CCNT

At its 2016 Annual General Meeting members bestowed Life Membership upon a youthful Peter Bailey (Bails) whose membership dates from 1997, a period of 19 years that have seen him as a key player of team *Territory Carbine*.



At the celebratory dinner for The Carbine Club's 50th Anniversary in 2011, MC Leon Weigard pointed out that Peter (photographed with fellow journalist, the late Harry Gordon) was the youngest member present and a club president to boot. Indeed Leon nominated him as "the future of Carbine fellowship".

As club secretary, Peter initiated the Top End club's Junior Elite Development Scholarships (JEDS) program, a concept that has gone from strength to strength in line with the club's objective "*to promote and foster the development of sport in the NT*".

For fourteen years Peter served continuously as a member of the club executive. He was renowned for exercising leadership and profound thought; specially meritorious service that fellow members thought deserving of Honorary Life Membership.

(Thanks to Phil Timney & Robin Flannery for this report from the Top End)



Carbiner Correspondents – Terry McCaughey, London

The Carbiner relies on reports from the Clubs that are submitted by our correspondents; the Carbine Club of London has a committeeman designated to the role of Member Communications and that role also covers letting us at The Carbiner know of events and happenings in the Club.

We are pleased to welcome Terry McCaughey who is now the Committeeman responsible for Member Communications for CC London. Terry (pic right) is a "Kiwi" who has lived and worked in Oz, USA, and Hong Kong where he was intimately involved in the Rugby 10's. A keen follower of rugby, soccer and racing, Terry has now based himself in London which is good news for CC London.





NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

The AGM of the Carbine Club of NSW on 9 March ushered in a changing of the guard with Michael Crismale taking up the role of Chairman and Damian Keogh that of Deputy Chairman. With the retirement of committeemen in Peter Kerr, Mike Bushell and Charles Turner three members were newly elected to committee : Phil Kearns, Caroline Searcy and Darren Kane.

Michael Crismale thanked outgoing Chairman Jamie Barkley and the retiring committee members for their service to the club over many years – both Mike Bushell and Peter Kerr served as Chairman and “Kerro”, who was on the committee for around 20 years, is well known around the clubs as he makes a great effort to attend events at various Carbine Clubs, including the recent Congress.

The Annual Racing Luncheon was held at Randwick on 18 March with 380 in attendance. Members Alan Davidson AM MBE, John Coates AC and Ron Quinton OAM were presented with 25 year membership badges, having been with the Club for 39,35, and 31 years respectively.



**Pics: Above left –Outgoing Chairman Jamie Barkley with Chairman Michael Crismale;
Above right – new Committee Member Caroline Searcy, below right-Peter Kerr
Below Left: Alan Davidson and Mike Bushell with the late Richie Benaud and “The Davo”**

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15 April- NT AGM	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, Morphettville	19 May-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	10 June- PNG Members Luncheon, PMGFC Gantry
14 June Annual Dinner and Delegates Meeting, The Australian Club	16 June – NT V8 Supercars	1 July -NSW AFL Lunch Four Seasons Hotel	5 July – London Lord's Lunch, The Long Room
8 July- Singapore Racing Luncheon, Grand Hyatt	13 July-WA Mid-week Racing Luncheon, Belmont	23 July – NT Raceday	28 July – NT Darwin Cup Luncheon
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		16 Sep-NT Founders Luncheon	22 September- SA SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adel Oval
23 Sept-London Golf Day & Dinner, Royal Surrey GC	23 September - WA WAFL Grand Final Luncheon,Hyatt Hotel	27 Sep-Carbine Club AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown	29 September-NSW Rugby League GF Lunch
21 Oct - WA Members Only Lunch Richardson Hotel	22 October – PNG Cox Plate day at the Aviat Club	28 Oct – NT (<i>post</i>) Cox Plate Lunch	28 Oct - HK Cricket Sixes
28 Oct – Carbine Club VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown	31 Oct- London AGM & Members Dinner	18 Nov- PNG Lae Members Lunch	18 Nov- WA Racing Lunch Hyatt Hotel
2 Dec- NT Christmas Dinner	8 Dec – PNG Christmas Cocktail Party, Crowne Plaza	9 Dec - HK International Races	13 Dec-The Carbine Club Members Christmas Lunch at RACV