

## The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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## WA - SA - PNG News in this Edition

## J.J. Miller inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame

**WA Carbiner** John "JJ" Miller was recently inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in a ceremony at Melbourne's Federation Square.

A legendary jockey who amassed over 2200 winners in a stellar career in the saddle, JJ rode with success in Australia, Ireland, Singapore and Mauritius and is best known in Australia for his feats when riding for the Cups King, Bart Cummings, including the 1966 Melbourne Cup on Galilee which he also rode to win the Caulfield and Sydney Cups.

He rode Ulyatt to win a Perth Cup – Ulyatt was trained by his wife Kay, and later turning to training himself JJ pulled off an amazing training feat when King of Saxony won the 1999 Perth Cup first up after a let up of 8 months. Kay trained numerous winners including another Perth Cup winner and JJ is quick to acknowledge the huge contribution she made to his success.

JJ, who recently celebrated his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, is a long term member of the WA chapter of the Carbine Club; these days JJ is looking fit enough to jump back in the saddle and he is a familiar sight pushing his bicycle daily around his beloved Fremantle heading to the pool or the ocean.



JJ holds the Melbourne Cup aloft - (Photo courtesy of 7/"The West Australian")



JJ and Kay on a recent visit to Hobart and CC Tas

## **SA Racing Luncheon**

The Derby Pavilion at Morphetville, home of the SAJC, was the venue for the Carbine Club's UBET Adelaide Festival of Racing Luncheon on Friday 5 May 2017.

President, Nick Chigwidden welcomed Members and their Guests along with the newly elected SAJC Chair, Ms Bodelle Francis, and the Deputy Chairman of Thoroughbred Racing Simon Ward, both organisations being strong supporters of the Carbine Club.

L-R: Darren Weir, Bodelle Francis and Nick Chigwidden

MC Terry McAuliffe set the scene for the day with a tribute to "Carbine" the race horse and the formidable history which is still unsurpassed by any other race horse in thoroughbred history.



Guest speaker Darren Weir just made it to Adelaide, and he absolutely charmed the crowd with his lively banter, riding high off the recent Warrnambool Carnival wins which included the Warrnambool Cup.

The "sleep deprived" trainer stirred the fire on how humble he has been coping with the many wins – from the 2015 Melbourne Cup through to the very imminent Adelaide Festival of Racing.

The entertaining North Melbourne football legend, and *Lambassador* to the Australian Meat industry, Sam Kekovich entertained all. His straight shooting wit got the crowd engaged and laughing, but with some serious overtones. Sam likened his yearning as a potential Prime Minister as having origins similar to Trump aka the entrepreneur who would "put your money where your mouth is" and "get the country moving again". These moments were part of a great delivery by the ultimate master of spin.

We also had prominent Adelaide trainer and Carbine Club Member, Richard Jolly, President of the SA Branch of the Australian Trainers Association, accept the Guest Tipster's role for the UBET Adelaide Festival of Racing and he made comment on the racing calendar for the autumn. Prophetically, he said that one of his horses, Karacatis, could be a chance and it won at great odds of 17 to 1 the next day.

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President, Nick Chigwidden, announced that The Junction Tavern where most of our guests were seen after the lunch, had renamed a section of the establishment as the CARBINE LOUNGE – showcasing the tribute print that John Condon OAM, CCSA Hon. Secretary presented to them. 'Carbine' now adorns the wall, along with many other magnificent thoroughbreds including such names as Makybe Diva.



President Nick Chigwidden, Darren Weir and MC – Terry McAuliffe

Sam Kekovich – you know it makes sense!





L-R: Terry McAuliffe and Darren Weir

Compiled by CCSA Honorary Secretary John Condon OAM and Ms Robbi Tims, Luncheon Co-Coordinator.



## Papua New Guinea Racing Lunch

The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea held its annual Racing Lunch on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom in Port Moresby.

Two legends of the Australian racing community, jockey John Letts and race caller Greg Miles OAM were the guests of honour.

The day started off with toasts to 'Papua New Guinea' by John Nilkare, ex captain of the PNG Rugby Sevens team, and to 'Carbine' by long time PNG Carbine member Bob O'Dea. This was followed by a passionate toast by former PNG jockey and PNG Carbine Club stalwart John Robinson that followed the rise and decline of PNG's own racing scene.

It was then the turn of the guests to entertain.

John Letts regaled the crowd with his yarns about how he was introduced to the sport of racing and how he won a Melbourne Cup on his first attempt after arriving as an unknown from out of town (Adelaide).

Greg let us know that it wasn't an easy entry into the world of race calling despite now being one of the most famous voices in racing having called the last 36 Melbourne Cups.

Both gentlemen then provided further entertainment with a lively Q and A session.



Guest speakers Greg Miles OAM and John Letts with PNG Carbine Club committee members John Robinson and Tony Carbry

(thanks to Derek Hunter for PNG toktok)

#### **Coming Events:**

QLD State of Origin Luncheon on 26 May

TAS AFL Lunch on 26 May

WA Commonwealth Games Luncheon on 26 May

NZ AGM & Members Luncheon 26 May

ACT Brumbies State of the Union Lunch on 26 May

PNG PMGFC Gantry Lunch (MO) on 9 June

The Annual Dinner of the Carbine Club is on Wednesday June 14, The Australian Club

NT V8 Supercars on 15 June

**ACT NRL State of Origin II Dinner on 21 June** 

London Lord's Long Room Luncheon on 27 June – see flyer following

**Singapore Racing Lunch on 8 July** 

SA 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Members Lunch 20 July

NT Raceday at DTC on 29 July

NT Darwin Cup Luncheon on 3 August

**ACT AFL Luncheon on 4 Aug** 

Tuesday, Sept 26 - AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown

Friday November 3 - VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown

### Coming major event.....



# Carbine Club of London 2017 Annual Lord's Luncheon

Date: Tuesday June 27th

Location: Long Room, Lord's, London NW8 8QN Time: 12pm: Drinks Reception, 1pm: Lunch

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie Cost: Members £135; Guests £150

Guest Speakers: Mike Gatting and Jonathan Agnew





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## Been & gone event!



