



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Launch of the Carbine Club of Tokyo!

NT- V8 Supercars Luncheon

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Vale Gary Balkin, CCQLD

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THE CARBINE CLUB of TOKYO – Inaugural Luncheon

Exciting news with the addition of another Club to the ranks – the Carbine Club of Tokyo will hold its first luncheon on 13 July.

We look forward to news from the latest addition to Club ranks!



CCNT V8 Supercars Luncheon 2018

(NT news courtesy: Phil Timney Hon. Sec. CCNT)

This major luncheon on the Carbine Club of NT calendar broke with tradition in 2018 with the function being held at the newly renovated Pee Wee's at the Point Restaurant overlooking the Darwin Harbour. In excess of 200 members and guests attended the luncheon for an afternoon of high octane entertainment to coincide with the Crownbet Darwin Triple Crown round of the V8 Supercars Championship held at Hidden Valley racetrack.



CC NT Committee with the Crownbet V8 Grid Girls

Our resident MC and Life Member Andy Bruyn took no time in warming up the gathering with his unique and colourful repertoire before introducing our guests of honour, V8 Supercar drivers Dave Reynolds from the Holden Erebus Motorsport team, Lee Holdsworth, Holden Charlie Schwerkolt Racing and Todd Hazelwood from the

Ford Matt Stone Racing team. Great to see Dave Reynolds in top spot on the podium after Sunday's race.

Special guests also included local young gun Territorian Thomas Maxwell 2017 who competed in the Formula Renault Eurocup 2017 finishing 16th in the Championship with a highest finish of 5th. In 2018 Thomas will be stepping up another level following the pathway to becoming Formula 1 world Champion. Also joining the special guest list was another local talent Bryce Fullwood who is currently racing in the Dunlop Super2 Series with Matt Stone Racing in the No. 16 Ford FG X Falcon. It was great to get an update on the recent successes of both Darwin born and bred drivers who are pursuing their dreams in the highly competitive sport of motor racing.

Our guest entertainer for the day was Australian comedian, film and television star of Turkish descent, Tahir Bilgiç, returning to Darwin for his second gig at the V8 Supercars Luncheon. Tahir took no time in warming up the gathering with his very entertaining comedy repertoire themed towards car racing and a hotted up street cars perspective.

Guest auctioneer Jeremy O'Donohue had little trouble revving up the bidders for a Hot Lap around the track with #14 Tim Slade in his Holden ZB Commodore, kindly donated by long time and valued sponsor NT Major Events Company. Also attracting some spirited bidding were a rear bumper from a Holden Red Bull V8 Supercar, compliments of Kerry Holden and a full racing suit worn by Thomas Maxwell in the 2017 Eurocup.

The CrownBet grid girls were also in attendance to make sure everyone had a seat and no raffle tickets were left over with one lucky attendee taking home the AFL Grand Final package kindly donated by our great supporter and naming rights sponsor Crownbet, thanks to Brad Fanning

and his team. Long term sponsors AirNorth donated a trip for two to Townsville and Harvey Norman donated a great homeware package courtesy of CC NT member Geoff Cussen.

Special thanks to our hosts for the day, Simon and Lily Matthews, who were showcasing their newly renovated iconic Darwin Restaurant Pee Wee's at the Point. A great spot to enjoy a long lunch on a great Darwin dry season afternoon.

Photos courtesy of NT Major Events Company



Danny and Thomas Maxwell



Todd Hazelwood, Lee Holdsworth and Dave Reynolds with
CC NT Committeeman Tony President



V8 Drivers enjoying the "winter" sunshine at
Pee Wee's at the Point

CC NT Life Member and MC Andy Bruyn having a
chat with the V8 drivers



CARBINERS IN THE NEWS

Gordon Bennett, Mick Harrison, Tony Carbry and David De Silva



Gordon Bennett from The Carbine Club was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the recent Queens Birthday Honours List.

Awarded his honour for service to the television broadcast industry and to the community, these days Gordon is well known for producing wonderful photos of Carbine Club events.

The photo (courtesy Herald Sun) was taken last year when Channel 7 and Gordon celebrated his 60 years of involvement with the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal coverage.

Meanwhile up in PNG Mick Harrison recently received an award for 15 years service to the Port Moresby RSL and Anzac Day, and Secretary Tony Carbry received an MBE for services to business, management and sport.



Mick Harrison



Tony Carbry (left) with Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith

Still up the top end, Carbine Club of NT member David De Silva was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday honours list for 2018 for significant service to the Darwin community through contributions to the economic and social development of the Northern Territory in a range of executive roles.

David and his wife Wendy relocated from Adelaide to Darwin in 1982, the commencement of three decades of service to the Darwin community. Initially invited to sit on the tribunal of the local soccer league David soon switched codes and was instrumental in the establishment of the AFL in the NT. He has had a long involvement with St Mary's Football Club, where he is a life member and has volunteered with the Darwin Community Legal Service since the volunteer program's inception in 1990.

More recently, David was appointed chairman of the Darwin Entertainment Centre in 2013 and Chairman of Tennis NT. He nominated the completion of the new Darwin International Tennis Centre just a week ago as his greatest community achievement. David said the tennis centre would foster sporting talent and help Darwin forge stronger business ties with Asia.



Juggling the operation of his law firm, De Silva Hebron, with his commitments to various boards and community groups was difficult at times, and David said having an “understanding wife” was critical. David said everybody could contribute in some way to the community and he has certainly led by example in that regard.

David was inducted into the NT Chapter of the Carbine Club in 2008 and, not surprisingly, has served the Club extremely well in the roles of Committeeman, Vice President and President from 2015 to 2017. He remains on the committee as Immediate Past President.

Hearty congratulations to our members in receiving these awards.

Vale: Gary Balkin CCQLD

~from Robin Flannery, Senior Member CCQLD & Hon Member The Carbine Club

One could not miss the electronic headline of Brisbane’s *The Courier Mail*: BRONCOS MOURN A FOUNDING FATHER. The following article reported “END OF ERA Brisbane has lost another of its Golden Boys with a Broncos founding father losing his short battle with cancer”.

Whilst much will be written and spoken elsewhere about the Past President (1995-96) and Honorary Life Member of The Carbine Club of Queensland, his contribution to the Carbine family should not go unrecognized at this time.

Gary was invited to join CCQLD in 1987 and, as a prolific writer, soon started producing what he termed ‘Pen-Pics’ – brief and punchy paragraphs about members as they came aboard. A club newsletter evolved from them.

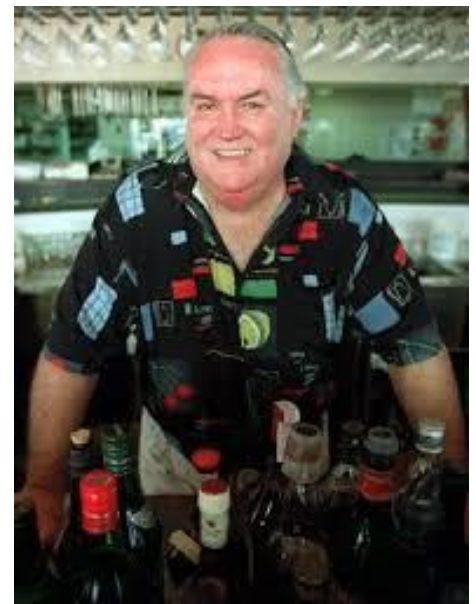
After twenty years Gary cried ‘enough’ and president of the day, Bob McHarg, invited me to take over. The secretary of The Carbine Club (the founding club in Melbourne), Bill Hoffmann, received copies and suggested that news from other Carbine Clubs could be incorporated. The Carbiner – as we know it today – was born.

Gary never claimed credit for what evolved from his beloved ‘Pen-Pics’.

It is fitting that due recognition be accorded with his passing. And we should not overlook Gary’s ‘in-retirement’ 120-page compilation: *Celebrating 30th Anniversary – The Carbine Club of Queensland* of 19 October 2011.

GB: Your fellow members salute you.

Photo courtesy: The Courier Mail



Coming Events:

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| 13 July | SA | 35th Anniversary Members Luncheon |
| 13 July | Tokyo | Inaugural Luncheon, Andaz Hotel, Tokyo |
| 17 July | VIC | Delegates Meeting, RACV |
| 17 July | VIC | Annual Dinner, Australian Club |
| 20 July | NZ | Golf Luncheon |
| 20 July | S'pore | Racing Lunch |
| 21 July | NT | Raceday, DTC |
| 27 July | TAS | AFL Luncheon, Hobart Function Centre |
| 2 Aug | NT | Darwin Cup Luncheon, Convention Centre |
| 10 Aug | ACT | AFL Luncheon, National Press Club |
| 17 Aug | WA | Broome Cup Luncheon, Cable Beach Club |
| 17 Aug | NSW | Australia v New Zealand Rugby Luncheon, The Westin |
| 29 Aug | NSW | Golf Day, St.Michael's GC |
| 7 Sep | TAS | AGM, Athenaeum Club |
| 8 Sep | HK | Wine Dinner |
| 14 Sep | S'pore | All Sports Lunch |
| 18 Sep | QLD | AFL Lunch, Southport Sharks |
| 20 Sep | SA | SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval |
| 21 Sep | WA | WAFL GF Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel |
| 21 Sep | London | Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Day, Richmond |
| 25 Sep | VIC | AFL GF Luncheon, Crown Palladium |
| 27 Sep | NSW | Rugby League GF Luncheon, venue TBA |
| 28 Sep | HK | Golf Day, Shek-O Country Club |
| 5 Oct | ACT | Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park |
| 5 Oct | Vanuatu | Rodeo Luncheon |
| 12 Oct | NT | Golf Day, Darwin Golf Club |
| 19 Oct | WA | Members Only Luncheon |
| 26 Oct | NT | Cox Plate Eve Luncheon, Wharf One |
| 26 Oct | HK | Cricket Luncheon |
| 2 Nov | VIC | VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown Palladium |
| 5 Nov | London | AGM & Melbourne Cup Dinner, Alfred Tennyson |
| 23 Nov | WA | Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel |
| 3 Dec | ACT | Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, RCGC |
| 3 Dec | ACT | Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC |
| 5 Dec | SA | Test Cricket Luncheon |
| 7 Dec | ACT | AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Fyshwick |
| 7 Dec | HK | International Races Lunch |
| 11 Dec | VIC | Members Xmas Lunch, RACV |
| 14 Dec | S'pore | Christmas Lunch |
| 14 Dec | NT | Christmas Dinner |

VANUATU CHANGE: As the Kiwanis Race Day will not be held this year (it was scheduled for August) the Club will now hold its next event on 5 Oct in conjunction with a 2 day rodeo.