



# THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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## **PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2014**

2014 has seen a few important changes for the Carbine Club in New Zealand. Building on the success of the golf sub-committee structure, Bruce Goldsworthy has set up an events sub-committee to handle the organisation of our luncheons. As a result we have also met the Auckland Racing Club to secure a better deal for our luncheons and enable the cost of them to be kept at a reasonable price. Please acknowledge our faithful sponsors Federal Merchants and Bundeberg for supplying wine and non-alcoholic drinks respectively for our luncheons. Again without this support our luncheons would cost substantially more.

John Lindsay agreed to become Vice-President of the Club and he will take over from me as President at our AGM in 2015. Thanks for your commitment to the Club John.

I would also like to thank our tireless secretary Vicky Latta and treasurer Murray McKinnon for their continued efforts for the smooth running of the Club. Also to the members of our extended Executive Committee for your support during the year.

We have had three excellent luncheons this year starting with our Racing luncheon in late February, a luncheon for Rob Waddell and our Commonwealth Games team in June and lastly, a Cricket luncheon to hear from Martin Snedden in October. These were well supported luncheons and the quality of our speakers has been outstanding.

Our AGM ran smoothly at the Remuera Golf Club in May. Our thanks go to Phil Gifford and Peter Montgomery for their insights and stories that contributed greatly to an enjoyable event.

Our golf fundraising day has gone from strength to strength under the expert leadership of Susie Simcock. Thank you to her and the sub-committee for their wonderful efforts and also to all those Club members who contributed to the day.

Our Christmas function was a barbeque at my residence in Point Chevalier this year. On top of the Congress on the Gold Coast in July it has capped a highly successful year of fellowship for those that have attended these events.

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas with family and friends and look forward to catching up with you all in 2015.

Cameron McGregor  
President

## 2015 DATES

- **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Monday, 2 March 2015**

This year will be the Carbine Club's 22nd Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Club's charity, the Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust for the benefit of disabled athletes. A flyer about the Golf tournament is **attached**.

Whether you are a golfer or not, this is the Club's main fundraising event of the year and the more successful this event, the more the Club is able to assist disabled athletes in the pursuit of their sporting dreams through Paralympics NZ and Parafed Auckland.

For those intending to play, please register your interest with Susie Simcock if you have not already done so. Her contact details are: email - [susie.simcock@xtra.co.nz](mailto:susie.simcock@xtra.co.nz) or mobile 027 476 0443.

If you have any contacts or know of anyone who may be able to provide Hole sponsorship, auction items, raffle or team prizes or otherwise contribute to the success of the day, please contact Susie Simcock. Sponsors are acknowledged on individually numbered sponsor cards and distributed to each participant. They also form the basis of a Sponsors Draw prize ensuring all are aware of those who make a significant contribution to the success of the day.

- **A CARBINE CLUB Day at Ellerslie Races - Saturday 14 February 2015**

Macular Degeneration NZ has a Charity race day at Ellerslie on Saturday 14 February which features the Avondale Cup and the Avondale Guineas, both major lead up races to Auckland Cup week.

MD is a degenerative eye condition that affects many, especially older, people. MD NZ was established a few years ago with Carbine Club member Allan Jones as its initial Chairman. We have at least two other Club members involved - Sir Peter Leitch is an MD Ambassador, and Colin Jillings has personal experience with the condition!

The Club has booked a table (and could get more) for Carbine Club members, partners and guests. It is a good cause, it is a great day out - or certainly was last year. A detailed flyer will be circulated in January, but in the meantime, the cost is \$ 125 per person which includes drinks on arrival, a grand buffet lunch, and entertainment throughout the day.

If you are interested in being part of this fun day at the races, can you let either Bruce or Di Goldsworthy know as soon as possible to ensure the necessary tables can be secured.

Contact Bruce or Di Goldsworthy on phone **(09) 522 2723** or email [bruce.goldsworthy@ema.co.nz](mailto:bruce.goldsworthy@ema.co.nz) .

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Enjoy the festive season, take care, pace yourselves and stay safe!

Regards

VJ Latta  
Secretary

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