



THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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Newsletter to members

BRUCE GOLDSWORTHY - Profile on CCNZ's most recent Life Member

At our recent AGM, Past President, Bruce Goldsworthy was made a life member of the Carbine Club of New Zealand, one of just four to be so honoured.

Bruce was accepted as a Carbine Club member in 2000, with a background in road and track cycling, and served as our President 2011 - 2013. He has been a tireless worker for the Club and under his Presidency ensured that the Club was placed on a sound financial footing. Since finishing his term as President he has continued to contribute to the Club as our Events Co-Ordinator, overseeing the smooth and profitable running of luncheons.

As a competitive cyclist Bruce won national titles in the late 1950's - 1960's, then got involved in coaching and subsequently administration. He has coached and managed New Zealand cycling teams at both Commonwealth and Olympic Games. He was Commissioner for Cycling at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland with responsibility for all of the cycling events.

He is a Past President, Life Member and now Patron of Cycling NZ. He continues his love of cycling, regularly riding 250 kilometres a week, and competing in his Club's 'Social Grade', however, he does admit to not going as far or as fast as he used to!

Prior to his retirement from full time employment, he worked with the New Zealand Manufacturer's Federation and Export New Zealand for over 40 years.

Bruce is a most worthy recipient of Life Membership and we congratulate him on this well-deserved honour.

CARBINE statistics

Some interesting statistics about Carbine were related at the 2016 Carbine Club Congress and the Carbine Club can be well proud of carrying the name of such a mighty animal.

2015 was the 125th anniversary of Carbine's record breaking Melbourne Cup win in 1890. He ran a record time, carried a record weight of 65.77kgs and in doing so beat the largest field ever to run in the Cup 39 horses.

He was a remarkable champion. In 1889 he raced on all 4 days of the AJC Autumn Carnival, 5 runs in less than a week for 4 wins and one 2nd. In 1890, he did it again this time 5 races for 5 wins. In both years his wins included the Sydney Cup. He won his first 5 races as a 2 year old over distances of 1000 and 1200 metres.

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Subsequently, as a 3, 4 and 5 year old he won 5 times over 3 miles, that is 1.5 times the Melbourne Cup distance. That extraordinary record is akin to Usain Bolt winning the 100 and 10,000 metres at the Olympics. His career statistics are 43 races for 33 wins, 6 2nds, 3 3rds and a 4th. At least 30 of his 33 wins would now be graded as 'black type' or Group races.

But it doesn't stop there! He went on to become one of the great sires in world thoroughbred breeding. In the story of the Melbourne Cup, Carbine is described as 'the most influential thoroughbred to have raced in Australia.' From 1953 until 2009, every winner of the Melbourne Cup, except Galilee in 1966, was a descendant of Carbine. In 2009 every runner in the Cup was a descendant. In 2015 every one of the 42 2nd acceptors in the Melbourne Cup was a descendant of Carbine. So even before the final field was settled the winner could thank Carbine for its pedigree.

Many people would name Phar Lap as Australia's greatest racehorse notwithstanding that, like Carbine, he was born in New Zealand. What is not widely known is that Carbine was the great grand sire of Phar Lap so if it wasn't for Carbine, Phar Lap would not have existed!

There could not be a better name for our Club.

CONFIRMED FUTURE FUNCTION DATES

Please make a note of the following confirmed future Carbine Club function dates:

- 16th September 2016 - **Post Olympic Luncheon**
Millenium Institute.
- 4th December 2016 - **Christmas Barbeque**
27 Maungawhai Road, Greenlane.
- 26th May 2017 - **Carbine Club Annual General Meeting & Members' luncheon**
Remuera Golf Club

Regards

VJ Latta
Secretary

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