



# THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament

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 was held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Pakuranga Country Club.

It was a very successful day, perfect weather and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. With the generosity of the David Levene Foundation and our other prize and hole sponsors together with the money raised from raffles and auctioned items, \$28,000 was raised which will enable in excess of \$25,000 to be paid to Paralympics New Zealand and Parafed Auckland.

### Annual General Meeting & Luncheon - *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 8th May 2015 at the Remuera Golf Club premises, 120 Abbotts Way, Remuera. Information with full details of the business to be discussed will be sent out by mid April but please make sure you make a note of the date.

### Obituary - Sir Don Rowlands KNZM, AM, CBE

It was very sad to learn of the death of Sir Don Rowlands on 18 March 2015 at the age of 88. Sir Don was a founding member and Past President of the Carbine Club of New Zealand and regularly attended functions.

An outstanding rower who, from 1949-1957, won 9 New Zealand national titles, an Australian national title, as well as winning a silver medal in the eights at the 1950 British Empire Games and a gold medal at the 1954 Games in the single sculls. He remained involved in rowing all his life, holding several roles with Rowing NZ, including national selector for many years, chairing the 1978 World Rowing Championship committee and was Patron of the 2010 World Rowing Championships. The wonderful new facilities at Lake Karapiro have been named in his honour, the Don Rowlands Centre.

His skills and success were equally apparent in business. He began work as an engineer for Fisher & Paykel in 1948 and from became a director and Chief Executive from 1978 to 2001. He also served as Chairman and then director of Mainfreight, as well as holding directorships of several other companies including Hamilton Jet and Progressive Enterprises.

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He represented New Zealand and Australia from 1974 to 1992 on the governing body of World Rowing, FISA, as well as providing his knowledge and expertise to rowing courses worldwide including the Los Angeles and Sydney Olympic Games and the 1990 World Rowing Championships in Tasmania.

His contributions to business and sport have seen him receive numerous honours since becoming a Member of the British Empire in 1973. These honours include the NZ Olympic Order Medal in 1982 and the FISA Distinguished Service Medal in 2009, two Halberg Awards for leadership and service to sport and he was inducted in the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame in 2014. He received a knighthood for his services to rowing and business, and was made an Honorary Member of the Order of Australia for his services to rowing in the New Year's Day Honours in 2015.

New Zealand has lost an extraordinary man - a true gentleman whose unassuming manner, immense integrity and vision resulted in his ability to lead others to achieve extraordinary results. He will be sorely missed but his legacy will remain for a long time.

He is survived by his wife, Coralie, Lady Rowlands, son David and two grandchildren.

### **13<sup>th</sup> International Carbine Club Congress, Perth 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The second newsletter of the Carbine Club International Congress is **attached** which sets out all of the details of this wonderful event. If interested, Club Members can be urged to register and pay a deposit. Delegates to the Congress come from all Australian States and Territories, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Vanuatu and the UK and are a fun group of high achievers with a common love of sport and fellowship. The fellowship can be extended to the Post Congress tour, this time to the Margaret River from the 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March. Those New Zealanders who have attended in the past can highly recommend the Congress and many are regular attendees.

Regards

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Secretary

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