



The Carbiner

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**Hong Kong –2019 Catch Up- Cricket Luncheon & International Racing Luncheon
SA – Supercars Luncheon**

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Carbine Club of Hong Kong –2019 Cricket Luncheon

On the 25th of October, The Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its annual Cricket Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Kowloon. Notwithstanding the much publicised unrest in Hong Kong, the semi-finals of the Rugby World Cup being held that weekend in Japan and the Hong Kong cricket 6s tournament (an international competition) not being played this year, a total of 200 members and their guests enjoyed an afternoon of great food, wine and exceptional entertainment. Special thanks must also go to our event sponsors, Cathay Pacific and Hyatt Regency for their continued and unwavering support of the HKCC and our Cricket Lunch.

CCHK Member, Andrew Macintosh took on the responsibilities of MC for the afternoon and did an outstanding job. Andrew introduced our distinguished guests who included, Ms Rebecca Dance-Shuker, Laureus Foundation, our two distinguished speakers, Jim Maxwell and Charlie Dagnall, Chairman of Cricket Hong Kong, Tony Molloy and our CCHK President Mark Winstanley.

With everyone in the room enjoying the Hyatt Regency's outstanding F&B, our first speaker, Australia's "Voice of Summer", Jim Maxwell, took to the stage and spoke of his work in the commentary box and the recent ball tampering scandal involving Australian players. Jim proposed a toast to Cricket.



President CCHK, Mark Winstanley

Member Andrew Gerrard enjoying the lunch with a guest



Following Jim was English County Cricket legend and Test Match Special commentator, Charlie Dagnall who told of his challenges in getting a start in English County cricket (it took him 13 attempts) and then, in a way only “Daggers” could do, he regaled the audience with stories of playing and interacting with some of cricket’s global superstars. Charlie then did the honours and proposed a toast to The Carbine Club.

Stumps were called at 4pm at which point members and guests made the short journey to the Hyatt Regency’s Chin Chin Bar to continue the banter and festivities.

Thanks to all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting our event charity, the Hong Kong Cricket Association (HKCA). Thanks to the generosity of all attendees we will be donating approximately HKD 84,000 (AUD 15,400) to support the charity work that the HKCA are doing in our Hong Kong community.



Member Burji Shroff and guests



Guest speakers Jim Maxwell and Charlie Dagnall

Carbine Club of Hong Kong – International Racing Luncheon

On the 4th of December, The Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its annual International Racing Luncheon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The racing lunch coincides with the Hong Kong International Races held at the globally known Shatin Racecourse on the Sunday immediately following the lunch. Notwithstanding the ongoing political unrest in Hong Kong, we were delighted that a number of Australian tour groups and members from sister clubs, joined our lunch in advance of attending the race day.

A total of 360 members and guests attended the lunch and were very well looked after by the staff of the Grand Hyatt with fantastic food and beverage. The guest speakers for the lunch were former New Zealand cricket batsmen and new Hawkesbury Race Club CEO, Ken Rutherford, along with all-time great, and soon to return to Hong Kong trainer, David Hayes. David was able to reflect upon his previous successful training feats for the Hong Kong Jockey Club in Hong Kong and poignantly compared racing in Australia compared to Hong Kong. All the Hong Kong members and guests certainly look forward to having David back in Hong Kong fulltime from the beginning of the 2020 Hong Kong Racing Season. Ken proposed a toast to Racing whilst David (*pic right*) proposed a toast to The Carbine Club.

Mark Richards, as usual, did a wonderful job as MC for the afternoon. His racing knowledge and ability to keep the afternoon “on schedule” meant that all attendees enjoyed themselves.



Special thanks must also go to our event sponsors, Cathay Pacific, Inglis Bloodstock Agents, Tattersalls, and The Grand Hyatt for their continued and unwavering support of the HKCC and our Racing Lunch. Sincere thanks to Longines, who generously donated one of their classic time pieces for our live auction.

We reached the finishing post at approximately 4pm, at which point members and guests made their way to the pool bar at the Grand Hyatt – many with form guides in hand! The following hours saw may “tips” and “potential winners” shared amongst attendees.

Thanks to all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting our event charity, Riding for the Disabled. Thanks to the generosity of all attendees we will be donating approximately HKD 125,000 (AUD 24,000) to assist in providing therapeutic riding sessions for children and some adults with disabilities in Hong Kong.



Carbine Club of Hong Kong President, Mark Winstanley addresses the room



Our generous sponsors, Longines, again donated a watch with proceeds to charity

Carbine Club Of SA - Supercars Luncheon

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

All revved up for the Supercars luncheon for 2020 the day got off to a cracking start with Chad Neylon hosting the 5th lunch celebrating all things car racing in Adelaide for the Superloop Adelaide 500 race.

David Myer presented a great speech, acknowledging the Supercars office and their commitment to our luncheon.

Also acknowledgements flowed for John Condon OAM and Elaine his wife as the outgoing Honorary Secretary role that John has held since 2003.

It was timely to remind everyone of John’s efforts to reinstate stability and increase membership of the club, steering the SA Chapter to a very high standard over the 17 years stewardship. John will be acknowledged again at the AGM in March this year.



L-R: John Condon OAM, Chad Neylon, Elaine Condon



After many formalities, it was on to the business of racing cars in SA – the Supercars entourage is a certain draw card for motor enthusiasts and Rick Kelly from Kelly Racing, and Chaz Mostert from United Waikiki Holden were engaging with the crowd.

Chaz's 'flying pig' socks earnt a good interlude, and their campaigns both on and off the track were discussed. The best racetrack certainly got a hearing with both drivers acknowledging the testing time they experience

being the Adelaide road race versus The Bend for Supercars alone, outside of other tracks that challenge their mettle in the driver's seat.

An engaging Q&A session ensued, with the recent announcement that Holden would discontinue their production of the Holden car this year, and Chaz being a new comer to racing car outfit for Holden, but his resolve was that the car would befit the challenge, and he would honour any vehicle that was propositioned next from Walkinshaw Andretti United's garage.

Rick on the other hand relayed a very credible and succinct opinion of where the Supercars are positioned and respected the operation for its strong perspective on drivers and their mutual respect for the high standard of vehicles that emanate from the stables of all racing outfits.

L-R: Brent Felice (Coopers), Lehmo and Nick Chigwidden



For some light entertainment, Anthony "Lehmo" Lehmann did the honours, keeping all members and guests guffawing throughout his rendition of "in the 80's" pointing out to a guest who was only 30 years old that many easy technology avenues that we have these days were not the same in the 1980's. The best take was "In the 80's, if your car breaks down and you are miles (not kilometres) from anywhere you can't just call up on your mobile because your phone back then was actually hard wired to your house".



L-R: Sean Seamer, Rick Kelly, David Myers, Chad Neylon, and Chaz Mostert

The recent Bushfires in SA has caused many to dig deep into their pockets, and also for the Carbine Club of SA to announce an initiative of assisting the Western District Football club reclaim their history by sponsoring their honour board in the

new clubrooms, once they are established again.

Sean Seamer – Supercars Chief Executive Officer was asked by club President David Myers for a contribution gift that could be auctioned on the day of the Supercars luncheon, which Sean duly obliged.

Vice President Peter McVann then fronted the audience and auctioned the prize of 2 tickets to the Corporate facility in September at THE BEND racetrack, plus hotlap with a Supercars driver. \$4,400 was the successful bid.

The money raised went to both the regular charity on the day – Youth Opportunity – and also to the Western District Football Club in addition to an extra \$5k from the Carbine Club.

Youth opportunity announced a great raffle collection of \$8k and with the \$2.2k raised from the auction, put them well over the \$10k mark on the day.



Peter McVann rose to the occasion of raising funds for KI Bushfires and Youth Opportunity

It was a great lunch and enjoyed by the many attending Carbine Club members and their guests, plus it was high on Supercars agenda to again support this luncheon in 2021.

Supplied by: John Condon OAM, Honorary Secretary, & Ms Robbi Tims, Luncheon Co-ordinator

It's not too late to get up close and personal with the Captain of the Aussie Cricket Team!

Tickets still available for this not to be missed CC TAS luncheon, Thur 12 March:



Captain's Congratulation Luncheon

Carbine Club of Tasmania
Helping Young Tasmanians pursue their Sporting Dreams since 1982

Blundstone Arena
Thursday March 12, 2020
12 – 3pm \$160 per person



Special Guest: Australian Men's Cricket Test Captain Tim Paine

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2020

MARCH

- 3rd London** - Cheltenham Preview Dinner (Members and guests), Oxo Tower, South Bank, London
6th ACT- Black Opal Stakes Luncheon - National Press Club (Members and Guests)
6th Vanu – Members Luncheon, Blue Marlin
12th TAS- Captain's Congratulations Lunch, Blundstone Arena
17th SA – AGM, Arkaba Hotel
19th VIC- Members Heroes Club lunch Toorak RSL
20th NSW- Racing Lunch, Royal Randwick
27th NZ- Rugby Luncheon, Ellerslie Racecourse

APRIL

- 23rd NZ** - AGM, Remuera Club
24th QLD – AGM, Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane
30th VIC- Annual Meeting and Members Lunch, River Room 3, Crown Towers, 12noon

MAY

- 6th WA** - Mid week Racing Luncheon, Members + 3 guests, Directors Lounge, Ascot Racecourse
8th Vanu- AGM & Members Luncheon, Blue Marlin
8th SA - Annual Raceday Luncheon, Derby Pavilion, Morphettville
20th HK - Member Racing Night, Happy Valley
22nd LONDON- **Golf Day at Royal Mid-Surrey** (Members and guests) Old Deer Park, Richmond, TW9 2SB
22nd WA - Olympic Luncheon, Full Tables, Frasers Restaurant

*******CARBINE CLUB CONGRESS – ADELAIDE – MAY 14-20*******

JUNE

- 3rd ACT** – Carbine Club NRL State of Origin 1 Dinner - Boardroom Jim Murphy's (MO)
18th HK - Olympic Dinner, Grand Hyatt
19th Vanu – 1st Public Luncheon, PVGC

JULY

- 1st LONDON**- **Lord's Long Room Luncheon** (Members and guests) Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8 8QN
9th VIC- Annual Dinner at The Australian Club, at 6:30pm (CC Delegates meeting, RACV at 12)
23rd Vanu – Members Luncheon, Blue Marlin
31st ACT – Carbine Club AFL Luncheon - Giants v Brisbane - National Press Club (Members and Guests)

AUGUST

- 14th WA**- Broome Cup Luncheon, Members & Guests (optional), Cable Beach Club

SEPTEMBER

- 18th WA**- WAFL Grand Final Lunch, Full tables, Hyatt Regency, Perth
22nd VIC- AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
25th Vanu- Members Luncheon, Blue Marlin

OCTOBER

- 9th ACT-** Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day - Thoroughbred Park (Members and Guests)
16th WA- Members Only Luncheon, The Shoe Function Room
16th HK- Rugby 7s Luncheon, Hong Kong Football Club
16th Vanu - 2nd Public Function
30th VIC- VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium
30th Vanu- Members Luncheon, Blue Marlin

NOVEMBER

- 2nd LONDON-** Melbourne Cup Preview Dinner & AGM (Members only) The Alfred Tennyson, Belgravia
10th HK - Members Golf Day, Shek O Golf Club
20th WA- Racing Luncheon, Full tables, Hyatt Regency, Perth
27th Vanu - Members Luncheon, Blue Marlin
30th ACT - Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day - Royal Canberra Golf Club (MO)
30th ACT- Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party - Royal Canberra Golf Club

DECEMBER

- TBC Dec WA** *Cricket Luncheon, venue tbc*
4th ACT- AGM Lunch at Boardroom Jim Murphy's (Members Only)
6th HK - International Racing Luncheon, Grand Hyatt
10th VIC- Members Xmas Lunch at RACV

CARBINE CLUB OF NSW

GOLDEN SLIPPER RACING LUNCH

Kicks off a big week in Racing
and this lunch will be the best ever

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020

BALLROOM

ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE

12:00pm for 12:30pm

The room will be filled
with celebrities and sports people from many
backgrounds brought together by their love of racing

MC: Alan Thomas
Entertainment: Vince Sorrenti
Kurt Fearnley A0 Scholarship Presentation

Post Luncheon Drinks - The Stables bar - till 7pm



THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

Rugby Lunch

FRIDAY 27 March 2020

Special Guest

Ben Skeen

- 2019 Rugby World Cup Referee TMO (Television Match Official)
- Assistant Headmaster, Auckland Grammar School - Head of rugby at AGS, and 1st XV coach

Ben has officiated at 3 Rugby World Cups with perhaps the 2019 event being his most challenging, when he was...

- Widely criticised for several controversial decisions
- Even accused of straining ANZAC relationships
- Cast as the Villain of the Rugby World Cup

Some pretty emotional stuff there, but as is usually the case there is bound to be two sides to the story! Come and hear the unpublished side from a man that is steeped in the sport.

There will be a facilitated Q&A Session following his address, so come along with your questions of Ben, the role of the TMO and the sport in general



Bonus

Specially for the Rugby Buffs

GRAND AUCTION

Rugby Ball signed by the 2018 All Blacks mounted and contained in a glass presentation case

In support of the *Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust* and our objective of "assisting athletes with disability"
There will be a **GRAND RAFFLE** | Details to be advised | Tickets will be sold during main course | Bring some **CASH**

Guineas Room | **Events Centre** | **Ellerslie Racecourse**
Welcome drinks at 12noon | **Lunch commences at 12.30pm**

TICKETS \$80 per person | **\$800 per table of 10**

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NOTE: VEHICLE ACCESS to Ellerslie Racecourse is **NOW ONLY OFF GREEN LANE ROAD EAST.**
There is no longer access for vehicles from Mitchellson Street.
PARKING is in the public parking area adjacent to the Course Main Gates.
(A short walk through the course to the Events Centre)

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