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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Carbine Club of Hong Kong – New members Welcomed

Carbine Club of New Zealand – AGM & Members Lunch

Carbine Club of ACT – Members Luncheon

Carbine Club of PNG – Vale Don Fox

CCWA Vale Brian Griffin

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The Carbine Club of Hong Kong Welcomes New Members

(Thanks to Andrew Steadson, VP, CCHK for news from the Far East)

On 10th July 2020, the Hong Kong Chapter held a dinner to welcome four new members to the Club; Justin Bull, Wayne Henrys and Jack McCauley. Completing the quartet was David Hayes who we are delighted to welcome back for his second tour of Hong Kong. David was previously the CCHK Vice President in 2000 and 2001.

With an easing in Covid-19 restrictions and with business and holiday travel on hold, the event was enthusiastically attended by members and partners. The dinner was held at the Hong Kong Club and officiated by our new CCHK President Glenn Haley with five past Presidents including Life Honorary Members, John McNamara and Bruce Stinson in attendance.

With an abundance of great food and wine available members and partners enjoyed a wonderful evening catching up with friends old and new.



CCHK President Glenn Haley with new members David Hayes, Wayne Henrys, Jake McCauley and Justin Bull

Past CCHK President Ken Daeyton with member Pieter Schats

Past CCHK Treasurer David Garcia and Past President Colin Jesse raising a glass



CCNZ – AGM & Members Luncheon

(Report from Vicky Latta, Secty CCNZ)

After the cessation of the lockdown, CCNZ held the Annual General Meeting on 26 June, 2020 followed by a Members Luncheon where Grant Fox and Peter Montgomery discussed all things Rugby.

After three years as President Peter Jeffares handed over to Aidin Dennis at the AGM with Murray McKinnon in the Vice-President and Treasurer roles. Vicky Latta continues as Hon. Secretary.

The Club welcomed new members in broadcaster Rikki-Jayne Swannell and former black cap James Marshall.

Next event- 25 Sep – Rugby Luncheon

CCACT- Members Luncheon

The Carbine Club ACT held the first function since the COVID outbreak – Secretary Paul Walshe provided some words and pics from the event.

With an easing of restrictions in the ACT, the Carbine Club of the ACT were fortunate to hold a members only function on Thursday 17 July in the boardroom at Jim Murphy's. The function coincided with the NRL game between the mighty Canberra Raiders and the Sydney Roosters in Sydney that night.

Members were certainly looking forward to getting together since the lockdown with 30 members in attendance. All safety measures were put in place with attendees enjoying a splendid dinner, quality wines from Jim Murphy's and a relaxed viewing of the game. The night was a great success and even better with the Raiders knocking off the Roosters 24 to 20. Bitter sweet for last year's Grand Final and the 'six again' call.



L to R – Joe Roff, Michael Thomson, Pat McCabe, Peter McGrath and Sean Hammond



L to R – Anthony Honeyman, Travis Doherty and Todd Wills

L to R – Peter Taylor and Brendan Read



L to R – Carrie Leeson and Bronwyn Fagan



John McKay and Mac Howell

CCPNG- Vale Don Fox



CCPNG advises of the loss of long standing Member **Don Fox OBE** who passed away following an illness.

Don was involved with sport in PNG since pre-independence, particularly Cricket and Rugby League where he was an administrator since 1966, and more recently Chairman of PNG Rugby League for many years. Don was bestowed with life membership to the PNG Rugby Football League in 2019.

CCWA- Vale Brian Griffin

CCWA lost long term member Brian Griffin in June 2020. Brian joined CCWA one year after its inauguration in 1989. Brian was a world class lacrosse player as can be seen from the following details of his illustrious career.

In 30 years of senior lacrosse, Brian Griffin gave long and distinguished service to the sport at State, national and international level.

As an attacker of the highest quality, he first represented Australia in 1962 and subsequently played in two World Series. He represented Western Australia and Australia more times than any other player, appearing in more than 500 matches and scoring more than 3000 goals.

He was 16 when he made his A-grade debut for Nedlands-Subiaco in 1957, the youngest player to compete in a senior club team. In 1958, aged 17, he played for the W.A. under-21 side and was the leading goal scorer, the start of a 22-year reign at the top of the local scoring list.

His first appearance at senior level for W.A. was in 1959. He represented Victoria during an employment transfer to Melbourne and on his return to W.A. in 1963 he re-joined State ranks and became captain-coach of Nedlands-Subiaco, leading them to the first A-grade Premiership.

Australia's leading goal-thrower on a tour of the United States and England in 1962, he was captain for the inaugural World Series in Toronto in 1967 when he was voted most valuable player.

Major awards he won include the W.A. Sports Federation Sportsman of the year in 1967 and the W.A. Lacrosse Association's fairest and best award five times between 1963 and 1968.

In 1982 he was recalled to the W.A. team for the national championships and, at the age of 41, was again selected in the Australian team as well as being voted most valuable player of the series. American experts described Griffin as the best player in the world in 1967. In 1972 he was recognised by the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame in Baltimore.

Brian also served lacrosse with distinction as a coach at both State and national level and as an administrator.

