



# The Carbiner

**"For sport and for good fellowship"**



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## **The Club Roundup Edition**

When the COVID-19 pandemic first emerged no-one imagined that it would wreak such havoc and last for so long, still we have no end clearly in sight, and no sure prospect of when we will get to the "new normal" and what that will look like.

The global catastrophe first brought inconvenience, then social and economic disruption, associated political ramifications and of course illness and even death.

Who knows what is next? WHO doesn't and we don't, but as the seasonal change approaches in the southern hemisphere we must hope that buds of spring bring forth some good signs, and in the northern hemisphere that the autumnal falling of leaves coincides with a falling of the dreaded virus.

As we come out the other side of this pandemic we will all have a better appreciation of the world around us, and for our Club we may even find new ways to strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship that are hallmarks of this wonderful Club

For this edition we have heard from a number of Clubs with an update on how they are faring during these times, kicking off with a report on Congress from Lloyd Meredith.

On a very positive note we have an uplifting report from London telling us of the success of their horse racing syndicate; there is also a link to an historical newspaper report from 1891 for the racing buffs, describing how our namesake champ Carbine took on Marvel in two races. The report is from Canada's Montreal Star of 30 May, 1891, which illustrates just how renowned was Carbine!

Finally, can we express our admiration and respect for all those amazing scientists around the world who are working to shield us from this and like epidemics and pandemics, and to the medical, hospital and support services at the frontline who are working tirelessly to keep us safe? We must even spare a thought for our beleaguered politicians as they grapple daily with the dynamics of the known and unknown, the implausible, and the near impossible !

- Ed.



## The Carbine Club International Congress

I am delighted to advise all Members that the next Carbine Club International Congress will be held in ADELAIDE in **May 2022**. The Carbine Club of South Australia was due to stage the Congress this year, but the Covid-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of this event. It is hoped that broad details of the 2022 Congress will be released to all Clubs in about 2 months from now.

Lloyd Meredith CHAIRMAN, CARBINE CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

(Subsequent Congresses have been rescheduled to CCNT (2024) & CCTAS (2026))

### London

*From Terry McCaughey, regular Carbiner correspondent from the Old Dart*

We have high hopes of running two of our annual events later this year - our golf day sometime in September and the AGM/Melbourne Cup Eve members only dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The latter currently complies with the UK's current COVID restrictions and we have procured the services of Matt Dawson, the former England and RWC winning scrum half, as the guest speaker. We have also booked the venues for our Cheltenham Festival dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and for the Lord's Test luncheon, however the exact date can't be set for this event until MMC has finalised the England and Middlesex fixture dates for 2021.

I thought also you might like to see our horse Water's Edge winning over a mile and two furlongs in CCL colours recently at Windsor, with Nicola Currie in the saddle. This follows a second and two thirds in his last three outings including a fast finishing third at Sandown the day before. It was a bold decision by trainer and CCL member George Baker to run him on consecutive days, but as the horse pulled up well the morning after his win, and looking for more action, George's decision was vindicated. For those punters among you, he opened up at 7/1 and finished at 4/1 joint second favourite.

The CCL race syndicate has two horses owned by 19 CCL members. We also have great hopes for our jumps horse Islandray, who has run two bold seconds for us, in the first he opened up at 66/1 but was well backed to start at shorter odds and the second at 16/1. He is only 6 years old and the trainer and CCL member Richard Phillips expects him to develop into a competent steeplechaser. He has rested well over the summer and will be coming back to racing in September, as the tracks begin to soften.



Water's Edges wins in CCL colours at Windsor



Islandray standing at 17 hands has been placed twice

## Tokyo

*From Mark Darbyshire in the Land of the Rising Sun*



Tokyo looks to hold a Melbourne Cup luncheon. It may take a little more time to finalize whether we can go ahead, as the governor of Tokyo is a little concerned about Covid numbers. She may or may not tighten the screws on venues and numbers. We will let everyone know as soon as we get a green light.

## ACT

*Paul Walshe, Hon. Sec in the Nation's Capital says:*



We have been fortunate to have one members function since the COVID outbreak which was our NRL Dinner last month.

At this stage we will have a table of 10 at Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day at Thoroughbred Park on Friday 9 October. The racing club has allocated one table to the Carbine Club due to the restrictions. The Carbine Club will sponsor a race on the day and announce the recipient of the 2020 Carbine Club Scholarship.

We are still hoping to hold the Russell Parkes Memorial Golf day at Royal Canberra Golf Club on Monday 30 November and the AGM luncheon at Jim Murphy's on Friday 4 December.

Let's hope 2021 is a better year for all Carbine Clubs.

## Tasmania

*From the island of ABC – apples, beer & COVID clear:*



**Secretary Ross Burridge** advises that CCTAS will hold their AGM for Members Only at the Athenaeum Club on Wed 30 Sep commencing at 6.00pm followed by a dinner with Guest Speaker James “The Finisher” Faulkner. The Club is planning to hold a Caulfield Cup Luncheon this year if possible – more details later.

## Vanuatu

*CCVanu Secretary Mark Hurley keeps us up to date with news from Melanesia Mark tells us that the strange world we are living in has taken its toll:*



“After consideration and consultation with members of the business community here it was decided that given the economic hardship being experienced by many businesses (no tourists in a tourism driven private sector) that we would not pursue a function, at least not this year.”





## New Zealand

CCNZ Secretary Vicky Latta (seen here in her Olympic equestrian days) keeps us posted on news from the Land of the Long White Cloud – NZ have a Rugby Luncheon scheduled for 25 Sep and like Vicky we all hope that the event will go ahead as planned!

## Queensland

**CCQ Secretary Geoff Bignell from the new home of the AFL advises:**

CCQLD is canvassing a Members Only luncheon at Manos on 14 Sep. The Club has decided that the Committee will continue for the time being, probably until the AGM next year. For this year the financial report will be presented for approval by email- unfortunately Geoff's photo was stopped at the border with NSW – next time Geoff!

## Victoria



**President Rod Fitzroy (left)** advises that the two annual signature lunches- the AFL Grand Final and VRC Derby Eve are unlikely to go ahead. Rod will end his term as President and hand over to Andrew Cannon on 1 Sept.



**Secretary Graham Halbish (right)** says that the Member's Golf Day in early Dec is still on the cards and also that Members subs for 2020 will be carried over to 2021.



**Bill Hoffmann (left)** who needs no introduction has been quiet lately, but we thought we would add him in just for the fun and incoming President **Andrew Cannon (right)** would surely agree!



## A bit of history – Carbine v Marvel in 1891

For those who read through the yarn at the link below you will see some conjecture about whether or not Old Jack (Carbine) wore plates for these races- according to other reports he was shoeless for the mile race when he was beaten but was shod with racing plates for the second race over 2 miles which he won.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=EjZUAAAIBAJ&sjid=34kDAAAIBAJ&pg=6821%2C6743546>

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