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COMING EVENTS

Carbine Club of Queensland – Magic Millions Luncheon

Carbiner Correspondent Mick Ellison brings news of the first event for 2021 with pics by Jeff Bignell and Mick Stephens – thanks gents for news from the Sunshine State

Lockdowns.. shutdowns.. borders open... borders closed... regardless, on Monday January 11, 2021 all roads led to the annual Carbine Club Magic Millions Lunch at STAR Gold Coast. Under strict COVID restrictions over 380 members and their guests gathered to the first Carbine Club Queensland lunch since January 2020. Fillies & Colts were restless in the stalls as STAR opened the doors to welcome guests and with Brisbane in lockdown numbers reduced from 450 to 380... but that wasn't going to stop the show...

Under starters orders MC Alan Thomas was on hand to invite CCQ President Mick Stephens to welcome guests and get the show on the road...

Local Trainer Kelly Schweida was also on hand to chat about chances for the 2YO & 3YO Classics as well as opportunities at the Gold Coast Yearling Sales. Long time member and former President Bob McHarg was next to be interviewed by Alan Thomas on his involvement with racing, bookmaking, hotels and his role in sourcing

'Special Guests' for the annual racing lunch over the past 18 years.. Bob was given strict instructions not to steal the show from this year's Special Guest Alan Jones and, as the true professional he is, he was very entertaining, informative and left a little for Alan to work with **(Alan&Bob pic above)**





CCQ Patron Ian Hollindale reflected on the passing of founding member, past President and Gold Coast 'Icon' Max Christmas (pictured at left) with a toast and visual tribute... Max will be sadly missed.**.

Auctioneer extraordinaire Richard Keeley knocked down Melbourne Cup winning jockey Jye McNeil's britches for The National Injured Jockeys Trust which is supported by CCQ each year.



Special Guest Alan Jones AO was welcomed on stage by Comedian Danny McMaster.. via Sir Les Patterson, Bob Hawke & Dame Edna Everage.. and maybe a few more... Alan was magnificently interviewed by Alan Thomas who only asked one question but as only Alan can do... covered everything that is currently happening in Australia, acknowledged our fantastic country and great Australians... he entertained the audience who were hanging off every word for every minute he was on stage... we are not sure if he eventually answered Alan Thomas's first and only question.. but no one could remember the question anyway.... Absolutely smashed it.. Well done...

Ken 'Muscles' Rosewall was also in the audience along with other sporting greats including Brownlow Medallist Barry Round, Rugby League's Cameron Smith, Leigh Matthews, US PGA winner Wayne Grady, jockey Peter Cook and Wallaby hero Greg Cornelsen.



(Ken Rosewall,Michelle & Brett Cook)



(Greg Cornelsen, Barry Round, Paul Broughton, Mick Ellison)

By now the ice cold beer and premium Yalumba wines were starting to kick in with the general feedback that this was a great afternoon and a worthy start to the Club year. A very special thanks to the staff and management at STAR Gold Coast for their professionalism working with the Carbine Club of Queensland in getting our first lunch for 2021 to the starting line and maintaining all the best COVID safe practices.

Carbine Club of Queensland would also like to wish all Carbine Club members throughout our chapters in Australia and internationally the very best and a safe 2021.

*****(There will be a gathering at Mano's on 15 Feb starting at 1pm to pay respects to esteemed member Max Christmas – suggested dress for this informal occasion is floral shirts, board shorts, Tommy Bahama shirts!- all CC Members welcome).***

Carbine Club of South Australia- Test Cricket Luncheon

Once again Carbine Club of SA turned on a great show with some excellent speakers for the Test Cricket Luncheon celebrating Australia V India at the Adelaide Oval – the 1st Test match between the two international teams.



David Myers was hosting his final luncheon as Club President, so it was an emotional day for him and the club especially on the back of a year that threw up challenges on the back of COVID-19 restrictions. Regardless of the limitations CCSA managed to host four lunches in addition to the AGM Luncheon, the only function missed was the SAJC Lunch to celebrate the Goodwood Handicap. A difficult year but a proud one for Club President, David Myers.

L-R: David Myers (President) and Carbine Scholarship recipient Amber Cloughessy

Wayne 'Flippa' Phillips shone again as MC, and started the busy day interviewing the recipient of the Junior Sports Scholarship in the sport of cricket – Amber Cloughessy. Amber was a very worthy recipient who has shone out as a definite up-coming Women's cricketer and the money will fund her training and travel costs. She is currently with Glenelg District Cricket Club in the under 19's squad, after training and placement from a young age in Darwin, Brisbane, Victoria and now South Australia.



Wayne Phillips with Amber Cloughessy

Justin Langer AM also dropped in via Zoom from the Western Stand at Adelaide Oval, (due to COVID restrictions) for another candid chat about the upcoming series, and how the Test cricket team is performing. Justin was engaging and very mystified on how he couldn't physically be in the room. He was upbeat on the success of the team line up who would be able to easily win the Test in Adelaide.



Justin Langer AM – via Zoom



L-R: Wayne Phillips, Andrew Sincock OAM, Peter Sleep and Sam Parkinson

The entertainment continued with a panel of the 1981/82 Sheffield Shield winning team – the panel consisted of South Australian players Wayne Phillips, Andrew Sincock OAM, Peter Sleep and Sam Parkinson.



*David
Hookes
tribute on
stage*



The Winning Sheffield Shield Team – 1981/82

L-R: Andrew Sincock OAM, Wayne Phillips, Graham Winter, Chris Dawe, Sam Parkinson, Roger Dugan, Barry “Nugget” Rees, Malcolm Dolman, Peter Sleep, Rick Darling, Kim Harris

It was also fitting that a tribute to the late David Hookes – who captained the winning 1981/82 team – be a main feature on the stage on the day. The typical resting of bat on the wicket with his cap ‘hooked’ on the stumps was a regular action by Hooksey when he went for the drinks break during matches.

To be acknowledged was the wonderful contribution by SA Cricket Association in recognising the gallant effort of the 1981/82 team by inviting all players to the day which was a wonderful tribute to them, as they hadn’t actually had a victory dinner in celebration of the win all those years ago.

Great supporters on the day were SA Cricket Association with attending guests also being Rod Phillips and Will Rayner – both on SACA board – along with Mark Cosgrove who recently returned from UK, and Tim Nielsen – SACA Talent Manager – assisting with the scholarship presentations.



Tim Nielsen, Amber Cloughessy, and David Myers



L-R: Andrew Sinclair (President, SACA), David Myers, Keith Bradshaw (CEO, SACA)



Sam Kekovich also entertained us with a lively performance being his first back on the circuit for some 8 months. Solitaire also backed the comedic entertainment on the day, and displayed 2 exceptional Land Rover vehicles in the Magarey Room @ Adelaide Oval.

It was a great day out for the Can Do 4 Kids organisation who specialise in raising funds for hearing impaired children. Their fundraising achieved over \$16,500 raised via a raffle and Kookaburra 'pink' cricket ball lucky number envelope on each table – thanks to a generous donation by Carbine Member Sam Parkinson @ Parkinson Sport.



L-R: Nick Reade (CEO, BankSA), David Myers and David Firth (State General Manager, BankSA)

David Myers was hosting his final Carbine Club of SA lunch on the day and celebrated with our major sponsors BankSA. His passion for the club during his tenure has been regularly on display, and his engagement with our sponsors always top of mind.

Thanks and Cheers! *(The report from CCSA by Neville Mead CCSA Sec – thanks Neville)*

NSW News

Vale Keith Free OAM –Founding & Life Member

On 31 December the club lost one of our greats, Life Member Keith Free. Keith packed plenty in to his 90 years :prominent in the sport of bowls and also in the bookmaking world, Keith was awarded an OAM in 2003 for services to the racing industry and the community generally.

Keith was one of the founding members of CCNSW in 1977 and has served as Chairman of the club. His legacy with the Carbine club lives on as Tyler Martin, one of his grandsons, is a member. Tyler is an Olympian who represented Australia in waterpolo.

Cricket Luncheon

It was great turnout for CCNSW's end of year lunch at the SCG in December and the fact that we were ejected quite late with a smaller group moving onto the Golden Century for dinner suggested some pent up demand after a year in isolation.

Richard Logan presented the Davo award to Ron Quinton, a very deserving winner and Caroline Searcy's interview with Ron was one of her best.

A former champion jockey turned champion trainer, Ron has been a member since 1985. As a jockey he won the 1966/67Apprenices Title, 8 Sydney Senior Premierships and amongst his haul of the big ones Ron rode 4 Golden Slipper winners. His many training success includes a Salinger Stakes and a Victorian Oaks. Ron was inducted into the Australian Racing Museum Hall of Fame in 2006.



India and Australia were battling it out on the SCG pitch on the day and members and guests were lucky enough to have David Morrow and "The Voice of Cricket" Jim Maxwell providing some wonderful stories and insights.

New Zealand Notes

CCNZ Secretary Vicky Latta tells of two major upcoming events for the Club:

AMERICA'S CUP LUNCHEON – Friday 5th March 2021

The next Carbine ClubNZ luncheon will be on 5 March - by then the Challenger will be known and the America's Cup action starts the next day. At the luncheon there will be a lot more known about these 'flying boats' and it should be fascinating to hear more about the trials and tribulations from the Challenger series and the predictions for the final.

28TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – Monday, 22nd February 2021

The Annual Charity Golf Tournament will tee off on 22nd February at the Pakuranga Golf Course. This is the main fundraising event always well supported by both our golfing and non-golfing members so that the Golf Committee can continue to build on the legacy left by Susie Simcock.



Honours for Club Members

The 2021 Honours List saw two of our members receiving awards.

Des Morris OAM, former rugby league footballer, coach and administrator and CCQLD Senior Member was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to rugby league.

Ross Burridge AM was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Little Athletics and horse racing over three decades. Ross was previously awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for services to Little Athletics in Tasmania.

Ross is currently the hard working Secretary of CCTAS and has also served as President



Tasmania –Derby Day Luncheon



CCTAS celebrated the annual Derby Day Luncheon at Elwick Racecourse on 5 Feb in advance of the twilight race meeting that day which included the Carbine Club Plate on the race card.



Members and guests took up the full allocation of 200 available seats for an entertaining lunch where renowned corporate bookmaker Matt Tripp gave a fascinating insight into his world “on the punt” and as Chairman of Melbourne Storm. The Club continued its support of junior sports with a further sponsorship of youthful motocross star Cooper Ford who attended with his proud parents and gave MC Steve Adermann a run for his money in a heart-warming video – vision of 11 yo Cooper hurtling bikes of various capacities to victory across many venues in Tas and interstate had the crowd in awe of his skills.

Pics – above R – Cooper with parents after a win (courtesy The Advocate)

Below L Olivia Kennedy & Holly Brown with CCTAS Committee Member Wendy Kennedy brightened up the luncheon!

Below R Guest speaker Matt Tripp with Secretary Ross Burridge and Senior member Dr. Mike Loughhead





Vestey at Ascot in 2015, with the Prince of Wales and Princess Beatrice of York

CHARLIE CROWHURST/GETTY IMAGES FOR ASCOT RACECOURSE)

London – Lord Vestey Dies

The Carbine Club of London is deeply saddened by the passing of esteemed Club Patron Lord Sam Vestey GCVO, GCStJ, DL. Lord Vestey was a key member of the Carbine Club of London and through his position as Chairman of the Cheltenham Racecourse forged close links between both clubs. He maintained a share in all 3 of the Carbine Club's race horses.

Vestey had close ties with Australia – his Australian mother was the granddaughter of Dame Nellie Melba and he was also well known for his role in the Vestey family's worldwide agricultural operations - he was a regular visitor to the company's Australian operations, and after completing an internship at Victoria's Riverstone abattoir in the late 1950s, used to joke that he was the "only trained butcher sitting in the House of Lords."

Lord Vestey played an immense role in establishing the foundations of the Club in London and will be sorely missed.

Coming up.....

SA – AGM, 16 Feb

NZ – Golf Day – 22 Feb

WA – 26 Feb – AGM, Matilda By restaurant

NSW – AGM, March (TBC)

NZ – 5 March – America's Cup Preview Luncheon, Ellerslie Racecourse

SA – Goodwood Day Lunch, 14 May

CC Events for 2010 Released!

In very good news, CC Secretary Graham Halbish has at last been able to put his head up over the parapet! Here are the scheduled events for Melbourne for the year including the date for the all important Delegate's Conference and the Annual Dinner which this year will be celebrating the Club's 60th anniversary!

25 March – MO Lunch at Grossi Florentine followed by drinks at Monaco House

May (date tbc) – Annual Meeting & Members Lunch

!5 July – CC Delegates Meeting, RACV and 60th Anniversary Dinner, Australian Club

21 Sep – AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown Palladium

29 October – VRC Derby Day Luncheon, Crown Palladium

Nov/Dec – Members and Guest Xmas Lunch

Note: Invitation days to Moonee Valley and Flemington Races – dates tbc