



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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CARBINE CLUB STAKES – DAY ONE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ROYAL RANDWICK

The annual Australian Turf Club Carbine Club Stakes was run on Day One of "The Championships" at Royal Randwick during the autumn racing carnival.

The race was won by the Star Thoroughbreds raced Kiku (Zoustar) with the filly trained by Chris Waller and ridden by Tommy Berry.

Current ATC CEO Jamie Barkley, former chairman of the NSW Carbine Club hosted the presentation to the connections of the winner. Jamie (second from left) was joined by current CCNSW Club Chair, Caroline Searcy (3rd from left).



Exciting news from CCNSW – major event planned for 1 July – see notice from Caroline in Coming Events section.

Carbine Club of SA's Adelaide Racing Carnival Luncheon 2021

(from Neville Mead, Secretary CCSA)

The Carbine Club's Racing Luncheon was held on Friday 14 May at SAJC Morphettville. It was the first Racing lunch to be held since 2019, and everyone came out to support the event and the very important charity causes on the day. The room was limited to 500 guests and was at near maximum.

Peter McVann – the incoming President – delivered a very enlightening speech and welcomed two new members – Geoff Cussens (ex Carbine Club of NT and Harvey Norman) and Jason Neave (Punt Club).



L-R: Geoff Cussens, Peter McVann, Jason Neaves

Also Life Membership went to Glenn Cooper AM, who was roasted quite well by Andrew Killey before he received his Life Membership Plaque. Andrew enlightened everyone about Glenn's ability to always look at the positives in work and life. Glenn certainly retaliated to the call with his summation of the division of Coopers shares to the Carbine Club lunch many years ago, which did not happen, but (David Shipway) Shippy professes he still owes the members a cut of the dividends.



L-R: Peter McVann, Glenn Cooper AM, and Andrew Killey

Terry McAuliffe set the scene for our club's namesake's day, which still manages to make the crowd go "wow" when the statistics on Carbine's racing life are read out. Terry also did a very touching tribute to Jim Johnson and his dedication to both the Carbine clubs of SA and Vic, and the racing industry.



Terry McAuliffe



Make A Wish Foundation was the benefiting charity, and they raised \$14,840 from the raffle, prizes included an authentic 2004 Athens Olympic Flame torch signed by Anna Meares and Stuart O'Grady. This was won by a representative from our major sponsor BankSA – Francis Pellizzari.

Racing SA came on board in support of the charity and provided signed Jamie Kah caps with a framed authenticity plaque for every table. Part proceeds went to the Carbine Club's Sporting Scholarship award, as well as Make a Wish.

The wine sponsors for the day were very happy to share the cheers – both Tomich Wines (supplier of white) and Wirra Wirra Vineyards (supplied the reds) and everyone was happy to share with them!

L-R: Randal Tomich, Neville Mead (Hon. Secretary) and Jared Shattock (Wirra Wirra)

The inaugural Racing Scholarship award went to Jacob Opperman who thanked the Carbine club and mentioned that it would go towards his career in racing, especially around purchase of new gear and travel costs that he and his family incur travelling from Mt Gambier to key race meetings each week. Jacob did state that he would not compete in the Goodwood Day at Morphettville, but instead would go to Warracknabeal in country Victoria on the weekend. He proceeded to win 2 key races on that day.

Jacob also shared a humorous story about his early days of riding in Mount Gambier. At one of his first races the gates did not open correctly but his gate did, and as his dad always told him in his formative jockey training days, “once the gates open don’t look back!” He was a little bashful when he realised as he was nearly to the winning post that the rest of the horses and jockeys were not with him.



L-R: Peter McVann, Nick Redin (Racing SA CEO), Jacob Opperman, Francis Pellizzari (BankSA).



L –Jacob Opperman

R- Dr Turf



Also on the day John “DR TURF” Rothfield entertained with this life career as a media racing expert, and how his early days in the family home revolved around gambling and betting on anything including mice, which were bred specifically for their racing agility, but at the height of their career, were unfortunately eaten by the family cat!



Finally, Sam Hayes took to the stage and blew everyone away with his candid stories of negotiation mishaps in the Bloodstock industry. One story Sam tells, he was sitting down to negotiate a deal when the stool he chose which was rather weather-beaten shattered underneath him, and he received a rather nasty stab to the nether region! The rest you need to let him tell you about. Very funny rendition of this and many other stories in his career and family life.

Sam Hayes – the winning face says it all!

Solitaire once again assisted with our entertainment costs on the day, and provided an exceptional display of cars. Thanks to Rachel Fenwick and Felicity Allan for their generous support.



LAND ROVERS RULE THE TURF!



On Goodwood Day – the Carbine Club of SA Inc Handicap was won by “Extreme Thrill” which was trained by Wayne Francis and Glen Kent, ridden by Alana Kelly. The Carbine Trophy was awarded to the trainer by Club President Peter McVann.

L-R: Alana Kelly, Glen Kent and Peter McVann

The next Carbine Club SA lunch will be the Members Only 38th Anniversary Lunch on Wednesday 28 July 2021 at the National Wine Centre. The Chief Executive Officers of both AFL clubs – Matthew Richardson (Port Power) and Tim Silvers (Adelaide Crows) will be interviewed by Vice President Chris Dittmar. We will also profile one of our members – Darren Thomas, Thomas Foods on his business here in Adelaide.

Other Date:

- SANFL Grand Final luncheon – Wednesday 15 September 2021
- Australia V England Test Cricket luncheon – Wednesday 15 December 2021

The Carbine Club – Annual General Meeting

(from Graham Halbish, Secretary, The Carbine Club and pics by Gordon Bennett)

The Carbine Club met for the Annual General Meeting at Crown Towers on Tuesday 25 May. The formalities included the passing of a resolution which enables the Club to hold general meetings using technology such as ZOOM, thus overcoming the procedural difficulties that all club's faced during 2020 with COVID related restrictions.

Five high profile new members in Campbell Brown, Ian Chesterman, Andrew Dillon, Simon O'Donnell and Shane Warne were admitted to the Club.

The Club was pleased to welcome Merv Hill & Robin Flannery, the current & founding editor(s) of The Carbiner and transferring members Paul Parsonson (inaugural Treasurer, CC London) & Andrew Peyton (1st President CC Tokyo) as guests to the post AGM lunch.

At this stage it is expected that the Delegates Meeting scheduled for July will go ahead as planned but special celebrations to mark the 60th Anniversary have been placed on hold in recognition of the potential difficulty associated with travel for the interstate and overseas attendees.

Special Guests from the Victorian Institute of Sport and Disabled Sport & Recreation spoke to the gathering, highlighting the importance and value of the Club's ongoing support to these two bodies.



Top- Merv Hill, Gordon Bennett & Robin Flannery
Bottom – Paul Parsonson & Andrew Peyton

Do you remember?



Life. Be in it.

The Life. Be in it campaign. The ads would make gentle suggestions to people to do simple exercises like tossing a frisbee or taking a dog for a walk. The ad was made after the Victorian minister for sport Brian Dixon, desperate for people to do exercise, engaged Phillip Adams and his agency in 1975.

Founding editor of The Carbiner, Robin Flannery, found this snippet in the Sunshine Coast magazine "My Weekly Preview" shortly after catching up with CC Member Brian Dixon at the AGM Lunch in Melbourne.

Gordon B's photos from AGM follow:



Coming Events

The Carbine Club of NSW is pleased to advise of a coming major event – Chair Caroline Searcy has given this update to The Carbiner:

“The Carbine Club of NSW is one of many clubs who have found it difficult to plan events in 2021 after holding no events in 2020 during the height of the COVID pandemic.

Plans are however now in place for a return to the great festivity and fund-raising of a traditional Carbine Club AFL lunch, locked in for Thursday July 1 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney.

Having assisted a number of current AFL senior players with previous Carbine Club cheque presentations as juniors, it's expected several players from a group including the Sydney Swans' Isaac Heeney, Callum Mills, Braeden Campbell and Errol Gulden together with the GWS Giants' Jacob Hopper will play a part in the lunch as well as coaches and past players.

With continuing COVID uncertainty regarding events the emphasis will be on the Club providing members and guests with a great afternoon's entertainment but also focused on allowing plenty of time to catch up with old friends and colleagues after a long time between drinks!

Bookings can be made by calling Victoria Ramirez on 0417 291 971 or online at

www.carbinensw.com.au/events

The NSW committee especially encourages members from clubs around Australia, who are able to travel, to attend and enjoy a return to traditional Carbine Club camaraderie”.

**Thursday
1 July 2021**

**Four Seasons Hotel
199 George Street
Sydney**

**Arrival: 12:00pm
Lunch: 12:30pm**

BOOK NOW

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Ph: 0417 291 971



CARBINE CLUB OF NSW “AFL LUNCH”

The Weekend Of
The Sydney Swans Clash With the West Coast Eagles
&
GWS Giants vs Melbourne Demons

Representatives from both Clubs will feature including previous Carbine Club junior cheque recipients.

This lunch will be of the usual Carbine Club high standard of entertainment and insider information!

Your favourite sports stars will feature as we work around COVID restrictions and finalise details in coming days.

After a year of no fundraising or much missed Carbine camaraderie we look forward to your great support for a wonderful afternoon.

The club encourages members and guests to invite as many people as you can so we can get back to supporting more junior sports' competitors across the state.

After so long between drinks there will be a focus on time to connect with your guests and enjoy a long-awaited catch up with other members & friends



The NSW Club is also planning a Rugby League lunch for the first week of the finals, potentially on Thursday September 9 as well as joining with players from the 1991 Wallabies' team, co-hosting a function celebrating 30 years since Australia's Rugby Union World Cup victory, with a date yet to be fixed.

For your Diary

QLD – 18 June - State of Origin Lunch, Tattersall's Club

HK – 24 June – New members Reception

NSW – 1 July – AFL Luncheon, Four Seasons

VIC -15 July – CC Delegates Meeting, RACV and 60th Anniversary Dinner, Australian Club

QLD – 23 July- Members Plus One Lunch, Georges Restaurant, Broadbeach

SA – 28 July – Members Only 38th Anniversary Lunch, National Wine Centre

SA – 15 Sep – SANFL GF Luncheon

VIC- 21 Sep – AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown Palladium

HK – 22 Sept - Members Racing Night, Happy Valley (box E414)

HK – 8 Oct – Members Golf Day, Shek O

VIC - 29 October – VRC Derby Day Luncheon, Crown Palladium

HK – 5 November – Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Lunch, HKFC

HK – 5 Dec – 30th Anniversary Carbine Cup Race, Sha Tin (Box D173)

HK – 10 Dec – Hong Kong International Races Lunch, Grand Hyatt

QLD – 10 Dec - Members Xmas Lunch

SA – 15 Dec – Aust v England Test Cricket Luncheon



The poster features a collage of rugby players in action, with the AMPOL State of Origin logo prominently displayed in the center. The background is a dark, textured blue with green and yellow accents.

THE CARBINE CLUB
of QUEENSLAND

State of Origin Lunch
Tattersall's Club
Cnr Queen Street and
Edward Street, Brisbane
Friday 18 June 2021
Pre lunch drinks 11.30am

Dress: Coat and Tie for Members
and Smart Casual, Long Sleeve Business
Shirt for Guests (no denim)

Cost: \$190 per head or \$1900 per table of 10

MC: Pat Welsh, Channel 7

Transport: Bus has been arranged to leave
Kurrawa (please note 3 hour parking in most areas) and
Manos, Main Beach (free parking above restaurant) for
Tattersall's Club and return after function. Cost \$20.

Payment: Payable prior to lunch
Direct Pay: Carbine Club
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RSVP: ASAP as numbers restricted due to COVID19
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