



# The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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## CARBINE CLUB of Hong Kong 2021 6s and 7s Luncheon

With the cancellation of the Hong Kong Sevens for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in two years, a decision was made to combine the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon with our traditional International Cricket Luncheon. In a "tip of the hat" to the memory of the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes and Hong Kong Rugby Sevens, the combined 6's and 7s luncheon had a strong resonance with members in Hong Kong with a sell-out crowd of 215 showing up at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in Tsim Sha Tsui in Kowloon.

Easing Covid restrictions and a fully vaccinated crowd meant that we had a great afternoon of excellent food, wine, conversation and some exceptional entertainment. Special thanks go to our event sponsors, Cathay Pacific and Hyatt Regency for their continued and unwavering support of the HKCC and our Luncheon program.



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CCHK Member, Robbie McRobbie took on the responsibilities of MC for the afternoon and did a wonderful job of setting the scene with his opening remarks, an excerpt of which I have included below;

*For such a special lunch, the Carbine Committee felt we needed a special theme and name - something that not only continued the Club's tradition of celebrating Hong Kong's most iconic sports events, but also cleverly alluded to some of the policy decision making that has contributed to their continued absence from the calendar - the result, we're at the inaugural Sixes and Sevens Lunch.*

*The sporting references are of course first to the International Cricket Sixes, which ran from 1992 to 2017 at the KCC [Kowloon Cricket Club] apart from a brief sojourn at the Hong Kong Stadium, and featured some of the greatest names in world cricket, the likes of Shane Warne, Brian Lara, Stephen Fleming, and Wasim Akram.*

*And secondly the Cathay Pacific/HSBC Rugby 7s which was first held in 1976 at the old HKFC, and ran continuously up to 2019, including two World Cup Sevens events in 1997 and 2005. Many famous players have entertained the crowds at So Kon Po, including David Campese, Christian Cullen, Eric Rush, Waisale Serevi and Jonah Lomu, but the Sevens is about far more than sport however, leading to the well-known advice that if you get bored at the Sevens you can always turn round and watch the rugby.*

*And the subtle double entendre? Well, "At Sixes and Sevens" is an English idiom used to describe a condition of confusion or disarray. Probably first coined by Geoffrey Chaucer in the 1380s, later used by Shakespeare, Gilbert and Sullivan and author Thornton Wilder who included in the opening monologue from his Pulitzer Prize winning play *The Skin of Our Teeth*;*

*"The whole world's at sixes and sevens, and why the house hasn't fallen down about our ears long ago is a miracle to me."*

With opening remarks out of the way CCHK President, Glenn Haley introduced our distinguished guests from the Hong Kong cricket and rugby communities as well as sponsors, Paul Smitton from Cathay Pacific and Per Kredner from Hyatt Regency. Glenn reflected on the good fortune of being able to address his first lunch since taking on the role of Club President some 18 months ago and lamented that at one point during the darker days of Hong Kong lockdowns that he was concerned he may be the only President in CCHK history to enjoy a full 2 year term without addressing a single lunch.

With everyone in the room enjoying the Hyatt Regency's outstanding F&B, our first speaker, Hong Kong Rugby Union National 15's Coach took to the stage and spoke of his Rugby journey captaining the English 7's team and in particular some wonderful stories of his time playing 7s for England in Hong Kong including an unfortunate tackling incident involving a well disguised lady "Viking" who had accidentally wandered into their training session. Simon proposed a toast to Sport.

Following Simon was Australian Cricket legend and fellow CC member, Damien Fleming. Travel and quarantine restriction meant that Damien joined us via "Zoom". Notwithstanding the "virtual" appearance, Damien regaled the audience with stories of playing with some of Australia's best known cricketers including an insightful and entertaining commentary of the 1997 World Cup Semi Final against South Africa. Damien then did the honours and proposed a toast to The Carbine Club.

Stumps were called at 4pm at which point members and guests made their way into a warm autumn evening of bars and nightlife in Kowloon where the banter and camaraderie continued.

Thanks to all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting our event charities, the Cricket Hong Kong Charitable Trust and the Hong Kong Rugby Union Charitable Trust. Thanks to the generosity of all attendees, CCHK will be donating approximately HKD 73,000 (AUD 13,000) to support the work that these great organisations are doing in our community.

***(Our thanks to CCHK Vice President Andrew Steadson for news and pics from Hong Kong)***



*Smiling faces from the recent CCQLD Members Christmas Lunch*



## Carbine Club of London

**The Carbine Club of London** has high hopes for their current racehorses – CCL Syndicate Two has a 3YO Highland Reel gelding, “Awesome Dancer” in the hands of trainer and Club Member George Baker; CCL Syndicate Three is a National Hunt Syndicate with “Corrany” being prepared by trainer and Club Member Richard Phillips.

Highland Reel (pictured) stands in Australia at Club Member Adam Sangster’s Swettenham Stud so there will be plenty of cheering for “Awesome Dancer” across the globe when he steps out.

CCL Syndicate One has now been dissolved after a successful two year run which culminated in 3 wins and numerous placings.

The Club’s strong ties with racing were further enhanced when Club Patron (Lord) Teddy Grimthorpe was recently appointed as Chairman of The National Stud.



## Coming Events

**VIC**- 7 Dec – Christmas Lunch, River Rooms at Crown

**Singapore** – 10 Dec – End of Year Lunch, Grand Hyatt

**HK** – 10 Dec – Hong Kong International Races Lunch, Hyatt Regency, TST)

**NSW** – 10 Dec – Members+2 Christmas Function, Sheridan Suite, Sydney Cricket Ground

**SA** – 15 Dec – Aust v England Test Cricket Luncheon

## 2022 Events

**CCQLD Magic Millions Luncheon – 10 Jan 2022, Star Casino, Broadbeach**

**CCQLD- 11 Feb- AGM Kurrawa Surf Club**

**CC London – 8 March – Pre-Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower**

**CCQLD – 19 March – Carbine Club Raceday, Aquis Park Racecourse**

**CC London – 27 May – Annual Golf Day, Royal Mid-Surrey**

**CC London – 31 October- Sam Vestey Annual Members Dinner & AGM, Alfred Tennyson (TBC)**