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President's Christmas Message

In 2021, sport shone brightly among the real-world troubles we all faced.

Many of our own Carbine Club members rose to the challenge of delivering incomparable experiences dedicated to sport. From the AFL, to the Olympics and philanthropic causes, including the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, Carbine Club members around the world continue to support athletes in their quest to achieve their goals, whilst enjoying the camaraderie of Carbine membership.

Owing to COVID restrictions in Melbourne, we replaced our Derby Eve luncheon with a virtual get together. This was well received by members and proved a great way to connect with clubs from New Zealand to Vanuatu, Tokyo to Hong Kong and right around the country. This new initiative is an excellent way to foster inter-club relationships and, as President, I look forward to visiting as many sister clubs as possible.

Keen golfers are advised that a Golf Day will be held on Friday 1 April 2021 at the exclusive Cathedral Lodge and Golf Club - one of Australia's best courses. Places are strictly limited to 40; please contact me if you would be interested in participating.

Finally, merry Christmas, stay safe and have fun!

All the best,

Andrew M Cannon AM

President, The Carbine Club



Andrew Cannon AM
Celine Visot (VIS athlete)
Nicole Livingstone OAM



Photos from the recent Christmas luncheon... more photos inside

The Carbine Club of Hong Kong 30th Anniversary Golf Day



On 12th November 2021 twenty two members and guests of the Hong Kong Chapter came together for the rescheduled CCHK golf day held at the Shek O Golf Club on the southern tip Hong Kong Island.

The golf day had originally be scheduled for 8th October but the weather gods had different plans where they turned on some of the worst rain and wind that many of us could remember. Thankfully, our patience was rewarded with some stunning golf weather that was reflected in the turnout and scores for the day.

Winners on the day were:

- Overall Best Individual Stableford with 39 points was Shane Sibraa
- Best Guest Individual Stableford with 34 points was Mal Keys
- Best Ball Pairs winners with 46 points was Hon. Treasurer Peter Glanville and his guest, James Dynon
- Nearest the Pin (hole 17) – Club Secretary, Shaun Tibbatts
- Nearest the Pin (hole 4) – Member, Gavin Erasmus
- Longest Drive went to the guest of Shane Sibraa, Darren McEntee

Golf was followed by drinks and dinner and the prize presentation with non-playing members of the CCHK and partners joining. With an abundance of great food and wine available members and partners enjoyed a wonderful evening catching up with friends old and new.

(Thanks to Andrew Steadson, Vice President CCHK, for all the news from HK – pictures from the day overleaf)

15th CARBINE CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Adelaide, 6-11 October 2022

The Carbine Club Congress to be held in Adelaide has been rescheduled and will now be held from 6th to 11th October 2022. Registrations are required by 31st January 2022 due to several venues giving the organisers tight timeframes for confirmation of numbers.

All members should have received Congress Newsletter No. 3 in recent days.

If you have any enquiries please contact Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith at lloyd.meredith@bigpond.com Lloyd is always ready to help.



Photos Right to Left

- 1) Members and Guests on the first tee
- 2) CCHK 2021 Champion, Shane Sibraa (R) with Vice President Andrew Steadson (L)
- 3) Best Ball Pairs Winners, James Dynon (L) and Hon Treasurer Peter Glanville (R)
- 4) Andrew Steadson with past winner Dr Frank Innes
- 5) On the balcony at Shek O
- 6) Jake McCauley (L) and Hon Secretary, Shaun Tibbatts (R)
- 7) Lunch on the Balcony
- 8) Winner of Nearest the Pin, Gavin Erasmus
- 9) Looking down the 18th

Carbine Club of Hong Kong 30th Anniversary Cup Race

To start of the International Races Week Carnival in Hong Kong Members and guests of The Carbine Club of Hong Kong gathered at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shatin Racecourse to celebrate the running of The Carbine Club of Hong Kong's 30th Anniversary Cup. The race was held to commemorate the founding of the Hong Kong Chapter.

With proceedings getting off to a quick start at midday and the CCHK Cup not scheduled until Race 7 at 4:05pm, there was an abundance of Hong Kong Jockey Club hospitality to be enjoyed, along with some impressive wagering and results. All in attendance were presented with a \$50 cash coupon to be primed for the all-important Race 7.

The race run over 1200m on the all-weather track was won by Sight Success who came from behind to take the honours and prize money in a hard-fought win.

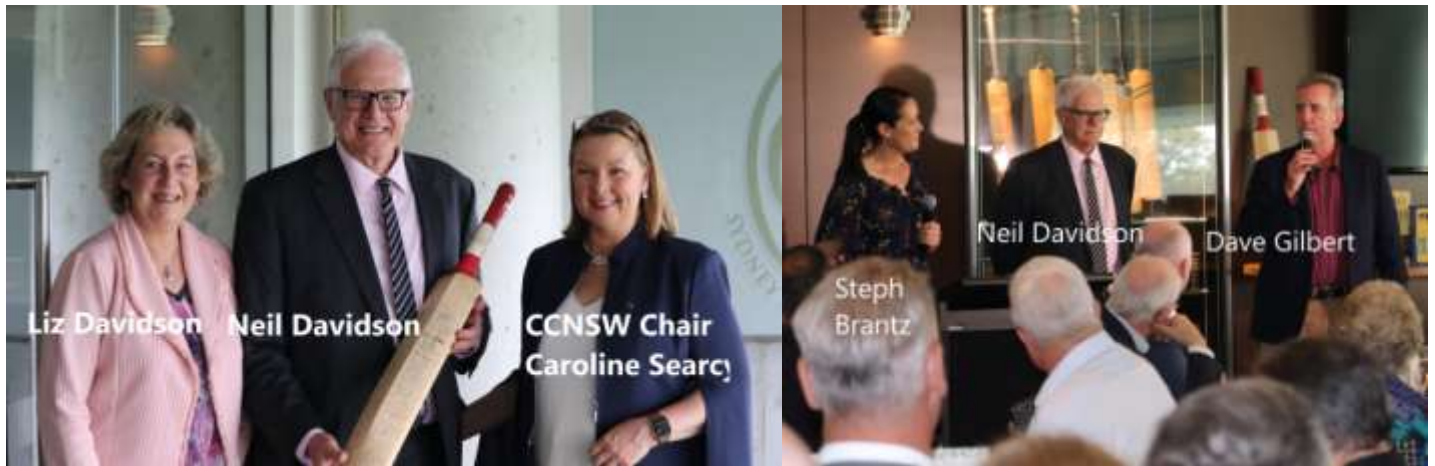
Founding President and Life Member, John McNamara and with his charming wife Caroline, presented the Cup to the winning owner Mr Tam Wing Kun who also joined members and guests after the race in a champagne toast. Vice President Andrew Steadson and Hon Sec Shaun Tibbatts presented miniatures of the Cup to the winning Trainer (J Size) and Jockey (V Borges) respectively.

Special thanks to Danny Zigal whose efforts in securing the Carbine Club of Hong Kong Cup Race and for hosting the event on the day which was greatly appreciated by all CCHK members and their guests.



Pictures at left -bottom- Owners Ms Joyce Tam and Mr. Tam Wing Kun with John & Caroline McNamara and above that the owners again with Danny Zigal and John McNamara

CCNSW MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The Carbine Club of NSW held its annual Member's Christmas lunch at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday December 11.

After no major functions in two years through the Covid-19 era, the revelry and conversation was of the highest order and a room of 111 members and guests enjoyed the chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues over a traditional long lunch.

Carbine Club Member and President of the Australian Olympic Committee John Coates was the 2021 recipient of the "Davo" Award, named after one of the founders of the NSW branch of the Carbine Club, legendary Australian cricket all-rounder Alan Davidson, with the award recognising individuals who have made a significant contribution to sport and community over many years.

The Vice President of the International Olympic Committee, into his second term in that role, was a worthy recipient, particularly in the year of the successful Tokyo Games and given Coates' role in the successful bid for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games.

And even more poignantly, John Coates sent an acceptance speech from Lausanne in Switzerland, recalling his family's links with Alan Davidson's family, including Davo giving John his first job in sporting administration at the age of 12.

Davo's son, Neil Davidson and former NSW test player and CEO of Cricket NSW Dave Gilbert paid tribute to Davo in an entertaining interview with Steph Brantz while Coates' son and daughter Phil and Fiona proved themselves a great comedy duo as they affectionately recalled life growing up with a globe-trotting international sports' administrator father.

The NSW Club continued to fulfil its charter of raising funds for junior sport with several well received auction items including a bat owned by Alan Davidson and generously donated by his son Neil that included not only Davo's signature but those of every Sheffield Shield player of the 1995-96 season. The other autographs included test players Mark Taylor, Steve and Mark Waugh, Ricky

Ponting, Matthew Hayden, Glenn McGrath and many more. The bat was successfully bought by former Club Chairman and Sydney Swans' Chairman Richard Colless.

The next function for the NSW branch is the Annual Racing lunch set down for March 18 at Royal Randwick on Golden Slipper Eve. Members and guests are welcome from all Carbine Clubs in Australia and around the world. Contact Victoria Ramirez (carbinensw@bigpond.com.au) if you would like to book for the return of big Carbine Club events in Sydney!

Merry Christmas from the NSW Club to all Carbine Club Members and best wishes for the New Year.



(Our thanks to Caroline Searcy, CCNSW Chair for report and pics from this great event)



**The Carbine Club of South Australia
is ready to welcome Carbine Club
Members and Partners**

from each of the 15 Carbine Clubs spread
around the world to the
15th Carbine Club International Congress
6 – 11 October 2022 inclusive

Carbine Club of Tokyo Returns to Form with Dazzling Melbourne Cup Fundraiser

(Thanks to Mark Darbyshire, CCT Secretary for the rundown on CC Tokyo)



Like everyone else everywhere, the Carbine Club of Tokyo looked forward in early 2021 to making up ground lost to the COVID-19 pandemic. Objectives included luncheons that would celebrate and capitalize on the postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, highlighting the mighty Aussie contingents. Peter Gibson, a Tokyo club member and Executive Advisor to the Australian Olympic Committee for Tokyo 2020 was ready to help us contribute to Paralympics Australia for a second straight year.

(Almost 90 people enjoyed the CC Tokyo Melbourne Cup event)

Discussions of prospective luncheon focuses and schedules picked up early in the year and continued through our annual general meeting in March.

Alas, more of the same sorts of restrictions on using hotels, restaurants, and other prospective venues remained stubbornly in place to delay planning. Then in early April, the Japanese government declared a state of emergency and slapped on seemingly endless extensions that eliminated Games luncheon hopes and only ended on September 30.

To be clear, daily life in Japan was much easier during that time than in many Australian states, although many self-employed people in marginal circumstances continued to suffer, as in Australia, from losing their livelihoods. Still the situation meant that few people had an appetite for social activity, not that any useful venues were realistically available for Carbine-class gatherings.

But we never lost hope, and the 2021 Melbourne Cup presented an opportunity to return to form and work harder to raise funds on this very special day of the year. One member in particular, Emily Downey, posted numerous messages to the Tokyo club LINE group to stir up things up, and also booked a big table on the terrace of Ruby Jack's Steakhouse & Bar to help kick off planning over Aussie steaks and wine. She suggested we hold our Melbourne Cup luncheon there for the first time because it would allow us to maximize attendee



numbers while adhering to the Tokyo metropolitan government's Covid safety protocols. The traditional venue, fabulous though it had been, was unable to offer sufficient seating this year. Several beverages and delicious dry-aged Aussie steaks into the evening, all attendees concurred that Ruby Jack's was indeed the way to go.

(The ladies helped make the day a dazzling success with their enthusiasm and effort)



So it was that we settled on our venue. Once the government ended the state of emergency the planning team swung into action, with President Patrick Sullivan (*pictured at left with Ross Cooper, GM of the Grand Hyatt, Tokyo*) and Treasurer Tim Barnstable leading the way. Such was the thirst for socializing in Tokyo's foreign community that within a couple of days of announcing our luncheon most of the nearly 90 seats were sold. A significant number of seats went to ladies who have attended Melbourne Cups for many years in finery that would dazzle even at Flemington. They and some of the gentlemen at the luncheon would seek recognition in the annual Fashions on the Field contest.

Come race day and many attended reached the venue sufficiently early to enter, with a host of other Tokyo club members relieving punters of donations for raffles, which offered numerous prizes courtesy of numerous generous sponsors. It likely helped that people knew that proceeds from the luncheon would go to Very Special Kids, with which the Victoria Racing Club partnered for the Melbourne Cup Carnival. As many Carbiner readers would know, Very Special Kids runs a hospice for children with life-threatening conditions and provides professional family support services. Incidentally, we wish to offer special thanks to key sponsor Sports Travel & Hospitality Japan (STH Japan), as well as to club member Leon van Houwelingen, who helped package sponsorship and other graphics for a screen presentation at the luncheon.

Service was flawless for the luncheon proper, during which attendees were able to watch some live action from Flemington on multiple screens at Ruby Jack's as the big race approached.

During that time, we showed two special videos. One was from Very Special Kids, poignantly highlighting how that organization has helped families overcome their adversities and underscoring more than ever for all attending just why this luncheon was so important.



The other video was from Glen Boss (*pictured via video*) celebrated for piloting Makybe Diva to glory in three Melbourne Cups. Member Darrin Hartshorn had contacted Glen to ask for a short video message. Glen had been very busy, and we weren't all that sure he would be able to deliver. But he did so in spades, with a witty greeting in which he argued with three apparently boisterous "friends" off-camera, later revealing them as his miniature replicas of the cup. Later during the luncheon, special guest and Wallabies great Bernard Foley spoke about the Tokyo club's cause in a segment with Patrick Sullivan.

The videos and prize lineups encouraged attendees to dig in deeper than ever before. Once all the prizes were handed out, one of the winners wrested the mike from Tokyo club president and emcee Patrick Sullivan.

That person was Darren Morrish, a member and new general manager of the Tokyo American Club (for some reason, his club tie was missing in action that day). He had won a night's stay for two at the swish Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills hotel, worth something like 60,000 yen (around A\$730). Rather than accept this prize, he wanted to auction it to benefit Very Special Kids.

Darren launched into action, and within the space of a minute he had bids exceeding 110,000 yen (around A\$1,342). There was a brief pause, with one member starting to sweat on realizing how challenging his overpriced purchase would be to explain to his wife (although she would doubtless enjoy the Andaz) if things stopped there. Emily suddenly relieved him of that burden, shouting what was the winning bid of 120,000 yen (around A\$1,464) because, she said, our Melbourne Cup Charity deserved nothing less than enthusiastic support.

Thus ended the luncheon itself, after which attendees headed for the terrace to celebrate what had been a fabulous day by consuming copious beverages, later heading to the Hobgoblin Pub in Roppongi, one of our sponsors. A day later, Treasurer Tim announced that the luncheon had raised about round 730,000 yen (around A\$8,908), bettering last year's amount. He soon remitted these funds to Very Special Kids, a very special cause indeed.

Regardless of what 2022 holds in store, the Melbourne Cup luncheon was a welcome return to dazzling form. We will do our level best in Tokyo to do even better to serve our chosen charities, and look forward to Carbine members from around the world joining us, as some did back in 2019, once able to travel freely again. In the meantime, we wish you all in the Carbine community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



(Top left – Treasurer Tim Barnstable in centre checks proceedings; centre – Wallabies great Bernard Foley, a special guest of key sponsor Sports Travel & Hospitality Japan ; right- After winning a night's stay at the Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills, Darren Morrish (right) auctioned it off for a significant sum with fellow member and inveterate bidder Emily Downey offering the winning amount.



Several members were tracked down for an impromptu group shot during post Lunch drinks!

Gordon Bennett's photos from the Christmas Lunch, CCVIC on 7 Dec...





2022 Events

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

CCQLD- 11 Feb- AGM Kurrawa Surf Club

CCSA – 15 Feb – AGM

CCNZ- 21 Feb – Annual Golf Day

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

CCNSW – 18 March – Racing Luncheon, Royal Randwick

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

CCVIC – 1 April – Golf Day, Cathedral Lodge & Golf Club

CCSA – 13 May – Racing Luncheon

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

15th International Carbine Club Congress – 6-11 October - Adelaide

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

Thanks to all those who kept the Carbine fraternity aware of Club happenings and events during the year. The support of the many contributors to the newsletter with stories and photos is appreciated.

Very best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

~ Ed.